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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 15, 1997

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,

Bill Clinton

I hope the donor
will contribute
anyway —
Pres. HRC is very
interested in Concordia —

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CONCORDIA LANGUAGE VILLAGES

Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota

"Preparing young people for responsible citizenship in our global community."

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

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 line extending to the right.

Christine Schulze
Executive Director

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

chick
to Katie McGinty
Her guy grew
up with her
He's okay - I hope
he's not right

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Mr. Ed Ellis
Green Bay Packaging, Inc.
Post Office Box 19017
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54307-9017

Dear Ed:

It's so good to hear from you. It sounds like you've had your hands full with Christy's wedding. I'm also glad you enjoyed the VH1 special -- I was pleased to be able to do it.

Thanks, too, for your comments regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's new air quality standards for ozone and particulate matter. As you know, I decided to set new standards for ambient air quality because of the need to protect the public, as the Clean Air Act and good public policy requires. However, I've directed the EPA to respect the agreements already made by the states, communities, and businesses to clean up the air; to avoid additional burdens with respect to the beneficial measures already underway in many areas; and to develop creative, flexible, and common sense implementation plans that will achieve these important results in a cost-effective manner.

I've also directed the EPA to reward state and local governments that take early action to provide clean air to their citizens, and to address the fact that pollution travels hundreds of miles across state lines. By taking these measures, I am confident that we can both protect the public health and sustain the prosperity our country has enjoyed in recent years.

Again, congratulations on Christy's wedding. I hope to hear from you again soon.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

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June 17, 1997

Dear Bill

Thanks for the note from Hillary to Mitch and Christy on their upcoming marriage. The wedding was neat. Have you heard "Butterfly Kisses". It is enough to make a grown man cry! It made me reflect on my daughters growing up so quickly. My younger daughter, Katie, who is 10, said she would like to meet Chelsea. Maybe we can arrange that sometime.

I'm getting better acquainted with the Arkansas Congressional Delegation. I went to the DNC banquet last month to hear Vice President Gore and Hillary ^(obviously) speak. Vic Snyder is our Representative. I arranged for him to tour the Green Bay Plant like you did some years ago. He asked how the new Cluster Rules from EPA would affect

us. I told him that Carol Browner and the EPA had taken industry recommendations and we would see the impact in the next 3 years as the rules are implemented.

Last week my boss sent me information on the clean air regulations EPA has proposed on particulate and ozone. Sometimes it is amazing what we do to ourselves! Please reconsider implementation of these rules until further information is collected on these pollutants. Just as in the case of the Cluster Rules, EPA is leaping forward with inadequate science to substantiate their claims.

Implementation of these rules would very possibly force our coated products operations off shore. The paper mills would have to implement Cluster Rules and now the new particulate rule simultaneously putting undue financial burden on the facilities for questionable gain. Please reconsider the position on these issues.

I think we are both headed for the same goals, and know we can work together on these issues. I have been working with the American Forest + Paper Association

and the Department of Energy on addressing these types of issues and paper manufacture in general thru a collaborative research program called "Agenda 2020". Here industry and government are cofunding projects for our common good. I've been overwhelmed by industry's cooperation in this effort. Maybe we need a similar mechanism for the environmental arena.

I'd better let you go for now. I haven't seen any of our classmates since John Hazlewood's funeral, but did see our picture on the "Rock and Roll President" special televised by 1 VH. I still have a brass ensemble in Conway. The members are new due to college graduations, but they are still talking about the time we played at the White House during Christmas '95. If it works into your plans we would like to do that again this year.

