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Countries bend rules to accommodate the media king, reports Peter Lynch in Sydney

AUSTRALIA's ABC put together a major background feature on Rupert Murdoch's family last week. But they did so without the media giant's cooperation. His mother, Dame Elisabeth, was forced to pen an apologetic letter to the national broadcaster. "I'm afraid Rupert has told all of us not to speak to you," she said.

They had a problem, too, when they tried to interview the chairman of a recently convened US commission investigating just how American the ownership of naturalised US citizen Mr Murdoch's Fox Studios was. "We turned over all the rocks," he insisted.

Questioned further, he terminated the interview and left the studio. Following Mr Murdoch's march across the media globe is something of a national obsession Down Under. Politely referred to as "Australian-born" by most commentators, and regarded with a mixture of awe and pride, his adoption of American citizenship a decade ago was accepted as expedient.

But that doesn't mean the Lucky Country wouldn't run out the red carpet if its most famous son decided to come home. When Immigration Minister Nick Bolkus recently relaxed regulations regarding the holding of dual citizenship -current arrangements mean Mr Murdoch had to relinquish his Australian passport in 1985 -reporters immediately pounced.

Did it mean Mr Murdoch would be coming back? A clearly uncomfortable Senator Bolkus, who admitted dual citizenship was simply "good for business", said demonstrating the continued holding of an Aussie travel document caused "economic detriment" had always been grounds for its return.

Some countries, keen to build nationhood, may find trading passports for corporate convenience a trifle bizarre. But Senator Bolkus was perfectly happy to offer ex-countrymen like Mr Murdoch the chance to switch back.

"Murdoch is a great example," he conceded. "My understanding is he has chosen not to do so because American broadcasting plays a role here." It certainly does. Ownership of Fox is pivotal to global media ambitions that integrate Fox product with US TV stations, satellites in Europe and Asia and the Foxtel pay TV network in Australia.

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Just six weeks ago, he fought and won a battle with the Federal Communications Commission over the Fox TV network. Although they found Fox breached foreign ownership laws -foreigners cannot hold more than 25 per cent of TV stations -they promptly waived them, concluding Mr Murdoch acted in the public interest.

Other networks complained that money used to buy the Fox stations came from the Adelaide-based News Corporation. Such regulations and questions over citizenship are an irksome sideshow for a man whose business interests bestride the planet. But as his influence grows so, too, do the inquiries.

So far, he has used a canny mix of diplomacy, lobbying and an appeal to political selfinterest to sidestep them. After all, when Mr Murdoch's "window on the world" arrives, so do jobs and the chance to enhance national profile.

In Australia, Mr Murdoch's business enterprises litter the corporate landscape despite his US passport and Canberra regulations.

The soon to be launched Foxtel pay TV network, created in partnership with Australia's telecoms giant Telstra, is busily rolling out cable to two million homes. The move will put him not just on TV, but into the lucrative telephony market.

His A\$ 100 million (S\$ 107 million) movie studios in Sydney will soon dominate the cinema output of the country. And his transformation of the national sport, rugby, into a new Superleague, allows Foxtel to dominate its coverage.

Perhaps more intriguingly, he is reported to have purchased a A\$ 7 million Sydney waterfront mansion alongside an apartment owned by his 24-year-old son and heir-apparent, Lachlan, recently made publisher of The Australian. And in a move causing eyebrows to be raised even higher, he has signed his first deal with Kerry Packer, Australia's richest man and a rival publisher and TV station owner.

Their apparent rapprochement, despite bitter skirmishes over sport, pay TV and the John Fairfax newspaper empire, could herald the end of a feud that has been fought by three generations of their families. The deal -which puts Mr Packer's own son and heir, Jamie, at the helm of a joint pay TV operation -sees Mr Packer selling Mr Murdoch half his Sky satellite racing channel for A\$ 75 million.

It currently broadcasts to 6,500 pubs and clubs and holds rights over tracks throughout the country. For Mr Packer, it means access through Star Television's Asiasat-2 to 60 countries from Asia to Africa and promises interactive betting on a truly global scale. For Mr Murdoch, it brings horse racing into his already crowded sporting stable. So has Rupert Murdoch, global citizen, found his wings clipped by his choice of travel document? Not much, it seems.

True, he cannot buy the Australian Fairfax newspaper chain, a prize because of its stranglehold on the lucrative classified markets of Sydney and Melbourne -except, perhaps, by selling off his other press holdings. He cannot increase his 15 per cent stake in the Channel 7 TV station either.

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That said, it has done little to stem the growing tide of his influence. Elsewhere, his American holdings seem safe. At least, for now.

And though Britain is reviewing its own foreign media regulations, a recent all-expensespaid visit to Australia by Labour leader Tony Blair, widely regarded as the next incumbent of 10, Downing Street, may ensure that there, too, his holdings in B Sky B and News International remain intact. But perhaps more importantly for Mr Murdoch's goal of becoming the world's foremost product provider, there is the information super-highway -the great unregulated railroad to an estimated 30 million consumers. No passports needed, so far, for a citizen of cyberspace. * The writer is a Sydney-based journalist who contributed this article to BT

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 2, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

KITTY HIGGINS *Kitty*

SUBJECT:

Support for Families of Ron Brown's Delegation

Under Secretary of Defense, Ed Dorn, prepared the attached memo in response to concerns you raised earlier about the benefits and assistance provided to those who lost family and loved ones in the Secretary's plane crash.

