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CHAIRMAN

Dear Erskine,

Enclosed is a letter to the President apprising him of my intention to leave the FDIC effective June 1 (or earlier if ~~for~~ me is confirmed). I would appreciate your informing the President before the FDIC announces it publicly tomorrow morning. I very

much appreciate your courtesy in this matter.

Best regards,
Richi Helfer



OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

March 13, 1997

JIM DORSKIND:

Please coordinate
the reply.

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity you have given me to serve as Chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

The FDIC has accomplished an enormous amount over the past two-and-a-half years. We have achieved full capitalization of the deposit insurance funds with the strong support of your Administration and the Congress; we have incorporated strategic planning, greater budget accountability, and other modern management techniques into the operations of the Corporation; we have implemented innovative approaches to assess the effects of economic and other trends on the health of the banking industry; we have integrated the functions and staff of the Resolution Trust Corporation into the FDIC; we have enhanced internal financial controls, implemented an integrated financial management system, and expanded the use of technology to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of many of our functions; we have reduced the size of the FDIC by one-third in light of the return to strong health of the banking and thrift industries; and we have promoted women and minorities into key management positions.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of the outstanding men and women of the FDIC, with whom I am honored to have served.

Having achieved what I set out to do as FDIC Chairman, I would now like to spend time with my husband and family and consider new opportunities and challenges. Accordingly, I submit my resignation as Chairman and as a member of the Board of Directors of the FDIC effective not later than June 1, 1997, or earlier when a successor is confirmed.

It is an honor to have served our country during your Administration.

Sincerely yours,

Ricki R. Helfer

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Chairman

3-12-97

Orig. to Clerk
copy to Dorskind
for response
cc: Dorskind tickler
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Jim Doriskind

3/13/97

Please coordinate. Need to find
out about EPA meeting.



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Hayes

March 10, 1997

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500-2000

Dear Mr. President:

I will always appreciate the opportunity you gave me to serve the people of Arkansas as Director of the Arkansas Department of Pollution Control and Ecology under your governorship. I also appreciate and applaud you for the strong and visionary leadership you are providing the nation as our President.

Mr. President, you and I have always felt free to express our views without reservation or fear of loss of respect or friendship. It is my belief that our successful service in Arkansas was founded on trust and a sharing of the view that we must protect the environment and to provide that protection in a commonsense manner. Until recently, we, the state agency directors and commissioners, mistakenly thought we were breaking through the barriers of suspicion and distrust that have long existed between EPA and the states. The attached are the background of the regulatory innovations that we, the ECOS members, have been pursuing with EPA. ECOS officers, Peder Larson of Minnesota, and I will be in a meeting at 11:00 a.m., March 13, with EPA Administrator Carol Browner and Deputy Administrator Fred Hansen in an attempt to get this effort back on track. To those of us who have diligently toiled in this effort to protect the environment in a commonsense manner, it is shocking to read Mr. Hansen's mischaracterization of our efforts.

Mr. President, I have never misled you. This is an issue of trust and the kind of relationship between the states and EPA that is so necessary if we are to protect our God-given, natural resources in a manner that allows the EPA, states, and industry to operate "cheaper, better, and smarter." I believe this phrase was coined by Ms. Browner and regularly used in her speeches. Therefore, if this effort is torpedoed, I will have a reluctance to rely upon any commitments that Ms. Browner or Mr. Hansen make to the state agency commissioners and directors concerning partnerships, commonsense initiatives, and regulatory innovations.

Mr. President, it is dangerously close to being "broke." I hope that the meeting with state commissioners, Ms. Browner, and Mr. Hansen on March 13 will be the beginning of the healing and mending of a critically important relationship.

Please call on me if I may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randall Mathis".

Randall Mathis
Director

Enc.
RM:fdp

Helen /
Phil -

Can you all work
on this & return
if appropriate?

