

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 13, 1997

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Staff Secretary's Office

cc: Flo McAfee

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Flo, when you are through, please return the book to the Staff Secretary's Office (G FL/ WW).

Thank you.

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again, incorrect. The intelligence community, DOD, State and other agencies reported to the Senate in 1994 that the CWC is "effectively verifiable" because it will facilitate the ability to detect significant violations in a timely manner. **Inspections.** Kyl argues that CWC allows inspections of U.S. commercial facilities without a search warrant. This is incorrect. The CWC specifically allows the U.S. to "take into account any constitutional obligations it may have with regard to the proprietary rights or searches and seizures" in the conduct of challenge inspections. In the event voluntary access is denied, a search warrant will be obtained.

(D) Secretary Shalala follow-up on the U.S. savings rate and spending on medical care.

You forwarded to her a Business Week article asserting that medical outlays explain low saving. Her staff consulted with the Treasury Department which concluded that it is inappropriate to conclude that increases in medical expenditures explain the drop in saving. While the two trends have occurred over the same time span, there is no evidence that one trend caused the other.

(E) News clip on Mayor Rendell urging members of the Chamber of Commerce to hire welfare recipients. Via Sylvia Mathews who notes that Marcia Hale had sent him a copy of your Maryland speech.

We also received the following items:

Edgar Bronfman, President, World Jewish Congress, on announcement by the Swiss Confederation. "You Mr. President, have played an enormous role in making sure that moral and financial restitution has taken place in Switzerland, and I earnestly pray that your backing will help insure that the rest of Europe follows suit."

Rep. Bill Barrett (R-NE) note thanking you for participating in the National Prayer Breakfast. "It was my honor to take a morning to let you know that, despite partisan differences, we pray for all you do for the Nation and the world."

Rep. Greg Ganske (R-IA) note thanking you for inviting him to the "gag rule" press conference. He also thanks you for your plug for Ed Markey's and his Patient Right to Know Act banning private sector gag clauses.

Inscribed copy of Inner City Visions. Via Attorney General Reno who notes that it is a moving volume of photographs and poems by the students of the Withrow Safe Haven in Springfield, Illinois.

Thurmond: An ALS Victim by Wynette D. Dreher. Via Sec. Riley. Ms. Dreher is a friend of the Rileys. Her husband Thurmond was a victim of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.

3-12-97

*Inner City
Visions*

MEMORANDUM

JIM DORSKIND:

please coordinate
the reply.

CC: Rebecca
Cameron

TO: Staff Secretary

FROM: Betty

Re: Attached letter from Coach Saia

DATE: March 13, 1997

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NH states - Nice birthday letter for wife - which can be autopenned.

POTUS not able to make phone call.

TOUR - If tour is not scheduled - we can arrange.

If already scheduled - hope they enjoy. NOT possible to see POTUS.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
March 14, 1997

TO: Rebecca Cameron

FROM: Staff Secretary

President Clinton -

Just want to share
the enclosed Auburn University
Weekly School Paper, would
you please turn to the Spash
Section - D-7. It will give
you what I have done here
at Auburn University for the

past 35 years. Please give
Betty Currie a copy. you are
blessed to have a Secretary
as Betty Currie

Bill I also would like to
ask you of 2 favors. I am
giving my wife Wesley a Surprise
60th Birthday Party April 17.

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I have invited 40 couples
to attend the surprise Party.
The Party will be at
Brookside Station Cafe. All the
people that are coming are
Bill Clinton Supporters. I
would like for you and Mrs
Clinton to call Brookside Cafe

around 7:30 or 8:00 P.M. Alabama
time and wish my lovely
wife of 43 years a Happy
Birthday. The Phone Number to
Brookside Cafe is ~~is~~

AC 334-742-0340

This would thrill her.

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The other favor I would
asked of you and Mrs
Clinton is that my
Grandson - Justin Sara
(12 years old) and his 25 school
mates have been selected a
trip to Washington - June
1, 2, 3, & 4th. They have

asked me if I could
arrange them to set a
time for a Tour of the
White House and to meet
President & Mrs. Clinton. My
Grandson Justin loves Bill
Clinton. Because when I go
to Birmingham to visit him,
he has your Autograph

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Picture you sent him on
his Wall in his bedroom.
If you can come up with
one of the 4 days they will
be in Washington to visit
and meet you and Tour the
White House, I would greatly
appreciate it.

