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Todd

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2/10/96

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Resignation
El Segal

ELI J. SEGAL
2315 Bancroft Place, N.W.
Washington, DC 20008

Segal
THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
2-10-96

February 9, 1996

Dear Mr. President:

I hereby resign as Assistant to the President.

I am confident that your national service initiative, AmeriCorps, will be part of your enduring legacy. It has been the highest honor of my life to help you transform your vision of service into reality.

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National Service, I will continue to be engaged with AmeriCorps. Our AmeriCorps members will "get things done," reawaken a sense of citizenship and convert a skeptical public to the notion that a non-bureaucratic government can partner well with locally driven efforts to improve our neighborhoods.

Should you deem it useful, I would welcome the opportunity to serve you and our country again.

Sincerely,

ES

Mr. President,

This formal letter doesn't begin to capture my pride in having served you -- in Little Rock and in Washington.

Please let me know how I can be of help in the months ahead.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 - 1996

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AmeriCorps

Keep this valuable experiment alive

Last fall, the life expectancy of AmeriCorps, President Clinton's youth service program, approached that of a mosquito confronting a Minnesota winter. Republican zealots in Congress were determined to destroy it. Never mind that national service for youth has a long history of bipartisan support. Never mind that AmeriCorps has drawn rave reviews from volunteers, from communities, from state officials and in evaluations by universities and foundations. None of that mattered; Republicans unfairly had tagged AmeriCorps as a big government, liberal program that should die.

Surprise: It's February and AmeriCorps still lives, though precariously. AmeriCorps now is being funded at 75 percent of last year's level at least until March 15, or until President Clinton and the Congress agree on a budget plan. While the Republican budget still would zero out AmeriCorps, some influential GOP leaders have stopped talking of killing the program and now emphasize instead their intention to fix it — though it's not broken, just young. The change of heart has raised hope that the program will eventually win enough bipartisan support to secure funding at last year's level — much less than Clinton wanted, but much better than zero.

That's a hope shared by state and local officials of all political stripes, for AmeriCorps deserves to live, uniting American young people and American communities in the essential work of making a better American future.

AmeriCorps is a domestic version of

the Peace Corps that has placed about 20,000 young AmeriCorps volunteers in 350 community programs nationwide. The young people get a stipend of about \$650 per month to live on, plus \$4,725 in education benefits once their service is complete. AmeriCorps is run primarily by state officials and community groups. It is the antithesis of big government.

Does it work? Republican Gov. William Weld of Massachusetts thinks so. Last fall he cautioned the budget-cutting Congress that AmeriCorps "is the baby that should not be thrown out with the bathwater." The program, he said, "is one of the most intelligent uses of taxpayer dollars ever."

Republican Gov. John Engler of Michigan, a leader in the effort to return power to the states, characterized AmeriCorps as capturing "the promise found in all citizens, young and old, who see problems in their communities and work together to solve them." Gov. Fife Symington of Arizona says he is "enthusiastic and impressed with the work of the AmeriCorps programs in Arizona."

The list of Republican supporters of AmeriCorps goes on and on, and grows daily. Republicans in Congress who've also warmed to AmeriCorps are moving in the right direction. They and their colleagues should stop using AmeriCorps as a weapon against the president, recognize the program's solid benefits and agree, if an increase is impossible, to provide at least enough funding to preserve AmeriCorps at its current size.

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ELJ

Fax Cover Sheet

DATE: February 9, 1996

TO: Todd Stern

FAX: 456-2215

FROM: Eli J. Segal

PHONE: 202/337-2562

FAX: 202/333-1638

Number of pages including cover sheet: Two

Message:

I enclose a FAX of the letter we discussed earlier today. I will put the original in the mail for your permanent files.

Should you need to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to call me at (202) 332-0108 (H) or (202) 337-2562 (O).

Thanks for your counsel.

96 FEB 9 P5:36

DATE: 2-9

TO: Leon
JACK

FROM: Staff Secretary

Eli evidently had never
resigned as an Assistant.
Because he is about to go on
some private Board, he feels
this too should be sent.

I'll send copy of
letter to the President.
Todd

DATE: 2-12

TO: Joselyn Jolley

FROM: Staff Secretary

Pls. make
edits & then
double check that
substance is still
accurate. Thanks.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Luis:

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As you know, the reconciliation bill would have terminated the Section 936 program altogether.

