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Dear Mr. President

Please mail an autographed
picture to the
Faculty, Staff, & Students at
Parrish Elementary School
Parrish, Alabama

Shirley Mitchell Teacher
705-28th St. E.
Gasper, AL 35561

Send one to
Mr. Edward White
District 5 Councilman
Gasper, Alabama
P.O. Box 370
Gasper, AL 35561

10/29/96

Jim -

This was handed
to Phil on the last
trip. Can you handle?
Thank you.

Carol Church

Carol

Lakeisha Hill
4700 N. Mumford Rd.
Macon, GA. 31210
October 8, 1996

96 OCT 29 A 7:35

Dear Mr. President,

Hi my name is Lakeisha Hill. I'm in Georgia Children's Home in Macon, Georgia. I have a concern about Federal Funding For Children that are in the custody of the state. I understand that state government is required to take care of our needs, but I also feel that the federal government has a responsibility to increase finical aid. For example: I'm sixteen years old and had to find a summer job just to buy my necessities for this school term. My county didn't give me anything for school. Some counties give more than other counties and 10% of the counties have to struggle to provide for us. I think that the money should be equal through the whole nation. There should be a law that requires equal amount of money per child in each county. This should cover the basic needs of the child. Thank you for your time and your cooperation. I hope to hear from you very soon. Will you please write me back and let me know how you feel about this subject.

10/29/96

and to Densland for reply per
Phil Caplan.

Carol

Respectfully,

Lakeisha N. Hill

Lakeisha
Hill

96 OCT 29

A 7:13

October 26, 1996

Dear Mr. President of the United States of America;

My name is Bahman Momsef. I have lived here in Lake Charles, Louisiana for six years. I live at 2024 Briar Trail Dr. I am 70 years old and I am originally from Iran. I am writing to you because I have a lot of heart problems and a few nervous problems in my brain. I can not travel at this time, sir. I have a doctor here in Lake Charles and I need to have surgery. I wish for you to help me to stay in your country for at least six more months so I can get the medical care I need. There is not the appropriate medical care in my country. I have my own money and I can pay my own bills, so therefore I will cause no personal or economic threat to this society. I am currently dealing with Immigration in New Orleans and have been for some time and I am not illegal or any of the sort. Please sir if you can help me I would be most grateful and thankful to you. I need to stay here for at least six months more so I can have the necessary medical treatment. Thankyou, I know that you are a busy man and you hold the most important office in the world. I also know that you are a very good man and I admire you. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Bahman Monsef
2024 Briar Trail Dr.
(318) 474-8887
(318) 436-7508
Lake Charles, La 70615

10/29/96

Send to Derstine for reply (per
Phil Caplan).

Carol.



Jim Dorskind

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 8, 1996

Mr. John M. Doe
Title
Organization
Business Adr1
Business Adr2
Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

Dear John:

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about education in America.

I am pleased that our nation's commitment to education has stood firm. Education is the key to success in today's economy, and I am glad that my commitment to renewing educational opportunities at all levels is supported in the fiscal 1997 appropriations. Congress has restored critical educational programs at a level that is 15 percent greater than that of fiscal 1996. The result is a plan for fiscal 1997 that continues our work to improve education, while keeping the deficit on a downward path.

Government must work in partnership with educators, administrators, community leaders, and parents to set tough academic standards and encourage lifelong learning for all Americans. Our success in boosting wages and strengthening our nation's economy depends on the skill and education of our people. The work we are doing now is a valuable investment in the future of our country.

I appreciate knowing your views ~~and look forward to your~~
J ~~help~~ as we continue our efforts to foster excellence in American education.

Sincerely,

(10/8/96)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 18, 1996

Mr. John M. Doe
Title
Organization
Business Adr1
Business Adr2
Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

Dear John:

Thank you for your message regarding tobacco products.

