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Ann Jordan
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Happy Birthday

With the Compliments
of

The President

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Robert S. Bennett
1440 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005-2107

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Phil Weiner-

I'm sending you 2 items.

- 1) President's introduction to
Pacey & Brown's book about how
father. Probably needs a Counsel
letter on top explaining how it can
be used.
- 2) Signed letter back from POMS
re: Concordia Language Villages See
his note -- let's discuss.

Give me a call.

Phil Copley

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
8-13-97

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 22, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MICHAEL WALDMAN *mw*
TERRY EDMONDS *TE*
SUBJECT: TRACEY BROWN BOOK INTRODUCTION

Tracey Brown has asked you to write the introduction to her book, *A Seat at the Table: The Life of Ron Brown*. The request was forwarded to us to work on. The attached draft reflects many of your public comments since Secretary Brown's death, as well as sentiments you expressed during the interview you granted Tracey in April of this year. As noted in Tracey's attached letter to you, her manuscript is due to the publisher August 1. Upon your review, comments and direction, we will immediately get this to her.

Thank you.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Ms. Christine Schulze
Director
Concordia College
Concordia Language Villages
901 South Eighth Street
Moorhead, Minnesota 56562

Dear Christine:

Thank you for your letter. Hillary and I are deeply honored that you have chosen us as the first recipients of Concordia Language Villages' Global Citizen Award, and we are delighted to accept. I have forwarded your letter to my Director of Scheduling, Stephanie Streett, for appropriate follow-up.

My Administration is striving to ensure that today's young people have every chance to grow and flourish in environments that prepare them for tomorrow. Concordia Language Villages plays an important role in this endeavor by encouraging children's interest in the global community and by fostering in them a deeper appreciation of foreign languages and diverse cultures.

For the United States to remain competitive in this new era of international trade, global politics, and interactive communications, we need to prepare our young people to meet the demands of a global community. Thank you for your commitment to this important mission.

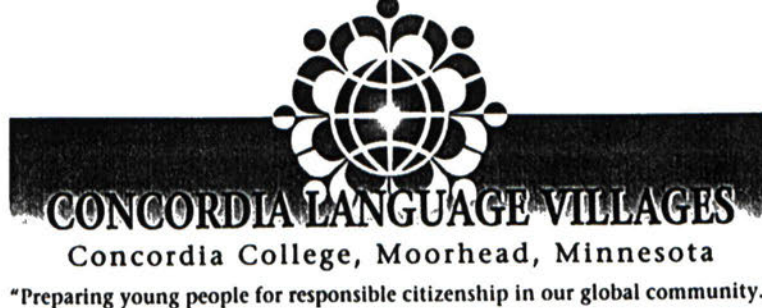
I want you to know that I appreciate the kind gesture by a corporate donor to make a donation in our names to the Villager Scholarship Fund. However, my legal Counsel advises me that longstanding White House policy does not permit such a donation in our names.

Thanks again for your warm words.

Sincerely,



*I hope the donor
will contribute
anyway -
Pres. Perog is very
interested in Concordia*



Through
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17 June 1997

The Honorable William J. Clinton
Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Clinton:

Congratulations to Chelsea on her recent graduation from Sidwell Friends. We feel privileged to have played a part in her "growing-up" years, as she has become such a well-spoken young woman. We hope that she will continue her language studies at Stanford and wish her the best of luck as she goes west!

This letter comes to you for two reasons.

First of all, we invite both of you to accept the first international award of Concordia Language Villages, *The Global Citizen Award*.

The Global Citizen Award recognizes the achievements of those who exemplify the characteristics of a responsible global citizen. The mission of Concordia Language Villages is to prepare young people to achieve that end...to understand and appreciate cultural diversity, to communicate with confidence and cultural sensitivity in more than one language, to think creatively and critically about issues that transcend national boundaries, to express empathy for our neighbors in the global village and to promote a worldview of peace, justice and sustainability for all.

