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February 21, 1997

President Bill Clinton
The White House
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Dear President Clinton:

I understand that you are planning a State visit to Mexico. I am also aware of the importance and sensitivity of U.S. relations with Mexico. The recent arrest of the Mexican drug czar touches both the sensitivity and the nature of the problem. There are no simple answers, but knowing the nature and magnitude of the problem is important.

I am not an expert on Mexico. My brother-in-law, Juan Enriquez Cabot, is. As you know, he is currently living in Boston because he had to leave Mexico for reasons of personal safety. He is a lecturer at Harvard's Center for International Affairs (CFIA) and a fellow at Harvard Business School.

He knows Mexico, the economy, and all of the players. He also is totally committed to democracy and political reform in Mexico.

We in the U.S. may not want to hear what he has to say. It is highly troublesome. The appropriate U.S. response is not clear or simple. However, to avoid surprises, and to be best prepared for future contingencies, we in the U.S. need to know the truth, no matter how unpleasant or disagreeable.

Before your trip is fully planned, I would strongly urge you and your planners to talk with Juan at length. His telephone number is (617) 965-9512.

Good luck.

Yours faithfully,

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CHARLES R. STITH

My overnight at White House

As a couple of "longtime friends" of Bill and Hillary Clinton, my wife and I had an opportunity (and, I would add, the honor) to spend a night at the White House. I never would have imagined that this little sleep-over would receive any more attention than a line or two on the gossip page. But now we find ourselves a part of the lead story on every major media outlet in the country. Only in America!

The charge that Clinton has turned the White House into Motel Six would be laughable if the underlying issue around this brouhaha weren't so serious. That issue is the effect of big money on the politics of this nation.

Before I address this serious issue, let me state a few things for the record. First, the impression that has been created of a check-in desk outside the Lincoln bedroom at which you're required to present your credit card when you check in and settle your account on the way out by writing a large check to the Committee to Re-elect or to the Democratic National Committee is absurd. What we will ultimately find out when this story has run its course is that the overwhelming majority of people who have had the honor of spending a night in the White House are people who have a personal relationship with the Clintons.

The real story is not who did or did not spend a night in the White House or how much one contributed to the president's reelection or to the Democratic Party. The real story is that it costs an obscene amount of money to run for political office. The result is that politicians spend an inordinate amount of time raising money rather than attending to the needs of their constituents.

This is a problem on both sides of the aisle. Just last week Senate and House Republican leaders met with 300 big-money supporters called Team 100. (To be a part of this team one must make a minimum contribution of \$175,000 to the Republican Party.)

The solution to this problem is not the appointment of another special prosecutor to find out what is obvious, nor is it congressional hearings that consist of politicians sounding hypocritically self-righteous.

The solution fundamentally comes down to a couple of things. First, we need real campaign finance reform. The essence of such reform might well be some combination of spending caps and contribution limits. These two things are critical in squeezing some of the costs out of running for political office.

Second, the media must also take some responsibility for the runaway costs in campaigning. At the national level, almost 75 cents of every dollar politicians raise goes to pay for media-related expenses. The media must take the initiative in making the airwaves more accessible to political candidates so there will be less of a need for huge advertising budgets.

The media, particularly on the electronic side, need to do a better job of covering the substance of politics rather than the superficial elements of our political life. (The coverage of this sleep-over issue is a perfect example.) A more informed electorate is less susceptible to the propaganda of political ads. If the ads are less effective, there is less of an incentive to make them. If there is less of an incentive to make them, then the cost of campaigning comes down. When the cost of campaigning comes down, politicians can spend less time raising huge amounts of money.

Focusing solely on White House "sleep-overs" trivializes this issue. The story is not a matter of the president making his bed and now having to sleep in it. It is about getting the "show me the money" mentality out of our politics. If we can achieve this, we will all be able to get a good night's sleep - whether it is at the White House or our own house.

The Rev. Dr. Charles Stith is the president of the Organization for a New Equality.

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FAX MESSAGE

Wednesday, February 26, 1997

TO: The President
FROM: Carolyn Staley

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Hope you are well, friend, and weathering the storm of all the incoming volleys. I know you get weary, and we're certainly pulling for you and your family. Keep your spirits up.

A few notes:

•Congratulations to Hillary on her Grammy Award! And she thinks she can't sing! WOW! Who would have thought that she'd beat out all her husband's musical wannabe's? I hope you celebrate royally. We are all very proud of her.

