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October 5, 1999

E. R. ZUMWALT, JR.
ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY (RET.)

President William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I attach a copy of a letter from Senator Charles Robb to Mrs. Leezee Porter.

The purpose of the legislation bill S.948 that Senator Robb introduced is to correct the act of malfeasance of Paul Nitze's former employee, as a result of which his wife Leezee Porter is ineligible for optimal health benefits.

I attach also a letter from Paul Nitze. It seems to me both sad and wonderful that its author who has served so many Presidents so brilliantly is humble enough to be uncomfortable in writing to you. I know in part it is because he has a very special awareness of the infinite demands on the President.

I know of your high regard for Paul Nitze. Because I have been his close confidant for thirty-seven years and because I so deeply admire this man, I have no hesitation in writing to you.

Anything that can be done by your staff to facilitate S.948 introduced by Senator Robb would be a great tribute to a great man.

I hope it may be possible to grant him release from his major "worry and unhappiness" in his ninety-third year.

Very respectfully,

Bud

E. R. Zumwalt, Jr.
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UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

CHARLES S. ROBB
VIRGINIA

September 28, 1999

Ms Leezee Porter
Antique & Contemporary Leasing, Inc.
709 12th Street SE
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Leezee:

This is a letter I should have written sooner and I apologize for not doing so. I introduced S.948, a bill to correct the problems that occur when an individual seeking to waive the limitation on election of survivor benefits after the deadline is without fault. We are doing everything we can to correct this unfortunate situation. Erica Nash-Thomas of my Washington staff has been monitoring this bill and will answer as best she can any questions you might have. She can be reached through our main number - 224-4024.

I very much appreciate your continued patience and please give my regards to Paul.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Robb

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September 21, 1999

Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.
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Dear Bud:

I have a problem and I wonder if you could help me with it. I believe I told you of the problems with my former secretary, Maria Valle. It seems that she not only embezzled funds from me over time but that she did some other more serious damage. After Leezee and I were married, the government sent my office a form to be completed to allow Leezee to be added to my health care and pension benefits. Maria did not do this within the two year limitation. When I found this out I asked for reconsideration and was rejected. Soon after that, Chuck Robb offered to help us with it. That was several years ago and he has not done so and seems unwilling to do so now. He has not responded to my last two letters.

This causes me worry and unhappiness. I do not want to leave Leezee without these benefits. One of her political friends suggested that I write to President Clinton and ask his help but I am not comfortable doing that and wondered if you would do it for me. They said it was the kind of thing that happens on a fairly steady basis as a Presidential directive. If you would be willing to ask him for me I would appreciate it.

With my warmest personal regards,

Paul

Paul H. Nitze

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Stephane

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Dangerous Coup in Pakistan

The military coup in Pakistan is cause for alarm in South Asia and the rest of the world. A nation newly armed with nuclear weapons, and with a volatile history of wars and internal upheavals, has been seized by generals who may be inclined to favor a more confrontational approach with India. Suddenly, after fitful steps toward India-Pakistan rapprochement, the subcontinent is once again one of the most dangerous places on earth. Gen. Pervez Musharraf, the army chief of staff who "dismissed" Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, acted only after Mr. Sharif tried to oust him earlier in the day. But the United States and other nations must demand that the generals ensure Mr. Sharif's safety, restore him to power and respect Pakistani liberties.

Coups have been a sadly regular feature of Pakistan's history. But in the 11 years since the death of the last coup plotter, Gen. Mohammad Zia ul-Haq, the country has stumbled through a succession of civilian governments controlled by either Mr. Sharif or his main rival, Benazir Bhutto.

Of course, the military has always lurked in the background as a power, and civilian Pakistani leaders have understood that there were limits on how much they could challenge the top generals. Mr. Sharif may have forgotten that lesson when he tried to oust General Musharraf. He had also angered the democratic opposition in Pakistan by his consolidation of power and trampling on the rights of others. But such excesses cannot excuse the military's action.

The train of events leading up to the coup may never be completely known. But it can almost certainly be traced to the military's ill-advised decision last spring to send soldiers and militants into Indian territory to take up positions in the mountains of the disputed region of Kashmir. Indian artillery and air

attacks pushed the invaders back, and the United States intervened to get Mr. Sharif to agree to their withdrawal. Pakistan's generals were angry at the retreat, even though Mr. Sharif got a commitment from President Clinton to take more of an interest in the Kashmir conflict. Word spread in Pakistan that Mr. Sharif had sold out his nation.

The discontent with Mr. Sharif has led to rumors of a coup in the last few weeks, but the generals acted only after the Prime Minister tried to oust his chief of staff. Clinton Administration officials are suggesting that they tried to warn Mr. Sharif not to overplay his hand, but that the advice was rejected. The United States does not have much leverage with which to press Pakistan to return to civilian government. Economic and military relations were already frozen after Pakistan exploded a nuclear bomb last year, although a few sanctions were eased by the World Bank and International Monetary Fund when Mr. Sharif took steps to defuse tensions with India.