See you later

Sincerely

Ed Ellis

Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

ACROSS

- 1 Whey-faced
4 Popular snack
10 Durable transports, for short
14 Proposal defeated in 1982
15 How some coffee is served
16 Administer
17 O.K.
19 — cava
20 Outcasts
21 Indiana: Hoosier :: Nevada: —
23 Inca fortunes
24 Kyrgyz city
26 Most basic
27 61-Across, for example

- 28 They may be seeded
30 More than tubby
31 Automatic start
33 — East
35 1989 Jack Lemmon film
36 Epitome of sharpness
39 Prone
42 Swear by, with "on"
43 Dump
45 Monomaniac, informally

47 McCurry, to Clinton

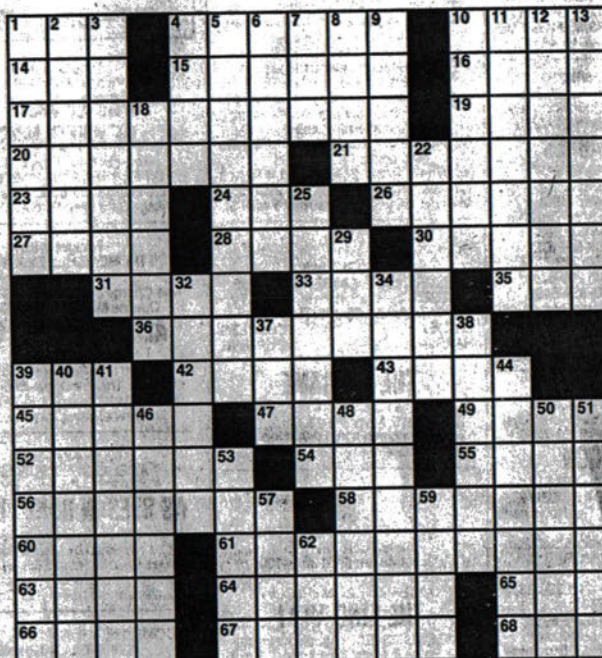
- 49 5-Down, for example
52 Office staple
54 London theater Old —

- 55 N.B.A.'s Nick Van —
56 Put up
58 Shock
60 British title
61 O.K.
63 List ender
64 Take — of absence
65 Schoolboy
66 Forswear
67 Enthusiastic response
68 Mag. staff

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- 1 Club, say
2 Citation's jockey
3 Pearly: Var.
4 Sonoma neighbor
5 O.K.

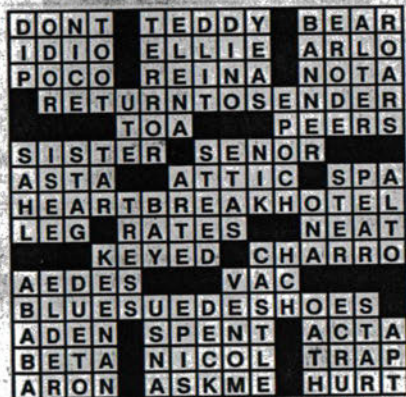
- 6 Stylish
7 Book before Zephaniah: Abbr.
8 Works at the Met
9 Word with iron or bath
10 46-Down, for example
11 Tittered
12 Dustin's "Agatha" co-star
13 Like propaganda



Puzzle by David J. Kahn

8/14/97 (No. 0814)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 18 Disney head
22 Soyuz 6 cosmonaut Shonin
25 Shakespearean play in two parts
29 "Comprende?"
32 Superstore
34 17-Across, for example
37 Suffix with pay
38 Little wrigglers
39 Assumed, with "to"
40 Apportion

- 41 Surveyor's assistant
44 Cotton or wool
46 O.K.
48 Unnerve
50 Fill up again, in a way

- 51 Merges
53 Indemnify
57 Red-pencil
59 "— Death" (Grieg work)
62 Point, in law

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-884-CLUE (75¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 14, 1997

MR. PRESIDENT:

The attached memo from Ellen Lovell recommends that you accept Germany's invitation and commit the United States to participate in Expo 2000 (the World's Fair) in Hannover, Germany. *If you agree, you would announce U.S. participation tomorrow at the Archives where you will kick off of the Millenia project.* As you know, Ellen is heading up this project.

At present, we are the only major country not to have committed to participate in Expo 2000. Germany highly values our participation and has indicated that they consider it important to our relations with them. The U.S. has participated in every World's Fair since 1851.

