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POTUS
file
from Arthur

NAVY

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
Kristin, 1-15-97

18/11

As we discussed, the card from
Holland Park State School to welcome
Mr & Mrs Clinton is enclosed. My
daughter Elisabeth is in Class 7C.—
I don't quite know where all the
American sentiment stems from but
the production of such a card is interesting
from a bunch of 12 year olds.

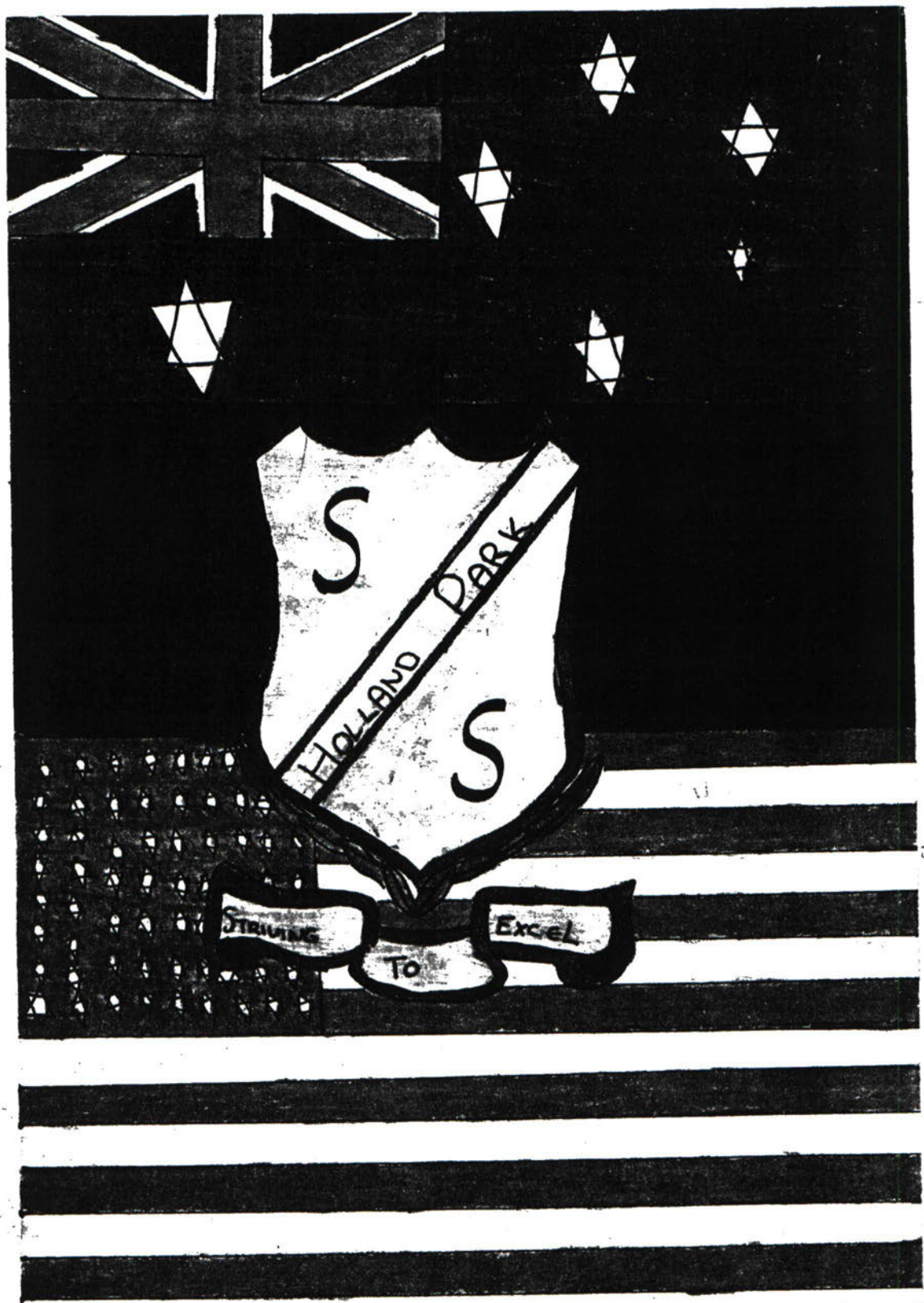
Hope you can get it to the touring
party.