Adults are capable of making their own decisions about smoking. Overwhelming evidence shows, however, that children are particularly susceptible to tobacco marketing. Some 3,000 boys and girls take up smoking every day, and millions will ultimately die younger because of it. If we are to ensure a healthy future for our children, we must act now to stop them from smoking.

Therefore, I was proud to announce in August my initiative to reduce tobacco use by children. It will limit minors' access to tobacco and also curb the promotion and advertising that enhance the appeal of tobacco products to young people.

✓ The FDA has issued a new rule that is ^{the} cornerstone of my initiative. To restrict youth access, the rule will require retailers to verify age by photo ID before selling cigarettes or smokeless tobacco; ban cigarette vending machines and self-service displays in areas accessible to children; and eliminate free samples and the sale of loose single cigarettes and "kiddie packs," which are packets containing a small number of cigarettes and are more affordable for children.

To prevent tobacco companies from marketing their products to children, the FDA rule will ban outdoor billboards within 1,000 feet of schools or playgrounds; require most other tobacco advertising to use a black-and-white, text-only format, eliminating the use of images and colors that appeal to children; prohibit the sale or giveaway of products such as caps and T-shirts carrying tobacco brand names; and prevent tobacco companies from sponsoring sporting or entertainment events using brand names of tobacco products.

This initiative does not constitute a ban on smoking or a threat to the First Amendment. Adults remain free to choose to smoke and advertisers remain free to reach them through appropriate media. Rather, we are taking commonsense steps that will help us forge a better future for all of our children. I appreciate knowing your views on this important issue.

Sincerely,

(10/18/96)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 15, 1996

Mr. John M. Doe
Title
Organization
Business Adr1
Business Adr2
Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

Dear John:

Thank you for sharing your concerns about the environment.

As we prepare to meet the challenges of the next century, protecting the environment remains one of our most vital missions. My Administration is working hard for changes that Americans want and need -- real changes that will preserve and restore our environment, foster sustainable economic growth, and guarantee a healthy world for future generations. We have forged partnerships between industry, government, and environmentalists, bringing people together to solve issues that were previously a source of gridlock, and working to meet the needs of the present without jeopardizing our future. In addition, we have consistently resisted congressional attempts to roll back twenty-five years of environmental protections.

My Administration has expanded right-to-know programs that require industry to provide public information about toxic releases; we have acted to reduce air pollution from factories and dioxin emissions from incinerators; and we have phased out dozens of hazardous pesticides. In addition, we have strengthened protection for Yellowstone and other national parks, developed a comprehensive program to restore the Florida Everglades, and improved programs that protect our natural resources and biodiversity.

Building on these accomplishments, *and when? Still "recently"?* I recently signed the Safe Drinking Water Act to ensure clean, healthy water for all Americans. I have announced a new national commitment to protect communities from toxic pollution by the year 2000. This effort will accelerate and expand the Superfund program, increase penalties on criminal polluters, and better protect our families and natural heritage. Moreover, I was proud to designate a new national monument in southern Utah, preserving this precious area so that we and our children can enjoy its natural wonder for years to come.

Environmental protection for the health and safety of all Americans is one of my Administration's highest priorities. I am confident that our initiatives will help our nation meet the many environmental challenges we face. Together, we can ensure that the world we leave to future generations holds the same promise and opportunity as the one we inherited.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

the [name of monument]

(10/15/96)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 21, 1996

Mr. John M. Doe
Title
Organization
Business Adr1
Business Adr2
Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

Dear John:

✓ Thank you for letting me know of your ~~deep~~ concerns on the issue of America's children and families. As President and as a parent, I believe that we have a ~~solemn~~ obligation to put the needs of our children first and to help families succeed. This is an age of enormous possibility, and to make the most of it, we must meet our challenges and protect the values that support our families.

Because education is the key to taking advantage of new opportunities, we expanded Head Start. We have challenged the private sector ~~and every community~~ to help us connect every classroom to the information superhighway by the end of this decade and to provide every child the tools to become technologically literate for success in the 21st century. We have made college scholarships easier to get and student loans less expensive. Now we must make the 13th and 14th years of education as much of a universal standard as high school is today, by giving American families tuition tax credits to pay for two years at a typical community college.