•Whitney Williams: I hope you and staff will take a look at the attached résumé of my friend, and yours, Whitney Williams who wants so badly to be a trip director for you or Hillary. She is former Congressman Pat Williams' (Montana) daughter. You've met her-- she got your budget passed one year, you'll recall, by courting her father at the eleventh hour. She is just so talented and sharp. She did advance work for Hillary's book tour too.

Whitney and my daughters are getting acquainted, and she's working with me on the national literacy public awareness campaign I am leading for our agency. She is terrific, and she's immediately available. Hope you'll give her resume a nudge.

•Sarah and I are driving to New York tonight and will be there until Saturday. If you and the family are still coming for a few days and want to meet up, we'd love to see you. We are staying in the Theater District and can be reached at the Milford Plaza Hotel, 279 West 45th St. (212) 869-3600.

I have meetings Thursday and Friday at Time Warner, meeting with operating heads of Time Warner divisions to discuss the literacy national public awareness campaign and to try and sign them on as principal sponsor.

Sarah is interviewing with the Today Show, and working on the VH1 special she's doing about you and your friends and music, plus taking another look at modeling with the folks at Wilhemena agency. She wants a JOB.

•Did the proposal I sent you about "Ambassadors of Hope" have any appeal? I hope you'll advise as to how the creative energies of Phil Driscoll, Wintley Phipps, Jennifer Holliday, Janice, Micky and I can partner with your vision toward 2000.

•The Clinton library plan for Little Rock is a good overall proposal, I think. I've enjoyed working with Jerry Maulden on the committee. I had dinner with Phil and Jim last night and both they and others in Hot Springs are disappointed that no partnership with Hot Springs was cited at the announcement. I still think a rehab of the old high school is a great idea, and can be a nice companion site to the Hope birthplace project. I've offered to help, background in non-profits, arts grants, etc. which I have lots of experience in helping structure. A word from you that a Hot Springs connection is something you'd like to see would help boost enthusiasm. I know there are many other things on your plate and retirement probably looks real good in some respects!

Take good care. You are ever in our daily thoughts and prayers. Stay strong and happy.

CJS

Bruce Lindsey

DEAL BY MURDOCH FOR SATELLITE TV STARTLES INDUSTRY

AN ALTERNATIVE TO CABLE

News Corp.-Echostar Alliance Will Offer Local Stations, but Plan Faces Hurdles

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By MARK LANDLER

Cable television and satellite companies around the country were roiled yesterday by the news that Rupert Murdoch had agreed to invest \$1 billion in a new satellite service that could be the first full-fledged competitor to cable in its three-decade history.

In the deal, which was announced on Monday, Mr. Murdoch's News Corporation and the Echostar Communications Corporation will fold their respective direct broadcast satellite services into a single venture. The service would combine Mr. Murdoch's internationally known Sky satellite-television brand name with Echostar's 430,000 United States subscribers, but experts said it could be far more than the sum of these parts.

Because it will eventually have seven satellites floating above the earth, the service will be able to beam 500 channels of programming to its subscribers. The companies plan to use this vast channel capacity to include local broadcast stations — which are not available on any other satellite service, and which analysts said could enable Sky to offer consumers the first genuine alternative to their local cable operator.

Satellite enthusiasts say that consumer benefits could include a clearer picture, better service and a broader menu of programming.

Before Sky can mount its full-frontal assault on cable television, however, it must clear a thicket of Federal regulations governing the rebroadcast of programming by satellite and cable companies. Some of the regulations may soon be phased out. Yet several analysts also predicted that because of copyright fees the new venture's goal of offering local programming to 75 percent of the nation by the end of 1998 would be prohibitively expensive.

Still, executives throughout the industry were galvanized by Monday's

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What does this mean?

announcement, which brings together one of the media industry's most prolific deal makers, Mr. Murdoch, with Charles W. Ergen, a relatively obscure satellite entrepreneur who founded Echostar in 1980 and only began offering service a year ago.

"This business has consisted of three players," said Stanley E. Hubbard, the president of U.S. Satellite Broadcasting, which is a partner of DirecTV, an Echostar competitor that is the industry's leading service. "Now all of a sudden this lightning bolt comes in and changes everything."