Because of Pakistan's history as a "front-line state" against the former Soviet Union, the United States has maintained relationships with Pakistani generals. Washington must now work with two other important Pakistani allies, China and Saudi Arabia, to see that the generals do not even consider trying to solve their problems with India by military force. They must be made to understand that the only way Pakistan can win international support for its conflicts with India is by adhering to its civilian tradition. In India, Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee has won re-election and promised to try to resolve problems with Pakistan peacefully. Pakistani leaders must also realize that military coups or not, there are no military solutions to Pakistan's problems.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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October 13, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Mary Beth Cahill *[Signature]*
Assistant to the President and Director of Public Liaison

CC: John Podesta
Chief of Staff to the President

Stephanie Streett
Assistant to the President and Director of Presidential Scheduling

SUBJECT: Asian Pacific American Events

In light of recent articles on this Administration's relationship with Asian Pacific Americans, we presented to you an overall strategy on Asian Pacific American outreach. I am following up on that earlier memo with three specific suggestions. We recommend that you choose one of the events listed below providing you a forum to address those issues that are being raised within the community:

1. **Awards Presentation by the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA).** This coalition of the major National Asian Pacific organizations would like to present you with their 1st national leadership award. This presentation could be made at the White House or an outside venue. This award is in recognition of your work on many issues of concern to the APA community, primarily the historic Executive Order you signed to improve the lives of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

☒ YES

☐ NO

2. **Chinese American Veterans of World War II.** On October 25th, Chinese American Veterans who served in World War II will be in Washington to attend the premiere of a documentary on their contributions to the United States during WWII. There are only 30 veterans still alive and about 15 will be in DC at this time. We propose that you meet with the veterans and publicly recognize them for their service to this country. This would be an excellent opportunity to recognize the contributions of all Asian Pacific Americans.

☒ YES

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3. **Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Japanese American Patriotism Memorial.** We propose that you attend the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Japanese American Patriotism Memorial on October 22nd in Washington, DC. This memorial will commemorate the Japanese Internment during WWII. It would be an excellent opportunity to highlight your commitment to civil rights, hate-crime issues, and recognize the Japanese American, and all Asian Pacific Americans for their patriotism and contributions to this country (Norman Mineta has made this request).

☒ YES

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In addition, Public Liaison strong suggests that you meet with the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus.

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WASHINGTON

The Chinese Embassy here sent two of its senior commercial ministers to Capitol Hill last week to impugn the testimony of a Chinese citizen now resident in Arizona.

Jianwei Ding worked for a subsidiary of Cofco, the agricultural giant that also runs the big Chinese Cultural Center in Phoenix. He came to the House Reform and Oversight Committee with a charge that his former boss, Ning Yu — now named Elizabeth Mann — had a gift-giving relationship with the man who gives out visas at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing.

Our State Department yanked out our visa-giver, but Ding's internal whistle-blowing did not sit well with his company's officers. They won a lawsuit against him and seek his deportation home, where his clues to kickbacks can be squelched.

"The embassy officials kept insisting that 'this bad man is a small potato,'" reports James Wilson, chief counsel to Dan Burton's committee, "but then pointed out, almost as a threat, that the company imports 18 million tons of corn and barley from the U.S."

China has registered not a peep of protest to Congress about inquiries into corrupt dealings in money and politics by Clinton friends Charlie Trie, Johnny Chung and John Huang. But curiously, Ding upsets them greatly, and the People's Republic is spending bundles on lawyer's fees to get our Immigration officials to reject asylum. (Over to you, Tony Lewis.)

Speaking of John Huang, who was the Indonesian Riady family's money man at the Commerce Department

Congress isn't finished yet.

and the D.N.C.: President Clinton had good news for James Riady when he greeted him last month in Auckland. Reno Justice let Huang off with a fine and probation for his millions in illegal fund-raising. Now Janet Reno won't let the committee immunize him to get his testimony about higher-ups, pretending a "continuing espionage investigation" exists.

And what of Charlie Trie, Little Rock's man in Beijing? Over in the Senate, Fred Thompson's Oversight Committee heard from four F.B.I. agents assigned to the task force Reno used to block independent investigation of "the Asian connection" with the 1996 Clinton campaign.

The F.B.I. witnesses revealed that the cover-up crew at Reno Justice knew of the systematic destruction of subpoenaed evidence by Trie's assistant — and refused for four months to allow agents to obtain a search warrant to seize remaining documents.

After a lawful Senate subpoena to Justice for the lead F.B.I. agent's notebook detailing this obstruction, 27 pages of Roberta Parker's notebook were destroyed inside Reno Justice. That's a Federal crime. Reno shrugged this scandal over to Marshall Jarrett, her in-house shoo-fly who can be trusted never to find the perp in their midst.

F.B.I. agents have testified how Justice deliberately impeded lines of inquiry into the White House. Senator Thompson, now deposing Justice witnesses, says: "Theirs was a hapless, incompetent, possibly corrupt investigation into Asian fund-raising. We're going into this now more deeply than Justice is."

China's contributions to Clinton went hand in hand with its espionage. Looking into that end is a new Senate task force headed by Arlen Specter, former Intelligence Committee chairman. He's interested in the technical transfers of ballistic-missile data by Loral and Hughes, companies headed by two big Clinton fund-raisers and trade influencers.

