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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 20, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

 CHARLES RUFF 

RE:

Letter from Judge Oberdorfer

Judge Louis Oberdorfer sent the attached letter through me, following up on what I gather was a conversation he had with you in Hilton Head.

I can respond in whatever way you think useful.

Attachment

cc: (w/attm.) Rahm Emanuel

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 1/20

To: Bruce / Elena

From: The Staff Secretary

Can you draft a short cover
note for this before I send it
in to the President. Chuck is
aware I've asked you to do so.

Thanks,

Phil

LOUIS F. OBERDORFER
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January 6, 1998

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500-2000

Dear Mr. President:

It was good to see Hillary and you in such fine fettle the other night at Hilton Head. Your responses to the Q and A were most refreshing.

Before dinner I gave Linda a question about a subject which we discussed years ago, before you were President: sentencing of non-violent drug law violators. The question didn't get past Linda's "cutting room." This, therefore, is the note that I mentioned to you just before dinner which spells out the suggestions implicit in that question.

How about an Executive Order grounded on the President's power to "Reprieve and Pardon"¹ to commute the sentences of certain non-violent drug law violators?

The Order could create within the Bureau of Prisons a blue ribbon committee (possibly a cadre of former state and federal judges) to recommend clemency in selected cases. The Order could also establish criteria for clemency: for example, those who are drug free and well behaved in prison, have otherwise clean records, and hold promise of living crime-free and drug-free during and after supervised release. Compare 28 C.F.R., ch. 1, § 1.3 (commutation of sentence, e.g. for "severity of sentence.")

¹U.S. Const., art. II, § 2.

One, but not the only, category of inmates eligible for clemency could be couriers ("mules") of crack cocaine and so-called "cookers" who convert powder cocaine to crack. Those convicted of involvement, for example, with five or more grams of crack cocaine attract the same sentence that would have been imposed on a courier of 500 or more grams of powder cocaine.

Attached is a summary of a case of mine which is another classic example: an addicted mother of seven paid \$100 by a government agent for cooking powder into crack and faces a 10-year crack sentence instead of a three year powder one.²

The Executive Order could authorize the supervised release of those non-violent crack couriers, cookers and the like who have served the term that they would have served if they had been handling powder. Or, the Executive Order could establish an appropriate increment for the crack courier or cooker — substantially less than that presently mandated by the 100 to 1 formula.

Whatever may have been the intention of the Congress which enacted the 100 to 1 formula, it has in practice, impacted overwhelmingly on young African-Americans. Neither the prosecutors, the appellate courts nor Congress has responded sympathetically to efforts by concerned sentencing judges and the Sentencing Commission to ameliorate the situation. The 100 to 1 discrepancy, as it has played out, is arguably the most flagrant practice of racial discrimination by the federal government since President Truman integrated the Armed Forces 50 years ago.

²United States v. Blakney, No. 97-3043, Judgment (D.C. Cir. Oct. 23, 1997); United States v. Walls, 70 F.3d 1323 (D.C. Cir. 1995), reversing and remanding 871 F. Supp. 24 (D.D.C. 1994); see also United States v. Campbell, 959 F. Supp. 20 (D.D.C. 1997).

The Framers of the Constitution empowered the President to grant "Reprieves and Pardons" in the name of "[h]umanity and good policy," because "[t]he criminal code of every country partakes so much of necessary severity, that without an easy access to exceptions in favor of unfortunate guilt, justice would wear a countenance too sanguinary and cruel." The Federalist No. 74 (Hamilton) at 482 (Modern Library College Ed.).

President Lincoln's 1863 Emancipation Proclamation was an Executive Order.

Here, an early Executive Order focusing on the 100 to 1 discrepancy would faithfully execute the constitutional law which vests in the President the exclusive power to grant humane Reprieves and Pardons. It would also significantly implement your commendable commitment to racial reconciliation.

Respectfully yours,



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ATTACHMENT

Re: United States v. Blakney, No. 97-3043, Judgment (D.C. Cir. Oct. 23, 1997); United States v. Walls, 70 F.3d 1323 (D.C. Cir. 1995), reversing and remanding 871 F. Supp. 24 (D.D.C. 1994); see also United States v. Campbell, 959 F. Supp. 20 (D.D.C. 1997).

A pair of hardened drug dealers offered a large quantity of powder cocaine to an undercover DEA officer. The undercover officer demanded crack to enhance the potential sentence. The dealers involved one Karen Blakney, an addict, with a record of petty (e.g. shoplifting) crimes, to "cook" the powder into crack. The undercover officer paid Blakney \$100 in government funds for her cooking services.

The dealers had intentionally and for big money poisoned hundreds of drug users. I sentenced them to life imprisonment.

Blakney has 7 children. By the time of sentencing she had dried out. I discounted to zero the cooking that she did in the pay of the United States and ruled that imposition on her of the 10 year sentence mandated by statute for her involvement with crack instead of the 3-year sentence applicable if she were involved with powder would be cruel and unusual and in violation of the Eighth Amendment. The case went up on appeal. Blakney served her three years with commendations from her warden and was released while the appeal was pending.

Nineteen months after her release the Court of Appeals affirmed the conviction, but reversed and remanded for resentencing for her involvement with crack.

Meanwhile, on supervised release, Blakney had reunited with her children (she is now expecting another momentarily), was (and remains) drug free, obtained a good job, and won the enthusiastic praise of her Probation Officer. According to the Sentencing Commission staff, only

five defendants out of more than 40,000 whose convictions were reversed on appeal had been free for a substantial period only to be returned to prison. See United States v. Campbell, 959 F. Supp. 20, 21 (D.D.C. 1997). I found that, even if, on the pre-sentence facts, a 10-year sentence was not cruel and unusual, sending her back to prison for 7 more years, after her "exemplary" return to private life, would be. I resentenced her to time served.¹

In open court, on the record, I literally implored the United States Attorney to forego any appeal, exercising the same sentencing discretion employed by the undercover officer who paid Blakney for cooking the powder and thus enhancing the mandatory sentences from the powder to the crack range.

The request went unheeded. The United States Attorney prosecuted the appeal with the suggestion to the Court of Appeals that it remove me from the case.

On December 23, 1997, I received the mandate of the Court of Appeals implementing its decision of October 23, reversing and remanding for resentencing with the observation that if the United States Attorney requested me to recuse myself, the Court was confident I would do so. Counsel has filed no further appeal.

I have today requested our Calendar Committee to reassign the case to another judge. The Court of Appeals obviously wants me out of the case. More importantly, in the circumstance, returning Blakney to prison for another 7 years would be, for me, too much like enforcing the pre-Civil War Fugitive Slave Laws.

The President is her last resort.

¹See enclosed Report on Adjustment of Supervised Releasee, Karen M. Blakney (Dec. 19, 1997).

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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December 19, 1997 NANCY MAYER-WHITTINGTON, CLERK
U.S. DISTRICT COURT

MEMORANDUM TO THE HONORABLE LOUIS F. OBERDORFER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Re: **BLAKNEY, Karen M.**
Docket No.: 92-0234-02
Report on Adjustment of Supervised
Releasee

On December 3, 1992, Ms. Karen M. Blakney was found guilty by jury to Counts 1, 5, and 9, of a 12 count Indictment, charging her with Conspiracy to Distribute 50 Grams or More of Cocaine Base (Count 1), 21 U.S.C. §§ 846 and 841(a)(1); Unlawful Distribution of 50 Grams or More of Cocaine, Aiding and Abetting (Count 5), 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A)(iii), and 18 U.S.C. § 2; and Unlawful Use of a Communication Facility (Count 9), 21 U.S.C. § 843(b). On January 25, 1994, Ms. Blakney was sentenced to a term of 30 months on each count to run concurrent, to be followed by six years of supervised release on Counts 1 and 5, and one year of supervised release on Count 9, to all run concurrently. Special conditions imposed by the Court included special assessment in the amount of \$50 on each count for a total of \$150; the offender will participate in an educational/vocational training at the direction of the probation officer; and the defendant shall participate in a program of drug aftercare, as directed by the probation officer. Supervised release commenced on July 10, 1995.

