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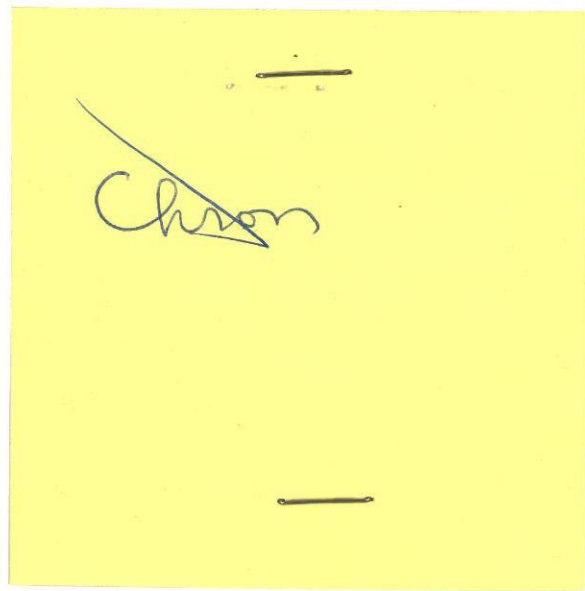
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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
9-8-97 THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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TO: Betty Currie

FROM: Duane

65443

Thanks!

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JIM DORSKIND:

Please coordinate
the reply.

To President Clinton
From Tuesday Volunteers
Greetings Office

IT Was an
EXCEPTIONAL Year...



200 B 1946
250 Canada

1946
Was an
EXCEPTIONAL
Year...

Sunny Garbers Mildred Jacobs

1946

HISTORY:

The United Nations held its first session
First U.S. built rocket to leave earth's atmosphere
reached 50-miles

U.S. Supreme Court ruled segregation in public
transportation unconstitutional

Federal Reserve reported half of U.S.
yearly incomes under \$2,000

Joe McCarthy defeated Robert La Follette for Senate seat

President: Harry S. Truman (D)

SPORTS:

Southern Cal. lost to Alabama 34-14 Rose Bowl

Assault was first in Kentucky Derby with jockey W. Mehrrens

George Robson won Indy 500 at 114.8 mph

Cardinals won World Series in
seventh game over Boston Red Sox

Army beat Navy 21-18 in annual football game

MUSIC:

"Zip-a-dee-doo-dah"

"Annie Get Your Gun"

ACADEMY AWARD WINNERS:

Picture: "The Best Years of Our Lives"

Actress: Olivia de Havilland, "To Each His Own"

Actor: Frederic March, "The Best Years of Our Lives"

BIRTHS:

Liza Minelli, American singer and actress

Reggie Jackson, U.S. baseball star

PRICES:

Postage Stamp... \$.03 Bread (pound loaf)... \$.10

Milk (quart)....\$.18 Gas (gallon)....\$.21 House...\$12,638.00

Car... \$1,649.00 Minimum wage...\$.40/hr

Sandy Freund
Sylvia Erwin
Karen Elliott

Rita Foreman
Flo Brussard
Madaline Stokes
Dottie Taylor
Betty Wright
Bobbie Ashten
Kathryn Wright
ANN Wegerl
Ruth Mos
Gail Brooks
Virginia Hill

Louise Griffin
Liquid L. Van Borman
Al Carpenter
Albert G. Wright
Gene S. Hughes
Beatrice Finkel
Pauline Freundel
Ruth Spadohinski

BECAUSE YOU WERE BORN!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Arlene Berner
Shirley Longhelt
Floy Laird
Cindy Dyerham
Julia Frank
Beatrice Reidorf
Louise B. McMillan
Martha Adams
Robert Adams
Ann Berkemeyer
Bea Rief
Esther Smolens
Miriam Mahelson

William C. Johnson
Bobbe Covey
Henry Tour
Ann McCann
Bill Bern
Leslie Bartlett
Sandy Rondepierre
Janel Sibley
Judy Jones
Pat Kelly
Margaret Rich
Benny Jackson
Lyn Nelson

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Dear Betty
Thanks so much for
letting my entrees
come over with their
birthday card for the
President. They worked
so hard on that project.
Here are their addresses
if you send thank you
for the birthday cards
Thanks again!
Dudithorne
x 65443

C: Summer 97.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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DATE: September 9, 1997

NOTE FOR: The Honorable Rodney E. Slater

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

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Action ☐

Thank you.

Staff Secretary
(x6-2702)

cc:



THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

9-8-97

August 25, 1997

MEMORANDUM TO:

The President

From:

Rodney E. Slater

Subject:

U.S. Mission to the Fourth African-African American Summit

I wish to file this report of the U.S. Government mission, which I co-led with Reverend Jesse Jackson, to the Fourth African-African American Summit (Summit) held in Harare, Zimbabwe, during the week of July 20-25, 1997. The Summit was convened by the Reverend Dr. Leon Sullivan and hosted by His Excellency Sir Robert Gabriel Mugabe, President of Zimbabwe. The Summit brought our U.S. Government delegation into contact with an impressive group of African Heads of State, African and American business leaders, and prominent private citizens. This historic Summit provided a unique opportunity to strengthen U.S. bilateral relations and, consistent with Administration initiatives, to forge new and stronger ties between America and the continent of Africa.

While at the Summit, I held more than thirteen (13) bilateral discussions with African Heads of State and other representatives of government. The consistent thread from meeting-to-meeting was the excitement and support for recent Administration initiatives toward Africa as trading partners and the possibility that you might visit the continent before the end of your term. Our talks surrounded the continued commitment to democracy and economic reform, recognizing the need to ensure that the economic and political climates that foster increased trade and investment by U.S. businesses take firm hold.

The primary theme of the Summit was the development of stronger economic ties linking Africa with the Americas, in general, and to Americans of African descent, in particular. The emphasis was directed to forward-looking issues, such as democracy, peace and stability; economic liberalization; human rights; HIV/AIDS; women's rights; the media, free press and free speech; telecommunications; infrastructure development; food preservation and security; and universal education and the elimination of illiteracy.

Reverend Jackson and I held bilateral meetings with the following heads-of-state and foreign leaders: President Abdou Diouf of Senegal; President Yoweri K. Museveni of Uganda; President Sam Nujoma of Namibia; King Mswati III of Swaziland; President Ketumile Masire of Botswana; former Prime Minister John Malecela, Vice President of the Ruling CCM Party in Tanzania; Ronald Penza, Zambia's Minister of Finance; Vice President Divungui of Gabon; President Joao Bernardo Vieira of Guinea Bissau; Vice President John Evans Atta Mills of Ghana; Prime Minister Zenawi Meles of Ethiopia; Hon. Francis Nkwain, the Minister Delegate to Cameroon's Ministry of External Relations; and Prime Minister Fernando Franca van Dunem of Angola. I also met with Minister of Transport and Energy, Simon K. Moyo of Zimbabwe. I found the meetings to be extremely valuable as an avenue to encourage continued democratic reforms and lay the groundwork for future interaction as we implement the Administration's Initiative for Africa.

As you know, Africa is a continent rich in natural resources. African leaders such as His Excellency Yoweri Museveni of Uganda and His Excellency President Sam Nujoma of Namibia were, therefore, very intent on obtaining commitments for human capacity building. Further, while recognizing that the need for aid has not yet come to an end, the clear consensus was that trade and investment represent the new challenge and opportunity. The nations of Africa are eager to become full trading partners with the United States.

As Secretary of Transportation, I noted the special attention given at the Summit to the need to strengthen Africa's telecommunications and transportation sectors to facilitate investment and development in Africa. This attention to infrastructure reinforces the timeliness and importance of your Africa Initiative and the loan guarantee program that will be established through the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).

Based on my experiences in Harare, it is my sense that a number of U.S. businesses have heard the clarion call and are beginning to see the African market as a lucrative trade and investment opportunity, which will lead to increased American jobs. However, we know there is still much to be done. I am convinced that this Administration, working with the Congress, has a golden opportunity of advancing our trade posture with a number of developing countries on the African continent, while, at the same time, promoting the dynamic that we are all brethren of one world and must support each other.

While in Africa as co-lead of the U.S. delegation, I took special pride in reiterating the message delivered at the Third Summit at Dakar, Senegal, in 1995, by the late Commerce Secretary Ron Brown that "America will not concede Africa's markets" to anyone. Africa welcomes this Administration's Africa Initiative and looks forward to bringing the best of Africa to the U.S. market.

Please know that Reverend Dr. Leon Sullivan, who developed the Sullivan Principles approximately twenty (20) years ago, is to be commended for the tremendous work he has done. He has tirelessly supported efforts for U.S. trade and investment on the continent of Africa and has taken great strides to make education available for children of families in Africa who have never enjoyed such opportunities. His commitment and dedication to the uplift of Africa on the global stage has caused him to be viewed on the continent of Africa as a truly great humanitarian and, more importantly, a friend. He is indeed delighted that you respected the work he has done (and is still doing) to such an extent to send such a high-level delegation representing the United States.

The support we received from the State Department, the National Security Council, the White House Office of Public Liason, and the U.S. Embassy in Harare was invaluable to the success of this mission. Further, your selection of Reverend Jackson to co-head this delegation with me was a stroke of genius. His knowledge of Africa, its history, its leadership, and the current issues is indeed immense and made our bilateral discussions so much more meaningful. His spirit of support for this Administration's initiatives, in general, and your sincere commitment to Africa, in particular, were well received by all those with whom we interacted, and served as an excellent foundation upon which to engage in substantive country-to-country exchanges. He is to be commended for the role he played on this mission.

