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Dear Bill and Hillary,

When Jimmy and I look back on the years since we left the White House, some of our most memorable and gratifying experiences have been working as volunteers with Habitat for Humanity.

For us, joining with other Habitat volunteers and laboring hard to build simple, decent houses alongside low-income families who will live in them is one of our most personally rewarding activities.

It's difficult to describe the emotions we feel on a Habitat construction site. The actual work of building a house from the ground up can be physically draining, dirty, and even frustrating at times -- but the result is much more than a simple house.

Habitat construction sites are infused with a spirit of comraderie and love that overcomes the differences that may separate us as individuals. Working side-by-side, shoulder-to-shoulder, people from all walks of life come together and share a common purpose and bond.

Extraordinary friendships are forged and lives dramatically changed among families in need and volunteers alike. Through your generosity as a Habitat partner, I hope you share these feelings. To me, the experience is exhilarating.

I invite you to share in that exhilaration again today.

In just a few weeks, Jimmy and I will be strapping on our tool belts to help build dozens of new Habitat houses at the 1997 JIMMY CARTER WORK PROJECT. I hope we can count on your continuing support of Habitat for Humanity to ensure the success of this project and hundreds of others around the world.

The theme of this year's annual JIMMY CARTER WORK PROJECT is "Hammering in the Hills of Appalachia." Beginning on June 15 -- Father's Day -- in the course

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of one week, Habitat will build a total of 50 brand new homes at seven different sites in eastern Kentucky and Tennessee!

Habitat's help is badly needed in Appalachia. In the communities where we will be building, most families are very poor. The average annual income is a meager \$13,000!

Nestled among small but steep mountains, the Appalachian region is a place of stark contrasts. Beautiful forested hills rise in stunning distinction amid areas scarred and barren from mining. Dirt roads are as commonplace as paved highways. Aging, dilapidated trailers sit near well-kept homes.

For families struggling to make ends meet on seasonal or irregular hourly wages, extreme poverty is a way of life. Here the number of families living in dwellings with no plumbing facilities is 16 times the national average; 11.5 percent of the houses don't have complete kitchens; and in one area, nearly one-third of the families rely on wood and coal burning stoves for heat, which is a health hazard and a major cause of fires.

But this year, Jimmy and I and hundreds of other Habitat for Humanity volunteers will commence the week-long 1997 JIMMY CARTER WORK PROJECT blitz build, bringing new hope into the lives of 50 Appalachian families in need.

For Anna Booth and her boys in particular, it will be an especially touching day of sharply differing emotions.

One of the first things Anna and her two sons, Carl (a sophomore in high school) and Craig (a fourth-grader) would tell you is how eagerly they anticipate the day construction will begin on their new Habitat home.

At the same time, I know the first day of the Work Project -- Father's Day -- will also be a rough day for this family, because they mourn the recent death of Carlton Booth, Anna's loving husband and a devoted father.

Anna tries not to dwell on her grief. She certainly has her hands full raising two growing boys by herself and working full time. Right now they are living in a run-down old trailer with a leaky roof, a bathroom in poor repair,

and plastic covering all the windows.

In the wintertime, Anna closes off the bedrooms, and she and the boys sleep in the living room by the space heater to stay warm. When it rains, rainwater leaks through the roof and fills the pots and pans covering the floor.

If you were to ask Anna how she manages, the first thing she would tell you is that putting in her "sweat equity" hours with Habitat has been the biggest help in keeping her busy and taking her mind off of her troubles.

"Everyone at Habitat is so nice and friendly," Anna says, "They act like they've known you forever -- as if you're like family they haven't seen in a while. When you walk up, they're full of smiles and so happy to see you. That's helped me a lot. More than I can say."

Anna carries the blueprint drawing of her Habitat house everywhere, and she shows it to everyone she meets. She and her boys cannot wait to start pounding nails on their new Habitat home during the 1997 JIMMY CARTER WORK PROJECT

That's why I hope so much that we can count on your generous contribution. It is going to require hard work from thousands of volunteers like Jimmy and me, dedication and planning, and a lot of building supplies and support to build Anna Booth's Habitat house and dozens of others in Appalachia this June -- as well as thousands of other homes around the world throughout the year.

What I'm truly asking you for today is more than a generous donation, though. Beyond the nails and lumber, shingles and siding, and other materials your gift will help provide, I'm also asking you to reach out and embrace a family in need.

