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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 12-19-97

To: Bob Nash

From: The Staff Secretary

The attached is forwarded for your
information.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 18, 1997

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER (L) FOL
JOHN HILLEY

SUBJECT: Congressional Correspondence on Nominee for
Secretary of the Army

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Purpose

Respond to Representative Edwards who urged you to consider Joe Reeder as Secretary of the Army.

Background

Representative Edwards believes that Mr. Reeder would be an effective choice for Secretary of the Army because he has credibility with uniformed personnel and would provide strong leadership for the Army.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter for Signature
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

Tab A

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Chet:

Thank you for your letter supporting Joe Reeder to be the next Secretary of the Army. I am, of course, familiar with his excellent service as Under Secretary. I am sure also that Secretary Cohen will consider him as he decides whom to recommend to me for this important position.

Thank you again for your advice on this important matter.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Chet Edwards
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Tab B

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November 17, 1997

PLEASE STAFF

11/20/97

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

Dear Mr. President:

As co-chairman of the Army Caucus in the U.S. House, I think it is extremely important that you move quickly to appoint a new Secretary of the Army to replace Togo West. Sara Lister's recent comments that Marines are "extremists", along with deep divisions between the active duty Army and the Army National Guard make it crucial for the Army to have immediate, strong leadership. A lengthy delay could lead to poor morale which would undermine the tremendous effort you have made to develop genuine respect from rank and file Army soldiers.

I would like to present several reasons why I believe Joe Reeder, immediate past Undersecretary of the Army, would be an effective choice.

As a West Point graduate and former Airborne Ranger, Joe Reeder would have instant credibility with Army personnel.

As your Army Undersecretary for four years, Joe developed a positive working relationship with uniformed Army personnel.

Joe Reeder, in supporting Ron Brown's early efforts in behalf of your election in 1992, has shown his loyalty to you, and, I believe, would make your agenda his commitment as Army Secretary.

One final point -- Secretary Togo West and Joe Reeder did not have a good working relationship at the Pentagon. While this would normally be a negative, since Sara Lister and Secretary West were considered a close working team and since Ms. Lister has harmed herself and perhaps done some damage to this Administration by calling Marines "extremists", it might be a plus at this particular time to appoint an Army Secretary that was not seen as part of the West/Lister "team".

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As the representative of the largest populated Army installation in the United States, Ft. Hood, I believe Joe Reeder would help the Army get past its present challenges and be prepared for the 21st century.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chet Edwards".

Chet Edwards
Member of Congress

CE:hs

cc: Erskine Bowles
Bob Nash
Sandy Berger
John Hilley

Army Times
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Category: HEADLINE
Page 3

Reeder Resigns As Army Undersecretary

By Sean D. Naylor

The Army announced Aug. 26 that undersecretary Joe Reeder will resign by Oct. 1.

Reeder's resignation will end a four-year tenure during which the 1970 U.S. Military Academy graduate earned high marks from soldiers, but was excluded from Army Secretary Togo West's inner circle, according to current and former Army officials.

In a letter released to the media, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Dennis Reimer paid tribute to Reeder's efforts on behalf of soldiers.

"I hope you will take pride in knowing that, through your service, you have made the Army better," Reimer wrote. "You will be missed by all of us who worked with you, and it has been a privilege to serve with you."

Popular beyond Pentagon

Reeder's popularity with those in uniform extends beyond the Pentagon. He earned a Ranger tab and served two years in the 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., and has spent much of his time as undersecretary visiting Army installations. When on post, he

makes a point to mix with soldiers, often doing PT with them, according to one officer.

In 1972, the Army sent Reeder to law school, after which he served as an Army lawyer until 1979, when he left the service to join the prestigious Washington, D.C., law firm of Patton, Boggs & Blow. In 1983, he became a partner in the firm.

A conservative Democrat, Reeder was one of several candidates for the Army secretary job after Bill Clinton won the 1992 presidential election, according to several current and former service officials. However, in what one Army insider called "a compromise" arrangement, Clinton appointed West as secretary and Reeder as No. 2.

The relationship between the Army's two senior political appointees has been chilly at best, according to many current and former Army officials.

Officers with recent experience in the Pentagon said West had frozen Reeder out of the decision-making process on most important issues, preferring to rely on the advice of Sara Lister, assistant secretary of the Army for manpower and reserve affairs. West and Lister had worked together in the Pentagon during the Carter administration and was in private law practice during the 1980s.

Differing opinions

In response to a request for comment from West, the Army issued a statement criticizing Army Times for "tabloid-type ad-hominem attacks on senior active and retired Army officials...."

"The secretary and the undersecretary have had a remarkably enduring relationship, working together for a virtually unprecedented four years," the statement reads. "To comment further would do a disservice to their achievements and undeservedly dignify an article of this nature."

In an Aug. 28 letter to Army Times, Reeder notes that he and West "have one of the most enduring relationships in federal government today...."

"In the course of this tenure, Togo and I obviously haven't agreed on all issues," Reeder wrote. "Without exception, however, we have endeavored to resolve all differences professionally and privately. Candid exchange of viewpoints has led to better decisions, and the Army has benefited from that."

"All of us in the Army respect the Secretary of the Army's prerogatives to make the ultimate decisions, and those decisions have been fully supported in all respects," Reeder's letter says.

But several officers said West had tried to "emasculate" Reeder, denying him the traditional authority that went with his position.

Other officers and former Army officials, however, noted West was within his rights to define the undersecretary's job as he wished.

Nevertheless, the internal dynamics of the secretariat frustrated some Army staffers who felt more at home dealing with Reeder than with most of the other political appointees.

"Joe Reeder is a try-to-win sort of guy," said one of these officers. "His heart is with the Army."

A former senior member of the Army staff described Reeder as "outstanding," adding that despite Reeder's differences with West, or perhaps because of them, the undersecretary has earned the admiration of the Army officers in the Pentagon.

"[He] serves [the Army] very well, and that's recognized and respected," the staff member said.

All of which made Army staffers doubly uncomfortable with Togo West's attitude toward Reeder.

"His treatment of Joe Reeder is something that nobody should be subjected to," said the former senior Army staffer.

Second-longest tenure

Despite his difficulties with West, Reeder's almost four years as undersecretary represent the second-longest tenure for anybody in that position.

"I don't know how [Reeder's] done it," said a colonel with recent experience on the Army staff. "It's been four years of hell [for] him. Relations between the secretary and the undersecretary are almost non-existent.... [West and his loyalists] work very hard to isolate Mr. Reeder from the rest of the Army."

The former senior member of the Army staff attributed Reeder's staying power to his love of the service.

"Joe Reeder's concern for the Army is what's kept him there," he said. "It's unfortunate because he has so much to offer and has been given very little opportunity to contribute."

In his Aug. 25 letter of resignation to West, Reeder said he was formalizing a decision he had conveyed already to West and Defense Secretary William Cohen this spring: to resign by Oct. 1, unless a successor is confirmed before that date. "I'm grateful for the opportunity the president and the Senate gave me in November 1993 to work for America's soldiers and with many dynamic leaders, in uniform and civilian," Reeder wrote. "I cannot adequately express my respect for their professionalism, fortitude and selfless service.... Today's Army is the best in our nation's history."

West's letter of reply, also dated Aug. 25, said: "All of us who have served with you in the Army family appreciate your efforts on behalf of our soldiers. You have worked tirelessly,

and our soldiers, their families and our country have been the beneficiaries."

The Army also released an Aug. 25 letter of praise to Reeder from Cohen. Upon his resignation, Reeder will return as a partner to his former law firm.