Families of the federal employees killed (DoD, Commerce, Treasury, CIA) have been compensated from one or more of the following sources:

- A \$10,000 death benefit
- Monthly benefits for survivors and dependents of both the civilian and DoD employees
- \$20,000 in accidental death insurance for eleven government employees who paid for their tickets with a government American Express card

The families of the private citizens and Croatian nationals are eligible for payments under the Military Claims Act. Eight claims have been filed to date. Six other claims are expected.

DoD continues to meet regularly with the families and is working with DOT, NTSB and others to address a number of additional concerns.

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PERSONNEL AND
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Support for the Families of the T-43 Tragedy

This memorandum provides additional information on support for the families of those killed in the T-43 crash in Croatia and responds to your comment on my February 3 memorandum: "Surely there is more we can do, especially on the red tape and insurance/claims problems."

Red Tape

A. DoD. We recognize that we have a special obligation to all of the families because the tragedy involved a government aircraft. From the time of the crash and continuing to the present, the Department of Defense, acting primarily through the Air Force, has undertaken an extensive effort to communicate with the families and to assist them through the maze of benefits and other issues. Specific steps include:

- (1) A 24-hour information desk with a 1-800 number immediately following the crash.
- (2) The ceremony at Dover AFB.
- (3) Designation of family liaisons.
- (4) Frequent correspondence with the families to answer questions about the crash, the investigation, improvements undertaken by the Air Force, and procedures for obtaining benefits and submitting claims.
- (5) Personal briefings of the families by Air Force officers, who visited with each family to discuss the results of the accident investigation and provide copies of the entire report.
- (6) Transportation of the families to Andrews AFB at their request to have follow-on questions answered by the investigators and functional experts. The Air Force also provided lodging.
- (7) I met with many of the families on February 2, 1997, and have also met with individual families and had numerous telephone conversations. I have scheduled my next meeting with many of the families for April 3, 1997.

B. Department of Commerce. The Department of Commerce designated employees to act as liaisons to the families of Commerce employees who were crash victims, and those designated liaisons have had extensive personal contacts with the families over the last year.



Insurance/Claims

The Air Force has the lead within DoD for processing benefits and claims of families of DoD military personnel and private individuals. Within the Air Force, the responsible agency for the claims of private citizens is the Tort Claims and Litigation Division of the Air Force Legal Services Agency. The benefits for families whose loved ones served in other agencies (Commerce, CIA, and Treasury) are being handled by those agencies. Benefits have been paid and claims are being processed under various statutory schemes.

A. U.S. Government Personnel.

(1) The families of U.S. Government civilian personnel have received monetary death benefits, and spouses and dependents are now receiving monthly payments under the Federal Employees Compensation Act, a statutory formula that is similar to workers compensation. Specific benefits depend on salary and number of dependents. For example, the spouse of a GS-15 employee with two dependent children would receive approximately \$4,593 per month. Commerce, Treasury and CIA assisted the families of their employees with their entitlements.

(2) After the crash, Congress retroactively increased the death benefit for civilian Government employees to \$10,000.

(3) The Air Force persuaded American Express to pay \$200,000 in accidental death insurance to families of 11 Government employees who paid for the trip with a Government AMEX card (despite an exclusion in the AMEX policy for military aircraft, such as Secretary Brown's plane, not assigned to Air Mobility Command).

(4) The families of the military personnel also received monetary death benefits, and spouses and dependents receive monthly benefits under a statutory formula for the military. For example, the spouse of a military member receives approximately \$810 per month, plus \$205 per month per child under 18.

(5) In sum, families of DoD personnel have been receiving their benefits since last year; Commerce and CIA families, we understand, also have received their benefits. We further understand that the family of one Treasury employee received all benefits except for the increase in the death benefit, which has now been approved.

B. Private Citizens. Families of non-Government personnel are entitled to payments under the Military Claims Act. To date, of the 13 U.S. private citizens, families of seven filed claims; representatives of five other families have contacted Air Force officials for preliminary assistance. The Air Force is assisting the families through the Military Claims Act process by advising the families or their lawyers about the specific type of information needed to evaluate their claims. Four of the families have submitted enough information that the Air Force expects to begin settlement discussions with them in April. We anticipate that the families who make claims under the Military

Claims Act will likely receive large payments. In addition, claims have been received from the family of one Croatian killed in the crash and from the employer of the second Croatian.

Improvements in the Process

We are all learning from this tragedy. Several significant steps should be taken:

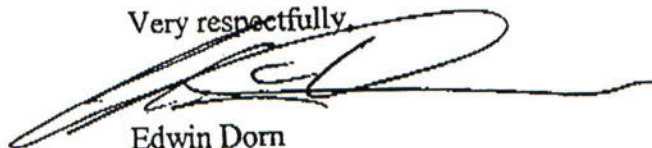
A. As the White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security concluded, the Government as a whole needs "a better coordinated and more compassionate response" to aircraft disasters. DoD is working with the Department of Transportation and the NTSB to implement this and other Commission recommendations, including recommendations for DOT to coordinate the development of plans for responding to aviation disasters involving civilians on government aircraft and for implementation of the Aviation Disaster Family Assistance Act of 1996.

