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Sept. 20, 1996

J. Robert Kerrey

Dear Mr. President —
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
We will give you a Democratic
Senate!! Bob

President Bill Clinton

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

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TO: Laura
Glenn

FROM: **Staff Secretary**

I assume there's not much to this, or it would be too expensive or whatever, but thought I'd let you look before dismissing it.
J.

Phil -

From Nancy H.

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September 19, 1996

President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500-2000

Dear Bill:

As we get closer to the election, and I dwell on issues that impact on the voters I know best, Floridians, one idea was sparked based upon your interview with Money magazine. When asked about a capital gains cut, you responded, "I think there ought to be a reasonable holding period so that you know it really is an incentive to increase investment and savings." I couldn't agree with you more. So what if we were to target a capital gains cut in the following fashion?

Having encouraged savings with retirement plans, i.e., IRAs, 401Ks, stock purchase, etc. when our population reaches retirement age and they begin to draw down on their investments, many are faced with large capital gains consequences. Currently, the only capital gains exclusion for retirees is in selling the family homestead. What if that exclusion were extended to those retirees 65 and older with earned income under $50,000, and they were given a capital gains exclusion on any appreciated asset up to a specific dollar amount on an annual basis? There are so many elderly who are unable to liquidate their appreciated assets without severe tax liabilities. In many cases, the ability to just switch investments from growth securities to higher yielding investments to supply better retirement income is psychologically thwarted by the severe reduction in principal. In turn, this causes many of our elderly not to enjoy their retirement years to their fullest in fear they they won't have adequate capital to sustain them through their entire life. Additionally, for those of our generation and younger, it sends a message that it is becoming harder for government to entitle everyone to retirement benefits that live up to their expectations. In saving for retirement, holding assets for the long term, individuals will be amply rewarded by being able to access those funds in retirement on a tax-free basis.

Bill, if this is feasible and you would be able to announce this proposal prior to November, you would win in Florida by a landslide!

Look forward to seeing you soon.

Best Regards,

Kerry Kirschner

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September 19, 1996

Nancy Heinrich
Deputy Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Nancy:

I would appreciate it very much if you could make sure that the President sees this.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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INFORMATION

September 23, 1996 96 SEP 24 P5:13

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE
BOB NASH Bob Nash
ALEXIS HERMAN
Sens

SUBJECT: Special Advisory Committee on Religious Freedom Abroad

OK - do it w/ these 3 or the Mormon Pres. designee maybe senior businessman/ Marriott (+ tell Jon Huntsman or NYC friend who worked w/ them) (Alexis can do

Attached at Tab A are biographies of three additional proposed members for the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Religious Freedom Abroad.

OK
w/s Tri

In your comments on our memorandum informing you of this Committee, you noted that the Secretary should consider adding a former President of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). It is our understanding the Secretary is now considering James Henry -- immediate past President of the SBC.

OK
OK - or other designee

You suggested an additional prominent black Christian and also noted that the Secretary might consider a Mormon representative. The Secretary is considering, respectively, Reverend Billy Kyles of the Monumental Baptist Church of Memphis, Tennessee, and Dr. Gordon Hinckley, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

OK

Finally, you noted that there were two Muslims and only one Evangelical representative. However, with the proposed addition of James Henry, the Committee will now have two Evangelical representatives. Additionally, one of the non-Evangelical candidates, Nina Shea (a Catholic), was recommended by the leadership of the Evangelical community because of her expertise on persecution of Christians worldwide. Thus, we feel that this important community is well-represented on the Committee.

For your information, this Committee must be established and convened before October 15 if obligated fiscal year 1996 funds are to be available for its first meeting.

These additional names have been reviewed by Presidential Personnel.

Attachments
Tab A Additional Biographies
Tab B Original Lake/Nash Memorandum
Tab C Original List of Proposed Members

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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Copy sent to Laura Tyson

Laura

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250

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September 13, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SECRETARY GLICKMAN

Dan Glickman

SUBJECT: Current Assessment of Agricultural Markets Prospects

Developments in agriculture were spotlighted this week by releases of revised UDSA crop estimates and the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for food. USDA's new survey results, released on September 11, show increased grain production which will provide some relief to this year's tight markets, but reduced prospects for soybean and cotton production. *Grain and soybean prices* continue to decline from the very high levels of several months ago yet remain quite strong by historical standards and well above a year ago. *Cattle prices* fell to their low of the year on April 29, the day before the announcement of your 5-point initiative to help cattle producers. Since that daily low, cattle prices have increased over 30 percent, helping to offset the higher costs of feed (see chart). *Milk, hog and poultry prices* have all increased this year and are also offsetting much of the feed cost increase facing producers. However, milk production continues to drop and record-high prices are expected this fall. Pork prices, which rose sharply this summer are likely to weaken as hog prices have dropped 15 percent since early August.