Today Senate Judiciary will vote to arm Specter's newly recruited team of serious investigators with subpoenas on Justice officials to find out what went into Reno's cozy plea bargains with Trie, Huang and Chung — and why no espionage counts were included in the prosecution of Peter Lee.

In closed hearings next week, Specter's group will examine the Inspectors General of the C.I.A. and the Department of Energy, and customs officials critical of the dangerous sale of secrets. "Nobody's peeled back the covers," says the former Pennsylvania prosecutor. "I'm determined to do that."

Maybe he will. Maybe Thompson and Burton will flip over rocks as well. If Justice's stone wall cracks, Americans might yet discover the connection between unpunished Chinese illegal contributions and unpublished stories of Chinese espionage. □

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1999



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October 11, 1999

The President and Mrs. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Clinton,

It is with sincere congratulations that I extend a hearty greeting to the both of you on this your wedding anniversary.

I am very proud that the two of you have continued to love and cherish the wonderful life that you experienced more than 27 years ago when you first met in law school.

The power of prayer and the prayers of the people that love and respect you have been with you during the past difficult months.

I am privileged to be among those who honor this day for you.

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Respectfully yours,

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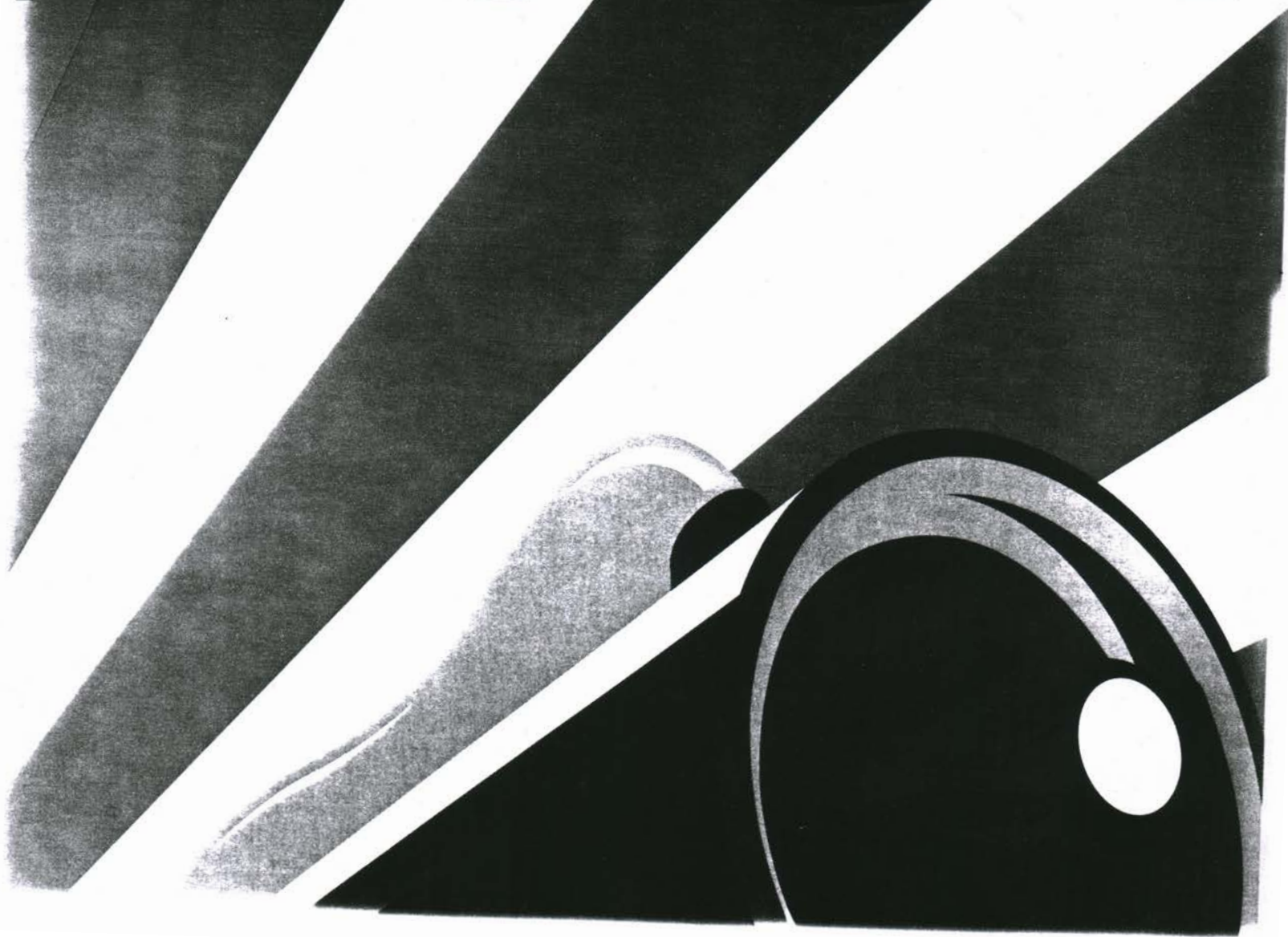
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President Worked Hard to Win A.F.L.-C.I.O.'s Support for Gore

A By STEVEN GREENHOUSE and KATHARINE Q. SEELYE

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 11 — With the A.F.L.-C.I.O.'s endorsement hanging in the balance, President Clinton did his Vice President a big favor on Sunday morning.