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Luis V. Gutiérrez
House of Representatives
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Sincerely,

The Honorable José E. Serrano
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Nydia M. Velázquez
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE
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Dear Carlos:

Thank you for the support *to address* you have expressed for my seven-year balanced budget proposal to reform the tax credit related to corporate investments in Puerto Rico and other insular areas. I advocate using the revenue that would be generated ~~for~~ needs in Puerto Rico, such as Medicaid, as you have proposed.

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I look forward to working with you to ensure that a satisfactory agreement is reached.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Carlos Romero-Barceló
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE
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Dear Peter:

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Sincerely,

Does this mean
"phase out the tax credit only to the extent
that is not based on real
economic activity"?
If so, can we say
that?

The Honorable Peter Deutsch
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tim Johnson
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tim Roemer
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Sincerely,

The Honorable John M. Spratt, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Are there multiple islands or 1 island?

Dear Ed:

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Sincerely,

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this partial phase-out

The Honorable Ed Pastor
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Lincoln Diaz-Balart
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable E "Kika" de la Garza
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Esteban Edward Torres
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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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February 9, 1996

96 FEB 9 P1:09

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY *SB*

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING SECTION 936

The attached letters for your signature all concern Section 936 of the Internal Revenue Code. Jeffrey Farrow, of the Interagency Working Group on Puerto Rico, as well as WH staff such as Janet Murguia and Leon Panetta have been working and meeting with the four main players on this issue (Serrano, Velazquez, Gutierrez, and Romero-Barcelo) for several months. This is a very sensitive issue amongst the Puerto Rican community and it has taken time to come to some agreement.

The letters were originally drafted by Jeffrey Farrow and have been vetted with WH Legislative Affairs and Treasury. There are four slightly different versions tailored to the different Members. They don't directly respond to all of the incoming letters, but rather the issue. Thus, some of the letters are as old as October '95. They were never answered by you earlier because of their sensitive nature. It has been decided by Legislative Affairs and the Working Group that now is the appropriate time for you to respond.

Letters will be sent to the following Members of Congress:

- 1) Luis Gutierrez (D-IL);
- 2) Jose Serrano (D-NY);
- 3) Nydia Velazquez (D-NY);
- 4) Carlos Romero-Barcelo (D-PR);
- 5) Ed Pastor (D-AZ);
- 6) Bill Richardson (D-MN);
- 7) Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R-FL);
- 8) Kika de la Garza (D-TX);
- 9) Esteban Torres (D-CA);
- 10) Frank Tejeda (D-TX);
- 11) Solomon Ortiz (D-TX);
- 12) Henry Gonzalez (D-TX);
- 13) Robert Underwood (D-GU);
- 14) Peter Deutsch (D-FL);
- 15) Patrick Kennedy (D-RI);
- 16) Tim Johnson (D-SD);
- 17) Tom Lantos (D-CA);
- 18) Tim Roemer (D-IN);
- 19) Sherrod Brown (D-OH); and
- 20) John Spratt (D-SC).

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WASHINGTON

Dear Nydia:

Thank you for the support you expressed, after your meeting with Secretary Rubin, for my seven year balanced budget proposal with respect to Section 936 of the Internal Revenue Code. I know how strongly you feel that the current tax benefits for investments in Puerto Rico should not be reduced, so I especially appreciate your support.

As you know, the reconciliation bill would have terminated the Section 936 program altogether. Congressional leaders have not yet agreed to my compromise proposal that would merely phase-out the tax credits not directly based on economic activity in insular areas and use the revenue for Puerto Rico's needs. I remain committed, however, to providing effective measures to stimulate job-creation and other growth on the island.

I look forward to working with you to ensure that an agreement is reached.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Nydia M. Velázquez
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

November 1st, 1995

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

The Republican approved measure on Section 936 will reach your desk soon.

This is a cynical and irresponsible measure that will bring destruction, despair and chaos to our beloved island of Puerto Rico.

As friends and supporters we have written to you repeatedly to keep you advised on developments concerning this grave matter and to ask you for a brief meeting to discuss it.

As you know, more than 100,000 Puerto Rican families depend directly on the employment created by the U.S. corporations that operate in Puerto Rico under Section 936.

In 1993, you intervened personally, following a meeting with us, to save Section 936 and the fragile economic health of the island. As in 1993, now only your direct intervention by emphasizing during negotiations regarding the budget agreement that the Republican proposal destroying Section 936 must be modified can the Puerto Rican economy be saved.