Too often, those of us who have "enough," or at least almost everything we need, let barriers come between us and those who need help. At a Habitat work site, though, Jimmy and I have watched as those barriers dissolve, one by one. For us, building modest and affordable Habitat homes is pure love and faith in action.

One of the greatest benefits of a decent home is

that new owners like Anna Booth gain -- often for the first time in their lives -- a sense of success and fulfillment. And they gain the courage and self-confidence to meet life's other challenges and burdens.

Even if you cannot be with us to "Hammer in the Hills of Appalachia" during the 1997 JIMMY CARTER WORK PROJECT this June, I assure you that your help and spirit will be felt by all of us there.

Just as you would surely join us in rejoicing as the walls of Anna Booth's new Habitat home and dozens of others go up this Father's Day, I know the new homeowner families will say prayers of thanks and shed tears of joy for the unselfish love of people like you who make their new homes possible.

So please, offer your strongest support for the 1997 JIMMY CARTER WORK PROJECT and all of the other house-building and hope-building efforts Habitat has planned worldwide this year.

From Jimmy and me both, thank you so much for sharing in Habitat for Humanity's work. The world's people -- especially the most forgotten and most in need -- have genuine hope because of your commitment.

Yours sincerely,

Rosalynn Carter

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P.S. As you can see from the enclosed snapshots, the conditions in which some Appalachian families live are wretched. Please offer your generous donation to make the 1997 JIMMY CARTER WORK PROJECT and all of Habitat's building efforts a success! Thank you.

1997 JIMMY CARTER WORK PROJECT
Hammering in the Hills of Appalachia

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Bill and Hillary Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
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Dear Mrs. Carter,

Thank you for inviting me to share in the joy and excitement of the 1997 Jimmy Carter Work Project in the Appalachian region of Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee.

I want to join you in spirit as you and President Carter help 50 families in need build their own Habitat homes from the ground up during one week this June. To help make the Jimmy Carter Work Project and all of Habitat's house-building and hope-building efforts a success in 1997, enclosed is my generous tax-deductible gift of:

☐ \$500 ☐ \$750 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ Other \$ _____

Please use my gift:

- ☐ Where most needed (your unrestricted support helps Habitat work most effectively).
☐ For the 1997 Jimmy Carter Work Project and continuing Habitat projects in Appalachia [6468].
All undesignated gifts will be used where most needed.

*Please make your check payable to Habitat for Humanity International and return in the enclosed envelope, or mail to:
Habitat for Humanity International, 121 Habitat Street, Americus, GA 31709-3498. Thank you for your generous support!*

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The Honorable Bill Clinton
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

It is with reluctance that I tender my resignation as chairman and member of the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. This decision is necessitated by the fact that pursuant to the provisions of the National Gambling Impact Study Commission Act, ACIR has been directed to conduct certain studies and perform other functions related to the work of the Gambling Impact Study Commission.

Because the law firm of which I am a member represents a number of clients in the gaming industry, I find that I am confronted with a conflict which can only be resolved by my resigning from ACIR.

At a meeting of ACIR on May 13 I advised my colleagues of this decision, and I am pleased to inform you that Mayor Edward Rendell was elected as vice-chairman and acting chairman of ACIR. I am delighted that he has agreed to serve in this capacity, and I would respectfully urge you to name him chairman on a permanent basis.

Although ACIR was effectively defunded and dismantled last year, I continue to regard it as an entity that should be maintained. Because it was denied funding by the last Congress, it was not able to perform, in a proper way, the complex duties assigned to it. This was particularly true in the unfunded mandates study, which was inadequately done and, with hindsight, never should have been undertaken with the miniscule resources which were allotted for it.

The Honorable Bill Clinton

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In any event, I hope that you will consider recommending the reauthorization of ACIR when you formulate your next budget. It is too valuable a resource to lose, and under the leadership of Ed Rendell, it can reemerge as the respected entity that it has been for so many years.

Let me express to you my appreciation for affording me the opportunity for this service. I continue to applaud and support your splendid leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill".

William F. Winter

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Bruce Reed, Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy
Sandra Thurman, Coordinator for National AIDS Policy

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- o Comparison of these studies to the Tuskegee syphilis study; criticism that IRBs should ensure that risks to subjects are minimized and subjects are not unnecessarily exposed to risk; this is colonialism at its worst

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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NOTE FOR: Sandra Thurman

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

SAMUEL BERGER
DONALD BAER

SUBJECT:

Themes, Schedule and Communications Plan for Your
Trip to Europe

I. PURPOSE

To decide on the major themes and events to support your
May 27-29 trip to Europe.

