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THE WHITE HOUSE



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Me.

Thanks.

From:

Tim

Date: 2/5/97 per.

Welcome to the spring issue of *Inside the White House*, a newsletter that provides information about some of the interesting events taking place in Washington, D.C. This issue focuses on the Inauguration of the President of the United States and some of the ceremonies and traditions that have evolved since our nation's first President, George Washington, took the oath of office in 1789.

For more than two hundred years, Americans have enjoyed open elections that allow the smooth and peaceful transfer of power from one President to the next—a democratic style of government that we take for granted, but that is unheard of in many countries around the world. The ceremony at the center of this process, called an Inauguration, is very simple. The President-elect takes the oath of office prescribed in the Constitution, thus officially becoming President of the United States.

On January 20, 1993, and again on January 20, 1997, Al Gore and I were proud to be sworn in as the Vice President and President of this great country. We will continue to do all we can to provide opportunities for our nation's citizens to make the most of their own lives. Americans have always believed that the future can be better than the present and that each of us has a personal responsibility to make it so. I hope that you will stay interested in current events, learning as much as you can about our system of government and the precious freedoms it ensures.

Bill Clinton

❖ Inaugural Language

❖ The 1997 Inauguration

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(H) **Congressional Letters. Sen. Moynihan.** He notes that it was inspired of you to present the Medal of Freedom to Bob Dole, and he explains the history behind President Kennedy's proclamation on the Medal and JFK's intention for it to be annual award presented to recipients on the Fourth of July. **Pat Schroeder.** She sends her regards and an article about her joining the faculty at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton. **Rep. Carrie Meek.** She forwards a Miami Herald article about her friends Raymonde and Melretta Pratt, neighbors and friends of hers who traveled to Washington for the Inaugural festivities.

We have also received the following item:

Treasury/ATF report on gun dealer licensing and illegal gun trafficking. Forwarded by Secretary Rubin who reports that, in three years, the number of federal firearms licensees had fallen by more than half, a drop reflected in states across the country. The remaining gun dealers have been subjected to heightened screening. Greater law enforcement focus on gun traffickers, facilitated by new methods of crime gun tracing analysis, is making it increasingly difficult for scofflaw dealers and traffickers to conduct their illegal operations. *We have the full report in our office if you would like to see it. We have also sent Rahm a copy.*

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Pratt

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can. 7/11/95 years old
California women
mentioned in the
Post piece

2/5/97

Chris Walker

to do replies

- Chris was originally only sent the original ltr
now he is aware that ltr needs
to be done