Best regards
Jan W.

JIM DORSKIND:

Please coordinate
the reply.

Rebecca—
from HRC
for POTUS
files.
Pam



Brisbane.

Welcome to Queensland!
Rhonda Kretschmer

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1-15-97

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

JIM DORSKIND:

Please coordinate
the reply.

January 13, 1997

Mr. President:

Per your request, attached are your
three National Security Strategy
Reports (NSSR).

I depart the White House for sea next
month and am taking advantage of this
forwarding note to let you know what an
honor it has been to serve on your NSC
staff as a Navy officer. I have
enjoyed trying to capture in the NSSRs
your ideas on the new national security
challenges which increasingly threaten
us from within, as well as from afar.

But more than that, I have watched with
pride as you have reached out to our
military as their Commander-in-Chief,
from today's Medal of Honor ceremony to
Admiral Burke's funeral. I want to
thank you for that, for how much you
have supported our Armed Forces, and
for the pleasure of having served you
on the staff of the National Security
Council.

Very respectfully,

Attachments not
returned.

Joseph Sestak
Joseph Sestak
Captain USN

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RALPH LAUREN

December 16, 1996

Dear Mr. President:

From our family to yours we wish you a Happy Christmas and a joyful and safe New Year.

Thank you for inviting us to share the holiday spirit with you and the First Lady at your White House Holiday Dinner. Unfortunately, we have plans to be out of the country with our family and are unable to attend.

I hope we will have another chance to see you both soon, and to congratulate you in person and wish you well for the next four years.

Until then, our best holiday cheer and congratulations on your recent victory.

Ralph + Becky

JIM DORSKIND:
Please coordinate
the reply.

Letters to:

RALPH LAUREN

TOMMY HILFIGER

1-15-96

1-8-97

Potus wanted thank you
letters — attached is incoming
letter — Potus request was
about 2 weeks ago. B



Embassy of the United States of America

Gaborone, Botswana
January 9, 1997

'97 JAN 14 PM 12:27

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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In forming your new team, you have wisely chosen as your Ambassador to Botswana Bill Richardson. His courage, justice have those of us who long respected. It seems a surprise with distinct

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Or sent to NSC?
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Yet, as we know, even those who serve with distinction in the world of politics and government sometimes choose to enter different arenas. My first request in this letter is therefore to ask, should Bill Richardson leave the U.N. before your time in office is complete, if you might then consider me for that assignment. Ever since John F. Kennedy appointed Adlai Stevenson to that position, the opportunity to espouse the best principles of American democracy and human justice in that forum has seemed to me a compelling opportunity for international service. So, should that position become open and you not have another candidate immediately in mind, I would be honored to receive your consideration.

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The President
January 9, 1997
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Nevertheless, should you conclude that I have the capacity to serve in a more broadly challenging assignment, I wonder whether I might be considered for the position of Ambassador to Japan?

While I can, of course, supply a rationale for why I believe I could serve you and our nation well in either of these two posts, I will not take your time here by seeking to trumpet my own virtues. It seems more appropriate to reach into that repertoire only if I were to learn that, now or in the future, you might want to consider me for either of those assignments.

Before closing, let me state again that I am honored to serve currently as your Ambassador to Botswana, and, even as I would look forward to serving in any position where you felt I might appropriately meet your needs, I also derive deep satisfaction for our nation and for the world, to know that its foremost leader is a man who combines the intelligence, compassion, and sensitivity of William Jefferson Clinton.

My congratulations as you lead toward the next millenium.

Yours sincerely,


Robert Krueger

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 15, 1997

To: Elena Kagan

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Todd Stern



'97 JAN 13 PM 12:18

ACOG *Statement of Policy*

As issued by the ACOG Executive Board

STATEMENT ON INTACT DILATATION AND EXTRACTION

The debate regarding legislation to prohibit a method of abortion, such as the legislation banning "partial birth abortion," and "brain sucking abortions," has prompted questions regarding these procedures. It is difficult to respond to these questions because the descriptions are vague and do not delineate a specific procedure recognized in the medical literature. Moreover, the definitions could be interpreted to include elements of many recognized abortion and operative obstetric techniques.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) believes the intent of such legislative proposals is to prohibit a procedure referred to as "Intact Dilatation and Extraction" (Intact D & X). This procedure has been described as containing all of the following four elements:

1. deliberate dilatation of the cervix, usually over a sequence of days;
2. instrumental conversion of the fetus to a footling breech;
3. breech extraction of the body excepting the head; and
4. partial evacuation of the intracranial contents of a living fetus to effect vaginal delivery of a dead but otherwise intact fetus.