On February 13, 1996, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia remanded this case to the U.S. District Court for resentencing. On February 27, 1997, offender Blakney appeared before Your Honor for resentencing. Ms. Blakney was committed to the custody of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a term of the time that was already served on each count, to be followed by the balance of the original period of supervised release, which was imposed on January 25, 1994. The special conditions were modified to include that the offender will report to the probation office, in person or by telephone, as often as directed by the probation officer.

In reference to Ms. Blakney's overall adjustment to supervised release, it is noted that in regards to the special condition and the general conditions of supervision, her compliance have been exemplary.

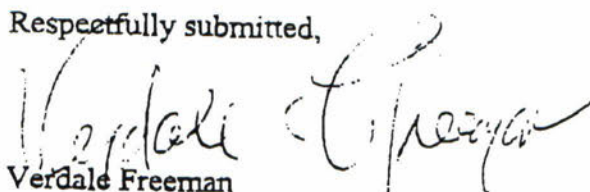
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Ms. Blakney is currently residing in a two bedroom apartment at 1820 Mississippi Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C., with six of her seven children. It is also noted that she is expecting her eighth child on or about January 14, 1998. Prior to Ms. Blakney's pregnancy, she was employed in a capacity of an orders clerk for the Washington Convention Center, earning \$13 per hour. Illnesses related to her pregnancy forced this individual to terminate herself from this position. Ms. Blakney is currently receiving public assistance in the amount of \$719 per month, plus \$542 per month in food stamps. In addition, she is receiving \$200 child support monthly from her youngest child's father, as well as approximately \$200 per month from her oldest daughter who is employed and attending school.

Since July 1995, Ms. Blakney has not shown any involvement with illicit drug use. She successfully completed The Next Step Outpatient Drug Treatment Program on August 3, 1996, where she was involved in a twice weekly urine testing program and group counseling. Random urine testing is currently being taken on Ms. Blakney in the U.S. District Court Probation Office, all of which continue to reflect negative findings for illicit drug use. In addition, Ms. Blakney is involved in the Outreach Ministry Program with her church. Information received, revealed that this individual has been instrumental in working with the community youth, and others that are seeking salvation from drug addiction.

The above information clearly depicts Ms. Blakney's adjustment on supervised release, as well as her stability and contribution to the community.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED BY: 

John W. Dailey

Supervising United States Probation Officer

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 1-20-98

NOTE FOR: Carol Rasco

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

Information ☐

Action ☒

Thank you.

Staff Secretary
(x6-2702)

cc:

First Annual America Reads Challenge Report from Carol Rasco -- first report since your 1997 State of the Union Challenge; Carol says in the first year, over 830 colleges and universities and 160 organizations signed up; urges making *America Reads* legislation a priority; must pass by July 1, 1998 or the initiative will lose funds reserved in the FY98 budget. *We have forwarded copies of the report to Bruce Reed and Elena Kagan.*

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WS students
enrolled? How
many non-US
students? How
many non-US
students (eg
not from my
church in DC?)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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January 14, 1998

Dear Mr. President:

With pride, I am sending you the First Annual Report of the America Reads Challenge. The American people accepted the Challenge that you offered in your 1997 State of the Union -- hundreds of communities throughout the Nation have dedicated their time and resources to improving the teaching and learning of reading for all children. In the first year, over 830 colleges and universities signed on to the America Reads Federal Work-Study program and over 160 organizations offered their commitment and support through the President's Coalition for the America Reads Challenge.

As we move to the second year of this initiative, it is crucial that we work to sustain these efforts. I urge you to send a message to Congress that legislation in support of America Reads is one of your top priorities. We must pass a piece of legislation by July 1, 1998 or we will lose the funds reserved for America Reads in the FY 1998 budget. Please show the American people who accepted this Challenge that you are working to help them sustain their important efforts to improve the teaching and learning of reading.

Sincerely,

Carol H. Rasco
Senior Advisor to the Secretary
Director of the America Reads Challenge

cc: The Honorable Richard Riley
The Honorable Harris Wofford



America Reads **CHALLENGE**

1997 ANNUAL REPORT

Presented by

Carol Hampton Rasco
Senior Advisor to the Secretary and
Director of the America Reads Challenge

A MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR CAROL HAMPTON RASCO

As the first year of President Clinton's America Reads Challenge initiative comes to a close, I am pleased to provide a report that details accomplishments achieved. In this first year, I believe we have made substantial progress in the areas of:

- ▶ Reading legislation - a bipartisan piece of legislation that provides support in the home, the community, and the classroom for children to learn to read moved through the House of Representatives and is now in committee in the Senate;
- ▶ America Reads Federal Work-Study program - more than 830 colleges and universities signed on to participate;
- ▶ Public Awareness and Outreach - creation of the President's Coalition for the America Reads Challenge plus development of several mass communication vehicles; and
- ▶ Cooperative Interagency Efforts - establishment of working groups focused on early childhood development, K-3 reading, Title I, and plans for 50+ summer 1998 reading sites supported by a cross-section of agencies.

In the following pages, you will find specific information outlining the goals and objectives established for the initiative's first year and how these were met.

It is evident from this report that the country responded to the President's Challenge not only in large numbers, but also with creative and quality reading programs. As we move into the second year of this initiative, we have a small window of opportunity to pass reading legislation that will support these efforts. This report is a testimony to the need for direct support from the Administration to allow communities to sustain the efforts they have demonstrated in the first year of the America Reads Challenge. The Challenge is not over until every child in this Nation can read well and independently by the end of the third grade. It is imperative that the Administration and the Congress show the Nation that the good work that has begun through this initiative is a priority by advocating for and passing reading legislation.

BACKGROUND

In 1994, 40 percent of America's fourth graders failed to attain the basic level of reading and 70% of children fell below the proficient level of reading on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). In response to these alarming statistics, President Clinton announced the America Reads Challenge, the Administration's commitment to mobilize public and private resources to ensure that every child become a good and independent reader by the end of the third grade. The initiative asks every American to identify what role he or she can play --professionally and personally --to help America become a nation of readers.

In his 1997 State of the Union Address, President Clinton made the America Reads Challenge part of his Call to Action for Education, launching the initiative to "build a citizen army of one million volunteer tutors" who would work with AmeriCorps members and college Federal Work-Study students to meet this children's literacy goal. On April 26th, he used his weekly radio address to announce his intention to submit the America Reads Challenge legislation to Congress, and on April 28, 1997, the legislation was transmitted to the Hill.

The America Reads Challenge, however, has not waited for the passage of legislation to begin improving the teaching and learning of reading for our Nation's children. Instead, a national movement began immediately to promote and ensure children's literacy by encouraging local communities to employ several strategies including:

- ▶ Creating more after-school, weekend and summer learning opportunities to supplement quality classroom instruction in reading by enabling parents and educators to complement and expand existing successful literacy efforts;
- ▶ Strengthening parent involvement and our nation's investment in the early childhood years so that children develop readiness skills for learning to read by the time they enter school;
- ▶ Bringing best practices into the school and classroom through teacher preparation, principal leadership and strengthening Title I programs, and highlighting successful reading programs;
- ▶ Promoting greater public awareness and local partnership building through the formation of community-wide literacy partnerships; and
- ▶ Supporting research and evaluation in a range of critical areas related to reading and early childhood development.

To provide support for these key strategies, the Department of Education has engaged all programs within the Department of Education to focus on the goal of improving reading;

partnered with the Corporation for National Service; worked closely with Congress to craft a bipartisan piece of reading legislation; signed-on more than 830 colleges to provide Federal Work-Study reading tutors to surrounding schools and communities; and, created 15 America Reads/Read*Write *Now! summer pilot sites.

DEPARTMENT-WIDE ENGAGEMENT TO IMPROVE READING

Through the Office of the Secretary, the America Reads Challenge office has engaged in a department-wide effort to improve the research and evaluation of reading programs, the dissemination of best practices, and to increase funding priorities in the area of reading in all divisions and programs within the Department of Education. This work has been largely conducted through two working groups -- an early childhood working group co-directed by a representative from the Office of Special Education Programs and a representative from the Department of Health and Human Services and a K-3 working group directed by the Director of Title I.