When you do - please address
a letter to my grandson
Justin Sara and send it to
me. I will give him the
letter to bring back to
the White House to meet
you & Mrs. Clinton and Tour the
White House.

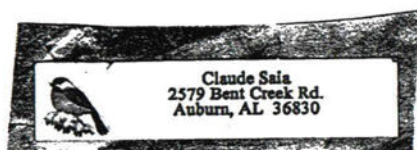
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Bill - I know I'm asking
for a lot but I thoroughly
would appreciate if you
would do the above for
me. I will try & call you
also.

Please give my best to
the family.

God Bless You!

Coach Claude Saia



CLAUDE SAIA

Saia: The man, the myth, the legend

MATT ROMANO
Associate Sports Editor

The term "Auburn man" is a special one. It is one traditionally reserved for those men who devote their life's work for the betterment of Auburn.

The term depicts such Auburn greats as current Athletics Director David Housel, former football coaching legend Ralph "Shug" Jordan and former Athletic Director Jeff Beard.

Well, add one more name to the list — Coach Claude Saia.

Saia has spent almost 50 years attending, playing at and mostly working for the University.

"I worked for Auburn University for 35 years before I finally retired in 1995," Saia said.

While Saia spent the bulk of his years at Auburn as running backs coach under Jordan, he is best known now as the AU Bookstore bookbag man.

"I worked for Auburn for 35 years before I retired."

Saia is currently employed on a part-time basis by the bookstore to greet shoppers and make sure students check their bags at the door.

This job is a far cry from what originally brought this Birmingham, Ala., native to Auburn back in 1950 — football.

To say Claude Saia is a football man would be an understatement.

Saia came to Auburn in the early years of the Jordan-era as a budding halfback.

It was on that team that Saia began his almost Gump-like saga of run-ins with future political and social leaders.

As an Auburn letterman in 1951-53, Saia was a teammate of current Alabama Gov. Fob James.

This early football connection turned out to be a vital one later in Saia's life of helping Auburn when James became governor.

On two occasions already, Saia's friendship with the head of Auburn's Board of Trustees has led to the betterment of Auburn.

The first came during Saia's reign as head of the development of recreation and intramurals department.

When Saia took over in 1976, the department had about 6,000 students involved in six sports, all of which were played in the old sports arena.

Within three years, Saia had the department up to 15,000 students and 14 sports.

Clearly, a new facility was needed. Unfortunately, the money just wasn't there.

So, where does a man go when he needs money? Right to the top if the man is Claude Saia.