President Clinton placed several calls over the weekend to nudge labor leaders into supporting Al Gore. Douglas Dority, president of the Food and Commercial Workers Union, said Mr. Clinton telephoned a mutual friend to lobby for the union's support, a crucial swing vote needed to secure the labor federation's important endorsement.

"We had already endorsed," Mr. Dority said, "but President Clinton's take was that the spin was such that if we didn't do it, it would look like we were against Gore, which we weren't."

Mr. Clinton called John J. Sweeney, the labor federation president, to offer any other help he needed to win an endorsement of Mr. Gore. And the President called to lobby J. J. Barry, president of the 800,000-member International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Though it is unclear how much Mr. Clinton's calls will affect the outcome, they were the final steps in an intense effort by the Gore campaign — and the White House itself — to win labor's support for the Vice President with an endorsement that the A.F.L.-C.I.O. is expected to approve on Wednesday.

In his effort to line up support, President Clinton appeared last Thursday at a dinner honoring the teamsters' president, James P. Hoffa.

In recent weeks the White House has moved to limit imports of low-priced steel, part of an effort to placate the powerful United Steelworkers of America.

In August Mr. Clinton and three Cabinet members traveled to the A.F.L.-C.I.O.'s executive council meeting in Chicago, and the President set up a task force to look into the loss of manufacturing jobs. He told labor leaders he took those steps on the recommendation of Mr. Gore, who had just met with eight union presidents who wanted the Administration's help in saving factory jobs.

The White House's full-court press is one of several factors that have put Mr. Gore on the verge of grabbing the biggest plum so far in the early months of the 2000 Presidential campaign. Equally critical, many labor leaders said today, are the Vice President's record on labor issues and Mr. Sweeney's strong desire to unite the federation behind Mr. Gore.

In recent days, Mr. Gore and his rival for the Democratic Presidential nomination, former Senator Bill Bradley, have battled over the labor endorsement, with Mr. Bradley urging union leaders not to rush to make an endorsement so early.

The endorsement is a boon to candidates because the A.F.L.-C.I.O. has 68 unions and 13 million members, prints millions of leaflets and mobilizes thousands of union members to get out the vote.

In an interview today, Mr. Dority said the Food and Commercial Workers Union had decided to back Mr. Gore for a reason that was haunting many of Mr. Gore's labor supporters: If Mr. Gore did not gain an endorsement from the labor federation, it would be construed as a devastating setback to their long-time ally at a time when Mr. Bradley's strength seems to be growing.

Mr. Gore's most outspoken supporter in labor, Gerald McEntee, president of the American Federa-

tion of State, County and Municipal Employees, said, "There was a real fear that if we didn't have an endorsement here for Mr. Gore, it would have cut him off at the knees."

Last Thursday, even though it was clear that Mr. Gore was the favorite of organized labor, it was looking iffy whether the A.F.L.-C.I.O. would endorse him at its convention this week. Some union leaders were pushing for a delay, in hope of wresting more concessions from Mr. Gore and the White House.

That day, Mr. Sweeney was so discouraged that he told aides he might not put an endorsement up to a vote at the convention because several pivotal unions were not making the movement toward Mr. Gore that he expected.

Sometime early Friday, A.F.L.-C.I.O. officials said, Mr. Sweeney decided to stick his neck out and push hard for an endorsement even though he was uncertain he could muster the needed two-thirds majority of the 700 convention delegates.

In an interview, Mr. Sweeney said he had decided to work hard to line up backing for the Vice President because he believed that Mr. Gore had been a good and loyal friend to American workers and that Mr. Gore was going to be the Democratic Presidential nominee.

Mr. Sweeney, union officials said, saw that Mr. Gore nearly had the support needed, and he was confident that if he pushed for an endorsement, that would move several fence-sitting unions toward backing Mr. Gore.

In fact, after Mr. Sweeney spoke out for an endorsement at an executive council meeting on Friday, several unions other than the Food and Commercial Workers announced they would back an endorsement of Mr. Gore. Those unions were the Office and Professional Employees International Union, the Laborers International Union of North America and the National Treasury Employ-

ees Union.

In addition, one of the largest unions in the A.F.L.-C.I.O., the Service Employees International Union, gave Mr. Sweeney assurances this weekend that it would back an endorsement if its vote were needed.

For many union leaders, there was another big concern, that the A.F.L.-C.I.O. and Mr. Sweeney would be weakened and embarrassed if the labor federation did not endorse Mr. Gore at the convention, when Mr. Sweeney was such an outspoken supporter of the Vice President.

"If there wasn't an endorsement, it would have hurt John," Mr. McEntee said. "The guy worked so hard for it."

Many union leaders interviewed said the question had always been not whether they were going to endorse Mr. Gore, but when. Several opposed an early endorsement because they said their members were not yet paying attention.