Through this work, the Department has committed resources to a wide-range of reading projects, including providing invitational priorities to projects that focus on improving reading instruction to assist limited English proficient (LEP) students for discretionary programs in the Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages (OBEMLA); funding a new reading research center through the Office of Education Research and Improvement (OERI) that is creating a research agenda to improve the early reading achievement of children; and, through the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), developing guidance for States on how to use the \$25 million increase in funds under the Eisenhower Professional Development program to improve and expand professional development opportunities in the area of reading. The America Reads Office departmental strategy for improving reading for the Nation, cuts across departmental programs and across agencies (*see appendix*).

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE

As designed, the America Reads Challenge was built on the strong track record of national service in tutoring and literacy. Through AmeriCorps, Senior Corps and Learn and Serve America, national service was intended to help mobilize and increase the numbers of tutors and mentors available to young children. Since the President's call to action, the Corporation has taken up the challenge under its existing programs and resources.

Over the last year, the Corporation for National Service has worked in close partnership with the Department of Education in areas ranging from recruiting colleges and universities to sign up for the America Reads Federal Work-Study program to targeting existing national service resources at the America Reads Challenge. AmeriCorps members worked this year in programs such as D.C. Reads, helping to manage more than 500 college students and others tutoring in 16 of the lowest performing schools in the city. Examples exist in every state.

Next year is an opportunity for significant growth. In the FY 1998 appropriations, Congress provided an additional \$69 million for AmeriCorps and national service programs, almost all of which is targeted at the America Reads Challenge. These funds will result in 100,000 new volunteer tutors for the America Reads Challenge beginning next year. This increased funding will support new AmeriCorps members who will manage tutoring programs afterschool, in-school, and through local nonprofit and literacy organizations. Additional monies for the National Senior Service Corps will support more than 9,700 new Senior Corps volunteers.

LEGISLATION

On April 28, 1997, Congress introduced the Administration's America Reads Challenge Act of 1997, to provide support to communities and schools in their efforts to improve their local reading programs. This Act called for the provision of funding for school and community partnerships to hire reading specialist and tutor coordinators to recruit, train, and organize volunteers to tutor young children in greatest need of services, such as those who have limited English proficiency or who are from low-income families.

The bipartisan balanced budget agreement to reserve funds for a children's literacy initiative combined with the introduction of the America Reads Challenge Act led to the House passage of H.R. 2614, the "Reading Excellence Act." The Senate intends to introduce their version of a children's literacy initiative in February.

Under the "Reading Excellence Act," the Secretary of Education would be authorized to make competitive grants to State reading and literacy partnerships. Partnerships would consist of the Governor of a State, the chief state school officer, representatives of a local education agency and a local school, and a community-based organization.

The State partnerships would then provide subgrants, called local reading improvement grants, to local educational agencies that have partnered with a community based literacy organization with priority given to those LEAs that partner with a family literacy program or a Head Start program. The grants would provide support in the home, the community, and the classroom for children to read by:

- ▶ Strengthening parental involvement through a requirement that the local partnership provide family literacy opportunities;
- ▶ Providing funds to hire reading specialist and tutor coordinators to train and organize tutors to help children further develop and practice their reading skills in extended learning time opportunities after-school, on weekends, and during the summer; and
- ▶ Requiring schools to provide quality training for teachers in the area of reading by leveraging, improving, and increasing current professional development opportunities.

While the consortia would have wide flexibility in determining the nature of the reading programs so that they can be tailored to the specific needs of the communities and children they serve, all programs would include the three essential components mentioned above.

Additional subgrants under the Act, called tutorial assistance grants, would be used to provide tutoring help to children who need it. Local educational agencies that receive this subgrant would be required to contract out with one or more tutorial assistance provider to offer tutoring assistance to children. Parents who chose to enroll their child in a tutoring program would work with the school to decide which tutoring program best met the needs to the child.

The "Reading Excellence Act," like the America Reads Challenge Act allocated funding for the Secretary to provide technical assistance, dissemination of materials and information about best practices, and evaluation.

The Administration supported the "Reading Excellence Act," but sent a Statement of Administration Policy to Congress outlining concerns with the bill including the fact that the tutorial assistance grants would have to be deleted or substantially modified because they are inadequately connected to and supportive of, in-school reading programs and the local reading improvement grants that the bill would authorize. Additionally, the Administration raised concerns about the prescriptiveness of the bill's definitions of reading and reading research.

As the Senate moves to take up this bill, Congress and the Administration have agreed on three key priorities: providing extended learning time for students to practice and further develop their reading skills, ensuring that every school has a quality professional development program to provide the best training for teachers in the area of reading, and providing communities with information about best practices through research and dissemination.

The Administration must act quickly and decisively to push a children's literacy initiative through Congress as a bill must be completed by July 1, 1998 or the funds reserved for an America Reads in the FY 1998 will revert to IDEA.

AMERICA READS' FEDERAL WORK-STUDY PROGRAM

The America Reads Challenge has successfully mobilized thousands of Federal Work-Study (FWS) students to tutor elementary school and pre-school children to read well and independently by the end of third grade. Over 830 colleges and universities have accepted the President's America Reads Challenge and are sending their Federal Work-Study (FWS) students into surrounding schools and communities. Many colleges accepted the President's America Reads Challenge because the Administration waived the 25 percent FWS matching fee that colleges and universities normally have to contribute.

The Department of Education partnered with the Corporation of National Service to recruit colleges and universities and to implement the FWS initiative. These efforts have been supplemented by the leadership of the College Presidents Steering Committee headed by Dr. Robert Corrigan, President of San Francisco State University. Together, we are providing technical assistance to colleges and universities through an America Reads listserve and a monthly newsletter. The Department of Education has developed and distributed the "Expanding Federal Work-Study and Community Service Opportunities" guide and an extensive Question and Answer sheet to all FWS institutions. In addition, nearly 350 individuals from over 200 colleges attended our four regional America Reads workshops prior to the academic year.

Several examples of innovative approaches to the FWS Challenge are listed below:

- ▶ Miami-Dade Community College, Florida International University, University of Miami, and Barry University together with the Dade County Public Schools have formed an America Reads partnership. Through this partnership, a total of 205 FWS students from Miami-Dade Community College, have completed tutor training, and are working this fall in 34 schools and 6 after-school programs across the county. The tutoring manual - America Reads/Miami Reads Tutoring Guide - was produced by the Dade County Public Schools, and has examples of outreach letters to parents and families in English, Spanish, and Creole.
- ▶ Yale University has formed an intensive tutoring program with the third grade class of a local elementary school. More than 70 FWS students from Yale University are paired with third grade students at Dwight Elementary School in New Haven, Connecticut. Tutors work with their students for one hour after school, three to four days a week. As part of their time together, the pair also spends time reading and exploring at the public library.
- ▶ At San Francisco State University, 65 FWS tutors were chosen from nearly 150 applicants. The tutors, who have indicated their intention to become elementary school teachers, were trained by faculty on two successive weekends. SFSU's America Reads program received a Learn and Serve Higher Education grant and AmeriCorp*VISTA grants from the Corporation for National Service.

As we move into the second year of America Reads, we are laying the groundwork for a waiver that would extend the program to family literacy organizations, a directory of FWS program descriptions, training opportunities for FWS students, and FWS roundtables for programs to share and learn from one another. Many of these programs have reached out to the America Reads office to voice their need for funding and support to sustain their efforts (*see letter from the Steering Committee of College Presidents in the appendix*).

AMERICA READS/READ*WRITE*NOW! SUMMER PILOT SITES

Last summer, the U.S. Department of Education designated fifteen America Reads Challenge: *Read*Write*Now!* pilot sites to serve as models of community-based/school-linked, extended learning time, literacy programs for children from high-poverty neighborhoods and schools. The goal of these sites is to improve the reading and writing skills of children most in need of help primarily through after school, weekend and summer programs. In the summer of 1996, three pilot sites were established, linking community organizations and schools to provide summer reading opportunities to Title I students. The work of the pilot sites was an important factor in the design of the America Reads Challenge and the number of pilot sites was expanded to fifteen sites for the summer of 1997. Each pilot site was designed and operated locally; each one created an individualized program to suit its needs. The children served in each site ranged from 100 to 100,000 pre-K to eighth grade students, for six to ten weeks. While most sites were urban, there were rural and suburban sites as well.

