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March 1, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: PHIL CAPLAN *Phil*
HELEN HOWELL

SUBJECT: Recent Information Items

We are forwarding the following recent information items:

- at least they know what I would*
- (A) **Berger memo on Golden Venture and Rep. Goodling.** NSC staff discussed *Golden Venture* with Goodling last week, who was assured that all detainees without a criminal record would be released by today. He was under the misimpression that all released migrants are authorized to remain in the U.S and didn't understand that some of the migrants might eventually be deported. NSC explained that the migrants' exclusion proceedings would still move forward, and that those entitled to asylum could remain, but some may have to leave. This will clearly remain an issue of concern to Goodling; Sandy will keep you informed of any developments or conversations with him.
- Sec 1*
- (B) **Emanuel follow-up.** 1) *FEC information* - Rahm forwards the list of FEC decisions you requested from Lyn Utrecht. 2) *national standards for geography* - Rahm notes that although Gil Grosvenor was considerate to offer the National Geographic Society's services, including national standards for geography would be problematic. Math and reading are basic skills on which all children should be tested. Rahm says "we must focus on the basics at this time, rather than history, geography, science, etc." 3) "*Capital for a Day*." He suggests that after you have visited Michigan and several other states promoting your education agenda, you should consider doing "Capital for a Day." Sec. Riley and other Cabinet members could visit state legislatures and public schools and continue to push your education reforms.
- (C) **Sec. Glickman note on small poultry producers.** He forwards a Des Moines Register piece on USDA's regulatory proposal to help small producers. USDA proposes to regulate three areas: (i) the practice of linking grower's payments to performance of other producers; (ii) the way feed is weighed before delivery to growers, how the feed is delivered and the surplus feed system; and (iii) the accuracy of company-administered weighing of chickens delivered to processing plants. Glickman notes, "this may be a bit controversial with larger producers, but I believe it is the right thing to do to review the issues of livestock concentration and consolidation."

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*Public Liaison
needs to
make sure
things are
to come out
strong*

Sec. Glickman memo on February 28 release of civil rights reports. CRAT report. The USDA's Civil Rights Action team (CRAT) was established in December to conduct a review of civil rights issues within USDA. After conducting "listening sessions" around the country, CRAT makes 92 recommendations for action to address: management commitment, strengthened civil rights complaint and enforcement systems, accountability, and improved program delivery and outreach. Some of the recommendations can be done administratively, others will require legislation. *FSA report.* The USDA Inspector General (OIG) also released a report on Friday about the Farm Service Agency's (FSA) civil rights complaint system. The report showed that the system lacks integrity, direction and accountability. Sec. Glickman has ordered FSA to suspend all foreclosure actions and to work to ensure that no evidence of discrimination exists.

(E)

Strobe Talbott/George Kennan correspondence. Strobe forwards his exchange of letters with Kennan focussing primarily on NATO enlargement. He thought you would find them interesting.

We have also received the following item:

✓ • **Gloria Borger (U.S. News and World Report) thank-you note to McCurry.** She thanked Mike for inviting her to the off-the-record session with you. "As a journalist, it is always beneficial to be able to meet the man one-on-one. In this case, it serves to remind that (a) he's human and (b) he's really smart....nothing can ever guarantee good coverage, but this surely can't hurt."

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TO: Katie McBenty
T.J. Glathier

FR: Phil Copley

The attached is from a close
friend of the POTUS.

Please advise re: Schneider's request
about National Park Service.

Thanks,
Phil Copley

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February 14, 1997

President Bill Clinton
The White House
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Dear President Clinton:

Late last year I was asked to be a member of the National Advisory Board of the proposed National Underground Railroad and Freedom Center to be built on the water front in Cincinnati, Ohio. Vernon Jordan is a fellow Board member. John Pepper, the CEO of Proctor & Gamble has embraced the venture and has actively recruited many private sector national leaders to support the effort. A list of Board members is attached.

The focus of the center is similar to the Holocaust Museum, but specifically rests on two pillars, the human struggle for freedom, and the broad scale, interracial cooperation demonstrated by the underground railroad effort. The center will document the history of the railroad and commemorate individuals who risked everything in the name of freedom and racial justice. It will include both traditional and highly interactive exhibits. It will also be designed to be a national resource by means of the internet. Genealogical information of slaves and escapees will be collected and organized so African-Americans can trace their ancestry. Finally, it will act as a forum to bring together national leaders, scholars and ordinary people (including children) to discuss race relations and freedom.

Although the project will be entirely privately funded endowed, and organized, we would like the Center to fall within the National Park system. Legislation to do this is being proposed by Congressman Rob Portman. The proposed legislation is attached. It has bipartisan support.

We, however, need the endorsement of the Administration, the Department of Interior, and the National Park Service. I would like to ask for your support and help on this matter. I believe that this Center is a physical manifestation of your beliefs on which you have spoken so eloquently over the years.

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I can easily supply you with more information, talk to you about the venture and arrange meetings with whomever you would like. Please give me direction.

I am extremely strongly committed to this effort. I grew up in a town in Michigan that was a way station on the underground railroad. I remember in third or fourth grade visiting a safe house and learning about the railroad. My house in Sandy Spring was Quaker built, and is located in an important Quaker community that was actively engaged in the underground railroad. We have been told that our property may have been one of the initial way stations out of the South.

Racial harmony and cooperation (also ethnic, religious, and gender) should be a fundamental life truth, and the United States should be the beacon for the world on this issue. The struggle for freedom is the same. I am passionate on these issues.

I hope you share my enthusiasm and interest, and I can enlist your support. I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Schneider', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Thomas J. Schneider

Attachments

National Advisory Board

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

Paul A. Allaire - Chairman & CEO, Xerox Corporation
Norman R. Augustine - CEO, Lockheed Martin Corporation
John F. Barrett - President and CEO, The Western & Southern Life Insurance Company
The Honorable Robert Bedinghaus - President, Hamilton County Commissioners
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Hon. William T. Coleman, Jr.
David Brion Davis - Sterling Professor of History, Yale University
Myrlie Evers-Williams - Chairman, Board of Directors, NAACP
George M. C. Fisher - Chairman & CEO, Eastman Kodak Company
Christopher B. Galvin - CEO, Motorola, Inc.
Professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr. - Professor Afro-American Studies and the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute, Harvard University
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Hon. A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. - Public Service Professor of Jurisprudence, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
L. Thomas Hiltz, Esq.
Hon. Nathaniel R. Jones - Judge, U. S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit; Co-Chair, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center
Quincy Jones - CEO, QDE, Quest Records, QJMP
Vernon E. Jordan, Jr. - Senior Partner, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld
Dr. Walter E. Massey - President, Morehouse College
Hon. Donald F. McHenry - University Research Professor of Diplomacy and International Affairs, Georgetown University; President, IRC Group
Reverend Dr. Otis Moss, Jr. - Pastor, Olivet Institutional Baptist Church
Richard D. Parsons - President, Time Warner Inc.
John E. Pepper - Chairman of the Board and CEO, The Procter & Gamble Company
Susan Pichler - Cincinnati Community Volunteer
Barbara Scott Preiskel - Former Chairman of NY Community Trust, Corporate Director, Attorney
Renee Poussaint - President, Poussaint Communications Inc.; Broadcast Journalist
Honorable Roxanne Qualls - Mayor of Cincinnati
James E. Rogers - President & CEO, Cinergy Corp
Dr. Thomas J. Schneider - President & CEO, Restructuring Associates
Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth - Pastor, Greater New Light Baptist Church
George Stevens, Jr. - Filmmaker, Founder, Co-Chairman-The American Film Institute
H. Patrick Swygert - President, Howard University
Rt. Rev. Herbert Thompson, Jr. - Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio
Harry M. Whipple - President and Publisher, The Cincinnati Enquirer; Co-Chair, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center
James M. Zimmerman - President and COO, Federated Department Stores, Inc.