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HONORARY PARTICIPATION REQUEST

Please return to Woyneab Wondwossen, Room 93

Today's Date: December 16, 1997

Date of Request: 11/24/97
Request for: POTUS/FLOTUS
Type of Request: Honorary Patrons
Requestor Name: Ms. Evelyn H. Lauder
Title: President
Address: Breast Cancer Research Foundation
40th Floor
767 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10153

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Contact Tel. #: 212/572-4227
Event Date: 1/14/97
Event Description: 1998 Gala Benefit

Notes: Founded in 1993, the BCRF is a non-profit national foundation committed to raising funds for breast cancer research. This gala will feature a preview performance of the Broadway musical "Ragtime," benefitting research programs for the year 1998. Various elected officials and former First Ladies Ford and Reagan have been asked to serve as Honorary Co-Chairs. The President and First Lady served in 1995; and in 1996 and 1997 the President regretted and the First Lady accepted.

The President should REGRET; The First Lady should ACCEPT.

Recommendations:

MV _____ TS _____
(Unless otherwise noted, a yes answer will automatically generate a message as well as acceptance of the honorary position).

Comments:

OK 12/14/97

Scheduling
1/14/98
cc: Don Burkhardt

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November 12, 1997

President and Mrs. Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President and Mrs. Clinton:

Your admirable record on women's health issues, and particularly on breast cancer, has moved me to ask you to lend your name to our Honorary Committee for the "RAGTIME" theatre party benefiting THE BREAST CANCER RESEARCH FOUNDATION.

We have taken the entire house for a gala benefit preview performance of the new Broadway musical, "RAGTIME" on January 14, 1998, four days before its opening. This brilliant show, based on E.L. Doctorow's best-selling novel and already acclaimed as "a defining musical for the end of the American Century", will inaugurate the new Ford Center for the Performing Arts on 42nd Street. Our gala evening will begin with an elegant pre-theatre buffet supper, complete with period entertainment, at the Marriott Marquis Hotel, 46th and Broadway. After the performance of "RAGTIME", Sponsors, Vice-Chairs and VIPs will enjoy an exclusive party with the cast at the theatre.

We are also pleased to announce that The Hearst Corporation, The Chase Manhattan Corporation, BLOOMBERG NEWS, Del Laboratories, IDMD Manufacturing and my husband and I have underwritten the entire evening so that all of the proceeds can support our vital work. We hope to raise in excess of \$1,000,000 for the Foundation that evening, enabling us to make yet another quantum leap in our funding for next year.

I and my co-chairs Janet Fisher, Sheila and Tom Labrecque, Karen and William Lauder, Donald Marron, Donna and Bill Acquavella, Jamie Niven, Linda and Dan Wassong, and Gail Hilson hope you will agree to serve on the Honorary Committee for this important event. Your name would lend tremendous weight to our efforts and help with ticket sales. Of course, we would welcome you and a guest to attend on January 14th should your schedule permit.

Since its inception in 1993, the Foundation has made grants of \$3.5 million to support innovative clinical and genetic research into the causes and treatment of breast cancer nationwide. With your help, we hope to raise an additional \$1,000,000 for this vital work from our "RAGTIME" benefit.

I look forward to your response and thank you for everything you have done and continue to do to help eradicate breast cancer as a threat to women everywhere.

Sincerely,

Evelyn H. Lauder
President

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WHAT IS THE BREAST CANCER RESEARCH FOUNDATION?

We are the only national foundation dedicated solely to funding clinical and genetic research into the causes and treatment of breast cancer. Each year, the Foundation makes grants to physicians conducting some of the most innovative and promising investigations in the field.

Since its founding in 1993 by Evelyn H. Lauder, Senior Corporate Vice President of The Estee Lauder Companies Inc., The Breast Cancer Research Foundation has made grants in excess of \$3.5 million. 85% of all money raised goes directly to researchers who are developing more effective, less toxic treatments for women with the disease, and who are unlocking breast cancer's genetic secrets so that a cure can be found.

Our current beneficiary institutions include:

Cancer and Leukemia Group B, Chicago, IL
Principal Investigator: Richard L. Schilsky, MD

Columbia Cancer Research Network of
Florida, Aventura, FL
Principal Investigator: Charles L. Vogel, MD

Georgetown University Medical Center
Vincent T. Lombardi Cancer Research
Center, Washington, DC
Principal Investigator: Marc Lippman, MD

Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN
Principal Investigator: James Ingle, MD

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center,
New York, NY
Principal Investigator: Larry Norton, MD

Swedish Medical Center Tumor Institute,
Seattle, WA
Principal Investigator: Saul E. Rivkin, MD

University of California - San Francisco, CA
Principal Investigator: Craig Henderson, MD

University of North Carolina - Lineberger
Cancer Center, Chapel Hill, NC
Principal Investigator: Shelton Earp, MD

University of Pennsylvania Cancer Center,
Philadelphia, PA
Principal Investigator: Barbara Weber, MD

University of Texas
M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX
Principal Investigator: Gabriel Hortabagyi, MD

University of Washington, Seattle, WA
& Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY
Principal Investigators: Mary-Claire King, MD
and Joan Marks, PhD

The Foundation annually presents The Jill Rose Award, in honor of our late Advisory Board member, to a special researcher doing groundbreaking work in breast cancer research. This year's recipient will be Judah Folkman, MD of Harvard Medical School and Children's Hospital.

The Breast Cancer Research Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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FOR 1997 LUNCHEON/SYMPOSIUM
FOR THE BREAST CANCER RESEARCH FOUNDATION
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Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy

HONORARY PARTICIPATION REQUEST

Please return to Woynab Wondwossen, Room 93

Today's Date: December 15, 1997

Date of Request: 9/25/97
Request for: POTUS
Type of Request: Honorary Chair
Requestor Name: Ms. Gloria Steinem
Title: President
Organization: Voters For Choice
Suite 200
2604 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008
Contact Tel. #: 202/588-5200
Event Date: 1/22/97
Event Description: Benefit Rock Concert

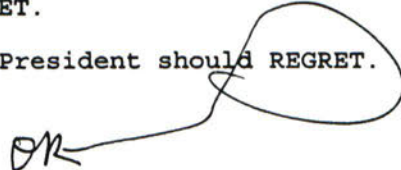
Notes:

Voters For Choice is a national, nonpartisan PAC dedicated to help elect pro-choice candidates. Proceeds from this event, a commemoration of the 25th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, will support the group's initiatives. Several legislators have been asked to serve as members of a Congressional Host Committee. The Counsel's office recommends that the President REGRET.

The President should REGRET.

Recommendation:

TS


(Unless otherwise noted, a yes answer will automatically generate a message as well as acceptance of the honorary position).

Comments:

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9-25-97
July 8, 1997



Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President
United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

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Dear President Clinton,

On behalf of Voters For Choice, the majority of women in this country, their families, and myself, thank you for your unequivocal leadership supporting reproductive freedom. You have made history as the first U.S. President to proudly and publicly support the right to choose. We are honored to have endorsed and supported both of your Presidential campaign efforts.

January 22nd, 1998 is the twenty-fifth anniversary of Roe v. Wade.
Voters For Choice will be sponsoring a series of events around the country to commemorate Roe. In Washington, DC, on the evening of the 22nd, Voters For Choice will host our seventh annual Roe v. Wade benefit rock concert at Constitution Hall.

Here is my question: Would you be willing to serve as the Honorary Chair of and participate in this important anniversary celebration?

Members of Congress, activists, and young people from all over the country attend this annual event, as do representatives from The New York Times, Washington Post and such important news and music media outlets as MTV and Rolling Stone. Our 1993 and 1997 benefit concerts were dedicated to you and celebrated your election to office.

Attached are copies of programs from the past events, which featured Bonnie Raitt, Pearl Jam, Neil Young, Crosby Stills and Nash, Mary Chapin Carpenter, L7, Rickie Lee Jones, Shawn Colvin, Melissa Etheridge, The Indigo Girls, Keb'Mo', Bruce Hornsby, Ani DiFranco, and Joan Osborne.

Your participation would allow us to publicly thank you for being our most important champion. Please have someone on your staff get back to me as soon as you possibly can (my office number is 212-445-6214; my home number is 212-288-0497). I'm keeping my fingers crossed.