II. BACKGROUND

Your trip to Europe comes at a unique moment in history that you
have helped create.

The possibility of cementing a new security relationship between
NATO and Russia the same week as the 50th anniversary of the
Marshall Plan gives you a rare platform to project a vision of
American leadership for the 21st century that evokes the similar
burst of American leadership represented by Truman and Marshall.

Fifty years ago, America helped shape the institutions and
understandings that secured democracy and prosperity in Western
Europe and ultimately victory in the Cold War. Now, we have an
opportunity to complete the job by extending to Europe's East the
stability and prosperity enjoyed by Europe's West -- and in doing
so build a continent that is democratic, undivided and at peace
for the first time in history. By fulfilling the legacy of a
previous generation of Americans, we can advance this
generation's security and prosperity into the 21st century.

Now as then, American leadership is key. While the fall of the
Berlin Wall took with it the blocs and barriers that had divided
the world for fifty years, it left mindsets largely unaltered.
It is our task to build the new institutions and understandings
-- including an expanded NATO and a NATO/Russia partnership --
that will lock in democracy's gains for the future. This will
not happen without our leadership. As you put it at the Library
of Congress gala, America is at the pinnacle of its power,
influence and success -- and therefore at the pinnacle of its
responsibility. For our own benefit and because it is right, we
must live up to the legacy of American leadership.

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

We see this trip as part of a larger thematic effort begun in the State of the Union to give a sense of America's direction in the world for the 21st century. By weaving together three distinct but complementary events -- the historic NATO-Russia signing, the Marshall Plan commemoration and your first meeting with Tony Blair -- you can highlight the importance of American leadership and its purpose: to set a strong foundation for free market democracy in the 21st century by shaping the forces of change to our advantage. To seize this rare opportunity and to connect the dots for the media and, therefore, the American people, we propose a coherent message beginning with your Memorial Day remarks, running through the European trip and concluding with the West Point Commencement. Our plan, submitted for your approval, is below.

III. EVENTS AND MESSAGE

Monday, May 26 -- Memorial Day Commemoration (Arlington)

Event

- Traditional wreath laying at Arlington National Cemetery

Message

In honoring the sacrifice of 20th century and previous generations, you can call for continued American leadership in the century about to begin. America's past sacrifice helped defeat tyranny, rebuild a devastated Western Europe and Japan and win the Cold War. Today the prospect of an enduring peace gives the United States the opportunity to extend free market democracy to Europe's East by adapting and expanding NATO while building a strong NATO-Russia partnership. American leadership is essential to seizing that opportunity and promoting another 50 years of security and prosperity. [Note: George Marshall is buried at Arlington -- his is the grave closest to the speaking podium.]

Tuesday, May 27 -- NATO-Russia Charter Signing (Paris)

With the successful conclusion of the NATO-Russia document May 14, you will travel to Paris before your visit to the Hague to meet with the leaders of the Alliance and sign the "Founding Act."

Events

- NATO-Russia Signing ceremony at Elysee
- Lunch hosted by President Chirac at Elysee
- Yeltsin and Chirac bilaterals
- Possible interviews or other public event

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Message

The NATO/Russia security partnership opens a new era of cooperation in Europe and bridges the continent's historic divide. European security is no longer a zero sum game. We are showing it is possible and productive to enlarge NATO, strengthen our Alliance and support democratic Russia through partnership with NATO.

Wednesday, May 28 -- U.S./EU Summit and Marshall Plan Commemoration (The Netherlands)

Events

- U.S.-EU meeting
- Lunch with Queen and OSCE Leaders
- Marshall Plan Commemoration Speech
- Remarks to Rotterdam "Thank You America" celebration

Message

You can use this triumvirate of events -- the U.S.-EU Summit, the Marshall Plan commemoration and celebratory remarks in Rotterdam -- to lay out your vision for the future of Europe and to call for another 50 years of partnership between the United States and Europe -- the foundation for our common security and prosperity. When Europe is at peace, America is more secure. When Europe prospers, so does America. By bringing Europe and America together for security in the NATO alliance, for economic prosperity in a Transatlantic system of open markets, and for political freedom in the widening embrace of democracy, we can complete the vision of the post-World War II generation -- and provide limitless opportunity for the 21st century generations to follow.