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. PORTMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

To authorize the National Park Service to coordinate programs with, provide technical assistance to, and enter into cooperative agreements with, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

4 The Congress finds that—

5 (1) the story of the Underground Railroad,
6 which links historical themes related to slavery, the
7 desire for freedom, inter-racial cooperation, and the

1 African-American experience, is unique and nation-
2 ally significant;

3 (2) elements of the story of the Underground
4 Railroad are not adequately represented and pro-
5 tected;

6 (3) an entity to interpret and preserve the story
7 of the Underground Railroad is appropriate and nec-
8 essary; and

9 (4) the National Underground Railroad Free-
10 dom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, has been established
11 to commemorate historic themes related to slavery,
12 the desire for freedom, inter-racial cooperation, and
13 the African-American experience and to relate these
14 themes to the ongoing struggle for freedom among
15 men, women, and children around the world.

16 SEC. 2. PURPOSES.

17 The purposes of this Act are—

18 (1) to recognize the importance of the Under-
19 ground Railroad, the sacrifices made by those in
20 search of freedom from tyranny and oppression, and
21 the sacrifices made by those who helped those indi-
22 viduals in search of freedom;

23 (2) to encourage and assist the National Under-
24 ground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati,
25 Ohio, in becoming a principal interpretive center of

1 the Underground Railroad experience in the United
2 States; and

3 (3) to provide a role for the Federal Govern-
4 ment in enhancing public understanding and appre-
5 ciation of the Underground Railroad and in preserv-
6 ing the many resources of the Underground Rail-
7 road.

8 SEC. 3. COORDINATION OF PROGRAMS; TECHNICAL ASSIST-
9 ANCE; AFFILIATED STATUS.

10 (a) COORDINATION OF PROGRAMS.—The Secretary
11 of the Interior may coordinate the Underground Railroad
12 interpretive programs of the National Park Service with
13 the interpretive activities of the National Underground
14 Railroad Freedom Center (in this Act referred to as the
15 “Center”), which is to be built in Cincinnati, Ohio, and
16 is to be devoted to the story of the Underground Railroad.

17 (b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may
18 provide technical assistance to the Center in developing
19 the interpretative programs of the Center.

20 (c) RELATIONSHIP TO NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.—
21 The Secretary shall treat the Center as an affiliated area
22 of the National Park System.

23 SEC. 4. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS; PARTNERSHIP.

24 (a) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary of
25 the Interior may enter into cooperative agreements with

1 the State of Ohio, the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, and other
2 public or private entities to provide technical assistance
3 to the Center.

4 (b) PARTNERSHIP.—The National Park Service may
5 work in partnership with the Center in the efforts of the
6 Center to disseminate information on the Underground
7 Railroad.

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We received his
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How would you like
to handle?

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0802

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February 28, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

CC: Secretary Albright

Sandy Berger

Bruce Lindsey

FROM: SENATOR JOE BIDEN 

SUBJECT: Our Discussions on CWC and Matters Before the Foreign Relations Committee

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MARKING INITIALS: MI DATE: 2/14/97

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Per our earlier conversations, this memo is intended to lay out what I would consider the parameters of a possible approach to getting action in the Senate on the Chemical Weapons Convention while addressing other critical issues on our docket this year.

I believe an essential part of any strategy is to provide Senator Lott with something he wants, and to provide Senator Helms with something he wants, while also achieving sound policy objectives. These matters, I would emphasize, are not -- and should not -- be formally linked. Obviously, however, they are all interrelated and need to be addressed in a timely fashion.

I suggest that we work together to reach a common understanding on a package of agreements to deal with all of the issues that Chairman Helms laid out in his letter to Senator Lott that are within the jurisdiction of the committee.

Our objective should be to have an agreed upon framework for proceeding with these issues, as outlined below. However, I do not want to seriously pursue discussions on these matters unless there is general agreement among us to proceed along these lines. I obviously would not proceed if you object to this approach.

After you have reviewed this memo I would like to discuss it with you and talk over how to proceed with Chairman Helms. A number of conversations in the last couple of days have led me to believe that we have a window of opportunity, which, if I am correct, we need to move quickly to take advantage of.

Specifically:

1. **The Chemical Weapons Convention.** I would continue to work with Chairman Helms and his staff to try to reach agreement on a set of understandings and conditions to the Resolution of Ratification which would permit him to support the treaty. Even if we would fail to reach full agreement, I have some reason to believe Chairman Helms may be willing to work with me to find a way for the Convention to be voted on in the Senate -- without a vote in the Committee -- in time for the United States to become an original party to the convention by April 29.

My objective would be to reach agreement with Chairman Helms by March 21 on a time certain for Senate consideration during the week of April 14. We would work to agree on the fundamental conditions to the Resolution of Ratification that would be offered by Chairman Helms, myself, or us jointly -- which the Administration can officially or unofficially concur with -- and work to agree on those other conditions to be offered as amendments to the Resolution of Ratification which Chairman Helms would feel a need to have a vote on, protecting all the while our right to offer substitutes. This also would be done with a mind to keeping to a bare minimum the number of conditions. The detailed parameters of such an agreement on how to proceed, as well as the substance of the conditions, agreed upon or not, will, of course, have to be negotiated. However, I am encouraged that the task force discussions you initiated with Senator Lott, and the conversations I have had with the Chairman recently, now present us with an opportunity to bring these issues to closure in a timely fashion.

2. **State Department Reorganization.** As I have mentioned to you previously, I am not in a position now to endorse a particular solution to this issue, and I am not suggesting that you do so either. However, I am open-minded on the matter and believe there is a need for some fundamental restructuring of the foreign affairs agencies, and that consolidation must be a part of any approach or eventual compromise on this issue. It is my understanding that many members of your Administration feel this way and that you do too.

I would propose that I work with Chairman Helms, Secretary Albright and Vice President Gore's staff to include in the State Department Authorization bill a provision creating a bipartisan commission appointed jointly by the President and the Congress to examine proposals for consolidation and reform of the foreign affairs agencies. The commission would report its recommendations within three months.

The commission's recommendations would be binding on no one, but they would provide us a blueprint to guide negotiations between the Administration, Chairman Helms and Democrats on the Committee, represented by me. No party would be bound by the commission report's recommendations, nor would any party be committed firmly to even reaching an agreement. We would, however, commit to Chairman Helms to hold a vote within a time certain this fiscal year on his proposal, his proposal as amended by the Democrats on the Committee, or a jointly agreed proposal. This proposal would,

therefore, if all goes well, provide Chairman Helms the certainty of a non-filibustered vote on what I perceive to be his top priority this year -- reorganizing the foreign affairs agencies.

3. **UN Reform and Payment of U.S. Arrears.** This is the second most important issue to the Chairman, and also a very important one to the Administration and the Democrats on the Foreign Relations Committee. It is my view that we will have to deal with this issue one way or another this year. We can either wait until the Chairman formulates a rigid proposal and presents us with a *fait accompli*, or we can constructively engage him now to get the best possible UN reform provisions that we can.

I believe that provisions on this issue should be included in the State Department authorization bill, and I will do my best to work with Chairman Helms to reach agreement on UN reform provisions that the Administration finds acceptable, and which would also lead to a plan to authorize funds for the payment of U.S. arrearages. The Republican and Democratic staffs on the Committee will in fact be meeting on these issues in the very near future, having traveled to the UN last week together to review their reform proposals.