Children read with learning partners who were Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, middle school students, high school students, Federal Work-Study college students, AmeriCorps and VISTA volunteers, parents, teachers, corporate/business volunteers, retirees/grandparents, and other community members. The sites made further connections with their communities by forming partnerships with hundreds of organizations, local government offices, businesses, churches, local media outlets and more. These community partners provided funding as well as tutors and safe havens for the tutoring to take place. The U.S. Department of Education provided activity kits, publications, and other available resources to the sites.

In the second year of the America Reads Challenge, our goal is to support at least one pilot site in each state beginning in the summer of 1998.

THE PRESIDENT'S COALITION FOR THE AMERICA READS CHALLENGE

The President's Coalition for the America Reads Challenge has been formed to support the goal of the America Reads Challenge, to ensure that every child can read well and independently by the end of the third grade. The *President's Coalition* consists of organizations committed to fulfilling the goal of the America Reads Challenge in their local communities, and dedicated to improving literacy efforts through information-sharing on a national as well as a local level. Members of the *President's Coalition* commit time and resources to building community coalitions for literacy by supporting existing literacy programs and developing new ones where needed, and by recruiting learning partners to work on reading with America's young children from birth through third grade.

A look at how some members are creating partnerships to help families and communities meet the goal of the America Reads Challenge...

- ▶ Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society of Two-Year Colleges (1,100 campuses and 145,000 honor students), has committed to a two year service focus on America Reads starting with their annual meeting in the spring of 1998. They will provide members with printed materials that include background information on the America Reads Challenge, a list of terrific ideas for implementing programs at the chapter level, a Q&A sheet about why the Challenge is needed, and a resource list of national organizations and programs.
- ▶ The YMCA of Greater New York has committed to literacy and accepted the President's Challenge. Their Virtual Y program was launched in 66 sites this September, and will serve at least 50 children at each site. The program will link elementary students with college students from 20 colleges and universities plus community volunteers who will offer tutoring and homework help. The program, a partnership between the Y, the New York City Board of Education, the United Way of New York City, and other sponsoring organizations, supports both the goals of the America Reads Challenge and the Chancellor Rudolph F. Crew's goal of early grade level reading.

Since the White House meeting of the *President's Coalition for the America Reads Challenge* in July, over 160 organizations have committed to helping achieve the President's Call to Action. Three *President's Coalition for the America Reads Challenge* meetings were held as part of the Department's Improving America's Schools Regional Conferences in San Diego, Dallas, and Washington, DC in October, November, and December with approximately 60 participants at each. Members also receive an informational news brief from the America Reads Challenge on a twice-monthly basis to update them on exciting news about the *President's Coalition*, and to share the innovative ways their colleagues are meeting the challenge.

The President's Coalition is also supporting the expansion of the 1998 America Reads Challenge/Read*Write*Now! summer pilot sites through an intergovernmental work group consisting of the Department and 30 other federal agencies.

PUBLIC AWARENESS

Strategies have been developed to communicate the goals and objectives of the America Reads Challenge to the general public, and to provide current news and information deemed useful to supporting organizations.

America Reads Challenge Website -The site was designed to complement the Department's overall Website, and is accessed as one of the Secretary's initiatives. It originally contained sections for 1) general information about the initiative and how to get involved; 2) frequently asked questions with answers; 3) legislative updates; 4) Federal Work-Study information including a list of participating colleges and universities that is updated every two weeks; 5)

research and examples of effective literacy programs; and 6) publications (*listing included in appendix.*) As the support for the initiative has expanded, additional content areas have been added including a site for information about the *President's Coalition for the America Reads Challenge*; two easy-access front-page areas with profiles of Federal Work-Study and AmeriCorps programs, and examples of how some *President's Coalition* members are meeting the Challenge; and the ability to download America Reads Challenge logos and a two-page general information brochure. (<http://www.ed.gov/inits/americanreads>)

The Department's site is currently being redesigned and updated, providing the opportunity for the America Reads Challenge site to be revised and amended to reflect changes that have occurred following passage of legislation through the House; creating one expanded publication site where all Department of Education sponsored child literacy publications (both in English and Spanish) can be found; establishing a section specifically focused on the summer 1998 READ*WRITE*NOW! sites; and adding several new links to other websites.

In addition, the Corporation for National Service has dedicated a page on their web site to the America Reads Challenge. (<http://www.cns.gov/areads/>)

Newsletters-Two newsletters have been developed to communicate with the major support groups for the America Reads Challenge. (*Samples have been included in the appendix.*)

The bi-weekly *President's Coalition for the America Reads Challenge* Newsletter is blast faxed to more than 200 individuals and organizations. Each edition contains a message from the director; legislative update; welcome to new organizations who commit to support the Challenge; spotlight on how *President's Coalition* members are meeting the Challenge; examples of Federal Work-Study programs; resource and publication information; and how to access additional America Reads Challenge information.

The monthly **Federal Work-Study** Newsletter is mailed to more than 830 colleges and universities nationwide. Each edition contains a message from the director; legislative update; examples of Federal Work-Study programs; resources and publications; financial-aid specific announcements, regulation changes and questions & answers; and ways to access additional America Reads Challenge Federal Work-Study information.

Special Legislative Updates -In an effort to provide supporters with the most up-to-date information about the America Reads Challenge legislation, special editions of the newsletters are prepared and distributed on an as-needed basis.

Listserve -A Listserve was established originally for use by financial aid administrators to provide a site for information exchange as they implemented the America Reads Challenge Federal Work-Study program. The Listserve is now open to all parties interested in the America Reads Challenge, and is currently being accessed by America Reads Federal Work-Study coordinators and participants, teachers, librarians, literacy coalition coordinators and other

interested parties.

Newsletter and Magazine Articles -Articles from the director have been requested by many literacy and early childhood development organizations and printed in their publications.

ED Initiatives -Bi-weekly updates are included in the Department of Education's on-line newsletter that is read by more than 11,500 subscribers with pass-along readership estimated at more than twice that figure.

Community Update -The America Reads Challenge was featured in the October 1997 edition of the Education Department's newsletter which is mailed to more than 240,000 readers.

Satellite Town Meetings -The Secretary's May Satellite Town Meeting focused on children's literacy and the America Reads Challenge. The hour-long program featured Director Carol Rasco and several panelists directly involved in community-based literacy programs. The broadcast had the highest recorded viewership of any regular monthly town meeting based on the number of sites that registered to downlink the broadcast.

The June Satellite Town Meeting focused on Early Childhood preparation for learning including reading readiness skills. Carol Rasco was a guest on the panel.

America Goes Back to School: The America Reads Challenge staff highlighted the importance of reading during the Department's 1997 America Goes Back to School (AGBTS) period. This initiative encourages parents, grandparents, community leaders, employers and employees, artists, religious leaders, and every caring adult to become more actively involved in improving education in their communities. The initiative focuses attention on improving American education during the back-to-school period of August through October.

Recognizing that the back-to-school time period is crucial for children and families who may have put reading on a back burner over the summer months, Director Carol Rasco participated in a number of "Back-to-School" events across the Nation in August, September, and October. Throughout, she focused on the importance of literacy, specifically the goal of having all children read well and independently by the end of third grade.

Publications -1.5 million color copies of the *READ*WRITE*NOW!* Activity Kit were printed and distributed through the 15 America Reads Challenge summer pilot sites, at public libraries nationwide, and in response to caller requests to the Department's Information Resource Center toll-free number. In addition, two Spanish reading and writing activity guides were made available via the America Reads Challenge website. Many other organizations utilized the black & white version of the basic *READ*WRITE*NOW!* kit.

Both color and black & white versions of the *READY*SET*READ!* Early Childhood Learning Readiness kit were distributed to 63,000 families and 23,000 caregivers.

On May 30, 1997, five hundred copies of *Expanding Federal Work-Study and Community Service Opportunities: An FWS Resource Guide* were mailed to colleges and universities who received Federal Work-Study allocations. This publication is available on an on-going basis through the website.

