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MR PRESIDENT:

We have sent copies of Secretary
Brown's letter to Don Baer and
Michael Waldman.

Phil Caplan

Not Baer

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Per Phil Caplan

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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January 28, 1997

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NOTE TO: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: KITTY HIGGINS *Kitty*

Secretary Brown asked me to make you aware of his request to include Vernon Baker in the State of the Union.

THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON

JAN 28 1997

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

"We've all been vindicated. The only thing I can say to those who are not here with me is, 'Thank you fellows, well done, and I'll always remember you.'"

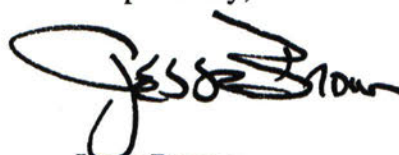
With heartfelt words and emotion he had held within for five decades, Vernon Baker on Jan. 13 accepted his country's long overdue accolades and highest military award, the Congressional Medal of Honor, the only living black World War II veteran to be so honored. Mr. Baker's story is extraordinary; his example is uplifting; his courage in the face of adversity on and off the battlefield is inspiring.

Mr. President, I can think of no more appropriate individual to be recognized in your State of the Union address than this humble man who distinguished himself as a hero in battle and a true patriot in the ensuing half century. Mr. Baker patiently held within his heart the heroism of his deeds, content with what he and his fellow black servicemen had done for a country that did not offer them the full opportunities of freedom and democracy. That too marks a man of remarkable mettle.

Vernon Baker's presence in the House chamber during, the first State of the Union address of your second term would be an especially poignant reminder of the contributions and gains of black Americans, fitting as we commemorate Black History Month in February. Further, it would dramatically reinforce to the Nation your commitment to enabling all Americans, regardless of race, philosophy, or infirmity, to link arms for the journey into the next century.

I hope you will give consideration to having Vernon Baker and his family join the First Lady in the House gallery during your February 4 address. I would be pleased to help your staff facilitate this great gentleman's return to Washington for this occasion.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jesse Brown", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jesse Brown

JB/jhh

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

DATE: 1/31/97

TO: Doug Sosnik

FROM: Staff Secretary

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Sosnik

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

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TO: Don Baer
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to: Nancy HERNANDEZ

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have a great day!

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January 29, 1997

President Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I just returned from a wonderful weekend in Washington D.C. I was invited by the Inaugural Committee to bring a group of children to the 53rd Presidential Inaugural festival to perform at the Millennium Schoolhouse on the mall. It was quite an honor for us to perform in celebration of such a special occasion and in your honor. After we performed, we visited the mural in the Ripley Center. As I walked through the halls and saw all of the beautiful pictures of you and Mrs. Clinton surrounded by children from across the country, I was inspired to write to you.

I'll start by introducing myself. My name is Vicki Esralew and I am a mom. A mom with a very important message. Three years ago, I created a small company named Kids Count. I saw the need to create this company based on the overwhelmingly negative messages I saw my children being exposed to through the media and the available children's entertainment options. After seeing the negative affect these messages had on my own children, I could only imagine how others were being affected. I had to do something.

There comes a point when we have to realize that we are a vital part in the search for solutions to today's growing problems such as violence, hate, lack of self-respect and just overall negativity. When our children are not only exposed to violence on their streets and in their schools but have learned to accept it in their daily entertainment options, we have to respond. We have to take action and rise above the negativity to search for the positive. At Kids Count, we are doing just that. We have created a line of entertainment products that not only inspire children, but empower them with nurturing, non-violent messages. As I'm sure you know, children learn by example in their surroundings. Therefore, if we surround our children with positive entertainment alternatives, we will enable them to teach themselves how to rise above the violence and negativity in this world. They will see the joy in sharing. They will feel the spirit of giving. And they will know the value of family. If we can help each other by spreading positive messages then we can help each other begin to talk the talk so we as a community will begin to walk the walk.