Should we not be able to reach agreement, then I would propose pursuing a committee markup and then floor consideration of an authorization bill that would protect our ability to offer amendments and would achieve final passage of a State Department authorization bill in this Congress. This bill would substantively address the issue of UN reform, and at the same time would authorize a specific plan for the payment of U.S. arrearages at the UN.

4. **ABM and CFE Issues.** As I indicated earlier, Senator Lott will require something as part of this arrangement. I think it is appropriate, and would hopefully satisfy him, if you submit to the Senate for its advice and consent the CFE flank agreement and the ABM demarcation agreement, when one is reached with Russia. It is my understanding that Sandy Berger and his team would find this acceptable, and I also believe personally that this is the right thing to do substantively as well.

I would like to move out quickly, with your permission, of course, to work with Chairman Helms in attempting to put this agreement together. I believe that the Chairman is willing to work with me, and I would hope that the Administration could support this approach. We have a current window of opportunity that should be utilized as soon as possible.

Time is of the essence, as Chairman Helms' staff director, Admiral Bud Nance, will be entering the hospital soon for follow-up surgery on his injuries obtained in an auto accident late last year. The sooner that I can get a "green light" on this approach, the better. I could be wrong about this proposed approach, boss, but I think it is our best shot to achieve several policy goals that we all share: ratifying the CWC by April 29, dealing with foreign affairs agency and UN reform, authorizing the payment of U.S. arrearages at the UN, and achieving the passage of State Department and foreign aid authorization bills this year.

I would appreciate you letting me know as soon as possible how to proceed. Once you sign off, I will immediately contact Secretary Albright and Sandy Berger's teams, and Senator Daschle to get discussions started.

Thanks for your time and consideration of this proposal, and I look forward to talking with you at your earliest convenience.

Bruce Reed
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America's Youngest Poor



NATIONAL CENTER FOR CHILDREN IN POVERTY
COLUMBIA SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: March 4, 1997

NOTE FOR: SECRETARY RUBIN

The President has reviewed the attached, and it is forwarded to you for your:

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Thank you.

Staff Secretary
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cc:

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March 3, 1997

Mr. Eli Broad
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Dear Eli:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter regarding retirement savings incentives.

My Administration remains committed to encouraging Americans to save for retirement, and my recent budget proposes expanding tax incentives to buy IRAs. I appreciate your information regarding the use of non-qualified tax-deferred annuities as an additional form of retirement savings, and I have shared your suggestion with members of my staff. Thanks again for your involvement in this important issue.

Hillary and I send our very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

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Eli Broad
Chairman and
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January 15, 1997



The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500-2000

Dear Mr. President:

As we approach your second Inauguration and you move forward with your legislative agenda, I hope that you will continue to bear in mind the importance of encouraging Americans to take responsibility for their own retirement. As you know, a number of demographic and social trends point toward a looming retirement savings crisis. Increased longevity as the result of medical advances and declining birth rates mean that the U.S. population will continue to age. However, along with the privilege of a longer life comes the burden of paying for that longer life.

One retirement savings vehicle that continues to work well for many middle class Americans is the "non-qualified" annuity. This is an insurance contract purchased by individuals with "after-tax" income for the purpose of eventually supplementing their retirement income. Unlike other retirement savings vehicles, non-qualified annuities provide a guarantee from the date of purchase that the owner will be able to convert his or her accumulated savings in the annuity to a stream of income that will continue until the owner dies. As a result, non-qualified annuities provide a unique benefit to Americans attempting to accumulate sufficient savings to last throughout their retirement years.

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
January 15, 1997
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I appreciated your first Administration's efforts to encourage retirement savings and increase economic security for all Americans. As we move forward to the next century, I hope that you and your Administration will remember the importance of encouraging all Americans to save for their retirement.

Mrs. Broad and I look forward to seeing you this weekend at the Inaugural festivities, and send you and the First Lady our best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be "Bill Clinton".

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: March 4, 1997

NOTE FOR: SECRETARY RILEY

The President has reviewed the attached, and it is forwarded to you for your:

Information ☒

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Thank you.

Staff Secretary
(x6-2702)

cc:

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

cc A. Riley
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March 3, 1997

Millard Fuller
Habitat for Humanity International
121 Habitat Street
Americus, Georgia 31709

Dear Millard:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of February 10. I clearly agree with you about the importance of housing and its impact on our families, especially our young people. While we have not tied the need for decent housing to our education goals, it's an interesting suggestion, and I will give it more thought. I'm glad you wrote -- you know we'll keep working to provide good, affordable housing for our hardworking people.

My best to all.

Sincerely,

Bill



February 10, 1997

The Honorable William Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington DC 20500-2000

Dear Mr. President,

Congratulations on your excellent State of the Union Address which you delivered on Tuesday evening, February 4. Linda and I, along with our two youngest daughters, Georgia and Faith, watched you deliver your speech while we were taking a brief vacation on St. Simons Island on the coast of Georgia. I am now dictating this letter to you the following morning, and it will get typed and sent out to you this coming week.

You continue to give outstanding leadership and you are making a tremendous difference in so many ways. I do applaud you and commend you most heartily both for the excellent speech and for your continuing outstanding leadership.

I was disappointed in one thing in regard to your speech, and that is that you didn't say a word about housing. That subject is so relevant to your deep concern about education. Assuming you are able to accomplish everything you outlined in your speech in regard to improvements in education, there will still be a glaring deficiency in that millions of school children in this country go home from school to very substandard living conditions. How can a child perform well in school if he or she is miserable at home?

Let me share a brief story with you which illustrates the importance of a good house to educational achievement. Linda and I were in Pensacola, Florida last September for the dedication of the 50,000th Habitat for Humanity house. While there, I was approached by a little 10-year-old girl named Shawna. She told me that she was a child of a new Habitat for Humanity homeowner family. The interview was needed for a school project she was doing.

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After I answered her interview questions, she shook my hand and said, "Thank you for the interview, Mr. Fuller. Habitat for Humanity has changed my life. Our family moved into our new Habitat house a year ago and I was failing in school at that time. Today, I am a straight A student."

The director of Pensacola Habitat for Humanity was standing nearby, so I asked her to confirm what the little girl had said. She assured me that this incredible transformation had taken place. Everyone involved was quite sure that a decent place to live had made the incredible difference in her performance in school.

You have been so supportive of Linda and me personally, and you have been so encouraging and supportive of the work of Habitat for Humanity. I appreciate that more than words can convey. But, I think we need to do more. I have never seen Habitat for Humanity as a panacea for the housing needs of this country or of any other country. Instead, I see us serving in the capacity of a conscience-raiser, or an awareness-builder. It is going to take all segments of our society working on the problem to solve it. We need your bold and outspoken voice to bring more light on the subject and to help people understand that there is a connection between educational achievement and good living conditions. They are not two separate, isolated things.

I am not prepared to make any specific suggestions or proposals to you, except to encourage you to think a bit more about this issue and to help keep housing on the front burner as we move forward in our combined efforts to create a better life for everyone, and especially for the children of our country.

You can see that I am copying Andrew Cuomo who, I know, was in the audience when you delivered your State of the Union Address. I know he is doing all in his power to improve living conditions for Americans whose housing is deficient. He may well have some specific ideas or comments to share with Habitat for Humanity and, I know, he stays in regular contact with you.

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Again, congratulations on your outstanding Address. May God continue to bless you and guide you in your fine leadership of our beloved country.

