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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20502

July 11, 1997

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MEMORANDUM TO TODD STERN

FROM: ANGELA PHILLIPS DIAZ



SUBJECT: Resignation acceptance letter to President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) member, Phillip A. Sharp

Phillip A. Sharp is resigning from PCAST to make additional time for his duties on the National Cancer Advisory Board. The attached letter is to acknowledge his resignation and thank him for his work with PCAST.

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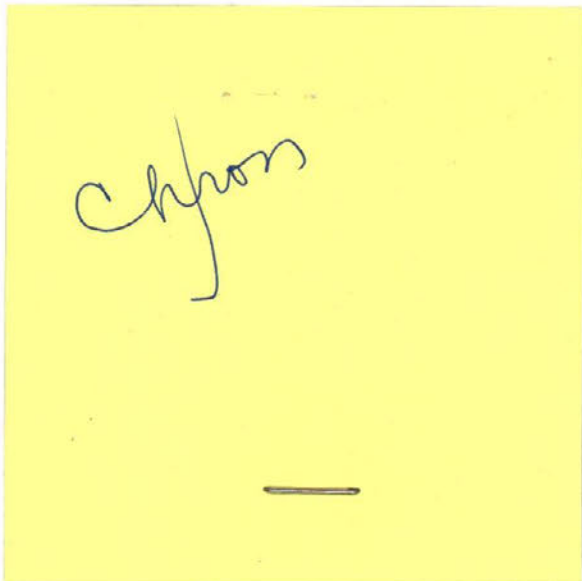
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 11, 1997

Dr. Phillip A. Sharp
Professor of Biology and
Head, Department of Biology
Massachusetts Institute Of Technology
Center for Cancer Research
40 Ames Street, Room E17-529B
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Dr. Sharp:

I would like to thank you for serving as a member of the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology since October 19, 1994. You have provided me with excellent advice on a broad range of science and technology issues. In particular, your views on academic health centers and cloning were very helpful in developing Administration policy.

You have been generous with your valuable time and energy. As a Nobel Prize recipient, member of the National Cancer Advisory Board, outstanding researcher on cancer, and professor and head of the Department of Biology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, your service to this nation goes well beyond your tenure as a member of PCAST.

Sincerely,

Los Angeles Times

Los Angeles Times
Times Mirror Square
Los Angeles, CA 90053
213 237-5000

June 12, 1997

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

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Dear Mr. President:

It's difficult to come up with the words to express my appreciation for your extraordinary contribution to our special section on the U.S. Open. That you would somehow carve out the time to put your thoughts about Congressional and the tournament on paper is remarkable.

Your comments have been well received. I often use my wife as a gauge, because she's a discriminating reader, has a love of the language, enjoys a good turn of phrase, is not an avid sports fan and dispenses compliments only grudgingly. Her response was simply, "Wow. This is great." I concur.

I grew up in Washington and Bethesda and played Congressional many times. For someone like me, reading your comments elicits memories of the many trouble spots I've known on the course; for those unfamiliar with the layout, your words now give additional insight as they watch the Open on TV. By the way, I've never broken 80 there either.

I hope you liked our presentation in the section. Everyone I've spoken with certainly has.

What you did for us is truly above and beyond the call of duty, and I hope it wasn't a burden. I assure you, it reads like a labor of love.

Many, many thanks.

Finally, I'd be remiss if I didn't tell you how moved I was by your words at Chelsea's graduation. I graduated from Landon many years ago and had several friends at Sidwell. Your heartfelt words struck a chord with many of us with teenage children. God bless.

7/11/97

Very Sincerely yours,
Mike James



Senior Assistant Sports Editor
Times Mirror Square
Los Angeles 90053

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Mike James thanks you for your contribution to the Los Angeles Times special section on the U.S. Open. Your comments have been well received. Also, he was very moved by your speech at Chelsea's graduation. Your heartfelt words struck a chord with those who have teenagers.

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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The United States must not turn its back in the Cambodian people. We cannot look the other way while violence and tyranny rule the countryside. The United States and the international community have made an enormous investment in giving Cambodia's people a chance to determine their own future through free and fair elections. In doing so, we have taken on a solemn responsibility. A failure to take unequivocal action to condemn and reverse this assault on democracy, will be a major abdication of our responsibility as a world leader and a guarantor of the Paris Peace Accords.

Sincerely,


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Committee on International Relations


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Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to express our deep concern about the recent coup in Cambodia against Prince Ranariddh and the government elected in the 1993 elections, and to urge a firm U.S. response. We are disturbed by a campaign of terror against political opponents of Hun Sen and the CPP. At least two senior FUNCINPEC officials have died at the hands of Hun Sen's forces, and we fear wider attacks against political parties and National Assembly members, journalists and human rights activists. The violent events of the past week mark a tragic turn away from the path toward peace and democracy begun by the Paris Peace Accords in 1991. This military coup must be reversed and the Administration must play a leading role.