Likewise, each of the other members of the delegation added his or her own unique and valuable contribution to the success of our efforts. Rather than discussing them individually, I am attaching a list of the official delegation for your perusal. Suffice it to say that they were all delighted to have been selected by you to represent the United States Government on this mission and were elated that you were able to personally thank them for their participation at Andrews Air Force Base upon our return from Africa.

This Department is aggressively pursuing other ways to be supportive of your Africa Initiative. In fact, we are in the developmental stages of preparing for a transportation mission to Africa before the end of this year. Our participation in this Summit will better assist us to achieve successful outcomes in our upcoming endeavors.

On behalf of Reverend Jackson and me, thank you for the honor of leading the U.S. delegation to this historic event.

Attachment

Presidential Mission to the African-African American Summit
Harare, Zimbabwe
July 20 - 25, 1997

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Secretary of Transportation

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**Member will join the Mission in Harare*

**U.S. OFFICIAL DELEGATION
4TH ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN SUMMIT
HARARE, ZIMBABWE
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WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Mickey Ibarra

SUBJECT: Office of Intergovernmental Affairs Weekly Report -- September 1-5, 1997

CC: The Vice President

I. PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

Education

- National Testing Initiative: We continue to contact mayors whose communities have signed on to the education national standards and testing initiative to inform them of unfriendly attempts to stop the initiative. Additionally, we have contacted supportive governors, including Governors Parris Glendening (D-MD), Roy Romer (D-CO), Howard Dean (D-VT) and James Hunt (D-NC) and asked them to share their commitment with members of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. In addition, we staffed the Vice President's trip to Maryland to push for education testing, a visit which included the participation of Governor Glendening.

Welfare

- Welfare-to-Work Coalition: In a Welfare-to-Work Coalition Meeting on Wednesday, Vice President Gore announced the first round of grants totaling \$1.1 billion to go directly to states and local communities to create job opportunities for the hardest-to-employ welfare recipients. The Vice President was joined by Las Vegas Mayor Jan Lavery Jones (D) and Supervisor Gloria Molina (D) of Los Angeles County as well as several members of the Administration to announce the grants in front of an audience which included state and local welfare administrators from 37 states, several volunteer and faith-based organizations, and members of the welfare coalition.

Budget

- FLSA: IGA has coordinated a number of meetings and conference calls with governors and their staffs on the subject of the Fair Labor Standards Act and the application of the

minimum wage to workfare. Governors George Voinovich (R-OH) and Tom Carper (D-DE) are attempting to draft NGA policy which goes far beyond ideas for a compromise which was discussed with the governors at the NGA meeting in Las Vegas. We are trying to convince the governors to scuttle new NGA policy at this time and have committed to working with them to address their concerns.

Fast Track

- Since the last update on our participation in the Fast Track Roll-Out event on September 10, we have confirmed that Mayors Marc Morial (D-New Orleans) and Edward Rendell (D-Philadelphia) will attend and participate in regional media following the event. In addition, we still plan to distribute state-by-state analysis and talking points to governors, state legislative leaders, big city mayors and county executives and commissioners for release in their states and communities. As members of your Cabinet travel in the days following the event, we will ensure that the elected officials in those states and communities participate in the members' events to amplify the Administration's fast track message. Once our fast track legislation is introduced, we will coordinate a series of conferences calls led by Cabinet members with mayors in key cities.

Tobacco

- The Attorneys General are organizing their respective Governors to endorse the current proposed tobacco settlement. Governor Parris Glendening (D-MD) will endorse it today. Other governors will follow soon, and many are asking for our direction on their response to this request from the Attorneys Generals. DPC has advised us to allow governors to make their own judgement on the matter.

II. INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSTITUENCIES

Indian Country

- Cherokee Nation: The situation in the Cherokee Nation continues to improve. The courthouse has been re-opened and the justices have returned to work. There was a problem with equipment that had been removed, but Chief Byrd said today that he remains committed to the agreement. The special commission appointed by the council also refused to act on the demand to re-impeach the justices.
- Gorton Amendments: We met with more than thirty tribes this week. More than one hundred tribal representatives were in town to work against the Gorton amendments in the Senate Interior Appropriations bill. While there are other troublesome amendments from the standpoint of Indian Country, Sections 118 and 120 are the worst; threatening tribal sovereignty and imposing means testing.

Secretary Babbitt and Attorney General Reno wrote strong letters recommending your veto if these sections pass. We join in that recommendation, and OMB is preparing a forceful Senate letter for early next week.

The tribes are aware of your strong support for them and the fact that the Vice President called in during his vacation to offer assistance with the Senate vote. You have received many thank-you letters that express appreciation for your continued commitment to Indian Country and our unprecedented work on these critical issues.

- Agency Memorandum on Indian Issues: As you recall, Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles and Bruce Reed sent a memorandum in June seeking a status report on all of the efforts, programs, and initiatives agencies seeking a status report on all of the efforts, programs, and initiatives in their agency that affect Indian Country. We have received a majority of these reports from the agencies. It is our plan to ask DPC to review all of the written material and prepare a report for you. We will want to do a full briefing with you at that time so that you have a clear picture of the overall efforts of our Administration relative to the Indian Country. Furthermore, it will identify where we need to improve our efforts.

Governors

- Governor George Pataki (R-NY): A letter with your signature will go to the Governor today thanking him for writing and sharing his concerns regarding your line-item veto of a New York Medicaid item. He will be informed that you have asked Director Raines to respond to his concerns in detail.
- Governor Tommy Thompson (R-WI): Chief of Staff Bowles will call Governor Tommy Thompson (R-WI) to address his concerns regarding the Fair Labor Standards Act and welfare reform.
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U.S. Approves Test Oil Drilling On National Parkland in Utah

Site Is Part of an Area
Clinton Designated
to Be Protected

A1 By JOHN H. CUSHMAN Jr.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8 — The Clinton Administration today approved exploratory oil drilling on Federal land in the red rock country of Utah where President Clinton last year established a vast national monument to protect the rich wilderness from development.

The Bureau of Land Management, part of the Interior Department, approved the drilling over objections of other Federal environmental agencies, reflecting its own assessment that the immediate environmental harm would be negligible and the view of Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt that a fight now is unwarranted because the odds of striking oil there are relatively slight.

Other agencies and environmentalists have warned that although only a single well was approved today, the precedent could eventually lead to widespread development, marking the area for decades to come with tall rigs, networks of roads and pipelines, bright lights blotting out the stars above ballfield-size drilling pads, and impoundments of toxic drilling mud despoiling pristine habitats.

The opponents called for more comprehensive studies of the project proposed for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument by the Conoco oil subsidiary of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company. Conoco owns drilling leases on the land.

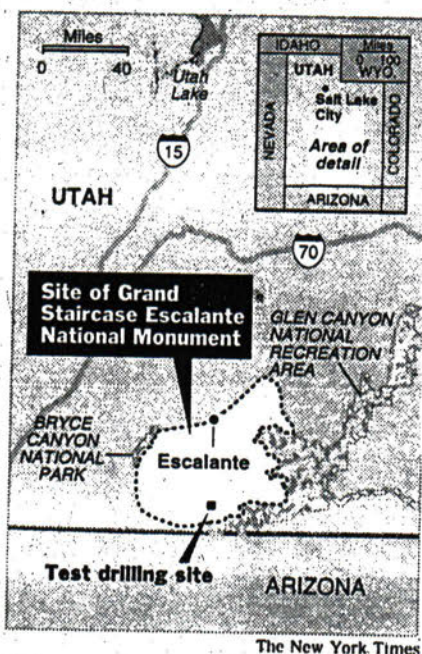
Environmental groups reacted bitterly to the decision and said they would seek to reverse it.

Both the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Environmental Protection Agency have strongly complained that the potential cumulative effects of extensive drilling in the area are being ignored. They argue that the drilling runs contrary to the purposes of the monument, which President Clinton created during his reelection campaign to highlight his environmental credentials.

The Federal lands bureau said it would defer a decision on four more wells until the results of the first test well are known.

"A single well, located adjacent to an existing road, in an area twice previously disturbed by exploratory drilling, will not have significant impact upon the geological, paleontological, archeological, historical or biological values the monument was specifically established to protect," the agency said.

Under a 1906 law, the Federal Government may preserve anything of historic or scientific interest that lies on its land by setting aside from development the surrounding areas. It was this authority that Mr. Clinton



A battle looms over test oil drilling at a national monument that was created to prevent development.

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used to proclaim the monument, citing such values as archeological and fossil troves, rare plant and wildlife communities and extraordinary geological structures.

In his proclamation, Mr. Clinton specifically noted that "remoteness, limited travel corridors and low visitation have all helped to preserve intact the monument's important ecological values."

Conoco and the State of Utah suspect that there may be hundreds of millions of barrels of oil below 140,000 acres that the company leases from the state and Federal governments in southern Utah. Earlier this year, the state granted a drilling permit on its land in the same area, and a well is half completed there.

In all, Conoco controls 59 Federal leases covering 108,000 acres and 52 state leases covering 32,000 acres, making up two-thirds of all existing oil and gas leases within the monument.

For both friends and foes of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, the decision on Conoco's drilling is viewed as an important precedent.

"The Interior Department is dangerously close to opening the barn door and shooing the horse out," said Fran Hunt, an official of the Wilderness Society. "This area is so remote, it was one of the last places explored in the Lower Forty-Eight."