Sincerely,


Gloria Steinem

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Two Page Fax To Wanda Wondwossen

Memorandum

To: Wanda Wondwossen
From: Gloria Steinem and Julie Burton
Date: December 8, 1997
RE: *Roe v. Wade* 25th Anniversary

Thank you for reviewing our invitation to President Clinton to serve as the Honorary Chair of our celebration of the 25th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. Attached are responses to your additional questions. Please let us know if you need any other info. We are keeping our fingers crossed.

1-President Clinton is the only individual who has been invited to serve as the Honorary Chair.

2-We do have a Congressional Host Committee, which to date includes the following elected officials: Neil Abercrombie, Gary Ackerman, Tom Allen, John Baldacci, Tom Barrett, Xavier Becerra, Ken Bentsen, Howard Berman, Eddie Bernice-Johnson, Rod Blagojevich, Earl Blumenauer, Sherwood Boehlert, Rick Boucher, Barbara Boxer, Corrine Brown, George Brown, Lois Capps, Benjamin Cardin, Julia Carson, William Clay, Max W. Cleland, Jim Clyburn, John Conyers, Thomas A. Daschle, Danny Davis, Peter Defazio, Diana DeGette, William Delahunt, Rosa DeLauro, Ronald Dellums, Peter Deutsch, Julian Dixon, Christopher J. Dodd, Lloyd Doggett, Calvin Dooley, Richard J. Durbin, Eliot Engel, Anna Eshoo, Lane Evans, Sam Farr, Chaka Fattah, Vic Fazio, Dianne Feinstein, Bob Filner, Barney Frank, Martin Frost, Elizabeth Furse, Benjamin Gilman, John Glenn, Gene Green, James Greenwood, Luis Gutierrez, Tom Harkin, Jane Harman, Earl Hilliard, Maurice Hinchey, Darlene Hooley, Steve Horn, Steny Hoyer, Jesse Jackson Jr., James M. Jeffords, Patrick Kennedy, Joseph Kennedy, Robert Kerrey, John F. Kerry, Carolyn Kilpatrick, Ron Kind, Tom Lantos, Patrick J. Leahy, Carl Levin, Sander Levin, Joseph I. Lieberman, John Lewis, Zoe Lofgren, Nita Lowey, Bill Luther, Carolyn Maloney, Matthew Martinez, Carolyn McCarthy, Jim McDermott, Jim McGovern, Cynthia McKinney, Marty Meehan, Carrie Meek, Robert Menendez, Barbara A. Mikulski, George Miller, Patsy Mink, Jim Moran, Connie Morella, Carol Moseley-Braun, Jerrold Nadler,

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Page Two: Fax to Wanda Wondwossen

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3-The event proceeds will benefit Voters For Choice, the nation's largest independent pro-choice political action committee. We give candidates training, voter identification services, financial assistance, and endorsements. In 1996, our support helped elect eleven additional pro-choice votes to the U.S. House and two additional pro-choice votes to the Senate. Voters For Choice provided more combined financial and independent expenditure assistance to candidates in 1996 than any other national pro-choice political committee (i.e. more support than NARAL, NOW, NWPC, Women's Campaign Fund, or than the Hollywood Women's Political Committee).

HONORARY PARTICIPATION REQUEST

Please return to Woynab Wondwossen, Room 93

Today's Date: December 8, 1997

Date of Request: N/A
Request for: POTUS
Type of Request: Honorary Doctorate
Requestor Name: Professor Menachem Magidor
Title: President
Organization: The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Mount Scopus
Jerusalem 91905, Israel,
Contact Tel. #: N/A
Event Date: N/A
Event Description: 50th Anniversary of Israel celebration

Notes: The Hebrew University has offered the President an Honorary Doctorate to be presented in Washington as part of the 50th Anniversary of Israel celebrations that will be taking place throughout the year. The NSC recommends that the President REGRET.

Recommendation:

TS OK 12/19/97
(Unless otherwise noted, a yes answer will automatically generate a message as well as acceptance of the honorary position).

Comments:

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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November 13, 1997

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR DAN BURKHARDT

FROM: GLYN DAVIES (E) for

SUBJECT: Offer of an Honorary Doctorate to the President
from Hebrew University

Hebrew University has written to offer an honorary doctorate to the President to be presented in Washington as part as of the 50th Anniversary of Israel celebrations that will be taking place throughout the year.

The NSC believes that the offer should be regretted with a letter from Presidential Correspondence.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the proposed response at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Menachem Magidor
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Magidor:

Thank you for your letter offering the President an Honorary Doctorate from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. It is with the deepest regret that I must decline on the President's behalf.

The Hebrew University is respected throughout the world for its commitment to superior education. It has distinguished itself not only through academics, but also through the diverse environment that it creates.

The President joins me in wishing the Hebrew University continued success in its pursuit of excellence.

Sincerely,

Dan Burkhardt
Deputy Assistant to the President and
Director of Correspondence and
Presidential Messages

Professor Menachem Magidor
President
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Mount Scopus
Jerusalem 91905

NOACH DEAR
COUNCILMAN, 44TH DISTRICT

RETURN REPLY TO:

☒ DISTRICT OFFICE
4424 16th AVENUE
BROOKLYN, NY 11204

☐ CITY HALL OFFICE
250 BROADWAY, 22ND FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10007

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
12-19-97

Sandy (cc VP)
I know you did go but
I think we moved so the
meeting - not much business -

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20502

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
12-19-97



NOACH DEAR
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December 18, 1997

President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. President:

I know I've already written you many times about this matter, however it has recently taken on a new level of urgency that requires your immediate attention.

Wherever I go now, I am bombarded with inquiries about my relationship with you and about the Administration's relationship with Israel. A strong and growing undercurrent of criticism against the Administration is running through the Orthodox Jewish community. During the Bush Administration, this negative undercurrent focused sharply on the role of former Secretary of State Baker, just as it is currently focusing on the role of Secretary of State Albright.

I am deeply concerned over the criticism the Administration is receiving. As you know, I would like to arrange a meeting between you and a group of prominent people from around the country who have strong ties to Israel. I suggest you seize this opportunity to explain your position to them, since they could be very helpful to the Administration with regards to Israel.

I am enclosing several relevant articles from different newspapers expressing the current level of disillusionment with the Administration. As you will see, you are receiving criticism from all sides of the political spectrum including the left.

This issue could seriously backfire for the Democratic Party and damage the Vice President's future plans. And the Republicans are making inroads everywhere. Senator D'Amato, for one, could well turn this issue to his advantage. Please take this message to heart and seize the opportunity to make your position known. There is no time to lose in responding to the criticism you are now facing. Let me know when we can arrange this meeting, as we discussed.

Sincerely,

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THE ALBRIGHT - INDYK

**The 80% of American Jews
who supported and voted for Bill Clinton - are now finding -
They may have voted for the
preferred candidate of the PLO and the Arabs**

The guerrilla warfare - and on occasion open warfare - that is now being waged by the **Clinton State Department** against the Democratically elected Government of Israel is:

**"Far more dangerous than that
waged by Bush and Baker."**

(During the Bush - Baker years, there was no 50,000 man PLO/Hamas army entrenched in Gaza and Judea - Samaria)
Bush and Baker may have been against more settlements - but they never jeopardized the very existence of Israel.

**(On the other hand, if Israel loses this war to the
Clinton State Department, Israel could well lose its very life.)**

Albright and Indyk are not only organizing the media against Israel, but through proclamations, overt and naked threats, humiliation of the Prime Minister's office and mobilization of hostile Arab and European forces, are using every weapon at their command to undermine Israel.

Albright and Indyk - in direct contradiction of the expressed will of Congress and the vast majority of the American people consider:

The State of Israel as their personal enemy and the
PLO/Hamas as their personal friends and allies
who deserve to be supported.

For all practical purposes:

Albright and Indyk have adopted
the PLO/Hamas as their clients for
whom they have become the advocates.