The defense of the almost 300,000 jobs created directly or indirectly on the island by Section 936 companies and their activities is one of the most popular causes on the island. This support was demonstrated on September 24, the Democratic Party primaries, where the pro-Section 936 candidate obtained the largest margin of victory in a major election in Puerto Rico in more than 30 years.

The support for this position is even greater among our stateside Puerto Rican communities, such as New York city, Chicago Philadelphia, and many others.

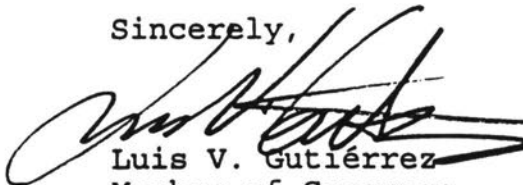
As the Republican destructive budget moves closer to reality, we again respectfully request to have a meeting with you to discuss this looming crisis and how to avoid it.

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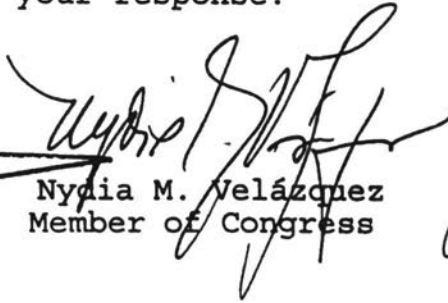
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We await anxiously for your response.

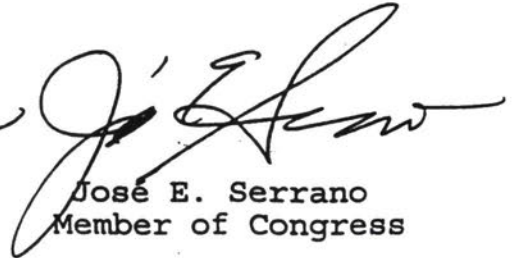
Sincerely,



Luis V. Gutiérrez
Member of Congress



Nidia M. Velázquez
Member of Congress



José E. Serrano
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

October 13, 1995

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

We write to continue to inform you about the urgent matter of the very real threat to 300,000 direct and indirect jobs created in Puerto Rico by companies operating under Section 936 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Senate Finance Committee Republicans are currently considering the proposals in mark-up. Our information on Republican intentions regarding Section 936 suggests that hundreds of thousands of workers in Puerto Rico will almost certainly lose their jobs.

The proposal the Republican Caucus in the Finance Committee is about to adopt, according to information we have received, will end Section 936 in only seven years and does not provide an alternative for Puerto Rico's economic development.

We will be on your side, as we always are if and when you veto this destructive and extremist Republican legislation.

We commend you on your principled stand for the working men and women and the elderly of this country, and wish to share with you our deeply held conviction that to defend the jobs of 300,000 Puerto Rican workers should in no way be construed as "defense of corporate welfare."

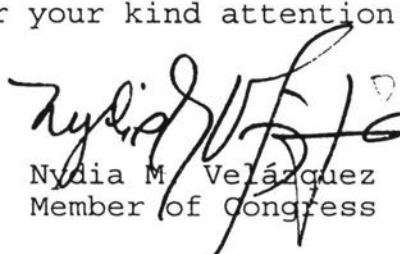
As this gravely serious battle for the future of Puerto Rico continues, we respectfully ask you to find some time in your extremely busy schedule to meet with us to discuss this critical matter.

Thank you very much for your kind attention to our concerns.

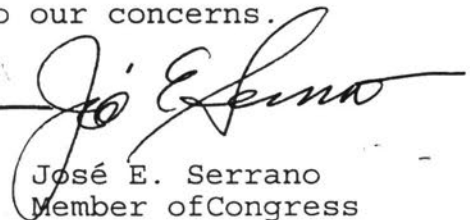
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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October 3, 1995

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr President:

We write once again to request your assistance regarding the extremely important matter of IRS code Section 936.

This may truly be the eleventh hour for the Puerto Rican economy.

We respectfully ask you as the friend we know you are of the Puerto Rican people to intervene to prevent an impending economic disaster from befalling the 3.7 million American citizens of Puerto Rico.