The higher farm prices have caused higher *retail food prices*. The August CPI, released September 13, indicates sharp increases for some items, such as bacon, which was 36 percent above a year earlier. Compared with a year ago, retail beef prices rose in August for the first time this year, and white bread and dairy products were each up 9 percent. USDA has boosted its forecast of the increase in the 1996 CPI for food to 3 percent, about the same as the overall CPI. For 1997, the food CPI forecast is placed at 3 to 4 percent and is expected to exceed the overall inflation rate for the first time since 1990. While higher than recent years, and generating some national media coverage, such food price increases should not cause inordinate public concern.

Grains and oilseeds. The September 11 report estimates the 1996 corn crop at 8.8 billion bushels. This estimate is well above the 1995 crop but only slightly above the total amount of corn used during the past marketing year, when use was reduced by record-high corn prices and limited supplies. Slower exports and early harvest of corn in the south have eased earlier concerns of insufficient feed supplies in late August and September. The expected increase in corn production this year will help livestock and poultry producers, but it is not enough to permit more than a small rebuilding of corn stocks. The market will remain tight, and farm-level corn prices are expected to average $3.20 per bushel, nearly reaching the 1995/96 record-high $3.25.

The new soybean production estimate indicates a slightly smaller crop than earlier expected and a tighter soybean market. Strong demand for soybeans and soybean meal is expected to reduce

1996/97 carryover stocks to 7 percent of use, the lowest level in 20 years. Farm prices are expected to average $7.00 to $8.00 per bushel during 1996/97, compared with $6.76 during 1995/96. The story for soybean oil is a different: 1995/96 exports were very weak and while some recovery is expected this season, 1996/97 carryover stocks are expected to reach the highest level in 5 years and reduce oil prices.

Because corn and soybean stocks are extremely low, and crops are maturing late, early freezes could have a substantial effect on prices, and markets will remain volatile until the growing season ends. Unlike last fall, when the market was slow to recognize the supply shortfall and the need to ration supplies, prices would respond quickly this year to reduced production and the consequent need for demand cutbacks.

The prospect for wheat is somewhat different than for corn and soybeans because increased foreign production will play a larger role in supplying world markets. U.S. wheat prices have dropped sharply from their spring highs and will continue to edge down in coming weeks as the large U.S. spring wheat crop is harvested. Foreign production is expected to rise 9 percent in 1996/97, with increases in all major exporting countries and in key importing countries. Wheat carryover stocks in 1996/97 are expected to rise to a more comfortable 506 million bushels, compared with only 375 million on hand on June 1 to start this marketing season. Domestic flour millers will benefit from more supplies, but under greater competition, wheat exports are expected to decline 25 percent in volume this season. The European Union has begun using wheat export subsidies again and this, combined with lower wheat prices and a loss of U.S. export share, could bring pressure to resume U.S. Export Enhancement Program subsidies.

Red meat and poultry. Total red meat and poultry supplies will remain relatively large over the next few months, with total production expected to be slightly above year-earlier levels. Beef supplies, however, will decline from a year ago and from record production levels in the first half of 1996. This cutback has strengthened cattle prices and will likely keep them firm over the next several months. Labor day ends the peak beef demand period, and by late 1996 and early 1997, cattle prices are expected to weaken from the current levels of the high $60's per hundredweight.

Pork supplies remain tight, but production is beginning to increase seasonally. Hog prices peaked in early August at about $60 per hundredweight and have since fallen to the low $50's. This is still about $10 per hundredweight above last fall. Broiler production in the next few months is forecast to be 5 percent above a year ago. Prices have peaked, and should fall seasonally over the next three months.

Retail meat prices will show little change over the next few months. Beef prices are expected to rise slightly this fall but remain below prices in the fall of 1995. Retail pork prices are expected to decline by 4-5 cents per pound, as slaughter increases. However, pork prices will remain well above those registered last fall. Retail broiler prices may fall seasonally 4-5 cents per pound but remain slightly above a year earlier.

Dairy. U.S. milk production has fallen during 1995/96 due to increased feed costs and poor forage. This is the first marketing year decline since 1988/89. With strong demand and lower production, milk prices continue to rise. For 1995/96, the farm level all-milk price is averaging $14.40 per hundredweight, only 3 cents below the 1989/90 record-high. In 1996/97, milk production is expected to increase only slightly, with average prices rising to a new record of $14.95. Prices have been very strong this summer and further increases are anticipated over the next couple of months, adding to retail price pressure this fall.

