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TO: Ann  Stack

FROM: Staff Secretary

The attached surfaced in our office
and your name is mentioned -- I thought
you should see it.

I have also sent a copy to scheduling.
They have put it into their system and will
circulate it.

Phil Caplan

March 11, 1996

Dear Mrs. Currie,

Thank you for all your help and
for your many kindnesses.

Loyally yours,

Rochelle
Rochelle



THE OXFORD SOCIETY

OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

Rochelle Aschheim
Joint Honorary Secretary

March 8, 1996

P.O. Box 3758
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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500
By Hand

Dear Mr. President,

With the understanding and effective help of Mrs. Currie, we are writing to you in regard to the White House occasion for all Oxford University graduates in the nation's capital area. We hope that late June will be a good date for you. We treasure your promise that you would have such an Oxford occasion at the White House.

We have now been asked by the White House to provide photocopies of the letters you so generously wrote to us. You may wish to know that we followed your instructions and wrote to Ms. Ann Stock in July 1995 (we were in Oxford then and we wrote to her from Oxford). We had no reply from Ms. Stock's office.

Oxford's glorious and distinguished family has looked forward to coming to an Oxford gathering at the White House since your election. With respect, support and affection we ask you to make this hope a reality for late June 1996.

Depending on the date you select, the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor Elect may be able to attend if you should desire this. As Oxford's cherished son we know you will fulfill your promise for the White House/Oxford occasion. We look forward to being of any and all help and support in planning this event.

The Encaenia takes place in Oxford this year on 19 June which is the reason we suggest late June 1996 as the date for the White House/Oxford occasion. A White House/Oxford event which includes Oxonian spouses and children would create great happiness for all, including the University of Oxford.

With gratitude and respect, we are

Loyally yours,

Rochelle & Joseph



THE OXFORD SOCIETY
OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dr. Joseph Aschheim
Honorary Secretary

February 17, 1995

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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We wish to thank you, Joseph and I, for the exquisite Christmas card from you and Mrs. Clinton (the most beautiful Christmas card of all) which was delivered to us by the Post Office on 31 January 1995. We are deeply touched and very grateful. All during the Christmas and New Year season I believed that our treasured President, whose heart is as big as the sky, had remembered us and it was a great joy to open the Christmas card on 31 January. We shall cherish it always and appreciate the kindness of you and Mrs. Clinton.

May I mention to you, dear President, that Joseph and I are asked by virtually every Oxonian to whom we speak (and that is very, very many Oxford graduates) -- "When is the President going to ask us over?". Oxonians in this region so much want "to be asked over" to the White House by their cherished President. May we say to you, Mr. President, that it would indeed be a treasured occasion for all of Oxford's glorious family in the Washington, D.C. area if you and Mrs. Clinton could find an occasion to invite all of the Oxford University graduates (and spouses) to the White House. Such an Oxford occasion would have the strong support and gratitude of Oxford University and its Vice-Chancellor also.

Your schedule is the most demanding in the world, but if you could find an occasion for Oxonians to share with you and Mrs. Clinton, you would be rewarded with a great outpouring of love and goodwill from Oxford's very special family in the nation's capital. Early June 1995 would be a good time, or alternatively (and even better) before Christmas 1995 would be wonderful. We could even try to bring an Oxford College Choir (or two) to Washington, D.C. for such an event, if you would favor such an idea.

We send you our loyalty and our wish always to be of help and support to you, Mrs. Clinton and Chelsea and we are

Yours faithfully and gratefully,

Rochelle and Joseph

*You are Oxford's
cherished son and
are treasured
by Oxford and by us.*

"This outpost of Oxford University in the nation's capital"
The Rt. Hon. Sir Patrick Nairne

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 9, 1995

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Aschheim
Post Office Box 3758
Washington, D.C. 20007

Dear Joseph and Rochelle:

Thanks for your letter of February 17. Hillary and I are pleased you received your Christmas card and glad you enjoyed it. We hope your holiday was as joyous as ours.

Thanks, too, for your good suggestion that we invite the Oxonians who live in the Washington area to visit the White House. I appreciate your sharing the idea with me, and I hope we'll be able to arrange something before too long.

I look forward to seeing you both soon.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton



THE OXFORD SOCIETY
OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dr. Joseph Aschheim
Honorary Secretary

June 8, 1995

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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear and cherished President Clinton,

We rejoice with our Commander-in-Chief on the miraculous rescue of Captain Scott O'Grady. We watched the news of this great achievement with gratitude and admiration.