3-13-97

Jim Dorskind /

Dan

Burkhardt

RETURN BY APRIL 2, 1997

WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN POLITICS

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Bill Clinton
Office of the President
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington DC 20500

IF YOUR ENTRY IS CORRECT
AS PRINTED, SIGN BELOW AND
RETURN FORM.

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PERSONAL PROOF

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Victoria

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States, 93-

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Found, formerly

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Chief State Officers, 88

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Robert C. Andringa, Ph.D.
President

February 6, 1997

The President
White House
Washington, DC 20500

VIA FAX and MAIL

Dear Mr. President,

The Coalition for Christian Colleges & Universities stands behind you. Among our campuses are 88 fully accredited American four-year liberal arts colleges and universities enrolling over 150,000 students in 29 states. Our annual conference of presidents just concluded here in Washington.

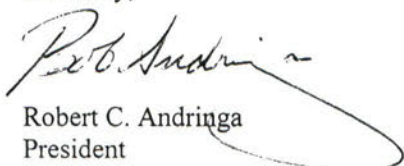
Secretary Riley spoke to us Tuesday and most of the presidents watched your State of the Union address later that night. Two actions came Wednesday:

1. Our board voted unanimously to endorse the America Reads program and I am instructed to urge all our campuses to join in making the pledge to use at least half of their new work study funds for tutoring elementary students in reading. Your initiative is sound and welcomed by us.
2. When I asked all our presidents at the Wednesday morning session about your tax proposals for higher education, even in light of the hesitation many associations are expressing, you got a 100% vote of support. Thank you for a strategy that addresses the real pressures on families and on those students who are older than traditional undergraduates.

When I was executive director of the Education Commission of the States, you and Mrs. Clinton always led in making the case for education. You have been consistent and persistent in your views. I'm sorry the media portrays that commitment to education as some poll driven political convenience. Hang tough. It was the right priority back then and even more so today.

A final word of encouragement. Our students and faculty pray for you and your family regularly. We seek to love the Lord with all our minds. And we appreciate your leadership in the context of what the prophet Micah said about our responsibility to "do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." Those who love Christ love you.

Cordially,


Robert C. Andringa
President

(duplicate of letter mailed to White House 2/6/97)

An association of 90 member colleges and universities, all with comprehensive curriculums rooted in the arts and sciences, and supported by an expanding coalition of affiliated institutions and many organizations, foundations and individuals

3-13-97

Send to Denskind?

Yes

No

To
coordinate
with Mike
Cohen.

C.



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1000

5 MAR 1997

The President
The White House
Washington DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am pleased to announce that the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) will participate in the proposed new national assessments of mathematics and reading. The DoDEA is committed to a high quality education for the 115,000 children of Defense families worldwide who are served by its two school systems, the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (overseas) and the Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (stateside). Both school systems embrace the challenges laid out in your "Call to Action."

Your Initiative on National Standards of Excellence in Education is particularly crucial to these families whose commitment to service may require dozens of moves and school transfers during a career. We applaud the unprecedented proposal to benchmark their achievement against national and international indicators of success. We in the Department know well that our Nation's future prosperity and security depend on preparing children to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

You have the Department's full commitment to a rigorous testing program that will evaluate our progress toward national standards.

Respectfully yours,

3-13-97

Send to Denskind?

Yes ☒

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To coordinate
with Mike Cohen.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1997

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER *SB*

SUBJECT: Letter from the United Nations Association of the
United States of America on UN Arrears

Purpose

To respond to a letter from John Whitehead, Elliot Richardson, Cyrus Vance and William J. vanden Heuvel urging you to request funding to pay all outstanding U.S. arrearages to the United Nations.

