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A LETTER OF
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ROMANIAN-AMERICAN ENTERPRISE FUND

ROBERT L. WALD, Chairman

August 9, 1996

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The President William J. Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

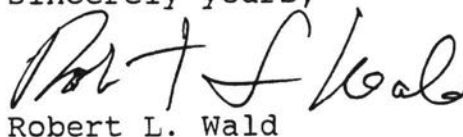
Dear Mr. President:

In my public and private career, I have had no greater honor than your selection of me, two years ago, to be the founding Chairman of the Romanian-American Enterprise Fund. During this period, I have sought in every way possible to advance the Fund's statutory mandate to promote the development of a vibrant private sector of the Romanian economy through investment in small and medium size private Romanian enterprises. The Fund is now fully operative in Washington and Bucharest and we have established close and effective liaison with the Romanian government. We have undertaken a wide range of investment initiatives and have a number of new works in progress. I am particularly proud of the talented Romanian staff we have assembled in Bucharest under our dedicated and much-admired American Vice President-Managing Director. I am also proud to have sponsored the election of Ambassador John R. Davis, Romanian National Bank Governor Mugur Isaescu and former Prime Minister Teodor Stolojan to the Board.

I now wish formally to advise you of my decision to step down as Chairman of the Fund. It is my understanding that you will recommend Harry Barnes, former U.S. Ambassador to Romania, as successor Chairman. I enthusiastically endorse that choice. In addition to his unique understanding of the Romanian character, I believe Ambassador Barnes will bring to the position the diplomatic skill to conciliate conflicting views of strong-willed Board members as to how best to maximize the Fund's developmental impact.

It is my intention to remain an active member of the Board and to give my full support to Chairman Barnes.

Sincerely yours,


Robert L. Wald

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Nicole Elkon has been copied.

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8-14-96

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

FROM: NICOLE ELKON *Nicole Elk*

DATE: JULY 18, 1996

SUBJECT: JULY 25 VISIT TO THE OLYMPICS

CC: ANNE HAWLEY
DON BAER
PATTI SOLIS-DOYLE

Your schedule for the Thursday, July 25 visit to the Olympics has been left flexible. The following suggested schedule is based on the competitions in which you have expressed an interest: it allows for you to be a fan, see the games with the First Lady and Chelsea and also meets the communications and press goals.

9:30 am	Depart the White House
9:50 am	Depart Andrews Air Force Base
11:20 am	Arrive Dobbins Air Force Base

Note: This arrival will be open to base personnel and federal employees based in Atlanta for the Games.

11:40 am	Depart Dobbins Air Force Base
12:00 pm	Arrive the Georgia Dome
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	U.S. VS ZAIRE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PRELIMINARY GEORGIA DOME

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Softball
Baseball
Wally - Swimming
Fencing
Tudo

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1:40 pm - **MEET WITH U.S. WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM**
2:00 pm **GEORGIA DOME**

Note: You had been scheduled to meet with this team in Orlando, Florida on July 11.

2:00 pm - **INTERVIEW WITH GEORGE PLIMPTON**
2:30 pm

Note: This interview would run in Sports Illustrated.

2:45 pm - **POSSIBLE EVENT (see list below)**
4:00 pm

4:15 pm - **WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS ARTISTIC FINALS**
7:10 pm **GEORGIA DOME**

7:15 pm - **TAPE TODAY SHOW INTERVIEW**
7:25 pm

Note: This interview would run the next morning.

7:30 pm - **LIVE INTERVIEW WITH BOB COSTAS OF NBC SPORTS**
7:40 pm

8:00 pm Depart the Georgia Dome

8:20 pm Arrive Dobbins Air Force Base

8:30 pm Depart Dobbins Air Force Base

10:00 pm Arrive Andrews Air Force Base

10:20 pm Arrive White House

Handwritten: Possible afternoon events include:

- ♥ meet with the 37 members of the U.S. Olympic team who serve in the military
- ♥ meet with Bosnian Olympic team
- ♥ lunch with some athletes' families
- ✕ visit Martin Luther King's birthplace

The attached list of competition outlines all the possibilities. Your schedule on Friday, July 26 starts at 10:00 a.m. For that reason, it is not recommended you stay late in Atlanta on Thursday.