(This despite the fact that the PLO/Hamas are supporters and allies of Saddam Hussein of Iraq, America's bitter enemy. If Iraq decided to invade Israel over-land via Jordan, they would in the PLO/Hamas army find a natural staging area all set up to greet them.

**This is all part of the Albright - Indyk Arabist policy of:
Attempting to satisfy (appease) the
Arab countries who want a smaller and weaker Israel -
an Israel that would become
vulnerable to Arab invasion and annihilation.**

WAR AGAINST ISRAEL

THE QUESTION NOW REMAINS —

Should the will of Albright and Indyk override the desires and wishes expressed by the American Congress and the vast majority of the American people?

Congress and the American people want
a strong and independent Israel;
an Israel free from the threat of terror;
an Israel that can act as a strong anchor of stability
in an otherwise very unstable Middle East.

and to the Prime Minister

**Benjamin Netanyahu
Knesset, Israel**

Regarding the December 8, 1997 N.Y. Times article:

**'Netanyahu' and the U.S.:
Whose Bluff Will Be Called?'**

Make sure you call "Albright's bluff" and now.

**Stop The Pressure — Cold!
Before It Explodes.**

- 1). It is not the U.S. - It seems it is Albright who is doing all the bluffing.
- 2). If you were to give in now to Albright and Indyk - it will be followed by:

**Continuous - Relentless - and Terrible
Pressure**

(It Will Never Stop)

They will have learned, you can be collapsed by their pressure.

Let Clinton, Gore and the rest of the Democrats

"Have to call your bluff"

**Without the solid and total support of the American Jewish* (Grass Roots)
electorate behind them, the Democrats will not have a prayer to be reelected.**

And they know it.

*Not the Left leaning empty shells "who pass as quotable leaders in the newspapers" about whom you read, to whom Clinton may listen - but who have no support behind them whatsoever.

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stopping an Iranian gas deal. Above, Mr. Clinton in New York City at the American Museum of Jewish Heritage. Stories, this page. Editorial, page 6.

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Clinton's advisors: the undersec-
retary of state, Stuart Eizenstat, and
the deputy secretary of state, Strobe
Talbott, have urged the president to
cave in on the issue in order to avoid
a clash with the European Union and
Russia, while the National Secu-
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Syrian Spy Story Finds Its Heroes

By JEFFREY GOLDBERG

WASHINGTON — Major General
Moshe Ya'alon, the chief of the mili-
tary intelligence branch of the Israel
Defense Forces,
paid last week a
hushed-up visit to
the Virginia side
of the Potomac
River. There, he shared with his
friends at the Pentagon and CIA the
rather distressing news that much of
the inside intelligence on Syria that
Israel had supplied to the Ameri-
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EDITORIAL

The Conference Collapses

The collapse of the Conference of Presidents in the face
of the latest maneuvering against the government of
Israel is no doubt being met with quiet glee in the Arab
camp, not to mention the State Department. There was a time
— ask George Bush — when an American administration
openly operating against an elected prime minister of Israel
the way Secretary Albright has been doing would have heard
a thing or two from the organized American community, even
if many of the community's leaders didn't like the prime min-
ister. But, as a victorious Mark Rosenblum of Americans for
Peace Now put it, the prime minister of the Jewish state
“very much wants the American-Jewish community to pull
his chestnuts out of the fire, and that ain't going to happen.”
He and his confrères within the dovish faction succeeded in
blocking the Conference from issuing a strong statement
against what is clearly an administration drive to push Israel
further and faster than its elected cabinet feels prudent. The
letter the Conference finally prepared this week amounts to
a free pass for the administration to put additional pressure
on the government in Jerusalem — at least until Congress
gets back into session. The way things are going in Washing-
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Bibi Backs Sali To Follow Burg

FORWARD STAFF

NEW YORK — Despite Prime
Minister Netanyahu's war with the
Meridor clan, he is supporting Sali
Meridor to be the successor to the
current head of the Jewish Agency,
Avraham Burg.
This week, Mr. Netanyahu
accepted a rotation agreement that
would enable Mr. Burg to remain at
the Jewish Agency's helm for two
years and then be followed by Mr.
Meridor. The prime minister's clash
earlier this year with Sali Meridor's
brother Dan, his finance minister,
caused Dan Meridor to drop out of
the cabinet earlier this year.
The announcement of Mr.
Netanyahu's support for Mr. Meri-
dor sets the stage for a lively World
Zionist Congress later this month;
the World Zionist Congress grants
the final approval to the executive
who heads both the Jewish Agency

Looking Back Mordecai Richler's Ele

Barney's Version
By Mordecai Richler
Knopf, \$25, 355 pages.

By HILLEL HALKIN

When one looks at
the American-Jewish
writing of our cen-
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of the ages, one is
struck by the fact
that, for the first
time in its
3,000-year his-
tory, Jewish
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has passed
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The Conference Collapses

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ton these days, not even Congress, which has ordered the American embassy moved to Jerusalem and has sought to curtail American funding of the Palestinian Authority, seems to have much credibility with the administration.

The theory that this is all Prime Minister Netanyahu's fault strikes us as illogical, though it was foreshadowed by the now famous dinner at which the leadership dined with Presidents Clinton and Weizman at the White House. One of the big financial backers of the Democratic National Committee, S. Daniel Abraham, got to sit next to Secretary Albright and used the occasion to ask whether anyone in the room really believed that Mr. Netanyahu wants peace. The Jewish dignitaries left it to Mr. Weizman to speak up for his political enemy. The chairman of the Israel Policy Forum, Jack Bendheim, who claims the mantle of what might be called "faux-Rabinism," cited his latest poll to encourage the administration to pressure Mr. Netanyahu. The responsible leaders sought to put the best face on these errors of judgment. They said the consensus at the dinner was that it was "okay" for the administration to use its muscle to create a venue for the peace process, just so long as it didn't then try to prescribe specific positions for Israel. Those words were hardly on the wind when Ms. Albright began declaring that she wanted a "serious" pullback from the West Bank, though no one has yet seen serious counter-terrorism measures from the PLO. The idea seems to be that it is going to be possible on the global stage to run down and humiliate an elected leader of Israel without Israel itself paying the price.

Our sense is that some of the more experienced hands around the Conference understand the scale of the leadership's default. They don't want to admit it publicly, because to do so would be to leave the field to the extremists. It's no coincidence, in our view, that there's so much speculation whether the vice-chairman of the Conference, Malcolm Hoenlein, will stick around through the tenure of the new chairman, Melvin Salberg. Mr. Hoenlein has been, through thick and thin, during the tenure of both Labor and Likud, a loyalist to the principle that at the end of the day the decisions of Israel's democracy deserve respect. We've heard all the complaints about Mr. Netanyahu: that he says one thing one day, another the next; that he takes one step forward and two back; that he's a bumbler; that he doesn't consult widely, etc., etc. This newspaper carries a brief neither for him nor his party. On his worst day, however, he has, by virtue of the democratic mandate cast by free voters in a country with a free press, more credibility than the best of his detractors among the Arab strongmen. By the way, more of a democratic mandate than any of the Jewish leaders caviling within the Conference. The fact of the matter is that the decision on turning over land is one of the most serious, and irrevocable, that any prime minister can take, risky at any time but doubly so in the midst of a terrorist war. So there's no reason whatsoever for Mr. Netanyahu to rush things just because a secretary of state with a strong case of moral equivalency comes down with ants in her pants. It is precisely at this stage when the community here needs a leadership that will avoid its own case of *spilkes* and will address the administration in clear and forceful terms.

Missed Opportunity

President Clinton made an appearance Tuesday at the American Museum of Jewish Heritage: A Living Memorial to the Holocaust. His appearance was a much deserved feather in the cap of the district attorney of

Reform Shul Taught M

The irony of Jeffrey Goldberg's article "Grand Rabbi Yoffie's Tepid Tradition" (November 28) is that I grew up in the same congregation as Mr. Goldberg, yet remember it quite differently.