Background

Your response notes that your FY 1998 budget proposes a plan to pay off U.S. arrearages to the United Nations.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters at Tabs A-D.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to John C. Whitehead
Tab B Letter to Elliot Richardson
Tab C Letter to Cyrus Vance
Tab D Letter to William J. vanden Heuvel
Tab E Incoming Correspondence

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*Copy of Nancy Hennrich's
note given to Berger.*

c. Cleveland

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*Make sure Sandy sees
it*

ice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear John:

Thank you for letter on U.S. arrears to the United Nations. I share your belief that we need to solve this long-standing problem. That is why I am asking the Congress to appropriate \$100 million for UN arrears in FY 1998 and to agree to a \$921 million advance appropriation for FY 1999, which would be tied to certain benchmarks of reform by the UN. This proposal would promote reform, pay our bills and put the United Nations back on sound financial footing.

I deeply appreciate the efforts by the UNA-USA to build public support for America's leading role at the United Nations. As we prepare for this critical budget season, I urge you to continue your important work and to demonstrate your commitment to ensuring that the United States meets its international financial obligations.

Sincerely,

The Honorable John C. Whitehead
United Nations Association of the
United States of America
485 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10017-6104

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Elliot:

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Elliot Richardson
United Nations Association of the
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485 Fifth Avenue
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Cyrus Vance
United Nations Association of the
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485 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10017-6104

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Bill:

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Sincerely,

Mr. William J. vanden Heuvel
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20 December, 1996

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

As your administration grapples with difficult trade-offs in assembling your budget proposals for fiscal year 1998, we write on behalf of the tens of millions of individuals who are members of the United Nations Association of the United States of America and its 145 affiliated national organizations. Specifically, we urge that you include in the budget a request for funding to pay all outstanding U.S. arrearages to the United Nations as well as our 1998 U.N. assessments. It would also be enormously helpful if in your State-of-the-Union address you include a brief statement reiterating the importance of honoring our treaty-obligated commitments to the United Nations. It is essential that you boldly show the world that you are prepared to take tough decisions to achieve this goal.

Your selection of Ambassador Albright as Secretary of State is a strong signal of U.S. support for the United Nations, as were your remarks when you announced her nomination. In past appearances before the U.N. General Assembly, you have rightly recommitted the United States to full and timely payment of its financial obligations. The likely election of a new U.N. Secretary General, and the assembling of a new national security team, create the conditions to eliminate our arrearages and to restore our credibility among the international community. We believe that we now face an historic opportunity to recommit the United States of America to the United Nations and to advance reform of the world organization.

Survey after survey consistently show that the vast majority of Americans believe that working through the United Nations, rather than unilaterally, is the most effective way of resolving most international problems. At UNA-USA we stand ready to work with you in this effort, and hope you will agree that the U.S. relationship with the United Nations is a cornerstone of a peaceful world under the rule of law.

Sincerely,

John C. Whitehead *Elliot Richardson* *Cyrus Vance* *William J. vanden Heuvel*
John C. Whitehead Elliot Richardson Cyrus Vance William J. vanden Heuvel
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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
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12:00pm

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS TO THE GRIDIRON CLUB
WASHINGTON, D.C.
MARCH 15, 1997**

Good evening Senator Thompson, Secretary Shalala, members of the Gridiron Club, ladies and gentlemen.

If David Brinkley had called the Gridiron Dinner "nonsense," he wouldn't have had to apologize.

I hope you enjoyed your dinner. It was delicious roast sirloin. You may be interested to know that I wanted to serve the Mexican Combo Platter but Congress wouldn't certify it.

Thank you Donna, for a funny speech. Donna has assumed Bob Reich's place in my administration: closest to the ground and furthest from the right.

You know, I'm beginning to worry that HHS is a little overzealous with these tobacco regs. I saw Jack Germond smoking a cigarette in the lobby earlier, and Donna asked him for his ID.

I also want to congratulate Senator Thompson on his very funny remarks. Senator, I'm glad the Gridiron Club finally approved the \$4.3 million budget you wanted to prepare this speech.