B. DoD is working with the NTSB to identify ways DoD can provide assistance in civilian aircraft crashes. For example, we have extensive experience in examining remains, as was done in Dover after the T-43 crash, to determine identity and cause of death, and we can provide expert offshore search and recovery assistance, as was done after the TWA crash.

C. Victims' families should have an advocate within the Government. The Commission recommended that each agency designate an individual to coordinate the provision of support to families. The support the military services provide the families of deceased members may be a helpful model. We need to stay in touch with families over the longer term, to help them cope with the several stages of grief.

In closing, I know that the families were very touched by the personal concern and sympathy demonstrated by you and Mrs. Clinton. Your involvement has helped them enormously through the grieving process.

Very respectfully,



Edwin Dorn

Attachment: Detailed Point Paper

CT-43 CRASH

ASSISTANCE AND BENEFITS FOR FAMILIES OF VICTIMS

I. Initial Department of Defense Assistance to all Families

- Recovery of remains and funeral arrangements. Air Force:
 - Located and transported remains from crash site to Dover AFB for identification and preparation of remains.
 - Notified next-of-kin (NOK) of military decedents and worked with other agencies to arrange for notification of NOK of others.
 - Arranged memorial service at Dover AFB, paid for transportation and lodging of all NOK, assigned Escort Officers for each family.
 - Provided for transportation of remains to funeral home chosen by NOK and shipped personal property and effects to NOK.
- Continuing contacts with families.
 - Air Force sent condolence letters and follow-up letters on the status of the crash investigation to NOK.
 - Air Force established a family information desk with 800 telephone number to respond to family questions.
 - After investigation was completed, each family received a personal briefing and a copy of the report (22 volumes, 7173 pages).
 - Air Force invited all families (22 of 35 accepted) to a joint meeting at Andrews AFB on July 12, 1996; provided all transportation and lodging; President of Aircraft Accident Investigation Board (Maj Gen Coolidge) and functional experts briefed and answered questions.
 - Air Force has continued to respond to questions from families.
 - White House designated Mr Edwin Dorn, Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), to serve as continuing point of contact for NOK.

II. Investigation

- Aircraft Accident Investigation Board, including National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) members, conducted thorough, eight-week investigation.
 - More than two dozen civilian and military technical experts assisted the Board.
 - Board conducted 150 interviews and obtained over 3200 pages of testimony.
 - Board conducted extensive analyses of airborne and ground-based radio magnetic tapes and of the aircraft's instrumentation.
- Board found three causes of accident: failure of command, aircrew error, and improperly designed instrument approach procedure for Dubrovnik airport.
- Results briefed individually to families; copies of entire report provided to each family.

III. Compensation and Death Benefits of Civilian Government Employees

- Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA).
 - This Federal Statute is similar to many state Worker's Compensation laws.
 - The law provides that FECA is the exclusive remedy against the U.S.; NOK cannot sue U.S.
 - Prior to recent new legislation that expanded benefits (discussed below), FECA payments for burial expenses covered embalming, casket, and transportation of body plus up to \$800 for funeral expenses.
 - FECA pays \$200 for cost of termination of decedents' status as an employee.
 - FECA monthly tax-free compensation.
 - Designed primarily for surviving spouses and dependent children.
 - If no spouse or child, parents, grandparents, siblings, and grandchildren are covered if they were dependent on the deceased.
 - Amounts are based on a percentage of the employee's pay; spouse receives 50%, spouse with dependent children receives 45% plus 15% per child up to 75%; e.g., spouse with two children of GS-15, step 1 in Washington D.C. area would receive \$4,593 per month.

- For dependent parents, grandparents, siblings, and grandchildren, the degree of dependency also affects the percentages.
- American Express Insurance.
 - Government employees who use the American Express (AMEX) credit card to purchase airline tickets are covered by \$200,000 accidental death insurance, but there is an exclusion if death occurred on a military aircraft other than an Air Mobility Command (AMC) aircraft.
 - Eleven of the twelve Commerce employees used their AMEX card.
 - Initially AMEX did not pay because the CT-43 was assigned to United Air Forces in Europe (USAFE) rather than to AMC.
 - Based on information provided by the Air Force demonstrating that the mission of the 86th Wing (which owned the CT-43) had not changed when it was transferred from AMC to USAFE, AMEX has now approved claims of 8 NOK of Commerce employees who have submitted claims.
- Life insurance under Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance is available for purchase; coverage may vary.
- Thrift saving plan contributions and retirement contributions (unless a survivor annuity has been elected) are paid to designated survivors.
- Pay due and payments for unused annual leave are paid to designated survivors.
- Payments are made for loss of personal property incident to service, such as belongings on the CT-43.
- New death gratuity legislation in Fiscal Year 1997 Treasury, Postal Service and General Government Appropriations Act.
 - Legislation covers government employees who died in the line of duty after August 2, 1990.
 - Agency heads may pay a death gratuity in an amount up to \$10,000, when combined with FECA burial payment (\$800) and payment for termination of status as an employee (\$200).
 - For NOK of CT-43 victims this could result in additional payments of approximately \$9,000 per family.

-- Department of Commerce has made payments.

- Various Department of Commerce charitable efforts are underway.
- Department of Commerce has worked with the families on appropriate memorials.