Access Information -The following methods of access have been established to best meet the information needs of the general public:

The America Reads Challenge
U.S. Department of Education
600 Independence Avenue SW, Suite 6100
Washington, DC 20202-0130

Phone (202) 401-8888

Fax (202) 401-0596

Toll free number for comments/publications: 1-800-USA-LEARN or TDD 1-800-437-0833

Web site: www.ed.gov/inits/americanreads

America Reads Challenge *Listserve* -majordomo@etr-associates.org then, in the text of the message, type: subscribe americanreads

APPENDIX A:

DEPARTMENT-WIDE OBJECTIVE STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE READING

These strategies are part of the Department-wide effort to improve reading and will be carried out in 1998-99.

Objective 2.2 Every child reads well and independently by the end of the third grade

Key Indicator: Increasing percentages of fourth-graders will meet basic, proficient, and advanced levels in reading on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). In 1999, the NAEP trends in reading will begin to increase and will show steady gains over the next 5 years from the 1994 NAEP assessment in which 60% of students scored at or above the basic level in reading.

Key Strategies to meet this indicator:

- ▶ Expand and improve extended learning time opportunities for children to practice and further develop their reading skills
 - ▶ Create at least one summer pilot site in each state that will coordinate a large community-wide tutor/reading effort by linking families, and schools (Title I, special education, and regular education programs) and other community partners. Sites would be provided with training and a tool kit to help sites start up and implement a high quality program.
 - ▶ Increase the number of Federal Work-Study colleges and universities participating in the America Reads challenge and improve existing programs. Expand the program to include family-literacy organizations.
- ▶ Provide leadership and tools for systemic reform in reading; broaden public awareness and involvement in reading improvement
 - ▶ Develop a coordinated strategy among ED programs (Title I, special education, bilingual, and family literacy) for improved implementation of reading programs.
 - ▶ Develop a companion guide to "A Compact for Learning" to assist school and community partners in refocusing their efforts on the widespread, comprehensive reform of reading; pilot in one ARC site.
- ▶ Improve instructional practices of K-3 teachers.
 - ▶ Drive \$25 million increase in funds under the Eisenhower Professional Development program to improve the instructional practice of K-3 teachers.
 - ▶ Provide tool-kit to teachers of high quality materials that can help them improve the teaching and learning of reading, including materials on using assessment tools to improve their reading program for all students.
- ▶ Increase the infusion of early childhood literacy activities into childcare settings and preschools
 - ▶ Disseminate information to family/home childcare settings on how to infuse literacy building skill activities into early childhood settings.
 - ▶ Partner America Reads pilot sites and Federal Work-Study programs with Even

Start Family literacy programs and Head Start.

- ▶ Target special populations, such as low-income and disadvantage children, children with disabilities, and LEP students.
 - ▶ Place America Reads pilot sites in EZ/ECs and encourage them to serve large populations of Title I and Even Start students, linking to schools and families.
 - ▶ Disseminate sufficient numbers of ARC:RWN materials in Spanish to meet the needs of growing Hispanic communities.
 - ▶ Collaborate with NICHD to launch 5-year study on acquisition of English and the teaching and learning of reading. Award grants that model NICHD research for the learning disabled population.
- ▶ Develop strong research, evaluation, and dissemination agendas and support key activities furthering improvement.
 - ▶ Build on current research and evaluation findings in reading and develop a coordinated research agenda.
 - ▶ Work with NAS to roll-out and disseminate the results of their two-year study, "The Prevention of Reading Difficulties in Young Children."
- ▶ Promote effective coordination and collaboration inside and outside the U.S. Department of Education
 - ▶ More effectively coordinate and promote reading strategies, programs, and research within the Department of Education.
 - ▶ Develop interagency collaborations to provide assistance and support for the America Reads pilot sites.
 - ▶ Leverage key reading constituencies, e.g. International Reading Association (IRA), National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), American Library Association (ALA).

APPENDIX B

PUBLICATIONS SUPPORTING THE AMERICA READS CHALLENGE

*Ready*Set*Read!* Early Childhood Learning Kit in English and Spanish

*Read*Write*Now* basic kits:

Activities for Reading and Writing Fun, 1997 (birth through grade six)

Actividades para Divertirse Leyendo y Escribiendo, 1997

*Read*Write*Now! Partners Tutoring Program:*

A guide to one-on-one tutoring

Spiderman in Amazing Adventures:

An activity book for children K-6

Just Add Kids

A resource directory of learning partners, reading sites, and other literacy services for families and communities who want to help children improve their reading and writing skills through READ*WRITE*NOW! and other literacy efforts.

Expanding Federal Work-Study and Community Service Opportunities (May 1997)

A Federal Work-Study resource guide from the U.S. Department of Education

Soon to be released publications:

Simple Things You Can Do To Help America's Children Read Well and Independently by the End of Third Grade.

This guide provides helpful suggestions for parents, schools, librarians, grandparents, seniors, concerned citizens, community-based organizations, universities, employers and the media on how each group can work to improve literacy in their community.

Lexile Framework and Checkpoints for Progress In Reading and Writing For Families and Communities and Teachers and Learning Partners.

These documents provide guidelines on the skills a child should be expected to demonstrate at each developmental stage and provide tips on how to help children attain these skills.

Theodore R. Mann
Seymour B. Reich

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January 19, 1998

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As former Chairmen of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, we wish to share with you our views regarding your meetings this week with Prime Minister Netanyahu and Chairman Arafat.

We know that great pressures have been exerted on you in the past few days. Some within our community who continue to fear that American evenhandedness in the negotiating process might somehow be harmful to Israel. We do not share those fears, nor do the vast majority of American Jews, as you yourself have seen from the extensive polls that have been conducted on this matter.

We wholeheartedly support the balanced approach that you and your Administration have taken in the peace talks. We encourage you to stay the course and steer both parties down a pragmatic road that can realistically lead to peace. It is our conviction that without your personal efforts there will be no peace or security for the Israelis or the Palestinians.

We have faith that you grasp the enormity of this moment in our history and in your presidency -- and we wish you God speed in your efforts.

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President Bill Clinton
c/o Betty Curry
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

Now that the Washington Press Corps has taken its best shots of your family pets, we'd like to invite you to submit pictures taken by you of our nation's "First Pets" to help kick-off the fourth annual All American Pet Photo Contest for amateur photographers sponsored by Fox Photo in cooperation with The Humane Society of the United States. The purpose of the promotion is to underscore the importance of responsible pet ownership and to celebrate how proud owners are of family pets. The contest generates approximately 10,000 entries annually, making it one of the most successful events of its type.

Just as we are offering tips to the general public on how to photograph their pets, we'd be pleased to arrange for our spokesperson, Walter Chandoha, a world-renowned pet photographer, to give you hands-on instructions on photographing Buddy and Socks, using any kind of camera you're comfortable with. Walter's tips are available to the public at no charge in conjunction with the contest. His bio is enclosed in the tips brochure booklet.

The fourth annual All American Pet Photo Contest for amateur photographers begins in February on President's Day. According to the rules, no purchase is required. However, since Kodak film is a U.S. product, all photos must be shot with Kodak film and printed on Kodak paper in keeping with the All American theme. Contest entries must be color photographs 5x7 or 8x10 and un-matted.

Although the official deadline is April 30, 1998, we'd appreciate having your photos submitted by February 10 in order to use them as publicity materials for the kick-off on February 16. We'd also appreciate your photographing Buddy and Socks wearing collars and tags in order to support one of the goals of The Humane Society of the United States for all pet owners.

A special feature of the fourth annual All American Pet Photo Contest is the extension of All American Pet Photo Day to All American Pet Photo Week, a reminder to update pet identification information annually. From March 15 through 21, a public service campaign will encourage pet owners to take a picture of their pet and create a Pet Photo I.D. including information regarding the pet's current height, weight, age, color, collar description, distinguishing characteristics, I.D. tags, rabies I.D., etc. Free Pet Photo I.D. forms will be featured on the Internet, as well as available at the more than 400 CPI Photo and Fox Photo retail locations owned by Fox Photo, Inc. nationwide.

Please send photos taken by you of Buddy and Socks to All American Pet Photos, c/o Robyn Frankel, Contest Coordinator, Frankel Public Relations, 8026 Venetian Drive, St. Louis, MO 63105. If you have additional questions, please telephone Robyn Frankel at 314/863-3373.