Emanu-El is the place where I first learned Torah. I learned my first *midrash* in Room 5. I was studying the *v'ahavta* in preparation for my bar mitzvah when the extraneous *vet* found in

where I had learned *midrash*, to learn hundreds each time we opened Torah text on Shabbat. All of my Torah experience with Emanu-El were permeated with love of learning and devotion to transmitting the tradition of Jewish living.

Emanu-El is the place I experienced *avodah*, vice. I still have all of the practices: consecration, bar mitzvah confirmation and *ge'ula*; they hang above my Larchmont Temple. I have said the *Shema* at that sanctuary? How often I stood alongside my friends as they said *Kaddish* for the dead? The sanctuary of

Where I learned
midrash, *avodah*
and *tzedakah*.

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v'auvcha was pointed out to me. Two *vet*s, the rabbis teach, stand for two inclinations within the heart: *yetzer hatov*, the good inclination, and *yetzer hara*, the evil inclination.

I learned Torah from people whose lives are Torah. I am the student of volunteers whose devotion will stay with me my entire life. I learned Torah in the best way possible — as a teacher. At first I was untrained and unskilled, yet the congregation trained me and then trusted me with the education of those just a few years younger than me: Jewish teaching Jew. Then, as a rabbinical student, I returned to Room 5,

Re Jeffrey Goldberg's comments about Temple Emanu-El of Lynbrook ("Grand Rabbi Yoffie's Tepid Tradition," November 28) appears more like the *avodah* of some petulant student rebuked by a teacher than his own admission, he is seeking revenge on his enemies. He did he hide behind the righteous indignation of Temple Emanu-El devotionous study, or was Mr. Goldberg not up to the challenge of learning (or teaching) without study and in

Rabbi Saperstein's M

I, too, am a product of Temple Emanu-El of Lynbrook, but mine was an experience which Jeffrey Goldberg obviously never sought out ("Grand Rabbi Yoffie's Tepid Tradition," November 28). I saw a congregation that was led by one of the great ones of our

dents. Rabbi Saperstein Jews in city after city, after continent, and came to teach us about what he covered. Trying to teach prophets to a group of school students on Sundays, I remember Rabbi Saperstein climbing on a table, reciting the words of Micah. We were not only we learned. Just three years later, Rabbi Saperstein came to the congregation as a scholar. He moved the *Shema* with his stories and his lessons. When I look at the movement today — no look at American Jewry t

A leader in
the pulpit — and in
the deep South.

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generation. Rabbi Harold Saperstein, the kindly grandfather figure to whom Mr. Goldberg patronizingly refers, was a civil rights leader. He did it not from the pulpit, but from the deep South and anywhere else where racism reared its ugly head. He led from the front. Rabbi Saperstein was a man who called for a nightly observance of *Shiva* for the slain Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics, and the congregation followed. When the Yom Kippur War broke out, Rabbi Saperstein challenged the congregation to purchase a fully stocked ambulance to send to Israel. He led, we followed, and the effort was a success. Rabbi Saperstein is a devoted Zionist, and he instilled that in several generations of stu-

Re "Grand Rabbi Yoffie's Tepid Tradition," (November 28) one of the many "lucky" whose earliest Jewish education and Jewish life began at Emanu-El, who continued on to be a Reform rabbi and teacher in the Jewish community.

I have clear and many memories of my experience at Temple Emanu-El and encounters with Rabbi Saperstein. I firmly believe that he laid the foundation which led to the rabbinate.

My parents and the many friends at temple were committed Jews, who dedicated their time and efforts to the temple and to Jewish life in many ways. Ours was a home dedicated to Jewish values and ethics, a home in

A Bankruptcy
Long Known

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL
THE HONORABLE **BENJAMIN NETANYAHU**

A PROCLAMATION OF FREEDOM

IF YOU REFUSE TO BOW TO:

The unprecedented attack now being leveled against *THE SOVEREIGNTY OF YOUR COUNTRY* and to this *DICTAT* to surrender to terror. If you refuse to budge and stand firm as you have so often proclaimed.

If you send Albright away *ABSOLUTELY EMPTY* - without the smallest hint of compromise or the slightest gain of her dearest friends - the PLO/Hamas and other Arabs, then -

YOU WILL BE THE MAN:

***WHO WILL HAVE SAVED THE HONOR OF
THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND ITS PEOPLE.***

YOU WILL BE THE MAN WHO BROUGHT HIS COUNTRY:

Out from under the shadow of President Clinton, a man who would:

Once again try to turn Israel into his private preserve as it
Once was when Shimon Peres occupied your office.

THEN YOU WILL BE REGARDED:

As the Savior of your country and your people -
A hero to The millions upon millions of Jews and
non-Jews alike all over the world - who love Israel.
Your name will honored on the lips of all
who are faithful to Zion.

DESTINY HAS BESTOWED UPON YOU ITS MANTLE IN THIS HOUR OF
ISRAEL'S NEED

Seize that Mantle - it is yours. Ride with it - with Israel and with your people.
The millions of people all over the world who love Israel will ride with you and
your people into a destiny of your country's own making.

***ISRAEL WILL THEN BE FREE OF ALIEN CONTROL AND
UNTAINTED BY AN INIMICAL FOREIGN HAND.***

The Committee For The Preservation Of The Land Of Israel

Forward - July 5, 1991
Pollard's Letter of Remorse

Following is the text of Pollard's letter of remorse, sent to his parents June 6, 1991, from federal prison in Marion, Illinois. The text was provided to the Forward by Pollard's father, Morris Pollard, after the U.S. government had reviewed and cleared the contents of the letter.

Dear Mom and Dad,

In view of my appeal before the United States Court of Appeals and the generous support that people around the world have shown for the legal arguments in my appeal, I feel it is appropriate for me to make the following statement:

I have always accepted the fact that I am not above the law, and deserve to be punished for my actions, however well motivated I may have believed them to be. At the time, I was faced with a cruel dilemma in which I thought I had to choose between the law and my conscience. The danger that I perceived to Israel's existence was so acute that I instinctively chose action over reflection. I now know that that was wrong. I should have made the effort to discover a legal solution to the predicament I faced. For this error in judgment I am profoundly sorry.

Also, I regret the adverse effect which my actions had on the United States, and the Jewish community. I am now and have always been very proud to be a citizen of this country. Moreover, the loyalty of American Jews to their Nation and its laws has been unwavering and intense. In fact, American Jews have been particular champions of our legal system in good part because they know that our American law is the major bulwark against bigotry toward minority groups. In taking the actions I did, I failed to

understand the critical nature of this stance, and the ammunition my actions provided to anyone who might want to accuse American Jews of having dual loyalties.

During the past six years in prison, I have also reflected on how and why, despite my idealism about the world and Israel's place in it, I was capable of taking the actions I did. The answer has come to me I think through the maturity gained since the day of my arrest. My problem stemmed not from dual loyalties, but from my anxiety that the past would repeat itself unless I intervened. Unfortunately, I failed to appreciate the fact that such concerns did not justify my indifference to the law. In my mind, though, assisting an ally did not involve or require betraying the United States. I never thought that enhancing Israel's security would in any way jeopardize America's strategic interests. But that judgment was not mine to make.

I say all of this not as a defense for what I did, but as an explanation to my friends and family, so that they may understand why I made mistakes that have caused the people I love and admire to suffer so grievously from my actions. I naturally hope that my legal appeal will be successful, because I believe very strongly that there is substantial merit in my case, particularly concerning the disproportionate punishment I have received. But whatever the outcome, nothing will alter the remorse I feel as a result of my actions.

Love, Jonathan

P.S. Please file this under "Personal Letter of Jonathan Pollard to Parents" date 6/6/91.