There once was a time in America's Capital where everyone who worked here -- legislators and executives, journalists and jurists -- worked side by side in the warm glow of true non-partisanship, everyone united by a common resolve as public servants doing the people's work. Petty differences and political divisions notwithstanding, all were determined to build the best possible future for our young and hope-filled nation.

Inscribed Copy
of
Inner City Visions
[Signature]

*Copied
Baer
Bowles*

*- Don
- W
- L
- F*

But that was last month.

I believe we can rebuild a bridge to that promising era once again.

To promote discipline, cooperation and a sense of order -- so everybody knows we have a lot in common -- I think we should have school uniforms for Congress.

Democrats and Republicans need to sit down and talk more often. Maybe over coffee.

Maybe at my house. . . . [thought suddenly occurs:] Maybe we should serve decaf.

Campaign finance reform offers another opportunity for cooperation. And tonight, I want to offer some new ideas for campaign finance reform which will get this moving forward, on a bipartisan basis.

First, an idea borrowed from tort reform. Let's fund campaigns the way the British fund lawsuits: loser pays. ~~If nothing else, it will have a chilling effect on frivolous campaigns.~~

Second, earlier this week I proposed free TV. But if we really want the public to finance elections, why not pay per view?

Third, an idea borrowed from the health care debate: single payer. Steve Forbes comes to mind.

Fourth, what about corporate sponsors? We could play patriotic songs like Starbucks and Stripes Forever at rallies . . . the candidates could meet in Pepsi Challenge Presidential Debates . . . and every Get Out The Vote phone bank could get 30 free minutes if they switch to MCI.

Of course, it's too late to have Windows 95 bring us Election 96, but there's still time to have Century 21 present Election 2000.

And we should do more to encourage ordinary citizens to contribute. I could ask Ed McMahon to chair a Presidential Clearinghouse Sweepstakes. Every person in America would find an envelope in their mailbox with a message that reads "You may already be a Deputy Special Assistant to the Acting Administrator." *a husband*

Yes, I want this to be a time of bipartisanship and progress. But frankly, with the ruckus in Washington, I know a lot of you think it's hard for us to break through the din. Well, I have some ideas that my staff worked up that we think will do the trick. You be the judge. Will these break through?

- Take a cue from the TV show "Ellen." Start a rumor that in the last presidential press conference of the season, my character will become a Libertarian.

~~One up Rudy Giuliani. Come to the Gridiron as man playing a woman dressed as a man.~~

- Announce we've discovered signs of life on Mars. Oh, we tried that.

- Allocate \$3 billion in Transportation Department funds to actually build a bridge to the 21st century.

- Announce that in the next Clint Eastwood movie, Erskine Bowles will play the role of Fred Thompson.

- Announce that we're giving cell phones to community groups. ... Oh, nobody would ever fall for that.

- Announce that I will fight Evander Holyfield, any time, any place.

- Sign an executive order hiring people on welfare to install computers in our nation's

classrooms to e-mail messages to neighborhood watch volunteers to use their cell phones to call 100,000 community police officers to remind the one million literacy tutors to show up for work.

~~Announce that I will not seek a third term.~~

- Ban research on human cloning.
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- And if things get really bad, legalize human cloning.

In reality, as you know, I recently signed legislation banning funding for further research into cloning. But it's too late to do anything about the research we've already done.

I initiated the research last November as I was contemplating loopholes to the 22nd Amendment.

slide: POTUS holding the Bible at Clinton clone's swearing in ceremony.

Here I am last January at the IFOR meeting.

Slide: Four POTUSes on "IFOR" podium

Here's a picture we thought about running last year in a campaign commercial.

Slide: Dole delivering SOTU with 2 Newt Gingriches behind him.

And in one of these research projects, I had a real-life Elvis sighting.

Slide: POTUS greets Elvis in Oval (Nixon)

And of course, I will never forget this stirring moment of myth and destiny.

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Slide: Young Bill Clinton shakes hands with President Bill Clinton. (JFK)

.....And neither will I.