Linda, Georgia and Faith, join me in sending all of our love to your whole household.

In enduring friendship and with deep respect,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Millard Fuller / h".

Millard Fuller

MF/jr (signed in his absence)

CC: Andrew Cuomo

Clinton's numbers soar in state with 60 percent approval rating

By CINDY TUMIEL
EXPRESS-NEWS STAFF WRITER

President Clinton's popularity is at an all-time high in Texas, a development that's no surprise to political observers in the aftermath of his expensive and successful re-election campaign.

As during the 1996 campaign, Clinton doesn't seem to be suffering any negative backlash from continuing news about Whitewater, Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit or the Democratic fund-raising controversy.

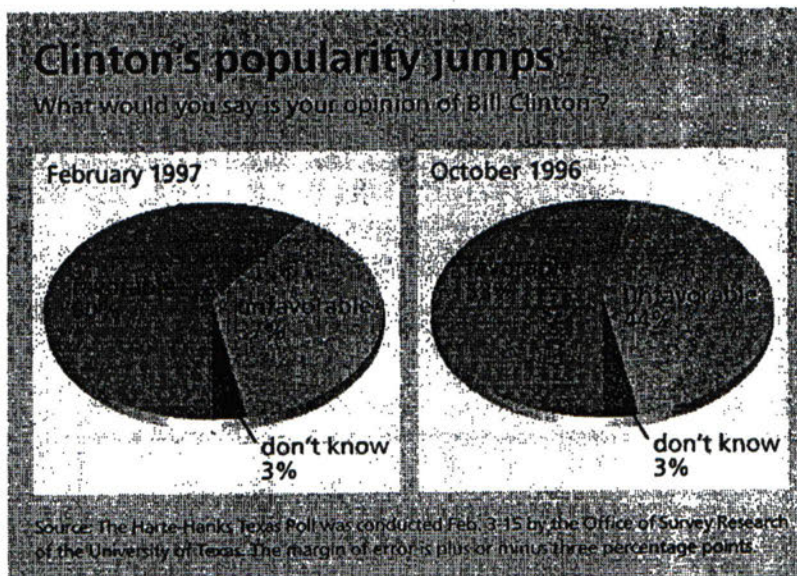
The Harte-Hanks Texas Poll found 60 percent of Texans now have a favorable opinion of Clinton, compared to 37 percent with an unfavorable view of him.

The numbers indicate a reversal of fortune for Clinton, who in 1994 posted the lowest numbers of any president ever evaluated by the Texas Poll. Then, just 30 percent of Texans said they approved of his job performance and 68 percent disapproved.

The 1994 poll asked Texans to evaluate Clinton's job performance, a different question from the one posed in the most recent survey, which asked respondents their general feelings about the president.

Still, political scientists said, both the 1994 and 1997 polls are good indicators of public sentiment toward Clinton at the time.

The most recent poll was taken Feb. 3-15 by the Office of Survey Research of the University of Texas. Pollsters questioned 988 adult



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Texans who were chosen in a random sample. The margin of error is plus or minus three percentage points.

Clinton's favorability rating is up seven percentage points from October, when the president was in the homestretch of a winning re-election campaign against Republican Bob Dole.

Bill Miller, an Austin political consultant who has worked for both Democrat and Republican candidates, said Clinton continues to bask in the positive glow of that campaign.

"We're basically six months from the election and they spent \$50 million telling people what a great person he is," Miller said.

"He's the incumbent; he won, and he continues to enjoy that election bounce."

The Texas numbers correlate closely to Clinton's nationwide popularity. A poll released Thursday by the Pew Research Center found 60 percent of Americans approve of the way Clinton is doing his job.

Tucker Gibson, a political science professor at Trinity University said the numbers reflect positive public feelings about a strong economy.

"People perceive themselves to be moving in a positive direction," Gibson said. "I can't say Texans are fat and happy, but they certainly seem to be content."

The Dallas Morning News

Saturday, March 1, 1997

Clinton growing more popular in Texas

By Sam Attlesley
Political Writer of The Dallas Morning News

AUSTIN — President Clinton's popularity continues to grow among Texans, even though they have twice rejected him at the polls, a new survey shows.

In the latest Texas Poll, 60 percent of those surveyed said they had a favorable opinion of the Democrat and 37 percent said they viewed him unfavorably.

That approval rating is Mr. Clinton's best in Texas, 7 percentage points higher

State GOP chairman calls results 'somewhat skewed'

than a similar poll last fall before the November election.

Recent national polls also have shown the president being viewed positively across the country despite questions about Whitewater and campaign finances.

The telephone survey of 998 randomly selected Texans was conducted Feb. 3-15 for Harte-Hanks Communications Inc. by

the Office of Survey Research of the University of Texas.

The margin of error is plus or minus 3 percentage points, meaning the results could vary by that much in either direction.

"The president has, in fact, grown in the job," said Texas Democratic Party Chairman Bill White. "He's kept his eye

on the ball on the economy and keeping peace in the world.

"And for the first time in a couple of years, we've seen the fog of partisanship and politicking clear," he said.

Tom Pauken, the state Republican Party chairman, said the high favorable rating is "somewhat skewed" because the survey was conducted at a time when the president intervened and temporarily halted the pilots' strike against American Airlines.

"That was a very popular decision among most Texans," Mr. Pauken said.

The averted strike came on Feb. 14, and the survey was completed the next day.

Mr. Pauken also faulted national Republicans for failing to "lay out the problems and the things there are wrong with this administration on substantive issues and character issues."

He suggested that because of Mr. Clinton's inability to carry the state in his presidential elections, he has only "soft popularity."

The poll indicates that 45 percent of those surveyed said they voted last year for Mr. Clinton, 41 percent for Republican Bob Dole and 4 percent for Reform Party candidate Ross Perot.

On Election Day in Texas, 49 percent voted for Mr. Dole, 44 percent

for Mr. Clinton and 7 percent for Mr. Perot.

Ninety-four percent of those polled said they would vote the same way they did in the Nov. 5 election if they had to do so again.

The president received a favorable rating from at least half those surveyed in each region of Texas. He was most popular among blacks and Hispanics.

Younger Texans and lower income-residents had more favorable feelings about Mr. Clinton than did the elderly and the rich.

Over half of Texans see Clinton favorably

Poll rating is higher than in election

By **ALAN BERNSTEIN**

Houston Chronicle Political Writer

Most Texans think favorably of President Clinton, indicates the latest Texas Poll — but the finding comes with a few asterisks.

Sixty percent of those surveyed in the state Feb. 3-15 said they have a favorable view of the president, while 37 percent gave him an unfavorable rating and 3 percent were unsure.

The question was designed to measure impressions of Clinton as a person rather than ratings of his performance as president, poll director Ty Meighan said.

Leading up to the presidential election last year, the Texas Poll showed Clinton's favorable rating at 56 percent in September, 53 percent in October.

Republican candidate Bob Dole got 49 percent of the Texas vote in November, compared to 44 percent for Clinton and 7 percent for Ross Perot.

Assuming the Texas Poll respondents answered accurately, the lat-

est sampling does not seem to reflect the Texas electorate. In the poll, 27 percent said they did not vote in the election.

Of those who voted, 45 percent said they cast a ballot for Clinton, 41 percent for Dole and 4 percent for Perot.

The remainder named another candidate or did not answer.

Among those who voted, 4 percent said they would vote differently now.

The survey did not ask to which candidate they would switch.