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Frederick, Maryland 21703

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PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON

12-19-97

After you have seen,
I will send to
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DAN BURKHARDT:

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December 18, 1997

THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN
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President William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20002

Dear President Clinton,

On behalf of the entire student body, faculty, staff, and board, I wish you and your family a joyous Christmas and a New Year filled with peace. I hope you have the opportunity to meet the bearers of this letter personally, the Poticny family. They represent the finest example of a Catholic family living the Gospel message of Jesus. Additionally, this wonderful family is closely associated with St. John's at Prospect Hall, a Catholic college prep high school in Frederick, Maryland. Mr. Al Poticny is an active member of our Board of Directors. Mrs. Pat Poticny is a frequent visitor to our school always willing to help out when needed. Shannon, in her senior year, is president of the Student Government Association. She has demonstrated the leadership skills and temperament at St. John's that promise a great future for this talented young woman. Erin, currently a sophomore, is a young lady with the highest standards of honesty and behavior. She is a true leader by example to her class and to the entire student body. Their two sons will, hopefully, choose St. John's at Prospect Hall as their high school. Our school is fortunate to count among its community this particular family and many more who similarly bless this 168 year old institution.

St. John's Literary Institution, founded in 1829, is located, since 1958, on the Prospect Hall property just inside the Frederick City limits. The mansion, the main building on campus, is the site of General Meade's assuming command of the federal forces immediately before the battle of Gettysburg. In this historic site, 240 students in grades 9-12 receive a Catholic college prep education that builds the foundation for success after high school. Over 98% of our graduates go on to college. We believe they are well prepared for the college or university experience because of the school's rigorous academic standards. Many of our students receive scholarships to the college of their choice, approximately 55% academic and 45% athletic.

We are proud of many fine athletic teams that represent the school. Our boy's basketball team is currently ranked #1 in the nation. In fact, that team's success, both

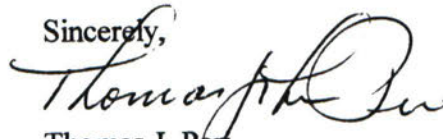
athletically and academically, generate regional interest in our school. Our girl's basketball team is ranked in the state and our volleyball team ended their season #1 in the tri-county area. Many of our students participate in extracurricular athletics and activities, a situation we encourage. We are especially proud of the work of our Athletic Director, Mr. David Owens, in promoting gender equity in the athletic program, having an equal number of sport options for males and females.

St. John's is a successful school despite an antiquated facility and less than up-to-date technology, a condition we are striving to remedy. Plans are just underway for expansion to accommodate a student population of 500. As Frederick County's only Catholic high school, we attract students from Frederick, Howard and Montgomery Counties as well as students beyond the borders of the State of Maryland. We believe that the future is bright for Catholic education in general and St. John's in particular.

Please consider this letter an open invitation to visit our school or to attend one of our basketball games. I would be more than pleased to show you around. This academic year we have added American Government to our curriculum. Your obvious expertise in this area makes you an ideal candidate as guest lecturer for this class.

Once again, I wish you a successful year both personally and publicly. We pray for you and all government officials that God blesses you with the wisdom needed to govern effectively and justly for all the citizens of the United States, those born and those not yet born.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Pen
Headmaster

PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON

RADIO ADDRESS ON DRUGS AND CHILDREN

DECEMBER 19, 1997


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Good Morning. In this season of hope and special time for our loved ones, I'd like to share some thoughts on what all Americans can do to strengthen our families. Specifically, I want to talk about our efforts to protect our children from drugs -- the most dangerous enemy of childhood. Nothing can cause more pain and heartbreak in a family or cause more harm to a child's future than the use and abuse of drugs.

We should be very proud that drug use among all Americans has fallen by one-half since 1979. But in recent years, teenage drug use was rising. Today, I have good news.

A second major survey on drug use this year has confirmed that -- for the first time since 1991 -- our teenagers are beginning to turn away from drugs. ^{In a report I am releasing today} The

Department of Health and Human Services has found that the increasing rates of teen drug use are leveling off and, in some cases, decreasing. Today's 8th graders are less likely to have used drugs over the past year, and just as important, they are more likely to disapprove of drug use. This change in attitudes represents a glimmer of hope in our efforts to protect our children from drugs. But our work is far from over.

The most effective strategy we have against drugs begins at home. It's a fight that can be won at kitchen tables all across America. This holiday season, as we spend some hard-earned time with our families, I urge all parents to sit down with their children, as Hillary and I have done, to share this simple and important lesson: "Drugs are dangerous. Drugs are wrong. And drugs can kill you."

But government can also do its part to help parents keep their children safe from drugs. Over the past five years, my Administration has put in place a comprehensive national plan to fight drugs at all levels. We've put 100,000 community police on our streets, cracked down on meth dealers and seized their labs.

We've expanded mandatory drug testing for parolees and demanded that drug offenders get the treatment they need to live productive lives. We've worked with neighboring countries to prevent drugs from crossing our borders in the first place and built new community coalitions against drugs. Most importantly, we fought to protect the Safe and Drug Free Schools program that helps keep drugs out of classrooms and away from children. The historic balanced budget act I signed this summer also includes \$195 million for a National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign. Our goal is to make sure that every time a child turns on the TV, listens to the radio, or surfs the Internet, he or she will get the powerful message that drugs can destroy your life.

But we can't ever forget that the best drug enforcement and prevention effort is parents teaching their children the difference between right and wrong when it comes to drugs. Once again, I call upon all parents to build on the progress we are making by talking frankly to their children about the destructive consequences of trying and using drugs. As we celebrate the blessings of the year just past, let us all work to ensure that every child can look forward to a safe, healthy and hopeful new year. Thanks for listening.

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Interesting letter on
Dyslexia and — Education
and key to sign

President & Mrs. Clinton 

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DAN BURKHARDT:

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Dear Mrs.
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made by a
young, dyslexic woman who only recently
has been discovered for her amazing,
creative talents. Tested by school counselors,
she had been told she had an IQ of 79 —
probably 50 points off the mark!!

Learning "disabilities" account for
many of our nations ills. Children
do not need to be tested in the 4th grade
to see what they know, but in pre-
kindergarten to determine their learning

styles. We are missing the most creative members of our society by branding them "disabled," rather than recognizing that their learning differences are often the mark of genius.

If by some fortunate occurrence this card comes to your personal attention, I pray that you will open the eyes of this nation to this very critical problem & encourage a new view of those who learn differently.

With sincerest thanks,

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Alitta Kullman, Ph.D

Dear President & Mrs. Clinton,

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to join my daughter, Karin at the White House tonight. I thank you also for all your efforts on behalf of this nation.

This Christmas card was made by a young, dyslexic woman who only recently has been discovered for her amazing, creative talents. Tested by school counselors, she had been told she had an IQ of 79 — probably 50 points off the mark!!

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

December 18, 1997

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Robert E. Rubin *RE*

SUBJECT: Update on Financial Market Developments
as of 4:00 pm, Thursday, December 18, 1997

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U.S. equity markets fell today on renewed concerns about corporate earnings. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 1.4 percent. Long-term interest rates moved 7 basis points lower on a stronger dollar and weak economic data. The dollar rose against the yen (1.2 percent) to ¥128.63 on skepticism that Japan's tax cut plan will boost the economy and on an unexpected drop in the U.S. trade deficit. The dollar was about unchanged against the mark. Most emerging Asian equities and currencies were firmer overnight.

- The Japanese ruling party today approved for legislative consideration an economic stimulus package. Already many market participants have criticized the plan as insufficient. Japanese stocks fell 2.3 percent on concerns that a second day of central bank intervention to support the yen would undermine the stimulative effects of the tax cut. The Government of Japan reduced its growth forecast for 1997 to 0.1 percent from 1.9 percent.
- Korean financial markets were closed for the Presidential election today with Korean opposition party leader Kim Dae Jung emerging victorious. Korean reserves fell further today. While run-offs are likely to remain significant over the course of this month, Korea will, at a minimum, be receiving \$7.5 billion over the next week from the IMF, World Bank, and Asian Development Bank. In addition, Japan announced today that it will provide a \$3.5 billion bridge-loan to be disbursed within three days.
- Most emerging Asian equities rose today, led by Malaysia (+3.7), Thailand (+3.0), Philippines (+2.7), and Indonesia (+2.6). Stocks in Taiwan, however, fell 1.1 percent on concerns that turmoil in the region would hurt computer companies' profitability.
- Latin American equities closed lower today, led by a 3.8 percent drop in Brazilian stocks as interest rates were cut less than expected. Weakness in U.S. stocks also weighed on the markets. Argentine equities fell 2.0 percent, and Mexican stocks slid 1.4 percent.