IV. Compensation and Death Benefits for Military Members

- Litigation against the U.S. is barred by a Supreme Court case (Feres).
- Death gratuity of \$6,000 is paid to NOK.
- Burial expenses are either paid by the Air Force or reimbursed to the family up to \$4,850.
- Dependency and indemnity compensation is paid to a surviving spouse of \$810 per month plus \$205 per month per child under 18 and \$166 per month per child between 18 and 23 who is a full-time student.
- Life insurance of up to \$200,000 under Servicemen's Group Life Insurance is available for purchase.
- Pay due and payments for unused leave are paid to designated survivors.
- Payments are made for loss of personal property incident to service, such as belongings on the CT-43.
- Social security benefits are provided to a surviving spouse who is caring for dependent children under 16 and to dependent children until age 18 (19 if in a secondary school).
- Rent free government housing or tax-free Basic Allowance for Quarters is available for 180 days after member's death.
- Education assistance of \$404 per month is available for a surviving spouse and children for 45 months.
- Health care and commissary and exchange privileges are available for unremarried surviving spouses and qualified dependents.
- No income tax is payable for year of death if death occurred in a combat zone.

V. Rights of U.S. Citizen Business Leaders and Media Representative

- Cannot sue the U.S. under the Federal Tort Claims Act because the claim arose in a foreign country.

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- The Military Claims Act permits NOK to file claims to be adjudicated by the Air Force.
 - Air Force may approve payments up to \$100,000 per claimant, and refer amounts over \$100,000 to GAO for payment.

VI. Rights of Foreign Inhabitants

- Foreign inhabitants are covered by the Foreign Claims Act, which is similar to the Military Claims Act discussed above.

VII Disciplinary Actions

- General Ryan, Commander, United States Air Forces in Europe (USAFE), took action against 17 officers, as indicated below.
 - Brigadier General William E. Stevens
 - Former Commander, 86th Airlift Wing, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.
 - Relieved of Command by 17th Air Force Commander.
 - Received punishment under Article 15, Uniform Code of Military Justice, for dereliction of duty.
 - Colonel John E. Mazurowski
 - Former Commander, 86th Operations Group, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.
 - Relieved of command by 17th Air Force Commander.
 - Received punishment under Article 15, Uniform Code of Military Justice, for dereliction of duty.
 - Major General Jeffery G. Cliver
 - Former Director of Operations, HQ, U.S. Air Forces Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.
 - Received a written letter of reprimand.
 - Colonel Roger W. Hansen
 - Former Vice Commander, 86th Airlift Wing, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.
 - Relieved of duties by 17th Air Force Commander.

--- Received a written letter of reprimand.

- In addition, twelve other officers received adverse actions (Letters of Admonishment and counseling). The names of these individuals and the specific actions taken against them have not been made public because of Privacy Act concerns.

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March 13, 1997

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

Dear Mr. President:

On Tuesday night I was privileged to engage in a spirited dialogue with you about the challenge of bridging the racial, religious and ethnic gaps in our nation.

You asked me to FAX you, through Steve Grossman, some specific ideas on how to integrate this compelling issue into the Volunteerism Conference you have initiated. So here goes:

1.) The conference should feature community activists, who have demonstrated, with an entrepreneurial and constructive approach, that grassroots and community educational efforts to promote respect and pierce through stereotypes and fears about our differences can work.

For example, for the past three years running now, Jon Jennings of the Boston Celtics and I have put together an interracial gathering of 10,000 young people from over 400 Massachusetts schools to combat bigotry and promote respect for diversity. Mrs. Clinton wrote about this event in her book. It's called Team Harmony. It includes a combination of sports stars, music and most importantly, a focus on student initiatives, courageous student interventions against bias and violence and other efforts. Most of them are little publicized, but they are available models for other schools to duplicate. Every year the event struggles for financial support, but with many volunteers, and some generous corporate donors, we pull it off.

2.) The conference could highlight the amazing impact of small charitable grants to grassroots organizations and individuals. These grants support activities in the area of coalition building around health care, racial conflict, elderly care, legal immigration, and youth violence. Community foundations are an incredibly under-utilized tool that can help people with the will to achieve change, but who lack resources.

President Bill Clinton
March 13, 1997
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In response to my cancer diagnosis, which you so graciously asked me about, a number of friends, including Steve Grossman, Alan Solomont and Michael Whouley, helped establish a small foundation to achieve what I just described. It's called the Lenny Fund and it works. All of us involved are volunteers and the allocations averaging \$5,000 have impacted the lives of hundreds of people. The Jewish Fund for Justice does similar work.

Raising money to support these efforts is, of course, a critical task. But, a clear vision, strong commitment, activism and a series of specific examples that demonstrate progress is possible is just as important.

This conference should teach, not just preach. As in programs about crime prevention, it should feature working models. It should tell stories of success. It should inspire all who attend and it should provide a data bank of available resources. It should, in my opinion, go beyond presenters from Washington-based organizations, well-intentioned and effective as they may be, and allow them to learn from those who do the work around the nation.

The problem of bias and the challenge of diversity requires a full mobilization of our most creative minds, generous financial resources, a collective social conscience and an individual's commitment to getting personally involved. Across the country, volunteers are changing peoples' lives for the better. With your vision and eloquence, the multitude of stories of what one person, one school, one town, and one corporation can do to make a difference, can be told.