We are very proud of the long list of distinguished US military officers (both on active duty and retired) in Oxford's glorious family in the nation's capital region. Many of these Oxonian military officers are serving you and our beloved country at this time.

There has never been a President in the history of our country who has been as generous and kind to Oxonians as you are, bringing so many talented Oxford graduates to positions in the government where they can be of help to the USA and to our world.

You are Oxford University's cherished son and are appreciated by the University of Oxford.

Oxford University looks forward, as does this association for Oxford in the Capital, to the occasion for Oxonians at the White House to which you, with your golden heart, refer in your generous and greatly appreciated letter of 9 March. If you could select a date for this historic event, we would all be greatly indebted to you. We would help in every way with such an occasion. Before Christmas 1995 would be a truly wonderful time for the occasion. May we save the time before Christmas 1995 as the date you might select? Of course, any choice of date that you and Mrs. Clinton would make would be greeted with gratitude and joy.

We love and treasure our President. On behalf of Oxford University and its association here we thank you and send you our respect, our devoted support and our loyalty and we are always

Yours faithfully,

Joseph and Rochelle

Joseph and Rochelle Aschheim
Honorary Secretary and Joint Honorary
Secretary

"This outpost of Oxford University in the nation's capital"
The Rt. Hon. Sir Patrick Nairne

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 5, 1995

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Aschheim
Post Office Box 3758
Washington, D.C. 20007

Dear Joseph and Rochelle:

Thanks for your letter of June 8. It was good to hear from you, as always, and to get your encouraging words. I appreciate what you said about the rescue of Captain O'Grady.

Thanks, too, for reminding me of your suggestion about an Oxonian event. I've shared your letter with Ann Stock, Special Assistant to the President and Social Secretary for the First Lady, for her consideration.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton



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From THE PRESIDENT

October 30, 1992

The Washington branch of the Oxford Society is the cornerstone of Oxford's association with the United States and the focus of American goodwill toward Oxford. Rochelle and Joseph Aschheim operate a most remarkable Oxonian institution in the heart of Washington, D.C. It brings together that galaxy of past Oxford students who people institutions of every kind in the United States and beyond. At their regular Society gatherings one finds so many of America's movers and pushers and also those many who want to renew and extend friendships and thus keep contact with some precious moments of their youth as well as with the University of Oxford. Oxford University holds in high esteem its branch in the nation's capital.

Anthony Smith



The Oxford Society of Washington DC

Oxford University's association in the nation's capital wishes to express heartfelt congratulations to its cherished member, the President of the United States, and to Mrs Clinton and Chelsea, on the memorable occasion of the presentation to the President of the Honorary Doctor of Civil Law Degree by Diploma.

The Diploma of the Degree of Doctor of Civil Law, which is printed on the reverse side of this publication, was read by the Public Orator when the Degree was presented in Congregation in the Sheldonian Theatre on Wednesday 8 June 1994.

Oxford's family in the nation's capital warmly welcomes Justice Stephen Breyer (Magdalen) and Dr Joanna Breyer (Lady Margaret Hall) and we wish Justice Breyer, Dr Breyer and their children great happiness in their new home, Washington DC.

It is a privilege to welcome the Honorable William J Crowe, Jr, United States Ambassador to Great Britain, and Mrs Crowe as honorary members of the Oxford Society's branch in Washington DC. Ambassador and Mrs Crowe are special friends of Oxford University and we are grateful to have them both as part of Oxford's association in this region.

Oxford University's association in the nation's capital, the Oxford Society of Washington DC, is dedicated to furthering the interests and welfare of Oxford University, to keeping Oxonians and special friends of Oxford in touch with the University, with Oxford Colleges, with other Oxonians and with the intellectual contributions, ideas and achievements emanating from the University of Oxford.

The names and addresses and Oxford College affiliation of individuals to add to the University's and the Society's lists would always be appreciated. Also, Oxonian address information is kept up-to-date with your kind assistance. Any further information you may wish to provide would also be welcomed: your telephone number or numbers, fax number, current employment, interests, etc. All such information and requests for Oxford Society membership details can be sent to:

Dr and Mrs Joseph Aschheim
Honorary Secretary and Joint Honorary Secretary
The Oxford Society of Washington DC
P O Box 3758, Washington DC 20007

With appreciation and kindest wishes to every member of Oxford University's family in Washington DC, Maryland and Virginia.

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1 May 1995.