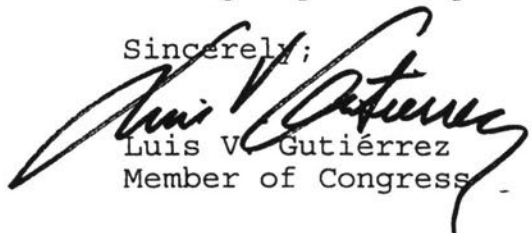
This issue is not a matter of politics or of status preferences or strategies. Section 936 is the current backbone of the Puerto Rican economy. If approved, the cynical and irresponsible Republican proposal to eliminate Section 936 will become the source of terrible human suffering, unemployment and migration from the island to the United States by tens, perhaps hundreds of thousands of Puerto Ricans in search of employment.

In 1993 you acted to save Puerto Rico from disaster. We have not forgotten and sincerely appreciate your actions. Once again, only forceful action by your administration can stop this economic disaster.

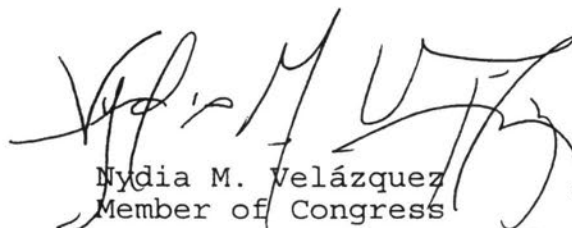
We respectfully, but in urgency, request that you find the time in your extremely busy schedule to meet with us to discuss this grave matter.

We eagerly await your reply.

Sincerely;



Luis V. Gutiérrez
Member of Congress



Nydia M. Velázquez
Member of Congress

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Carlos:

Thank you for the support you have expressed for my seven-year balanced budget proposal to reform the tax credit related to corporate investments in Puerto Rico and other insular areas. I advocate using the revenue that would be generated for needs in Puerto Rico, such as Medicaid, as you have proposed.

Congressional leaders have not yet agreed to my proposal in our budget negotiations, but I remain committed to providing effective measures to stimulate job-creation and other growth in the islands.

I look forward to working with you to ensure that a satisfactory agreement is reached.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Carlos Romero-Barceló
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Peter:

Thank you for your letter in support of phasing-out Section 936 of the Internal Revenue Code.

As you may be aware, this tax incentive program was revised at my suggestion in 1993. A new credit based on real economic activity in Puerto Rico and other islands as opposed to income attributed to the areas was created. The intent was to have the program more efficiently accomplish its purpose of stimulating job-creating investments in the insular areas.

The budget reconciliation bill that I recently vetoed would have both moved away from this refinement to the incentive and, over time, terminated the primary federal program for promoting Puerto Rico's economic development.

My seven year balanced budget plan proposes an alternative that would only phase-out the tax credit not necessarily based on real economic activity in the insular areas. My proposal would also use the revenue that would be generated by the credit for social and job-creation needs in Puerto Rico.

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Peter Deutsch
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Patrick J. Kennedy
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE
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Sincerely,

The Honorable Tim Johnson
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Tom:

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Tom Lantos
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Tim Roemer
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Dear Sherrod:

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Sherrod Brown
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Sincerely,

The Honorable John M. Spratt, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Ed:

Thank you for writing in support of Governor Rossello's proposal to replace Section 936 of the Internal Revenue Code as an alternative to the Republican budget proposal that would terminate the primary federal program for promoting economic growth in Puerto Rico.

In vetoing the reconciliation legislation, I objected to these provisions because they would have ignored the islands' needs. I have also proposed an alternative which would provide a tax credit similar to the one proposed by Governor Rossello. My proposal would continue those parts of the current credit that are based on real economic activity in the islands. I advocate using the revenue that would be generated by phasing-out parts not necessarily related to activity in Puerto Rico for social programs and job-creation.

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Ed Pastor
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Bill Richardson
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Representative Diaz-Balart:

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Lincoln Diaz-Balart
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Dear Kika:

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Sincerely,

The Honorable E "Kika" de la Garza
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Esteban Edward Torres
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Dear Frank:

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Frank Tejeda
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Solomon P. Ortiz
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Henry B. Gonzalez
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Robert A. Underwood
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20250-0100

February 12, 1996

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

From: Secretary Glickman



Subject: Tongass Timber Agreement

We reached an agreement with plaintiffs Saturday morning that will permit the Forest Service to offer 141 million board feet (mmbf) from the Tongass National Forest to small and independent timber companies during fiscal year 1996.