Sincerely,



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President William J. Clinton
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Dear Mr. President:

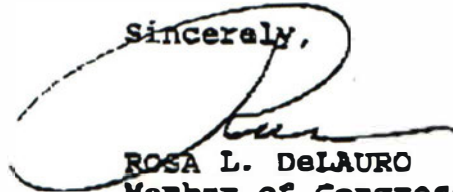
It is with great pleasure that I encourage you to attend the Ninth Annual National Education and Leadership Awards Gala sponsored by the Order Sons of Italy in America and the Sons of Italy Foundation which will take place May 22, 1997. The hundreds of Italian-American leaders assembled for the gala, and truly all Americans of Italian heritage, would be honored by your presence.

As an Italian-American Member of Congress, I know the important leadership role that the Order Sons of Italy in America and its 800 national chapters play. The Order Sons of Italy in America not only galvanizes the Italian-American community -- a vital part of our nation's ethnic heritage -- it also promotes philanthropy, strong family values, and most important, education. Sharing your commitment to educational opportunity, the Sons of Italy Foundation has awarded more than \$23 million in scholarships over the past three decades and would be honored if you would address education in the United States at their annual educational awards ceremony.

In addition to awarding scholarships to deserving students, this year's Gala will honor former U.S. Ambassador to Italy, Peter E. Secchia, and long-time Los Angeles Dodgers Manager Tommy Lasorda. I sincerely hope that you will be able to join Northwest Airlines Co-Chairman Al Checchi and Conair Corporation Chairman and President Lee Rizzuto who are chairing the Gala, as well as Italian Ambassador to the United States Ferdinando Salleo, and hundreds of Italian-American leaders who will be in attendance.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope to see you at the Gala.

Sincerely,



ROSA L. DeLAURO
Member of Congress

RLD/jj

Mr. President - I know
you are a hard - as you
know. This is an
outstanding and dedicated
group of people.

I hope you are
well and are on the
weekend - you look good on TV -
Best
Rose

To Doriskind for reply?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Reply: **Correspondence**
Hope your leg feels better.
The Reading, Writing & Spelling
is a real problem in this
Country. It appears
some educators want the
kids to be kept dumb.
It's a serious problem even
in our town.
Best Regards -
Lyle Murray

Letter to the Editor

Resident decries reading program in Stratford Schools

To the editor:

This is an open letter to Stratford parents.

Dere Momi and dadi

Scuis a lote ov fon i kant rede kant rite kant spel:
bot i fele gud abot mi celf.

If your child comes home from school with this
type of written work, he or she is in big trouble. What
your child is trying to spell is:

Dear Mommy and Daddy:

School is a lot of fun. I can't read, can't write, can't
spell, but I feel good about myself.

Parents:

RISE UP AND TELL THE BOARD OF EDUCA-
TION THAT WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR
FAILED WHOLE LANGUAGE READING PRO-
GRAM AND INVENTIVE SPELLING.

Don't tell us that children don't have to spell cor-
rectly in the first grade, second and third grade and
then in the fourth grade the child is supposed to edit all
of his or her spelling mistakes.

This system does not provide for penmanship,
English grammar or spacing between letters and
words. No matter what they call it, Literature based,
Look Say, or Skip and Guess.

It's a philosophy that's failing our children, but it's
enriching the Reading Recovery and penmanship
teachers who are hired for this purpose only.

If this program were any good we would not need
to spend all this extra money on all these specialists

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April 2, 1997

Dear Mr. President,

I was astonished yesterday to receive an unsolicited hand-written letter from former UN Assistant Secretary-General Robert Muller, whom I've never met. He was referring to the subject matter of the novel I've just written--**the potential power of global celebration at the millennium**. His passion struck me deeply, and because the matter is urgent, I'm sending the words straight to you. Here's part of what he said:

"Dear Linda Grover, You are a god-sent person. I share with all my mind and heart your belief in celebration to reunite people. For forty years I have been promoting world celebrations: Earth Day, International Peace Day, Human Rights Day, the 30th, 40th and 50th anniversary of the U N and hosts of others. It is not easy; it took three years to get a decision to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the UN, and for the last three years I tried to get governments, the Secretary General or the President of the General Assembly to adopt a resolution calling for Preparation and Celebration of the year 2000. My latest attempt was the e-mail message to President Clinton. Perhaps the miracle could happen if you suggested it to Madeline Albright, the new U.S. Secretary of State. We must uncover many stones to find diamonds and gold. Yours warmly, Robert Muller."

I also want you to know about a person I met on the Internet this week who has single-handedly extracted proclamations from thirteen state governors for the observance of **CountUp 2000**. Bob Silverstein has written 40 children's science books, lives in Roosevelt, New Jersey with his wife and kids, and has tirelessly, with no budget at all, set up some 300 web pages on making a better world.

Bob and I and Lois Nicolai (Director of World Citizen Diplomats) would like to visit this week, and present you with the state proclamations. We ask you to issue the proclamation to recognize the Thousand Day CountUp which your office has said you're considering. We'd also like to invite Hillary Rodham Clinton, and Vice President Gore to be part of the brand new Authors for the Millennium organization we are forming. *A.M.* (i.e., a new dawn) will serve as a clearinghouse for future-positive authors. It will encourage writers to help our society first *envision* and then *create* a more positive future.