So you can see why it was so important that we stop this research before it got out of hand.

[Let me conclude by saying this: I don't believe it is inherently craven for people in politics to meet with those of you in the press. I don't believe that just because a person is a journalist, they should be automatically barred from meeting with the President. I enjoy our meetings. Talking with you. Exchanging ideas. Having coffee with ~~one another~~. And if any of you need a place to stay tonight, please let me know.

Thank you and see you next year.

Take this idea for instance: as a way to break the partisan gridlock on the budget, some have suggested that we form a committee of experts to adjust the Consumer Price Index. A small change in one numeric variable could shave billions of dollars from the deficit. Now, I know this is a difficult issue for some people, so I thought: let's ease into this by looking at how we can reindex some other statistics.

There's a new report that says Americans are the heaviest people in the world.

Working together, reaching across party lines, we can change this. Together, we can pack 20 ounces into a pound, instead of just 16. That would mean that a man who today weighs two hundred pounds could suddenly weigh one sixty. [A Big Mac could be redefined as a Medium Mac.] Overnight, we can make America the thinnest nation on earth!

I think that is a great approach to problem-solving and I believe it can be applied elsewhere. For example: A report just released shows that Americans are the heaviest people in the world. So I am working on a plan to fix it.

I believe that we can pack more than 16 oz in a pound. Say we make a pound 20 ounces. That means a man who weighs two hundred pounds can, with the stroke of my pen, weigh one sixty. So by tomorrow morning, we can be the thinnest country in the world!

And there's similar work to be done in education. Consider a graduating high school class of 100 kids. I believe that if we put our minds to it, we can get 25 of them into the top 10%.

By counting duplexes twice, we can increase housing starts significantly!

[golf score joke TK]

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Sometimes I wish ordinary citizens could be here to see for themselves that these dinners aren't as seamy or insidious as they suspect. But it would be disingenuous to suggest that those of us in politics don't occasionally trade a little of the inside scoop for more favorable coverage. And it would be less than truthful to assert that you don't exchange some of that exposure for access and information from us in the government. It's how the system works. We may have a difference of opinion on this -- but that's the way I see it.

So I am glad to be here with you tonight. If any of you take issue with me being here tonight, blame me. It was my idea. I enjoy these meetings, however pedestrian they may be. Talking with you. Exchanging ideas. Having coffee with one another. And getting together for a few well-needed laughs. And if any of you need a place to stay tonight, please let me know.

Thank you and good night.

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS FOR THE GRIDIRON DINNER
WASHINGTON, DC
MARCH 15, 1997**

Good evening Senator Thompson, Secretary Shalala, members of the Gridiron Club, ladies and gentlemen.

This has been just one more of these long evenings we have had to endure. I suspected that I was going to be in for a hard time tonight. I wasn't surprised that Senator Thompson would use his considerable acting skills to deliver mean zingers about Democratic campaign fundraising. I was waiting for all of you in the Washington media elite to stick it to me about all this Lincoln Bedroom brouhaha. And you dished it out pretty well.

As you can imagine, I take issue with the substance of some of these jokes -- but they are pretty fun to write.

In fact, you missed a couple. *[POTUS pulls out a sheet of paper from his pocket]*
How about this one?

- When the President entered the room, the Marine Corps band played a stirring rendition of "Starbucks and Stripes Forever."
- ~~The New York Times just found the smoking gun: a \$50,000 check to the DNC signed by Juan Valdez.~~
- ~~The bad news is, Chelsea is going off to college soon. The good news is, it opens up another bedroom.~~

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- The White House might not have been so anxious to raise money if only they had switched to decaf.
- ~~On election night, the President celebrated his victory with fundraisers by hosting a series of "kahluas."~~

~~Al, do you have any on your list that they didn't get to?~~

~~[The Vice President joins POTUS at podium]~~

VPOTUS: Yes Mr. President, I do:

- If Al Gore had just called 1 800 COLLECT, he could have saved Democratic donors up to 44%.
- Al Gore wisely rejected the idea of making his press conference last week a pay-per-view event.
- Al Gore was late tonight because his motorcade was speeding and he was pulled over by the controlling legal authority.