Mr. Clinton's unilateral creation of the monument last year was accomplished, in part, to block a huge underground coal mine proposed in the same area where Conoco intends to drill, on the top of the Kaiparowits Plateau.

At the same time, to assuage opponents of setting aside the 1.7 million acres of canyon-scarred wilderness in southern Utah, Mr. Clinton promised to honor existing mineral rights, like Conoco's leases. Most Utah politicians favor development in the region and denounced the monument designation.

Bill Lamb, the Utah director of the Federal lands agency, said, "My decision today insures the continued protection of this magnificent national monument while at the same time honoring the commitment made by the President in his proclamation creating the monument to recognize valid existing rights."

But there is considerable dispute over whether Conoco, which acquired the leases after the monument was already designated, has an unassailable right to drill on them.

"The leases were issued without sufficient environmental study or public involvement," said Scott Groene, a lawyer with the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance. That environmental group and the Wilderness Society plan to appeal the permit, Ms. Hunt said.

The environmental groups said it would have been better to suspend the leases temporarily and to decide whether to allow drilling during the three-year drafting of the Bureau of Land Management's ultimate plan for the whole area.

Some Federal environmental agencies supported that approach.

In June, the wildlife service told its sister agency at the Interior Department that it was "concerned about the precedent that would be set not only for this newly established national monument, but for all national monuments if exploratory drilling and production were approved."

The New York Times

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1997

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: STEPHANIE STREETT SS
KAREN FINNEY RF

SUBJECT: Reception at the 52nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly

DATE: September 9, 1997

COPY: SANDY BERGER
MELANNE VERVEER
PATTI SOLIS-DOYLE

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A copy of a proposed schedule for Sunday the 21st is attached. As you will see, you and the First Lady would need to depart California by 10:50 am on Sunday in order to do a reception at 7:30 pm in New York. The proposed reception would last one hour, you would be done by 8:30 pm. You could also leave California on Saturday evening the 21st following your last event. This would have you departing California at approximately 9:00 pm and arriving in New York at 4:45 am on Sunday morning. You could have the day down in New York and do the UN reception that evening.

You should also be aware that the United States Ryder Cup Team will be having a send-off dinner (the team departs from New York early Monday morning) on Sunday evening at the Waldorf Astoria from approximately 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm. The PGA has requested an opportunity for the team to meet with you and has invited you to attend the dinner. We had thought that you might want to drop by the dinner at some point, however no commitments have been made. You can do this drop-by regardless of whether or not you do a UN reception.

Do you want to do a UN reception on Sunday evening?

YES ☒ NO ☐

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Saturday, September 20, 1997

10:00 am -
10:30 am Briefing for Education event

10:40 am Depart Hotel en route event TBD
drive time: 20 minutes

11:00 am -
12:00 pm **Event**
Open Press

12:05 pm Depart event site en route tbd Fairmont Hotel (T)
drive time: 25 minutes ?

12:30 pm Arrive Fairmont Hotel
Greeters:

12:35 pm Proceed to room tbd

12:40 pm -
1:00 pm Photo Receiving Line (60 people)

1:00 pm Proceed to room tbd for luncheon

1:05 pm -
1:50 pm **DNC Luncheon**
Room TBD
The Fairmont Hotel (T)

Program: TBD makes remarks and introduces the President
The President makes remarks
Upon conclusion of remarks, the POTUS departs

1:50 pm Proceed to Suite

1:55 pm -
5:50 pm **Phone and Office time/Down time**
Suite
The Fairmont Hotel

5:50 pm Proceed to Room TBD

6:00 pm -

6:40 pm

Saxophone Club Reception

Room TBD

The Fairmont Hotel (T)

6:45 pm

Depart the Fairmont Hotel en route tbd
drive time: 15 minutes ?

7:05 pm

Arrive private residence

7:10 pm -

8:30 pm

DNC Dinner

Private Residence

8:35 pm

Depart en route hotel
drive time: 40 minutes

9:15 pm

Arrive Hotel

RON:

Hotel

Palo Alto, CA

Sunday, September 21, 1997

tbd **Church**

10:50 am Wheels up San Francisco en route New York
flight time: 4 hours 45 minutes, +3 hours

6:35 pm Wheels down JFK Airport
Greeters:

6:50 pm Wheels up JFK Airport en route Wall Street LZ
flight time: 15 minutes

7:05 pm Wheels down Wall Street Landing Zone

7:10 pm Depart Wall Street Landing Zone en route location tbd
drive time: 15 minutes

7:25 pm Arrive location tbd

7:30 pm -
8:30 pm **Reception for the 52nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly**

format: tbd

8:40 pm Depart location tbd en route the Waldorf Astoria Hotel
drive time: 15 minutes

8:55 pm Arrive the Waldorf Astoria Hotel

Down for the Evening

RON: The Waldorf Astoria Hotel
New York, NY

Monday, September 22, 1997

8:50 am -

9:10 am Briefing time

9:15 am Depart Waldorf Astoria en route UN
drive time: 10 minutes

9:25 am Arrive UN
Pool Press
Greeters:

9:30 am -

9:40 am **Meeting with Secretary General Kofi Annan**
Official Photo Only

9:45 am Proceed to tbd

9:50 am -

10:00 am **Meeting with Foreign Minister Udovenko**
Official Photo Only

10:05 am Proceed to hold

10:10 am -

10:35 am HOLD

10:40 am Proceed to General Assembly

10:45 am -

11:00 am **Address to the UN General Assembly**
Pool Press

11:05 am Proceed to US Mission
Drive time: 5 minutes

11:10 am -

11:30 am **Briefing for bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Sharif of Pakistan**
Room TBD

11:35 pm -

12:05 pm **Bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Sharif of Pakistan**
Pool press ???

12:05 pm Proceed to hold

12:10 pm -
12:30 pm **Briefing for bilateral meeting with Foreign Minister Primakov of Russia**
Room TBD

12:35 pm -
1:05 pm **Bilateral Meeting with Foreign Minister Primakov of Russia**
Pool press ???

1:10 pm Proceed to luncheon
Drive time: 5 minutes

1:15 pm -
2:50 pm **Luncheon hosted by Secretary General Annan**
4th Floor Delegates Dining Room

Format:

NOTE: The President will give a toast at the luncheon.

3:00 pm Depart UN en route Waldorf Astoria Hotel
drive time: 10 minutes

3:10 pm Arrive Waldorf Astoria Hotel

3:20 pm -
3:40 pm **Briefing for bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Gujral of India**
Location TBD
Waldorf Astoria Hotel

3:45 pm -
4:15 pm **Bilateral Meeting with Prime Minister Gujral of India**
Room TBD
Waldorf Astoria Hotel
Pool Press ???

4:20 pm Proceed to Suite

4:30 pm -
5:40 pm **Down Time/Dinner**
Presidential Suite

5:45 pm Depart Waldorf Astoria en route the MET
drive time: 10 minutes ?

6:00 pm -
6:20 pm **Reception for the Metropolitan Opera**

Note: The President and First Lady will join the reception in progress, the reception begins at 5:00 pm.

6:25 pm Proceed to seats

6:30 pm-
10:00 pm **Performance for the opening of the Metropolitan Opera**

10:10 pm Depart the Metropolitan Opera en route Wall Street LZ
drive time: 10 minutes

10:20 pm Arrive Wall Street LZ

10:30 pm Wheels up en route JFK Airport
flight time: 15 minutes

10:45 pm Arrive JFK Airport

11:00 pm Wheels up JFK Airport en route Andrews AFB
flight time: 1 hour, no change

12:00 am Wheels down Andrews AFB

12:10 am Wheels up Andrews en route the South Lawn

12:20 am Wheels down south lawn

RON: The White House
Washington, DC

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 8, 1997

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER
STEPHANIE STREETT

SUBJECT: Reception at the 52nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)

Purpose

To recommend that you not host a reception for other heads of delegation at UNGA.

Background

As the host country for the United Nations, it is traditional for the President of the United States to host a reception for other heads of delegation. You previously approved hosting such a reception at this year's UNGA opening session. However, the UNGA session will not adjourn until 6:00 p.m. Monday, and speeches in the General Assembly - by Ukrainian President Kuchma among others - will still be occurring, making a reception before that a protocol risk. We also recently learned that the performance at the Metropolitan Opera you will attend that evening begins at 6:30 instead of 8:00 as we were originally informed. There is also a reception for the opera from 5:00 to 6:30. This makes Monday, September 22 a very busy day (draft schedule at Tab A). We do not believe it is feasible for you to both host a quality event and arrive at the opera on time. (Madeleine agrees; Bill is still hopeful.) Therefore, we see two options for the reception.

Option 1 - Host the reception on Sunday evening. This would require you to depart California on Sunday morning, but would accomplish the objective of meeting with the other heads of delegation. If schedule permits, Madeleine and Bill Richardson suggest doing it that day.

Option 2 - Do not host a reception this year. In this scenario, Madeleine would host a reception on Tuesday or Wednesday.

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

Although a reception will be expected by many of your counterparts and would be useful to us in that we are pushing a number of controversial proposals within the UN, on balance, we believe a reception on Sunday evening after your trip to Stanford is not essential and recommend you not host a reception this year. Madeleine prefers Sunday night option; Bill prefers Monday night.