This agreement, coupled with sales already planned and sold, should ensure that the independents actually cut approximately 100 mmbf during the current fiscal year, more than double the average historic level they harvest annually from the Tongass.

The settlement releases 8 sales, in whole or in part, totaling 105.6 mmbf. 92.2 mmbf will be reserved for independent companies and 13.4 mmbf for Ketchikan Pulp Company.

The settlement addresses the concerns Governor Knowles expressed to see the Forest Service provide a package of sales to independent companies, before the House Committee on Natural Resources begins field hearings on ceding the Tongass to the state.

The negotiations began Wednesday, January 31, in Seattle. Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment Jim Lyons, Regional Forester Phil Janik, and Assistant Attorney General for Natural Resources and Environment Lois Schiffer led the government team. Representatives of the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, the Natural Resources Defense Council, and the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council negotiated for the plaintiffs in Alaska Wilderness, Recreation, and Tourism Association (AWARTA) v. Morrison.

The suit enjoined 280 mmbf of timber on the Tongass. In December, the government filed a brief with the District Court seeking the release of 144 mmbf. In early January, plaintiffs offered the release of 50 mmbf to settle. Previous negotiations proved unsuccessful.

Plaintiffs and the government are drafting final terms and details of the settlement today. I have called Governor Knowles and briefed him. We anticipate briefing the intervenors, the Alaska timber industry and the congressional delegation tomorrow and will then issue a news release, prior to Congressman Young's hearings.

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SUBJECT: DEFENSE OMB Request for Views on Congressional request to DOD for
statistics on HIV-positive personnel

12 Noon, Monday, February 12

DEADLINE: ~~5:00pm Friday, February 09, 1996~~

In accordance with OMB Circular A-19, OMB requests the views of your agency on the above subject before
advising on its relationship to the program of the President.

Please advise us if this item will affect direct spending or receipts for purposes of the
"Pay-As-You-Go" provisions of Title XIII of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990.

COMMENTS: If we do not hear from your office by the deadline, we will assume that you have no
comment.

PLEASE NOTE : TWO separate responses to congressional requests for HIV data
are included for circulation under this LRM. The first set is in response to Rep. Doman
(R-CA) and the second is to Senators Kennedy (D-MA) and Nunn (D-GA).

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February 12, 1996

President Bill Clinton
Whitehouse
Washington, D.C.
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RE: GOVERNMENT FUNDED ALCOHOL/DRUG TREATMENT

Dear President Clinton:

I come to you as a recovering alcoholic, a former nationally certified drug and alcohol counselor and the wife of an alcoholic who has FINALLY asked for help and is in the Detox Unit of Quapaw House in Hot Springs, Arkansas, our hometown. My husband has been in detox since Friday night where, thank God, they have been medically withdrawing him from alcohol or he would surely have gone into withdrawal, however, this morning I found out that they cannot keep him past Wednesday, February 14, because there is a 2 week waiting period for treatment beds. Surely you can understand, given your own family history, how devastating this is. This is a 50 year old man who has been drinking since he was 17, retired from the military, found he could not stop drinking and now finds that his life could very well slip away from him if he doesn't get help. You can't even begin to imagine how far down physically and emotionally this man has come and how very close to death he has been and now he FINALLY asks for help...now that his health is affected, relationships are in shreds and our marriage is in jeopardy. And now that he is ready Quapaw House can't keep him!

I worked in the field of chemical dependency for 6 years and although I worked in the private sector and we offered excellent treatment, I can also tell you that "we" tapped out insurance companies and gave treatment a bad name. Now inpatient treatment is at a premium.....you can still go to the private sector, Charter Hospital, etc., but you will continue to pay a premium, the stays have shortened considerably and most of us are left with the VA (which is often a joke) and government funded treatment. I have called 2 other government funded treatment centers who are also looking at waiting lists, so that leaves me with private sector treatment or turning my husband back out after 5 days of medical detox with no intensive inpatient treatment to help that detox along.

President Bill Clinton
February 12, 1996
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I guess that my big question is why have funds for treatment been cut so drastically? How is it that we have let alcohol and drug treatment, intervention and education go to the back burner? Have you looked at the number of homeless who are alcohol or drug dependent lately? Have you checked the figures of those who are incarcerated and the percentage of those who were under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol when they committed their crime? Have you given any real thought to how we continue to glorify the consumption of alcohol, how it makes you stronger, more attractive to the opposite sex and 6 foot tall and bullet proof and the message that gives our children? Do we really expect anything to change when we outlaw cigarettes but condone drinking? I'm sorry but none of this makes any sense to me.