Here's where I need your help Mr. President. This Spring, we will be hitting the streets of America with an incredible program that will let all children know that they do COUNT! Our program will be called, "Kids Count in America! Voices of Our Future." Through this program, children across America will be encouraged to write a letter to The White House expressing their hopes, dreams and aspirations for a better country.

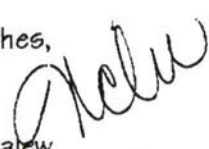
As part of "Kids Count in America!", we would like to create a special forum to take place in The White House. The forum can be staged by the fireplace or in the garden. If The White House will not work, we could even bring the forum to a school or an appropriate TV studio, just like the MTV conference you held four years ago.

Wouldn't it be wonderful for you and/or Mrs. Clinton to sit down with the children of America and listen. I honestly can't think of anything more important than supporting the voices and opinions of our children. And I know that you believe this. As parents, as people, we have to believe this or the children of this country will not have any reason to believe in us.

This is a great opportunity for all of us Mr. President. Especially for the little people of this nation. I hope that you will find it in your heart to reach out and help me help the children. Let's work together to preserve their innocence and guide them as they grow to become our new leaders. Acknowledgment is the first step to finding solutions. I've heard you speak from the heart about Americans joining together in this pursuit of solutions. The pursuit of what's right and true and good. If we all work together, I too believe that we can achieve anything.

We have attached a brief outline of the program for your review. As you will see, we need to meet with you as soon as possible. We are only asking for 15 minutes. I hope to speak with you in person very soon. My number is 847-272-9766. Your support will mean the world to us and the children.

Best wishes,



Vicki Esralew

President and Founder, Kids Count



"KIDS COUNT IN AMERICA! VOICES OF OUR FUTURE."

Kids Count has developed a unique program that will allow all those who participate to make a substantial difference in the lives of the children of America. In order to maximize this program's potential, we need the support of The White House. Following is a brief overview:

- In April, "Kids Count in America! Voices of Our Future" will begin. Children will write their hopes, dreams and aspirations for America and will send it in for selection. Children will hear about this program through their schools (via the NEA). Americans were introduced to this program when we performed at the 53rd Presidential Inaugural Celebration!
- Through this program, we will be able to raise funds for child advocacy.
- Once all entries are received, one classroom from across the country and six specially selected children will be invited to Washington D.C. to present their ideas to The White House and tour our nations capitol.
- We are asking that President Clinton, Vice President Gore, Mrs. Clinton or Mrs. Gore invite these children to sit down with them to discuss their views. (This could be televised nationally.)
- This is a wonderful way for our Government to really show that they care about children. Our children have a voice. An important voice. We want to listen. And we know you do too!
- In order to facilitate this program, we need to meet with the appropriate parties at The White House ASAP. How about next week? We only need 15 minutes.
- We foresee the children being in Washington D.C. in July '97.

As you can see, there are many benefits that the White House will receive from participating in this program. Here's just a few:

- Enormous public support for caring about children.
- Unique way of delivering on your campaign promises.
- Ability to participate in a feel-good, all-American program!

**We know you all are very busy. Please give us 15 minutes.
It will mean the world to us and to the children.**

Thank you!

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WASHINGTON

January 31, 1997

Dear Mr. President:

As I return to private life, I thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the country over the past four years. It has been a privilege for me to assist you in moving forward:

- K-12 education -- to set high standards and higher expectations, to provide information on individual student progress and school performance, and to promote charter schools and choice so that every parent can choose the school that will do best for their child and every child will learn to read by age 8, to log on to the internet and solve world-class math problems by age 12, and to graduate from high school with the skills and habits of mind to benefit from a college education
- Technology Literacy Challenge -- to put the power of interactive learning and the world's entire storehouse of knowledge at the fingertips of every student, teacher and parent so that each succeeding generation of Americans will be better able to understand the past and to chart new courses to the future
- Lifelong Learning -- to put expanded Pell Grants, complementary Skill Grants, Hope Scholarships, "Pay-As-You-Earn" loans, Education and Training Tax Deductions, and an Expanded IRAs directly in the hands of every family, student and worker so that all Americans can invest in the post-secondary education and training they choose to build a brighter future
- Community Empowerment -- to use Empowerment Zones, regulatory reform of the Community Reinvestment Act, Community Development Banking, CD Venture Capital Tax Credit, and Brownfields Expensing to make private capital and free enterprise available to open new markets and jobs for hard-working families in low- and moderate-income communities all across America.