You also asked about the possibility of meeting with Prime Minister Ahern of Ireland and President Frei of Chile. Since there is no more time for bilats at UNGA, we are working to get Ahern on the schedule for a fall White House meeting, and we are coordinating a pull-aside for Frei at the Annan-hosted luncheon.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve Option 2 (not to host UNGA reception).

Approve: Option 1 _____ Option 2 _____

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KEN BURNS
Maple Grove Road
Walpole, NH 03608

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Mike -

Here's the letter to the
President and VHS copy of
our film for you to give
to him.

Thanks.

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We'll FAX copies of letter to
Ann Stock / Capricia Marshall as well.

KEN BURNS
Maple Grove Road
Walpole, New Hampshire
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August 6, 1997

President & Mrs. William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Clinton,

I am happy to report that we have finished our documentary film about the Lewis and Clark expedition, and knowing your keen interest in their historic journey I have rushed an early videocassette of the program to you. Dayton Duncan and I thought you might want to take it along with you on your well-earned vacation and we hope your family enjoys traveling with the Corps of Discovery across this great land of ours.

We believe that within the Lewis and Clark story is not only one of the nation's most enduring adventures but also lessons that still speak to all Americans: lessons of perseverance in the face of obstacles, lessons of friendship and cooperation among different cultures, and equally important, as their dramatic vote at the mouth of the Columbia proves, lessons of the promise of our democracy.

We have just returned from a one-week trip with the historian Stephen Ambrose, retracing Lewis and Clark's route from the mountains of Idaho to the mouth of the Columbia. In mid-October we plan to do the same thing, following the Missouri from Montana to St. Louis. Judging from the response we have encountered so far, I can say that the public's interest in the Lewis and Clark expedition continues to grow, and I hope our film will further heighten their awareness and appreciation of this important milestone in our nation's shared past.

After the truly unforgettable reception that you so kindly hosted at the White House for a preview of my film biography of Thomas Jefferson, you told me that you would like to do something similar with the Lewis and Clark film. You and I even discussed

"dressing up" the East Room for the occasion. (It had been Lewis's office and sleeping quarters when he served as Jefferson's personal secretary, and it was where the President later kept some of the specimens -- buffalo robes, Indian artifacts, even a live prairie dog, etc. -- which Lewis sent to him from the West.) I can think of no better place to screen portions of this film and celebrate the expedition's remarkable achievements than the very room where Meriwether Lewis once lived and where he helped plan the United States' first exploration into unknown spaces with the far-sighted President who sent him (and his nation) on the path toward the Pacific.

The film will be broadcast nationally on Public Television on November 4th and 5th. Because of our scheduled trip down the Missouri in mid-October, the best time for us for a White House reception would be during the week of October 26th, preferably early in the week. Knowing of both your interest in the film *and* your incredibly busy schedule, my hope was that your staff could set a date soon, to allow everyone time to plan for the artifacts and appropriate Lewis and Clark-style decorations for the East Room, and to give us time to alert some of the people who worked on the film (Hal Holbrook, our narrator; Adam Arkin, Sam Waterston, Matthew Broderick, and others who provide the readings from the journals) far enough in advance to make sure they keep their schedules open.

Once again, I am confident that our underwriters for the documentary would willingly sponsor such a reception, and I look forward to working with your staff to make such an event as successful as our "evening with Jefferson," should you favor this request with a positive response.

Thank you for your consideration, and I hope you enjoy our film.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ken Burns". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and a long, sweeping underline.

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WASHINGTON

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Ms. Sarah McClendon
McClendon News Service
Suite 215
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Washington, D.C. 20008-5104

Dear Sarah:

Thanks for your supportive note and for the copy of your nursing homes editorial. I'm glad that you are making yourself heard on this important topic. Our nation has an obligation to care for older Americans and others in need, and I share your commitment to this vital task.

As always, I appreciate your ideas and insights. Thanks for writing.

Sincerely,

R. M. Clinton

8-20-97

To Jim Dorland

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Memorandum for the President

Dear Mr. President:

RE Nursing Homes. 197-1018-12:22

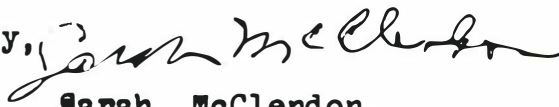
In taking any action to improve the tragic situation found in nursing homes throughout the country today, I hope you tap my source of information on this==Virginia Merrill, 82, who has thoroughly investigat4d nursing homes and their management. She lives at 1200 Van Ness avenue, Santa Cruz, Ca 95060, telephone 1-408-458-9440.

I have much of her material here which I will share with one of your staff, if desired.

I have launched my own editorial campaign against mistreatment in nursing homes and I enclose my first story.

You helped greatly by your answer to my question at your recent press conference.

In addition, let me say that I and the majority of the people appreciate your recognition of the massive problems in our nation and your leadership in trying to solve them. I call that an EXPANDED PRESIDENCY, taking that office to people who never thought before they could get relief from such a high level.

Sincerely, 
Sarah McClendon,
News Correspondent
(and Citizen).

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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

the bathroom by themselves or try to make it to the dining room for their food. Such fractures result in the patient becoming totally bedridden while fractures heal. They then are ignored, have no changing of positions in bed, and soon develop pneumonia and die.

Nursing homes charge patients' families for many additional alleged services. Mrs. Merrill says the nursing homes charge for walking the patient to the bathroom or dining area, calling this "physical therapy." They bill for dressing the patient, for bringing in carts, for medications. "False charting in nursing homes is their way of life," she says. Such charges add greatly to the profits of owners.

Bedsore are a frequent find. Some of these are so large as to enable one to see the bone. One patient had maggots in her bedsore. It takes 24 hours for maggots to develop, proving that there was no treatment during that time. This case was taken to court and a fine of \$24,000 assessed but the fine was appealed. "State Licensing and Certification agreed with the facility, that maggots may be beneficial to wound treatment," says Mrs. Merrill. "Show me the physician's orders for maggots.... Yet the fine was dismissed. No penalties."

Another fine was dismissed for dropping a patient four feet from a hoist lift while transferring her from her bed to the wheel chair. Fine dismissed when Licensing and Certification said the Patient "was old and had brittle bones."

These nursing homes often use the phrase "it's the patient's fault" and "they are old and prone to have these conditions."

The death records obtained by Mrs. Merrill in California cover only a few months of the year. "Can you imagine the total number of deaths occurring due to this neglect, abuse and murder if we had them all," she said. "Times this number by the number of states in the union. We have long surpassed the number of Jews Hitler destroyed. Yes, it is happening across this country. I can get you in touch with advocates from several different states, the stories are the same."

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August 15, 1997

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President Bill Clinton
The White House
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Washington, D.C. 20500
ATTN: Ms. Nancy Hernreich

~~JIM DORSKIND~~

~~Please coordinate
the reply.~~

Dear Mr. President:

Over the years, you very kindly have allowed me to write to you very frankly about issues of concern ... and I do so now with regard to Israel.

I and most of my friends believe strongly that the United States has not exerted sufficient pressure on Prime Minister Netanyahu to cease his provocative actions against the Palestinians which, in our judgment, have been a primary cause of the current atmosphere of mistrust and anger between Israelis and Palestinians. At the same time, we decry the unacceptable terrorist response which has come from the Palestinian side.

Under ordinary circumstances, a President in his second term has more freedom to take tough stands on issues, even at the risk of alienating domestic support, precisely because a second-term President does not have to face re-election.

Because, however, you have demonstrated extraordinary loyalty to your Vice-President who has served you well throughout your term of office, the word is that you are reluctant to offend American Jewish voters by getting tough on Netanyahu because of your determination not to do anything that might hurt Al Gore's chances to succeed you as President.

Surely I am realistic enough to understand and appreciate the need for sensitivity to domestic political repercussions that might flow from actions you take in the foreign policy arena. But unless I misread the American Jewish community, it is my feeling that it is primarily the leaders of the national Jewish organizations who are advising you to "go easy" on Netanyahu, but that the rank and file Jewish voter in America believes deeply that Netanyahu must be pressed hard by the United States in order to achieve the ultimate goal: peace in the Middle East.

Therefore, I write respectfully to suggest that, if you have not already done so, you might wish to have your pollsters give you an analysis of what the average Jewish voter in the United States thinks of this issue, as opposed to the Jewish organizations that purport to speak for those voters. If I am correct in my analysis, you will find that American Jewish voters overwhelmingly

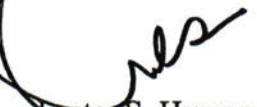
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want to keep the pressure on both sides equally (as, incidentally, do the majority of Israelis). My conclusion is that the best way you can help Al Gore is to do the "right thing" which involves talking and acting tough both with Netanyahu and Arafat.

Thank you, as always, for listening to my views.

Warmest regards.

Always sincerely,


Lester S. Hyman

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*Have a great vacation. Mr. President — you've
really earned it! Best to Hillary.*

Daniel S. Greenberg

Med School Millionaires

Don't expect anything but a hemorrhage at the Treasury from that new program to counter the doctor surplus by paying hospitals to reduce the number of residency slots for the final phase of medical training.

Reminiscent of the agricultural-support schemes that paid farmers for not growing crops, the medical plan was inspired by an immutable law of American medical practice: More doctors mean more medical spending, despite the penny-pinching tactics of managed care. So, stop them before they can start hustling patients, the Washington strategists concluded. The medical-education industry, however, is too profitable, inventive and resilient to yield to that tactic.