A few years ago (1988), I took a group of high school students to a Texas War on Drugs convention and was appalled at the message being handed out to counselors and adolescents there. We were still spouting alcoholism and drug addiction as being "weaknesses"...Just Say No was the predominate theme. They did not teach those kids about the disease concept, the fact that most of us are genetically predisposed and that it is not ok to look down on alcoholics and addicts as weak, but ill. I wrote letters of protest about the message they were giving people, but it fell on deaf ears, much the way this plea for help will fall on deaf ears.

What has to happen for this country to wake up to the fact that adolescents, young adults and older adults are ADDICTED to DRUG alcohol as well as other drugs. Why can't we tell people the truth...that alcohol is a drug....a depressant, just as surely as codeine. Believe me when I say that I have seen adolescents die because of alcohol and drugs and have felt the despair counselors feel when they feel that they have failed. We didn't fail.....this country has failed and I am ashamed to say that I let the attitudes of those who do not understand the disease concept run me out of the treatment field.

We have a problem....not just because my husband is in detox, needs a treatment bed and there is not a state/government one to be found, but because we have not moved forward in our "War on Drugs".....we have not continued to fund adequate treatment for alcoholics and drug addicts, educational programs for children from the 1st grade to the 12th and we continue to show alcohol consumption as something glamorous, something to strive for. We continue to perpetuate the myth that alcoholics and drug addicts are weak and cowardly and that "if they really wanted to they could quit".

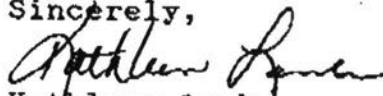
I beg you to stand up for legislation that will give us more treatment beds, more money to fund new treatment programs and pay

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better salaries to those counselors on the front lines. I beg you to make this a campaign issue.....it is as important as any family value issues currently being discussed. **IT IS A FAMILY VALUE ISSUE!** It is a family problem and a problem that affects every one of us.

Thank you for allowing me to vent my anger, but believe me when I say that I'm not through. I'll write to everyone I can think of until we have adequate treatment and education in this country and people who are ready to be helped can be.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Lamb

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February 12, 1996

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Dear Page:

Thanks for your letter of February 3 and for your kind words about my speech at Salem High School. It was clearly one of the highlights of our trip.

Thanks, too, for keeping me updated on the Assistant Secretary for Economic Security position.

Hillary sends her best, and we hope to see you and Barbara before too long.

Sincerely,

2/12/96

THE FUNGUS AMONG US

BY WENDY MARSTON

THEY WILL PROBABLY NEVER MAKE THE BEST-seller list, nor star in films featuring Dustin Hoffman, Bruce Willis or monkeys. Nonetheless, fungi — the kingdom of organisms that includes molds and yeast — have been quietly positioning themselves as the newest threat to human health, and epidemiologists are concerned.

Like their viral counterparts, some of these "emerging" fungi inhabit the natural world — as spores in soil, say, or in caves or pigeon droppings — and strike only when humans encroach too closely on them. Two years ago, after an earthquake in Northridge, Calif., stirred up the soil, 203 people contracted "valley fever," a respiratory infection caused by spores of the fungus *Coccidioides immitis*.

For the most part, however, the emergence of deadly fungi is the result of alterations to our internal environment. Thanks to advances in modern medicine, once-fatal diseases are now treatable, but the price is our immune systems. Aggressive chemotherapy and organ transplants disable the body's disease-fighting weapons, enabling fungi, which usually live harmlessly in soil or our own bodies, to strike. The rate of fungal infections acquired in hospitals doubled from 1980 to 1990.

"Medicine has put us at the mercy of fungi," says Bradley Perkins, chief of the special-pathogen section in bacterial and mycotic diseases at the Centers for Disease Control. "Now we're scrambling to find cures."