We respectfully request that you accept *The Global Citizen Award*. In addition, a corporate donor will present a \$25,000 contribution to our villager scholarship fund in your names. Having the First Family of the United States accept this award will truly be an honor for all of us at Concordia Language Villages and will, for all past, present and future villagers, validate their goal of becoming responsible global citizens.

As your schedules permit, we will be happy to arrange a date in 1997 for you to accept the award, should you choose to do so. We anxiously await word of your decision.

Secondly, we are pleased to announce that President Roman Herzog of the Federal Republic of Germany has just recently agreed to become the official patron of the German Language Village. With this gesture, he conveyed his appreciation for the outstanding effort that Concordia Language Villages is making towards enhancing proficiency of German in this

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country, as well as knowledge about modern Germany and understanding and friendship across the Atlantic. He is considering a trip to *Waldsee* at the end of July during his state visit.

We have enjoyed strong support from German Ambassador Juergen Chrobog, as well. This spring he endorsed our program to the German corporate community in Washington, D.C., thereby enabling us to raise sufficient scholarship dollars to send 12 inner-city children from the D.C. area to a two-week session at *Waldsee* this summer.

As always, we appreciate the connection that we have to you both and to Chelsea. We recall fondly your many visits to *Waldsee* and sincerely hope that you will find your way to northern Minnesota again. Language and laughter is ever present on the shores of Turtle River Lake.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Christine Schulze
Executive Director

NACDS

National Association of Chain Drug

Thomas M. Ryan
Chairman of the Board

Ronald L. Ziegler
President & CEO

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Yes ☒ No ☐

August 11, 1997

The President
The White House
Washington DC, 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

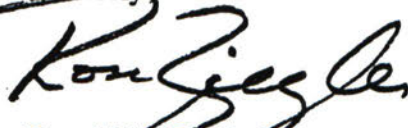
On behalf of the members of the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, we are writing to support the intent of a new proposed regulation to be issued by the Food and Drug Administration that would provide pharmacists and other health care providers with additional information on prescription drugs that can be used in treating child illnesses.

The National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) membership consists of more than 130 retail chain community pharmacy companies. Collectively, chain community pharmacy comprises the largest component of pharmacy practice with over 86,000 pharmacists. These pharmacists are responsible for filling approximately 60% of the more than 2.6 billion prescriptions dispensed annually in the United States.

Pharmacists are considered one of the most accessible and trusted health care professionals, and frequently the only health professional available in many small towns and rural areas. On a daily basis, community retail pharmacists counsel patients on proper use of their medications and answer questions about prescription drugs prescribed for them or their family members.

Product labeling information that would provide all health professionals with readily accessible information about proper dosage for the use of adult medications by children would further assist pharmacists and other providers in determining the appropriate use of these medications for children. We strongly support efforts that would increase the amount of useful information available to health care providers in treating and counseling patients.

Sincerely,



Ronald L. Ziegler
President and Chief Executive Officer

NACDS

NEWS Release

National Association of Chain Drug Stores

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 13, 1997

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NACDS SUPPORTS WHITE HOUSE PROPOSAL MAKING MEDICINES SAFER FOR CHILDREN

*Proposed FDA Regulation Would Require Drug Manufacturers
to Include Appropriate Child Dosage Information*

ALEXANDRIA, VA -- The National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) and several other health care organizations today joined President Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton at a White House ceremony to announce a proposed new Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulation which would make medicines safer and more effective for children.

Though some drug manufacturers currently provide child dosage information, pediatric labeling is not required by the federal government. Adult drugs that could be used to treat sick children sometimes are not prescribed because health care providers lack specific dosage information. The proposed regulation would require drug manufacturers to include child dosage information on new drugs that are expected, or have the potential, to be widely used in treating children.

In a letter to President Clinton, Ronald L. Ziegler, NACDS President and CEO said, "we strongly support efforts to increase the amount of useful information available to health care providers in treating and counseling patients." Ziegler added that "product labeling information would provide pharmacists and other health care professionals with readily accessible information to help them make decisions about the appropriate use of adult medications by children."