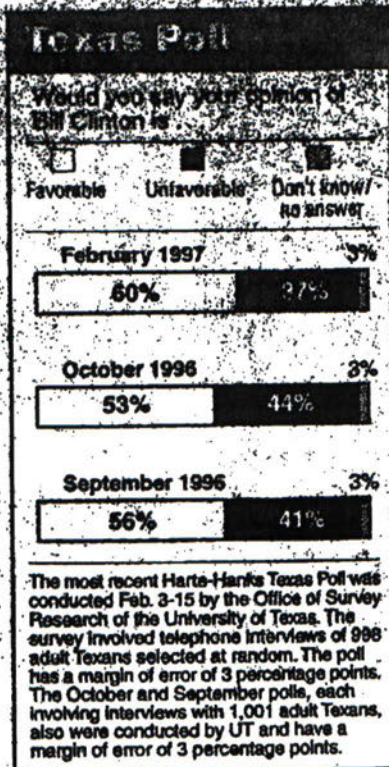
Of the 60 percent rating Clinton favorably, 19 percent said "very favorable" and 41 percent said "somewhat favorable."

Of the 37 percent rating the president unfavorably, 17 percent said "very unfavorable" and 20 percent said "somewhat unfavorable."

Clinton got his best rating in the survey from those with the least amount of education, the lowest salary earnings and youngest age.

Sixty-four percent of women gave a favorable rating of Clinton, compared to 55 percent of men.

The president was most popular among singles rather than married



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people.

Clinton rated the highest in South Texas, with a 71 percent favorable, and lowest in Central Texas, with 52 percent.

There was no difference between his ratings in large cities and rural areas.

The Texas Poll's random survey of telephone respondents has a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

Clinton's Texas approval rating hits 60 percent, poll says

BY MAX B. BAKER
Star-Telegram Staff Writer

FORT WORTH — President Clinton did not win Texas in last year's presidential election, but 60 percent of Texans gave him favorable reviews in the latest Texas Poll.

Clinton's popularity has gone up 7 percentage points since October, and his unfavorable rating has dropped that much, to 37 percent, according to the Harte-Hanks Texas Poll.

The president won 43 percent of the state's popular vote in November, compared with Republican Bob Dole's 48 percent and Reform Party leader Ross Perot's 7 percent.

A robust economy, low unemployment rates and Clinton's espousing of centrist views on economic and governmental policies are responsible for the president's rise in popularity, political analysts said.

Mortgage rates declined this year, and the unemployment rate is low — 5.4 percent nationally, 5 percent in Texas and 3.2 percent in Tarrant County. The number of Texans working increased by 30,000 in December and by 166,000 in 1996.

"When the economy is good, I believe that makes everybody feel good," said Allan Saxe, a political scientist at the University of Texas in Arlington. "It colors everything we do."

According to the Texas Poll, 94 percent of those polled said they would vote the same way if they had to vote again. Forty-five percent said they would vote for Clinton, 41 percent for Dole and 4 percent for Ross Perot.

But Clinton is in the midst of a second-term honeymoon, and revelations about fund-raising methods involving the White House, as

Texas Poll

well as tough decisions on budget matters, could chip away at his numbers, analysts said.

"I think it will be difficult to maintain as we get into the meat of the congressional session," said Jim Riddlesperger, a political science professor at Texas Christian University. "He can be centrist for only so long."

Among political parties, 92 percent of Democrats, 61 percent of independents and 27 percent of Republicans have a good opinion of Clinton.

In what one analyst said was a continuation of the gender gap that brought Clinton victory in 1996, 64 percent of the women surveyed had a favorable opinion of the president compared with 55 percent for men.

"He is enormously popular because he likes people, and it shows," said Gerry Tyson, a Democratic political consultant in Fort Worth. He said people are still talking about his visit to Fort Worth in the fall.

For the most recent Texas Poll, conducted Feb. 3-15, pollsters interviewed 998 adult Texans. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

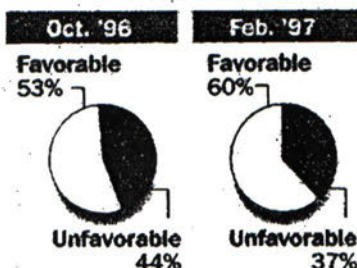
Austin American-Statesman  Saturday, March 1, 1997

Clinton's ratings go up among Texans

The most recent Texas Poll shows that 60 percent of Texans have a favorable opinion of President Clinton, a seven percentage point increase since October.

The favorable rating is how people feel about Clinton in general. It is not the same as an approval rating that measures support for how the president is doing his job.

Q: Would you say your opinion of Bill Clinton is ...



Clinton's favorable rating, broken down by demographic groups:

Income	
Less than \$10,000	73%
\$10,001-\$20,000	72%
\$20,001-\$30,000	73%
\$30,001-\$40,000	51%
\$40,001-\$50,000	50%
\$50,001-\$60,000	44%
\$60,001 and above	50%

Age	
18-29	68%
30-39	57%
40-49	57%
50-59	57%
60-94	57%

Sex	
Female	64%
Male	55%

Methodology: The Texas Poll was conducted for Harte-Hanks Communications by the Office of Survey Research of the University of Texas. Pollsters surveyed 998 adult Texans Feb. 3-15. They were contacted by telephone in a random sample of active telephone exchanges statewide. The margin of error is plus or minus 3 percentage points, slightly larger for subgroups.



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Alie Polin

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THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN
3-3-97

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

cc w/ incoming:
Nancy Hernreich
Rebecca Cameron
Scheduling
Paul Sullivan
is possible

March 3, 1997

Rosie Paschall
308 Harpeth Ridge Drive
Nashville, Tennessee 37221

Dear Rosie:

Thank you for your letter of February 18. I can't tell you how glad I was that you and Rachel were here for the Inaugural -- Judge Drowota must be a good man.

While I'm never sure about my schedule, I would love to try to visit with you and your MBA students. Please call Nancy Hernreich in my office at (202)456-6610 so we can try to set up a time for all of us to meet.

The piece on the Scholastic Art Award winners is terrific.

Sincerely,

Barack



MONTGOMERY BELL ACADEMY

Douglas D. Paschall
Headmaster

Rosie

18th February, 1997.

Dear Bill,

Thank you for your kind note about the article on Days and our visit to the White House. That entire weekend was fabulous, the whole city was electric, I was grateful to be there. I tried to imagine being you, and looking out on the mall, while you gave your speech, seeing all those people, it must have been very moving, it certainly was for me. I felt very humbled and honored to be present to witness it all, in fact I cried through most of it.

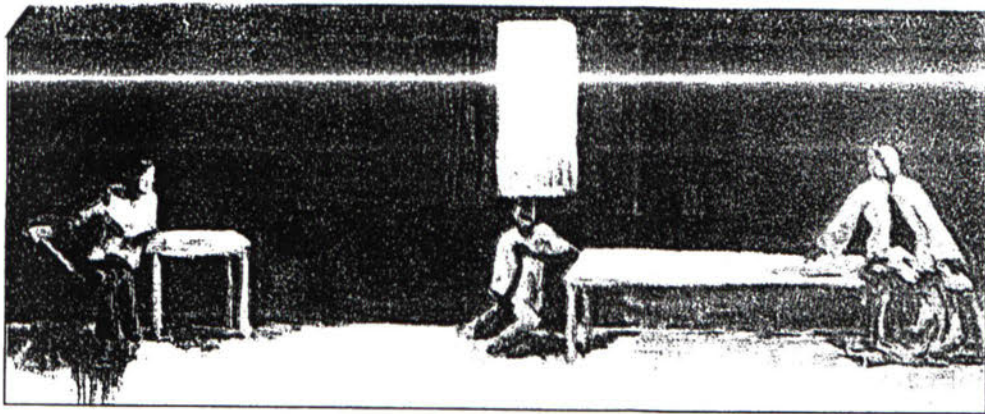
I would not have been able to come had it not been for the generosity of Judge Frank Drowota, a supreme court judge from Nashville and Democrat. He has a dear wife Claire, and they had taken me out to dinner and found out that I wasn't going because it was too costly for me, so they immediately bought a plane ticket and put both Rachel and me up in the Henley Park hotel with them. They were just delightful, full of fun and so kind, it just completed the weekend of a lifetime.