Because these elements are part of established obstetric techniques, it must be emphasized that unless all four elements are present in sequence, the procedure is not an intact D & X.

Abortion intends to terminate a pregnancy while preserving the life and health of the mother. When abortion is performed after 16 weeks, intact D & X is one method of terminating a pregnancy. The physician, in consultation with the patient, must choose the most appropriate method based upon the patient's individual circumstances.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), only 5.3% of abortions performed in the United States in 1993, the most recent data available, were performed after the 16th week of pregnancy. A preliminary figure published by the CDC for 1994 is 5.6%. The CDC does not collect data on the specific method of abortion, so it is unknown how many of these were performed using intact D & X. Other data show that second trimester transvaginal instrumental abortion is a safe procedure.

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STATEMENT ON INTACT DILATATION AND EXTRACTION (continued)**Page Two**

Terminating a pregnancy is performed in some circumstances to save the life or preserve the health of the mother. Intact D & X is one of the methods available in some of these situations. A select panel convened by ACOG could identify no circumstances under which this procedure, as defined above, would be the only option to save the life or preserve the health of the woman. An intact D & X, however, may be the best or most appropriate procedure in a particular circumstance to save the life or preserve the health of a woman, and only the doctor, in consultation with the patient, based upon the woman's particular circumstances can make this decision. The potential exists that legislation prohibiting specific medical practices, such as intact D & X, may outlaw techniques that are critical to the lives and health of American women. The intervention of legislative bodies into medical decision making is inappropriate, ill advised, and dangerous.

Approved by the Executive Board
January 12, 1997

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1-15-97

To Sorely - sulast pour

CHRISTOPHER ASHBY

17 Side Hill Rd.
Westport, CT 06880

December 16, 1996

Dear Bill,

I have taken a while to write this letter, as the length may indicate, but I thought it was important. As you and I discussed briefly in Chicago, history has indicated that second terms are generally disappointing. You have a real opportunity to confound that trend.

During your first term, a lot of good things happened. People felt that, and you were re-elected. Now you need to inspire us to do great things. Eisenhower built the interstate highway system, which certainly had greater impact and was perhaps a greater technological achievement than going to the moon. But what we remember is Kennedy, not for his deeds but for his inspiration.

I read recently that between about 1980 and 1994, highway traffic deaths reduced by 50%. The reason for this was not what you might imagine; not smaller or lighter cars, nor better highways, not safer cars or 55 mph speed limits. The reason was that we used the seat belts in 1994 that we had in 1980. The reason was our activities and our attitudes. There are some very serious problems looming. If we take them seriously and change the way we do things in response to the challenge, you will have changed America and the world we lead.

For instance

Public education does not work.

Its worse in the inner cities, but even in the affluent suburbs, it does not work. It does not work for the same reason that Congress could not close military bases. The political process can no longer produce good public education. Either we take education out of the political process through vouchers or some other means, or we get grass roots activity to be oriented toward improving education. We must start with the proposition that schools are to educate kids, not ego trips for politically active parents or teachers. You told me once that all the problems of education have been solved - somewhere. The problem is recognizing the solutions and disseminating them. But the first problem is to create a national passion for the solution, and the recognition that future preference is necessary.

The growing disparity of income in this country.

If you believe that this is a critical problem to be confronted, then things like a graduated income tax and labor unions take on a different cast. So does affirmative action. If we can come to a consensus as a nation that the growth in income disparity has to be

stopped and reversed, then the various contributors to the solution are not judged just on their individual merit, but on how they contribute to the solution. I personally believe this is our most critical long range national problem. (But I promised not to advocate, just enumerate)

Medical cost

The attached article is a classic. Economists and social Darwinians have been decrying the slow but constant reduction in the savings rate in this country as a sign we were growing fat, materialistic, and "me" oriented. But guess what, we were saving less because we were spending more on medical cost. Therefore, we can add to all the previously recognized problems of the cost of medical system the additional problems of reduced investment and R&D, high personal debt, rising bankruptcies, and all of the other things which a low savings rate implies. You may feel you are not the appropriate one to tackle this issue, and you may be right. But it is just as much a problem as in 1993, and the trend is not good.