FDA approves approximately 30 major new drug advances each year. It is estimated that under the proposed rule, about half of these new products would require pediatric studies. The FDA would also review drugs already on the market to determine which ones should have pediatric studies. Within a few years, most drugs important to children would have directions included on the label for safe use by children.

According to the FDA, drugs which are commonly labeled for use by children include vaccines and antibiotics. Several adult drugs which are commonly prescribed for children but lack appropriate pediatric labeling include anti-asthmatics, steroids, drugs to treat gastrointestinal problems, strong pain medications, anti-depressants, and anti-hypertensives.

The proposed regulation was published in the August 13, 1997 *Federal Register*. There will be a 90-day comment period after which the FDA will publish a final rule. The final rule will take effect 3 months after issuance of a final rule.

Other groups attending the White House ceremony include the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Pediatric AIDS Foundation, Children's Defense Fund, National Consumers League, and the Consumer Federation of America.

Founded in 1933 and based in Alexandria, Virginia, the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) membership consists of more than 130 retail chain community pharmacy companies. Collectively, chain community pharmacy comprises the largest component of pharmacy practice with over 86,000 pharmacists. Chain community pharmacy is comprised of 18,500 traditional chain drug stores, over 6,000 supermarket pharmacies and nearly 5,000 mass merchant pharmacies. The NACDS membership base operates nearly 30,000 retail community pharmacies with annual sales totaling over \$110 billion, including prescription drugs, over-the-counter (OTC) medications and health and beauty aids (HBA). Chain operated community retail pharmacies fill approximately 60% of the more than 2.6 billion prescriptions dispensed annually in the United States. Additionally, NACDS membership includes more than 1,250 suppliers of goods and services to chain community pharmacies. NACDS international membership has grown to include 67 members from 22 foreign countries.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 12, 1997

PRESIDENTIAL ACTION MEMORANDUM

FROM: Ellen Lovell, Melanne Verveer

Attached is a list of first and second priority candidates for the 1997 National Humanities Medal (formerly the Frankel Prize in the Humanities). The National Endowment for the Humanities has changed the selection process for the Medal to include Presidential participation. Nominations for the Medal were solicited by the Endowment; finalists were selected by the National Council on the Humanities and reviewed by the Chairman of the Endowment. You will select 6 awardees from the attached list of 13 candidates. NEH allows for the selection of 12 medalists, but we advise that you select only 6 -- in keeping with the number of Frankel Prizes that were traditionally awarded.

The National Humanities Medal honors groups or individuals whose work has deepened the nations' understanding of the humanities, broadened our citizens' engagement with the humanities, or helped preserve and expand Americans' access to important resources in the humanities. The Humanities Medal, like the Frankel Prize, will be awarded at the arts medals ceremony at the White House.

Please choose a total of six recipients for the 1997 National Humanities Medal from the following first and second priority lists of nominees. Unlike the NEA medals, the nominees are not in distinct categories of cultural achievement. A brief summary of each nominee is attached. The First Lady believes that Paul Mellon and his wife would be especially strong candidates for the medal.

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August 13, 1997

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY

THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN
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FROM: STEPHANIE STREETT^{SS}
BRUCE LINDSEY ^B
PATRICIA SOLIS-DOYLE ^{PD}
AVIVA STEINBERG ^{KS}

SUBJECT: TRIP TO VENEZUELA

COPY: JOHN PODESTA
MACK McLARTY
JIM DOBBINS

if the witnesses
were wanted
need to discuss with?

This memo is to follow up on the discussion between the First Lady, Mack McLarty and Bruce Lindsey about the possibility of traveling to an island off the coast of Venezuela the week-end of your anniversary to precede the official portion of the South America trip. The official portion would begin early afternoon on Sunday, October 12. A memorandum from the scheduling office and the NSC on the South America trip is forthcoming by the end of this week.

This trip would mean traveling over the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. Public liaison, the communications office and the press office all agree there would be no negative public perception ramifications to your traveling over that week-end. However, we would need to make a decision rather quickly to ensure that Jewish members of the staff and press corps have time to rearrange their plans. We would plan a week-end similar to the Mallorca trip and send additional staff, press and others separately to Caracas on Sunday, October 12 making sure anyone who wants can observe Yom Kippur at home.