U.S. participation would consist of a pavilion/exhibition echoing the themes of the Fair -- "Mankind, Nature and Technology." Since Seville in 1992, these pavilions have been privately funded because Congress has barred using appropriated funds for World's Fairs. You appointed Terry McAuliffe as Commissioner General for the 1993 Korea effort, and Tony Coelho for 1998 in Portugal.

If you agree to commit the U.S. to participate, Ellen will come back to you in the fall with decisions on how to proceed. **NSC and John Podesta concur in Ellen's recommendation.**

☒ Agree to participate ☐ Disagree ☐ Discuss

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WASHINGTON

August 14, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ELLEN LOVELL
MICHAEL WALDMAN

SUBJECT: UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION IN EXPO 2000 IN GERMANY

The first truly major world's fair in over two decades will be held in the Year 2000 in Hannover, Germany. At present, the United States is the only major country that has not committed to participate. The Government of Germany has asked the United States to do so. The purpose of this memorandum is to describe the background of this invitation, discuss the options, and recommend next steps to take.

In sum, we recommend that you commit the United States to participation in Expo 2000, a step that would at the very least allow private business to begin organizing a pavilion. This could be announced as part of the White House Millennium Program event this week.

BACKGROUND – EXPO 2000

Expo 2000 is the next large-scale world's fair, scheduled for the summer and fall of 2000, in Hannover, Germany (about 100 miles west of Berlin). The theme is "Mankind - Nature - Technology" and it will focus on issues including the environment and technology. Germany expects some 40 million visitors to be attracted by the exhibitions. This fair will be Germany's major celebration of the millennium, and is expected to be seen as a significant commemoration of European unity and integration, as well as the coming of the new century.

The United States has participated at every world's fair since 1851. The U.S. is a member of an international treaty organization, the Bureau of International Expositions (located in Paris) which designates the sites of these fairs. In size, attendance and significance, Expo 2000 will be the most important such exhibition since the Expo held in Osaka, Japan in 1970. Throughout modern history, world's fairs have been significant milestones, marking new technologies, new alliances, or momentous moments in the calendar. The elevator, the electric light bulb, the ferris wheel, television, and moon rocks were first shown to a mass audience at world's fairs. Nations have staged fewer major fairs in recent years, as interest in technology has diminished, as television has exposed the public to new developments, and as permanent exhibits such as Disney World have gained popularity. Smaller-scale fairs have continued to be held (including

New Orleans (1985), Seville, Spain (1992), Korea (1993) and Lisbon (1998)). Some have complained of a glut of minor fairs, which has led to congressional reluctance to spend U.S. funds to participate. After 2000, the Bureau of International Exhibition will designate a world expo only every four years.

At all major world's fairs this century, the United States' pavilion has been among the most important sites, offering a chance to show off our national leadership.

UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION

Germany's invitation. To date, the United States has not committed to participate in Expo 2000. It is the only major nation that has not done so. Chancellor Helmut Kohl first wrote to you in April 1995 to invite the United States to participate in Expo 2000. Your response noted U.S. interest and also that our participation was dependent upon private sector support. German government officials have indicated that a decision is important to our relations with Germany; the National Security Council confirms this. At present, 143 nations and organizations have agreed to participate, including the United Kingdom, Russia, Canada, Mexico, France, and Italy, as well as the European Union.

Legislative History. Earlier in the history of U.S. participation in Expos and Worlds Fairs, Congress appropriated funds for the United States to take part in these international events. Some of the recent appropriations are listed below:

Knoxville, TN, 1982 World's Fair - \$22M

New Orleans, 1985 - \$10M

Tsukuba, Japan, 1985 - \$7M

Vancouver, B.C., 1986 - \$7M

Brisbane, Australia, 1988 - \$8M

For the 1992 World's Fair in Seville, Spain, Congress approved reprogramming \$13M in USIA's budget to fund half of the U.S. Pavilion; the other half of the cost was raised privately. After Seville, Congress prohibited USIA from using any of its funds for these events. Since then, the main role of the U.S.-named Commissioner General has been to raise private funds for our pavilion or exhibition.