Should we be buying?

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 17, 1997

For

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SIDNEY BLUMENTHAL *MS*
SUBJECT: Mosquitos

I like the mosquitos image just fine. It's diminishing, dismissive and yet vague enough. Jackie liked it so much she clipped the item about it out of the newspaper. Gene Lyons sent me the enclosed fax about it. If I were to keep using it, however, I'd adjust it for different audiences. The "crop" reference works clearly with Arkansans and with those for whom agrarian metaphors aren't metaphors. But it will seem somewhat corny and strained for a metropolitan crowd. You can still keep the mosquitos. I'd use a "building" rather than a "planting" and "harvesting" image. To wit: We've been draining a swamp to build a modern community. And look at what we've built. (Fill in the blank here with achievements.) Now the mosquitos are angry because they want their swamp back. The more we build, the more they seem to want to bite. Etc. You get the idea. Another way to speak about this is as the politics of distraction. And then: They want us to spend all of our time thinking about their partisan trivial pursuits instead of building for the American people. To the crowd: Where do you think your government should be spending its time and energy? Playing Trivial Pursuit? Or working on education, health care, etc., etc.

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Blumenthal
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TO: Sidney Blumenthal

FROM: Gene Lyons

17 Dec 1997

Three pages to follow, FYI.

As I plan to write in a column, I hope the President's comparison of his media and congressional critics to a swarm of mosquitoes signals a new aggressiveness about this stuff.

He owes it to himself, his party, and (hem, hem) his country.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
December 18, 1997

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: PHIL CAPLAN *PC*
SEAN MALONEY

SUBJECT: Women's History Commemoration Recommendations

The attached Ann Lewis/Ellen Lovell memo recommends that you announce a national celebration of women's history in 1998, with two primary components: (i) a commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the first Women's Rights Convention held in Seneca Falls, New York; and (ii) the appointment of an Advisory Committee or Task Force to consider other women's history commemorations between now and the Millennium, including proposals for a Women's History Museum.

Seneca Falls/150th Anniversary. The Park Service maintains the Women's Rights National Historic Park at Seneca Falls, NY, which encompasses the chapel where the first Women's Rights Convention was held in July, 1848. Many public and private activities are being planned for next summer's anniversary. Ann and Ellen recommend you announce a national commemoration of the event, which would begin in March (Women's History Month). The First Lady is considering going to Seneca Falls in June.

Advisory Committee/Museum. There are several proposals being floated for women's museums. In particular, the idea of building a National Women's History Museum in Washington, D.C. has gained considerable momentum. Ann and Ellen believe that an Advisory Committee is the best way to get out in front of the various proposals. You recently received a letter from most of the female Members of Congress and a group organized as the National Museum of Women's History, Inc. seeking your support for legislation to create a Congressional Advisory Committee with a museum as its goal. Ann and Ellen believe there are real problems with the museum proposals (e.g., lack of consensus, cultural conflicts, funding, etc.) and museum proponents would dominate a congressionally-mandated committee. Appointing your own committee or task force would broaden the focus to consider all proposals for celebrating women's history.

Ann/Ellen believe this plan would be welcomed by most women's groups as it is inclusive and could come up with creative ideas without the capital requirements of a museum. Outside of the museum group itself, there is not intense support for committing to building a new museum. In addition, Ann has found support for these recommendations among congressional museum proponents such as Nita Lowey and Caroline Maloney.

John Podesta and Sylvia Mathews support these recommendations.

Approve ☒ Disapprove ☐ Discuss ☐

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 20, 1997

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE FIRST LADY

FROM: ANN LEWIS AND ELLEN LOVELL

SUBJECT: WOMEN'S HISTORY

This memo addresses two related issues: the request we have received from Congresswomen and others that you support the building of a National Women's History Museum in Washington DC; and the opportunity to celebrate an important date in women's history (specifically, 1998 is the 150th anniversary of the first Women's Rights convention held in Seneca Falls NY, in July 1848). This memo's recommendation reflects the opinions and suggestions of a number of WH staff, including Bobbie Greene, Maria Echaveste, Audrey Tayse Haynes, Janet Murguia, and Janis Kearney.

I. A National Celebration in 1998

The National Park Service maintains the Women's Rights National Historical Park at Seneca Falls NY, including the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel in which the first Women's Rights convention was held, and other historic buildings. Many 150th anniversary activities are planned for this summer, sponsored by entities including the Park Service, by private non-profit groups and colleges, and by New York State. The First Lady has been invited to be the keynote speaker.

We recommend that you announce a national commemoration of this event, which will form the basis for further celebration of women's history up to and including the millennium. Such a celebration would be very much in keeping with our Millennium theme of Honor the Past, Imagine the Future. Further, it would ensure that the Seneca Falls-inspired events are fully associated with your administration and your leadership on issues of particular concern to women.

This celebration could begin officially in March (Women's History Month), with a Washington DC event, and would include the July activities in Seneca Falls, featuring an appearance by the First Lady, and a fall program or symposium with satellite links to schools, and other interested sites. We have begun meeting with interested agencies, including the Park Service and the President's Interagency Council on Women, and are developing an exciting list of year-round activities which can be carried out by federal departments themselves, and in

partnership with private groups and businesses.

II. The National Museum of Women's History

Meanwhile, you have been asked, in a letter signed by most Congresswomen and a group organized as the National Museum of Women's History, Inc., to support legislation calling for creation of a Congressional Advisory Committee on the a National Museum of Women's History. We have now been told that legislation will be introduced and sponsored by many women members in the House and Senate; it would create a congressional advisory committee with the same goal.

Ann Richards has written you about plans for a Women's Museum in Dallas, part of their 21st Century Fair, asking that it be considered a millennium project. We have heard of similar efforts in Chicago and Denver.

Response: Although we recognize that there is public support for the concept of a National Women's Museum, we do not recommend that you approve this proposal because:

- **Lack of a Consensus:** There is real disagreement about whether the important goal of recognizing women's history is better served by a separate structure or by increasing attention within existing museums and institutions. Further, there is concern that the group as organized could not begin to raise the kind of funding such a project requires.
- **The Possibility of Cultural Conflict:** A number of ethnic museums are in various stages of consideration. While the history of American women of course includes women of every race and ethnicity, a multi-million dollar commitment to build a Women's Museum might be seen as chosen at the expense of other groups. (Such a controversy erupted recently over the relocation of an all white Suffragettes statue.)

Instead, we recommend that you begin the celebration of women's history in 1998, as suggested above; and that, instead of a Congressionally mandated committee, that you appoint an Advisory Committee or Task Force to consider the idea of a Women's Museum and other suggestions and to make recommendations on how best to commemorate women's history from now through the Millennium.

The Congressional legislation would create a Committee comprised mainly of representatives from the Committee for a Women's Museum. We recommend that such a group be comprised primarily of representatives from federal agencies (i.e., Millennium Program, White House Office of Women's Outreach, Departments of Education and Interior, the General Services Administration, etc...) along with a few representatives of the women's community. This committee could explore issues ranging from how much funding would be involved to the issues of ethnic and cultural representation in a women's museum.

(Note: The Women's Museum Committee Inc. originally asked for a Presidential task force, but one that was committed to building a museum. This suggestion adapts that idea to a

broad, more realistic mandate: to consider all proposals for celebrating women's history.)

A possible outcome: Among other suggestions, the Advisory Committee would consider the feasibility of a focal point for women's history located in Washington DC, perhaps as an extension of an existing park service site or connected to a national institution such as the Smithsonian.