The major factor in the medical-production pipeline is medical-school enrollments. And data compiled by the American Medical Association show that these have remained virtually unchanged for more than 15 years, as have the number of medical schools.

In fact, medical schools have supplanted military bases as immortal institutions. In 1980-81, the 124 medical schools in the United States enrolled 65,497 students; in 1996-97, the

Medical faculties keep growing. It's where the money is.

number of schools remained at 124, and enrollments stood at 66,712—though a long succession of studies proclaimed a surfeit of doctors.

The big change in medical education was a vast increase in revenues, much of it from so-called practice plans that pay medical faculty for attending to patients, usually in conjunction with their teaching duties. Over the past decade, this income total for faculty at the 124 schools has risen from \$5.2 billion to \$10.6 billion.

And, in accord with the Willie Sutton principle, the number of full-time faculty has soared, though the number of students remains almost unchanged. In 1983-84, the nationwide faculty totaled 56,564. In the current academic year, the number of faculty members is 95,568.

Where are they coming from? To a large extent, they were already there at the university on other payrolls, and were switched to the more bountiful cash flow of medical education, which draws on patient fees, federal research and ample loans to finance runaway tuition fees—to be repaid by high medical incomes.

A little-known fact of American higher education is that the highest paid people on many prestigious campuses are not university presidents. The big bucks go to the medical school professors. At Columbia University, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education, the president was paid \$317,187 in 1994-95, while one professor of surgery received \$1,526,397 and two others took in more than \$1 million apiece.

At Cornell University, the president received \$294,687 in pay and benefits in 1994-95. A professor of surgery at Cornell received \$1.7 million in pay that year, while two others each took in over \$1.2 million.

The president of New York University was paid \$379,000.



BY MARGARET SCOTT

The chairman of neurosurgery got \$748,342, while four other medical professors received more than \$600,000 each.

At universities without medical schools, pay scales don't approach these stratospheric medical incomes. At Princeton, for example, the presidential pay was tops, at \$305,538, and the next five highest salaries ranged between \$197,796 and \$240,713. At MIT, the president received \$285,000, and the next highest salary was \$236,000.

The medical-school industry, in alliance with local politicians, is eternally resistant to downsizing pleas. The Pentagon wants to close the medical school that was forced on it by Congress in 1972, the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, in Bethesda. The General Accounting Office says the school is excessively expensive and satisfies only a tiny proportion of the armed services' physician requirements. But the school survives.

The Washington lobby for medical schools, the Association of American Medical Colleges, says the solution to the doctor surplus is to exclude foreign-trained physicians from residency slots. The downside to that prescription is that foreigners are willing to train and practice in inner-city areas that home-grown physicians tend to shun.

But whatever is done in the quest for surplus reduction, the odds are that it won't work. The medical-education industry is too smart and well-connected to be deprived of its golden goose.

Daniel S. Greenberg is editor of *Science & Government Report*, a Washington newsletter.

The Washington Post

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1997

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Throw These Tests Out of School

By CHESTER E. FINN JR.

This week Congress weighs President Clinton's plan for national standards and tests, beginning with fourth-grade reading and eighth-grade math. But although national testing is in principle a good idea, the president's proposal will do more harm than good. If Congress is going to enact such a measure, it should do it right.

The House is likely to vote to block future funding for the program. A multimillion-dollar contract, however, has already been signed by the Education Department and work is now under way. Timid GOP Senate leaders, lacking the nerve to kill the program, will decide whether to accept the Clinton version or make last-minute repairs. House and Senate negotiators from the appropriations committees, who have scant expertise in education policy, will then work out the final version of the bill.

All the Stops

The administration has pulled out all the stops to keep its plan alive, including threats to veto the huge Health and Human Services appropriation in which it is embedded. Only in the past few weeks has its fate been in doubt. For six months, a passive GOP Congress simply allowed the executive branch to proceed unilaterally with the first-ever nationwide standards and tests in a country that heretofore left such things to states and local communities. The White House brashly asserted that it didn't even need authorization from Congress. The president has already signed up six states and 15 cities to participate. Congress merely yawned. My fellow alumni of the Reagan and Bush administrations agree that if a Republican White House had attempted a maneuver like this, it would have taken the Democratic Congress about 30 seconds to cut us off at the knees.

The reason the testing plan is now one of the hotter issues in Washington is not, alas, because Republicans in Congress took the lead but because outside opposition finally surfaced. On the left, groups such as FairTest (which has never seen a test it deems fair) and the Congressional

Black Caucus are opposed on grounds that test scores may harm minorities and more dollars should instead be pumped into school programs. Conservative groups, such as the Christian Coalition and Concerned Women for America, protest this new federal intrusion into education. One influential congressman, Rep. Bill Goodling (R., Pa.), himself a former school superintendent, opposes national testing in principle. In his view, more tests wouldn't tell us anything we don't already know about what's wrong with U.S. schools, and comparisons among schools are invidious.

Many fellow Republicans think Mr.

sults from letting the Education Department run the project on behalf of its school-establishment and ivory-tower pals. No issue is more fundamental than who is in charge of the tests; Mr. Clinton opted to vest that control in his own appointees and contractors and experts of their choosing. That arrangement invites future manipulation of sensitive matters such as test content, standards and "accommodations" for influential groups. A dozen assistant secretaries can fiddle and meddle, and their machinations will shift with passing political winds and changing administrations.

Once the plan encountered opposition,

The Clinton administration has mangled a promising idea to the point that the GOP Congress should either make major repairs or scrap it altogether.

Goodling is wrong. Properly done, standards-based national tests would provide useful information to students and their parents and put pressure on schools to improve. The public-school establishment is opposed because it wants to continue obfuscating the truth about its dismal performance.

But the Clinton administration has mangled this promising idea to the point that the GOP Congress should either make major repairs or scrap it altogether. The past few weeks have brought bountiful evidence that the tests now in the works are sorely flawed, just the sort of exams teachers' unions would love. They won't tell us whether children can actually read or compute. Major problems include dumbed-down standards, "fuzzy" math (as Lynne Cheney calls it), universal use of electronic calculators, and assumptions about reading that partake of "whole language" and "deconstructionist" notions rather than systematic phonics, grammar and basic understanding. The Clinton tests will examine the things trendy experts wish the schools were teaching, rather than the skills and knowledge that parents, employers and state officials prize.

This subversion of national testing re-

the White House made a sop to its critics. It hastily cobbled together a proposal to transfer jurisdiction partly from the Education Department to a body called the National Assessment Governing Board. That's the "deal" currently before Congress.

I served on the NAGB for eight years, and chaired it for two. It's a good group. If it were made truly independent and bipartisan, given unambiguous control over the tests and invited to fix the mistakes of the Clinton plan, it might be able to do this delicate job.

But that isn't what the administration proposed. Rather, the White House would hand very limited authority to the NAGB, a board that also remains vulnerable to second-guessing and foot-dragging by the Education Department. Its membership is anybody the secretary of Education wants to appoint. It could have as few as two Republicans out of 25 members. It includes plenty of educators and "testing experts" but just a few governors, parents and employers. As currently constituted, and with the meager authority proffered by the White House, the NAGB cannot be counted on to fix the errors in the Clinton scheme, much less safeguard the future integrity of national testing.

Congress, which created the NAGB in 1988 and weakened it in 1994, could easily set this right. It would take minutes to write good legislation to reconstitute the board and give it full control, and the Clinton White House is so hot for national testing that it would likely go along. But today it appears Congress is not up to that assignment. These are complex, technical issues that the president cares mightily about but few on Capitol Hill even understand. Indeed, the GOP leadership seems to have virtually abandoned education, apparently concluding that it cannot outgun or outmaneuver the White House and its powerful allies in the school establishment. On issues far larger than testing, the GOP has already yielded to the administration. The pending appropriations bill, for example, would more than double funding for the genuinely destructive bilingual education program.

Bad Advice

Pundits and business spokesmen, meanwhile, are giving bad advice, urging Congress simply to get on with the president's well-intended initiative. They evidently haven't read the test "specs" and they dismiss the governance issues as "details." Yet if we are to have national testing, it's precisely these details that matter most. The crucial questions about any test are who decides what's on it, and who sets the standards by which student performance is judged.

If the House and Senate cannot make sure that sound answers to such questions are enshrined in law, the country would be better off without the tests. But that's not apt to happen either. Keeping this project alive is hugely important to Mr. Clinton, and the GOP leadership would rather create a bad program than risk defeat on a showdown vote. So the president will likely have his way, or close to it. Bad national tests will proceed. A weak NAGB will provide political cover. And true education reform will again be dealt a setback by Uncle Sam.

Mr. Finn is a fellow at the Hudson Institute and a former assistant secretary of education.

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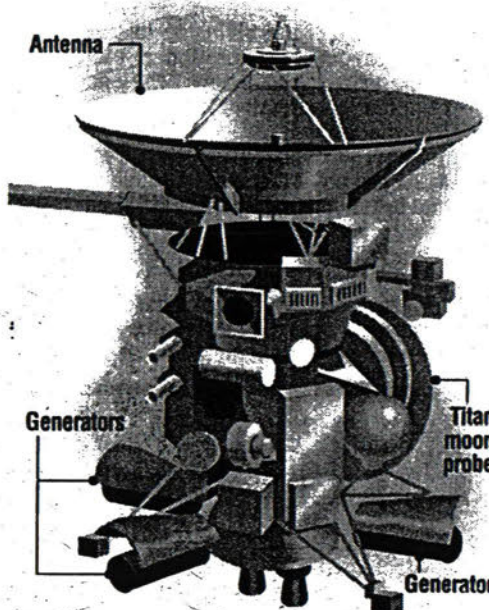
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ODAY • TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1997

Too far from the sun for solar power

The nuclear-powered Cassini spacecraft is to be launched Oct. 6 atop an unmanned Titan 4 rocket from Florida's Kennedy Space Center. It is scheduled to fly by Venus and then reach Saturn in 2004. Because Saturn is so far from the sun, nearly 1 billion miles, Cassini uses radioactive material rather than solar panels to provide power for its instruments. The Cassini is carrying about 72 pounds of plutonium, the most ever sent into space on a single mission.