The past four years have been as engaging, challenging and rewarding for me as my first four years trying major discrimination cases 25 years ago. What I learned from that experience is that all Americans -- regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, income, wealth or station in life -- share an abiding desire: the opportunity to choose where to live, go to school, and to work and what to consume and invest in order to build a better life for themselves and their families and children. This is the most powerful market force of free people in a democracy. I thank you for this extraordinary and unexpected second chance to work to make this opportunity more broadly available to all Americans.

Through your leadership, all Americans are gaining confidence that a new American century will dawn as we all take greater personal responsibility for seizing the expanding opportunities of the information age. If I can ever help again, please call on me.

Very truly yours,



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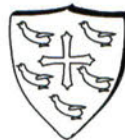
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FROM THE MASTER, PROFESSOR JOHN ALBERY FRS,
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1997 JAN 29 PM 1:29

6 January 1997

Dear Bill,

I was most grateful to receive your wonderful tribute to Douglas Millin. Thank you so much for taking the time to pen such a moving and personal tribute. I used it as the highlight of my own address and I enclose a copy of that address. I also enclose a copy of the Order of Service. You will be pleased to hear that the Chapel was full with a pleasing mix of Family, Fellows, Staff, Old Members and friends of Douglas from Marston. We ended with the slow march of the Royal Artillery and it was a moving moment as we processed with the coffin through the quadrangle and the organ still thundering.

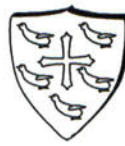
While writing to you I would like to ask on behalf of the College a further favour. In 1999 the College will be 750 years old. We will be celebrating the anniversary of the oldest College in some style. In particular we are shortly to launch the 750 Campaign to raise funds for the endowment of 8 Fellowships and a substantial building project. The Campaign will be largely directed towards our Old Members, and we very much hope that our two leading Honorary Fellows, to wit the Duke of Edinburgh and yourself, will agree to be Patrons of the Campaign. The Duke has agreed. I realise that by virtue of your office it is difficult for you to be involved in such ventures. However I hope that you will make an exception for your old College in an approach to your fellow Old Members. It is a unique anniversary and to have joint sponsorship from the Duke and yourself will emphasise Anglo-American friendship and the importance of Oxford University to the English speaking world.

In May 1999 we expect that the Queen will visit the College and may I extend an invitation to you to join us on that occasion. Again it would be wonderful to have both Her Majesty and yourself in the Great Hall.

I look forward to hearing from you and once again thank you for writing so moving a tribute to Douglas.

Yours sincerely

Professor John Albery FRS



FROM THE MASTER, PROFESSOR JOHN ALBERY FRs,
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Douglas

We are met here this morning to honour and to pay our respects to one of the great Univ figures of the post-war era - Douglas Millin. Douglas was borne in 1917. He was an only son, and had the misfortune that at the age of 6 his mother died. His father remarried, but in Douglas's own words, "I never did settle down to the old man's second wife." He went to Cowley St John's School, where he was Head Boy and also won the Bishop's prize, which as he himself said, "was rather shattering. I could have got a scholarship, the Master said, but you see my father and mother wouldn't let me go in for it, so I never bothered."

Instead at the age of 17, in 1934, he took the King's shilling and joined the Royal Artillery. "I had a pair of horses to look after at Woolwich, and I didn't know one end of a horse from the other, but I learned quick enough I can tell you." On the 10th of September 1939 Bombardier Millin landed in France. The Campaign Book of the 3rd Medium Regiment RA records that during the phoney war on one evening Bombardier Millin and a mate of his imbibed too much Dubonnet and had the temerity to call out the Guard. But then in Douglas's words, "Jerry made a push. We were just outside Ypres, when all the Belgians laid their arms down and left the fighting to us. It was a right cock up....I came out of Dunkirk on the 31st of May 1940. What a laugh there. I mean it was terrible. You never saw anything like it. All shapes and sizes of boat floating about there picking us up. And we came back on a lifeboat."