Rachel and I loved coming back to the White House and meeting many of your other friends, what a generous gesture to all of us. It was strange to be there without Douglas, we felt him around each corner and missed him. I asked Rachel what her favorite moment of the weekend was and she said it was when you acknowledged her in the stands while watching the parade. Hillary and Chelsea looked beautiful and so happy, we were next to some of Chelsea's friends and it was lovely to see their response to each other.

One of the main reasons for writing to you is to tell you about a planned visit to Washington with a few of my MBA students. I want them to see the museums and galleries, but most particularly to meet you. I know that this is a huge request but they are dying to meet you, and these are all boys from deeply Republican families. Senator Bill Frist and all his family went to MBA and is on the board, and Lamar Alexander's son is here too. Is there any chance that I could bring them to the White House to meet you? We are hoping to come the weekend after Easter, which is 4th, 5th & 6th April. I feel awkward even asking you this, with all the very important things you have to do. I would love to do something special for these young men, who have helped me through so much and been so wonderful. They even asked if we could take Chelsea out to dinner. Most of them are seniors and will be going off to some of the colleges she is choosing. The boy who wrote his college essay about Douglas will also be along. I fear that this is the last class who will really have a clear memory of Douglas and his influence.

If it is at all possible, even to just have them briefly look in your face and shake your hand, it will be a meeting they will never forget. Thank you, Bill, I look forward to hearing from you, your friend, *Tessie*

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Untitled by K.J. Schumacher of Montgomery Bell Academy is included in the 1997 Scholastic Art Awards show.

youthful visions

By Susan Chappell
SPECIAL TO THE BANNER

If you harbor any doubts about the creativity of our young people, not to worry. Too much television hasn't damaged their psyches. Video games haven't destroyed their brains.

In fact, their creative sparks are well-ignited. At least that holds true for more than 1,000 Middle Tennessee students who submitted work in this year's Scholastic Young Artists Competition.

The works — ranging from painting to photography, mixed media to ceramics — show the breadth of talent coming out of the junior and senior high schools in our region.

The winning artwork is currently on display at Cheekwood's Botanic Hall, where it will remain through Feb. 9.

Five Hallmark award winners were chosen from the 75 Gold Key winners and approximately 450 silver and merit winners, and those students will go on to participate on the national level.

Judges for this sixth annual competition were local artists Ted Jones, Carol Mode, Renee LaTose,

Cheekwood showcases sixth annual Scholastic Art Awards winners

Mary Entrekin and Bonnie Bierwert.

Students whose work was singled out as the best include: Andrew Rozaro, who is 16 and attends Montgomery Bell Academy; Isaac Aden, a 17-year-old student at Hume-Fogg Magnet School; Kathryn Ward, a junior at Harpeth Hall; Joe Montgomery, 17, who goes to MBA; and the entire Art III class at Harpeth Hall, who won for their Tarot Card project.

Rosemary Paschall, who has taught art at both MBA and Harpeth Hall for the past nine years, had many of her students taking home honors.

Paschall, the wife of the late MBA Headmaster Douglas Paschall, says her goal is not to make artists out of her students, but to make them think.

"Of course, they're learning techniques and observation, but I want them to think beyond just what's in front of them," says Paschall. "And think about why artists do what they do."

MBA students spend 50 minutes every day taking art beginning in the seventh grade in what Paschall calls a very disciplined program. She says the students do a lot of writing along with their art in



Joe Montgomery's self portrait also is a Hallmark award winner.



1997 Scholastic Art Awards

Who: Middle Tennessee junior and senior high art students competed in this annual event sponsored by Cheekwood and the Tennessee Teachers Credit Union.

What: The sixth annual exhibition features painting, drawing, mixed media, print-making, sculpture, photography, computer graphics, film and video, textiles, ceramics and metalsmithing.

Where: The exhibit continues through Feb. 9 at Cheekwood's Botanic Hall. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6 adults; \$5 senior citizens and college students; \$3 children 6-17; and free for children under 6 and Cheekwood members. 356-8000.

order to see the relationship between the image and words.

"I always give them some kind of problem to solve and then set up roadblocks," she explains.

While Paschall seems to get an uncommon level of excellence from her students, she tells them that the word "talented" isn't in her classroom vocabulary.

"Lots of people come in thinking, 'Oh, I'm talented or I'm not talented.' And of course, we throw that word out. We don't even have that word mentioned."

Instead Paschall tells them, "You have the capacity to do this — if you're willing to take the risk."

The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards program was founded in 1923 and is now the nation's largest and longest-running recognition program for young artists and writers.

This is the sixth year that Cheekwood has served as a regional leg of the art end of the competition.

My students from both the schools I teach did very well. They will compete nationally and the chosen work will hang in the Corcoran in the summer. I was there last summer to see their work.

Rene

For teachers like Rosemary Paschall, the Scholastic Art Awards are simply a part of a job she thoroughly enjoys.

"It's so wonderful to have enthusiastic, wonderful kids to see every day who are investing in this," she adds. "It's like an adventure, and it's always different. And they're happy to have the criticism and the comments, and they want the feedback."

"The goal is not to produce artists," Paschall continues. "Our goal is that they do the very best that they can do and enjoy it and learn from it."



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March 3, 1997

Ruth and Allison Burks
101 Long Island Drive
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71913

Dear Ruth and Allison:

Thank you for the assortment of Arkansas daffodils. As we enjoy the beautiful arrangement made from them, we are reminded of your kind thoughtfulness and appreciate your remembering us in such a special way.

Take care and God bless.

Sincerely,

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Name: Ruth Barks

Address: 101 Long Island Dr.

Hot Springs 71913

Phone: _____

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Date: 2/28/97

Event: _____

Handed to President ☐

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Overnight Express

Gift Description: Flowers in Bloom (yellow)

Sent to flower shop for staff to make arrangement if possible
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I wish I could
snap my fingers and
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Thank
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hands and make
the lights go on,
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not real helpful.

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WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 3, 1997

Mary Douglas
107 Suttle Drive
Springdale, Arkansas 72764

Dear Mary:

Hillary and I were sorry to learn of your father's death and wanted you to know we are thinking of you. I'll always be grateful for Clovis' friendship and his many contributions to our state through the years. He was truly a remarkable man.

You and your family are in our prayers.