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W/M	DESCRIPTION	ROUND	START	END	VENUE
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■ AQUATICS - SWIMMING

M	50m freestyle	preliminaries	10:05	13:45	Georgia Tech Aquatic Center
W	200m backstroke	preliminaries			
M	200m individual medley	preliminaries			
W	4 x 200m freestyle relay	preliminaries			
M	1500m freestyle	preliminaries			
W	800m freestyle	finals	19:30	21:35	Georgia Tech Aquatic Center
M	50m freestyle	final A			
M	50m freestyle	final B			
W	200m backstroke	final A			
W	200m backstroke	final B			
M	200m individual medley	final A			
M	200m individual medley	final B			
W	4 x 200m freestyle relay	finals			

■ BADMINTON

W	doubles	1/16	9:00	12:45	Georgia State University
M	doubles	1/16			
M	singles	1/16	14:00	17:00	Georgia State University
M	doubles	1/16			
M	singles	1/16	20:00	22:15	Georgia State University

■ BASEBALL

M	Netherlands vs. Nicaragua	preliminaries	10:00	13:00	Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium
M	Australia vs. Italy	preliminaries	15:00	18:00	Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium
M	Japan vs. United States	preliminaries	20:00	23:00	Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium

■ BASKETBALL

W	Italy vs. Russia	preliminaries	10:00	13:30	Georgia Dome
	United States vs. Zaire				
W	Korea vs. Ukraine	preliminaries	15:00	18:30	Morehouse College
	Cuba vs. Australia				
W	Brazil vs. Japan	preliminaries	20:00	23:30	Georgia Dome
	Canada vs. China				

■ BOXING

M	bantamweight	round 2	13:30	15:55	Alexander Memorial Coliseum
M	welterweight	round 2			
M	heavyweight	round 2			
M	bantamweight	round 2	20:00	22:25	Alexander Memorial Coliseum
M	welterweight	round 2			
M	heavyweight	round 2			

■ CYCLING - TRACK

W	individual pursuit	qualification	9:30	13:10	Stone Mountain Park
M	individual pursuit	semifinals			
M	sprint	round 2			
W	sprint	1/8			
M	sprint	repechage			
W	sprint	repechage			
M	individual pursuit	finals			

DAY 6

25
JULY

W/M	DESCRIPTION	ROUND	START	END	VENUE
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EQUESTRIAN - JUMPING

open	team and individual jumping	training day	9:00	16:00	Georgia International Horse Park
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EQUESTRIAN - THREE DAY

open	three day individual endurance		7:15	11:30	Georgia International Horse Park
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FENCING

W	team foil	1/8	7:30	14:30	Georgia World Congress Center, Hall F
W	team foil	quarterfinals			
W	team foil	final 9-12			
W	team foil	semifinals			
W	team foil	final 5-8			
W	team foil	final 9-10			
W	team foil	final 11-12			
W	team foil	final 5-6			
W	team foil	final 7-8			
M	team foil	1/8			
M	team foil	quarterfinals			
M	team foil	final 9-12			
M	team foil	semifinals			
M	team foil	final 5-8			
M	team foil	final 9-10			
M	team foil	final 11-12			
M	team foil	final 5-6			
M	team foil	final 7-8			
W	team foil	bronze medal bouts	15:25	20:00	Georgia World Congress Center, Hall F
W	team foil	gold medal bouts			
M	team foil	bronze medal bouts			
M	team foil	gold medal bouts			

FOOTBALL

W	team	preliminaries	18:30	23:00	Birmingham
M	team	preliminaries			
W	team	preliminaries	18:30	23:00	Washington, D.C.
M	team	preliminaries			
W	team	preliminaries	18:30	23:00	Miami
M	team	preliminaries			
W	team	preliminaries	18:30	23:00	Orlando
M	team	preliminaries			

GYMNASTICS - ARTISTIC

W	individual all-around	finals	16:15	19:10	Georgia Dome
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HANDBALL