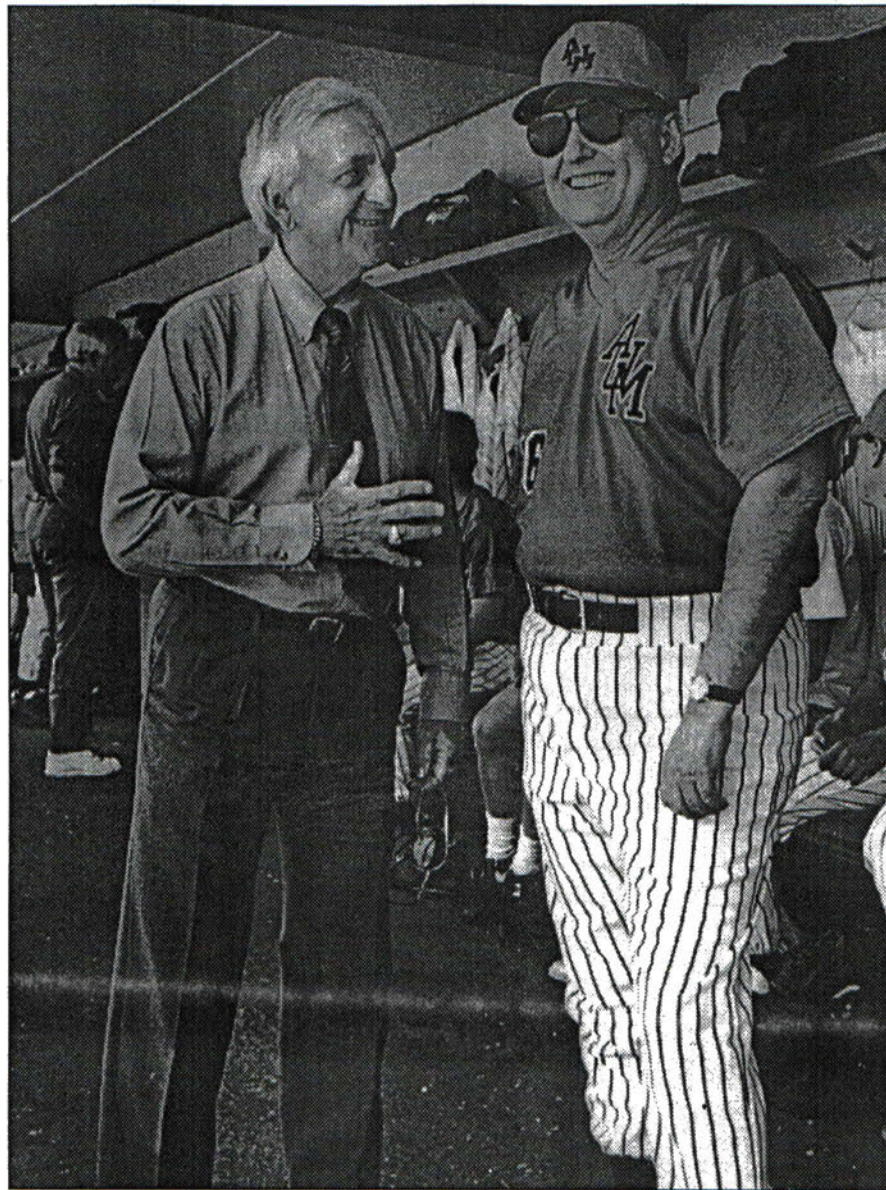
Saia called up his old friend James and asked him if he could help out.

"I called up Fob and told him, 'I used to block for you when we played. Now we need some money for a new student activities building.' Well, Fob told me he didn't have it but if I could raise the money, he would back it," Saia said.

To solve the problem, Saia took it straight to the ones it would affect the most — the students.

That year's SGA ballot included an \$8.50 tuition increase per quarter to go directly toward the Student Activities building.

The result? Eighty-one percent of the students voted in favor of the increase, and the Student Act building was born.



CONTRIBUTED

Coach Claude Saia, then athletic director of Auburn University at Montgomery, talks with special guest University President William V. Muse in the AUM dugout.

The second time Saia used his friendship with the governor to help the school was last fall with the contract negotiations of University President William V. Muse.

Saia used his influence to talk to James and try and convince him to give Muse a five-year contract, citing the fact that James himself has one for four years.

Whether Saia is the reason for the contract, only James knows for sure.

After Saia's playing days and a short stint as a high school coach at John Carrol High School in Birmingham, Ala., Saia returned to Auburn as running backs coach under Shug Jordan.

He held that job until Jordan retired in 1975.

In 1976, Saia was hired as head of development of recreation and intramurals department.

Nine years at that job lead to Saia's next position as athletic director at Auburn University at Montgomery.

At AUM, Saia took a two-sport program and built it into a six-sport institution.

It was during his years at AUM that Saia met one of his greatest idols, Pope John Paul II.

Saia got the opportunity through the Archbishop in Mobile, Ala., when the Pope was in New Orleans.

This brief encounter led to an even greater experience in Rome.

Last December, Saia and his wife took a trip with 40 Auburn students and a few family

members to the old country — Italy.

A proud Italian Catholic himself, Saia said the trip was something he had dreamed of all his life.

While on the trip Saia met cousins and relatives he never knew existed.

He also got to see the Pope say mass while visiting Rome.

While at the mass, it was his earlier encounter with his Holiness that helped Saia and his crew experience the ritual the way it was meant to be.

Saia brought along with him a letter he received from the Pope not long before making his trip.

When he showed the letter to a security guard at the mass, Saia and friends were escorted to the front row of the huge congregation.

Saia has still more friends in high places. Over the years, Saia has developed a friendly relationship with President Bill Clinton.