We must also continue to demand responsibility from everyone to mend our social fabric. We are helping to put an end to the cycle of poverty, and we are reforming the welfare system -- since we started, there are already 1.3 million fewer people on the welfare rolls. Working to ensure that no parent has to raise children in poverty, we have increased the Earned Income Tax Credit to allow more families to qualify for tax rebates. In addition, I was delighted to sign into law an increase in the minimum wage that will help 10 million Americans and their families succeed.

We are taking other steps to strengthen our nation's families, as well. I worked hard for, and was proud to sign both the Family Medical Leave Act and meaningful health care reform legislation to protect America's families. We are giving parents more control over what their children see on television, through the V-chip and through a requirement that broadcasters air at least three hours per week of quality educational programming for children. We proposed targeted measures to cut off children's access to tobacco products and reduce the appeal of tobacco advertising to children. And we have ensured that the food we eat, the water we drink, and the air we breathe are all as safe as we can make them.

I want to build a bridge to the twenty-first century wide enough and strong enough for every American to cross together. Each of us has a role to play in building that bridge. Thank you for doing your part.

Sincerely,



(10/21/96)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 8, 1996

Mr. John M. Doe
Title
Organization
Business Adr1
Business Adr2
Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

Dear John:

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with me regarding the hiring of permanent replacement workers.

On March 8, 1995, I issued an executive order banning the use of permanent replacement workers by employers who have contracts with the federal government. As you know, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit blocked enforcement of this order. While I firmly believe that my executive order was within the law, further litigation on the validity of the Order would not be productive.

My Administration continues to believe that protecting legally striking employees from the threat of permanent replacement is an important component in promoting the kind of stable collective bargaining relationship necessary to maintain our nation's productivity. Permanently replacing legally striking workers makes labor disputes worse for all concerned. Please be assured that we will continue to explore ways to protect the rights of American workers, to promote stable collective bargaining, and to ensure the efficient ~~completion~~ of government contracts.

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Sincerely,



(10/8/96)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 21, 1996

Mr. John M. Doe
Title

Organization

Business Adrl

Business Adr2

Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

Dear John:

Thank you for your message about the AIDS epidemic. I'm glad you took the time to let me know your views.

This past year has brought new reason for hope and optimism. New drugs are showing very promising results in halting the progress of HIV disease. But, as my recent visit to the Names Quilt on the Mall here in Washington, made clear, too many of our friends and loved ones are dying of this terrible disease and there is still a great deal of work to do. I am committed to building on our work and strengthening our national leadership in the war against AIDS.

That is why I am so pleased by the recent enactment of the Omnibus Appropriations and Immigration Act of 1996. That new law includes substantial, across-the-board increases in funding for AIDS research, prevention, treatment, and housing. It increases funds for the Ryan White CARE Act by 31.5 percent and triples funding specifically set aside for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, which helps thousands of people living with HIV gain access to life-extending treatments.

I was also pleased that Congress agreed to delete provisions in the immigration reform act that would have unfairly penalized legal immigrants living with HIV/AIDS. Discrimination against people living with this disease goes against all that we believe in as Americans.

Finally, I am gratified that we were successful in preserving the Medicaid safety net. More than 50 percent of Americans living with AIDS -- including more than 90 percent of children with AIDS -- rely on Medicaid as a lifeline of support. I have vetoed one bill that would have taken away that guarantee of coverage, and I will do so again if Congress ever passes such a bill again.

I remain committed to fighting HIV and AIDS. Working together, we can defeat AIDS and create a more secure future for all of us.

I appreciate your interest in this most important issue.

Sincerely,

(10/21/96)

-- a toll made poignantly clear by the Names Quilt I recently visited when it was on display here in Washington. SS We still have a great deal of work to do in the battle against AIDS.