M	Kuwait vs. Croatia Algeria vs. France	preliminaries	10:00	13:00	Georgia World Congress Center, Hall G
M	Switzerland vs. Sweden European champion vs. Germany	preliminaries	14:30	17:30	Georgia World Congress Center, Hall G
M	Cuba vs. Egypt United States vs. Russia	preliminaries	19:00	22:00	Georgia World Congress Center, Hall G

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W/M	DESCRIPTION	ROUND	START	END	VENUE
HOCKEY					
W	Spain vs. Great Britain Netherlands vs. Germany	preliminaries	9:00	13:00	Morris Brown College
M	Korea vs. South Africa	preliminaries	9:00	11:00	Clark Atlanta University
W	Australia vs. Korea United States vs. Argentina	preliminaries	17:30	22:00	Morris Brown College
M	Malaysia vs. Great Britain Netherlands vs. Australia	preliminaries	17:30	22:00	Clark Atlanta University

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M	half-lightweight	preliminaries	9:30	13:25	Georgia World Congress Center, Hall H
W	half-lightweight	preliminaries			
M	half-lightweight	repechage			
W	half-lightweight	repechage			
M	half-lightweight	finals	15:00	16:30	Georgia World Congress Center, Hall H
W	half-lightweight	finals			

ROWING

M	H 2-/coxless pair	semifinals	9:00	11:40	Lake Lanier
W	F 2-/coxless pair	semifinals			
M	H 2x/double sculls	semifinals			
W	F 2x/double sculls	semifinals			
M	H 4-/coxless four	semifinals			
W	F 1x/single sculls	semifinals			
M	H 1x/single sculls	semifinals C, D			
M	H 1x/single sculls	semifinals			

SHOOTING

M	50m free rifle prone	qualifications	8:30	10:00	Wolf Creek Shooting Complex
M	10m running target	qualifications	9:00	13:00	Wolf Creek Shooting Complex
M	25m rapid fire pistol	qualifications	10:00	12:00	Wolf Creek Shooting Complex
M	50m free rifle prone	finals	11:00	11:45	Wolf Creek Shooting Complex
M	25m rapid fire pistol	finals	14:30	15:25	Wolf Creek Shooting Complex

SOFTBALL

W	China vs. Netherlands Japan vs. Australia	preliminaries	9:00	13:00	Golden Park
W	Chinese Taipei vs. Puerto Rico Canada vs. United States	preliminaries	18:30	22:30	Golden Park

TABLE TENNIS

W	singles	preliminaries A-P	10:00	14:00	Georgia World Congress Center, Hall D
M	singles	preliminaries A-H			
M	doubles	preliminaries A-H	19:00	23:00	Georgia World Congress Center, Hall D
W	doubles	preliminaries A-H			
M	singles	preliminaries I-P			

DAY 6

25
JULY

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W/M	DESCRIPTION	ROUND	START	END	VENUE
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TENNIS

W	singles	round 2	10:00	18:00	Stone Mountain Park
M	singles	round 2			
W	doubles	round 1			
M	doubles	round 1			

VOLLEYBALL - BEACH

W	team	preliminaries	9:00	12:45	Atlanta Beach
M	team	preliminaries			
W	team	preliminaries	14:00	17:45	Atlanta Beach
M	team	preliminaries			

VOLLEYBALL

M	team	preliminaries	10:00	14:30	Omni Coliseum
M	team	preliminaries	16:00	20:30	University of Georgia
M	team	preliminaries	19:30	24:00	Omni Coliseum

YACHTING

M	470	race 1	13:00	18:00	Bravo, Wassaw Sound, Savannah
M	470	race 2			Bravo, Wassaw Sound, Savannah
W	470	race 1			Bravo, Wassaw Sound, Savannah
W	470	race 2			Bravo, Wassaw Sound, Savannah
open	Star	race 5			Charlie, Wassaw Sound, Savannah
open	Star	race 6			Charlie, Wassaw Sound, Savannah
M	Finn	race 7			Charlie, Wassaw Sound, Savannah
M	Finn	race 8			Charlie, Wassaw Sound, Savannah
open	Soling	race 5			Delta, Wassaw Sound, Savannah
open	Soling	race 6			Delta, Wassaw Sound, Savannah
open	Tomado	race 5			Delta, Wassaw Sound, Savannah
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