Consumer food prices. Despite higher grain, poultry, pork and milk prices, the CPI for food has not increased excessively this year, nor are dramatic increases forecast for 1997. The food CPI is expected to rise about 3.0 percent in 1996 compared with 1995, and a 3 to 4 percent increase is projected in 1997. The CPI for food for August was 3.6 percent above August 1995. The August changes for selected food items are as follows:

Item	% change: August '96 over August '95
Meats	5.0
Beef and veal	1.0
Pork	12.9
Poultry	8.2
Cereal and bakery products	3.7
Dairy products	9.0
Fruits and vegetables	4.5

Food price inflation projections depend on normal corn and soybean crop development. Assuming normal growing conditions for the remainder of the year, feed costs are not expected to decline significantly over the next several months, compared with year earlier levels. If corn and oilseed yields are adversely affected by the weather during September and October, pork, poultry, and dairy product prices would also increase more sharply over the next several months.

Attachment

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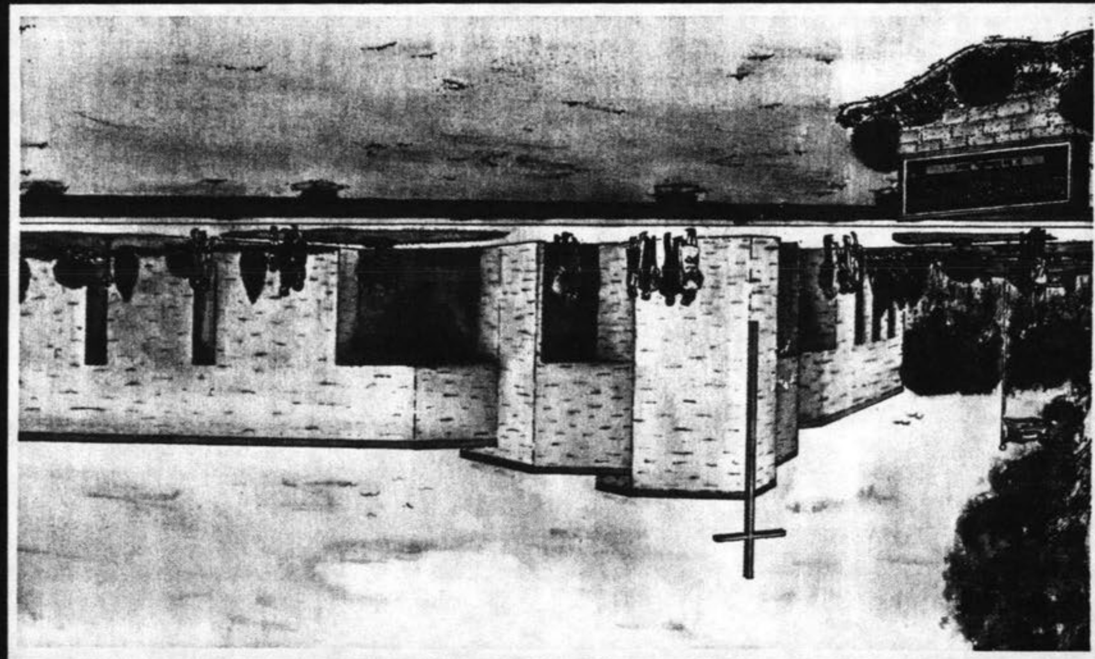
Alexis

This man ran Falwell's group in Ark. in late 70s early 80s. but we became friends -

We should keep him in mind when we need evangelicals to be involved in various things

BC

To. Alexis Herman



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John 3:16

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Baptist Church

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WEDNESDAY

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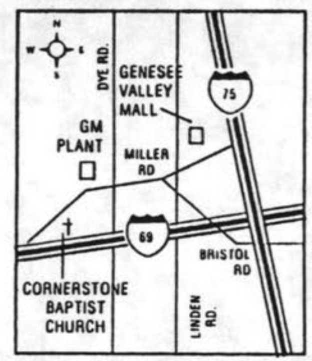

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In His dear name,

Roy M'Laughlin

Roy McLaughlin

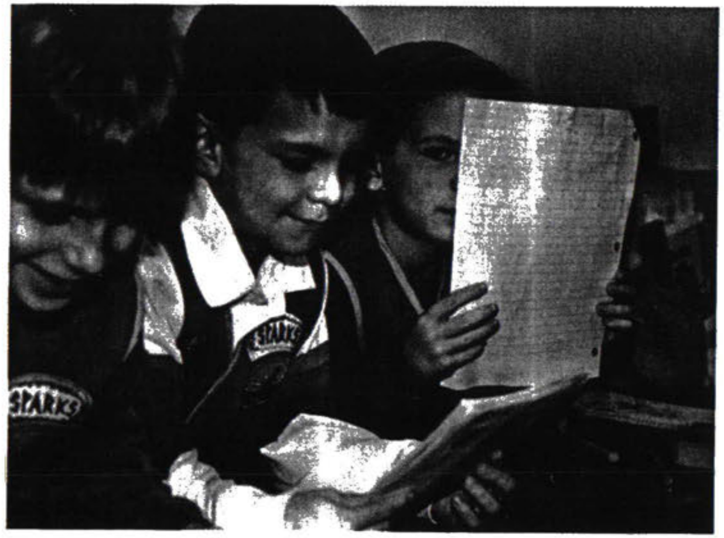
EDUCATION

Diversity, quality and excellence are paramount when trying to educate Christians. We offer many different classes that cover all types of topics. From in depth exposition of scripture, to practical topical studies there is something for everybody. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." -II Timothy 2:15