12/1 The U.S.-EU Summit will show practical cooperation with the EU to address issues that concern all our people as we enter the 21st century. A number of deliverables will be ready, including an agreement to stem the flow of chemical precursors for illicit drugs and a customs agreement. We may be able to complete a full package of Mutual Recognition Agreements to eliminate duplicative testing and standards on \$40 billion worth of trade.

The Marshall Plan Speech will be your opportunity to address the people of Europe on securing the peace for the next 50 years. We are planning to broadcast the speech live all across Europe. The Dutch have invited the heads of state/government of all 52 OSCE countries to have lunch and hear your speech, which will take place in the historic Binnenhof square with an audience of several thousand. The only other speaker will be the host, Dutch Prime Minister Kok. We are working to identify a local citizen who directly benefited from the Marshall Plan to introduce you

and Kok, and if possible, one of their descendants to introduce you at the Rotterdam event.

In Rotterdam, you will take part in a special Marshall Plan Celebration. Rotterdam was destroyed during World War II and rebuilt almost entirely with Marshall Plan funds. The city has designated May 28th as "Thank You America" day and has invited Americans from all over the Netherlands to attend. The Navy Destroyer Spruance will be in port during the ceremony. You will speak to upwards of 10,000 American and Dutch citizens who are expected to attend the celebration.

Thursday, May 29 -- Meeting with Prime Minister Blair (London)

Events

- Bilateral Meeting with Blair
- Lunch Hosted by Blair
- Joint Press Conference
- Possible Crowd Event in Trafalgar Square

Message

As two forward-looking, vigorous leaders, you and Prime Minister Blair have an opportunity to renew the special relationship between the United States and Britain to confront the challenges of the 21st century. Fifty years ago, our partnership won the war and then stood fast through the Cold War. Now, together, we must rise to the challenge of peace by building a new partnership for the security and prosperity of both nations into the 21st century.

Saturday, May 31 -- West Point Commencement

Event

- Speech to Graduating Cadets

Message

By ending this historic week at West Point, you will have an opportunity to sum up its significance for and to the American people by describing their nation's leadership responsibilities in Europe -- and in the world. You will want to explain why engagement in Europe remains vital to America's security and prosperity -- and why NATO is the bedrock of that engagement. You also will want to state clearly the costs and risks that accompany our continuing leadership of NATO and its impending enlargement.

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IV. WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

As always, we have had to choose among many proposals for stops and events to include in your schedule. Because you are likely to hear of some of these during the trip, we list the most important here:

- a stop in Luxembourg to visit a WWII cemetery and address the North Atlantic Assembly (proposed by Ambassador Constantinou and Senator Roth);

a reception at the OECD in Paris May 27 hosted by President Chirac;

a visit to the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (the War Crimes Tribunal; we have recommended that Secretary Albright consider doing this);

a visit to the ongoing inaugural session of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, also in The Hague.

a reception hosted by Prime Minister Kok for the visiting heads of state/government after your speech (you will have seen them at lunch);

a working dinner with Prime Minister Kok and President Santer (that would have made the Rotterdam event impossible); and

a formal press conference after the U.S.-EU Summit (which would detract from the impact of your Marshall Plan speech).

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the major events and themes of the trip as outlined above.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Put in my comments

Attachment

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Communications Plan for European Security:

To support the attached theme paper, our communications plan has four separate phases which fit the larger strategy of advancing your vision of America's leadership responsibilities for the 21st century:

- Reaction to NATO-Russia document.
- Scene setter briefings and POTUS Memorial Day remarks.
- POTUS trip speeches in Paris, Hague, and London.
- POTUS West Point Commencement and Radio Address.

Our key objective is to use the intense media interest in a potential NATO-Russia signing to advance the Administration's message of forging a new partnership with Russia while strengthening and enlarging NATO.

The Week of May 11:

May 12: Staff developing timeline of Presidential meetings, statements and actions dating back to Vancouver/Brussels 1994 that show the President's leadership in bringing this agreement to conclusion and pursuing enlargement of NATO.

May 12: NSC and State drafting talking points to explain the parameters of the agreement.

May 14: Solana and Primakov come to agreement.

May 14: Talbott and Fried to brief CEE officials in Washington.

May 14: Senior administration officials begin congressional notification/briefing schedule for the Hill.

May 15: NAC makes its determination and votes to ratify the agreement.

