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August 20, 1997

The Hon. William J. Clinton
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. President,

I would like to thank you for sending me a copy of your most recent book *"In Between Hope and History"*, which I have thoroughly enjoyed. I would particularly like to commend you for the way you perceive the future of the American people and that of any modern and striving society. I share your concern, that today's world is missing a sense of "belongingness" and, therefore, that values such as responsibility and community are increasingly under threat.

Your thoughts in this book, in line with what you stated in your inauguration as President of the United States, reflect a deep concern on one of the most vexing dilemmas of our time; whether individual success is or not at odds with values such as social cohesion, national unity and community awareness. Indeed, the more sophisticated and diversified a society becomes, as is the case of the United States, this question turns more complex.

In my duties as Foreign Secretary of Mexico, I have often asked myself questions such as the ones you address in your book. Your analysis and particularly your proposals to deal not only with current, but also with future challenges, are especially valuable for all of us in public life.

ANGEL GURRIA
SECRETARIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES
MEXICO

Lastly, I would like to thank you for taking the time to write a few words to me. I keep very fond memories of your recent visit to Mexico and hope that such occasion will be recalled as the beginning of the best part of our mutual friendship and partnership. Having Mrs. Clinton with us in Yucatán and in your visit made it twice as enjoyable.

Please receive Lulu's and my warmest regards and friendship.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Gurria', with a long, sweeping horizontal line above it.

ANGEL GURRIA
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NATIVE VILLAGE OF BARROW INUPIAT TRADITIONAL GOVERNMENT

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Mr. William Jefferson Clinton
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RE: State of Alaska v. Native Village of Venetie, No. 96-1577 in the U. S. Supreme Court

Dear President Clinton,

We request the United States to withdraw the Interior Department Solicitor's Opinion of the former Administration which denies fundamental powers of self-governance to Alaska Tribes, and to file an amicus brief in the United States Supreme Court in support of the Tribe in the Venetie, case.

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The Federal Government stands as the trustee for all Native American Tribes, and the Venetie case demands that the federal government defend the fundamental tribal right of self-determination embraced by Chief Justice Marshall 165 years ago. It has been a basic principle of federal Indian Law for a century and a half that Indian tribes retain their rights and powers unless the Congress expressly terminates these Native rights. Today, the current government position of the United States is on record as supporting the effective termination of 226 Alaska tribes. Virtually, the only difference between the recent and disastrous Narragansett Termination Act and the government's position in the Sansonetti opinion is that the former only devastated one tribe, whereas, the latter could well destroy all Alaska tribes and gravely endanger the rest of the tribes in the United States.

Mr. President, I appeal to you, do not terminate the existence of 40% of the Tribes in the United States.

Sincerely,



Arnold Brower Jr., President.

cc: The Honorable Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior
The Honorable Janet Reno, Attorney General
National Congress of American Indians

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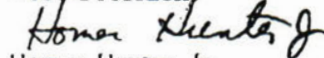
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Mr. President, please do not permit your administration to go down in history as having supported the termination of 40% of the Tribes in the United States.

Sincerely,


Isidore Shelton

Vice-President



Homer Hunter, Jr.

Acting Tribal Administrator

cc. The Honorable Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of Interior
The Honorable Janet Reno, Attorney General

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
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~~With the passing of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the~~
The world ~~has~~ lost one of the giants of our time. ~~She gave~~
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~~comfort~~ *Served* to the poor, the suffering and the dying, and *in so docy*
served as an inspiration and a challenge to all of us.

~~Hers was a ministry of action -- of passion and~~
~~compassion. She led by serving, and showed us the~~
of the ~~stunning power of simple humility. Her unconquerable~~
with the power of her humility
~~faith~~ *she* touched the lives of millions of people, in India, here
in the United States, and all around the world. ~~I had the~~
~~pleasure of meeting Mother Teresa when she came to~~
like we you who ever met her
~~Washington, and I was moved by her conviction and~~
courage.

cc: Laura Capps

THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN
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Hillary had the privilege of working with Mother

Teresa and her community to open a home for abandoned

babies in Washington, and later Hillary and Chelsea had

the opportunity to ^{see} ~~witness firsthand~~ ^{her} ~~the work of Mother~~

~~Teresa~~ and her community in India.