MUSIC

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!" -Psalm 100

We adhere to Jesus being the Cornerstone of every aspect of our lives and that includes music. Whether it be a congregational hymn, an inspirational solo, or an upbeat instrumental from our orchestra, worship through music is always centered around Jesus. As a member, you can be a part of our childrens, youth or adult choir where we always "Make a joyful noise!"



A.W.A.N.A.

"Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed" or A.W.A.N.A. is an alternative to the world's social organizations. We provide this Christian club to teach values and God's Word to our kids. Not only is this an exciting time but each year hundreds of scripture verses are memorized by A.W.A.N.A. clubbers.

YOUTH

Cornerstone has a very active youth group! Missions trips, camps, and rallies are just a few of the activities our youth enjoy. Weekly, we provide a S.A.L.T. (Service And Leadership Training) meeting. This program combines fun with down to earth Bible preaching. Our teens are taught to be responsible Christians that give time and talent to the Lord.

FELLOWSHIP

The common bonds of salvation, purpose and desire compel us to enjoy rich, meaningful fellowship together. No matter what your background is, you will find a true family at Cornerstone. We are a friendly church and we want you to be a part of it.

John 3:16

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OUTREACH

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them..." - Matthew 28:19

Sharing Christ with our community is given high priority in the scripture and thus is enthusiastically practiced here at Cornerstone. An extensive bus program reaches out to families around Genesee County. Weekly visitation times allow members the opportunity to encourage and minister.

WORD OF GOD

Our entire ministry is centered around God's inspired Word. Both Bible preaching and teaching are paramount in the work of this local church. Romans 10:17 reads, "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." Come and hear so that you too may know Him and grow in His grace. There is a special place for you at Cornerstone.

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HANK BROWN

U.S. Senator for Colorado

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SUBJECT: LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT RE: SALE OF F-16'S TO INDONESIA

FROM: CARTER PILCHER

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6225

September 24, 1996

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

Dear Mr. President:

Your Administration has made great efforts to resolve the very troublesome roadblocks that have hamstrung our Nation's relations with Pakistan. Central to that effort has been the progress in resolving our refusal to deliver military equipment already paid for.

The Administration recently made a press announcement that it would not request congressional review of a proposed sale of F-16s to Indonesia because of human rights concerns. As you know, Indonesia had responded to our efforts to sell the planes. The timing and form of the announcement tends to embarass a government that attempted to help us out.

As you know, restrictions in U.S. law prevent the delivery to Pakistan of the F-16s it purchased. Despite its internal problems, Indonesia has been extremely helpful in our efforts to resolve this matter by agreeing to buy some of these older model F-16s. Nonetheless, if a decision had been made to delay or even defer the congressional notifications necessary for the sale because of human rights concerns, it could have been done discreetly. A public announcement that humiliates the Indonesians did not appear necessary.

I draw this matter to your attention because I believe the procedures followed in this case do not conform with the way you would wish to work with a friendly nation.

Sincerely,

Hank Brown

Hank Brown
Chairman
Near East and South Asia
Subcommittee

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September 24, 1996

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death benefit in
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: JACK QUINN JMQ
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: KATHLEEN M.H. WALLMAN KW
DEPUTY COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

JULIE SCHRAGER JSS
SPECIAL ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES OF BOSNIA CRASH VICTIMS

Since shortly after the crash of Secretary Brown's plane near Dubrovnik, our office, along with several others in the White House, including Evelyn Lieberman, Kitty Higgins and Alexis Herman, has been working with the Departments of Commerce, Defense, and Justice on compensation and other concerns raised by the families of those who died in the Bosnia crash.

This memorandum briefly describes the Administration's efforts to assist the families of the federal civilian employees who died in the April 1996 airplane crash over Dubrovnik. It is occasioned by an August 10, 1996 letter from Karen and Darrell Darling, the parents of a Department of Commerce employee, Adam Darling, who died in the crash. The letter, written by the Darlings for themselves and on behalf of other families, raises several concerns and makes a number of requests for additional steps that the federal government could take to assist and comfort the bereaved families.

More specifically, the Darling letter raised concerns regarding the Air Force's investigation of the crash, its meting out of punishment to those judged responsible, and its responsiveness to the families; asked for a high-level Administration contact for the victims' families; expressed interest in a public memorial in the United States; and urged additional financial and emotional support for the families.

