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Nancy - Have a good, long weekend. I hope you get some time off while the President goes on vacation.

Ruth sends her regards to you. Please tell Bruce, Betty, et al we're glad that you're all hung in there.

— Derek



Embassy of the United States of America

Friday, Nov. 8

Duck

Dear Mr. President,

I've been repeating your "vital center" line, as well as America as the "indispensable nation" - good words. Arthur Schlesinger will be pleased. As you know, he wrote a book titled THE VITAL CENTER (perhaps, you can recruit Arthur for some words for the Inauguration). We had Ken Dalbraith here as guests last week, and he spoke warmly about his dinner with you at the White House awhile ago. He and Arthur both deserve Medals of Freedom - or whatever honors are available. For 88, Ken kept up an amazing schedule of talks and lunches.

Ruth sends a hug to both of you. Have a good vacation in Hawaii.

We're watching Anthony's 5-ball team - They're leading the league - on Saturday, as well as going to the Embassy Marine Ball.

We're look forward to seeing you after Thanksgiving.

Warmest Regards,

Duck

Your farewell words to Chris were great. We saw it live on CNN last night.

Itälehti, November 7, 1996

**Ambassador Derek Shearer's Assessment
on his President's Supply of Energy:**

**THE PACE DOES NOT KILL,
NOR DOES THE LENGTH OF THE TRIP**

The world has nothing to worry about. Clinton will continue his ~~criticized~~ programs at home and contribute to solving problems in Ireland, the Middle East and Bosnia while pondering NATO enlargement and cooperation with the Republicans.

Discussing the implications of President Clinton's victory on Wednesday with journalists U.S. Ambassador to Finland Derek Shearer said that Clinton's policies will not become more conservative or hard-line, even though he no longer needs to worry about re-election. "I don't like to use these Cold War terms. Political left and right no longer exist in the traditional sense."

American politics has become increasingly practical. Reforms are no longer measured against their popularity among the working class because the traditional blue-collar working class no longer exist. "In paper factories, for example, workers use computers as they do everywhere."

Clinton's policy on children and young Americans seeks first to provide health care to all children, and secondly, access to Internet to every child. All must also have the opportunity to study "in the best system of universities" in the world.

Losers Ride Wrong Horses

Shearer listed several reasons for the Republicans' defeat. In the old terminology, conservative Republicans opposed Clinton's health care, education and environmental problems which the voters endorsed. Thus, the Republicans criticized policies that the majority of voters supported.

Also in foreign affairs, the Republicans were riding the wrong horses. Isolationism is not in vogue either in the U.S. or in Europe.

Clinton seeks to cooperate closely with the Republicans during his second term and, according to Shearer, they cannot afford to refuse the offer. Otherwise, the Republicans could be criticized for their inability to do team work. That, in turn, could be used as a weapon in the next election campaign.

The Ambassador refuses to speculate on the fate of the Ambassadors. Possible changes in the Embassy will not happen before next year. That is because Clinton

will now spend time with his family and focus on his tour of Asia.

Caption: Ambassador Derek Shearer and his wife, Ruth Goldway, assert that Clinton's unending supply of energy will produce good results during his second term as well, although the American political system normally rewards its leaders with early old age.