"Our members weren't mentally prepared to talk about the Presidential election," said Mr. Dority of the Food and Commercial Workers Union. "We thought it would be better to wait until closer to the election. But we saw that not endorsing at this time might send a message that we're against Gore, and we didn't want to be seen that way."

The stepped-up involvement from the White House and the Gore campaign came only after many labor leaders had complained that Mr. Gore had not given them enough one-

on-one attention. At the same time, Mr. Bradley was calling the leaders two or three times a day, union officials said.

Some union officials said they were receptive to the argument Mr. Gore had been making publicly: that he has fought for union issues for a long time while Mr. Bradley quit the Senate in 1996 and has been viewed as doing little for labor.

"Bradley's been out of the Senate now for how long?" asked William A. Burga, president of the Ohio affiliate of the A.F.L.-C.I.O. "Gore stayed in there. I think that means something."

But several union officials, most notably the presidents of the teamsters and the auto workers, said there should be no rush for the A.F.L.-C.I.O. to make an endorsement because they thought holding off might wrest more concessions from candidates. Other union officials argued against an early endorsement because the Gore campaign was in disarray and Mr. Bradley was coming on strong and assiduously courting labor leaders.

"Because it was early, because of the atmosphere — is the Gore campaign falling flat — because Bradley was doing a good job of reaching out, people got into this 'maybe we should just hang back, why rush?'" said Mr. Shea, the Sweeney aide. Mr. Sweeney's reply to those who wanted to wait and see was, "That's not a strategy," Mr. Shea said.

For labor officials like Mr. Sweeney, loyalty is an important factor, and they have seen Mr. Gore speak out for years on labor's issues, as diverse as the minimum wage and a patients' bill of rights.

"Al Gore has been very much in the fray with us, on education, on health, on children's issues," said Sandra Feldman, president of the American Federation of Teachers. "Over the years he's been with us very steadfastly."

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Turkey's game

DATE: October 11, 1999

Dear Mr. President,

There are those in Washington who are upset that Cyprus held military operations. Well, duh you might check out some history where Cyprus has been asked to give and give and give and give and give, and then NOTHING. Turkey gets away with so much and they are the in the wrong. When will this end?

To ask a country to give up all of its rights month after month, year after year on the likelihood that Turkey will forward on Cyprus is unfair and unreasonable in the extreme.

Over the last two years, the U.S. has done the following to Cyprus:

(1) The U.S. criticized Cyprus for ordering S-300 defensive, surface-to-air missiles to defend against threatening Turkish overflights.

Cyprus responded to U.S. criticism and cancelled the order of the S-300's. Turkey then took a harder line on Cyprus.

(2) The U.S. CIA criticized Cyprus for not releasing two Israeli spies who were jailed for spying on Cyprus military

Cyprus responded to U.S. criticism

and freed the jailed Israeli spies. Turkey then took a harder line on Cyprus.

(3) The U.S. State Department asked Cyprus not to push the U.S. Congress to move congressional resolution exposing the horrible treatment of the

Cyprus enclaved in the occupied area of Cyprus, so that Turkey would not be

Cyprus responded to U.S. criticism and did not push to

move the Cyprus enclaved resolution. Turkey then took a harder line on Cyprus.

(4) The U.S. asked Cyprus to downscale its recent military exercises. Cyprus responded to U.

criticism and downsized its military exercises.

Turkey then overflowed Cyprus in violation of law more than it ever has before.

Turkey plays a consistent game that the people in the administration under the President are playing along

Turkey implies possible movement on Cyprus,

is rewarded by the U.S. for the implied possible movement (not actions) then does what it wants and becomes aggressive on Cyprus. Some examples follow:

(1) Turkey promised President Carter that if the U.S. lifted its embargo against Turkey, so that they could save, they would withdraw their troops from

Cyprus. When the U.S. lifted its embargo, Turkey increased its illegal occupation troops on the island.

(2) Turkey promised President Reagan in the White House (in 1983) that it would not support the occupied area Cyprus' "unilateral declaration of

independence" (UDI) and asked the U.S. to approve its hundreds of millions of dollars of U.S. military aid.

When the U.S. Congress approved this aid, just one week later the occupied area of Cyprus declared "UDI"

Turkey supported them.

(3) Turkey promised U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright at a summit with Greece in Madrid, Spain it would, along with Greece, respect international

boundaries. When the U.S. Congress lifted its hold on U.S. frigates and helicopters they were withholding

Turkey, just a few weeks later

Turkey stated that its respect for international boundaries did not apply in the Aegean. Today this game continues. Turkey wants access to the European Union and has asked the President to help them this access at the EU summit in Helsinki, Finland in December. Immediately after the door to EU access is opened for Turkey by the U.S. in December, is guaranteed that Turkey will kill any hopes for Cyprus settlement talks.

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October 7, 1999

Dear President Clinton,

I am writing you this letter in hopes that I am totally wrong in believing what I am hearing in the press and from the Greeks who are monitoring this so closely. If I am wrong and things are going on behind the scenes, forgive me, if I am right I am very saddened.