Sources: NASA, Energy Department

The mission

The \$3.4 billion Cassini is to fly by Venus twice, in 1998 and 1999, then head back toward Earth in 1999 before setting out for Saturn. It's due to arrive there in July 2004 for a four-year study of the planet, its rings and its moons. The spacecraft carries a European-built probe to land on one moon, Titan.

The spacecraft

Height 22 feet
Width 13 feet
Weight 12,593 pounds



About the plutonium

Each of 72 pellets is about the size of a marshmallow and weighs about 1 pound. Each is encased in its own heat shield and a shell designed to withstand the impact of re-entering the atmosphere.

The power generators

- ▶ Each is 4 feet long and 10 inches in diameter.
- ▶ Each contains 24 plutonium-238 dioxide pellets.
- ▶ Each pellet has a surface temperature of 660 degrees. The three generators convert that heat into electricity.

By: Kevin Rechin, USA TODAY

Mir's central computer down again

The erratic central computer aboard Mir shut down early Monday for the third time in recent months.

The shutdown, which interrupted the Russian space station's steering mechanism, was described by NASA spokesman

Kyle Herring as a minor setback. He said the problem should be fixed today.

Mir's latest problem surfaced just as power was steadily growing aboard the station. Mir Commander Anatoly Solovyev and NASA astronaut Mi-

chael Foale conducted a six-hour space walk Saturday to examine the Spektr science lab, which was damaged in a June 25 collision with a cargo ship. During the walk they realigned solar panels in order to collect more electrical power.

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Clinton urged to block N-powered space mission

By Paul D. Oversten
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Warning that an accident could shower millions of people with deadly plutonium, anti-nuclear activists and scientists Monday urged President Clinton to halt next month's launch of the Cassini spacecraft to Saturn.

"We're playing Russian roulette with the people of Earth," said Michio Kaku, a physicist at City University of New York.

The robotic spacecraft, named for 17th century Italian-born astronomer Gian Domenico Cassini, who discovered a narrow gap between Saturn's rings, is due to be launched Oct. 6 atop an unmanned Titan 4 rocket. It carries 72 pounds of radioactive plutonium-238 pellets. Plutonium, the deadliest substance known, is lethal if it is pulverized and inhaled.

The plutonium, the largest amount ever flown on a single spacecraft, is needed to generate power for Cassini because Saturn's great distance from the sun — nearly a billion miles — makes using solar energy impractical.

Heat from the marshmallow-sized pellets runs electrical generators that power Cassini. The plutonium is contained in-

side a hard graphite shell encased in a heat shield. Tests with explosions and crashes have failed to pulverize the plutonium or even dislodge it from its casing.

NASA says a worst-case accident with Cassini — either an explosion on the launch pad or re-entry into Earth's atmosphere — would expose fewer than 100,000 people to plutonium. Even then, the risk of health effects would be small.

A person living for 50 years on Earth would be exposed to 15,000 millirems — a unit of radioactivity — from natural sources such as the sun and cosmic radiation. A worst-case accident with Cassini would add just 2 millirems over that half-century.

Kaku called those estimates wildly unrealistic. "Pure guesswork masquerading as physics," he said.

NASA and the Department of Energy, which safeguards nuclear materials, say outside experts who assessed the mission have said it is safe.

By law, the White House must give formal approval for the launch of any nuclear-powered space mission.

White House science adviser Jack Gibbons is expected to recommend to Clinton before

the end of September that Cassini be launched as planned.

For nearly four decades, nuclear materials have powered spacecraft to the distant planets and beyond. Twenty-six U.S. missions have had plutonium as their power source since 1960. The Russians also use plutonium.

Three U.S. missions met with disaster, including Apollo 13 in 1970. The crew used the lunar lander as a "lifeboat" to return to Earth after an explosion damaged the main craft en route to the moon.

The lander, which contained eight pounds of plutonium, fell harmlessly into the South Pacific ocean off Tonga.

Another nuclear-powered spacecraft, Nimbus B-1, blew up shortly after launching from California's Vandenberg Air Force Base in 1968.

Its four pounds of uranium survived intact and fell into 300 feet of water in the Santa Barbara channel. The uranium was retrieved later and put on another spacecraft.

Other nuclear-powered spacecraft went off without a hitch and continue to operate today. Galileo, which was launched in 1989 with a then-record 48 pounds of plutonium, still is studying Jupiter.

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Rev. Milton E. Jordan is pleased you and Mrs. Clinton were at funeral for Justice Brennan. He and the Justice would often speak about the political situations for you and the nation. He had the strongest confidence in your leadership. You were for him a superb Democrat and your youthfulness tickled his own desires for excitement and challenge. May the Lord continue to bless you and the extraordinary work He has called you to do.

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REVEREND MILTON E. JORDAN

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August 6, 1997

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President William and Mrs. Hilary Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President and Mrs. Clinton,

Thank you for being present with us at the funeral liturgy for Justice William Brennan. Mary, along with Bill's children, was genuinely touched by your warmth and personal concern for them. Mr. President, your remarks about the impact of Justice Brennan on you and your life were precisely what I had hoped you would share with us during your eulogy for the man.

* The Justice and I would often speak about the political situations that exist for you, Mr. President, and the nation. He had the strongest confidence in your leadership. You were for him a superb Democrat and your youthfulness tickled his own desires for excitement and challenge.

It was an honor for me to be asked by the Justice to be the celebrant at his funeral. The Justice had helped me in 1968, during my Jesuit days, when I was doing a thesis for my Master's Degree. Ours will always be a treasured friendship.

Meeting you both in the Cathedral rectory was an honor. I called Bobby and Patty McDonough and shared with them that I had mentioned our relationship to you, Mrs. Clinton. Of course Bobby commented that he knew my remarks about himself had to be superior. Typical Bobby! No wonder he has been a First Lady's man so often!

I do hope our paths cross again some time. My prayer for you is that the Lord will continue to shower His blessings on each of you and the extraordinary work He has called you to do for this nation.

Cordially,



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Mary Ault sends The Gilmer Mirror with article and picture of your
Uncle Buddy and Aunt Ollie. They will always hold a special place
in her heart. *AME*

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Mary Ault
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August 7, 1997

The White House
The President of The United States
President Bill Clinton

Dear Bill,

I appreciate your letter of
July 22, 1997, concerning your
Uncle Buddy and Aunt Ollie.

Enclose is a newspaper, The
Gilmer Mirror, from my hometown,
with an Article and picture of your
Uncle Buddy and Aunt Ollie.

A friend of mine, Betty Cook, who
is a writer for The Gilmer Mirror,
wrote the Article, in tribute to
Oren and Ollie. They will always
hold a special place in my heart.

From one small town in Texas,
to the small town of Hope, Arkansas,
this is my tribute to, two of the
most wonderful people, who ever
lived there - Oren and Ollie Grisham,

Sincerely,
Mary Ault

\$193,183; the STARNET Consortium, which includes Harmony, will receive \$700,000; and \$1 million will go to Union Grove ISD, Big Sandy ISD, Winona ISD and Hawkins ISD.

communications equipment, as well as costs of installation and cable systems.

The grants are to provide funds for integrating the Internet into the curriculum

public schools, not-for-profit health care providers, higher education institutions and public libraries develop their telecommunications capabilities.

and Pacific railway depot, no longer used for passenger service, is being transformed into a museum that will add to Harrison County's already great tourism appeal. With

Woman meets President

By BETTY COOK

Mary Denton Ault of Longview was recently delighted to be able to visit with President and Mrs. Bill Clinton while in Hope, Ark., to attend the funeral of a dear friend, Henry Oren Grisham. But the occasion was especially meaningful to Mrs. Ault because President Clinton, who gave the eulogy for Mr. Grisham, quoted a statement she had made prior to the service.

"I told President Clinton that Oren Grisham was the salt of the earth and the spice of life. Hillary nodded in full agreement," Mrs. Ault said.

Mrs. Ault first met Oren Grisham and his wife Ollie in March of 1983, while in Hope with her sister and brother-in-law, Emma and Earl Warren of Kelsey, researching their Grisham family lineage.

"They welcomed us with open arms and invited us to spend the night," Mrs. Ault said.