There are two Venezuelan islands we are currently researching. Orchila is a twenty minute flight off the coast from Caracas and is a government owned Presidential retreat. President Caldera has already offered the use of this island to you through the Embassy. The island is completely private but there would be no restaurants or cultural activities. The island offers swimming, snorkeling, boating and fishing among other things. The other island is Margarita, a tourist island one hour from the coast of Caracas. This island is more developed with nice restaurants, shopping, cultural activities as well as swimming, snorkeling, fishing and boating. On Margarita we could look into hotel or private home options.

Do you want to pursue the idea of traveling to a Venezuelan island ?

YES _____ NO _____ DISCUSS _____

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

August 12, 1997

Dear Mr. President,

Enclosed is a copy of the galleys of The Gay Metropolis, 1940-1996, my history of gay life in New York City since 1940.

I believe my book is the first to give you the credit you deserve for doing so much to strengthen the gay movement in America (pages 330-339). As I write in Chapter 6, "It was Bill Clinton's success as a presidential candidate in 1992 which ratified a basic shift in American attitudes towards its gay citizens." (page 330)

One of the book's main characters is Tom Stoddard, who idolized you when you were together at Georgetown and who later became one of America's most thoughtful gay leaders (pages 248-253). The book ends with Stoddard's comments on the Supreme Court decision striking down the Colorado initiative. "I hope our people remember that this happened in part because a Democrat is holding the White House [and appointed two of the Justices who joined in the majority opinion]," Stoddard noted (pages 344-347).

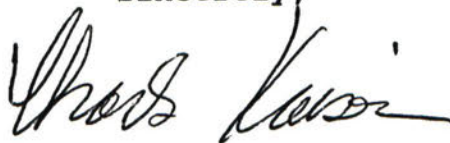
The Gay Metropolis is a Book-of-the-Month Club selection and will be published in November by Houghton Mifflin.

My friendship with the Wexlers goes back a generation. In 1966, my uncle Jerry Kaiser worked with Anne Wexler to send anti-war delegates to the Democratic State Convention in Connecticut that year. He and Anne were also two of Gene McCarthy's earliest supporters. My uncle Jerry was my idol, and my role model.

I hope you enjoy The Gay Metropolis.

With Warm Good Wishes.

Sincerely,



P.S. The best gossip about one of your heroes appears on page 96.

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Ambassador Gilbert A. Robinson
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Tel. 703-917 9501
Fax 703-917 9505

August 12, 1997

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Clinton,

I thought you might like to have this book "Los Alamos." I know you like history and it is a mystery thriller with an accurate portrayal of the Manhattan Project. —Sending it in case you have time on your summer vacation.

Just to identify myself, I am a Republican businessman whom President Reagan appointed as Deputy Director of USIA and then as Ambassador- at- Large at the State Department with Secretary Shultz.

I want to congratulate you on your policy toward Russia. I think it is right on target. I have had an office and an apartment in Moscow for more than four years. I started feeding more than 130,000 orphans for a year and a half for three or four days a week. I was President of the Corporations to End World Hunger Foundation. My young Russian staff was so entrepreneurially minded that I felt as if I were abandoning them when the project ended.

Therefore, I started a business project and am now selling the Russians an American chemical modifier to make their asphalt roads last twice as long. I am probably the only CEO of an American company(albeit quite small) that has spent so much time in Russia. If you ever want to know exactly, what's going on at the ground level I would be pleased to fill you in personally. For example, how would you like to have a company and payroll when there are no checks or credit cards in the system? How do you pay people? You pay them in cash—and they prefer dollars rather than rubles.

When you were in Russia for the 50th anniversary of World War II and at the Kremlin reception for the leaders, I took Betty Currie and Debbie Schiff for a tour of Moscow. I worked with Betty at the Peace Corps 20 + years ago. She is wonderful. You have a great staff.