2/14/96
send per
Phil's instructions

Laura Marcus
Immediate Office
of the Secretary
Room 3 E 856
The Pentagon

VIA SPECIAL MESSENGER



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August 8, 1996

President William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C., 20500-2000

Dear Mr. President:

The information enclosed regarding the "Dempsey Plan for Emergency Services" was sent to me by a fellow Arkansan, D.W. Dempsey. You may recall seeing information on this plan when you were Governor.

At Mr. Dempsey's request, I am forwarding this information to you. Mr. Dempsey has made the nationwide implementation of this plan his life's work.

I hope you will give this the proper consideration.

Sincerely,

David

David Pryor

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INSTRUCTIONS

From your tax bill take the three numbers on the most valued parcel (your residences) and place numbers in the squares, Section, Township, and Range.

If you are renting ask your Landlord for these numbers.

Place sticker on the phone cradle.

After dialing emergency number give the dispatcher the Section, Township, and Range Numbers.

DEMPSEY PLAN FOR
EMERGENCY SERVICES

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SHERIFF	_____	
POLICE	_____	
FIRE	_____	

numerous calls

May 9, 1996
RT.6 BOX 277 J
HUNTSVILLE, ARK.
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NAN

Dear Senator:

I thought you might be interested as to an addition to my idea of "THE DEMPSEY PLAN FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE'S."

Now, AIR EVAC requires that any one requiring there EMERGENCY SERVICE- must have there SECTION-TOWNSHIP-RANGE- to be located for the HELI-COPTER to find the patient. So, to be sure that problem will be solved. My thought is using "THE DEMPSEY PLAN STICKER" and adding a line for AIR EVAC. Instead of waiting for the counties to mail out there TAX BILLS with the sticker once a year.

I am in the process of working with Charles Cosby_-PRESIDENT/C.E.O. of OZARK ELECTRIC CO. He's very enthused about the project as a public service and would mail out with there ELECTRIC BILL "THE DEMPSEY STICKER".

The figure's on the ELECTRIC COMPANY'S nationally are 1,063 RURAL ELECTRIC SYSTEM'S as of 1993. With 12 Million-100 Thousand customer's. The consenses is that as of now they have over 13 Million.

Now see what you think of this!

- #1 Would it be possible to ask the PRESIDENT to sign a EXECUTIVE ORDER to have the GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE at Pueblo, Colorado. Print "THE DEMPSEY STICKER" and drop ship to ELECTRIC CO'S. STATE HEADQUARTER'S for DISTRIBUTION to there ELECTRIC CO'S. around the state?
- #2 Or, do you think a grant would be in order. KINKO'S PRINTER'S could do the printing, THE GRANTOR could pay them. I do not wish to handle any money! This as we know is strictly a humanitarin effort. The printing at say, 2 cents x 13 Million would be about Two Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars. I believe if the PRESIDENT knew about this, he would help even if it were not an ELECTION YEAR -- HE WOULD! I'll bet the REPUBLICAN'S would go for it and as a last resort if we can't work some thing out --- who know's.
- #3 Another thought might be --- SPONSOR a BILL to have CONGRESS APPROPRIATE THE FUND'S. I'm sure it would be by partisan. Maybe, attach it to a BILL and get it done that way. Anybody that would be against this plan to save lives. Would be against MOTHER HOOD--APPLE PIE & THE FLAG. Also, by having the ELECTRIC CO'S. putting the sticker in their bills they send out. The saving's to the GOVERNMENT or the GRANTOR -- 32 cents x 13 Million for stamps would cost 4 Million, One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars.

Hope this find's you well. We will miss you when you leave the SENATE. Thank you very much for help and support in the past and especially THE RECOGNITION of me you read to the 102 CONGRESS. May you have many HAPPY YEAR'S to come in a well-earned RETIREMENT. Looking forward to your thought's in regard to the above.