Douglas rose to be the Battery Sergeant Major and his regiment took part in the Italian campaign. "We gave Monte Cassino a bit of a pasting." As for Italy - "a terrible place to fight over; all something mountains and rivers." The Campaign book records that Battery Sergeant Major Millin was in his jeep at the tail of a column crossing a rickety bridge. A Canadian military policeman decided that the bridge was too unsafe for use, but the Battery Sergeant Major was having none of that and drove straight across. Douglas summed up his army experience thus:- "There was always a grand spirit. No one would kick you in the teeth, especially among the troops and up to the rank of Sergeant Major. Everybody would help everybody else. It was only different when you got to some of those one pipers who thought they knew all the something answers."

It was in February 1947, that Douglas joined the College as a porter and in 1950, on the retirement of Fred Bickerton, he was promoted at the age of 33 to be Head Porter - a post he held for 34 years. I joined the College in 1962, and having served as a subaltern during my National Service, my relationship with Douglas was immediately established as that of the warrant officer and the despised one piper. As RSM Britten used to say, "I call you Sir and you call me Sir, but you are the one that means it." The Lodge under Douglas was at the heart of the College: the Royal Artillery tie, the cartoon of Beveridge, the framed copy of Rudyard Kipling's If - so well read for us this morning by Elizabeth Arquati, Douglas's great-niece. But above all there was the Head Porter radiating sound advice, common sense and compassion for the poor baa lambs, who were always more foolish than wicked. Douglas again:- "I used to get on well with the blokes; get them on their own, give 'em a right old rollicking and say 'Now next time we will go and see the Dean.' Well I never used to catch them again, which is how it should be. I used to stop a heck of a lot of stuff getting up to the Dean." And that is why he was such a good Head Porter. I remember when I was Dean being awoken one morning by Douglas at 7-15 am. "I'm getting you up early, Sir, because there's a whole lot of smouldering furniture from Mr X's room in the Radcliffe quad. You would not want to be seeing that for the first time on your way to breakfast. This way you will have an hour to interview Mr X and to decide

whether to call the Police or not." He was a great Head Porter and Douglas together with Norman Dix and Gwynne Ovenstone represented for forty years what Univ is and was. All three are much loved by Old Members. Masters may come and go but they go on for ever.

A particular admirer was President Clinton and it gave me much pleasure that on the President's visit to the College Douglas spent half an hour with the President and Hillary in the President's old room. I know that the President valued this engagement above all else, and I was informed by the White House staff that, regardless of the schedule, the President would spend as long as he liked with Douglas. I was also informed by our Chancellor, Roy Jenkins, that in no way was the College programme to overrun ten to three. In the long history of the University Congregation had never ever started late. Come five to three the gold robed Chancellor is pawing the ground in my garden. No sign of the President. The Marshal approaches. "Master, the Chancellor has ordered me to fetch the President. Where is he?" "Marshal he is in Helen's Court, but, if you go down there, you will almost certainly be shot." The Marshall wisely decided to hide behind the mulberry tree in my garden. Next morning Douglas came to my office to say how much he had enjoyed his time with the President and Hillary. "What did you talk about Douglas?" "Well first I had to tell that baa lamb what to do about Bosnia and those - *expletive deleted* - Serbs. Then Hillary was there so of course I had to tell her how to bring up that - *expletive deleted* - Chelsea. It was simply smashing."

Yesterday afternoon I received the following message from the White House:-

To the Family and Friends of Douglas Millin:

I was deeply saddened by Douglas's death and wish I could be with you as you gather to celebrate his life and honor his memory.