While the concerned Cabinet departments already have done a number of things to address the issues identified by the Darlings, we are continuing to work with the departments to ensure that they have done the maximum possible to meet those concerns. A status report follows.

Information about the Air Force Crash Investigation

- Two days after the accident, the Air Force created an Aircraft Accident Investigation Board, which determined, in brief, that there were three causes of the crash: a failure of command, air crew error, and an improperly-designed instrument approach procedure at the Dubrovnik Airport. In June, the Board issued an extensive report and individually briefed each of the victims' families on the Board's findings. The Air Force further has followed up by providing written and oral responses to family members who have questions about the crash and the Air Force investigation.

- Seventeen Air Force personnel have been disciplined as a result of the Air Force investigation. Two former Commanders and the Vice Commander of the 86th Airlift Wing at Ramstein Air Base in Germany have been relieved of their command. Several others received written letters of reprimand. The Darling's letter indicates that the families were initially told that courts martial would be convened. We will inquire at the Department of Defense about the circumstances of that briefing and what exactly was said.

- In response to the families' interest in having a contact person outside the Air Force, we asked the Department of Defense to identify a senior contact person at the Office of the Secretary level. Accordingly, from now on, Ed Dorn, the Department of Defense's Undersecretary for Personnel, will act as the Administration contact for the military and civilian victims' families. We have drafted a letter for your signature to the Darlings that responds to them on this point and identifies Mr. Dorn as the new contact person.

- In addition, Kitty Higgins and John Emerson will remain the White House contacts with the Darlings.

Funeral Expenses, Death Benefits and Other Compensation

- The spouses and children of military and civilian victims will receive varying pensions and life insurance benefits, amounting to, in some cases, up to 75% of the victim's annual compensation.

- The Federal Employees' Compensation Act (discussed below) is the exclusive remedy for families of federal employees who die in job-related accidents such as this one. Thus, the families are barred from bringing suit against the government.

- The Department of Commerce has raised over $70,000 in charitable contributions from government employees and private parties to pay outstanding funeral or moving expenses for Commerce families. They have just begun to distribute funds. Any extra funds may be applied to pay the educational expenses of the children of Commerce crash victims.

- The Department of Commerce and the Air Force are negotiating with American Express to help families collect life insurance benefits on behalf of victims who paid for any portion of their trips with American Express cards. If successful, this negotiation could yield a benefit of $200,000 per family.

- Families of military victims received about $10,000 each as a "death gratuity" and toward funeral expenses.

- However, under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA), families of civilian victims were eligible to receive only $1,000 for funeral and related expenses, which is clearly an inadequate and outdated amount. In order to fix this, we have prepared language for the continuing resolution that would authorize all federal departments and agencies to provide a $10,000 death benefit to civilian employees who die while performing government work. Such payments could be made with regard to any death that occurred since 1990, the date when the $10,000 benefit level was established for military personnel. Thus, families who lost members in this crash or in the Oklahoma City bombing, for example, would be eligible for such payments. This would place the families of civilian government employees in the same position as the families of military employees with respect to this category of benefits. This would help with some of the short-term needs of families who had moving expenses and the like.

I think it should be more 50,000?

- Families of both civilian and military victims were provided with transportation and lodging at Dover Air Force Base at the time that the victims' bodies were returned to the United States.

Support of Families

- Five Department of Commerce employees continue to serve as liaisons to the Commerce victims' families, coordinating with the Air Force, the State Department, and the White House to ensure that families have all relevant, available information about the crash and potential benefits.

- Undersecretary Dorn at the Department of Defense will supplement Commerce's efforts and coordinate with the Air Force. We have emphasized with the Department that Mr. Dorn's designation is intended to remedy the difficulties experienced by the Darlings and the other families in dealing with the Air Force by ensuring that their concerns receive prompt attention at a high level in the Department. We have emphasized the importance of making this new arrangement workable for the families.

Permanent Memorials

- The State Department dedicated a plaque in honor of all of the crash victims this summer. The plaque is not yet on display because the State Department is still looking for a permanent location. We will follow up with them to ensure that a decision is made reasonably promptly so that the families may be informed.

- Commerce plans to create a memorial for all of the crash victims to be dedicated on or about April 3, 1997, depending upon the families' availability. We will check with the Commerce Department to ensure that the Department informs the families of its intention and includes them in the planning of the memorial. In addition, in late October, Secretary Kantor will dedicate a Commerce District Export Assistance Center in Monterey, California in memory of Secretary Brown and Adam Darling.