The Washington branch of the Oxford Society has carved out for itself a unique and uniquely valuable role. The Society serves to keep the Oxford flame burning brightly in a busy capital. More than that, it provides a forum for the many distinguished Oxford graduates who will always come to Washington to keep the wheels of government turning - in all Administrations, in Congress, the Judiciary and the Department of Defense. It has been my privilege to spend over five years in the Nation's Capital including three and a quarter years as New Zealand Ambassador to the United States. In that time I greatly esteemed my association with the Oxford Society, and valued my friendship with its remarkable and devoted servants, Joseph and Rochelle Aschheim.

Denis McLean.

Denis McLean
Jennings Randolph Program for International Peace.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE OF ADVISORS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

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April 16, 1996

MEMORANDUM TO PHIL CAPLAN, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
AND DEPUTY STAFF SECRETARY

FROM: ANGELA PHILLIPS DIAZ
PCAST EXECUTIVE SECRETARY *Angela* 66601

SUBJECT: Request for Letter from the President to PCAST

Per your conversation with Tim Newell, attached is the draft letter from the President to the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) and the supporting documents initialed by the President: 1) the letter from PCAST to the President on Academic Health Centers; and 2) the followup memo from Carol Rasco to the President on Academic Health Centers and Budget Strategy.

The attached draft letter from the President to PCAST has been reviewed and approved by Jack Gibbons and Chris Jennings. We proposed that the letter be presented to PCAST when they meet here on Thursday.

I understand that you plan to discuss this with Chris. I'll give you a call to follow up on any other questions you may have.

Thank you for your assistance.

Attachments: a/s

cc: Jack Gibbons
Tim Newell

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No ☐

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~~Bill Clinton~~
April 12, 1996

Jan Yang
~~MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE OF ADVISORS
ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY~~

Thank you for writing to me ~~last November~~ about the importance of academic health centers. I am grateful for your views on this important issue and especially appreciate your outlining specific recommendations for continuing support to these vital centers.

I share your concerns about the effects that proposed changes in Medicare and Medicaid would have on academic health centers. Such centers would suffer not only from broad cuts affecting all hospitals, but also from cuts targeted specifically at academic health centers and teaching hospitals. We must balance the budget in a way that protects our health care system's crucial resources, especially in biomedical research, education and training, and in care of the indigent.

I hope you meet ~~last week~~ next week.
I regret that I cannot meet with you this week when you convene for your Fifth Plenary Session. ~~I have asked Chris Jennings, my Special Assistant for Health Policy Development,~~ to brief you on the status of these centers in my current budget proposal, and to solicit any further ideas you may have on this important issue.

I appreciate your continuing efforts to identify and inform the nation of the most important science and technology issues. ~~I hope that I can meet with you soon, perhaps at your June or September meetings.~~

Best regards, *Sincerely,*

Bill Clinton

William J. Clinton

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 27, 1995

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Carol Rasco *CR*
SUBJECT: Academic Health Centers and Budget Strategy

I. SUMMARY

After reviewing John Young's (Co-Chair of the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology) letter and suggestions on how to support academic health centers, you asked for an update of where our health/budget policy and strategy stands with regard to this issue. Chris Jennings has provided us with the following update:

By any definition, academic health centers would fare better under your balanced budget plan than they would under the Republican's budget. However, despite personal appeals by Leon and other senior White House officials, the association that represents academic health centers nationally -- the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC) -- has refused to be publicly critical of the Republican plan.

Out of fear that the academic health centers would play the "quality" card, the Republicans actively courted their support (or at least non-opposition). Their negotiations produced a \$13.5 billion Graduate Medical Education (GME) trust fund.

The source of financing the new Republican GME fund is unclear and certainly may not be permanent. Even if one assumes the new account will be fully funded, it would not come close to offsetting the deep Republican Medicare and Medicaid cuts that will hurt academic health centers. Moreover, it would still leave these institutions in much worse shape (at least \$4-5 billion over seven years) than they would find themselves under your balanced budget plan.

Despite acknowledging the above shortcomings, the leadership of the AAMC fears alienating the Congressional Republicans. (The AAMC also says they fear their silence on the budget front may harm their relationship with the Administration.) However, we do not anticipate a change in their "play both sides of the track" strategy -- at least until later in the game.

II. DISCUSSION

Not all representatives of academic health centers have remained silent about the Republican health care cuts. Those from Boston and New York have been critical, but the elite national press rarely picks them up.