The three services — DirecTV, Prime Star and Echostar — have signed up 4.6 million customers with an alluring sales pitch: a broad menu of movies and sports programs, plus crystal-clear pictures and CD-quality sound. But the industry, which has concentrated on the national reach made possible by satellites, has been hampered by not carrying local channels. Cable oper-

*Other satellite
systems don't have
the ability to offer
local stations.*

ators, in their own marketing, have made much of that gap, and after a fast start three years ago, satellite's growth has leveled off.

Now, by offering local ABC, NBC and CBS stations, Sky would deprive cable of its big selling point. Preston Padden, the president of worldwide satellite operations for the News Corporation, said Sky would offer local stations to 50 percent of the nation's television viewers by next year, expanding that to 75 percent of the population by the end of 1998.

With 64 million subscribers, the cable industry still dwarfs the satellite industry. Unlike cable viewers, satellite subscribers must also pay several hundred dollars to install an 18-inch dish receiver. But cable customers have been miffed by poor service and rising monthly bills, while Echostar has cut the price of its dish to \$200 from \$600.

All of this has prompted fears in the cable industry that more people may jilt cable in favor of satellite. The shares of the nation's largest cable operator, Tele-Communications Inc., plunged 7.7 percent, or \$1, yesterday, to \$13, in heavy trading on the Nasdaq exchange. Shares of other major cable operators also declined yesterday with the Comcast Corporation's stock down 68.75 cents, to close at \$17.625, and Cox Communications off \$1.25, to end the day at

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\$21.75.

That Mr. Murdoch would agree to contribute cash and assets valued at \$1 billion for a 50 percent stake in the new service is testament to the lightning-fast development of the direct broadcast satellite business. Although analysts said Echostar was financially stretched and faced an uncertain future as an independent company, it owns precious satellite slots and is already signing up customers.

By contrast, the News Corporation — already the dominant satellite television player in Europe and Asia — was waiting until the end of this year for its first American satellite to be launched into orbit, where it could begin transmitting programming. The News Corporation was planning to use an orbital slot owned by the MCI Communications Corporation, the long-distance carrier, with which it has a strategic partnership.

But Mr. Murdoch faced trouble from MCI, which was pushing to reduce its equity stake in the News Corporation venture to less than 20 percent. And analysts said the long delay before he began offering service guaranteed that Mr. Murdoch would lose many potential customers to DirecTV, Echostar and Prime Star.

"They are late to the market," said Eddy W. Hartenstein, the president and chief executive of DirecTV, which is owned by the Hughes Corporation, a unit of the General Motors Corporation. "We'll be in our fourth year of operation before they get this deal approved."

Although DirecTV offers some broadcast stations to its customers, they are not tailored to local markets. So viewers in Miami might find themselves watching the CBS affiliate from New York. In order to receive their own local stations, subscribers typically must install a regular antenna — a cumbersome solution that quickly takes the space-age sheen off satellite television.

Mr. Hartenstein said DirecTV would not be able to offer local stations for the foreseeable future because the company did not have as much capacity on its three satellites as Sky. Similarly, Prime Star, which is owned by four major cable companies, has no plans to offer local channels.

Experts cautioned that Sky's programming plans could still hit several regulatory and legal snags. "There are a bunch of outstanding issues," said Philip L. Verveer, a communications lawyer in the Washington office of Wilkie, Farr & Gallagher. "And these are difficult issues to settle because there is real money involved."

For one, the cable industry is expected to push for satellite services to be required by the Government to carry all local broadcast channels — much as cable systems are now obliged to carry a full slate of broadcast channels. Even with its ample satellite capacity, Sky could never transmit the more than 2,000 local stations across the country.

But this may prove to be a temporary problem, Mr. Verveer said, because the United States Supreme Court may rule next summer on whether these "must carry" cable regulations are constitutional. The betting among legal experts is that the Court will overturn them.

Even if Sky is allowed to cherry-pick the five or so most popular broadcast channels in each local market, it must still negotiate retransmission deals with every one of the hundreds of local stations whose signals it would carry. But Mr. Pad-