During the visit the Grishams shared all their Grisham family genealogy with their visitors. They also told them about their

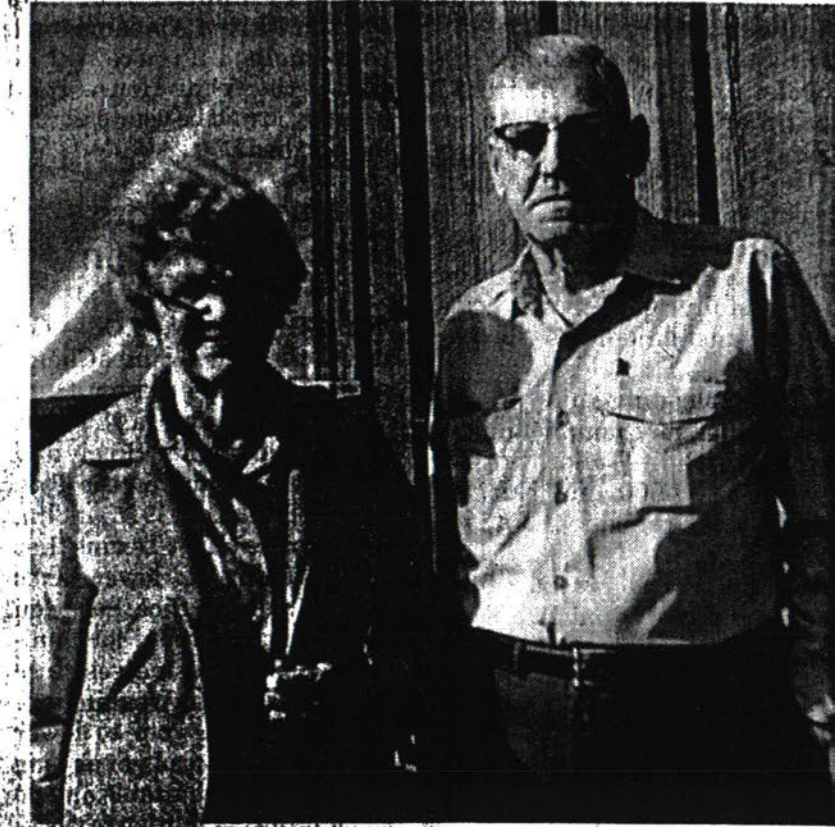
great nephew, Bill Clinton, the governor of Arkansas.

But even though there was a strong family resemblance, they were unable to connect their family lineage. However they became very close friends, and continued to correspond.

"When Bill Clinton ran for President in 1992 he campaigned in Tyler and I had the opportunity to shake his hand," Mrs. Ault said. "I told him I thought our families were related, and that my grandmother was Mary Eliza Grisham. He replied that he had just visited with his great aunt, Opal Grisham, at a nursing home in Waco on his way to Tyler.

"Then on Sept. 27, 1996, while President Clinton was campaigning in Longview, I handed him my husband, B.A. Ault's business card, with seven generations of President Clinton's Grisham lineage written on the card, along with my grandmother's name, birth, and death date.

"Soon after, on Oct. 9, I received a personal, handwritten letter with the Presidential gold



OLLIE AND OREN GRISHAM

seal from President Clinton with his personal signature. I was amazed that he would take the time from his busy campaign

schedule and Presidential responsibilities to write me a letter. Besides, when I handed him

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Economic uptrend continues

The city of Gilmer continues in an uptrend in terms of

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the county's half-cent sales tax

raised its sales tax rate from 1.0 to 1.5 percent.)

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In the letter he wrote of Oren Grisham, saying, "He is a wonderful man who helped raise me when I was very young. I am always eager for any new information on that side of my family."

In March of this year Mrs. Ault received a letter from Carolyn Huber, Special Assistant to the President, requesting any further information she might have about President Clinton's family.

During the years since 1983

Juries chosen for two trials

Juries were chosen this week for two felony trials in 115th District Court, said Upshur County Asst. District Attorney Angela Norton Thursday.

In addition, three persons were placed on felony probation by 115th District Judge Lauren Parish.

According to Ms. Norton the juries were picked for the Aug. 6 trial of Timothy Dale Bishop, 39, of Gladewater, charged with burglary of a building and for the Aug. 13-14 trial of a 33 year-old Mt. Pleasant woman charged with indecency with a child. Both defendants are represented by attorney Clifton "Scrappy" Holmes of Longview.

Judge Parish placed Jerry Wayne Skinner, 48, of Gilmer on five years non-adjudicated probation and fined \$500. He pled no contest to tampering with a government record.

Skinner, who operated a vehicle inspection facility, Skinner's Radiator Shop at which an inspection sticker was placed in 1992 on a vehicle which would not pass inspection.

No final conviction will appear on Skinner's record if he successfully completes the terms of the non-adjudicated proba-

Mrs. Ault had continued to correspond with the Oren Grisham family in Hope, and had grown very close to them. They had written to her saying that President Clinton had sent them a copy of the card that she had given him.

When Mrs. Ault received a call from Oren Grisham's daughter, Falba Lively, on June 23 informing her of Mr. Grisham's death, she was crushed, since she and her sister Emma had bonded so closely with the family.

Ollie Gurteene Horton Grisham, his wife of 64 years, had preceded him in death.

Mrs. Ault sat with the family during the funeral service. "They are a wonderful, wonderful family. It is a privilege to know them, and to be accepted as part of their family," she said.

"As we drove to the cemetery children along the way had made signs, saying 'We love you, Mr. President.'"

Oren Grisham was laid to rest beside his parents, Lemma Newell "Lem" Grisham and Edna Erle Adams Grisham, and his beloved wife Ollie.

She added that law-enforcement officers were out in full force during the time she was in Hope, with members of the Secret Service, Highway Patrol, and Police Department on every corner. Special Security Guards manned with 2-way radios were a common sight.

The family was escorted to the funeral service and gravesite in special limousines by members of the Secret Service.

"My grandson, Joshua Stephen Ault of Alabama said, 'Grandmother, if you're ever invited to the White House, can I go with you and be your escort?'" she laughed.

Chamber honors Rep. Max Sandlin

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Women's softball league organizing

By PHILLIP WILLIAMS

The new Gilmer Women's Softball League, which is open to teams from any city or county, is now organizing, said founder and director Marlene Hubbard.

The league, which already has three teams, begins play Tuesday and will play on Tuesdays through September at the Yamboree Grounds, said Mrs. Hubbard.

Team entry fee for the league, which is for slow-pitch underhand softball, is \$275 and members must be age 18 or older. A minimum of 13 players is recommended for a team, but there is no maximum, Mrs. Hubbard said.

Tuesday's opener pits "Yeah Right" against "The Hoku's" (Hawaiian for "the stars"), said Mrs. Hubbard, who directed a 12-team league in Honolulu. Pre-game ceremonies begin at 6:15 p.m.

The league's current other team is "Whatever."

Trophies will be awarded the league's first, second and third place teams, and most valuable player will be chosen, Mrs. Hubbard said.

More information is available by calling her at 797-2543.

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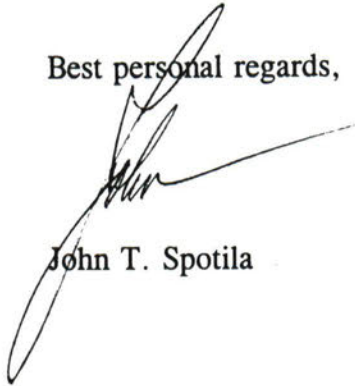
Nancy Hernreich
Deputy Assistant to the President
First Floor, West Wing
The White House

Dear Nancy:

My brother, Jim, has asked me to pass along to the President a note updating him on the status of the leatherback turtle preserve he helped Jim get established in Costa Rica, along with a personal note commending him for his leadership in expanding NATO (enclosed). I would very much appreciate it if you could give these materials to him; my sense is that he would be pleased to see them.

Thank you once more for all of your help.

Best personal regards,



John T. Spotila



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Dear Mr. President:

I wanted to take a moment to express a special **thank you** for your leadership in bringing Hungary, Poland, and the Czech Republic into NATO. Among the many fine things you have accomplished as President, few have been as important as this. You know how close to my heart the leatherback turtle is, and how much I appreciate your personal help to save that species. You also know how much the American people appreciate what you have done to restore hope to ordinary people. However, if righting the wrongs done to these nations at the end of World War II was the only thing you had done as President, I would still be very proud to have been there to help you from the start of the '92 campaign. My relatives in Cleveland, my unknown relatives in Eastern Europe, and my friends in that region will long remember your noble action.

Best personal regards,

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Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your note of June 9. I am glad you had such a good trip to Costa Rica. Enclosed please find copies of two articles on the leatherbacks at Las Baulas which mention your personal involvement in the establishment of the park. It is always gratifying to see you get proper credit for your positive actions.

Unfortunately, the leatherback turtle population at Las Baulas is declining rapidly. Despite our best efforts in establishing the park in law two years ago, the situation is deteriorating. Last year was the worst for leatherbacks since protection started at Playa Grande over ten years ago. There were only 123 turtles at Playa Grande and 25 at nearby Playa Langosta. We believe this rapid decline is due primarily to the poaching of eggs on the beaches, largely because of inadequate supervision of the park areas. The few national park guards on duty have not been effective in protecting the turtles or their nests. Last year almost every nest on Playa Langosta was poached and many, if not most, nests on Playa Grande were poached as well. In addition, tourists appear to have been more disruptive of the turtles than they have been in the past. The low numbers of adults were exacerbated by the El Nino, all contributing to a downward trend like that in Malaysia before its leatherback population disappeared.

If immediate and serious steps are not taken in Costa Rica, the turtles will be gone from Las Baulas in a few years. My colleagues and I have recommended to President Figueres that steps be taken to implement total protection of turtles and nests on all of the Las Baulas beaches.

This is a critical time for Las Baulas Park and I think all the natural systems of Costa Rica. The turtles can still be saved if Costa Rica acts now. Anything you can do to encourage Costa Rica to live up to its conservation responsibilities would be very helpful.