From the days of our first meeting, when Douglas laughed heartily after I told him that I was from the great state of Arkansas, I knew we would get along famously. Since that day, I felt a special bond with him and loved being with him.

Douglas was the perfect porter, always managing to brighten my day with his great spirit, his easy manner, and his extraordinary tales. I will be forever grateful for the good times we had, the wise advice he gave, and the countless cups of tea he generously provided. During our last visit two years ago, I was once again reminded just how fortunate I was to have shared those years at Oxford with Douglas.

Hillary and I send out thoughts and prayers to Doreen and wish Godspeed to Douglas.

Sincerely

Bill Clinton

It remains to say that today our thoughts are with Douglas's family and in particular his wife Doreen and his son Simon. Douglas married Doreen in 1946 and they celebrated their golden wedding this last August with a marquee and a buffet lunch at which some of you were present. It was a wonderful marriage, although at times I fear Doreen may have been jealous of the long hours required of her husband by the College. As Douglas said, "The more I think about it, I always wonder how my missus stuck it. It was worse than the Army but somehow she put up with it all; she was marvellous." In retirement Douglas had more time. Mozart and regimental marches, gardening, tea dances at the Town Hall and cake making - "I make a better cake than Doreen does" - were all new pastimes.

And so, old soldier, we salute you for a lifetime of service to your Regiment and to your College. In your idiom you got some in, and so now, old soldier, rest in peace.

Send to Doris ☒ Yes

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Dear President Clinton —

Thank you for the inscribed photograph, which goes on my office wall next to the photo President Truman gave me in 1949.

I had the privilege of reading the full text of your magnificent inaugural address, which soared high in the spirit of Martin Luther King. I'm making copies of it for distribution to my friends. I hope that additional copies will be available from the White House or the DNC.

I was glad to see that the Los Angeles Times commended you highly in its leading editorial on Jan. 21. The editors understood the significance of your speech, stating that you had put before us "a lofty ideal" which was "also a moral imperative."

I met Dr. King at an international conference in 1967 in Geneva. He called the Vietnam war a tragic mistake. In his speech at that gathering, he said: "I criticize my country because I love her. I want America to be a moral example for the world."

Thanks again for the picture and the inscription. I deeply appreciate it.

All the best to you, your family, and your administration — Cordially, Frank Kelly

P.S. — I enclose a suggestion for your consideration. I'm giving a copy of it to my old friend, Walter Capps, and I hope he will find the idea worth endorsing.

FRANK K. KELLY
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To: President Clinton, The White House

JANUARY 24, 1997

Subject: A Series of Summit Meetings for Humanity, to be inaugurated by
President Clinton

In his inaugural address on January 20, 1997, President Clinton said:

"At the dawn of the 21st century, a free people must choose to shape the forces of the Information Age and the global society, to unleash the limitless potential of all our people. . ."

In 1967, in an article in The Center Magazine, I proposed a series of Summit Meetings for Humanity -- to bring together creative people from all fields, to reveal the tremendous capacities of human beings, to celebrate the wonderful achievements going on around the world.

I believe that President Clinton has the global vision to be the convener of these Summit Meetings -- and to lead the people of the earth to new levels of creative power.

Each year -- perhaps on New Year's Day -- there should be a worldwide celebration of humanity's glorious possibilities, led by the President of the United States.

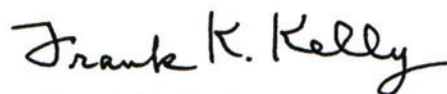
The resources of the Information Age are available to bring together people from around the earth. Religious leaders, artists, musicians, film producers, writers, television and radio communicators, could be asked to give their services for this project, which could be organized by a Committee for Humanity headed by the President. The Committee would also include educators, business leaders, philanthropists, Senators and Representatives, Nobel Prize winners from many countries, and others chosen by the President.

2. Proposal for a Series of Summit Meetings for Humanity, to be inaugurated by President Clinton

On the Day of Celebration, the creative achievements and the highest qualities of human beings could be presented in films and television programs broadcast around the earth -- with an introductory statement by President Clinton and a closing statement by the Secretary General of the United Nations.