Dependence on oil, especially imported oil.

If I were a terrorist bent on destroying the United States, I would try to figure out how to dramatically raise interest rates. The increase in the federal debt service cost would be devastating. The only way I can think of to raise interest rates is to dramatically increase the price of oil. And of course, in the longer but not so long run, oil will begin to peter out. It may drop off rather abruptly. Our dependence on imported oil is a problem. Our depend on petroleum and our consumption of petroleum generated energy is a ticking bomb. We have a real national problem of avoiding bad news on this issue.

The Debt (not the Deficit)

I have an idea. I read a view of a new book by Peter Peterson which repeats the fact that when you, me and the rest of the boomers start to retire, the burden on Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid will be more than the country can bear. However, the only reason that is true is because at the same time they have to pay for us, they have to pay the interest on the debt. So my idea is, we should make a deal with the boomers. They pay down the debt that, for the most part, was spent on them when they were in their 30s and 40s during the Reagan Bush area. Then the next generation can afford to take care of us. My point is that we have got to start to focus on the debt, not the deficit. We have to raise the bar so that we realize that arguing about accounting conventions and timing of reductions is not the point. The point is that we have to reduce the deficit to a point of surplus so we can retire some of the debt, so that all of the catastrophes that are about to befall our generation can be managed.

America's Place in the World

You are going to be a very important President the history of this country because you will be the first President after a major war. The first President after our big wars, through their successes or failures, have set the direction for the country for generations to follow. Test my logic; Truman, Wilson, Andrew Johnson, Washington. Truman and Washington succeeded in setting the direction they wanted, and we prospered

Saved

handsomely. Wilson and Johnson failed in their efforts, and we suffered. As the first President after the Cold War, you will determine what is our new direction, what is our new image of ourselves. You said once, I believe it was before we sent troops to Bosnia, that we were not the world's policeman, we could not do everything, but we should do what we could. The problem is not that we have not clearly defined our national interest. nor is it not having clear, limited objectives and an exit strategy. The problems is will, and right now we have not got much. We need to be willing to do what we can. We need to accept that what we can do is limited, but even limited objectives have costs. We have to decide who we are and where we are going, and what we are willing to pay to get there. Stop putting flags at half-mast when troops get killed for trying to do what they exist to do. It is part of being who we are. We must come to a consensus as to what is our role, and what type of leadership we are willing to exert. You must lead us, but you cannot pull us. We have to be willing to do it ourselves.

There are area number of less weighty questions that will have long range implications, such as the United Nations and our position in it. We lost a vote for Secretary General 14-1. That has never happened when it did not involve Israel. Our position in the UN is approaching a crisis.

So, you don't lack for opportunities to be great. Pick one. Get people to focus on it. Get them worried/ concerned/ mad as hell, and they will solve it. Great Presidents don't do great things, they get the rest of us to do great things. You do not have to take dramatic action, you just have to begin.

*Best Regards
Kit*

PS - Kofi Annan is a friend of mine and an excellent choice.

PSS- This is going to be a great 4 years.

'97 JAN 13 PM2:15

United States Senate

January 9, 1997 MEMORANDUM

Dear Ms. Currie:

Senator Hatch asked me to send these photographs to the President hoping that he will sign them.

Could he please sign one to Elaine, Senator Hatch's wife, and one to Roberta?

Thanks so much for your help.

When signed please send to:

Julie Tinman
Office of Senator Orrin Hatch
Washington, DC 20510

Sincerely,

Julie

Julie Tinman
202-224-9852

FROM OVAL

Send to Dorskind for reply?

_____ YES

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to G9 Affairs

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

DATE: January 16, 1997

TO: Sylvia Mathews

FROM: Staff Secretary

Yes, within limits. A few
notes very occasionally. For the
Cabinet Retreat, it would be fine.