POTUS:

Thanks, Al.

[POTUS turns to Donna Shalala]

Donna? Do you have any to add?

[Secretary Shalala comes to the podium, pulls a sheet of paper out of her pocket, reads it over carefully, looks at the President and says: "No, Mr. President. I don't."]

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She's even smarter than I thought.

[Shalala jokes TK]

✓ I want to congratulate Senator Thompson for his very funny remarks. I'm glad that the Gridiron Club finally approved your \$4.9 million budget to write the speech.

Senator Thompson, of course, is a well-known actor and is set to star in an upcoming mini-series on C-SPAN. And he knows that the outcome of his hearings will have a tremendous impact on the future of presidential campaigns. And I think I know the one he has in mind.

↖ I also think I know why Senator Thompson is entertaining the idea of running for president. He's the only actor in America who's never slept in the Lincoln Bedroom.

I am encouraged that we have all turned our attention to campaign finance reform. Most of us agree that the system needs to change. The present one takes too much time raises too many questions. So we must be open to new ideas. Here are a few off the top of my head:

An idea is based on tort reform: loser pays. If nothing else, it will have a chilling effect on frivolous campaigns.

✓ Or what if we flesh out an idea that first surfaced in the health care debate of my first term: the single payer system. Not unlike the campaigns of Ross Perot, Steve Forbes and Maury Taylor -- except this time, one of them picks up the tab for the rest of us.

✓ Ed McMahon could host the Presidential Clearinghouse Sweepstakes. Everyone in America would find an envelope in their mailbox with a message that reads "You may already be an Ambassador."

✗ We could establish a national sales tax on whiskey, cigars, hidden cameras, fancy hotel suites and other campaign-related items.

✓ Or we could let the country's 100 wealthiest citizens pay for the entire campaign, in return for a big tax break. Oh wait -- that's the ~~present system~~. **GOP plan.**

As you can see, there is still a lot of work to be done on this issue.

We've made a lot more progress on bringing our federal deficit under control. I am very pleased with the recent bipartisan effort to readjust the Consumer Price Index to better reflect the effect of inflation. This small change in one variable could save a billions and billions of dollars from our national debt.

People for an Energy Policy
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March 12, 1997

The Honorable Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

First, let me thank you for the courtesies you have extended to me and others from People for an Energy Policy (PEP) since your first being elected President, in 1992.

There is, however, a matter causing great outrage among many people in the energy industries of America! The recently published book, *Victory*, by Peter Schweizer, contains statement after statement that the Reagan Administration secretly sold America's energy industry down the river as part of a global strategy to defeat the Soviet Union. This policy was codified in National Security Decision Directives (NSDD) 32, 66 and 75, particularly the latter! Also described in U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT OIL PRICE STUDY, dated January 28, 1983--(Declassified May 1994) at the insistence of People for an Energy Policy.

Defeating the Soviet Union was a laudable and valuable objective, but it was unconscionable, that it was done at the expense of hundreds of thousands of innocent men and women in every energy sector of the American economy! Renewables, alternatives and conservation, were damaged even more than oil and gas by these policies. As *Victory* makes plain, that was intentional! And, possibly millions of jobs in related industries were damaged or destroyed as energy jobs were lost.

We feel that the policies described in *Victory*, along with the Iran Contra Initiative may have been used to gather Millions of dollars in political support from the middle East OPEC Nations, rumor was (the Republican Party raised \$5 million in support from Saudi Arabia in 1984 for presidential elections).

We believe that the Clinton Administration must immediately:

- 1) Demand a congressional investigation of the allegations, so that the American people can be informed about this.
- 2) Satisfy itself and assure the American people that the low-oil-price policy is no longer in effect.
- 3) Rescind any NSDD's that direct such a policy.