Although some in the AAMC privately concede that their stay quiet strategy may well end up costing them big money, they have chosen this course for three reasons. First, unlike the Republicans, they do not believe we would ever do anything that is hostile to their concerns. Second, they successfully bargained for their significant GME trust fund. And lastly, they well understand that the Republicans will be drafting the details of any final deal and they want to have "friends on the inside" when they do.

Based on our current academic health care policy, their calculated assumption that we would take care of them is not unfounded. In fact, your proposal incorporates every recommendation made by Dr. Young. It:

- . Establishes a new Commission to develop specific policies that address the long-term private and public funding challenges academic health centers face in an increasingly cost-conscious and competitive environment;
- . Keeps cuts in Graduate Medical Education (GME), Disproportionate Share (DSH), and Medicaid to a minimum (about \$12 billion less than what the Republicans advocate); and
- * | Proactively responds to the academic health centers' number one legislative priority -- the establishment of a new GME fund that is financed by a reduction in Medicare reimbursement to HMOs. (Most Medicare HMOs are not contracting out with academic health centers but are being reimbursed by Medicare as though they are; the new \$5-7 billion fund would be used to create incentives for HMOs to contract out with academic health centers.)

The AAMC likes the Republicans' trust fund concept because it opens the door to the possibility of non-Medicare generated financial support. However, their first priority is the GME fund proposal included in your balanced budget plan. This is because, unlike the Republican trust fund, they know they can count on the money being there. (Not surprisingly, they would like us to support the retention of the Republican trust fund -- no matter how little the money.)

We will continue to meet with the representatives of the academic health center community to seek their support in the upcoming negotiations. They may come on board later in the process.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE OF ADVISORS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

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November 8, 1995

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

Dear Mr. President:

Big vision - we need to discuss it in terms of interesting budget strategy
Leon / ER / C. Casper

The significant accomplishments in American biomedical research and our innovations in medical care are widely respected throughout the country and, indeed, the world. These achievements have occurred primarily at our Nation's academic health centers. Since World War II, the Federal government has played a vital role in the support of academic health centers and has done so on a bipartisan basis.

Your Administration's 1994 health care reform plan acknowledged the important contribution to our quality of life made by academic health centers and provided a mechanism to mitigate the loss of significant revenue that these institutions are now experiencing. In the absence of comprehensive health care reform, academic health centers are beginning to show signs of serious stress. Although they represent only six percent of the Nation's non-Federal acute care hospitals, these institutions provide more than half of the care for the indigent and uninsured populations. The prospect of sharp reductions in Medicare, Medicaid, and Disproportionate Share (DSH) expenditures, coupled with the erosion of clinical revenues resulting from the emergence of managed care, could have a devastating impact on the Nation's capacity to support medical research and education and the system that provides medical care to its most vulnerable citizens.

Academic health centers develop the biomedical knowledge and clinical techniques needed for new and improved treatments, train the Nation's physicians and provide unique patient care resources. In the long term, biomedical research conducted in these centers offers our citizens the best potential to enhance their quality of life and control medical expenditures with cost-effective methods for disease prevention and management.

Historically, the Federal government has assumed responsibility for a majority of the support for fundamental biomedical research and graduate medical education as a public investment that contributes broadly to the health of Americans. In 1995, the Federal investment in academic health centers for biomedical research and education was about one percent of total health care expenditures. Measured by any standard, this very modest rate of investment in an area of extraordinarily rapid advancement in knowledge and technology has had a remarkable yield. In addition, the Federal government provides, through the Medicaid and DSH programs, significant support for low-income patient care delivered in academic health centers.

Clinical revenues derived from medical practice programs conducted by the faculty of academic health centers have been another very significant source of funds for these programs of research, education and indigent care. Current changes in the health care system, including Medicare and Medicaid reform, driven by Federal and State fiscal concerns and the emergence of managed care, also threaten to eliminate this critical support for biomedical research and medical education.

We recognize the need to slow the rate of growth in health care costs and endorse efforts to address this need. Both public and private elements of the health care system need to be carefully examined and restructured to enhance medical efficacy and cost-effectiveness. However, it is also essential that in this process, the crucial public benefits that are contributed uniquely by academic health centers be recognized, and that their continued strength remain an important priority in the ongoing health care debate.

