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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date Aug. 20, 1997

To: Chris Walker

From: The Staff Secretary

Please prepare a response from
POTUS.

Please run by Nash and OSTP
(Jonathan Foster/Angela Diaz)
for input.

Sean Maloney ~~SM~~

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Memo

To: Ms. Angela Phillips Diaz
Office of Science and Technology

From: Kimberly Scott

Date: August 19, 1997

Re: Recommendation Letter for the Appointment of Dr. Ernest Simo
To PCAST from Members of the Congressional Black Caucus and others

1997 AUG 20 PM 12:45

Attached is the original letter of recommendation, initiated by Congressman William Jefferson and signed by 29 Members of the Congressional Black Caucus, supporting the nomination of Dr. Ernest Simo to Congress. With additional time I am quite confident that the remaining ten signatures of CBC Members can be secured, if necessary.

For your information, the following Members have signed the letter of support (in order of signature):

Congressman William Jefferson
Congressman Charlie Rangel
Congressman Edolphus Towns
Congressman William Clay
Congressman Julian Dixon
Congresswoman Julia Carson
Congressman Major Owens
Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton
Congressman Alcee Hastings
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Congress Louis Stokes

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August 18, 1997

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It is with great pleasure that we recommend Dr. Ernest Simo for an appointment to the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology ("PCAST").

Dr. Simo is a renowned scientist. He is one of the world's foremost experts in satellite communications and information systems. Dr. Simo has conducted pioneering efforts in the fields of Low Earth Orbiting Satellite Systems, Very Small Aperture Terminals, Code Division Multiple Access Technology and Bio-Electromagnetics.

Dr. Simo has also been a highly successful teacher and entrepreneur. Over the years, he has trained over 6,000 of our country's leading telecommunications executives, managers and engineers while assisting them in promoting this technology worldwide.

A number of federal agencies have also recognized Dr. Simo's expertise and ongoing contribution to science and technology. For example, Dr. Simo was a finalist for the position of Mission Specialist Astronaut in 1994. By invitation, he has applied again this year for the 1997 Space Program.

Apart from his exceptional skills as a scientist, Dr. Simo has provided leadership and generosity through philanthropic efforts in this country and throughout the international community through his sponsorship of minority scholarships in several major cities, as well as in his native Cameroon. His charitable contributions have extended throughout the field of education, from support of a public library for children to innovative teaching methods.

As an African-born United States citizen, Dr. Simo exemplifies an international role model who will serve to inspire children throughout the world to set high goals and, without regard to their background, to confidently approach the future.

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To Jim Dorskind
for reply.

(Coord with McClendon)

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August 14, 1997

By Sarah McClendon

Washington, D.C. -- How a large part of the nursing home industry in the United States is inflicting a starvation diet on its inmates as well as bed sores, unchanged linen and a minimum of nursing care has up to now remained undisclosed because the elderly do not talk about this when their relatives visit.

An 82-year-old woman, Virginia Merrill, Santa Cruz, Calif. used a torn muscle in her leg as an excuse to live inside a nursing home long enough to explore what was happening to quiet oldsters in what she terms these "death camps." She is now convinced that many nursing homes -- of course not all -- are charging \$3000 a month, more or less, for patients yet are administering such minimal care that the system leads to misery in bed and earlier death than normal. She withheld the names of some homes she has inspected to avoid blame for staff because the aides were paid so little and forced to work such long hours that they could not provide the top-ranking care the patients deserved. For example, in one place, she found two nurses for 92 patients. This despite the fact the Health Services office of the Department of Health and Human Services claims now that a law passed in recent years specifies how many patients must be assigned to one nurse.

Mrs. Merrill feels that regulations prescribing standards of care are not enforced although federal and state regulations abound. Other observers fault government bureaucrats with not knowing what actually goes on in nursing homes. Visiting doctors, she says, sit at the nurse's desk, read the charts and write 'continue care'."

Mrs. Merrill, who organized groups of citizens to seek improvements in the situation and who is busy following court suits that have resulted from ill treatments, calls the nursing home situations "a national scandal."