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Helen -

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No

Jim, Barbara
Phil probably will
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response.

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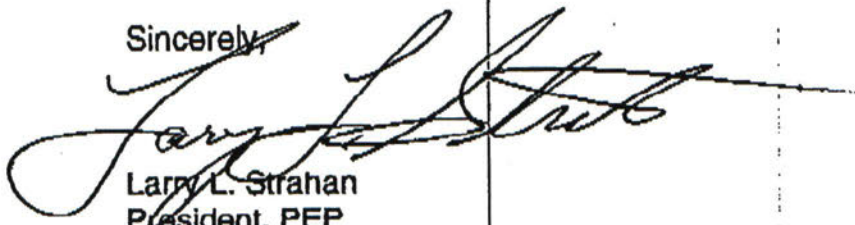
4) Support reparations to the entire U. S. energy sector in the form of support for the domestic industry-removing harsh and unnecessary regulations and taxes, and more importantly, by endorsing a Sustainable Energy Future, such as PEP proposes. Any sustainable energy future must include a means of preventing OPEC from manipulating prices further to America's disadvantage.

Failure to take such steps, in light of these nearly incredible revelations about intentional injury to a key domestic industry, will raise doubts about the integrity of the U.S. government and the true intentions of the Clinton Administration.

There is no indication that these directives have ever been rescinded. Therefore, it is possible that the security sectors of the U.S. government are at this very moment still implementing these very strategies that have been so destructive to America's long-term energy interest.

We will seek every opportunity to make these points, and solicit your personal and departmental support. The government owes nothing less to the American people particularly those who remain in the energy industries.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Larry L. Strahan".

Larry L. Strahan
President, PEP

cc: New York Times
Washington Post

Piggott School District

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*through
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March 3, 1997

Ms. Rebecca Cameron, Presidential Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Cameron:

My name is Dan Lovelady and I am the Superintendent of Schools in Piggott, Arkansas. I got your name from Mrs. Sue Smith, who is one of our teachers and may have met you during their trip to this year's Inauguration. She felt like you might be able to assist me with this small task.

I have enclosed a letter to President Clinton that I would like for "him" to receive. I can only imagine the volumes of mail that come through everyday addressed to President Clinton, and I would guess that he would not always see all of that mail. Being a former employee for President Clinton when he was our Governor and knowing what he stands for on education, I would really like for him to know what I have to say.

If there is any way possible that you might be able to assist this letter getting to him, I would greatly appreciate it. This is the first time I have ever done anything like this before in my life, but I felt strongly enough about this issue to write these letters. Thank you again for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

Dan Lovelady

Dan Lovelady, Superintendent

3-12-97

Send to President?

Yes

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No

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with Mike
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March 3, 1997

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

Dear President Clinton:

I am Dan Lovelady, son of George W. Lovelady, and I am currently the Superintendent of Schools in Piggott, Arkansas. My Title I Coordinator just recently returned from the Title I Mid-Winter Conference in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and she reported some things that were said at the conference that concern me very much.

Ms. Mary Jean LeTendre, Director of Title I Programs, U.S. Department of Education, was addressing the group and covered the subject of teaching assistants. Ms. LeTendre said that only qualified, highly trained staff should be used for teaching assistants, and further indicated that she thought only certified teachers should fill these positions. She stated that schools should provide funding for teaching assistants to get college courses and those courses should lead to teaching degrees. That is all well and good if Ms. LeTendre is living in a perfect world, but I can not think of any teacher worth their salt that would work for a teaching assistants pay.

Also, Ms. LeTendre indicated that non-certified aides should only do things such as copying, bulletin boards, etc., and should not be instructing students in the classroom. I happen to believe the Piggott School District has some of the best teaching assistants possible, and they do an excellent job teaching and interacting with the students on a daily basis. If it were not for these people, our educational programs would definitely suffer.