There are still some things to be accomplished for business in Russia that I think are being overlooked. Your Administration could get some extra credit by demanding from the Russians three-year visas since the U.S. gives the Russians three-year visas. (I am not suggesting we cut back--just demand equal treatment) This is a small thing but one you could accomplish with Yeltsin or Gore with Chernomyrdin. No one at lower levels will touch it because they are afraid of the KGB apparatus which is paranoid about too much open access. I have been a one man lobby on this subject. I went after Ambassador Vorontsov on this subject and he waved me off saying "You know it is a bureaucratic thing." Yes---no guts! Perhaps you can assign this to the Vice President for an accomplishment of the Gore-Chernomydrin Commission. You two have guts!

Keep up the good work, Mr. President. Anyway I can help please let me know. We have a great country and you are helping to move it forward.

Yours in bipartisanship,

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gilb Rob", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gilbert A. Robinson

Georgia-Pacific Corporation



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A.D. Correll
Chairman of the Board and
Chief Executive Officer

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JIM DORSKIND:

Please coordinate
the reply.

August 8, 1997

President William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to join other CEO's to discuss the global warming issues. I applaud your efforts to get input from various groups on this issue. I support your effort to address this important worldwide issue. The potential magnitude of the issue in both environmental and economic terms combined with the scientific uncertainty dictates a flexible strategy with a slow, deliberate action plan.

If you will remember, I made two points --the need to include developing nations and the value of a growing forest as a "carbon sink." The need to include developing nations needs no further comment and is consistent with your strategy.

I did, however, think that it might be worthwhile if I expanded on my comments relative to the forest. U. S. forests have a standing inventory of about 60 billion metric tons of sequestered carbon. The total carbon in our forest increases a net of 200 million metric tons per year. A young, growing forest is a very effective device for absorbing carbon dioxide.

Paper and solid wood products used for construction and furniture continue to store carbon for decades after harvest. The total carbon content in new paper and solid wood products produced in the United States alone is 65 million metric tons per year. This long term "carbon sink" and its environmental benefit are currently unrecognized by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). I believe that this is a critical omission.

August 8, 1997

You asked if there was land available to grow more trees in this country. I believe that the answer is clearly "yes" and the opportunity to use more wood in commercial and residential construction is almost limitless. In addition, the ability to increase production from our existing forest land is a major opportunity. The advances in technology of engineered wood products have expanded the applications for wood use and hold opportunities to replace steel and other more energy intensive products. A program to stimulate more tree growth and wood use could be of enormous benefit in the control of greenhouse gas emissions.

The recognition of the offset provided by a growing forest could also provide an incentive to developing nations to responsibly manage their forests. Giving a resource value provides an incentive for conservation and proper use.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to give input. I would be happy to expand on this concept further with your staff if you see value.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton", with a stylized, flowing script.

ADC:kvs

cc: Mr. Todd Stern - Staff Secretary to the President

Bethlehem Steel Corporation

1170 EIGHTH AVENUE
BETHLEHEM, PA 18016-7699

CURTIS H. BARNETTE
CHAIRMAN
AND
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



August 4, 1997

The Honorable William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

JIM DORSKIND:

Please coordinate
the reply.

Dear Mr. President:

The opportunity to review global climate change and environmental matters with you today was very much appreciated. You requested that we advise you of our views and the following comments are respectfully submitted.

Global Climate

With respect to global climate change, we share your view that this matter deserves serious attention as part of our nation's efforts to advance the principles of sustainable development. However, we believe that the following key principles should guide the development of U.S. policy:

1. Science Must Lead Policy.

Any U.S. policies to limit greenhouse gas emissions must be based on sound and rigorous scientific knowledge. While the scientific data base has improved, considerable uncertainty remains about the mechanism of global warming and the causes. You should have the best and most objective scientific advice to ensure that any actions taken or proposed at Kyoto will consider all uncertainties and not impose severe consequences that may later prove to be unwarranted.