Thus I used this term in asking President Bill Clinton at a recent press conference how the government can overturn this highly serious situation. Much to my surprise, he expressed knowledge of the need and said that the Department of Health and Human Services is now working on the matter and that in about three weeks he expects to make some announcement about meeting the problem. His reply made me very happy and surprised Mrs. Merrill while many in the public thanked me for asking that question.

Here are some of the conditions which Mrs. Merrill found in her thorough "investigations" of what is happening in nursing homes:

She has many death certificates from 100 California nursing homes which show deaths from starvation, malnutrition, dehydration, renal failure due to lack of water, fractures of many different bones, legs, arms, pelvis, concussion from falls when these feeble people try to go to

From the desk of -
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August 6, 1997

Bruce Vladeck, Ph.D., Administrator
Health Care Financing Administration
Department of Health and Human Services
Attention: BDP-884-P
P.O. Box 26688
Baltimore, MD 21207-0488

Dear Dr. Vladeck:

By way of introduction I am an orthopedic surgeon practicing in a large general and sub-specialty orthopedic group in St. Louis, MO. I completed my training at Washington University in 1967 and have been practicing orthopedic surgery continuously since that time.

It is my understanding that Congress has directed Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) to develop new Medicare practice expense relative values that reflect actual physician practice costs. This schedule of reimbursement is to be completed by 1-1-98. I also understand that to accomplish this task HCFA designed a study to collect practice cost data from the private sector. I am advised that this study had two main parts, (1) a national survey of 5,000 medical practices to collect cost information and (2) several small Clinical Practice Expert Panels (CPEPS) consisting of physicians, practice managers and other associated medical care personnel. The purpose of this was to estimate direct costs for all medical services and procedures by a CPT code. I understand that HCFA had major problems in accomplishing this study, not the least of which was a low response rate suggesting that statistical data derived from this information might well be flawed. I am further advised that certain of the CPEPS indicated they were unable to account for all direct costs of physician services, particularly those services which are not provided by the individual practice. This resulted in guesses being made by the administrative and clinical staffs as to time spent and thus labor costs related to various segments of the subject practices. By reason of the above it appears that HCFA has been forced to substitute data in order to make assumptions as to practice costs in order to meet the 1-1-98 deadline.

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with a greater than normal morbidity it is not uncommon to see that these procedures are no longer performed. I have for instance noted that many of my associates no longer perform Revision Total Hip (CPT #27134, 27137 and 27138); Revision Total Knee (CPT #27486 and 27487) and Reconstruction of Failed Rotator Cuff Procedures (CPT #23412 and 23420). Each of these procedures is technically demanding, requires significantly greater time to perform than primary procedures and necessitates a far longer period of rehabilitation and followup with associated significant chances of failure. As the cost of Medicare services has been driven downward I have further seen a substantial tendency on the part of hospitals and other managed care organizations to demand, either by direct or indirect pressures that the practitioner diminish his services to the patient or reduce the length of inpatient care so as to increase corporate profitability. I am aware of the budgetary constraints which face us as a Nation, but as an orthopedic surgeon I am also aware that at a certain point in the cost-cutting cycle the quality and deliverability of medical care will be degraded to an unacceptable level. It is unlikely that quality practitioners of medicine will over time continue to provide care for the elderly if, in fact, there is no economic reason to do so.

Very sincerely yours,



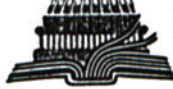
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cc: ✓ The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

The Honorable Edward Kennedy
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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REQUEST FOR BIOGRAPHICAL UPDATE

August 11, 1997

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Attn: Director of Correspondence
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Rm. 94
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Clinton:

You have again been selected by our Board of Editors for biographical coverage in the 26th edition of the Federal Staff Directory, to be published in November 1997.

Please review the attached copy from the 1997/2 edition. We will appreciate your returning this reprint with your corrections, additions or deletions within ten working days. If you have any questions, or if you have a problem meeting this deadline, please call Dorothy Countryman at (703) 739-0900, extension 215, or e-mail her at dcountryman@cq.com.