The Day of Celebration would be free of violence. The finest works in the arts and sciences would be shown. The Day would remind every human being of all the crises through which humanity has passed, and all the peaks of human experience which have been reached in the long course of human evolution. It might end with the singing of the "Ode to Joy" which concludes Beethoven's Ninth Symphony -- with choirs from every nation, with voices being heard from every part of the beautiful planet on which we live.

Such a day could give us new ways of seeing that Thomas Merton was right when he said: "It is a glorious destiny to be a human being." It could also give us a surge of hope that might be felt everywhere. With hope, we can see the ways out of our tremendous dilemmas. With hope we can grow through the pains we will encounter as we build a better world in the coming century.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Frank K. Kelly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Frank K. Kelly

cc: Representative Walter Capps

Dr. David Krieger, president, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation

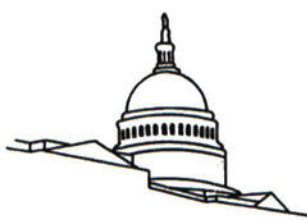
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Andrew E. Manatos
President

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January 17, 1997

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

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Dear Mr. President:

I learned some important information, which I am sure you will want to know, relative to what you mentioned to me at the party you gave George Stephanopoulos at the White House. It involves the possible opportunity for real progress on Cyprus if we can show real movement on Turkish accession to the European Union.

I understand from experts in European matters that such movement for Turkey would be very difficult if not impossible. Some Europeans are quite unhappy with the bad experience they have had with the Turkish customs union. Therefore, the linkage of movement on Cyprus to movement of Turkey toward EU membership could dramatically injure Cyprus settlement and accession prospects.

Your deep personal commitment to ending the Cyprus tragedy greatly surpasses all presidents, including Sandy's, Madeleine's and my previous boss, Jimmy Carter. I am now convinced that your extraordinary commitment will take its place in world history. It will enable this strategic American ally and historically significant home of Aphrodite, the risen Lazarus and Othello, to have its "Berlin Wall" brought down and regain its freedom and place in history.

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

Andrew E. Manatos

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Dear Mr President:

You have more important matters on your mind, and I doubt that you have had time to follow recent disquieting developments on the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. Still these developments are of some concern to the historical profession, and I take the liberty of calling them to your attention.

The Commission, you will remember, was established in 1934 for the primary purpose of supporting the editing and publication of historical documents. My father served on the Commission for many years, so I am well acquainted with its work. Scholars everywhere are in its debt for the part it has played in producing editions of the papers of the Founding Fathers -- Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Franklin, Hamilton, Madison and other great American statesmen. Documentary publication was the NHRPC's central mission.

The new leadership of the National Archives -- Governor Carlin and his appointee as executive director of the NHRPC, Gerald George -- regard this mission, in George's words, as "retrograde." Their idea is that the Commission should give documentary publication its lowest priority and concentrate instead on using NHRPC's meager funds (about \$5 million per annum) (1) for grants to states for random archival projects and (2) for research and development in the preservation of

electronic records.

At a meeting of the Commission on 7 November last, Governor Carlin rejected the unanimous report of an expert planning committee and laid out his new priorities. The distribution of NHRPC funds to congressional districts for local projects, he argued, would build political support for the Archives. "I like the fact," he told the group, "that I have a contingent of supporters all across the country strictly because of the NHRPC.... All the state archivists are lined up and ready to help." As Carlin recently put it in a statement to the Organization of American Historians, "We are giving priority to activities through which our scant funds can have the widest impact."

The high priority for electronic records, Carlin said, is required by the need "to capture history that is being created today.... We don't have an R&D entity within NARA.... I come at it from the perspective that if the Jefferson Papers get extended another ten years, that is less of a problem than missing history.... We're going to look first at where we can help work with the state and local governments, and we're going to look first at electronic recordkeeping research.... If for some reason, in a given year, we only had a million dollars, I would much rather say okay, we can't help documentary projects this year. We're sorry, we can't." One participant in the meeting recalls Carlin's saying that "he was more interested in 'now,' i. e. in supporting those records in Macon, Georgia, that need to be reorganized, rather than some project dealing with a 19th century subject."