Congress passed a joint resolution in support of the Lisbon 1998 Expo - the first such resolution. It has not helped stimulate more private contributions to the U.S. exhibition in Portugal. In fact, U.S. Commissioner General Tony Coelho will find most of the support from federal agencies; it is expected that NIH and the Department of the Navy will each provide \$4 million from funds already appropriated to the agencies.

Private Sector Role. Congress has not made a direct appropriation to build a U.S. pavilion or mount an exhibition at international expositions since the Seville world's fair in 1992. The U.S. Information Agency closed its International expositions office in 1992 and decided not to

participate in world's fairs unless it was through a private sponsor. In fact, in 1994 Congress barred USIA from spending any money on such expositions unless expressly authorized and appropriated. Since 1992, any U.S. presence at international exhibitions has been funded by the private sector.

Therefore, since 1992, the U.S. has named a Commissioner General to head our private participation efforts. Terry MacAuliffe was the U.S. Commissioner General for the 1993 small-scale expo in Korea, where the Amway Corporation represented the United States, and Tony Coelho is spear-heading private support for the Lisbon, Portugal Expo 98, which is based on the theme of oceans. We are the only major nation that has relied exclusively on private sector funding for our national pavilion.

Support for U.S. participation. Interest in U.S. participation continues to grow. Kansas City, which is sister city to Hannover, is interested in playing a role. (It would like to host Expo 2004.) The Department of State reports that McDonnell-Douglas and Sprint, headquartered in St. Louis and Kansas City, are thought to be interested.

The German government has actively tried to promote support for U.S. participation. It is working with the Congressional Study Group on Germany to have a resolution introduced in Congress to join Expo 2000. Recently, a resolution urging California and U.S. participation was introduced in the California legislature. We have met with the Economic and Commercial Counselor of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany who asserted that his country's goal is to ensure U.S. participation as soon as possible.

NEXT STEPS FOR U.S. PARTICIPATION

U.S. participation depends on your accepting Germany's invitation.

The next steps after deciding to participate in Expo 2000 are:

- The naming of the U.S. Commissioner General;
- Securing private funds, probably about \$30 million, or seeking an appropriation for all or part of the U.S. exhibition.

To raise the amount of private support necessary for the United States to create a presence for which we be proud in Germany, estimated at \$30 million, it may be wise to name a corporate leader as Commissioner General. We will come back to you in September for decisions on the United States Commissioner General and whether to approach Congress for funding.

We recommend:

· you formally accept Germany's invitation when you announce your White House Millennium Program on August 15.

_____ Agree

_____ Disagree

_____ Let's discuss

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WASHINGTON

August 14, 1997

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JENNIFER PALMIERI
LAURA GRAHAM

RE: Block Island

CC: NANCY HERNREICH
PATTI SOLIS-DOYLE

Please see the attached schedule for Block Island.

Overview

Upon arrival in Block Island, you will greet the public at the airport and then proceed to a private residence for down time. The residence is on the ocean. (Note: You will be at the residence during high tide when the beach is considered private. During low tide, certain areas of the beach are accessible to the public. Kirk Hanlin will give you more detailed information on the plane.) In the evening, you and the First Lady will have dinner with Senator Reed and his girlfriend at a local restaurant. On the way to dinner, Senator Reed would like to give you a tour of the Southeast Lighthouse. The view is spectacular. Following dinner, you and the First Lady will depart for Martha's Vineyard.

Friends

The following people have expressed interest in seeing you while you are in Rhode Island: Denise Dangremont, John Lacey and Brook Phillips Lacour (Brook is not on the island, but would like her parents to see you). We can invite these people to be part of the VIP section at the airport as part of the public arrival.