May 15: President makes a statement in the briefing room to comment on the breakthrough and announce he will be traveling to Paris.

May 15: Senior Administration officials (Berger, Albright, Talbott, Vershbow) brief on specifics of the agreement and assure the public there are no secret side deals.

May 15-17: Senior Administration officials on network television programs as requested.

May 15-17: Senior administration officials outreach to key commentators and pundits (Safire, Friedman, Hoagland, Rosenfeld, Taubman).

May 15-17: Outreach to influential opinion leaders on the substance of the agreement.

<u>VPOTUS:</u>	<u>Berger:</u>	<u>Albright:</u>	<u>Cohen:</u>
Carter	Kissinger	Baker	Cheney
Ford	Scowcroft	Brzezinski	Brown
Dole	Powell	Christopher	Perry
Bush	Eagleburger	Shultz	Kampelman
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<u>Talbott:</u>	<u>Steinberg:</u>	<u>Fried:</u>	<u>Vershbow:</u>
Abramowitz	Haass	Rodman	Mandelbaum
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May 15: Talbott and Fried brief leaders of the domestic Central European community.

May 15: Baer briefs select reporter on "road map" for next 3 weeks on European security message.

The Week of May 19:

- White House press corps briefing with Marshall historian (TBD).
- Mailing of relevant European Security speeches and material to editorial boards and opinion leaders.
- Foreign Press Center briefing (TBD).
- POTUS amplification interviews (TBD). We have asked for two 1-hour blocks for pre-trip interviews with the President and journalists.
- White House pre-trip substance briefing with Albright, Berger, Shali.
- May 22: Columnists roundtable with Berger (Potential POTUS drop by).
- Op-ed piece by outside expert (Leon Aron, David Hollway, Chip Blacker.)
- Senior Administration Officials on network Sunday shows (TBD).

Monday, May 26:

- POTUS remarks at Arlington National Cemetery.

Tuesday, May 27:

- POTUS Remarks to NATO-Russia Signing Ceremony.
- Albright-Berger-Shali press briefing.

Wednesday, May 28:

- POTUS opening statement at US-EU meeting.
- POTUS Marshall Plan Address at the Hague.
- POTUS visit to and remarks in Rotterdam.

Thursday, May 29:

- POTUS/Blair Bilateral.
- POTUS/Blair joint press conference.
- POTUS/Blair public event (Tafalgar Square).

POST TRIP COMMUNICATIONS:

Saturday, May 31:

- POTUS Address[and Radio Address] at West Point Academy.
- Secretary Albright op-ed in special commemorative edition of *International Herald Tribune*.

June 5:

- Secretary Albright Harvard University Commencement.

FROM THE OFFICE OF

Staff Sec
JAMES J. LUDWIG

May 15, 1997

'97 MAY 20 AM8:04

President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500-2000

Dear President Clinton:

I was appalled by an article in the May 7th New York Times, (attached), that South Korea is a major market for the parts of endangered species to be used in Chinese medicines. It appears that, though the sale of these parts may be against the law in South Korea, that these laws are not enforced. I hope you can prod the South Korean government to strengthen and enforce these laws in order to protect endangered species in Asia and Africa.

Sincerely,


James J. Ludwig

JJL/mkd

cc: Dianne Feinstein
Nancy Pelosi
Tom Campbell

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No ☐

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Lusting After Traditional Cures, South Koreans Imperil the Species

By SHERYL WuDUNN

SEOUL, South Korea — As a pharmacist measured the clumps of grass and crushed stems on the table, Park Sun Yeop, 29, kept turning to one item not yet on the pile: the budding antler of a deer.

"I need energy," she said, hesitating over the extra cost of antlers, as her little daughter tugged at her skirt. "I want to have a second baby, and I think this will help."

In the end, she bought the antlers, like millions of other South Koreans whose craving for Chinese medicines is transforming this increasingly wealthy country into a magnet for products made from some of the world's rare and endangered species.

"Ox gallstones, rhinoceros horns, tiger bones, bear gallbladders," said Kim Woo Sik, a doctor of traditional Chinese medicine.

"People who have lots of money and are very foolish when it comes to medicine — they want these things."

Chinese medicine, which uses brews of herbs, flowers, grasses and sometimes animal parts in a tradition that stretches back thousands of years, is widely used by Koreans, Chinese and Japanese.

It is perfectly legal in South Korea to purchase some animals or animal

parts, like centipedes or deer antlers — velvety antlers with flecks of the animal's blood. But buying tiger bones, rhinoceros horns, the musk of deer and the gallbladders of bears is generally not.