May I remind you that your selection as a biographee and the publication of your biography have no connection with your buying anything. No one has ever paid his or her way into any Staff Directory publication.

Thank you,

Wayne Walker

Wayne Walker
Editorial Director

Enclosure

Jim / Dan - 8-20-97

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Biographical Update

Attached is your biographical sketch as it appeared in the 1997 *FEDERAL Staff Directory* / 2. Please review it and make any corrections and additions. This updated biography will appear in the 1997 *FEDERAL Staff Directory* / 3. We need this copy returned to us, with or without changes, within ten (10) working days in order to meet our press deadline. If you should have any questions, please call Dorothy at (703) 739-0900, ext. 215. Thank you for your cooperation.

Clinton, William J., President of the United States, 1600

Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20500. Elected President, Nov. 3, 1992. Took the Oath of Office, Jan. 20, 1993. Born Aug. 19, 1946 in Hope, AR. Married Oct. 11, 1975 to Hillary Rodham; one child, Chelsea Victoria. Education: Georgetown University (DC), 1968, B.S. in intl. affairs; Oxford University (England) 1968-70, Rhodes Scholar; Yale Law School (CT), 1973, J.D.

Career Record: 1973-76, Professor, University of Arkansas School of Law, Fayetteville; 1973-76, practicing attorney; 1977-79, Attorney General, Arkansas; 1979-81 and 1983-92, Governor of Arkansas; 1981-82, Of Counsel, Wright, Lindsey & Jennings, Little Rock, AR. Admitted to AR Bar, 1973.

Member: Democratic Natl. Com.; Natl. Governor's Association, chair, 1986-87; Education Commission of the States, chair, 1986-87; Natl. Association of Attorneys General; Democratic Leadership Council, chair, 1990-91; Lower Mississippi Delta Development Com., chair, 1989-90.

Religion: Baptist.

☐ I have read my biography and it is OK.

☐ OK with corrections.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Phone: _____

HONORING NBC'S CAST OF "FRIENDS"

1st Annual Gala Ball
Monday, September 22, 1997
At The Estate of Engelbert Humperdinck

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Joyce Green
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Joey Lawrence
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Erwin More
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Heidi Stillman
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Gretchen and Michael Wayne
Marsha and Robin Williams

July 30, 1997

Ms. Carmen Fowler
Presidential Messages
President and Mrs. Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear President and Mrs. Clinton,

On Monday, September 22, 1997, at the estate of Engelbert Humperdinck, in Holmby Hills The Lookingglass Theater, Archer School for Girls, and the John Wayne Cancer Institute will be holding their first "Friends Helping Friends" fund-raiser. Some of the hottest recording stars and comedians will be entertaining over 1000 guests, co-hosted by Ann-Margret.

Being honored that night will be the entire cast of "Friends" which includes Jennifer Aniston, Courteney Cox, Lisa Kudrow, Matt LeBLANC, Matthew Perry, and myself.

May I ask that you consider writing a presidential message congratulating the cast of "Friends" and making a two-minute video acknowledging the work that they are doing on behalf of these three fine organizations.

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commitment to racial, ethnic and socioeconomic diversity in the student body and a variety of scholarships are available since the administration of the school realizes that affordable education is an issue for every family. The Archer School for Girls expects it's graduates to shape the next century using their skills and talents to make the world a more humane place.

As for the John Wayne Cancer Institute it has become a beacon of light and hope for all of us and is continuously recognized in Southern California as the leading research institute for cancer.

On behalf of all three of these organizations, I want to thank you for considering this request. I hope that with your generous support they can achieve their goals.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'David L. Schwimmer', with a stylized, flowing script.

David L. Schwimmer

8-20-97

Jim

See note
inside card

Phil 8/20

Best

Wishes

For Your Birthday

Phil

Dear President:

I hope to get an answer
of my letter dated on July 17th 1997
To you President Bill & Hilary regarding
my health insurance plan, if you need
another copy I will send it to you.
Hope you can help!