The home for the dying she opened in Calcutta almost

a half century ago is called Nirmal Hriday [*Neer-mahl*

hrih-Die]- "pure heart" -- and if ever there was a pure

heart, it was hers. ~~Mother Teresa is gone,~~ ^{but} ~~but as the~~

^{that} Gospels teach us, ~~these things~~ endure: faith, hope and

^{given} love. She had them in abundance. They will stay with us
always.

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Union Chief Criticizes Pupil Promotion Policy

By ETHAN BRONNER

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 — Seeking to sharpen the debate over national educational testing, Sandra Feldman, the new president of the American Federation of Teachers, assailed today what she called the "rampant" policy of promoting unprepared pupils to the next grade.

Speaking to the National Press Club in what was effectively her Washington political debut, Ms. Feldman presented the results of the union's survey of policies in 85 school districts nationwide, including the 40 largest ones. The study contends that while none of the districts have an official policy of "social promotion," the practice is common.

"Almost all districts say that holding students back must be the option of last resort, which is a clear message to promote socially, and many of them also put explicit limits on retaining students, which is another clear message to promote socially," she said.

Adding her support to President Clinton's campaign for voluntary national tests for fourth-grade reading and eighth-grade math skills, Ms. Feldman said the real reason youngsters can be pushed through a school system without acquiring basic skills is that "there are no agreed-upon standards defining what students should know and be able to do at various grade levels."

Conservative Republican lawmakers, led by Speaker Newt Gingrich, oppose the proposed tests, dismissing them as the meddling of Washington bureaucrats who fail to respect local control of schools and districts.

The Senate and the House could vote soon on spending bills that would include money to develop the tests proposed by President Clinton.

Ms. Feldman challenged such critics, saying: "What are they afraid of? Why are we afraid to take a look across the states at our districts and see how our kids are doing?"

The survey "Passing on Failure: District Promotion Policies and Practices," presented by Ms. Feldman, found that not only was social promotion common but most districts had no remedial policy for students who were failing.

"Only about 15 percent mention tutoring and only about 13 percent mention alternative programs and strategies, such as transitional classes, extended instructional time, customized instructional programs or other supportive services," she said, referring to the districts' written policies.

Ms. Feldman was also critical of those districts that simply hold students back without taking additional steps to help them succeed. She said

the survey found that 15 percent to 19 percent of students nationwide repeated a grade annually. The school districts surveyed serve more than a third of public school students.

She congratulated some school districts, including the Chicago district, that have officially ended social promotion. But she said that for other schools, promoting and holding students back do not address the problem of how to insure they acquire basic skills.

"The fact is, neither social promotion nor retention is the answer, if the answer we're seeking is getting kids to achieve," she said. "In fact, throughout the 20th century, we've swung like a pendulum between these two policy approaches to student progression and neither policy has done the job."

She urged that a policy of "intensive care" for at-risk students be used to intervene long before the school must choose whether to hold back or promote students. She pointed to school districts, notably those of Cincinnati, Albuquerque, N.M., and Corpus Christi, Tex., which attempt to identify problem students early and offer them special classes.

Ms. Feldman is also president of New York City's United Federation of Teachers, a post she has held since 1986. Last May, she succeeded her mentor, Albert Shanker, as president of the American Federation of Teachers, which with 940,000 members is the second-largest teachers' union after the National Education Association, with 2.2 million members.

The two unions have been in painstaking negotiations over a proposed merger, which Ms. Feldman has said she favors, so that "teachers stop fighting each other." She acknowledged that joining two enormous organizations, despite much common ground, was complicated.