Are you okay with having these friends greet you at the airport?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Discuss ☐

If not, would you like to invite any of them to dinner with Senator Reed?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Discuss ☐

*Dangremont
John Lacey
Brook Phillips*

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**NOTIONAL SCHEDULE FOR PRESIDENT
DC-Block Island-Martha's Vineyard
8/17/97**

Sunday, August 17th

1:00 pm	Proceed to the South Lawn
1:05 pm	Depart White House via Marine One en route AAFB [flight time: 10 minutes]
1:15 pm	Arrive AAFB
1:30 pm	Depart AAFB en route Quonset State Base, Rhode Island [flight time: 1 hour, 10 minutes]
2:40 pm	Arrive Quonset State Base, Rhode Island
2:50 pm	Depart Quonset State Base en route Block Island Airport [flight time: 20 minutes]
3:10 pm	Arrive Block Island Airport OPEN PRESS OPEN PUBLIC
 Note: This arrival will be open to the public. The President and First Lady will work a ropeline.	
3:40 pm	Depart Block Island Airport via motorcade en route private residence [drive time: 15 minutes]
3:55 pm	Arrive private residence
4:00 pm- 6:30 pm	DOWN TIME Private Residence
6:30 pm	Depart private residence via motorcade en route Southeast Lighthouse [drive time: 10 minutes]
6:40 pm	Arrive Southeast Lighthouse

6:45 pm-	TOUR SOUTHEAST LIGHTHOUSE
7:05 pm	CLOSED PRESS
	Note: Senator Reed will accompany you on this tour.
7:15 pm	Depart private residence via motorcade en route restaurant [drive time: 10 minutes]
7:25 pm	Arrive restaurant
7:30 pm-	PRIVATE DINNER
9:00 pm	Restaurant Tbd CLOSED PRESS
	Note: Senator Reed and his guest will join you for dinner.
9:15 pm	Depart restaurant via motorcade en route Block Island Airport [drive time: 15 minutes]
9:30 pm	Arrive Block Island Airport
9:40 pm	Depart Block Island Airport via Marine One en route Quonset State Base [flight time: 20 minutes]
10:00 pm	Arrive Quonset State Base CLOSED PUBLIC OPEN PRESS
10:10 pm	Depart Quonset State Base en route Martha's Vineyard Airport [flight time: 30 minutes]
10:40 pm	Arrive Martha's Vineyard Airport OPEN PRESS CLOSED PUBLIC
10:50 pm	Depart Martha's Vineyard Airport via motorcade en route private residence [drive time: 15 minutes]
11:05 pm	Arrive private residence
RON	MARTHA'S VINEYARD

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CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT

The Honorable Charles B. Rangel
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

For POTUS - As discussed.

Dear Representative Rangel:

Good luck from Erskine

Thank you for advising
decision to use his line item
take this opportunity to outline
provide a summary of what we have done.

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The Administration has taken a longstanding position of strongly opposing any legislation that attempted to waive potential liabilities associated with impermissible uses of provider taxes for any state. We have been particularly adamant about our concerns against allowing certain provider taxes to be legal for only one state. We have always had concerns about singling out any state for special treatment when that raises both policy and Federal cost implications for numerous other states.

Both in writing and orally to the Congress, the Administration explicitly expressed our concerns about the proposed provider tax during the budget negotiations. On July 2, Office of Management and Budget Director Frank Raines wrote a letter that was circulated to every Conferee in which he specifically stated that, "the Senate bill would deem provider taxes as approved for one State. We have serious concerns about these provisions and would like to work with the Conferees to address the underlying problems."

Following up this action, we attempted to reach out to both the Chairmen and the Ranking Members of the Committees of Jurisdiction to suggest an alternative approach that would have provided partial relief to New York. We provided specific legislation clarifying the permissibility of New York regional taxes which would have provided significant financial relief to the state. In so doing, we were informed that the Committees' staffs would consult with Members of the New York Congressional and state Delegations to determine whether this alternative was acceptable. Subsequently, we were informed by the Senate Finance and House Commerce Committee staffs that our suggested approaches were unacceptable.

We assumed that the Finance and Commerce Committees would specifically consult you and your office on this issue, as they had on other health care issues. Clearly, because of your obvious interest in this issue and because of your status as Dean of the New York delegation, we should have consulted with you directly. And for that, I apologize.