Sincerely,

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*He was my friend
and I'll never forget
that or how he always
stood up for the average
folks who needed him.*

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 3, 1997

Francie Bryant
16 Clevedon Circle
Bella Vista, Arkansas 72714

Dear Francie:

I just learned of your father's death and wanted to say how sorry Hillary and I are. Clovis was a remarkable man and a truly great citizen of our state. I'll always be grateful for his friendship and all that he did for Arkansas.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

To: Maureen

VAN BUREN — William Clovis Bryant, 82, of Van Buren, died Tuesday. He was a member of the Heritage United Methodist Church, a lifetime resident of Van Buren and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Medical Corps in France. A recipient of five battlefield commendations. A member of the Van Buren Masonic Lodge #8 and a member of the Western Arkansas Consistory. A graduate of Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science. He was a licensed embalmer and funeral director, a former Crawford County Coroner. A member of the Arkansas Legislature for 22 years, serving 18 years in the House of Representatives and six years in the Senate. He retired in 1984. Also, he was a railroad conductor on the Missouri Pacific Railroad. A state director for the United Transportation Union 10 years. The widower of Frances Hubbard Bryant, who passed away in 1983. Survivors include two daughters, Mary Douglas of Springdale and Francie Bryant of Bella Vista; two grandchildren, Mary Frances Douglas of Little Rock and Clovis Bryant Hance and his wife, Darlene, of Rogers. Pallbearers will be Henry M. Steele, Irving Newcomb, Ed Thicksten, Bill Vickery, Allen Ray Toothaker, Merrill Harriman, Warren Blaylock, Cecil Hession, B.G. Hendrix, Jewel (Sonny) Morrison. Honorary pallbearers will be past and present member of the Legislature and the Men's Sunday School Class at Heritage United Methodist Church. Services will be 10 a.m. Friday, at the Ocker Memorial Chapel with interment in Gracelawn Cemetery. Rev. Rodney Steele officiating. Arrangements by Ocker Funeral Home in Van Buren. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Heritage United Methodist Church, 1604 Pointer Trail, Van Buren, Ark. 72596.

Mary Douglas

107 Suttle Dr.
Springdale, AR 72764

Francie Bryant
16 Cleveland Cr

Bella Vista, AR 72714

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Get my gift unit
Riviere
letter
(1987)

March 3, 1997

PERSONAL

The Honorable Paul Riviere
Pacesetter Partners, Inc.
101 Franklin Road
Brentwood, Tennessee 37027

Dear Paul:

Thank you so much for the wonderful photographs.
It was good to hear from you, and I hope you
know how grateful I am to have your continued
friendship and support. Hillary joins me in
sending best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,

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Come see us!
But to carry your gifts
I love to see you

White House Gift Record

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Donor Information

Mr. Paul Riviere
Pacesetter Partners, Inc.
101 Franklin Road
Brentwood, TN 37027

Acknowledged By: Pending BC Gift Draft

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Correspondence indicates a 33 year friendship with POTUS.

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*Per call to Pres. Personal Correspondence, 4/25
donor was Arkansas Secy of State between
1979+80 + is a good FOB.*

Gift Information

Intended: President

Disposition: Archives

Description:

19" x 17" mounted and framed collection of four photographs of POTUS and donor. Three of the photographs are black and white and one color. Under the photographs is a bronze plate that reads "Friends."

Location of Gift:

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PACESETTER PARTNERS, INC.

2-7-97



PAUL RIVIERE
221-5928

Dear Mr. President

These pictures create many fond memories for me and I hope for you too! I'm very proud of you and I know you are going to have a very successful second term. I have seen you grow, and as a result of your personal growth, America will be a better country.

The real estate business is good to me and my family is well. Carolyn continues to work in public health, Cathy and Becky will both be in college this fall and mother is in a nearby nursing home. We are blessed.

Thanks for your friendship for over 33 years!

Paul

ALICE CHAMBERLIN

R.D. 1 BURNT HILL
WARNER, NH 03278
(603) 456-3783

Bruce Lindsey
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Bruce,

Please find enclosed a letter to President Clinton from my cousin Harry Belin. The letter outlines the philosophy and goals for the Potomac Heritage Partnership that Harry has established at his home in Georgetown.

It is my hope that the President's agenda to revitalize the nation's capital can be served in some way by the Potomac Heritage Partnership. To that end, I would be very grateful if you could recommend consideration of the letter to the President and the appropriate staff at the White House. As you will note, Harry is very interested in arranging a meeting with the staff that is developing the President's initiatives in this area. I am anxious to assist him in this regard and thank you in advance for your direction on the above matter.

On a personal note, I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I will miss the opportunities the 1996 campaign gave us New Hampshire folks to see all of you. But please know that I am always ready to serve the Administration in any way I can.

Best regards,

Alice

Alice Chamberlin

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Harry Belin

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The Honorable Bill Clinton
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC

February 13, 1997

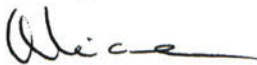
Dear Bill,

I was encouraged to write after listening to your State of the Union Address. I was very struck by the many themes of national heritage that wove the address together and your emphasis on the renewal of the capital city.

On that note, and with the belief that these issues take all the resources we can apply, I have encouraged my cousin Harry Belin to write to you. Harry is nurturing the Potomac Heritage Partnership with a shared dedication to the values that inspired your speech. The Partnership seeks to leverage the many positive, but isolated grassroots efforts occurring throughout the Potomac River watershed, to preserve, protect and promote the Potomac River heritage corridor. The Partnership is also working closely with the National Bicentennial Capital Celebration that is spearheading the development of heritage tourism to revitalize Washington and the surrounding communities. I am confident that Harry would be honored to help your staff in any way he can as they continue your initiatives to rebuild the nation's capital.

It was wonderful to see you and Hillary at the White House at Christmas and as always my thoughts are with you both as you face the challenges and opportunities of your second term.

All my best,



Potomac Heritage Partnership

**1623 28th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007
202.965.3880 Phone
202.333.2887 Fax**

February 12, 1997

The Honorable Bill Clinton
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As a lifelong resident of the District of Columbia, I welcome your renewed interest and that of the First Lady's in the revitalization and renaissance of our Nation's capital as a world class city. In crisis, this American City "...of the people, by the people and for the people" has become this nation's clarion call to rekindle a sense of community and a civic spirit of volunteerism at a time in our Nation's history when apathy seems the order of the day. Americans can no longer afford to turn their backs on their Nation's capital, the threshold to Democracy and a symbol of the American experience itself. I ask a moment of your time or that of your staff to discuss a heritage-based regional collaboration designed to assist the task of reinvigorating a sense of pride in our National City.

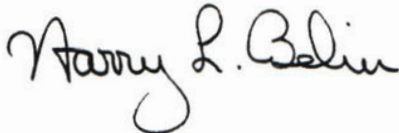
Three generations of my family have lived since 1923 at Evermay, one of the last remaining private estate homes in Georgetown. Over the past three quarters of a century we have come to appreciate an ongoing ebb and flood in the District's perceived boundaries as a "neighborhood" depending upon which issue is being addressed at any given moment. For economic, political or social matters it is evident that the strict "10-mile square" metropolitan area called Washington, D.C. best suits how we work together as neighbors in solving our problems.

On the other hand, when considering the Nation's capital as the beacon of democracy and the seat of our national government, expanding our nation's "hometown" to the status of an ecomuseum seems more appropriate, wherein our neighbors then become those riparians who live throughout the 15,000 square miles of the Potomac River watershed. From the Fairfax stone in West Virginia to Point Lookout on the Chesapeake, geography dictates the logic of management of this heritage area as ONE in mind and spirit. Only at this larger scale of heritage development can there be a vision worthy enough to inspire the minds, souls and generosity of all Americans in the struggle to revitalize their Nation's capital and restore its reputation as the world symbol of freedom and Democracy.

Inspired by this vision, three years ago I began to explore the possibilities of a regional collaborative called the Potomac Heritage Partnership (PHP) headquartered at Evermay. PHP seeks to provide a framework within which heritage-based interest groups can work together to strengthen their individual organizations to address common problems, and to enhance and protect the important natural and cultural resources of the region which includes our Nation's capital, the "jewel" at the heart of the heritage area. Much of our agenda was first addressed almost thirty years ago in the study, The Potomac: The Report of the Potomac Planning Task Force, which was commissioned by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall.