I am sad that the Greeks will not be able to go back to a DEMOCRATIC situation and live on their land and bury their own in their own cemeteries. I am sad that the bad guys are getting away with it. I am sad that because 27 years have past it is ok for Turkey to use weapons that the U.S. sold them and were financed by the U.S. to take control of a region of another country and put an illegal and unrecognized government in and then use that as a bargaining tool for other immoral wants. I am sad that the principals the U.S. is honoring in Kosovo do not apply in Cyprus. And I am very sad that your administration has to have a "carrot" to bribe the bad guys off to get them to do what is right. We did not try to bribe Hitler to stop what he was doing, we knew what he was doing was wrong and made him stop. The fact seems to be that Turkey's money and size is what matters, not the condition of man, the future of Europe, the little old lady who does not know where her son is and the old man who cannot visit his wife's grave.

I'm very sad.

Paul D. Leopoulos

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 4, 1999

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The Honorable
William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It is with some sadness that I inform you that I am resigning as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Transportation Affairs to join a start-up internet company. It has been an honor to work on your behalf since December 1991, first on the campaign in California and subsequently in the White House, USTR, and the Departments of Commerce and State.

I have been fortunate to support your efforts to enhance the United States' international economic policy through NAFTA, GATT and through negotiating Open Skies agreements with key foreign countries. The time I spent in the White House "war rooms" pushing NAFTA and GATT through the Congress was a highlight of my time in the Administration.

This has been a wonderful, prosperous decade under your leadership. Working as a part of your team has changed my life for the better and has strengthened my optimism for the future of this country.

It has been an honor to serve you and the United States. I want to thank you for every opportunity your Presidency has given me.

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Best wishes,

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David Marchick

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MAYBE THERE'S SOME
FLEXIBILITY -- BUT IN
ANY EVENT WE SHOULD
GET THEM WHAT THEY
NEED. THANKS.

Sean



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NOTES:

Sean, attached please find:
- Christopher's memo to you
- sample letter I drafted
- The 1997 letter
Thanks so much for your help, and we look forward to being in touch soon.
- Sloan

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MEMORANDUM

To: Sean Maloney
From: Christopher McGinness
Date: October 13, 1999
Re: Request for Presidential Letter of Greetings for Houston Black Tie Dinner

Houston Black Tie Dinner, Inc. was created by a group of gay and lesbian activists as a method to raise funds for state and local organizations committed to HIV/AIDS services, prevention and support, women's health issues and the promotion of equal rights for all. Annually, the organization selects local and state beneficiaries and one national organization. This year, the Gay and Lesbian Victory Foundation, the sister organization of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, was selected as the national beneficiary. Other beneficiaries of this year's dinner include The Assistance Fund, AssistHers, Bering Omega Community Services, Body Positive Wellness Center, The Health Initiative, Montrose Clinic, Montrose Counseling Center, P-FLAG Houston, People with AIDS Coalition of Houston, Texas Human Rights Foundation and An Uncommon Legacy Foundation - Houston. Since 1993, the Houston Black Tie Dinner has raised over \$700,000 for Houston area community-based organizations.

The dinner is a gala affair, which includes nationally renowned speakers, local and national public servants, awards to local community leaders, a silent auction, dinner and dancing. This year's keynote speaker will be Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin (D-WI). The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund supported Congresswoman Baldwin's candidacy for Congress. She is also an alumnus of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Foundation's candidate training program.

This year's dinner co-chairs are Tom Mays and Betsy Smith. The president of the Houston Black Tie Dinner is Amanda Barhorst. Ms. Barhorst recently was elected to serve on the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund's national board of directors.

This year's dinner will take place on the evening of November 13, 1999.

In 1997, President Clinton wrote a letter of greetings that was published in the Houston Black Tie Dinner program. We would very much appreciate a similar letter this year. Unfortunately the deadline for inclusion in the program book is right around the corner. *** The deadline for inclusion is Friday, October 15, 1999.**

Attached, please find a draft of a letter that could be submitted, as well as a copy of the 1997 letter for your review.

Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter.

***** DRAFT *****

November 13, 1999

I want to extend to you my heartfelt congratulations and warm wishes for the success of the 1999 Houston Black Tie Dinner. Your generosity brings our nation closer to a time when the twin blights of discrimination and AIDS will be consigned to the history books rather than casting ominous shadows over what ought to be a bright future for all American families.

As President, I am proud of my Administration's accomplishments in the fight against discrimination and AIDS. Based on their merits, I have appointed scores of exemplary public servants who happen to be gay and lesbian. I have banned discrimination based on sexual orientation in federal civilian employment. My Administration has secured record increases in funding to combat HIV/AIDS and to meet women's health needs. We have championed and will continue to fight for legislation to protect Americans from job discrimination and hate crimes based on sexual orientation – from which our families remain woefully vulnerable under current law.

Our people cannot move forward together as long as we let the voices of intolerance drive us apart. There are many good people of all faiths in our country who are sincerely wrestling with their deeply held beliefs about sexual orientation. Thankfully, whatever their views on the subject may be, most Americans are coming to understand that sincere religious disagreements do not justify discrimination. In a land constitutionally committed to freedom of religion, equal protection under the law and separation of Church and State, Americans are recognizing that we can disagree with each other without discriminating against each other. We cannot claim to love our neighbors in one breath and promote discrimination against them in the next.