And gallbladders have suddenly become one of the hottest items here in the frenetic search for better health and longevity.

For instance, nine out of every ten gallbladders snatched from the world's dwindling population of bears end up in South Korea, environmental groups here say. They are coveted for healing diabetes, liver ailments and heart conditions.

And Western medicine, too, has harnessed the active ingredient in bear gallbladders.

But recently, the gallbladders have acquired the mistaken image of a magical cure-all, and more and more, they are used in health tonics or in aphrodisiacs, with a dash of alcohol. Korean restaurants used to serve dishes with names like braised bear palms until a crackdown last year forced the bear dishes off the menus.

Last summer, five Koreans and two Thais were arrested after they were caught with the carcasses of six wild bears, with the paws chopped off and the gallbladders and other inter-

nal organs extracted.

The demand for bear parts is beginning to threaten certain endangered species of bears.

"Koreans are concerned about bears," said Yoo Soo Hoon, a researcher at the Korean Federation for Environmental Movement. "But at the same time, bear gallbladders are so good for the health that people can't resist using them."

In South Korea, fewer than 10 wild bears are left in the mountains, according to the federation. The rest have all been secretly hunted down.

Moreover, there is a belief that when a bear is afraid or hungry its gallbladder becomes larger, so that often a poacher will frighten or wound the bear first in order to let it die slowly in pain.

Sometimes, a single gallbladder can fetch thousands of dollars on the market here. One merchant in the Kyung Tong market said that the going price for gallbladders was \$1,100 per ounce.

A limited amount of trade in bear gallbladders is legal in South Korea, primarily of those from bears in the United States, and pharmaceutical companies use them to make drugs. But experts say that the underground market for gallbladders and other rare ingredients is flourishing.

Though many Koreans take Chinese medicine for ailments as common as the cold, if they take anything exotic, then they consider it a special occasion. Ki Chong So, a 76-year-old retired farmer who has used Chinese herbs since he was a baby, drinks a potion of deer antlers only once a year, to restore his energy.

"It's better than not taking it," he explained, as he sauntered past bundles of dried centipedes in the Kyung Tong market. "I'm not so healthy. That's why I need Chinese medicine."

Fakes abound, however, said Han Dae Suk, a director of the Korea Pharmaceutical Traders Association. Mr. Han has conducted random tests on gallbladders brought to him by customers. Pig gallbladders, for instance, can sometimes be mistaken for bear gallbladders, and camel bones often pass for tiger bones.

These days, though, many of the active ingredients in these animal parts can be reproduced synthetically, and practitioners prescribe the artificial forms. But there is still a demand for the real thing.

"It's like asking, 'What do you think about the difference between a natural diamond and an artificial diamond?'" said Dr. Kim. "Is it the same thing?"

HONORARY PARTICIPATION REQUEST

'97 MAY 20 AM9:17

Please return to Woyneab Wondwossen, Room 93

Today's Date: May 19, 1997

Date of Request: 4/17/97
Request for: POTUS
Type of Request: Honorary Chair
Requestor Name: Ms. Mary Lou Breslin
Title: President
Organization: Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund, Inc.
Suite 220
1623 Q Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009
Contact Tel. #: (202) 986-0375
Event Date: 7/26/97
Event Description: 1997 Gala
Notes: The Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF) has been a leader for 18 years in civil rights advocacy on behalf of persons with disabilities. This annual event commemorates the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act and is one of two major fund-raisers sponsored by DREDF. The President accepted an invitation to be Honorary Chair for the 1993 Gala. DREDF did not request his participation in 1994, 1995, or 1996.

The President should ACCEPT.

Recommendation:

TS OK
(Unless otherwise noted, a yes answer will automatically generate a message as well as acceptance of the honorary position).

5/20/97

Comments:



April 8, 1997

The Honorable Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

DREDF, the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund, Inc., opened its doors 18 years ago, and dedicated itself to changing the lives of people with disabilities and ending second class citizenship. Over these years, DREDF has made a major difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of people with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities.

Acknowledged as the expert on the historic Americans with Disabilities Act and the established leader of the successful strategy to pass this momentous law, DREDF has been in the forefront of legal challenges to end discrimination, taking the most difficult cases and winning. DREDF has trained over 70,000 parents of children with disabilities and people with disabilities nationally and internationally about their civil rights.