Saia has sent Clinton and his family numerous Auburn gifts which include a warm-up suit for Bill and a Tiger doll for Chelsea.

He's friends with the Pope; he's friends with the prez; most of all, though, he's friends with Auburn.

"I guess you could say I have a motto about Auburn and me: as long as I'm stepping on toes for the students of Auburn, I can't help who gets their feelings hurt," Saia said.

I know, I've been there before for that tremendous source of one has not yet been snagged. A prime example of "PLAINSMAN withdrawal!"



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Plainsman Car Care
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(just past Champs)

Handwritten signature: *James W. Smith*

2. Научник —

Can you redo this letter & make it more personal - get info from users office & you need it - JH

will send to
maureen hewis

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Sincerely,

Mr. Satoshi Iue
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
SANYO Electric Company, Ltd.
5-5, Keihan-Hondori 2-chome
Moriguchi City
Osaka 570
JAPAN

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has this projection. we should do
nice reply that says "thanks for your
kind offer, but already ~~there~~
have this." Phil

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March 7, 1997

**VIA FACSIMILE 202-456-6703
ORIGINAL BY FIRST CLASS MAIL**

JIM DORSKIND:

Please coordinate
the reply.

President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500-2000

Attention: Nancy Hernreich

Dear Bill:

In the aftermath of the terrible tornadoes striking Central Arkansas and with the memories still clear of the April 21, 1996 tornado that struck Fort Smith, I feel certain you can appreciate the terrible anxiety the citizens of Western Arkansas and Southeastern Oklahoma feel with the anticipated decommissioning of the Fort Smith Weather Service Office. The installation of the new NexRad Radar south of Fort Smith only partly dispels that anxiety. The human factors that are involved with the termination of services by the local weather service office have proven to be as large if not a greater issue than the NexRad itself. We have had a year to measure the effectiveness of the weather service coverage from the Tulsa Weather Service Office and it has been found sorely lacking. What Justice Holmes wrote in 1921 is as true today as it was then "a page of history is worth volumes of logic". Continually the National Weather Service sends delegates to Fort Smith to give us volumes of logic (chin music?). But, look at a page of history:

April 21, 1996, the tornado strikes Fort Smith without warning despite spotters reporting the tornado march across Eastern Oklahoma and into Southern Fort Smith. Two fatalities result. The National Weather Service fails to warn and upon analysis tells us that it was not the failure of the NexRad, but a "human error". They assure us that those problems have been fixed and it will not happen again.

Throughout the Summer officials assure us that the NexRad Radar can, in fact, capture everything including tornadoes as low as F-0s and F-1s on the measurement scale.

September 26, 1996, a tornado of F-0 to F-1 magnitude hits the school yard at Lavaca with students outside. Nearly 100 students were huddled under an aluminum walkway when the tornado ripped the aluminum walkway away wrapping it around power lines. It is only a miracle no one was injured. Again, no warning was received from the Tulsa Weather Service Office.

Then, in the Fall of 1996, a broadcast from the National Weather Service Office in Tulsa broadcast several hours over the Western Arkansas Weather Service warning radio with ridiculous data of high temperatures and high winds "High in the mid-fifties. Winds becoming south, 70 to 80 miles an hour. Wednesday night mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Then decreasing cloudiness after midnight. Low around 90, chance of rain 30 percent. **You don't think they actually listen to this stuff do you**"...voice then dissolves to laughter". With this cavalier attitude how can we have any faith they will be there for us.

Recently tornadoes danced across south of Pocola and on into Arkansas causing one fatality in Booneville, a fatality that might have been avoided with adequate warning. The ham spotters in the Fort Smith area were on duty at the National Weather Service Office in Fort Smith attempting to contact the Tulsa Office and forward spotter reports of exactly what was happening. The Tulsa Weather Service Office had sent the Tulsa area hams out to eat because "it looked like it was dying down and they wouldn't be needed". Another "human failure" in a continuing long list.

Only nights later the Fort Smith Weather Service Office called out the ham spotters who promptly learned that the Tulsa Weather Office had not requested the ham spotters in the Tulsa area to come in. Another total breakdown in a vital element of the warning system.