This attitude seems to toll the bell for the historical undertakings that formed the Commission's original purpose. Carlin

has a point about electronic records; but if R&D in this area will be as popular with Congress as he suggests, why does he not ask for funds for the Archives to establish an R&D entity rather than take the money from the already paltry NHPRC budget? And why should the papers of our great statesmen be at the end of the line after public funds have been distributed as political largesse to state and local agencies for local projects?

Justice Blackmun, representatives of the American Historical Association and the Organization of American Historians and other Commissioners opposed the Carlin-George plan; but the Commission voted very narrowly -- by 6-5 -- to endorse the new priorities and to put historical editions at the bottom of the list.

The reversal of priorities inverts -- indeed, subverts -- the NHRPC's historic mission and raises troubling questions about the future of the papers of the Founding Fathers. Historians very much hope that Governor Carlin might be persuaded to reconsider his scheme. Let it not be said that the Clinton Administration presided over the extinction of the program dedicated to publishing the papers of the men who founded the republic!

Ever sincerely yours,



The President of the United States



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Comments:

Our company, an American subsidiary, is asking The Democratic National Committee to return our contribution. Its new policy discriminates against our American workers and is a "misguided" solution to the problems in campaign finance. The attached letter is self-explanatory.

As a long-time supporter of President Clinton's and as a member of the original Vlc Raiser steering committee I am disappointed that I will be precluded from full participation in the political process.

Jeff Peterson

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January 27, 1997

David H. Carroll
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Dear David:

It is with a great deal of sadness that I request that the \$15,000 paid by my company for me to join the Democratic Business Council be returned immediately. My company, Pasteur Merieux Connaught (formerly Connaught Laboratories) will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in the United States this year. We are located in the heart of the Poconos in northeastern Pennsylvania and our employees numbering around 800 are Americans proud to be in the business of making and selling vaccines and doing the research to produce new therapies. They work and live in the United States and are hardworking taxpayers dedicated to their jobs, their families and their communities in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and elsewhere in the US.

Because we happen to be owned by a French company, the Democratic National Committee has decided that our contributions to the National Democratic party are somehow "tainted." Somehow, our contributions are now less "American."

I was also surprised and disappointed to be disinvited to a DNC dinner honoring President Clinton to be held on January 28 at the Sheraton-Carlton. As you may know, I was an early supporter of the President's and even served on his first Washington steering committee chaired by the late Vic Raiser. It is distressing to think that I and my company

have become second class political citizens because we are part of the global economy which the President constantly discusses as a normal part of an evolving economic system.

Pasteur Merieux Connaught has always been proud to be part of the political process and we have been pleased to be able to support the activities of both major political parties as well as provide direct support to candidates for Congress and the Senate who share our philosophy and concerns.

If the National Democratic Party continues its policy of discriminating against American workers simply because they work for an American subsidiary of a foreign-owned company, we will redirect our political giving to those who consider our company a full partner in the American political process.

If you have any questions I can be reached at (202) 898-3193.

Sincerely

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January 29, 1997

President Clinton
The White House
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Dear Mr. President,

I just returned from a wonderful weekend in Washington D.C. I was invited by the Inaugural Committee to bring a group of children to the 53rd Presidential Inaugural festival to perform at the Millennium Schoolhouse on the mall. It was quite an honor for us to perform in celebration of such a special occasion and in your honor. After we performed, we visited the mural in the Ripley Center. As I walked through the halls and saw all of the beautiful pictures of you and Mrs. Clinton surrounded by children from across the country, I was inspired to write to you.

I'll start by introducing myself. My name is Vicki Esralew and I am a mom. A mom with a very important message. Three years ago, I created a small company named Kids Count. I saw the need to create this company based on the overwhelmingly negative messages I saw my children being exposed to through the media and the available children's entertainment options. After seeing the negative affect these messages had on my own children, I could only imagine how others were being affected. I had to do something.