While we have accomplished much, we have a long road ahead until all Americans – gay and straight alike – are treated equally under the law and fairly by each other. On this important occasion for the people of Houston, I want you to know that I will continue to walk that road with you. I will continue working for the day when all Americans – without regard to their religion, race, gender, sexual orientation, disability or any other irrelevant characteristic – can rise to their God-given abilities and live free from the scourge of violence and discrimination. Thank you for the work you are doing to bring us closer to that day, and best wishes for a wonderful dinner.

Sincerely,

William J. Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 23, 1997

I am delighted to send greetings to everyone gathered for the 1997 Houston Black Tie Dinner. I am delighted to congratulate this year's distinguished honorees.

We must never let ourselves believe that our diversity is a weakness, for it is our greatest strength. People around the globe look to us and see the reflection of their own great potential, but only because we continue striving to give all of our citizens an opportunity to achieve their own greatness. We're not there yet, and that is why our efforts to end discrimination against lesbians and gay men are so important. These efforts reflect our belief in the right of each individual in America to be judged on his or her merits and abilities, and to be allowed to contribute to our society without facing discrimination on account of sexual orientation.

Like each of you, I remain dedicated to preserving the civil rights of every citizen. We have begun an all-out campaign against hate crimes in America -- crimes that are often viciously directed at gays and lesbians. I have also endorsed and fought for civil rights legislation that would protect gay and lesbian Americans from discrimination. The Employment Non-Discrimination Act now pending in Congress would put an end to such discrimination against gay men and lesbians in the workplace -- discrimination that is currently legal in 39 states.

I am proud of the many openly gay men and lesbians who serve with distinction in my Administration, and their impact will continue to be significant in the years ahead. My Administration's record of inclusiveness is a strong one, but it is a record to build on. I pledge that I will continue working to foster compassion and understanding so that bigotry and intolerance have no place in our country or in our hearts.

Best wishes for a wonderful dinner.

Brian Clinton



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 12, 1999

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: CHARLES M. BRAIN *CMB*
SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

Attached for your review is a letter from Sen. John D. Rockefeller, IV (D-WV), concerning the Combined Benefit Fund and the health benefits of retired coalminers and their families. The Senator is requesting your direct intervention to ensure that the miners' health benefits are secured through legislative action this year.

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4802

September 21, 1999

Mr. President,
Dear ~~Mr. President,~~

I write to alert you that almost 70,000 retired coalminers and widows are facing a drastic cut in their health benefits if Congress and the Administration fail to shore up their trust fund before Congress adjourns. The Combined Benefit Fund, which pays for miners' health benefits as required by the Coal Act, is facing a \$13 million deficit at the end of this fiscal year -- and a \$40-50 million a year deficit every year thereafter in the absence of legislative action to transfer money to that Fund. This dire situation is even worse than anticipated when the Administration's FY2000 budget was put together earlier this year. It is a combination of unfavorable court decisions and an inadequate inflation adjustment that have resulted in the premium being insufficient to cover the costs of the benefits and necessitates additional money for the Fund. In any event, at the present rate, miners' health benefits will be jeopardized sometime late next summer.

Mr. President, I know you care about these miners. When you came to West Virginia in 1992 you met with them and heard directly from them about their health benefit crisis. You promised those retired miners that the federal government would keep its promise of guaranteed lifetime health benefits for miners — a promise that was first made by Harry S. Truman in 1946. I know you remember those men and women, and that you meant it when you said you would fight for them.

When you were preparing your budget for FY2000 you recognized that the miners' trust fund was in trouble and provided for a one time transfer of \$42 million in Abandoned Mine Land Fund interest as a way to help. Your budget also proposed overturning a damaging court decision that reduced the premiums companies paid to the trust fund. Overturning that decision would reinstate the higher premium and effectively raise taxes on coal companies. But overturning the decision is not going to be accepted by this Republican controlled Senate, so that piece of your budget doesn't help stabilize the miners' health fund, because it won't happen.

Moreover, I have to report to you that the conditions placed on the \$42 million you provided would mean that the entire amount would be immediately paid out to the companies who have legal claims against the Combined Benefit Fund. As your budget provision is currently drafted, the miners' trust fund would receive the \$42 million transfer in FY2000 and it would go right back out the door to the companies. That does not improve the long term outlook of the Fund. Even if the Administration's proposed restrictions on how the money can be spent are removed, a one time transfer of \$42 million only gets the miners' trust fund to about August of next year — in other words, in August 2000 the retired miners health benefits would be dramatically reduced. I cannot think of a more horrible thing to happen to them.

I know you and the Vice President do not want retired miners and their widows to have their health benefits cut in August of next year. With your support, we can avoid that tragedy.