Unless a person is already vulnerable (AIDS patients are highly susceptible to fungal infections), most fungi can be fought off without medical attention. Once it settles into the immune system, however, a fungus can be virtually impossible to eliminate. Whereas doctors can choose from hundreds of antibacterial drugs and rotate them as the bacteria develop resistance, only about 10 antifungal drugs exist, and some are already becoming obsolete. Treatments are also painful: fungi are similar enough to us on the cellular level that what kills them tends to hurt us, too. "Fungi are organized like mammalian cells," Errol Reiss, a mycologist at the Centers for Disease Control, explains. "And that has frustrated efforts to develop drugs."

Even in the medical world, fungi are shadowy presences. They are not included on the "reportable" disease list; there are not yet any hard figures on rates of fungal infection, only estimates. Regardless, the five culprits at right have already made a name for themselves. "Each of these fungi has its own little shtick," Reiss says. And when opportunity beckons, they don't hesitate. ■

Wendy Marston has written on science and health for Outside, Health, New York magazine and other publications.



THE CORRIDOR DRIFTER

ASPERGILLUS FUMIGATUS is almost everywhere, including the ground mold on your bread. Among farmers who sometimes set up the spores in their fields and inhale them, aspergillus can lead to a condition called farmer's lung. Symptoms are flu-like and tend to appear in those prone to allergies. Lately, however, aspergillus has earned a deadly reputation in hospital wards, where approximately 4 percent of kidney-transplant patients and 6 percent of bone-marrow-transplant patients acquire severe aspergillus infections. The disease is fatal unless treated early. But diagnosis is tricky. The fungus rarely avoids traveling in the bloodstream, migrating instead from tissue to tissue, devouring artery walls, heart valves and lungs. Because aspergillus does not show up in blood samples, even as the fungus is killing the infected patient, doctors often fail to order a biopsy in time.

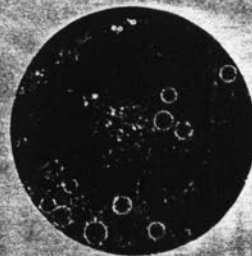
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IT'S NOT JUST ATHLETE'S FOOT ANYMORE:
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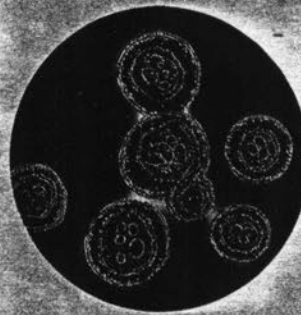
BLOOD SHOCK

CANDIDA ALBICANS, too, is ubiquitous: it spends most of its time in the human digestive tract and on mucous membranes, peaceably sharing our food. But once the immune system is compromised, candida can blossom into thrush, one of the most common (though largely treatable) infections among AIDS patients. When it infects the bloodstream, however, candida is often deadly; in hospitals, the incidence of candida infections is twice what it was a decade ago. "We're talking about rates that far exceed anything reported for the rare viral diseases," says Errol Reiss of the Centers for Disease Control. Symptoms of bloodstream infection vary, usually starting as a tenacious fever or a rash and progressing to blindness, heart failure, shock and sudden, catastrophic blood clotting. Although severe infections occur most commonly in people with weak immune systems, candida can spread to other hospital patients through infected catheters and surgical equipment.



CAVER'S AGUE

Growing in the damp soil of river valleys, HISTOPLASMA CAPSULATUM is found along the major waterways of North America. But outbreaks also crop up in unexpected places: spelunkers, who stir up bat and bird guano in their cave explorations, are especially prone to histoplasma infections. In 1963, a minor outbreak of histoplasmosis occurred among residents living near a construction site of the Montreal subway. An estimated 200,000 new cases occur each year in the United States. Like other fungi, histoplasma usually causes only flu-like symptoms, and in severe cases pneumonia. Calcified nodules can sometimes remain in the lungs, however, later causing infection if the person's immune system is compromised. Among AIDS patients, the infection is fatal about 10 percent of the time. In states where histoplasma is most prevalent — including Arkansas, Kentucky, Missouri and Tennessee — the fungus is now one of the leading infections among people with AIDS.



PIGEON FEVER

CRYPTOCOCCUS NEOFORMANS is the most cosmopolitan of the major fungal threats. Unconstrained by climate or weather, crypto can live almost anywhere: strains have been found on eucalyptus leaves, manure piles, construction materials and, most often, soil mixed with pigeon droppings. Once inhaled into the body — a moist, warm environment — crypto migrates by budding. Under normal circumstances, the body's immune system readily eliminates the fungus. But crypto presents a serious hazard to individuals with AIDS: the death rate is about 15 percent. The fungus has a predilection for the central nervous system and is responsible for fatal meningitis in 7 to 10 percent of AIDS patients. Research is under way to create a vaccine.

