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March 12, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JACK QUINN

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

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As you know, Walter Dellinger will become Acting Solicitor General this summer. We will, of course, then have to put someone in Walter's current job running OLC.

In a very real way, OLC is the "outside law firm" that my office relies upon to staff out important analytical work. I deal with Walter on a more-than-just-daily basis. So, too, do others on my staff who regard their relationships with OLC as very significant to their jobs.

I would, therefore, be grateful if you and I could discuss the alternatives for this position before you make any commitment. I am aware that you will soon be lobbied on the question: the Attorney General, for example, intends to call you to urge the appointment of Seth Waxman, a deputy to Jamie Gorelick. I urge you to be non-committal (as to Seth or anyone else) if the Attorney General reaches you because this decision could well be a controversial one if not handled carefully.

Thank you.

Jack

*OK - go up
meeting next
week*

He goes by #1

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Jim Marshall
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March 7, 1996

Mr. Harry Truman Moore
Goodwin, Moore, Colbert and Broadway
Post Office Box 726
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Dear Harry:

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sounding word.
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Please get rid of
"tremendous" "fantastic"
etc. It's not presidential.
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January 25, 1996

President Bill Clinton
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Handwritten:
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JPD

RE: MSA Designation for Jonesboro/Paragould

Dear President Clinton:

In 1991, Craighead and Greene Counties made a concerted effort to obtain a Metropolitan Statistical Area designation. The two counties' combined population in the 1990 census was over 100,000, but Jonesboro and its immediate surrounding area did not quite meet the criteria of an "urbanized area."

The Jonesboro-Paragould area was the only one in the State of Arkansas which came close to meeting MSA designation requirements.

After the Bureau of the Census released its list of 33 new urbanized areas on August 16, 1991, we had lengthy discussions with Dr. Joel Sobel indicating that it would not be necessary for us to wait until next decennial census in 2000 before having the issue reconsidered. We think the time for reconsideration is here.

There is substantial statistical data to support our position.

The urbanized area count for Jonesboro following the 1990 census was 45,809. The official census for the city at the same time was 46,535.

The recently released census estimates for July 1, 1994, estimates Jonesboro's current population of 50,209. During this same period of time, utility hookups in the Jonesboro, and in the area immediately outside of Jonesboro, have increased substantially.

Utility hookups in Jonesboro as of December 1, 1990, totaled 18,005. As of October, 1995, this number had risen to 21,257, including 1,123 hookups in the area immediately outside the Jonesboro city limits.

President Bill Clinton
January 25, 1996
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Percentage wise, the City of Paragould has experienced even faster growth. The April 1, 1990, census set the population of Paragould at 18,540, and the census bureau estimates as of July 1, 1994, raised that figure to 21,259. Between April 1, 1990, and July 1, 1994, utility hookups in the City of Paragould increased from 8,522 to 9,613. Since that time, they have increased to over 10,000.

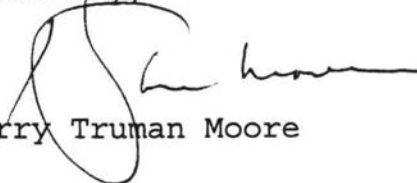
The Craighead County population as of April 1, 1990, was 68,956. The census bureau estimates of July 1, 1994, was 73,383, or a 6.4% increase. The Greene County population as of April 1, 1990, was 31,804. The July 1, 1994, estimate was 34,003, an increase of 6.9%.

During the past several days I have had telephone discussions with Dr. Nancy Torrieri, the team leader for the Demographic Areas Section at the Census Bureau, and Mr. James Fitzsimmons, Chief of Population Distribution Branch at the Census Bureau. They indicate to us that this summer they will provide data to the office of Management and Budget and that the OMB will then be making a decision as to additional MSA designations. The ultimate authority for making the designation lies in the OMB.

We would appreciate any assistance your liaisons with those agencies could give us in our efforts. As always, we recognize the awesome responsibilities which you have in your office and that it is difficult for you to deal personally in matters such as this. However, any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you Thursday morning at the White House.

Sincerely,



Harry Truman Moore

HTM:ldw