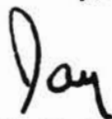
In July, the UMWA and the coal companies negotiated a comprehensive deal that would preserve miners' health benefits for years into the future. I think that deal changes the politics of this issue because the companies, the union, and hopefully even this Republican Congress, can now all support a package that protect miners' benefits into the future. It's an ambitious package. It includes a universal Medicare outpatient prescription drug benefit, so I recognize, as do the miners' and the companies, that not every piece of the negotiated solution can be accomplished this year. But we can all agree to the part of the deal that stabilizes the miners' trust fund and triggers premium relief if, over time, there is ever a sufficient cushion in the fund. The core of the deal specifically calls for a \$240 million transfer of AML interest money to the Fund and the establishment of a premium relief trigger. That piece we can make happen.

I write with the utmost urgency to request your direct intervention to assure that miners' health benefits will be secured in whatever final legislative action occurs this year. Ideally, we would have a tax vehicle to make the needed changes. However, with all the machinations this year, the press for Congress to adjourn may very well mean we have to make do with whatever final legislative vehicle is available to us. I don't care how we guarantee that these health benefits for retired miners are protected, as long as it works. I believe that only with your help can we keep the promised health benefits for miners and their widows intact. Time grows short to forestall a benefit cut.

Mr. President, I tell you with utter sincerity that I would do virtually anything to avoid a cut in miners' health benefits. These aged, hardworking, and deserving men and women, average age 78 years, need our absolute commitment to maintain their benefits. I have fought to protect this trust fund for seven years now. For the first time (since the Supreme Court's adverse ruling), I really believe we are in true peril.

As this Congress concludes its legislative business, it is in your power to insist we preserve the health security of nearly 70,000 people who labored in the mines. I am asking for your commitment, and that of your Administration, to get us past this imminent threat. I will work with you in every way I can to help keep this promise and be grateful to you beyond words for your assistance. Saving these health benefits isn't the massive health care reform we hoped for and sought, but it is a meaningful, and tangible achievement. It would be a legacy you could be proud of forever.

Sincerely,



John D. Rockefeller IV

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

*I know you understand the
importance of this to retired miners
in all 50 states.*



THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 12, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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FROM:

CHARLES M. BRAIN *CMB*

SUBJECT:

CONGRESSIONAL SIGNATURE REQUESTS

Attached is a photograph that Rep. Silvestre Reyes (D-TX) requested that you sign, taken in the Cabinet Room on August 4, 1998. Additionally, attached for your signature is a photograph for Rep. Ike Skelton (D-MO) taken aboard Air Force One on June 11, 1999.

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To Silvestre
With best wishes, # Thanks Bill Clinton



To Ike
With best wishes, ~~Thanks~~ Boin Custer

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To: Helen Robinson

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JIMMIE LOU FISHER
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October 7, 1999

Ms. Helen Robinson
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500-2000

Dear Helen:

Enclosed is a letter from a dear friend of mine, John Kerr from San Angelo, Texas.

As you will see from his letter, they are in the process of obtaining items to be placed in their "KIXY Millennium Time Capsule." He would love to include a letter from the President.

The letter will need to get back to John before November 6, 1999 because they are sealing the capsule at this time. The capsule will be buried in the courtyard of the Alumni Center at Angelo State University in the fall of 2000. You can see from his letter what he is requesting. John's address is: John Kerr, Foster Communications Co. Inc., 2824 Sherwood Way, San Angelo, Texas 76901

Whatever you can do to help, will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Jimmie Lou Fisher

JLF:mcm
Enclosure

October 5, 1999

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Re: KIXY Millennium Time Capsule

Dear Jimmielou:

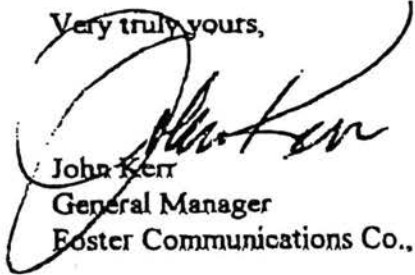
We are in the process of obtaining items to be placed in what we're calling the "KIXY Millennium Time Capsule." The capsule, in conjunction with Angelo State University, will be buried in the new Alumni Association building on campus until the year 2025. We have asked for items from the university, local high schools, Goodfellow Air Force Base, the City of San Angelo and plan to seek items from Representative Rob Junell and Governor George W. Bush. As such, we would be honored if we were able to include a contribution from President Clinton.

A simple letter from the President, wishing San Angelo success in the new millennium, would be more than appreciated. A mention of the letter being put into the KIXY Millennium Time Capsule would be good too, for example: "As the KIXY Millennium Time Capsule is sealed and buried twenty five years into the new millennium, my thoughts are with the people of San Angelo, Texas, and the good fortune you are to receive for many years to come"— nice and simple.

The capsule will be sealed on Saturday, November 6th, and put on display in a glass case in the library on campus until the Alumni Center is completed in the fall of 2000. At that point, it will be buried in the courtyard of the center with a plaque and countdown clock.

We greatly appreciate your assistance in making this time capsule as big as possible by involving the President. His contribution would definitely make the KIXY Millennium Time Capsule memorable until the year of its retrieval and opening. Should you have any questions or need anything further, don't hesitate to call!

Very truly yours,


John Kerr

General Manager
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