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President and
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strong health guy -
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 26, 1996

TO: Alexis Herman

FROM: Todd Stern

The attached is forwarded for your information.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 26, 1996

Dr. Robert P. Dugan, Jr.
Vice President for Governmental Affairs
National Association of Evangelicals
1023 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Dr. Dugan:

Thank you for your letter asking that I reconsider my position on the late-term abortion bill in light of Richard Cohen's September 24 column in The Washington Post on that subject. I appreciate the heartfelt concern that you and many other people of faith have about this issue. The truth is that nothing in Mr. Cohen's column is inconsistent with my own views. As I have said on a number of occasions, I would favor legislation banning the "partial-birth" abortion procedure as long as there is an exception to save a woman from death or serious damage to her health. To the extent, as Mr. Cohen suggests, that the procedure is used for non-medical reasons, I think that is wrong and I would sign legislation banning it.

Let me take a moment to explain, as clearly and carefully as I can, the basis for my views on this issue.

I have long opposed late-term abortions except, as the Supreme Court requires, where necessary to protect the life or health of the mother. As Governor of Arkansas, I signed into law a bill that barred third trimester abortions, with an appropriate exception for life or health. I would sign a bill to do the same thing at the federal level if it were presented to me.

The procedure aimed at in H.R. 1833 poses a difficult and disturbing issue, one which I studied and prayed about for many months. Indeed, when I first heard a description of this procedure, I anticipated that I would support the bill. But after I studied the matter and learned more about it, I came to believe that it should be permitted as a last resort when doctors judge it necessary to save a woman's life or to avert serious consequences to her health.

In April, I was joined in the White House by five women who were devastated to learn that their babies had fatal conditions. These women wanted anything other than an abortion, but were advised by their doctors that this procedure was their best chance to avert the risk of death or grave harm, including, in some cases, an inability to bear children. These women gave moving testimony. For them, this was not about choice. Their babies were certain to perish before, during or shortly after birth. The only question was how much grave damage the women were going to suffer. One of them described the serious risks to her health that she faced, including the possibility of hemorrhaging, a ruptured cervix and loss of her ability to bear children in the future. She talked of her predicament:

> "Our little boy had...hydrocephaly. All the doctors told us there was no hope. We asked about in utero surgery, about shunts to remove the fluid, but there was absolutely nothing we could do. I cannot express the pain we still feel. This was our precious little baby, and he was being taken from us before we even had him. This was not our choice, for not only was our son going to die, but the complications of the pregnancy put my health in danger, as well."

Some have raised the question whether this procedure is ever most appropriate as a matter of medical practice. The best answer comes from the medical community, which believes that, in those rare cases where a woman's serious health interests are at stake, the decision of whether to use the procedure should be left to the best exercise of their medical judgment.

The problem with H.R. 1833 is that it provides an exception to the ban on this procedure <u>only</u> when a doctor is convinced that a woman's life is at risk, but not when the doctor believes she faces real, grave risks to her health.

Let me be clear. I have never stated that this procedure, today, is always used in circumstances that meet my standard. But, as I indicated, to the extent that the procedure is used in situations where a woman's serious health interests are not at risk, I do <u>not</u> support such uses, I do not defend them, and I would sign appropriate legislation banning them.

At the same time, I cannot accept a ban on this procedure in those cases where it represents the best hope for a woman to avoid serious risks to her health.

I also understand that many who support this bill believe that a health exception could be stretched to cover almost anything, such as emotional stress, financial hardship or inconvenience. That is not the kind of exception I support. I support an exception that takes effect only where a woman faces real, serious risks to her health. Some have cited cases where fraudulent health reasons are relied upon as an excuse -- excuses I could never condone. But people of good faith must recognize that there are also cases where the health risks facing a woman are deadly serious and real. It is in those cases that I believe an exception to the general ban on the procedure should be allowed.

Further, I reject the view of those who say it is impossible to draft a bill imposing real, stringent limits on the use of this procedure -- a bill making crystal clear that the procedure may be used only in cases where a woman risks death or serious damage to her health, and in no other case. Working in a bipartisan manner, Congress could fashion such a bill.

That is why I asked Congress, by letter dated February 28 and in my veto message, to add a limited exemption for the small number of compelling cases where use of the procedure is necessary to avoid serious health consequences. As I have said before, if Congress produced a bill with such an exemption, I would sign it.

In short, I do not support the use of this procedure on demand or on the strength of mild or fraudulent health complaints. But I do believe that it is wrong to abandon women, like the women I spoke with, whose doctors advise them that they need the procedure to avoid serious injury.

I continue to hope that a solution can be reached on this painful issue. Again, thank you for writing and letting me know your views.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 24, 1996

MR. PRESIDENT:

A letter forwarded by Linda Lader. We will have a reply prepared.

Todd Stern

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Don Argue, Ed.D.
President

September 24, 1996

The President
The White House
Washington,DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Richard Cohen writes in his *Washington Post* column this morning that he was led to believe that "these late-term abortions were extremely rare and performed only when the life of the mother was in danger or the fetus irreparably deformed."