VALLEY FEVER

The most closely tracked of the emerging fungi, COCCIDIODES IMMITIS prefers a Sonoran climate — mild winters, hot summers, dry soil. It is endemic to the Southwest. Five thousand cases are anticipated in California this year, up from 400 a decade ago — a consequence, C.D.C. officials believe, of a string of droughts in the San Joaquin Valley. Seventy percent of the state's cases occur in the Bakersfield area. Valley fever resembles the flu, but in 1 percent of infected individuals it can lead to pneumonia, meningitis and even death. Vacationers have been known to show signs of infection two weeks after returning from warmer climates; after working on an archeological dig in California in 1970, several Queens College students contracted a treatable form of coccidioidomycosis. Like other fungi, cocci can infect a person, lie dormant for years, then revive and migrate if the immune system falters. Researchers are working on a vaccine.



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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
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February 9, 1996

Dear Mr. President:

I hereby resign as Assistant to the President.

I am confident that your national service initiative, AmeriCorps, will be part of your enduring legacy. It has been the highest honor of my life to help you transform your vision of service into reality.

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National Service, I will continue to be engaged with AmeriCorps. Our AmeriCorps members will "get things done," reawaken a sense of citizenship and convert a skeptical public to the notion that a non-bureaucratic government can partner well with locally driven efforts to improve our neighborhoods.

Should you deem it useful, I would welcome the opportunity to serve you and our country again.

Sincerely,

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Mr. President,

This formal letter doesn't begin to capture my pride in having served you -- in Little Rock and in Washington.

Please let me know how I can be of help in the months ahead.

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AmeriCorps

Keep this valuable experiment alive

Last fall, the life expectancy of AmeriCorps, President Clinton's youth service program, approached that of a mosquito confronting a Minnesota winter. Republican zealots in Congress were determined to destroy it. Never mind that national service for youth has a long history of bipartisan support. Never mind that AmeriCorps has drawn rave reviews from volunteers, from communities, from state officials and in evaluations by universities and foundations. None of that mattered; Republicans unfairly had tagged AmeriCorps as a big government, liberal program that should die.

Surprise: It's February and AmeriCorps still lives, though precariously. AmeriCorps now is being funded at 75 percent of last year's level at least until March 15, or until President Clinton and the Congress agree on a budget plan. While the Republican budget still would zero out AmeriCorps, some influential GOP leaders have stopped talking of killing the program and now emphasize instead their intention to fix it — though it's not broken, just young. The change of heart has raised hope that the program will eventually win enough bipartisan support to secure funding at last year's level — much less than Clinton wanted, but much better than zero.

That's a hope shared by state and local officials of all political stripes, for AmeriCorps deserves to live, uniting American young people and American communities in the essential work of making a better American future.

AmeriCorps is a domestic version of

the Peace Corps that has placed about 20,000 young AmeriCorps volunteers in 350 community programs nationwide. The young people get a stipend of about \$650 per month to live on, plus \$4,725 in education benefits once their service is complete. AmeriCorps is run primarily by state officials and community groups. It is the antithesis of big government.

Does it work? Republican Gov. William Weld of Massachusetts thinks so. Last fall he cautioned the budget-cutting Congress that AmeriCorps "is the baby that should not be thrown out with the bathwater." The program, he said, "is one of the most intelligent uses of taxpayer dollars ever."

Republican Gov. John Engler of Michigan, a leader in the effort to return power to the states, characterized AmeriCorps as capturing "the promise found in all citizens, young and old, who see problems in their communities and work together to solve them." Gov. Fife Symington of Arizona says he is "enthusiastic and impressed with the work of the AmeriCorps programs in Arizona."

The list of Republican supporters of AmeriCorps goes on and on, and grows daily. Republicans in Congress who've also warmed to AmeriCorps are moving in the right direction. They and their colleagues should stop using AmeriCorps as a weapon against the president, recognize the program's solid benefits and agree, if an increase is impossible, to provide at least enough funding to preserve AmeriCorps at its current size.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

DATE: 2-12

TO:

Jennie

FROM: Staff Secretary

Any bright ideas?

Pres says: "Have someone
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to talk about health
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there?

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Mr. President

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