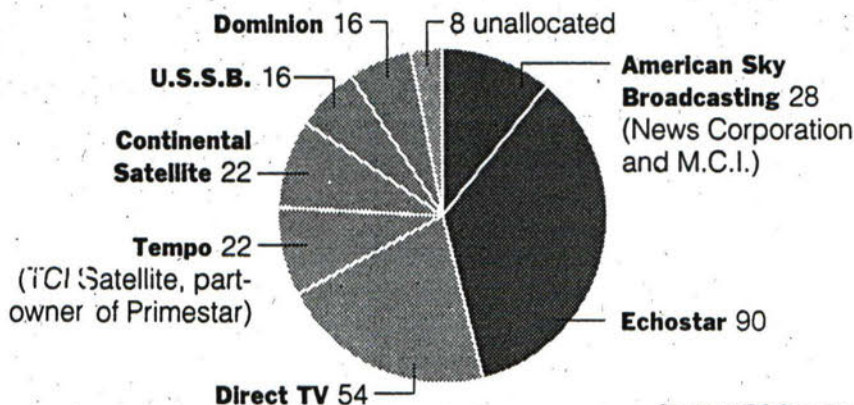
den said yesterday that several stations had already expressed interest in signing deals.

Beyond that, under Federal law, Sky may be required to pay a copyright fee to the producers of programming on those stations. That could add millions of dollars to the cost of the service and complicate Sky's already tangled negotiations.

But industry executives said they expected the News Corporation to lobby Congress to give satellite distributors the same rights as cable operators, who are allowed to retransmit broadcast channels without paying an extra copyright fee to the makers of programming.

Commanding Heights

Federal regulations limit the number of satellite transponders available for direct TV broadcasting to 256. Almost half of them would be controlled by the proposed combination of Echostar's and News Corporation's satellite TV businesses. Each transponder can broadcast 6 to 8 channels of programming.



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Democratic Strategists Took a Lesson From Republicans

By TIM WEINER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 — The files of Harold M. Ickes show that the Democrats stole a page from the opposition's playbook by offering access to President Clinton and the White House in an effort to attract campaign money.

Mr. Ickes played a leading role in the party's fund-raising efforts while serving as deputy White House chief of staff. His files demonstrate that the Democratic Party looked with a measure of envy and longing at the campaign money raised by Republicans in years past, adopted their opponents' techniques and toyed with the idea of swearing off soliciting six-figure contributions.

In May 1995, the Democratic National Committee drafted a brochure offering political perquisites to "Managing Trustees," people who gave the party \$100,000 or more. The pamphlet offered the big donors "breakfast with the President," "dinner with the President," exclusive "policy retreats with senior Administration officials" and the like.

Mr. Ickes's files show how closely the technique was modeled on the Republicans' "Team 100" program, begun in 1988, which promised prestigious benefits to contributors who gave \$100,000 or more to the Republican Party. In fact, a copy of the Republicans' Team 100 brochure was in his files.

On June 30, 1995, The Chicago Sun-Times published the first of many articles describing the Democrats' breathless fund-raising appeal. That day or shortly afterward, President Clinton returned a note sent by Mr. Ickes about the draft brochure with a note scribbled on the top: "You need to get to the bottom of this — It's awful." The word "awful" is underlined twice.

In a memorandum to Mr. Clinton in July 1995, Mr. Ickes explained the origins of the brochure and discussed various fund-raising techniques for the 1996 campaign. The question he put before the President was whether to stop using the sales techniques for \$100,000 contributors described in the draft brochure.

Mr. Ickes said he had asked the Democratic national chairman, Donald L. Fowler, to analyze what the Republican National Committee had done in the past.

The Republicans, Mr. Fowler replied, "explicitly offer access to poli-

cymakers and an opportunity to influence the development of policy and legislation."

Mr. Ickes, quoting from Republican fund-raising brochures, said big Republican donors met regularly with Presidents and Presidential candidates and went on trade missions where they were "welcomed enthusiastically by heads of state."

The Democrats began mimicking the Republicans' fund-raising structures as early as 1991, creating the "Managing Trustees" program for \$100,000 donors, the files show, and offering proximity to the powerful on a sliding scale for smaller contributions. But not until Mr. Clinton was elected could they offer a dinner with the President or an invitation to the White House.

Mr. Ickes's memorandum said that Mr. Fowler, the party's chief fund-raiser, thought the party should renounce such methods.

"He feels strongly that the D.N.C. should announce it is only accepting contributions of no more than \$2,000," the memorandum said.

That idea was opposed by Senator Christopher J. Dodd of Connecticut, the party's chairman, who, it said, "feels very strongly that we are not in a position to cease the fund-raising techniques."

It was up to the President, the memorandum concluded: he could make a statement that he was "very troubled" by the brochure, or he could keep raising money by meeting and greeting contributors and fund-raisers.