Happy Birthday!! Rose M. Nardi

8/19/46

Dear President Bill:

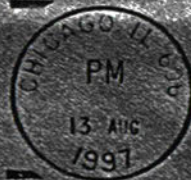
(HAPPY BIRTHDAY TWIN BIRTHDAY PARTNER)

May everything about your day
be just the way it should be -

As happy and as carefree
as any birthday could be!



Rose M. Nardi
"Happy Birthday"



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*President Bill Clinton
c/o The White House 1564220
1600 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington D.C.*

c/o Nancy Hernick 20500





JIM DORSKIND:

Please coordinate
the reply.

August 14, 1997

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to meet with you, the Vice President, and others from your Administration on the critical issue of climate change.

At our meeting, you outlined principles that the Administration plans to use to guide U.S. participation in international negotiations.

You also graciously invited the meeting participants to participate in the policy process as your Administration develops and asserts the United States' position prior to and at the Third Conference of the Parties in Kyoto later this year. PacifiCorp stands ready and eager to work with you on this profoundly important matter.

As we discussed, while there is disagreement over the issue of complete scientific certainty, it appears an international set of binding emissions targets and timetables is a global political inevitability. If such targets and timetables are truly reasonable, I believe much of the business community will work diligently to find cost-effective ways to implement them.

Reasonable targets and timetables must:

- ◆ include all countries and not harm U.S. economic interests relative to our international competitors;
- ◆ cover all sectors of the economy so that each sector contributes its proportionate share to the solution;
- ◆ include all important carbon-based greenhouse gases to ensure achievement of environmental goals;
- ◆ provide an adequate timetable for compliance to allow for the orderly depreciation of our capital assets and those of our customers; and,

The President
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- ◆ allow all forms of flexibility to lower the cost of compliance as much as possible. For PacifiCorp, flexibility means there must be credit for all legitimate efforts to reduce emissions or sequester carbon, trading across borders, credit for international projects (i.e., Joint Implementation), and credit for early emission reductions or sequestration projects.

Without a reasonable timetable and all necessary flexibility, a climate change protocol will find little public support. With flexible implementation, achievement of the target goals becomes increasingly possible at lower economic cost.

In the interim, voluntary measures can create a glidepath toward more formal targets to address climate change. Both Dr. Draper and I pointed to the many successes of the utility industry which has already begun implementing emission reductions and offset projects on a voluntary basis.

The successes of our voluntary efforts to date suggest there is more we and others can do to address climate change concerns. The Administration can assist us in this regard in two tangible ways.

First, we have undertaken these voluntary efforts with no clear policy to provide emissions credits. We are risking our investments of time and resources not only to begin efforts to reduce greenhouse gases now, but also with the expectation that PacifiCorp will receive tangible credit for these at a later time. A governmental commitment to credit for early reductions will provide a strong incentive for PacifiCorp and others to increase voluntary actions.

Second, the voluntary effort must be broadened beyond utilities. As is evident by the statements of other participants in the August 5 meeting, industry leaders are willing to take action if asked. Your leadership in seeking voluntary reductions from all US emitters would significantly advance this cause.

There are important initiatives underway within the business community and among some environmentalists to explore methods of stepping up voluntary efforts and to pool credits all in advance of a mandatory program. I commend this effort to you in hopes that the administration gives it full support. PacifiCorp will aggressively pursue these voluntary actions if assured that appropriate credit is ultimately provided.

The President
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There are also efforts ongoing to give substance to the type of framework the US can advocate which allows for the type of flexible implementation I previously described as absolutely essential to any acceptable protocol. You also have my commitment that PacifiCorp will work with your Administration and other interests to help shape that framework.

Once again, I sincerely thank you for the opportunity to meet with you and am encouraged that you are taking a very personal interest in this issue. I hope, through this letter and subsequent discussions, PacifiCorp can remain fully engaged in your difficult deliberations regarding our country's position at Kyoto. I personally pledge our support in your efforts and very much look forward to our continuing dialogue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Busch", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

cc: The Vice President
Mr. Dirk Forrister
✓ Mr. Todd Stern