A panel of your Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) examined these issues and reached the following conclusions:

- **Sharing the Responsibility** – The education of competent physicians and scientists, and the production of new biomedical knowledge and technologies, represent vital public necessities. To date, only the Federal government has supported these functions explicitly through the Graduate Medical Education (GME) mechanisms of the Medicare program. With a few notable exceptions, other payers do not contribute to this support. We affirm the principle that responsibility for supporting the missions of academic health centers and their contributions to the well-being of society should be broadly shared by all who benefit.
- **Care for the Indigent and Uninsured** – Historically, academic health centers have provided care for a disproportionate share of the indigent and uninsured populations and have received a Medicare payment adjustment for this service. It is likely that this responsibility can only increase in the developing private and public medical care marketplaces. With the trend toward managed care, others are even less likely to provide this service because of its resource-intensive nature.
- **Current Debate** – A satisfactory disposition of these critically important and complex issues is unlikely to emerge from the heat of the current public debate, with its intense and narrow focus on budgetary concerns.

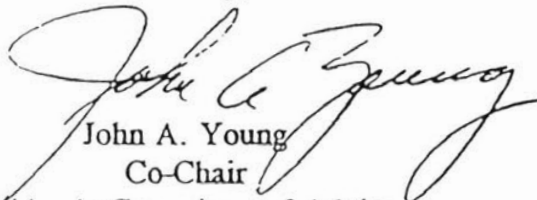
President William J. Clinton
November 8, 1995
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To support and sustain the Nation's academic health centers in the immediate future and over the longer term, PCAST therefore respectfully suggests that you consider the following recommendations:

- **Expert Commission** -- We recommend that an expert commission, credible to the President, the Congress and the public, be established to develop and recommend specific policies to address the preservation of the research and educational capacity of the Nation's academic health centers, and the supply, composition and support of the future health care work force. The commission should carefully consider the implementation of an equitable mechanism to achieve these objectives. The commission should also determine the most effective way to allocate training funds in furthering the goals of a rational workforce policy to ensure that the numbers and competencies of health care professionals are responsive to the Nation's needs. We believe that such an approach can best ensure the future vitality of our biomedical research enterprise and the highest quality of our Nation's medical care.
- **Graduate Medical Education (GME)** -- In the interim, in revising the Medicare program, the Administration should continue to resist disproportionate decreases in the GME accounts. Further, the funds for GME that are currently melded into the premiums paid to all Medicare managed care providers (the Average Adjusted Per Capita Cost formula) should be redirected to accomplish their intended objectives. This may entail developing a process that provides these payments directly to caregivers and institutions that are involved in graduate medical education.
- **Disproportionate Share** -- If academic health centers are to continue their role of disproportionately caring for the indigent and uninsured populations, then appropriate resources must be provided. This will almost certainly remain a responsibility of the government.

PCAST believes that the academic health centers are a national resource that, together with our research universities, must be sustained for the good of the Nation. We hope that you will find these recommendations helpful.

Sincerely,



John A. Young
Co-Chair

President's Committee of Advisors
on Science and Technology

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WASHINGTON

April 16, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FIRST LADY'S STAFF (MELANNE VERVEER)

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ANNE WALLEY/STEPHANIE STREETT - FYI

FROM:

Lana Dickey/Julia Bator
for JIM DORSKIND

SUBJECT:

(Draft Proclamation)

National Organ and Tissue Donor
Awareness Week, 1996

Attached for your review is the above-mentioned proclamation designating April 21-27, 1996, as "National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week."

It was submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services, through the Office of Management and Budget, and edited/revised by the Presidential Letters and Messages Office.

IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED. Written or oral response required by no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 17, 1996. IF WE HAVE NOT HEARD FROM YOU BY 5:00 P.M., WE WILL ASSUME THAT THE DRAFT IS ACCEPTABLE TO YOU.

For questions, discussion, or routine clearance, contact Lana Dickey, extension 67487, or Julia Bator, extension 65518, via phone or interoffice mail, in room 91. Thank you.

cc: Tim Saunders

Lana Dickey

To ~~*Jim Dorskind*~~

*SLR
Edits*

4-17-96

NATIONAL ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR AWARENESS WEEK, 1996

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Thousands of lives have been saved by the miracle of organ and tissue transplantation, a medical procedure wholly indebted ^{can't} ^{he, indebted.} ~~to~~ the extraordinary generosity of those who agree to donate and ^{depend on} their compassionate loved ones. Recipients are often able to resume normal lives after their transplants, working and caring ^{because of} for their families, and many children are in school today ^{due to} a donated liver or bone marrow. Still, the need for organs far exceeds the number donated, and many Americans wait -- and some will die waiting -- for ~~a~~ suitable tissues to become available.