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August 14, 1997

The Honorable Charles B. Rangel
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Rangel:

Thank you for advising me regarding your serious concerns about the President's decision to use his line item veto authority to cancel the New York provider tax. I would like to take this opportunity to outline the history of our position on provider tax provisions as well as provide a summary of what we believe to be the next steps for attempting to resolve this matter.

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Following the conclusion of the budget negotiations and the signing of the legislation, the President laid out four criteria for us to evaluate policies in the budget agreement to determine the advisability of using the line item veto on any specific proposal. They were as follows: first, the provisions must not have been specifically included in our agreement through our bipartisan negotiations with Congress; second, the tax provisions must benefit only a limited number of people or corporations, or help one state at the potential expense of all others; third, the provisions must be unjustifiable as public policy; and finally, the provisions must cost taxpayers a significant sum, either in money spent or revenue lost. The New York provider tax met each and every one of these criteria. As such, the President decided to use his line-item veto authority to cancel this provision. While I understand your concerns, I must make clear that we have held the same position before the line item veto, during our line item veto decision making process, and afterwards as well, and will stand completely by our opposition to impermissible provider taxes.

At this point, we believe that the most important issue is how to move forward in the most constructive way. We are determined to set up a process that will accomplish that goal.

The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) is now in the process of determining if it has the authority to amend its Federal regulation to clarify that New York's regional tax is permissible. As has been made clear by our legislative counter proposal, the Administration would support such an action if such a determination is made. HCFA continues to examine provider taxes levied in New York and every other state. In addition, HCFA is reviewing the standards by which it measures compliance with the 1991 provider tax legislation to ensure that all states are treated fairly under the law.

As you know, regulatory and enforcement proceedings in this area are handled directly by HCFA and HHS. I understand that every effort will be made by the Department to consult with you and other concerned parties. I will continue to monitor policy in this area. Frank Raines and Jack Lew at OMB, and Chris Jennings, Deputy Assistant to the President for Health Policy, will remain involved as appropriate in the policy developments in this area and are available to discuss policy concerns with you. We will keep you informed as the process moves forward.

I hope this information is useful. We look forward to working with you on this important issue. I hope you will not hesitate to call on me again if I can be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Bowles', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Erskine B. Bowles
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: August 15, 1997

NOTE FOR: Sandy Thurman

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

Information ☒

Action ☐

Thank you.

Staff Secretary
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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).

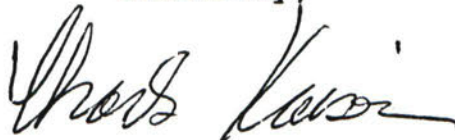
The Gay Metropolis is a Book-of-the-Month Club selection and will be published in November by Houghton Mifflin.

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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July 14, 1997

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I had the pleasure of meeting you at the beginning of this year at the Renaissance weekend, and I am writing to follow up on our brief conversation there. At the time, you generously offered to come to Goucher College sometime in the future if your schedule permitted.

There is an important event occurring at Goucher in the spring semester of 1998, which I believe you will find noteworthy, and which would provide the appropriate occasion for a visit by you to the campus. It would also afford an opportunity for Goucher to honor your leadership by awarding you an honorary degree. For the first time this spring, Goucher College and Morgan State University, the historically black university in Baltimore where the President gave this year's commencement address, will offer a joint course on the history of the civil rights movement. Pulitzer Prize winning historian Taylor Branch will teach the course at Goucher as the Robert and Jane Meyerhoff Distinguished Professor-in-Residence. Its composition will be drawn from both Goucher's and Morgan's student bodies.

We propose to inaugurate this unprecedented course with a campus-wide forum at the end of January on tolerance and race relations in the United States. I am writing to invite you to give the keynote address for that event.

The dates which we are currently considering are January 21, 22, 23, 26, 27 and 29, all in the late afternoon or evening.

It would be an honor to have you on our campus, and to confer upon you an honorary degree. Please ask your office to be in touch with me or Lucie Snodgrass, my special assistant. I look forward to your reply, and thank you for your consideration of this invitation.

Sincerely,


Judy Jolley Mohraz
President

cc: Taylor Branch