The part of this that disappoints me most is that I had a wonderful employee come back from this conference somewhat demoralized by Ms. LeTendre's comments. I do not consider her ideals and standards to be realistic in today's world of public education in most of the United States. I just wanted you to know what information is being presented at the State level from our U.S. Department of Education, and that some of us do not appreciate this type of "help." Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Lovelady". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the sender.

Dan Lovelady, Superintendent

3/13/97

Mary K. Pearce
60763 Radcliff Circle
Bend, Oregon 97702

Jim,
I'm not sure if
we can help or what we
can do. This should
go to a caseworker and
be run by Counsel's office,
but we've got very
little time. ~~He~~

March 8, 1997

Dear Bill and Hillary,

I am forwarding a letter to you from an acquaintance here in Bend. He is a dear friend of some of my close friends and his situation has touched my heart. He had no idea when he contacted me that my father had died of very similar causes. He only knew that I may be able to get his letter to you in a timely manner.

I do not have the specific eligibility requirements for the program Ken is trying to get into. I also do not know what is involved in obtaining a compassionate exemption, but he understood this was something one of you may be able to do. He has not had any luck with Governor Kitzhaber as this is an experimental treatment in a different state.

Ken is leaving for Houston Monday, March 10 and will be staying at the Homestead Village (713-785-8500). He has an evaluation at the Burzynski Clinic (713-597-0111) on Tuesday.

I know you must get many of these requests every day. I understand there may not be a way to apply for compassionate exemption in this case, but anything you are able to do would give Ken some hope.

Sincerely yours,

Muffin

Muffin Pearce

Helping others helps us heal, doesn't it?
Thank you for listening - Muffin

KENNETH M. PADACH, M.D.

Psychiatry

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Dear President Clinton,

I have the unfortunate experience to have a terminal brain tumor, one which will likely take my life in the next two months. I have exhausted standard medical treatment without any success. I am in the process of being accepted into a clinical trial program with a physician in Houston, Texas who has had an 80% success rate with my specific tumor.

Unfortunately, due to FDA regulations, I am precluded from receiving this treatment for eight weeks due to my past chemotherapy. I have applied for a compassionate exemption to allow me to begin treatment immediately. I am aware, as a physician, that my chances of surviving this cancer, without immediate treatment, is grossly unlikely.

Therefore, I am respectfully appealing to you to intervene on my behalf, encouraging the FDA to immediately accept and approve my petition for compassionate exemption to allow me to begin treatment with S.R. Burzynski MD. The appeal should be filed with the FDA early afternoon, Tuesday, 3/11/97. A call after that time, at your earliest convenience, would be profoundly appreciated.

Most Respectfully,

K. M. Padach

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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March 12, 1997

The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

It is with regret that I submit to you my letter of resignation effective March 15, 1997.

I wish to express my personal thanks for a most rewarding four years at The White House. I look at America today and see a great land that has dramatically benefitted from your inspiring leadership. Our nation's economy is strong and continues to realize steady growth. The workplace is now easier on families in which both parents work. Because of your aggressive efforts, workers now have the right to leave their jobs and tend to newborns or ill relatives. Because of your dedication to children, our schools are better prepared to educate a new generation of Americans. Your crime bill put 100,000 more police on the beat -- this successful strategy has resulted in a promising nationwide reduction in crime. At the same time, our country remains at peace with a military that is stronger and more efficient.

I have learned from you that government does care, and that one man can make a difference. You not only have the ability to express yourself in word, but are also a man of action who can translate words of promise into reality. The world is a better place for it. I thank God each day that I shared this moment in time with such a great leader.

Thank you and my best wishes for the continued success of your administration.

Respectfully,

Timothy J. Keating

Timothy J. Keating

3-13-97

Send original to Derskind
Nancy H.
got Tim in to see
F-125 yesterday
F-125 we should
do a respin
cc: Exec Clerk

Tim's last day
is Friday -