For your information, those entering the actual contest will be competing for 25 prizes and three categories: (1) Dogs (2) Cats, and (3) Pets and People "Look-Alikes" and Other. In addition to one \$1,000 cash prize for the "Best of Show" chosen from all categories combined, each category will offer cash awards of \$500 for First Place, \$250 for Second Place and \$100 for Third Place. There will also be five honorable mentions in each category. Fox Photo, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Eastman Kodak Company and based in St. Louis, MO, is solely responsible for the creation and administration of the contest.

Thank you for your consideration of participating in this fun event on behalf of millions of All American pets and their owners.

Sincerely,


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PETS are a favorite subject of family photos, yet many amateur photographers find it challenging to get a great shot. According to Walter Chandoha, world-renowned animal photographer, knowing your pet and his habits is key to getting a great photo. For example, if you want to get a shot of your cat yawning, let him take a nap and be ready with a camera when he wakes up.

"To succeed in animal photography, you need an unlimited reserve of patience. Animals are unpredictable. They can't be coerced, they ignore pleas to cooperate, and promises of fame and fortune fall on deaf ears," says Chandoha, whose photos of animals have been featured on more than 300 magazine covers and 2,000 ads.

Chandoha also offers the following tips for anyone taking pictures of their pet:

★**STUDY YOUR PET'S HABITS.** Take pictures when he or she is likely to be most cooperative — not when you get the urge. But always have your camera ready to shoot should your pet get into a pose or situation that is unanticipated.

★**GET DOWN TO THEIR LEVEL.** Generally, the most appealing pictures of pets are made with the camera at their eye level. Since cats and dogs tend to be small, you may have to lie down on the floor to photograph them.

★**TRY FOR EYE CONTACT.** The most effective pet pictures show the subject with an appealing expression looking directly at the camera. All animals are curious. If you make soft, subtle noises, tap or scratch the camera, they'll look for the source of the sound.

★**MAKE SOUNDS AND NOISES TO GET YOUR PET'S ATTENTION** — bark, meow, moo, groan, sigh, cough, hiss. But don't overdo it and if one sound doesn't work, try another. Keep the sounds soft and inviting, never sharp enough to frighten or scare your pet.

★**BRIBE THEM WITH FOOD.** Dogs and cats look alert when they get a taste of their favorite foods or snacks. As with sounds when trying to get their attention, use moderation. Give them a taste, then when they're looking for more you might get the prize-winning picture.

★**GET CLOSE, BUT NOT TOO CLOSE.** Follow your camera's instructions. If it says don't get closer than 18 inches, don't or you'll get fuzzy pictures. If your camera can take a close-up lens, you'll be able to take big, sharp close-ups.

★**WORK WITH AN ASSISTANT.** You can make pet pictures by yourself, but if you have a helper, your chances of making a good picture will be increased. Your assistant will keep the pet amused or confined to a pre-selected area while you concentrate on the pose or expression.

★**SHOOT, SHOOT, SHOOT.** Most great animal pictures are lucky accidents. A fleeting expression, a graceful or awkward pose, an unusual play of light, are all factors that can make a great shot. If you don't get that great shot the first time, it may happen a second or two later, so shoot a lot of pictures. With animals, the more you shoot, the greater are your chances of success.

★**KEEP BACKGROUNDS SIMPLE.** Avoid clutter behind the pet. A plain wall, a dense hedge, and the sky are all good and will not detract from the subject. However, a single prop like a big bone or a cute toy are logical and can be included. They might even keep the pet's interest.

★**AVOID RED EYE.** When pets look right at the camera and pictures are made with built-in flash, red-eye happens. It can be avoided by shooting at an angle rather than full front. If you do get red-eye, eliminate it with a simple touch-up kit which can be purchased at CPI Photo or Fox Photo.

★**KEEP YOUR PET SAFE.** According to guidelines of The Humane Society of The United States (HSUS), "Don't endanger your pet. No photo is worth placing your pet in a precarious position or setting where your cat or dog could become frightened or injured."

★**READ INSTRUCTIONS THAT COME WITH YOUR CAMERA.** Find out what your camera can - and cannot - do. Additionally, most films include printed guidelines for picture-taking under assorted light conditions.

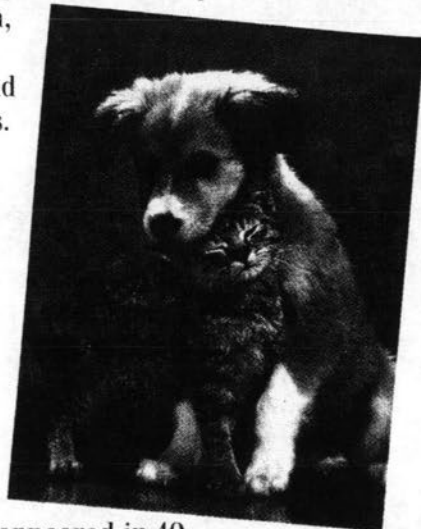
★**COMBINE FAST FILM WITH NATURAL LIGHT.** Natural or existent light produces better pictures both indoors and out than pictures made with flash. With ASA 400 or 800 film, pictures can be taken just about anywhere, and anytime without flash. However, if you can't control the flash on the camera, tape one ply of Kleenex over the flash to reduce its intensity.

★**HOLD THE CAMERA STEADY WHEN YOU PRESS THE SHUTTER BUTTON.** Most blurred pictures are made when the camera is jiggled the instant the button is pressed. Gently squeeze the button at the same time holding the camera steady.



WALTER CHANDOHA, a world-renowned animal photographer, has been a professional free-lance photographer/writer for over 30 years. His work has appeared on over 300 magazine covers, in 2,000 ads and on pet food packaging for prominent companies such as Ralston Purina, Nabisco, Alpo, Nine Lives, and General Foods.

A marketing graduate of New York University's School of Business, he has written and/or illustrated 25 books and his



pictures have appeared in 40 calendars as the sole illustrator and have been used to illustrate greeting cards, posters, jigsaw puzzles, coffee mugs and even bank credit cards. His books include *Walter Chandoha's Book of Kittens and Cats*, *Walter Chandoha's Book of Puppies and Dogs*, *Walter Chandoha's Book of Foals and Horses*, and *How to Shoot & Sell Animal Photos*, the latter considered a standard reference in its field.

In addition to animal photography, Chandoha is known for his photographs of gardens and gardening. On his 46 acre farm in northwest New Jersey, he has experimental photographic gardens where he grows flowers, vegetables, fruits and herbs. He is a member of the American Society of Media Photographers (ASMP/NJ) and the Garden Writers of America Association (GWAA) and a former director of both organizations.

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THE TAIL END

Pets in picture-perfect poses

BY SARAH CASEY NEWMAN

Of the Post-Dispatch

QUICK QUESTION: What's more appealing than a picture of a pet or a child?

Quick answer: A picture of a pet and a child.

You'll find evidence of this among the just-announced winners of the third annual All American Pet Photo Contest, sponsored by the Humane Society of the United States and Fox Photo Inc.

Of the top three winners in the competition, which drew nearly 10,000 entries, the top two pet pictures included children.

The first, worth \$1,000 in prize money, captured a horse stealing a drink from a baby's bath water.

The second, earning \$250, caught a kitten snuggling in the arms of a loving child.

The third-place, \$100 winner melded the combination of kids and pets by photographing a puppy — which is, of course, a baby dog.

About this winning chocolate Lab pup: No, it isn't Buddy. The first

dog wasn't ensconced in the White House in time for any presidential pictures to be entered in the contest (although several of the cats among the entries did look suspiciously like Socks).

This particular puppy is Caesar Rodney, who was about 10 weeks old when the picture was taken. He lives in south St. Louis County with Ellen Simmons, who took the picture.

Simmons was the contest's only local winner although she insists she wasn't a winner at all. "The puppy was," she says.

Simmons entered three photos of her pet, each taken at different times against different backgrounds.

When told that she . . . er, Caesar Rodney had won, she wasn't told which of the photos had caught the judges' eye. She just knew that all were cute because "Caesar's expression never changes."

Still, she had a good guess.

"Was it the one with his head tilted?" she asked The Tail End.

Caesar is the third in a line of three chocolate Labs that Simmons has had — and the second to gain national acclaim.

"Our last puppy had his picture in Dog World," says Simmons, who had sent a snapshot to the magazine for use as "a cute puppy picture." Caesar, as one of the All-American Pet Photo winners, will have his picture published in Family Photo magazine.