MY BEST TO THE BEST

01-677-2533



Ozarks Electric Cooperative Corp.

CHARLES COSBY
President / CEO

Box 848
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72702-0848
(501) 521-2900

April 17, 1996

Mr. D. W. Dempsey
P. O. Box 1517
Huntsville, AR 72740-1517

Dear Mr. Dempsey,

Ozarks Electric Cooperative Corporation will provide assistance in printing and mailing the "Dempsey Plan for Emergency Services". Approximately three thousand households will be served through our mailing in Madison County, Arkansas. We are happy to help provide this service for you Mr. Dempsey and the citizens of Madison County. Let us know if there is anything further we can help you with.

Sincerely,

Charles Cosby
President/CEO

CC:ba



STATE OF ARKANSAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
State Capitol
Little Rock 72201

Bill Clinton
Governor

February 14, 1991

D. W. Dempsey
Post Office Box 794
Huntsville, AR 72740

Dear D. W.:

I commend you for the very cost efficient system you have designed for local emergency services.

I have passed along your plan to Ronnie Rand, the new national President-elect of the nation-wide organization of emergency services directors and leaders.

Once again, Huntsville, Arkansas, leads the way.

Best wishes in all your efforts to enhance the safety and security of our communities and our people.

Sincerely,


Bill Clinton

BC/kg/dr

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August 27, 1992

Mr. D.W. Dempsey
P.O. Box 794
Huntsville, AR 72740

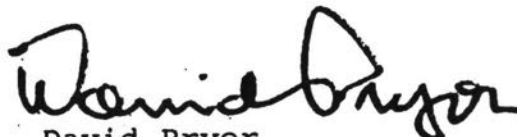
Dear Mr. Dempsey:

Thank you for your letter and articles about your plan to help provide emergency aid to rural communities. I appreciate hearing from you and I apologize for the delay in my response.

I applaud your efforts to implement this system for local emergency service. Currently I have an assistant working on submitting your plan to the Congressional Record. My office will notify you when this statement has been recorded by sending you a copy of the statement.

Please do not hesitate to contact me again concerning this or any other matter of interest. Again, my thanks to you and the citizens of Huntsville.

Sincerely,


David Pryor

DP:kld

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0402

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

September 17, 1992

Mr. D.W. Dempsey
P.O. Box 794
Huntsville, AR 72740

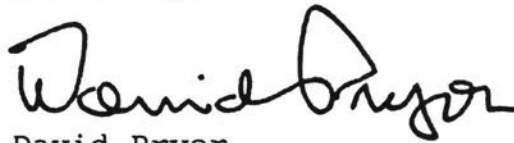
Dear Mr. Dempsey:

Please find enclosed a copy of the "Dempsey Plan" recently submitted to the Congressional Record. I hope you enjoy this acknowledgement of your fine service to the state of Arkansas.

As you requested, all 50 states have now been exposed to your local emergency plan which could help save a countless number of lives in rural communities. I commend you for your generous nature and hard work.

Thanks again for sharing the "Dempsey Plan" with me. Please keep in touch.

Sincerely,



David Pryor

DP/lbm



STATE OF ARKANSAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
State Capitol
Little Rock 72201

Bill Clinton
Governor

August 24, 1990

D.W. Dempsey
Box 794
Huntsville, AR 72740

Dear D.W.:

Thank you for your letter expressing concern for improving the response of emergency agencies. I share your concern that the time a service spends in locating the emergency scene are many times irreplaceable.

The "Dempsey Plan" would give part of the responsibility for rapid response to the families who are requesting aid. It also has the advantage of simplicity, as you pointed out. This information is available for all county taxpayers. Of course, for those who rent and who visit from out of the area, this information would not be easily available.

Your idea of using the range, township and section for locating sites would be beneficial if there were a central access point or number for the public. If there were a central access point, this information could be displayed along with the caller's telephone number and other descriptive information about the location. At present, emergency dispatchers do not have this data.

Other helpful information may be obtained from telephone area exchange maps of Madison County. These are available through the Public Service Commission. Such maps have only one exchange outlined, along with additional landmarks. A caller could be questioned about power lines, bridges, etc., that are identified on the map.