If you weren't still recuperating from surgery, we'd ask you to windsurf with us on Sunday, the thousandth day, when board sailors around the world hope to create a first-ever *simultaneous* global sports event. We know you can't but you'd sure give us a boost just by officially signaling America that celebration is *good*. That in fact celebration is *necessary* and that the U.S. needs to lead. **Please declare CountUP 1000/2000.**

cc: Hillary Rodham Clinton
Vice President Gore
Secretary of State Albright



A Celebration Calendar for

The Year in Parentheses

(A time set aside to turn our world around)

1000 DAY COUNTDOWN**April 5-6, 1997****Windsurfers sail to herald the approach of the millennial year.****750-500 days****Dec 11, 1997**

People of the world decide to make the year 2000 a time of rejoining.

500-250 days**Aug 17, 1998**Scientists seek specific knowledge of minimum requirements to survive and prosper into the 22nd Century and beyond.**250-0 days****Apr 26, 1999**

The media begin preparing a 24-hour special chronicling preparation in each time zone for the approaching celebration.

**New Year's Eve
1999-2000****For the first time ever, the world takes a day off. We gather at the global hearth to learn about one another and to celebrate together.****JAN-MAR
2000****Health - Honor your body**We think about our bodies, how we use them, what we put into them, who else we let use them and how. *(We make sure that everyone has enough to eat, because you can't feel better when you don't have food.)***APR-JUN
2000****Environment - Partner with nature**

We all think about the miracles around us and start figuring out how we can stop destroying them.

**JUL-SEP
2000****Relationships - Link, don't rank**

We examine our human relationships, from one on one to a billion on a billion, seeking to end wars between peoples and the ancient war between the sexes as well.

**OCT-DEC
2000****Commerce - Share the abundance**

Feeling better about our health, our housekeeping, and the way we relate, we begin to think more about sharing.

**New Year's Eve
2000-2001****Everyone takes time to ring a bell, as the people in each time zone cross the bridge into the 21st century, the new millennium.****PLANNING, DECADE BY DECADE, FOR A FUTURE WORLD OF EQUAL PARTNERSHIP**
between women & men, humans & nature, groups & nations.2010 2020 2030 2040 2050 2060 2070 2080 2090 2100...
...2110 2120 2130 2140 2150... and the 7th Generation is born**CELEBRATION leads to CONNECTION leads to COOPERATION**

About the Author of *Tree Island*: a novel about the potential power of global celebration

Linda Grover's interest in changing the world began with an early stint as Clerk of The House Indian Affairs Subcommittee. She later worked with The National Committee for An Effective Congress and the International Rescue Committee. Her books and lectures have all reflected social themes.

The House Keepers, (Harper & Row) was a humorous account of a successful seven year battle to save her Manhattan apartment building from an urban renewal project. It was excerpted in McCall's, serialized in the New York Post, optioned by CBS, featured in a New York Times editorial and became required reading for city planning courses at several universities.

Her second non-fiction work, *Looking Terrific: The Language of Clothing*, (Putnam's and Ballantine) written with co-author Emily Cho, was a New York Times national best-seller (#4 trade paperback), became a Literary Guild selection and was translated into Hebrew and Spanish. It concerned women's identity in the wake of the sexual revolution.

Linda was commissioned in 1979 by CBS-EMI to create an alternative serial drama, *Aaron's World*, about a children's hospital. The show was optioned, developed, and scheduled, but not aired. She later became head writer of *The Doctors*, NBC, *Search for Tomorrow*, CBS, and co-head writer of *General Hospital*, ABC.

Linda is also the author of *August Celebration: A Molecule of Hope for A Changing World*, published in both paperback and audio. (Gilbert, Hoover & Clarke). It recounts the discovery of a wild-grown superfood in an Oregon Cascades lake and examines the resulting network of socially conscious consumers and distributors across North America. A half million copies have been sold to date.

About the Author of partnership theory: seeking to restore equal partnership between women and men, between humans and nature, and between groups and nations

Riane Eisler is the author of *The Chalice and the Blade: Our History, Our Future*, which has been hailed by Princeton anthropologist Ashley Montagu as "the most important book since Darwin's *Origin of Species*" and translated into fifteen languages including Russian, Chinese, Spanish, French, German, Italian, and Japanese. Its ideas have influenced more than 100 books to date. She has also authored *The Partnership Way*, *Sacred Pleasure*, and *Women, Men and the Global Quality of Life*. Linda Grover's *Tree Island* will be among the first works of partnership fiction to be published.

Dr. Robert Muller

Born in Belgium in 1923 and raised in the Alsace-Lorraine region in France, Robert Muller experienced constant political and cultural turmoil during his youth. His grandparents had five successive nationalities (French, German, French, German, French) without leaving their village as a result of three wars (1870-1871, 1914-1918, 1939-1945). Often as a child, Robert Muller would look out of his window at the border he could not cross and long for the day when he, like the birds, the clouds, the sun and the stars, would no longer have to observe the imaginary line. Today, thanks to the dream and effort of his compatriot Robert Schuman who similarly hated these borders, Robert Muller's passport reads, "European Union" with the sub-title France, and he is free to cross all western European borders.

Robert Muller knew the horrors of World War II, of being a refugee, of Nazi occupation and imprisonment. During the war he was a member of the French Resistance. After the war he returned home and earned a Doctorate of Law from the University of Strasbourg. In 1948 he entered and won an essay contest on how to govern the world, the prize of which was an internship at the newly created United Nations.