Ms. Feldman referred today, as she does often, to her own years in public school in Coney Island, the daughter of a milkman and a bakery clerk. She grew impassioned today about the poor, saying, "Not only was I one of them, but I've spent my entire adult life among them."

She also said that well-educated, well-trained teachers were needed nationwide and should be placed in every classroom, "but especially in the classrooms of our neediest and most vulnerable children."

Those who thought only young untrained college graduates were needed to teach reading were wrong, Ms. Feldman said.

"It's as dumb and cruel to expect someone, even a brilliant, young Americorps type, to go in and do that with at-risk kids without proper training," she said, "as it would be to think one of us could take out another's appendix, armed only with good will, a workshop and the advice of a few books."

Talks Resume In Walkout In Bay Area

By The New York Times

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 9 — Tens of thousands of commuters spent a second day yesterday searching for new ways around the San Francisco Bay Area, which has been tied in knots by a strike by workers on the Bay Area Rapid Transit system.

In the elevators of skyscrapers and in line for lattes, the strike has been a leading topic of conversation among workers downtown.

"I keep hearing people joke about sleeping over at the office," said Angela L. Carsner, who works for an environmental consulting firm in San Francisco.

At the same time, union leaders and transit officials said they would resume formal talks tonight in an effort to resolve the three-day-old railway strike.

After meeting informally with leaders from the two striking unions and top-ranking BART officials, the San Francisco Mayor, Willie L. Brown Jr., announced at a news conference that both sides would return to the bargaining table at 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Brown declined to elaborate on the content of the discussions except to say he was pleased.

The popularity of BART, which carries riders on 270,000 trips a day, is something of an anomaly in California, a state of broad freeways people strongly attached to their cars.

BART workers went on strike on Sunday morning, calling for higher wages and an end to their two-tier system of employment. Under the system, it takes new workers six years to reach journeyman status and their earnings are limited to 90 percent of those of their colleagues hired before Jan. 1, 1995.

BART officials offered to do away with the system and allow workers to receive top salaries after four or five years, depending on the job. They also offered a 3 percent raise each year for three years.

Union members rejected the \$28 million package last week, saying that the 3 percent raise was too little and that four or five years was too long to wait to earn a full salary.

The New York Times

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1997

JIM DORSKIND:

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WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 11, 1997

Elizabeth C. Burks
3901 Cedar Hill #24
Little Rock, Arkansas 72202

Dear Liz:

Thanks for your letter. It was good to hear from you.

I was really sorry to hear about your experience with Harold Ives Trucking and your subsequent unemployment. I know how hard you worked for the company and how disappointed you must be. Thanks for sending your resumé to me -- I'll pass it along.

Stacey seems to be on the right track in seeking a position at the TVA. It's frustrating, I know, that she's been unemployed for several months, but with Art Monroe helping she's bound to find something worthwhile.

Thanks for inviting me to golf with you at Diamante. I'm not certain yet what my schedule will hold, but I'd love to.

In any case, Hillary and I will hope to see you soon. Keep your chin up, and keep writing us!

Sincerely,

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501-666-2960

29 August 1997

Dear Hillary + Bill,

Have put off writing this for a while, but decided to write to let you know what's going on with me. I'll try to be brief.

Harold Ives hired a new man to help run the company for him. He decided I was not needed at the company - lowered my pay from \$39,000 to \$24,000, cancelled the magazine I was doing for the company, etc. To make a long story short, my 10 years with Harold Ives ended on April 2nd. I'm on unemployment benefits until the middle of November. I've applied for several jobs, but no luck yet. I've talked with Skip Rutherford and Pat Forrester about the Clinton Library, but haven't received any indications of openings yet. With a little over 2 years in state government, it would be nice to get back on there.