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Please
Send to
Todd
Stewart
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BLAIR HOUSE
THE PRESIDENT'S GUEST HOUSE

'97 JAN 13 PM4:05

TODD:

Does the POTUS send
notes to people? E.g.
if you send in a
note:

"Kitty thanks
~~for~~ to you and
your team for
their efforts
what was a very
successful retreat
will he sign it?

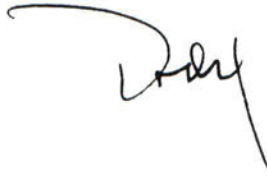
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

DATE: 1-16

John P.
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TO: Don
Michael
FROM: Staff Secretary

Any comment?



January 15, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR THE STAFF SECRETARY

'97 JAN 16 AM9:43

FROM: ELAINE KAMARCK
SUBJECT: POTUS FOREWORD

Request your approval of the attached foreword from the President for inclusion in an NPR publication.

The Vice President plans to publish the REGO portion of his presentation at the Cabinet Retreat in the form of a pamphlet. The booklet will be distributed to senior political and career leaders and managers throughout the government to provide them with the President's and Vice President's vision for governing in a balanced budget world. The foreword will go at the beginning of the publication.

We hope to have the booklet printed on Friday evening.

Should you have questions, you can contact me at x62816.

Blair House Papers

Foreword
by
President Bill Clinton

Big government is finished, but big challenges are not. People want smaller government, but they also want activist national leadership. They want government that provides them the means and opportunity to fix their own problems.

That's why Vice President Al Gore and I have spent so much time and energy in the first term reinventing government — making it work better, but cost less. We have had some terrific help from the administration's management team as well as the career federal workforce. I want to thank and congratulate everyone who helped.

We've done pretty well. The federal payroll is the smallest its been in thirty years and the deficit has shrunk by 60 percent. But this smaller, cheaper government is accomplishing more than ever. The crime rate is down four years straight. So is the teen birth rate. Welfare reform is a reality. And many government agencies are getting fan mail for providing better service.

But there is a great deal more to do. We must give Americans the tools to make the most of their lives, to renew national confidence that we can solve our most difficult problems when we work together, and to advance America's role as the world's strongest force for peace, freedom, and prosperity.

These are big jobs for a small government. This small book can be a big help. The lessons in it are tried and true. Do what it says.

HONORARY PARTICIPATION REQUEST

Please return to Room 457

Today's Date: January 13, 1997

'97 JAN 14 AM 10:41

Date of Request: 10/3/96

Request for: POTUS/FLOTUS

Type of Request: Honorary Patrons

Requestor Name: Ms. Wilhelmina Cole Holladay

Title: Chair of the Board

Organization: The National Museum of Women In
the Arts
1250 New York Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20005-3920

Contact Tel. #: 202/783-5000

Event Date: 4/11/97

Event Description: Gala Benefit

Notes: This event will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the opening of the museum. The President has accepted this request in 1995 and 1996. Ann Stock recommends that the President and First Lady accept this request.

The President and the First Lady should ACCEPT.

Recommendations:

MW _____ TS OK EL _____
(Unless otherwise noted, a yes answer
will automatically generate a message).

Comments:

WILHELMINA C. HOLLADAY FAX 202 338-6938 OCT 3 96 14:52 1:02:02

The National Museum of Women in the Arts

1250 New York Avenue, N.W.
October 3, 1996

202-783-5000

Washington, D.C. 20005-3920

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

My dear Mr. President,

Once a year the National Museum of Women in the Arts holds a gala benefit in April. The next one will be held April 11, 1997. The event will celebrate the opening of the National Museum of Women in the Arts' 10th anniversary year and an exhibition of the wonderful gifts of art received during the museum's first decade.

May we respectfully request that you be an Honorary Patron. It would lend great prestige to our event and enhance its success. While all that is required is lending your name, we would be enormously pleased to have you attend as our guest. I know that you are familiar with the museum, but if there are any questions, please have your staff contact me. My direct line is (202) 338-3850 and fax is (202) 625-6938.

Thank you very much for your consideration of the above. Warmest best wishes.

Sincerely,


Wilhelmina Cole Holladay
Chair of the Board

WCH/sld

The National Museum of Women in the Arts

1250 New York Avenue, N.W.

202-783-5000

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10/6/96

Fov Tracy

HRC should accept
this. — I need
to call Billy about
this.

Ann