Simmons says that all of her Labs have had names with historical connections to her husband's home state.

"Caesar Rodney was the man [a judge] who signed the Declaration of Independence from Delaware."

The eponymous pup is now 9 months old, weighed in at 65 pounds at last check and for all practical purposes, according to

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RIGHT: Start with a baby's bath, add a thirsty horse, and the result is \$1,000 for Kerry Mellin of Slymar, Calif., first-place winner in the 1997 All American Pet Photo Contest.



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ABOVE: This chocolate Lab named Caesar helped his owner, Ellen Simmons, of south St. Louis County, win third place in the contest.
RIGHT: Ellen Simmons and her husband, Leonard Buckley, with Caesar.



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Simmons, "is just Caesar."

"Actually," she said on second thought, "we call him 'Caesar No.'"

Except, of course, when he strikes one of his prize-winning poses.

Amateur photographers who want to get in on this year's All American Pet Photo contest should have their cameras at the ready and start to bone up on their picture-taking technique. The 1998 contest is scheduled to kick off in mid-February.

Although nothing is official yet, this year's contest promises to be bigger than ever, with more categories and more prizes.

Watch The Tail End for details.

RIGHT: Ann Schau of Hilton Head, S.C., snapped this photo of her granddaughter cuddling a kitten and won the second-place prize.



Super feature

SUPER BOWL Sunday, Jan. 25, is a day to the dogs, at least at the St. Charles Humane Society, which is concerned.

In keeping with the spirit of Jan. 28, the society is hosting a show-and-go sporting event at the Kennelwood Village Pet Depot at 418 South Church Street in St. Peters.

At a show and go, owner teams practice exercises in preparation for judged competitions.

Mixed-breed and purebred dogs are welcome at the Paws Sunday Show.

Utility and open level events are held from 9 a.m. to noon. The novice level will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Pets

Shoot Those Dogs & Cats!

Get Them on Film
For Fun & Posterity

By Linda Wheeler
Washington Post Staff Writer

"Shoot, shoot, shoot" is the advice animal photographer Walter Chandoha offers to anyone who wants to make a really good picture of a pet. When going for the perfect picture, the one that may win a prize, keep exposing film until the magic moment is captured.

Chandoha knows. For much of his professional life, he has made a living by photographing cats and dogs for feature magazine articles, advertisements and pet food packages.

The author of four books of pet pictures, Chandoha is a New Jersey photographer who started out 45 years ago taking images of his own short-haired, gray cat named Loco. He won a few photo contests. "That set me to thinking, this was a good way to earn money," he said. "Loco was my model for many years."

Eventually three other cats were added to the family—Minguina, Buddy and Jet—each of them becoming models for calendars, note cards and feature news pictures.

"When I had a thousand good cat pictures, I thought I'd done it all," Chandoha said. "But cats have so many facets, they are so full of personality, that I could photograph them for 20 lifetimes and still not cover all the possibilities."

Chandoha, who is a consultant for the "All American" Pet Photo Contest, has a lot of tips for amateur photographers. As a professional, he is not eligible to enter the contest, so he offers his advice freely.

Good composition is the basis of all successful photographs, said Chandoha, who learned how to compose photos by studying the master painters at art museums. Paying attention to a clean background and an uncluttered foreground, and positioning the subject within the frame are basics. But other simple techniques can make a big difference in the photos you take.

"Shooting an animal at their eye level is more appealing," recommended Chandoha. "Mostly we are looking down at them and that is



PHOTO BY WALTER CHANDOHA

not the most flattering posture, especially for cats. If we see them head on, there is no distortion. From above, they appear to have a big head. You have to get down to their level." Or bring them up to the camera level: Chandoha has a table in his studio and that has worked well for a straight-on portrait.

Keep in mind that animals tire quickly and get bored, so Chandoha advises giving them a rest, and then starting again. "It is best to shoot

"Cats have so many facets, they are so full of personality, that I could photograph them for 20 lifetimes and still not cover all the possibilities."

—photographer Walter Chandoha

them on their schedule, not yours," he said. "Pick a time when you know your pet is playful and alert. Make soft noises to get their attention. Offer them a toy if it is not too intrusive on the picture."

Chandoha and his wife raised six children, and occasionally, they too became a part of a particularly good photograph. The photographer recalled putting a saucer of milk down on the kitchen floor for a fuzzy kitten when his very young daughter toddled into the room and joined the kitten at the bowl.

"She put her face right in the bowl," he said. "And I didn't have a camera handy. I yelled to my wife to pick up the baby and I grabbed a camera and when my wife put her down, she did it again. It ran in Life Magazine and has been reprinted a number of times."

And that brings Chandoha to a rule many news photographers follow: Always have your camera loaded with film and have it handy. "A precise zinger of a photo is a rarity," he said. "You have to be prepared to shoot a lot and shoot often. If you try to save on film, it will always be the frame you didn't shoot that will have the magic. If you quit at six frames, number seven will be the one. You have to keep going until you get it. Don't quit."

Chandoha is known for his endearing pet pictures, like the one of a striped kitten rubbing up against a slightly confused blond puppy. "I borrow pets from my friends and this was a puppy from down the street," he said. "I've noticed that animal babies seem to get along well. They seem to have an affinity for each other. So, putting a puppy and kitten together sometimes produces a great picture."

For all the wonderful photographs that Chandoha has taken, he tends to remember the ones that got away. Like the day he moved a window shutter to see if a bat had flown behind it and out the bat flew. His black cat Jet pounced on it and ran off with the bat in his mouth, the wings spread equally on each side of the cat's head.

"Did I have a camera? No," he said. "I keep thinking about that picture."

The "All American" Pet Photo Contest is sponsored by the Humane Society of the United States and CPI Photo/Fox Photo. They are offering prizes of cash and cameras. The winning pictures will be featured in the Humane Society of the United States annual calendar. The deadline is Aug. 31, 1996. For more information call, 800-669-9699, Ext. 3609.

If You Ask Me

A Home Home

By Timothy L.
Special to The Washington Post

Like many Americans, I love my job—but I still love my office. It's cramped, noisy. The interruptions. I just can't see doing it. But please don't tell me I'm working at home.

For that's just the way it's working from home.

My woes began when I left the successful marketing agency where I was president and creative director. Weary of the aches that come with age, I had decided to grow a number of A-listers such as fax machines and modems. I sold out and began working from independent freelancers.

Friends and clients very different reactions. I learn you work at home with envy and wish you had a job that allowed you to work from home. Others roll their eyes, how they could never do it. They fear the temptation to divert them from their

Honestly, I haven't had a problem whatsoever in each day. While most of the time I'm fighting Beltway traffic, I'm relaxing over my coffee. I fast with my kids, newspapers, or enjoying a dog. There's no clock to fill out. No dull staff meetings. No employees to fret over.

Sounds ideal? It did at first. Then, little by little, I noticed the intrusion of noise water torture, driving me mad.

Take noise, for example. Now in your own moment and you'll find ground sounds you're used to. Car engines. Rumbling. Phones. Clacking keys. Go-walkers. All that noise.

Meanwhile, back home, there's a strange, cacophony you blissfully

The family dog yowls outside? He's not at his barking will go on interruption. The lawnmower? The crew is hired? The gas-powered lawnmower for hours. The system you installed

your alarm siren wails because I hear it all the time. You bought by mail being delivered right from the start-and-UPS truck. The kids in the nearby high school—I can hear them boom-boom of their when they arrive or hear the squeal of they depart.

Aha, you say—I've picked a noisy neighbor.

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January 12, 1998

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

Attention Ms. Betty Currie

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Dear President Clinton:

This is to invite you to be the Commencement speaker and to be the recipient of an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, at Talladega College in Talladega, Alabama on Sunday, May 17, 1998 at 9:30 a.m. This is a follow-up to my recent conversation with you at "Renaissance Weekend" in Hilton Head Island, S. C. I am pleased and excited that you expressed a willingness to consider this invitation.

Talladega College is a historically black college (HBCU) with a long history of providing a quality liberal arts education to its students. I remain convinced that African American institutions such as Talladega College will continue to serve the nation and indeed the world in a uniquely important way in the twenty-first century. We at Talladega College stand ready to continue the tradition of excellence in education that has been our trademark over the past one hundred and thirty years.