Cohen has since learned that the data contradict what he was told. While remaining a defender of a woman's "right to choose," he now pointedly observes: "But society has certain rights, too, and one of them is to insist that late term abortions — what seems pretty close to infanticide — are severely restricted . . . we are talking about the killing of the fetus — and, too often, not for any urgent medical reason."

If, as Mr. Cohen suggests, you were also misinformed about late-term partial birth abortions, we urge you to reconsider. A word from you could have a profound effect on the upcoming vote in the Senate.

On behalf of millions of pro-life evangelicals across this land we urge you to do the right thing.

Faithfully yours,

Bob Dugan

Robert P. Dugan, Jr.
Vice President for Governmental Affairs

RPDJr:jdk

→ tell him I want to sign a bill that bans late term abortion except when life of mother in danger or serious risk to mother of inability to have future children — which means about 500 out of 13,000 estimated procedures — that's all I ever asked for —

Show this to Leon, others working on — let's get answer ASAP

Thru Sec'y Staff
Pres should know about

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TO: Nancy Hernreich DATE: September 24, 1996

FROM: Jennifer Wolff

FAX NO.: 456-6703

RE: NAE Letter Concerning the Partial Birth Abortion Bill

JIM DORSKIND:

Please coordinate the reply.

MESSAGE:

The National Association of Evangelicals hand delivererd this letter and asked that we pass this on to the President today. In light of the President's conversation with NAE President Don Argue last May, in which the President told Don that he wanted to work with them in fashioning a compromise which would enable him to support restriction on this procedure, Linda asked me to fax this to you. All the best.

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JIM DORSKIND:

Please coordinate the reply.

9/25/96

Todd –
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Dear Mr President,
Thank you
to convene for your people. Thank
you for your [illegible] help to save
a nation. Here at ~~Brick~~ wife, we are
trying to hang there, Mr Toricelli,
is doing his best. Please help with
that abortion issue. I am a dialysis
patient for 12 years, going at Community
Medical center, in Toms River for
treatment, now I went to Brick -
I am a medicare / medicaid
patient - Can you keep it going
smoothly. I am retired from but
it is hard; I can't provide nothing
I would like to work, part/time -
I would like to build a center/

dialysis for Haiti, the desorganized country. Help us please in Brick

Thank You - God bless you

All the Democrats and the people of Brick love you and love your family

Sincerely,

Wasthene Castrong

N.B. Have a wonderful term we'll vote for you.

Listen I am so poor by dialysis I can't change my dirty carpet and my chair - I was a school-Teacher (french) - I like to do something - I know you work hard for your people - We're with you 100/100.

Thank You

Date: September 25, 1996

From the desk of **Beverly P. Ryder**

818- 302-2204
FAX: 818-302-9935

FAX TO: Kevin Varney
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Pages: 9 Including Cover

RE: American Jewish Committee Human Relations Award
California Business Roundtable Agenda

Per our conversation, here is the information regarding the California Business Roundtable and the American Jewish Committee Human Relations Award for John Bryson.

I've enclosed the following information: 1) Copy of the invitation to the American Jewish Committee event; 2) Sample draft letter from President Clinton; 3) California Business Roundtable Agenda; a List of California Business Roundtable members

Jim -

Can we do a standard retirement letter for this supporter from CA. AP

American Jewish Committee

Date: October 2, 1996
Place: Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel
Beverly Hills, California

Logistics: 6:30 p.m. - Cocktails
7:15 p.m. - Dinner and Program

Organization: The American Jewish Committee was founded in
It is the nation's foremost human relations organization whose pr
mission is to protect the rights and liberties of all groups and to strengthen understanding among diverse racial, ethnic and religious communities.

Award: John Bryson, Chairman and CEO of Edison International is being honored with the American Jewish Committee's Human Relations Award. This award recognizes outstanding community leaders for their civic contributions and their efforts to promote the cause of human rights. The recognition of John will focus on his leadership in making Edison International an investor and a leading partner with the communities it serves. Primary areas of the company's involvement is in education, parenting, the environment and local economic development.

Most of the recipients have been CEO's of major corporations in California.

California Business Roundtable

I've enclosed the agenda for the California Business Roundtable meeting for September 30. To reiterate, the Roundtable is closed to the press. Laura is invited attend any part of this meeting. As you'll notice, John Taylor will address the group in the morning. He has a class scheduled for 11 a.m. and will be leaving right after his session.

I have also included a list of the California Business Roundtable members. At this time, I don't know exactly who will be attending the meeting on Monday.

Kevin, thank you for your assistance on this. John is very pleased to have Laura address the Roundtable. Additionally, I know that he will be pleasantly surprised to receive acknowledgment from the President regarding the Human Relations Award.