Dr. Muller devoted the next 40 years of his life behind the scenes at the United Nations focusing his energies on world peace. He rose through the ranks at the UN to the official position of Assistant-Secretary-General. He has been called the "Philosopher" and "Prophet of Hope" of the United Nations. Robert Muller is a deeply spiritual person. From his vantage point of a top level global states-person he has seen a strong connection between spirituality and the political/cultural scene.

Robert Muller created a "World Core Curriculum" and is known throughout the world as the "father of global education". There are 20 Robert Muller schools around the world with more being established each year. The "World Core Curriculum" earned him the UNESCO Peace Education Prize in 1989. Based on this curriculum and his devotion to good causes, Dr. Muller has recently drawn up a "Framework for World Media Coverage" as a public service, as well as a "Framework for Planetary and Cosmic Consciousness" and a "Framework for the Arts and Culture."

Now in active "retirement", Dr. Muller is Chancellor of the University for Peace created by the United Nations in demilitarized Costa Rica. He is in great demand to make speeches to educational, environmental, spiritual and political conferences around the world. Dr. Muller concentrates his efforts on promoting greater human understanding and global awareness. He was recently the recipient of the Albert Schweitzer International Prize for the Humanities and the Eleanor Roosevelt Man of Vision Award.

Dr. Muller lives most of the year at his small farm overlooking the University of Peace, on a sacred indigenous hill, Mt. Rasur, from which according to indigenous prophecy, a civilization of peace will extend to the entire world. His traditional Costa Rican house is located just up the hill from the Peace Monument of the University. In addition to his duties at the University, he devotes time to his writings and is an internationally acclaimed, multi-lingual speaker and author of fourteen books published in various languages. He has published his Testament to the UN as well as his plans and dreams for a peaceful, happy world.

At the prompting of many of his friends, admirers and non-governmental organizations Robert Muller was a candidate as a global citizen in 1996 for the post of Secretary General of the United Nations.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE April 2, 1997

**WINDSURFERS TO CREATE FIRST SIMULTANEOUS GLOBAL SPORTS EVENT TO
COMMEMORATE 1000 DAY COUNTUP TO THE MILLENNIAL YEAR ON SUNDAY,
APRIL 6, 1997**

This Sunday, sixty German windsurf shop owners will set out from Maui to sail for global unity. In Kauai, long-time world champion Matt Schweitzer, son of the inventor of the sport, will sail to celebrate a successful five year battle against melanoma. From the Golden Gate Bridge in California to Cape Hatteras in North Carolina, windsurfers of all ages, sizes and skill levels will take to the water with their colorful sails and streaming banners to herald the rapidly approaching third millennium.

The idea came from characters in the soon to be published novel TreeIsland: Our Earth, a story about windsurfing, archaeology and the hope that springs from celebration. The sport of windsurfing was chosen because it's a sport for the 21st century, ecologically pure, highly visible, and because it teaches us to work with the forces of nature instead of against them.

The event is supported by the United States Windsurfing Association, the American Windsurfing Industry Association, CountUP 2000, Save Our Seas, World Peace 2000 Network, Media 21, the newly formed Authors for the Millennium, and many world champions. Yesterday the event, dubbed the "Global Jibe" received powerful unsolicited support in the form of a handwritten letter from recent candidate for Secretary General of the United Nations, Dr. Robert Muller. Writing to the author of Tree Island, Linda Grover, he said, *"I share with all my mind and heart your belief in celebration to reunite people."*

With this release, we appeal to the world media and everyone on the internet to get the word out to sailors in every time zone. Help demonstrate how quickly it's possible for people to link around the world, and how effective the media can be at spreading **POSITIVE NEWS**.

Potential sailors are asked to tune into www.countup2000.com which will serve as a clearinghouse for more information. It's easy to participate. To show support for unity and a peaceful world, sailors are asked to attach a banner or ribbon to their mast, then get out and just have fun. **After all, this is a CELEBRATION!**

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March 10, 1997

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve in your Administration as Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. I will always cherish my two years working for you and Administrator Browner as a highlight of my professional life. I hope in my own small way I was able to contribute to the work of your Administration.

I have since returned to work for Congressman Thomas J. Manton of New York as his Administrative Assistant. If there is ever anything I can do for you or your Administration, I am at your service.

With best wishes, I am

Todd,

I will send to Jim once
you have seen.

Sincerely,

James H. Mathews

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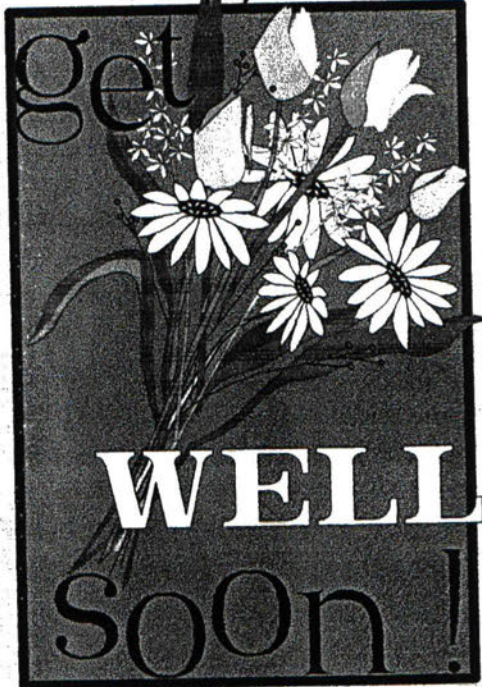
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JIM DORSKIND:

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the reply.