We welcome the Administration's suspension of aid. However, we are concerned about plans to unconditionally reinstate some aid after 30 days. We hope that the Administration will ensure that no aid of any kind will go to the government directly or indirectly.

In order to have an effect, aid must be conditioned upon the achievement of specific results. U.S. assistance and support for the \$450 million donated by the Consortium Group of country and international financial institution donors, should resume only after First Prime Minister Ranariddh has been restored to power; armed conflict, political arrests and executions have ended; and conditions for free and fair national elections have been established. This should include the passage of an election law; creation of a neutral election commission; and protection of members of the National Assembly, political parties, journalists and human rights groups.

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July 7, 1997

President Bill Clinton
THE WHITE HOUSE
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear President Clinton:

First of all, I want to congratulate you for your continued interest and support of our childrens' educational future. Thank you for all the wonderful new programs that you are implementing to insure that our sons and daughters receive a quality and meaningful education!

In keeping with your personal desire to promote a new awareness in our youth, I want to make you aware of a very remarkable educator!

I would like to introduce, Pete Villescas, an outstanding elementary school teacher that has been teaching at Fremont Elementary School in the Montebello School District (in Montebello, California) for the past twenty one (21) years!

For the past twenty years, I have worked side-by-side with this remarkable teacher! Exemplary teachers are getting harder to find, but I can truly say that I had, (I recently retired) the privilege of knowing and working with one of the most dedicated professionals in education!

Mr. Villescas is one of those totally dedicated, caring loving teachers that makes a lasting impact on students lives! Mr. "V", (as his students lovingly call him) will do anything to motivate his students, and to take them to higher levels of learning!

It is not unusual to walk into his classroom and catch him "singing", "dancing", "juggling", or doing "magic tricks" to his students. He will do most anything to instill a new excitement in their young minds. Once he has his students totally motivated and excited about learning, the learning process takes on a "new" meaning and difficult concepts become easily understood! He keeps coming up with new and unique ways to make learning exciting and fun to his kids!

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I continue to marvel at his enthusiasm and untiring dedication to his work! Year after year, somehow he finds the time and energy to "reach-out" to his students. Many of our children in our community come from broken homes! Many of these children look to Mr. "V" as their father and mother figure. Mr. Villescas feels that his classroom is a refuge, (a hiding place) for many of these children, whose lives are touched by child abuse, and drugs in the home! He feels that the good Lord has placed him there for a specific purpose; to meet a special need in these needy childrens' lives!

Each year, Mr. "V" donates countless hours after school to help these under-privileged children who are having problems with school work. It is very important to him that all his students succeed at their own level.

He also volunteers his time at the local Monrovia Y.M.C.A. (Monrovia, Calif.) where he coaches basketball to needy children. He also serves as a Scout Leader at the Boys Scouts Den #333 in the City of Arcadia, California. You would think that on weekends he would be completely exhausted, yet somehow he finds the time on Saturdays to open up his home to teach children the basic fundamentals in Art. (He has turned his garage into an artist "studio" and kids come from around the neighborhood to receive free art lessons). On Sundays, he teaches a Sunday School class at a local church!

Year after year, his past students come to visit their favorite teacher. They come back to share their accomplishments with him, and to seek his counsel on a variety of personal problems, goals, and dreams! Through the years, I have observed his students express their love to this caring, loving man, in a variety of different ways. There is always a loving, hand-made card, or a special little gift that can be found on his desk. Just a simple way to share their love, or to say Thank You, to Mr. "V"!

Fremont Elementary School is very fortunate, indeed, to have a dedicated educator like Mr. Villescas. As if all this was not enough, each year he produces school-wide assemblies, talent shows, and special holiday programs. He culminates each year with an original musical production, that he writes and directs himself. He is also the Founder of the Fremont Elementary School Choir. It is composed of third and fourth grade students who travel to other schools to perform musical concerts!

Why am I writing this letter and making you aware of this multi-talented, dedicated, man?

I am writing to you, hoping that you would help us honor this very special individual that has given unselfishly of himself to his students, for over twenty-one (21) years! Perhaps you have some "SPECIAL AWARD", or perhaps you can think of some "SPECIAL WAY" to help us honor him? We are well aware that you take a great deal of personal pride in honoring special Americans that truly deserve to be honored for their special feats and accomplishments. We feel very strongly that Mr. Villescas is one of those select few, that give of themselves over-and-beyond the call of duty to make our world a better place for all of us!