Enough of that. Stacy moved to Nashville in May. She's now a member of the North Carolina and Tennessee bars. She really wants to be hired by the TVA. Art Monroe has been very helpful in opening doors for her at the Tennessee Valley Authority, but she hasn't been hired yet. They've indicated that they might start an

International Economic Development area. Having been unemployed since February, she's had to put her law school loans on hold. She's really a great gal. Can you believe she's 31? She's looking at some law firms in Nashville, but really wants to go with the TVA.

Of the 3 of us, Clint's the only one with a job. Who'd thought that 10 years ago! His wife, Romi, is getting her PhD in marine biology at Notre Dame and he is manager of a Radio Shack there. I'm very proud of him.

I know you'll be here in September, Bill, and again would love for you to play golf with us at Diamante. It's the 1st course in Arkansas; is at Hot Springs Village (gated community - so security problems lessened) and Gene and I would love for you to play with us. You could invite anyone you'd like to play, but I'm sure my sweet, lovable brother Dan would enjoy playing, also. Let me know, okay?

Thanks for reading my woes!

Love to all -

Liz

Enclosing
my resume

Elizabeth Clinton Burks
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Little Rock, AR 72202
501-666-2960 (home)

Summary of Experience

Directed marketing and public relations efforts for private industry, state agency, and nonprofit organizations.
Designed and placed local and national advertising. Experienced with print and electronic media production.
Coordinated and managed major conferences and events.
Organized and oversaw service programs.
Edited and produced monthly and quarterly magazines, newsletters, and other employee and customer communications including a weekly Fax letter.
Chaired professional and community organizations and projects.
Handled finances for publications and retail operations.
Managed regional marketing and other personnel.
Developed and presented workshops and seminars in marketing and public relations.
Lobbied for transportation industry with Arkansas General Assembly and U.S. Congress.

Employment Experience

- * Director of Marketing Development and Corporate Affairs, Harold Ives Trucking Co., North Little Rock, AR, June 1987--April 1997
- * Special Assistant, Marketing Development and Corporate Affairs, Harold Ives Trucking Co., March--June 1987
- * Coordinator of Special Programs, Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, Little Rock, AR 1986--1987
- * Tourism Development Consultant, Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, Little Rock, AR 1985--1986
- * Instructor in Speech Communication, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 1975-1976

Education

University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Master of Arts, 1969

University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Bachelor of Arts, 1968

Lindenwood College, St. Charles Missouri

Community and Professional Associations

President, Women in Communications, Central Arkansas Chapter.
Board of Directors and Director of Truckload Division, Arkansas Motor Carriers Association. Member of Education Committee and Legislative Committee.
Chairman of Board for three terms, Arkansas Multiple Sclerosis Society.
Publicity Task Force, Arkansas Sesquicentennial Committee.
Staff Coordinator, 1986 Combined Conference of the National Governors' Association, Southern Growth Policies Board, and National Association of State Development Agencies.
Media Coordinator for VIPs in "Fanfare for the Future," Statehood Weekend, Arkansas Sesquicentennial.
Arkansas Representative, Arkansas/South Australia Sesquicentennial Exchange Visit.
Clerk of the Session, Second Presbyterian Church.
Editor, monthly magazine for Junior League of Little Rock.
Chairman, Publicity Committee, Riverfest.
Planned, organized and promoted Mothers' Day Out Program, 2nd Presbyterian Church.
Handled billing for 700 retail accounts for Little Rock Cooks, Junior League of Little Rock cookbook.

Recent Job Description and Responsibilities

Editor, Truck Tracks, company quarterly publication
Design, place and manage all advertising and public relations for the corporation.
Production of driver training, marketing and personnel videotapes.
Responsible for corporate travel in company plane.
Oversee customer database and communications.
Supervise marketing activities of regional managers.
Analyze expenses and recommend cost containment measures.
Oversee advertising and marketing budget.
Manage employee recognition and incentive program.
Responsible for customer appreciation program.
Edit in-house monthly newsletter.
Issue press releases.

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