In celebration of the passage of ADA, DREDF holds a GALA event in the nation's capital. This year's commemoration will take place on Saturday evening, July 26. Our GALA attracts more than 1,000 members of the disability, civil rights, corporate, legal, women's and labor communities. It features, music for dancing and a silent and live auction, conducted by our friend Tony Coelho, with one-of-a-kind trips, services and art work by artists with disabilities.

Past celebrations have featured food donated by Washington area restaurants that are "accessible" physically (i.e. no steps, no stairs, no stumbles). This year's event will not only feature these restaurants, but we are adding a bit of friendly competition in hopes of finding some of the "best" hors d'oeuvres, entrees and desserts in town. The balloting will take place from May 1 to July 15. On July 26, we will hold the judging. The results will be published.

Spurred on by your recent surgery, DREDF wanted to send to you a list of "accessible" restaurants for your dining pleasure while you recuperate. In fact, Mr. President, some of the restaurants you may have frequented in the past, may no longer be available to provide service to you in your present condition. Since most restaurants are not judged by "access," DREDF has decided to do its own judging and publish its findings for you and other visitors to our nation's capital.

In 1993, you graciously agreed to serve as Honorary Chair for our GALA. In a message to the attendees you emphasized your commitment to "equal rights and access for all citizens with

disabilities." As you well know, the dream of equality is not yet a reality. However, with your help, we can certainly move forward to full equality for the more than 49 million Americans with disabilities.

We invite you to once again be our GALA Honorary Chair. We also hope you can be with us on July 26 to help judge the "accessible" restaurants. The evening promises to be a night to remember for everyone. Please share it with us.

Sincerely,



Mary Lou Breslin
President



Patrisha A. Wright
Government Affairs Director

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HONORARY PARTICIPATION REQUEST

Please return to Woyneab Wondwossen, Room 93

Today's Date: May 19, 1997

Date of Request: 4/17/97
Request for: POTUS
Type of Request: Honorary Chairperson
Requestor Name: Mr. Ben H. Ward
Title: Chairman
Organization: John Marshall High School Alumni Coalition
7427 S. Euclid Pkwy
Chicago, Illinois 60649
Contact Tel. #: (773) 534-6455
Event Date: 6/21/97
Event Description: Centennial Celebration Fund Raising Ball
Notes: This local event will celebrate the 100th anniversary of John Marshall H.S. and raise funds for the school's scholarship programs and other support services.

The President should REGRET.

Recommendation:

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(Unless otherwise noted, a yes answer will automatically generate a message as well as acceptance of the honorary position).

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7427 S. Euclid Pkwy
Chicago, IL 60649
Alumni Hotline: (773) 667-1751
March 28, 1997

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1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Washington, D.C. 20500

APR 17 1997

Dear President Clinton:

Initially the John Marshall H. S. Alumni Coalition was formed to plan the Centennial Celebration of our glorious alma mater. However, as we began to reacquaint our selves with Marshall and the students we discovered that our 'mother' was in dire need of help and additional funding. It was at this point that we decided to refocus our efforts. Rather than planning an one night event we decided that all of our efforts and all funds raised from that day forward should benefit Marshall and its students...our future fellow alumni.

Since that day we have worked diligently to reach our simplistic yet meaningful goals. One of our goals is to establish a scholarship fund for those students who desire a higher education, but are in need of financial assistance. Also, while in college, scholarships will be renewable for those maintain good grades.

BACKGROUND

Founded in 1895 when the first class marched from Grant Elementary School to the present day site, John Marshall H. S. has evolved into a venerable Chicagoan and American institution. As the city and this country have grown and experienced momentous events so too has Marshall H. S. Its graduates have included many notable figures in American history and culture such as Admiral Hyman Rickover inventor of the nuclear submarine, world famous conductor Shelton Skolnick, former New England Patriot Darryl Stingley who is also head of the Darryl Stingley Foundation, Actor Stan Shaw, former Chicago Bull George Wilson who also played on Marshall's 1958 and 1960 state championship teams which was the first team from Chicago to win a state championship, Dorothy Gaters present Girls Basketball coach is also the state coach with the most wins in boys or girls basketball, and Arthur Ajee star of the phenomenal documentary "Hoop Dreams".

I could go on to name hundreds of alumni who continue to exemplify the ideals of Marshall's founders but I would be remiss if I failed to mention the accomplishments of the present students. Despite recent publicity Marshall's students continue to reach ever increasing heights of achievement. Whether competing in academic, athletic or artistic circles our future alumni continue to endeavor to uphold the legacy of our founders.