2. A Global Solution is Essential.

Commitments must be obtained from both developed and developing countries to avoid serious economic consequences and dislocations. Developing countries are expected to generate 70% of the world's emissions by 2025. Without their full participation in future international treaties, there is no possibility of stabilizing greenhouse gas emissions worldwide. We note with great concern to

our industry's international competitiveness the fact that four of the top ten steel producing countries in 1996, including China - the world's largest producer, are included in the list of 134 developing nations which are exempt from commitments under the Framework Convention on Climate Change (Berlin Mandate). Trade agreements like GATT and NAFTA are of limited value if an industry is rendered noncompetitive by unfair international environmental agreements.

3. **Maximum Flexibility Must Be Provided and Voluntary Actions Considered in Achieving Any Reduction Goals.**

We simply lack sufficient information at this time to commit the United States to legally binding limits and timetables. Policy flexibility is essential so that government and the private sector can craft individual responses to their own situation, with emphasis on performance-based measures. In this context, voluntary programs should continue to be an important component of U.S. efforts. As your administration's 33/50 Program for the reduction of toxic chemical releases has shown, high visibility voluntary programs championed by the White House can result in meaningful reductions in emissions in short time frames. Emission trading schemes can also help if enforcement and accounting issues can be resolved. The concept of joint implementation should also be promoted.

4. **Energy Taxes and Mandated Energy Reductions Must Be Avoided Because They Distort Markets, Threaten Competition, and Reduce the Availability of Capital for Future Investment.**

One estimate, based on a carbon tax scenario, showed that an energy tax about ten times the BTU tax proposed in 1993 would be needed to achieve a 10% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from 1990 to 2010. This would mean additional costs of more than \$5 billion per year to our industry, roughly doubling the already high energy cost of producing steel. A more recent Department of Energy analysis of six energy intensive industries - including steel - predicted a massive shift of production and associated jobs from the U.S. to lesser developed nations, with no appreciable effect on greenhouse gas emissions, and worse, a likely net increase in global pollution.

5. **Congressional Involvement and Oversight is Essential for any Amendments to the Rio Treaty or New Protocols.**

In the context of the Byrd/Hagel Resolution (S. Res. 98), we urge you to work closely with Congress to involve a wide range of views in the debate on this matter and to ensure that any agreements reached will not compromise our competitiveness and jeopardize jobs.

National Ambient Air Quality Standards

While our meeting focused on Global Climate Change, it is respectfully submitted that the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for particulate matter and ozone should be reconsidered before going forward with changes in the standards as proposed by EPA. There are three compelling reasons to reexamine this decision:

1. There is inadequate scientific evidence to support the proposal.

The EPA's own Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee concluded there were significant uncertainties and unanswered questions that need to be addressed before new standards are adopted. EPA has announced that it intends to conduct more research and to undertake another scientific review of the data after promulgating the new rules. Surely, the time to conduct such research is before the new rules are promulgated in order to avoid unnecessary capital investment to comply with these standards that may well be based on flawed scientific evidence.

2. The costs of the proposed standards are extraordinary, and the benefits are undefined.

Independent studies have shown that EPA's cost estimates are greatly understated, that the proposed standards may not be attainable at any cost and may cost up to 200,000 lost jobs in the United States. The estimated annual cost to the metals industries (both primary and fabricated) is more than \$6 billion.

3. The current Clean Air Act programs will continue to reduce ozone and particulate matter, and we believe the existing programs must be given a chance to work before new control strategies are implemented.

Bethlehem Steel has invested more than \$650 million in capital expenditures for air quality controls since the enactment of the Clean Air Act in 1970. We spend more than \$60 million annually to operate and maintain that equipment. We will continue to make further investments in environmental control measures to comply with the requirements of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments.

We believe the right course of action to be taken with regard to the new standards is to delay a decision for at least four years. This time period would allow for the required level of research that needs to be conducted. The research would provide a more sound basis for a decision. In the event the research data justifies the need for tighter standards, they could be implemented without any delay to the currently planned schedule of implementing the new standards.

Thank you again for the opportunity to meet with you today. We deeply appreciate your continuing leadership on these and other issues. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance to you or your staff.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Hank Barnett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end.

cc: Todd Stern
Special Assistant to the President