There comes a point when we have to realize that we are a vital part in the search for solutions to today's growing problems such as violence, hate, lack of self-respect and just overall negativity. When our children are not only exposed to violence on their streets and in their schools but have learned to accept it in their daily entertainment options, we have to respond. We have to take action and rise above the negativity to search for the positive. At Kids Count, we are doing just that. We have created a line of entertainment products that not only inspire children, but empower them with nurturing, non-violent messages. As I'm sure you know, children learn by example in their surroundings. Therefore, if we surround our children with positive entertainment alternatives, we will enable them to teach themselves how to rise above the violence and negativity in this world. They will see the joy in sharing. They will feel the spirit of giving. And they will know the value of family. If we can help each other by spreading positive messages then we can help each other begin to talk the talk so we as a community will begin to walk the walk.

Here's where I need your help Mr. President. This Spring, we will be hitting the streets of America with an incredible program that will let all children know that they do COUNT! Our program will be called, "Kids Count in America! Voices of Our Future." Through this program, children across America will be encouraged to write a letter to The White House expressing their hopes, dreams and aspirations for a better country.

As part of "Kids Count in America!", we would like to create a special forum to take place in The White House. The forum can be staged by the fireplace or in the garden. If The White House will not work, we could even bring the forum to a school or an appropriate TV studio, just like the MTV conference you held four years ago.

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Wouldn't it be wonderful for you and/or Mrs. Clinton to sit down with the children of America and listen. I honestly can't think of anything more important than supporting the voices and opinions of our children. And I know that you believe this. As parents, as people, we have to believe this or the children of this country will not have any reason to believe in us.

This is a great opportunity for all of us Mr. President. Especially for the little people of this nation. I hope that you will find it in your heart to reach out and help me help the children. Let's work together to preserve their innocence and guide them as they grow to become our new leaders. Acknowledgment is the first step to finding solutions. I've heard you speak from the heart about Americans joining together in this pursuit of solutions. The pursuit of what's right and true and good. If we all work together, I too believe that we can achieve anything.

We have attached a brief outline of the program for your review. As you will see, we need to meet with you as soon as possible. We are only asking for 15 minutes. I hope to speak with you in person very soon. My number is 847-272-9766. Your support will mean the world to us and the children.

Best wishes,



Vicki Esralew

President and Founder, Kids Count



"KIDS COUNT IN AMERICA! VOICES OF OUR FUTURE."

Kids Count has developed a unique program that will allow all those who participate to make a substantial difference in the lives of the children of America. In order to maximize this program's potential, we need the support of The White House. Following is a brief overview:

- In April, "Kids Count in America! Voices of Our Future" will begin. Children will write their hopes, dreams and aspirations for America and will send it in for selection. Children will hear about this program through their schools (via the NEA). Americans were introduced to this program when we performed at the 53rd Presidential Inaugural Celebration!
- Through this program, we will be able to raise funds for child advocacy.
- Once all entries are received, one classroom from across the country and six specially selected children will be invited to Washington D.C. to present their ideas to The White House and tour our nations capitol.
- We are asking that President Clinton, Vice President Gore, Mrs. Clinton or Mrs. Gore invite these children to sit down with them to discuss their views. (This could be televised nationally.)
- This is a wonderful way for our Government to really show that they care about children. Our children have a voice. An important voice. We want to listen. And we know you do too!
- In order to facilitate this program, we need to meet with the appropriate parties at The White House ASAP. How about next week? We only need 15 minutes.
- We foresee the children being in Washington D.C. in July '97.

As you can see, there are many benefits that the White House will receive from participating in this program. Here's just a few:

- Enormous public support for caring about children.
- Unique way of delivering on your campaign promises.
- Ability to participate in a feel-good, all-American program!

**We know you all are very busy. Please give us 15 minutes.
It will mean the world to us and to the children.**

Thank you!

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