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I realize that you get many requests such as this, and I know that you keep an impossible schedule. But, I sincerely hope that this letter doesn't get lost in someone's desk, and that it reaches you, somehow. Won't you please give this matter your "PERSONAL" attention and honor our request? You would be bringing a special joy to thousands of under-privileged children in knowing that their Mr. "V" was honored in this special way! Mr. Villescas serves as a beacon in our community, where our children have to make their way through a dark world of drugs, child abuse, shootings, gang activity, and a daily struggle for survival. A very grateful community of Montebello, California thanks you sincerely, in advance, for your consideration.

Thank you for taking the time to read this lengthy letter. You can contact Mr. Villescas at Fremont Elementary School, at (213) 721-2435 or at his home (626) 447-5574; or you can contact me at (714) 646-5753.

Sincerely,



John J. Slevcove
Teacher

Office of the President



New School for Social Research

66 West 12th Street New York NY 10011 212.229.5656

July 10, 1997

Dear President Clinton:

This year in your budget proposal you have made education, and providing additional federal financial support for Americans attending institutions of higher education, a significant priority. Indeed, your major tax proposals including both the Hope Scholarship Tax Credit and the \$10,000 per child tax deduction are innovative uses of our tax code to permit individuals and families to save money for their children's educations. I applaud these efforts which are aimed primarily at the middle class who face difficulty in meeting the steadily rising cost of college.

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Let me describe just one such person. This young woman came to work at the New School as a sixteen-year-old high school co-op student intern in one of our dean's offices. For the next eight years, she worked in a clerical capacity, never

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Yet I am disappointed that your most recent budget plan did not include the Senate proposals to retain permanently Section 127 tax-free treatment of undergraduate tuition remission benefits to the employees of colleges and universities, nor reinstatement of the tax-free treatment of similar payments for graduate courses. I believe strongly this is inconsistent with your public stands on education. Let me tell you why.

The New School is a private urban university founded in 1919 and located in Greenwich Village, New York. The New School currently enrolls six thousand full-time students pursuing graduate and undergraduate degrees (including B.A., B.F.A., M.F.A., M.A. and Ph.D.) in the social and political sciences, humanities, public policy and the arts, including design, music, drama, and an additional twenty thousand students annually enrolled in part-time, certificate, prep and continuing education.

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earning more than twenty-five thousand dollars a year. During the last four years, notwithstanding being a single mother, she completed her B.A. degree here at the New School thanks to our employee assistance tax-free tuition program. Without the program, and the tax-free nature of the benefit, she could have never afforded the degree. Today, she is applying for work with local advertising agencies.

Collegiate education is the single most significant experience in preparing young people for upward mobility in our economy. It can also be vital in reinforcing the most important lessons of citizenship, civility, ethical and moral behavior. That is what we want to teach our employees and what we encourage them to do, but we need you to support these measures in order to make this a reality.

Your vigorous advocacy of and support for education has sent a clear message to New Yorkers and across the nation that you want poor and working class individuals to have access to higher education, as well. Therefore, I urge you in addition to raising the Pell Grant levels, and providing additional federal loan assistance, to support the Senate proposals to reinstate and make permanent the tuition remission benefits to college and university employees, as well as tuition reductions provided to graduate teaching and research assistants.

If I can be of assistance to your efforts, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jonathan F. Fanton

JFF:srn

President William Jefferson Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

cc: Hillary Rodham Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE
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Date 7-11-97

To: Nancy Hernreich
Rebecca Cameron

From: The Staff Secretary



July 2, 1997

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June A. Westgaard
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Sec'y. to Paul Harvey

PAUL HARVEY NEWS
333 N. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60601

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July 2, 1997

Miss Betty Currie
Sec'y. to President Clinton
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Betty Currie:

I am Paul Harvey's secretary. He has written a letter to President Clinton inviting him to play golf.

Please contact me at 312-899-4085 or 312-853-2803 if you need to reach Mr. Harvey or check his schedule.

Respectfully,

June A. Westgaard
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Sec'y. to Paul Harvey

PAUL HARVEY NEWS
333 N. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60601

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To: Nancy ^{Date} ~~Hernreich~~
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From: The Staff Secretary

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**American Consulate
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Hamilton HM BX
Bermuda**

**PHONE: 441-295-1342
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*Staff Sec.
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From: Robert A. Farmer

Pages: 1

Date: July 7, 1997

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For your information, Pamela Gordon is a good friend of Vernon Jordan.

Nancy, I appreciate whatever you are able to work out on my behalf.

All the best,

Bob
P.S. when will we have the pleasure of welcoming you back to Bermuda?

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Fax

To: Nancy Hernreich **From:** Robert A. Farmer
Fax: 202-456-6703 **Pages:** 1
Phone: **Date:** July 7, 1997
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