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Last year, when Congress passed a bill that would have taken away that guarantee of coverage, I vetoed it.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 11, 1996

Mr. John M. Doe

Title

Organization

Business Adr1

Business Adr2

Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

Dear John:

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about student aid programs. Knowing your ideas is important to me as we work to ^{ensure that} open the doors of opportunity for education and training ^{are open to} for all Americans.

In 1993, I was proud to sign into law the National and Community Service Act and the Student Loan Reform Act, which allow students to borrow money for education and training directly from the government. These programs, along with Pell Grants, work-study, and other scholarship and fellowship programs, provide effective financial support to eligible students across the country.

The fiscal 1997 budget reflects my Administration's commitment to expanding educational opportunities in our nation. It increases the Pell Grant maximum to \$2,700, provides the Federal Work-Study program with \$830 million in funding, and restores full funding of direct college loans. In fiscal 1997, the Pell Grant program will serve about 3.8 million needy students, and the Federal Work-Study program will assist thousands of students in financing their postsecondary education costs through part-time employment. Colleges, universities, and vocational schools can continue to choose the federal aid program -- either the Federal Direct Student Loan Program or a bank-based, guaranteed student loan program -- that best serves the needs of their students and ensures access to flexible student loan repayment options.

My HOPE scholarship initiative would provide a \$1,500 refundable tax credit for a student's first two years of postsecondary education. I have also proposed a maximum \$10,000 tax deduction for tuition and fees paid for any year of postsecondary education or for courses that enable students to acquire or improve job skills.

Flexible loan options enable graduates to select jobs without undue concern about rigid repayment schedules. In order to ensure fair access to financial aid for all students, we will continue to take steps to prevent borrowers from defaulting on loans. Through these initiatives, deserving students will be able to pursue their education without creating an unfair burden on taxpayers.

As we work to make the dream of a college education a reality for more Americans, I look forward to your ^{appropriate} continued involvement. ^{interests.}

Sincerely,



(10/11/96)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 18, 1996

Mr. John M. Doe
Title
Organization
Business Adr1
Business Adr2
Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

Dear John:

Thank you for writing to me about the threat of terrorism in our nation and around the world. I share your concern about these vicious attacks and am committed to doing all we can to prevent them.

Terrorism is an outrage wherever it occurs. Violent acts have occurred around the globe, from the subways in Tokyo to ~~the~~ Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta. Our country still mourns those who died in the bombing of an Oklahoma City federal building over one year ago. Too many innocent lives have been lost in these and other random acts of violence.

For this reason, I'm making the fight against terrorism a national security priority. We have increased security for air travelers and are giving law enforcement officials more powerful tools to combat terrorism. We are also working more closely with other countries to prevent future terrorist attacks.

I hope you will continue to stay involved in the issues that affect all of us. Best wishes for a safe and successful future.

Sincerely,

(10/18/96)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 15, 1996

Mr. John M. Doe
Title
Organization
Business Adr1
Business Adr2
Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

Dear John:

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about older Americans.
I appreciate knowing your concerns.

As a group, older Americans have contributed to -- and benefited greatly -- from the social compact first forged sixty years ago when President Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act, a compact later strengthened by Medicare, Medicaid, and the Older Americans Act.

We have an obligation to our parents and children to protect Social Security for the future. Under my Administration, we have done just that, making the Social Security Administration an independent agency, reducing backlogs, and upgrading services. We must not do anything that would undermine our commitment to Social Security and the values it represents.

Social Security's firm financial footing will continue ^{well} into the next century, but most experts agree that steps will be needed to address its long-term financing ~~and demographic changes~~. We should address these long-term issues as we have in the past -- through serious, bipartisan efforts that put politics aside. This approach is essential to allow all parties to focus on ensuring that Social Security will continue to provide the same true security it has provided millions of older Americans for decades.

I will continue to work with Congress to guarantee that our nation keeps its contract with older Americans into the twenty-first century.

Sincerely,



(10/15/96)