In short, the renewal of the Nation's capital as a national treasure is not a District problem but rather an American problem of great complexity and challenge. Solutions will demand bold moves, visionary leadership and a grand plan with economic staying power well into the 21st century. If we are to maintain our rightful place of leadership in the community of nations we must have a credible capital city which inspires on a grander scale. If the Potomac Heritage Partnership can be a resource to you in any way we would welcome the chance to speak to you or your staff at some convenient moment in the near future. We will keep you informed of our progress.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harry L. Belin". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Harry L. Belin



Embassy of the United States of America

U.S. Embassy, Bern
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20521-5110

February 6, 1997

Ms. Jamie Shell Williams
Director for Greetings/Comments
Room 39
Executive Office of the President
Old Executive Office Building
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Williams:

The American Embassy has received a letter, in Italian, from Swiss Foreign Minister Flavio Cotti, thanking President Clinton for his Christmas greetings and message of congratulations on Foreign Minister Cotti's recent election to the Vice Presidency of the Federal Council. He also extends his sincere wishes for a peaceful and happy 1997 to the President and his family and to the families of the President's colleagues. Foreign Minister Cotti's letter is dated January, 1997 at Bern.

Please pass the attached letter from Foreign Minister Cotti to President Clinton. Thank you for your assistance.

Attachment (1)

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Send to WSC?

Yes ☒

No ☐

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FLAVIO COTTI

Consigliere Federale

Gentili signore, egregi signori,

*Vi ringrazio per le numerose attestazioni di stima
che mi avete trasmesso in occasione della mia
elezione a Vice-Presidente del Consiglio Federale
e per gli auguri indirizzatimi nell'imminenza
delle Festività Natalizie.*

*Colgo l'occasione per inviare a mia volta a Voi,
ai Vostri famigliari ed ai Vostri collaboratori,
i voti più sinceri per un sereno e felice 1997.*

Cordialmente,



Berna, gennaio 1997

Dorothy P. Moore

P.O. Box 306

Arkansas City, Arkansas 71630

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February 25, 1997

President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500-2000

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Dear Mr. President;

It has been called to my attention that certain budget reduction plans of the Department of Agriculture call for the closure of all but one of any FSA offices located within 25 miles of each other. I earnestly ask that you call this matter to the attention of your assistant in the field of Agriculture, asking him to review this matter.

In our particular situation in Desha County, this plan will result in the closing of either the McGehee office or the Lake Village office in Chicot County. The combined customer base served by these offices I understand to be in excess of 4,000. This is contrasted with certain offices located in non-agricultural counties in other areas of the State where the customer base is only in the low digits. Yet, there is to remain one open simply because of the distance relationship to a similar office in an adjacent county.

I realize that The Freedom to Farm Act will diminish many of the services provided by FSA, but there are regulatory concerns and disaster provisions that are and will continue to be administered through this agency. Requiring farmer services to be consolidated because of an arbitrary distance requirement between offices places time, distance and financial burdens on the farmers which seem to be not consistent with good government.

Mr. President, I am sure you understand our concern in this matter, and I thank you for your assistance by calling it to the attention of your Agricultural Assistant.

Thank you, sir, and my very best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Dorothy P. Moore
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Send to Donald?

Yes ☒
No ☐

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Government House, 40
Canberra ACT 2600

28 January 1997

Dear Mr President,

First of all, I wish to convey Helen's and my very warm congratulations on your inauguration for the second term of your presidency. We both hope that the next four years will be happy and fulfilling ones for Mrs Clinton and yourself. Needless to say, we also pray that, under your leadership, they will be prosperous and successful for the United States and all its people.

Your visit here did much to strengthen and cement the warm affection which Australians have for your country generally and Mrs Clinton and yourself in particular. Helen and I greatly valued the opportunity of meeting and talking with you both, albeit for but a short time. Your American Dogwoods are flourishing in the gardens here at Yarralumla and will, in the coming decades, serve as a constant living reminder of you both and of your visit to our country in our late Spring of 1996.

Thank you for your gracious letter of 17 December last and, on behalf of Helen and myself, for the carefully chosen gifts which you gave us. I have read "Between Hope and History" with pleasure and admiration. We share a commitment to serve the disadvantaged of our respective countries, particularly the young disadvantaged.

The photograph of yourself and Mrs Clinton which you gave us now occupies a prominent place here in Government House. I am arranging for a photograph of the four of us to be forwarded separately to you as a memento of a happy meeting and, I hope, of the commencement of enduring personal friendships.

Finally, I express the sincere hope that you will find the time to visit Australia again either during your presidency or afterwards. The residue of my own appointment as Governor-General is currently due to expire at about the same time as the end of your second term. If you are able to visit us again while we are both in office, I would suggest that you try to make time for a quiet interlude of "rest and resuscitation" here at Government House.

Sincerely,

William Deane

William Patrick Deane

The Honourable William Jefferson Clinton,
President of the United States of America,
The White House,
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue,
WASHINGTON DC 20500
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Send to NSC?

Yes ☒

No ☐

cc Scheduling
Yes ☒
No ☐



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1997 March 03

The Honourable Thomas F. McLarty
Counselor to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. McLarty;

I have been requested by the Honourable P.J. Patterson, PC, QC, MP, Prime Minister of Jamaica to transmit the following letter addressed to President William J. Clinton, and kindly request that you bring this to the attention of the President.

The original of the letter will follow.

Please accept my warmest personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Richard L. Bernal
Ambassador

Attachment

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From Mack McLarty -

Send to USC ?

Yes ☒

no ☐

Office of the Prime Minister

Jamaica House
Kingston

1997 March 03

Dear President Clinton,

During our last meeting at the White House, we both reaffirmed the determination to collaborate closely in the relentless fight against drugs and narco-trafficking. The completion of negotiations between Jamaica and the United States in Washington this week on a Cooperation Agreement in Suppressing Illicit Maritime Drug Trafficking will represent yet another positive step towards this end.

I know you share my concern and that of all Caribbean Leaders on the associated scourge of arms smuggling which has resulted in an increase of criminal activity from the spread of drugs and guns. The illicit trade in guns and ammunition has not only contributed to an escalation in the levels of violent crime, but constitutes a serious threat to the security of our several countries and the region as a whole.

While Jamaica has already identified the major elements in an agreement to counter the smuggling of arms and is geared to embark on meaningful negotiations with your designated authorities, I am convinced that a concerted regional approach is far more preferable. The dimensions of the problem and the solutions they require demand collective action between Caribbean Governments and the USA.

The recent exchange of letters between the Chairman of the Caribbean Community and yourself, as well as your impending visit to Barbados for a meeting with CARICOM Heads in May, seem to set both the background and the timetable for collective understanding and action.

The Honourable William J. Clinton
President of the
United States of America
Washington D.C

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1997 March 03

I am therefore proposing for your favourable consideration, and of my colleague Heads of the Caribbean Community, that we proceed as a matter of urgency to negotiate a CARICOM-United States of America Agreement to Counter the Smuggling of Guns and Ammunition.

I would further suggest that every effort be made to conclude such an Agreement so as to have it ready for signature at the Barbados Summit.

Mr. President, Caribbean Heads are all looking forward to meaningful discussions and fruitful results from a truly historic gathering with you as we seek to promote the security and development of our region and the Hemisphere, thereby enhancing the quality of life for all our people.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. J. Patterson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Percival J. Patterson
Prime Minister