Then we learned that the Little Rock Weather Service Office with the use of their NexRad observed a possible tornado north of Clarksville in Johnson County. Since Johnson County is in the Tulsa warning area, they forwarded that report to Tulsa. A span of twenty minutes passed before Tulsa issued a warning to Johnson County!

This Monday in a meeting with officials from Tulsa, we learned that the warning system requires the Tulsa Weather Service Office to notify the Office of Emergency Services in Conway of potential severe weather then that office notifies local law enforcement officials. This line failed April 21st. Formerly the Fort Smith Weather Service Office picked up the phone and called the authorities to warn them of approaching severe weather. Clearly the removal of warning authority from the Fort Smith Office has worked to the severe detriment of local citizens. Tulsa officials advised they would call Fort Smith, but given the track record of human and equipment failures that does not appear to be a reliable representation, only more logic.

That page of history clearly refutes the ability of the Tulsa Weather Service Office to properly serve Western Arkansas. Reports from spotters in the Fayetteville area who used to work directly with the Fort Smith Office tell us they are experiencing the same problems Fort Smith is experiencing.

It is clear to those of us in Western Arkansas that the missing ingredient is a vested interest that the Weather Service personnel have in the locale. Clearly, Tulsa does not have enough motivation to have the proper level of interest in the Fort Smith area to prevent these failures. This page of history is enough. There is no rationalization that will satisfy this community. The vested interest that meteorologists in Fort Smith have in the community has long served us well. These meteorologists go to church with us, their kids go to school with our children, they eat at the cafeteria with us and they protect us to the best of their ability. These meteorologists and these ham operators do not go out to eat and leave us unprotected. The events listed are those we know about. How many are there that we do not know about?

With the NexRad location in Fort Smith a whole new geographic area previously unserved is now opened. With the Weather Service in Tulsa serving in a radius that extends through Fort Smith and the Little Rock Office serving a radius that extends just west of Russellville, all of that area in between and south to near Hugo, Oklahoma and north to Eureka Springs will be served by the Fort Smith NexRad. If the Tulsa operators didn't know where Pocola was how can they know where Caulksville is? What will they say when spotters report tornadoes at Caddo Gap? About a report of tornadoes at Osage? You can be sure that Fort Smith Weather Service meteorologists have long served these communities and know what reports from those areas mean. It won't take 20 minutes for Fort Smith to warn Clarksville that there is a tornado in Johnson County.

I am enclosing a map with the coverage of the three radars marked. This is the maximum range with a floor of about 10,000 feet. They cannot detect activity below 10,000 feet at these ranges, so they may miss tornadoes below that level.

It will take very little to solve this problem. When the Weather Service Office in Fort Smith was fully functioning there were five meteorologists and one officer in charge. With the NexRad terminal located in the Fort Smith Weather Service Office with five meteorologists it can effectively operate given the proper warning authority as a sub-unit of either Tulsa or Little Rock. It does not require a fully functioning office with 50 meteorologists such as Tulsa has to properly operate in Fort Smith. Tulsa and Little Rock can both continue to have terminals reporting data from the Fort Smith NexRad, but the warning authority and the interpretation should first come from a properly manned office in Fort Smith. Probably Tulsa has asked for ten new operators just to operate the Fort Smith NexRad. That is not necessary and it can be done with a sub-unit fully functioning in Fort Smith.

Bill, I understand that the National Research Council will make a decision on whether or not the Fort Smith Office should be closed. It appears to me that decision will be made on technical issues and not on human issues. It is the human issue that has totally failed this community. Ignoring history and relying on rationalization (logic) is a slippery slope. We need a

President Bill Clinton
March 7, 1997
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political solution and we ask you as our leader to do what is right and mandate the Department of Commerce to establish a fully functioning sub-unit in Fort Smith with complete access to the NexRad Radar being constructed. This is essential and it needs to be done promptly for this Spring's tornado season. It is already fully upon us, but with the elimination of warning authority in the Fort Smith Office, we are at the mercy of the Tulsa Office. Our page of history shows that is not sufficient.

Sincerely,

THOMPSON AND LLEWELLYN, P.A.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitch Llewellyn Jr.", written in a cursive style.

James M. Llewellyn, Jr.

JMLjr/sa
Enclosure