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personal)

Yes ☐
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Personal

Mr. President—

- Your ABC interview on drugs was a home run.

- Thanks for your leadership on the issue.

V/12

~~Barry~~

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date

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To:

Glyn Dares

From:

The Staff Secretary

President has not seen
this yet, but we should
get it to him by Saturday.

Can I send it to him
as is? Please let me know
by Friday. Thanks.
Phil

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President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
Washington D.C.
USA

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26th March, 1997.

Dear Bill and Hillary,

During these trying and turbulent times in our country and in the entire area around us, you of course may imagine how we miss Yitzhak.

They murdered him - they promised peace with security - 18 months later, where is peace and where is security? And my poor husband Yitzhak had to pay with his life, when we all realize today how his was the right way to build a relationship of trust and respect, a basis without which you really cannot get anywhere.

I know how you yourselves feel about all these sad developments. How you loved and trusted Yitzhak and what a sound relationship of mutual friendship and respect you maintained.

It is all too terrible for words.

Thank you so much for your wonderful letter that you sent me on the occasion of laying the cornerstone of the Yitzhak Rabin Center. We hope to build it so that it will forever live up to this giant man and leader.

With fondest wishes to both of you,

Sincerely,

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BY HAND

Ms. Betty Currie
Personal Assistant to
the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Currie:

Enclosed please find the personal letter we discussed
from Mrs. Rabin to the President.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Peter J. Kahn

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As Dow falls, look to last year's election

By Kevin Phillips

The stock market has been a little depressed lately, but you're probably not worried. It's an escalator, right? Admittedly, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan's quarter-point interest-rate hike on March 25 was a caution, but it will prove to be just a brief bump, right?

Well, sort of.

But before you assume Dick and Jane's college tuitions for the next century are going to be paid out of the further liftoff of 1996's hottest mutual funds, here's something to keep in mind. The stock market's connection with national elections doesn't end on Election Day.

The Dow Jones industrial average often spends the following year proving that the greatest minds in American finance can misread politics. And misreading the Federal Reserve can be a major ingredient because the Fed's chairman and members, presidential appointees, often go along with the White House in election years and then develop renewed integrity early in the following year.

From 1912 to 1980, 13 out of 18 presidential races saw a bear market follow within 12 months of the election. Three of them, in fact, were the biggest of the past 75 years: 1929 (the Dow Jones down 89%), 1937 (the Dow down 49%) and 1973 (down 45%). The bull market elections of 1984, 1988 and 1992 didn't have bear market follow-ups, but then the election of 1924, when the great bubble of the Roaring '20s was taking shape, didn't have one, either. Financial megabubbles and their run-ups seem to suspend the pattern — at least until they pop.

Don't say it — that politics and the market don't run on the same track. In the United States, they sometimes do. Thirty years ago, when I was in Republican politics, I found out the hard way. Every time we won a presidential election, the economy thereupon tanked just in time for the midterm congressional elections. The GOP presidential victories of 1952, 1956, 1968, 1972, 1980 and 1988 were all followed within the next two years by official recessions. The Reagan landslide of 1984 was followed in 1986 by a lollapalooza of a farm belt-energy state downturn that was just shy of national recession status. If presidents or Fed chairmen have to choke an expansion, they'd rather do it when another election is still three or four years away.

Later, in 1990, I published a book, *The Politics of Rich and Poor*, which described how the last decades of our nation's Republican presidential eras — the Gilded Age of the late 19th century, the Roaring '20s and then the Greedy '80s — invariably turn into a kind of go-go speculative economy that busts up the GOP presidential coalition. No coincidence there, either.

My old boss, Richard Nixon, agreed with much of the thesis and gave me the lead quote for the back of the book jacket. And the 1990-92 collapse of middle-class faith in the workaday economy destroyed George Bush and the GOP presidential majority that had ruled for a quarter-century.

But let's come back to the postelection bear market pattern. It's not a fluke, and neither were the other patterns I mentioned above, because with our rigid national election schedule and with both parties having their own brands of economic performance and bias, those in office try to shape economics to fit the political calendar.

American voters, in a related vein, have a quadrennial habit of getting optimistic that the election of a new president will change things — and then souring when Washington turns out to be the same old place. This adds to the mix. The year following a confusing or misleading national election can be disillusioning for voters and investment strategists alike.

That's part of the question we face in 1997. Wall Street itself frequently misjudges politics. One marketing firm has computed that between 1928 and 1992, there were five times when the S&P 500 average gained over 5% in the three months before the presidential election. And in each of the following years, the market tumbled — a 12% fall on average. 1996, of course, provided another hot three-month pre-election period.

So is market history about to strike again? Maybe. Maybe not.

But the relationship of politics to stock prices is not to be dismissed. And if Greenspan, in a postelection year integrity display, continues to think that the Dow Jones and S&P 500 were too exuberant last year, one or two more spring rate hikes can ensure that Mr. Bear comes out of his long hibernation with sharp claws and a loud roar.

Kevin Phillips is publisher of the American Political Report.

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