The Alumni Coalition was founded in August, 1996 and membership is open to all graduates of Marshall, its former teachers, principals, and career service support staff. In addition to providing scholarships and financial support to Marshall and its students, the Alumni Coalition's other goals are to locate all alumni and to provide various support services to the alumni when needed.

REQUEST

The Centennial Celebration Fund Raising Ball will be held Saturday, June 21, 1997 at the Chicago Hilton & Towers. We are expecting well over 1,000 alumni, guests, and friends to join us as we honor 'our mother'. By serving as a Honorary Chairperson will you be able to show the depth of your commitment to Marshall H.S. and the surrounding community; a significant and influential portion of your voting constituency. And by agreeing to serve as a Honorary Chairperson you will receive one (1) complimentary ticket to the Centennial Celebration Fund Raising Ball which also includes the Welcoming Reception on Friday, June 20, 1997 and the Farewell Brunch on Sunday, June 22, 1997; additional details will be provided at a later date regarding the latter events. Also, you will receive complimentary gifts and membership into the Alumni Coalition as a Honorary Commando, a honor bestowed only upon a chosen few. All that we ask in return is that you attend the Centennial Ball and allow us to use your name in our advertisements. Rest assured all advertisements will be tactful and non-exploitative and should you desire we will present them to you for your approval,

We wholeheartedly invite you to join us in the Commando spirit of our founders. We hope that you will seriously consider becoming a Honorary Chairperson. Thank you for your time and consideration. Within two to three weeks one of our Coalition members will contact you. Meanwhile, should you have any questions or concerns, refer to the enclosed form and contact the Chairman, Ben H. Ward.

Best wishes,

Ben H. Ward
Ben H. Ward '59
Chairman

Tracie Ward
Tracie Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

cc: Corporate Sponsorship Committee

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 20, 1997

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Marcia and Jeff --

I think the attached draft letter needs some work. Mostly it is too vague and elliptical. For example, when you say, "The labor situation that has developed...has become of great concern to me;" or, "Aspects of this situation are inconsistent with our country's values," or "The Federal efforts to date to address the problems inherent in the current system have not succeeded in overcoming them," I truly don't understand what we're talking about. The letter needs to be more straightforward and clear.

I would recommend having it redrafted and preparing a short cover memo to the President explaining to him what this is all about.

One last point -- can we avoid referring to the Northern Mariana Islands as the newest member of the U.S. *political* family. Let's find another way to say this. Call me if you have any questions.


Todd

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cc: Linda Wyman

May 19, 1997

Memorandum for Sylvia Mathews

Cc: Phil Kaplan ✓
Jim Dorskind

From: Marcia Hale
Jeffrey Farrow
Lucia Wyman

Subject: Northern Marianas Letters

The attached draft letter to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Representative to the Federal Government -- regarding inclusion of the islands in national immigration and minimum wage laws to overcome the serious problems with the labor situation there -- is a rewrite of an Interior Department draft to which Interior has agreed.

The Attorney General and the Labor Department have also approved it. (A copy was, additionally, sent to OMB.)

If it is finally signed-off on by you, we can have Correspondence send it in the morning.

Thanks.

The Honorable Juan Babauta
Resident Representative of
the Northern Mariana Islands
2121 R Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear John:

As you know, the Covenant that established the political union between the Northern Mariana Islands and the United States did not immediately extend all national immigration and naturalization and minimum wage laws to the Commonwealth.

The labor situation that has developed in the newest member of the U.S. ^{of this situation} political family in more recent years has become of great concern to me. Aspects are inconsistent with our country's values.

The Federal efforts to date to address the problems inherent in the current system have not succeeded in overcoming them. It is, therefore, time to include the islands in our national immigration and naturalization and minimum wage laws, as provided for by the Covenant.

My Administration will work with the Congress to extend Federal ^{law} ~~administration~~ in a reasonable and appropriate manner and will consult with you and other officials of the Commonwealth in the process.

I am dedicated to protecting the rights and well-being of all who work and live in the islands as well as to fulfilling our Covenant responsibilities.

Sincerely,

cc: Chairman Don Young
Ranking Democrat George Miller
Chairman Frank Murkowski
Ranking Democrat Dale Bumpers
Governor Froilan Cruz Tenorio