Please don't hesitate to call me if there is any other assistance you need from me.

Sincerely,

Beverly

September 25, 1996

Mr. John E. Bryson
Chairman of the Board & CEO
Edison International
2244 Walnut Grove Avenue
Rosemead, California 91770

Dear John:

I want to extend my warm congratulations to you on your well deserved honor from the American Jewish Committee.

The Human Relations Award is especially fitting. You and the wonderful company you lead remind me again that America's greatness is the sum of so many individuals who set the standard for charity, tolerance and social progress. As we approach a new millennium, the vision that will make our future history is one of governments, private companies and individuals all accepting the responsibilities of community.

I am deeply grateful for our friendship, John, and your wise counsel in so many areas of public policy. But, as one who is privileged to serve as President, I am most thankful that your service to your community makes this a stronger and more just society. Please extend my best wishes and admiration to all those gathered in your honor tonight, and for the great good work of the American Jewish Committee.

Sincerely,

The American Jewish Committee
Human Relations Award

The Human Relations Award was established to recognize outstanding community leaders for their civic contributions and their efforts to promote the cause of human rights.

Previous Award Recipients

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The American Jewish Committee

The American Jewish Committee, founded in 1906, is this nation's foremost human relations organization. Its mission is to protect the rights and liberties of all groups and to strengthen understanding among diverse racial, ethnic and religious communities.

David P. Rousso
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Presentation of the Human Relations Award

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Wednesday, October 2, 1996

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Reception 6:30 p.m.
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Can we do
Standard retirement
letter - (AP)
Phil

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RE: Vito Pitta letter from BC

CC:

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Message: PMS

(1) Please have letter refer to Vito's long distinguished career as a labor leader

(2) He is retiring

(3) FedEx letter to: Vincent Pitta, ESQ
Richards + O'Neil
885 Third Ave NYC 10022 - 212 207 1219

Vincent will have letter framed - for presentation to Vito.

(4) Thanks

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VITO J. PITTA
**President Emeritus
New York Hotel and Motel
Trades Council, AFL-CIO**

Mr. Vito J. Pitta is President Emeritus of the 25,000 member New York Hotel and Motel Trades Council, AFL-CIO, a council of nine affiliated unions representing non-supervisory workers in New York City's 149 hotels. He was elected to that position on May 31, 1996.

Vito Pitta first became active in the trade union movement at the age of 16, while working at a shoe factory. He was elected a delegate of United Shoe Workers Local 54, and later enlisted in the United States Navy, serving in the Pacific Theater of Operations.

After his honorable discharge in 1946, Mr. Pitta began his career in the hotel industry as a banquet busboy at the Plaza Hotel. He became a banquet waiter there in 1955, and was elected a Business Agent for Local 6, Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees (H.E.R.E.) in 1960. He was elected Vice-President of Local 6 in 1968, Secretary-Treasurer in 1977, and Business Manager in 1979. At that time he was also named as a vice president of the H.E.R.E. International Union. He was elected President of the New York Hotel Trades Council, AFL-CIO, on June 1, 1978.

Mr. Pitta was re-elected Business Manager of Local 6 five times. In January 1995, he voluntarily stepped down as Business Manager and as H.E.R.E. vice president so he could devote his full time and efforts to the industry-wide hotel contract negotiations that were taking place in New York at the time.

During his 18-year tenure as President of the New York Hotel Trades Council, AFL-CIO, Mr. Pitta was responsible for the daily operations of the 25,000 member union and served as the chief negotiator for the industry-wide contracts that have been negotiated with the Hotel Association of New York, Inc. The Union provides a host of services to its membership including free medical, dental and optical coverage, free courses in English, High School Equivalency, and industry-related classes, and the Neighborhood Service Councils which assists members and their families in issues ranging from landlord-tenant disputes to governmental concerns. He has recently negotiated a four-day work week in some hotels, under which members work one less day per week for the same pay as the five day work week. While providing members more time to spend with their families, the plan also has advantages for management, including reduced payroll costs through productivity gains.

A Staten Island resident, Mr. Pitta was appointed by former New York Governor Hugh Carey to serve as a commissioner of the New York State Commission on Tourism. In addition, he has served as a vice president of the New York State AFL-CIO, and as an Executive Board member of the New York City Central Labor Council. He has received numerous awards from labor and civic groups including the Greater New York Union Label, United Jewish Appeal, New York Consumer Assembly, Angel Guardians for the Elderly, Columbus Citizens Committee, United Cerebral Palsy, and State of Israel Bonds. He is a recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and the George Meany Award, an honor bestowed on him by the Boy Scouts of America.

Born in Sicily on November 29, 1926, Mr. Pitta is the father of three children: Vincent, an attorney with the Richards & O'Neil law firm, Tina Bauman and Debra Ward. He has eight grandchildren.