Although our Nation has a potentially adequate supply of organs and tissues, there are more than 45,000 patients on the national transplant waiting list, and some 2,000 new names are added each month. We must educate all Americans about transplantation and its successes and raise public awareness of the urgent need for increased donation. Every citizen should know that by completing a donor card and carrying it, and particularly by making family members aware of the wish to donate, he or she may save the health, or even the life, of someone in need.

Americans are a caring people, and our Nation's citizens have always reached out to one another in times of trouble. ✓ Organ donation is ^a ~~an~~ unique example of that spirit of giving, and many who have lost loved ones have found comfort in knowing that their loss means the promise of life for others. This week and throughout the year, let us recognize the advances made in organ and tissue transplant techniques, honor those who have already pledged their organs, and encourage people to make the life-giving decision to donate.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. CLINTON, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim April 21 through April 27, 1996, as National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week. I call upon health care professionals, educators, the media, public and private organizations concerned with organ donation and transplantation, and all the people of the United States to observe this week with appropriate activities and programs that promote organ donation and invite new donors to get involved.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
day of , in the year of our
Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-six, and of the Independence
of the United States of America the two hundred and twentieth.



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April 8, 1996

His Excellency
Bill Clinton
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C.

original to
J. J. Vallarino
4/17/96
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Dear Mr. President:

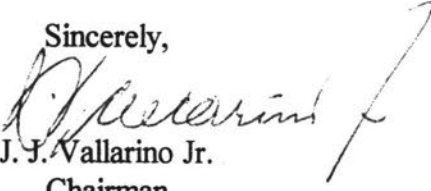
The tragic accident in which Secretary Ron Brown lost his life has added significance to the impact he made in all of us in this country during his recent visit as guest of the U.S.-Panama Business Council.

I was privileged to sit with him at Ambassador Bill Hughes' residence for breakfast in the morning and that evening we sat at the same table with President Perez Balladares at the "U.S.-Panama Friendship Dinner", the gala affair we sponsor in honor of our two Presidents and where Ron represented your excellency. Ron delighted the audience with a masterful speech. In one short day, we got to appreciate and admire him.

On behalf of the U.S.-Panama Business Council, I send you our deeply felt condolences and add our prayers to the many that all americans and many people all over the world are offering on behalf of Ron.

God Bless you, Mr. President, God Bless America, God Bless Panama and God Bless and strengthen our historic friendship.

Sincerely,


J. J. Vallarino Jr.
Chairman

c.c. The Honorable Thomas McLarty
The Honorable Joe Reeder
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April 15, 1996

Mr. Thomas F. (Mack) McLarty
Counselor to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mack:

It is with deep pensiveness that I compose this correspondence to offer my condolences for the tragic passing of Ron Brown and the group traveling with him. I know what a tremendous loss this has been to President Clinton, to you, and the Administration.

As you are aware, we had the great privilege and honor of Ron participating in the recent U.S.-Panama Business Council Trade and Investment Mission to Panama. As you, last year, Ron made an immediate impact and his visit will be remembered with much fondness and respect, by all who had the opportunity to meet and work with him.

Enclosed please find letters from J.J. Vallarino to President Clinton and you. My colleagues in Panama, Margaret and I share with you the sorrow of these difficult moments.

Sincerely yours.

Ambassador Juan B. Sosa
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Frank Keating
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State of Oklahoma
Office of the Governor

April 16, 1996

The Honorable Bill Clinton
United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

Congress will soon pass legislation which will effectively combat terrorism. Having dealt with the tragedy and aftermath of the Oklahoma City bombing, I believe it is imperative that you sign this legislation into law.

In addition to the tough law enforcement provisions aimed at terrorists and their organizations, it includes provisions of particular interest to those of us in Oklahoma.

First and foremost is effective death penalty reform, which will end the delays and frivolous appeals by convicted death row inmates. The importance of this provision has been made clear by the families of the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing, who have worked tirelessly to see this reform become law so that justice may be swift and sure.

Second is a provision allowing for the closed circuit viewing of the trial by families and victims who cannot be accommodated by the courtroom in Denver. The viewing would take place in Oklahoma and would allow these families and victims to fully benefit from our victims' rights laws which stipulate they be entitled to monitor the trial proceedings.

Mr. President, this bill deserves to be signed into law. For the families and victims of the Oklahoma City bombing, it represents a significant step in bringing closure to this terrible tragedy. I urge you to approve this vital change in our nation's laws to combat terrorism. It is the right thing to do.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank Keating", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Frank Keating