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- Calling to tell you that after careful review, and based on the recommendations of the Secretary of State and her consultations with other agencies, I am certifying Mexico's cooperation with the U.S. to meet the goals and objectives of U.N. Drug Convention.

- Here's why I have decided to certify Mexico:

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- President Zedillo has uphill battle against the drug cartels, which corrupt Mexico's weak law enforcement agencies. In response, Zedillo government removed 1,250 police and other officials on corruption and related charges and expanded role of the military in counternarcotics operations.
- This has not stopped drug lords from corrupting some military officials with counterdrug responsibilities, including of course Gutierrez Rebello, Mexico's former anti-drug chief.
- But Zedillo took responsibility and took action. By promptly investigating and arresting Gutierrez for corruption, Zedillo demonstrated commitment to the rule of law and set example for other countries. I believe he needs our continued support at this critical time.
- A decision against full certification would seriously undermine fundamental progress we are making with Mexico on a broad array of counternarcotics programs:
 - Under General McCaffrey's leadership of High Level Contact Group, we have begun comprehensive approach to intensifying counterdrug cooperation with Mexico.
 - * [Seizures of marijuana, cocaine and heroin are up; drug related arrests have increased; and eradication is at record levels.
 - Mexico has decided to extradite drug figures for the first time and in recent days has privately committed to increase that effort going forward.
 - Also now agreed to permit military overflights, total overhaul of their counterdrug effort with our help, and strengthened implementation of new money laundering law.
 - Mexico has huge drug problem; top people recognize and, I believe have the will to fight it. We need to give them capacity.

- Have asked AG, Sec State, Gen McCaffrey to report to me regularly on progress. Will put counterdrug cooperation on top of the agenda in my meetings with President Zedillo and his cabinet.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 27, 1997

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MEMORANDUM FOR ERSKINE BOWLES

FROM:

Sylvia Mathews and Andrew Mayock *Am*

SUBJECT:

Welfare, Children's Health Care, Education and D.C.

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This memo provides an update on the processes we recently initiated on welfare, children's health care, education and D.C.

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Welfare: We have a number of ongoing efforts in developing our plan to assist states in moving people from welfare to work. In particular, we are focusing on the job creation component. On February 17, Bruce Reed provided the President with the memo on welfare caseload statistics. The President also recently received a memo from Eli Segal on the business piece. Today, Eli mentioned to me that the two of you discussed Eli and the President meeting for a few minutes, perhaps tomorrow. (Should I follow up?) Bruce, Marcia Hale and Maria Echaveste are working on a memo for the President regarding the non-profit and church organizations. Marcia and HHS are working on how to disseminate information to the states, cities, and counties, and they continue the education process on the legislation. On March 7, a welfare meeting with the President is tentatively scheduled. After the President receives the latest Bruce memo, I think we should ask the President for guidance on what he would like to achieve in the welfare meeting.

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Children's Health Care: On February 21, the President received a detailed background memo from Chris Jennings which provided a statistical representation of uninsured children, policy options, a report on TennCare, and a description of the budgetary and political environment. As of today, the memo has not been returned by the President. On February 24, Gene Sperling, Bruce and Chris had a pre-meeting with the First Lady on this issue. I think that our next step is to find out if the President would like: (a) an informal meeting to discuss this issue; or (b) a more formal meeting with Secretary Rubin and Shalala and others where formal policy recommendations would be presented. I suggest we raise this question during our morning meeting tomorrow.

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Education: On February 21, Bruce's weekly report included a list of suggested participants from outside the Administration for the President's education meeting. On March 6, that meeting will take place.

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District of Columbia: As a follow up to last week's D.C. meeting with the President, Frank Raines is investigating the possibility of generating additional proposals on education and police. He also is further solidifying his knowledge of the political situation. At the same time, Frank is continuing to work our existing plan on the Hill. The economic development piece of our D.C. plan will be ready for the President to announce next week, and we will work with Scheduling on an event. On March 4, the First Lady, Secretary Rubin and Secretary Riley will do an event which announces \$20 million for D.C. school construction funds from the sale of Connie Lee stock.

cc: Rahm Emanuel
John Podesta
Vicki Radd
Doug Sosnick

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FitzSwilling planters
with the bumbo

Bob Lancaster

■ Some Presidents
Day ruminations:

• Dominating the
news was the story
about the president
looking out for some

of his campaign contributors.