Again, I appreciate your concern and hope that my comments have been helpful to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Clinton".
Bill Clinton

BC/kr/jms

5-7/95

I CAN SEE PRES CLINTON
ON TV

I HAVE THIS DAY SIGNED A BILL
AUTHORIZING ~~THE~~ ^{ONLY} FOR THE U.S. GOVT
PRINTING OFFICE AT PUEBLO COLO TO
PRINT 12 MILLION EMERGENCY STICKERS
CALLED THE DEMPSEY PLAN FOR EMERGENCY
SERVICES ON A STICKER ^{LABILE} TO BE PUT ON THE
~~CRATE~~ OF THEIR TELEPHONES WHICH WOULD
COVER SECTION RANGE + TOWNSHIP, PRIMARILY,
FOR RURAL AREAS THAT DO NOT HAVE ⁹¹¹ EMS, SHERIFF,
FIRE, HELICOPTER EVAC + POLICE
THIS WOULD COST ABOUT .2 PER HOUSEHOLD
THE BIGGEST BILL WOULD BE THE STAMPS
WHICH THE ELEC CO'S WOULD TAKE CARE
OF BY ENCLOSING THE STICKER ALONG
WITH THE CUSTOMER'S ELEC. BILL THEREBY
SAVING THE 32 PER LETTER IF NOT MAILED
BY THE ELEC CO - WOULD COST ABOUT
4 MILLION DOLLARS — BUT WITH THE ELEC
CO'S FURNISHING THE MAILING THE ONLY
COST THE TAXPAYER WOULD BE .2 PER STICKER
A HUMANITARIAN EFFORT TO SAVE LIVES
NO EXECUTIVES NO EXPENSE ACCOUNT
NO SALARIES, JUST PURE SERVICE AND
HELP FOR OUR FELLOW MAN



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8/13/96

Phil,

This came to us, interoffice from Stephen
Goodlin (on from his area)

To Doris Kendall

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NSC to coordinate
with Leg Affairs + NEI



R. L. Crandall
Chairman and President

August 7, 1996

96 AUG 13 P4:00

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Last week, six airline executives sent you a letter suggesting that the United States should abandon its efforts to achieve an open skies aviation agreement with the United Kingdom. The U.S. negotiating team quite properly rejected their request.

No goal in international aviation has been more challenging than persuading the United Kingdom to open its aviation market. As you know, Secretary Peña has tenaciously pursued that goal by persuading countries such as Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, Austria, and the Netherlands to enter into open skies agreements. Among other inducements, the United States has encouraged the spread of open skies by approving marketing alliances between the major airlines of "open-skies" countries and various U.S. carriers. The ultimate objective, of course, has been to convince the major European countries -- most specifically the United Kingdom -- to agree to more liberal aviation arrangements.

Now, for the first time in many years, there's a real possibility that the U.S. can achieve an open skies agreement with the United Kingdom. The proposed alliance between American and British Airways emulates existing alliances between Northwest and KLM, United and Lufthansa, and Delta and a number of smaller European carriers. The proposed alliance is a perfectly logical response to the competitive pressures exerted by U.S. policy and an incentive for the British government to move to open skies.

Our three largest competitors, having already established their own alliances, now seek to prevent approval of the AA-BA alliance by any means possible, including urging DOT to terminate the U.K.-U.S. bilateral negotiations. Suggesting that the U.S. walk away from its only realistic opportunity to open up the U.S.-U.K. markets in order to prevent American from competing with their own alliances is a very self-serving position!

Without a new bilateral, the U.S. airlines which do not now serve Heathrow will not be able to do so, and the level of competition between the United States and the United Kingdom -- and between the United States and Europe -- is likely to remain "status quo." Alternatively, we are confident that with your support, U.S. negotiators will be able to secure a real open skies arrangement with the United Kingdom -- an arrangement which will provide new opportunities for many U.S. airlines, new service to many communities, and the benefits of intensified competition for consumers on both sides of the Atlantic.

Very truly yours,

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