This project would use the latest technology to connect existing women's history sites and libraries, such as those at Radcliffe and Smith Colleges, with museums now being planned, such as the one in Dallas. Like the Wilson Center, it might host fellows in women's history, and sponsor programs and symposia open to the public. It could also feature a changing array of temporary exhibits from other museums and historical sites, and the use of interactive exhibits that help make history come alive for young people (as well as giving them a sense of the future).

Thus, a family walking into the Center (or Women's Pavilion, in honor of the women's buildings at 19th Century Expositions) would be able, through technology, to tour exhibits at the Clara Barton House, Zora Neale Hurston's home, and the Montanez Adobe Chapel; to see the progress and then the exhibits of women's museums in other cities; to visit some of our oldest homes and excavations; to see and hear the story of Sacajewa; and to hear from Shannon Lucid about her voyage into space.

Response: We believe this recommendation would be welcomed by most women's organizations, because it recognizes the value of women's history in an inclusive and creative way, without the capital requirements of a new museum. Outside the Museum group itself, we have found no intense support for committing to building a museum. However, we are aware that the idea has broad popular appeal, and interest is growing in Washington and New York. We have discussed the issue with other knowledgeable friends, including the founder of the National Museum of Women in the Arts, and people associated with the Women's Hall of Fame. While the organized committee might insist on its original plan, we are confident that we could build a consensus of support for this alternative approach. And we would like to get ahead of this idea before it acquires more momentum or media interest.

Political Factors: We know that 1998 is an important year for the Women's Vote, and some of this attention is already evident. Democratic Congresswomen supporting the Museum bill are very concerned that we not lose the issue to Republican women who could use it to build feminist credentials. Governor Pataki has designated Seneca Falls as the official "I Love NY" festival for 1998.

Congresswoman Nita Lowey -- whose daughter Jackie is deputy director of the Park Service -- is very interested in a national celebration. I had a preliminary conversation with Caroline Maloney, who is a strong museum proponent; she expressed interest in this concept. In fact, all the elected women we have talked to are very supportive of a major effort to celebrate Women's History in 1998. Craig Smith agrees that the events that we have described in this memo offer important opportunities to include women around the country.

Recommendation: That you announce a national celebration of women's history in 1998, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the convention at Seneca Falls ; and that you appoint an Advisory Committee or Task Force to consider the idea of a Women's Museum and further suggestions on how best to commemorate women's history from now through the Millennium.

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19 December, 1997

President Bill Clinton
Via Fax

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Dear Bill,

I am taking the liberty of writing again to urge you to take steps to put your Cuban policy back on the track of seeking a form of modest engagement which will speed the process of change toward democracy in that country.

The forthcoming visit of the Pope will focus attention on Cuba and the struggle of the Cuban people for greater religious and other freedom. A public statement of your administration's objectives and policies would follow naturally and provide an opportunity to make clear what your goals are.

I suggest that you articulate three objectives: (1) increasing contacts with the Cuban people; (2) reaching additional modest agreements with the Cuban government which are in our mutual interest; and (3) reiterating our commitment to take further steps as there are irreversible steps towards democracy.

In the first category, I urge you to now remove the so-called August restrictions so as to permit the resumption of family visits to Cuba and of the charter flights and remittances. There should be a general license to permit medicine of most kinds as well as food to be sent to Cuba. Those wishing to travel to Cuba to engage the Cuban people and to carry out humanitarian or religious missions should have no difficulty getting licenses. More visas should be given to Cubans wanting to come here for conferences and cultural events.

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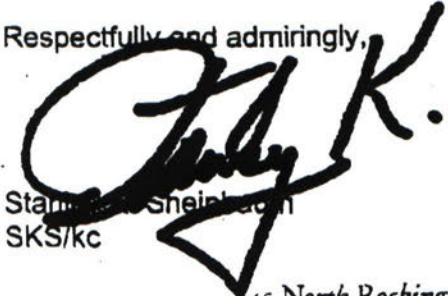
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The agreements which your administration reached with Cuba to regularize immigration are continuing to work effectively. It may be possible to build on them by negotiating agreements in other limited areas. For example, the Cubans have told me that they are willing and anxious to cooperate with us in dealing with drugs. I understand that the Coast Guard is eager to have Cuban cooperation. I do not see what objection there could be to getting their assistance in dealing with this urgent problem.

Finally, I think it is important that an authoritative administration spokesperson elaborate on your recent statement suggesting that we are ready to respond if Cuba takes steps towards democracy.

Fidel is, as you said, an intelligent man. I believe he understand which way history is going and is seeking to begin a dialogue which may lead to a peaceful way out. I urge you to seize this moment.

Respectfully and admiringly,


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Yes ☒ No ☐

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December 18, 1997

President Clinton
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Dear Mr. Clinton:

As the year ends, I just wanted to drop you this brief note to give you an update on the astounding progress in spinal cord research. Two of our leading scientists have made breakthroughs that will be published in the spring of next year.

Dr. Wise Young of Rutgers University, using an antibody called L-1, has achieved the most significant functional recovery yet seen in rats. After a complete transection of the spinal cord, on a scale of 0 - 14 where 14 represents normal movement, injured rats treated with L - 1 have achieved a score of 12 1/2. The untrained observer would not be able to detect any abnormality. Dr. Martin Schwab, working at The University of Zurich with funding from The American Paralysis Association, is now using an antibody called IN -1 and is having similar results with primates. He has indicated to me that human trials may be possible within a year.

Research scientists are making similar progress with other diseases and conditions that affect the brain and the central nervous system such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, Multiple Sclerosis and stroke. But time and again I hear their plea, almost in unison: We need more money. We need more money.

While the 7% raise totaling nearly \$900 million dollars that was approved by Congress for the next fiscal year is indeed gratifying, we need to go further. Either we must double the budget of the NIH with new money or we must reallocate it from the Defense Department.

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Towards that end, I am asking you --- on behalf of all disabled Americans --- to make a strong statement in The State of the Union address in which you clearly place biomedical research at the top of the national agenda.

I would not make this recommendation unless I were completely confident of a successful outcome. Millions of Americans would be forever in your debt.

Dana and I wish you and your family --- with special greetings to Buddy --- all the best for the holiday season.

Sincerely,


Christopher Reeve *(by Samantha Johnson)*

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December 12, 1997

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The Honorable William J. Clinton
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Dear President Clinton:

I am writing today to raise an issue of critical importance to both the economic well being and security of our nation. On December 18, it will be two years since the Administration announced a freeze on implementing the crossborder trucking provisions of NAFTA. The American Trucking Associations asks you to act now to insure that this important NAFTA commitment is fulfilled in the first quarter of the new year.

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A priority for your Administration is the interdiction of drugs. We wholeheartedly support your efforts on U.S.-Mexico anti-drug

The high congestion of traffic at the border imposed by both the United States and Mexico of commercial trucks entering the country is increasing the inspection burden for border agencies.

Clearly, opening the border for efficient crossborder trucking operations, would help you achieve your objectives of effective enforcement in interdicting drugs at the border. And opening the border would, unequivocally, signal your commitment to strong leadership on important trade issues like this one as we seek to begin the process of expanding free trade throughout the Western Hemisphere in 1998.

Again, we ask you to act now on this matter of great importance to our nation and open the border for crossborder trucking. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

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The continued imposition of this freeze has denied the U.S. trucking industry, and the shippers and consumers we serve, the great economic benefit promised by efficient crossborder trucking services. And, this logjam has stymied any progress on small package carrier deliberations in Mexico -- another critical unfulfilled NAFTA obligation. Trucks move over 85% of U.S.-Mexico trade. But the freight movement system we have in place today is inefficient and creates a serious enforcement hazard.

A priority for your Administration has been the effort to reduce crime and increase illegal drug interdiction. We wholeheartedly support that goal. And in a recent White House report to Congress on U.S.-Mexico anti-drug cooperation, the U.S. Customs Service wrote:

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