They told about when he ran for the legislature some years earlier and was found to have supplied 160 gallons of election-day brew to some 400 prospective voters and their pals. This was a tradition of such standing that it had a name out there in the boondocks: it was called "swilling the planters with bumbo." They didn't mean Maxwell House, either.

He brought the practice forward to the presidential election of '92, liquoring up prospective supporters to such an extent that a critical newspaper declared "that the voice of the People has become the voice of Grog."

Such doings these days would foment a couple of congressional investigations, and launch a special prosecutor. But the miscreant in this case was George Washington, about to embark on his second term, and campaign bumbo reform wasn't on anybody's agenda.

• Then it was tales of the Democratic candidate in the campaign of '96 having become "a tool of a foreign power ... in exchange for certain considerations." But this wasn't Clinton; it wasn't China; and the '96 was a couple back.

It was Jefferson, accused of having sold his sympathies to the rowdies and liberals of the French Revolution.

The Pat Robertson of that day warned good Christian people that the heathen Jefferson would "enter your peaceful fold and glut his deadly appetite on the vitals of your country." Get ready, he said, "to see your dwellings in flames, hoary hairs (of your elders) bathed in blood, female chastity violated, [and] children writhing on the pike and the halbert." That's what they said about you if you didn't subscribe to the prevailing religious delusions, and didn't phone in your telethon pledge.

• Madison, too, surely the most circum-spect of our presidents, was accused by the Federalist press during the 1808 campaign of having sold out to the French inasmuch as the commies of the Revolutionary Assembly had nominated him for honorary citizenship. The tabs frothed about this with a Di or Jacko ferocity. The little guy might as well have propped some Old Dominion Paula Jones. Unmentioned was that the same honor had been extended to Washington and Hamilton, the Federalists' patron saints. Oh, well, then, never mind.

• The four candidates for president in 1824 were accused of such a potpourri of crimes and misdemeanors that one of the

four said that "one would have thought that our Presidents, Secretaries, Senators, and Representatives, are all traitors and pirates, and the government of this people had been committed to the hands of public robbers."

One still might if one didn't know better.

• Q: Is this Jerry Falwell talking about W.J. Clinton? "A horrid looking wretch he is, sooty and scoundrelly in aspect, a cross between the nutmeg dealer, the horse swapper, and the night man, a creature fit evidently for petty treason, small stratagems and all sorts of spoils." A. No, a South Carolina paper in a normal day's tirade against Lincoln.

• Benjamin Harrison, on entering office in 1889: "I could not name my own Cabinet. They had sold out every place to pay the election expenses."

• Before Washington's Birthday expired as a national holiday, morphed into this current meaningless thing, it had declined into little more than an excuse for department stores and certain other retailers, including auto dealerships, to have Washington's Birthday sales. These got to be so scandalous in their caricatures of the man who had been the embodiment of presidential dignity that it was just as well to let the holiday die. Only one of the local car companies keeps alive a remnant of that final burlesque, I see, by putting a powdered wig on its TV barker and giving him a toy hatchet to brandish foolishly. The dealership isn't far enough into self-mockery, however, to have him proclaiming that he cannot tell a lie.

• The knell for Lincoln's Birthday, also mushed into this week's generic, came sometime after the passing of the annual Lincoln's Day acknowledgement that I participated in not altogether willingly. This was the practice of requiring Arkansas schoolchildren at a certain class level to memorize, and recite on the big day, the poem "O Captain My Captain" by Walt Whitman. You know the one: "O Cap'n, my cap'n, our fearful trip's done done, the ship's done weathered every rack, the prize we sought is won, etc." You could take your pick between that and the Gettysburg Address. They were about equally humiliating, and it was better to just take your "F" and demur, telling yourself that you hadn't been all that interested in going on to college anyhow. The speech sounded silly garbed in an Arkansas accent, and the poem was a dratted perplexity on account of its queerly confused images. Really now, who could imagine Honest Abe as a sea captain, avasting and ahoying and finally croaking out there on the poop deck in his stovepipe hat?

With all-purpose Presidents Day, the boys and girls now have leave to do some high-sounding Wilson harangue or Nixon on Checkers if they're of a mind. Progress. ☞

This should be the theme!

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I BELIEVE AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION OF DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS SHOULD CONDUCT SUCH AN INQUIRY TO INSURE ITS IMPARTIALITY AND SO THAT THE INVESTIGATION WILL NOT BE BOGGED DOWN BY PARTISAN SIDE-SHOWS."

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