Thank you again for your attention and support.

Best personal regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "James R. Spotila", written over a horizontal line.

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Costa Ricans find profit in save-the-turtles effort

By Bonnie DeSimone
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

LAS BAULAS MARINE NATIONAL PARK, Costa Rica—Where there once were millions, there are now thousands, but hatching season on Playa Grande is still an impressive sight.

Baby leatherback turtles, no bigger around than the palm of a hand, nose their way out of eggs buried past the high-tide mark on the beach and shuffle awkwardly toward the sea on tiny flippers. Once in the water, the males will never touch land again. The females, grown as large as 800 pounds and guided by an extraordinary homing mechanism, will return in 8 to 10 years to nest and start the cycle again.

This nightly miracle takes place close to the hotel where

■ In Central America, Clinton pushes free trade. Page 4.

Jeiner Vallejos mixes drinks for the tourists who have made their way to this remote Pacific Ocean beach. Vallejos grew up in a nearby village, and he remembers when the turtle eggs were a dietary staple. Whisk them up with garlic, onion, bell pepper and a little oregano, fry them in oil and presto: endangered species omelet.

"Back then we didn't realize," said Vallejos, 21. "Now they're seeing fewer and fewer turtles."

These days, Vallejos and other residents are part of the effort to protect the leatherbacks at Playa Grande, which is a microcosm of the fragile and sometimes uneasy alliance of resi-

SEE TURTLES, BACK PAGE



Photo by Michael Justice/The Image Works

The placid leatherback turtle can grow to an awesome size. At a threatened nesting site in Costa Rica, onetime egg hunters and developers are learning how to profit from preservation—through eco-tourism.

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Turtles: Through eco-tourism, Costa Rica's awesome leatherback turtles show signs of rebounding after years of abuse.

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dents, politicians, developers and conservationists behind the trendy term "eco-tourism."

Residents had to be persuaded that the turtles were worth enough as a tourist attraction to stop harvesting eggs. The conservationists, in turn, hope tourists will be enchanted by the nesting and hatching rituals and carry the save-the-turtles gospel back home.

Yet development and tourism, without rigorous controls, pose a serious threat to the turtles' survival. And the controls are up to the underfunded and understaffed Costa Rican park system. National parks occupy nearly one-fifth of the country's land area.

Scientists who have invested years in studying the Playa Grande turtles recognize balance is the key: allowing enough visitors to nourish a local industry while ensuring that humans don't threaten the existence of the world's heaviest reptile. (An adult male leatherback can approach 9 feet in length; the heaviest on record weighed in at 2,120 pounds.)

"I want the tourists to fall in love with the turtles and the natural system down there. But if they don't fall in love with it in the right way, it'll wind up like Miami Beach," said Frank Paladino, biology department chairman at Indiana-Purdue University.

Several groups, including U.S.-based Earthwatch, have funded research and sent hundreds of volunteers to patrol the beach. When legislation creating the national park seemed stalled in Costa Rican politics, professor James Spotila of Drexel University, a foremost U.S. expert on leatherbacks, wrote Pres-

ident Clinton asking for help.

Clinton made a personal pitch to Costa Rica's government, and whether for that reason or others, the law establishing Las Baulas finally passed in mid-1995. Developers now are required to leave a 165-foot of dunes and vegetation near most leatherback nests.

Clinton returns to the issue on Friday, when he visits another Costa Rican nature preserve, Braulio Carrillo National Park, at the conclusion of a Central American summit in nearby San Jose.

The park chosen for the president's visit is home to some 6,000 species of trees, 500 types of birds and 135 mammals, including monkeys, jaguars, puma and deer. Clinton is expected to plead for protecting Braulio Carrillo National Park, just as he did for Playa Grande, a still-unspoiled jewel on the western edge of the Nicoya Peninsula.

Much of the land fronting the turtle beach once was owned by Robert Vesco, a controversial financier and crony of President Richard Nixon. Vesco had a private airstrip there so he could wing away on short notice whenever he got word that a lawman or a journalist was bumping along the rutted dirt road to look him up.

Today, paved roads come within a few miles of the area, several vacation homes and two hotels front the beach, and a resort and golf course are minutes away.

In the 1970s and '80s, as many as 100 adult female leatherbacks lumbered out of the water some nights in the nesting season, which starts in October and tapers off by the spring equinox in March. The turtles returned six or seven times a season, laying 80 eggs at a time.

The eggs didn't stay long. Locals nicknamed *hueveros*—egg men—marked their territories on the beach, collected their booty and sold it for an average of \$5 a nest to baked-goods companies. Youths such as Vallejos scooped eggs out of the sand and took them home. The law against harvesting was widely ignored.

Nor were the mother turtles left in peace. To local youths, leatherbacks were only slightly more exotic than dogs or goats.

Marlan Pastor, a Costa Rican whose family vacationed in the area, recalls the indignities.

"It was a tradition for us to ride the turtles or to lead them around with a flashlight," she said. "They're sensitive to light. They follow it."

When the first eco-tourists began showing up on Playa Grande, the *hueveros* sensed opportunity and began offering guided tours during nesting season. There, the mistreatment of the turtles often continued.

Cantinas and hotels multiplied in the town of Tamarindo, which faces Playa Grande on a spit of land to the south across a small estuary.

They cast an artificial glow toward the nesting beach, luring the hatchlings the wrong way. Lights from homes on Playa Grande caused the same problem.

Not that the turtles were safe once they reached the water. Adult leatherbacks frequently are caught in commercial fishing nets. They choke, and often die, on plastic bags, which they mistake for jellyfish, their main source of food.

Adult turtles are difficult to track and study because of their vast range, ability to dive deep and aversion to captivity. But the babies could be counted, and by the mid-1980s, aggressive harvesting and uncontrolled tourism had cut the birth rate to almost nil.

Alarmed, Pastor joined with American expatriate Louis Wilson. The two began lobbying local resi-

dents to become part of the solution. They also own and operate the oldest hotel on the beach, whose dim outdoor lighting is part of its eco-conscience.

They visited town meetings, where resistance to their conservation message initially was strong. But Pastor and Wilson made an economic appeal, touting the turtles as the area's strongest draw. They backed up their philosophy by hiring locals who once depended on egg-harvesting for income and educating them about the animals.

"I was in the kitchen the other day with one of our cooks, talking with her while she was chopping," said Pastor. "She was thinking out loud, and she said, 'So you mean, the eggs are more valuable on the beach than in our stomachs? And because they're here, the tourists come, and that's why we're here?'"

"I had goosebumps. I felt like grabbing her and saying, 'You got it! You finally got it!'"

Eco-tourism has become important in Costa Rica's economy because of its amazingly varied topography and species. Tourism surpassed the banana and coffee industries as the nation's largest source of foreign revenue—\$700 million annually—in 1993 after growing 20 percent a year for four straight years.

In the last two years, the number of foreign visitors has leveled off or, according to some figures, dipped. Some tourists cite a park system whose infrastructure hasn't kept up with demand.

The 38-square-mile Cano Negro Wildlife Refuge in north-central Costa Rica has one public telephone and a staff of seven guards. Grazing cattle roam its grounds and boaters dump refuse overboard. Poachers have been caught carrying out sacks of cayman skins. A million-plus tourists in the last decade have overwhelmed the more accessible Manuel Antonio National Park, south of San Jose



on the Pacific. Officials recently banned camping and limited the number of daily visitors.

At Playa Grande, some former *hueveros*, have been trained as guides. But on any given night there might not be anyone watching the park entrance. Some tourists walk the beach with flashlights covered by red cellophane, but others laugh, drink and pay little heed to where they are stepping, which can doom a baby leatherback.

From his bird's eye view at the hotel bar, Vallejos worries that the damage may be irreversible. "I am proud that we have changed our ways, but the problem is that we are losing a good thing," he said.

Statistics on the Playa Grande leatherbacks are bleak at present, but there is reason for hope. Only 30 female leatherbacks come ashore on a good night during the nesting season these days. But about 200,000 eggs will hatch this season. If controls are maintained, Paladino said he is optimistic the adult population will recover.

Even at this low ebb, Playa Grande is still the world's fourth-largest leatherback nesting site and the only major site left in the eastern Pacific. A paper published last year by Paladino and several colleagues put the number of nesting female leatherbacks worldwide at 34,500.

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Raymond C. Fisher thanks you for nominating him as Associate Attorney General. He also commends you and thanks you for the eulogy you gave on behalf of his dear friend and mentor, Justice Brennan.

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Personal

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Dear Mr. President:

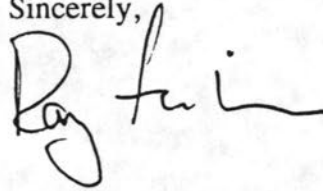
I want to thank you for nominating me as Associate Attorney General. I had hoped to be present at the Wasserman's dinner when you were out here recently so I could express my appreciation in person for the confidence you have shown in me and the courtesy you extended to me during our meeting at the White House.

I also want to commend and thank you for the eulogy you gave on behalf of my dear friend and mentor, Justice Brennan. Nancy and I were able to attend the service on Tuesday, and thought the entire event was a magnificent and moving tribute to the Justice, who would have loved every minute of it. He was a remarkable man, and I thought you and Justice Souter captured his spirit and his importance most eloquently.

President Clinton
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I look forward to being of service to the people of the country in my own limited way at the Justice Department, and I again want to thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Sincerely,

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