I have been privileged to have been appointed by you to serve as the Vice Chairman of your Advisory Board on HBCUs. I know from my work with this group, that it would be seen as a positive act for you to give this kind of recognition to the work of one of our HBCU institutions. As you know HBCUs continue to educate the majority of Afro-Americans who go on to receive advanced degrees and to make positive contributions to our communities.

The Board of Trustees of Talladega College would be honored to have you become a part of Talladega's honorary doctorate family. Others in your Class include Senator Carol Moseley-Braun, Dr. Jewel Plummer Cobb former President of the University of California at Fullerton, Mrs. John H. Johnson, Vice President of Johnson Publishing Company, and Dr. William "Bill" Cosby of the Cosby Show.

Rodney Slater, who I also spoke with at the "Renaissance", and who is a long time friend, is quite supportive of this idea. He has expressed a willingness to provide further details if indicated

President Bill Clinton
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about my role with Talladega College, in addition to the contribution of my family to education in Little Rock, Arkansas.

I am enclosing an article about my grandmother who graduated in one of the early classes at Talladega College and who subsequently became one of the first Afro-American educators in Arkansas. My initial introduction to you was when you were Governor of Arkansas and had a program honoring Afro-Americans including my relatives, who had made significant contributions to Arkansas.

I enjoyed the question and answer session which you and Mrs. Clinton presented at "Renaissance." I am also quite supportive of your work to increase the dialogue between the races. I believe that your participation at Talladega College would be another indication of your sincere interest in furthering this kind of communication.

I hope that you will honor us with a positive response to this invitation to receive an honorary doctorate and to be the graduation speaker at Talladega College. Your staff may reach me, as needed, by telephone at 773/324-2165 or by fax 773/324-1761.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lucile Ish". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

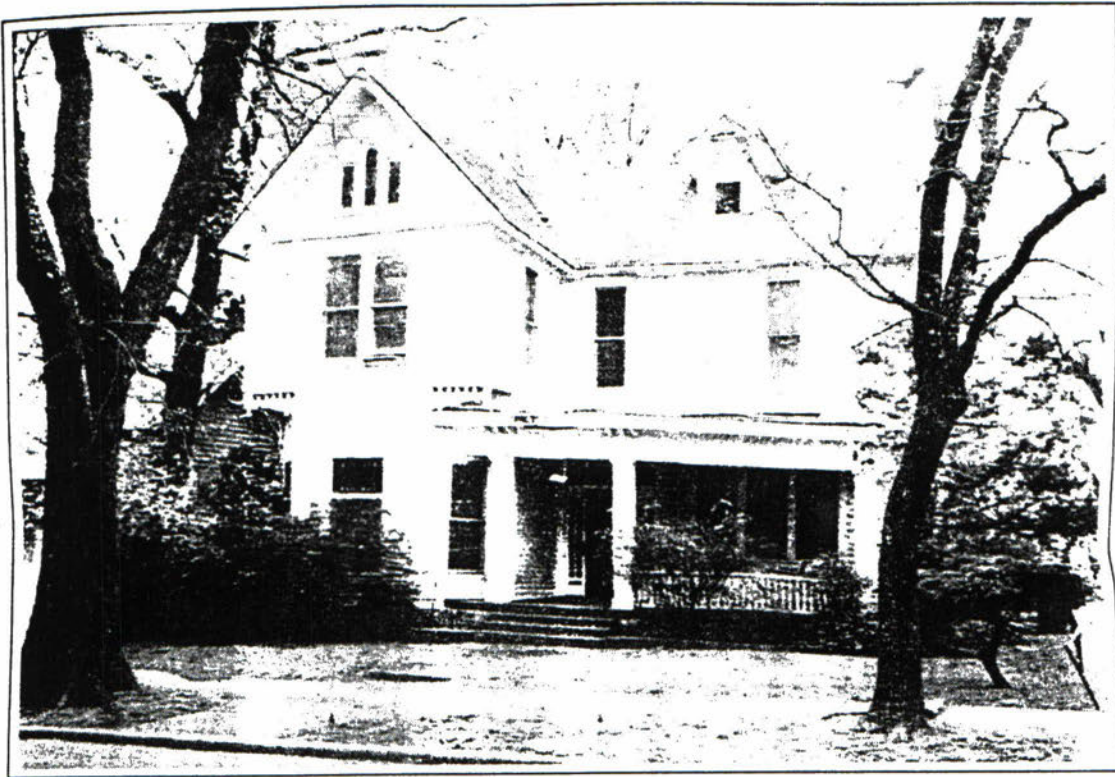
Lucile Ish, Chairman
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THE ISH FAMILY



This photograph, taken in 1898, includes Jefferson Gatherford Ish and Mrs. Marietta Ish, seated, and standing left to right, Jefferson Ish, Jr., Harriet Ish, and G. W. S. Ish.



*ISH House, Sixteenth and Scott. American Queen Anne style,
with Colonial Revival attic windows and porch, c.1880 QQT*

One late afternoon in 1873, Jefferson Gatherford Ish and his wife Marietta arrived in Little Rock by train from Tennessee. They travelled on by stagecoach to Wrightsville, where they had been engaged to teach. There they established such a fine record for their work and community involvement that the Little Rock School District sought them out. Ish became principal of the Arsenal School, then Bush, Union, Capitol Hill and Gibbs. ***He was the first educator in Little Rock to introduce departmentalism in the public schools. Ish School is named in his honor.***

The home, although redecorated and updated through the years, looks much as it did when Jefferson Ish built it. After his death one of his sons, Dr. G. W. S. Ish, resided here with his family. Dr. Ish graduated from Yale University and Harvard Medical School, where he was the only black in his class of 1909. He was medical director and chief of surgical staff at United Friends of America Hospital, and school physician and instructor of health education at Philander Smith College, 1934-1965. As a member of the state board of the McRae Memorial Tuberculosis Sanatorium, he was one of the first doctors nationally to urge the use of the drugs so effective in eradicating that disease. His home remained in the Ish Family until purchased by the AMDPA in 1992, for the purpose of restoration into a museum.

Following two years of negotiations, the AMDPA was successful in purchasing the former home of George W. Ish, M. D., one of the distinguished African American physicians and surgeons to practice medicine in the state of Arkansas. The purpose of this purchase is to utilize this symbolic dwelling to house a museum of historic significance, chronicling the early and present day history of African American physicians, dentists, and pharmacists in the state of Arkansas. The original contents of the home, as well as artifacts, were also purchased and presently are being stored. Restoration of the Ish Home is being accomplished according to the code specifications of the city of Little Rock, Arkansas, as well as the Quapaw District where the home is located.



Dr. Lucile Ish
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President Bill Clinton
The White House
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ATTENTION: Ms. Betty Currie

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No ☒

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January 13, 1998

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The Honorable William J. Clinton
President
The White House
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Dear President Clinton:

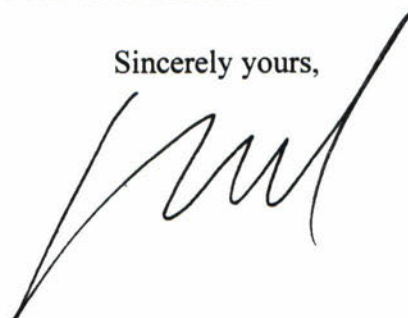
I hope your holiday season went well, your vacation was restful and that you have begun 1998 with renewed optimism, notwithstanding the calamities around the world. I have two thoughts for the new year for your consideration. First, my ongoing activity with the health care quality commission has dramatically increased my knowledge of the health care industry and the problem of the uninsured. I believe that one key to unlock that problem is the federal tax code -- the code is already intimately intertwined with health care and could be tweaked for better use. This is probably not a new idea, but one possibility might be to provide a tax incentive for small businesses to offer health care benefits to their employees or to join together in purchasing groups.

You may recall that the sole dissenter to the consumer bill of rights was Diane Graham, who runs a small business. Her constant theme throughout the deliberations was that even a few percentage-point increase in medical costs will likely result in more small businesses having to drop medical benefits. A tax credit may be a good use for our impending surplus, or alternately, it could be structured as revenue neutral by reallocating existing tax benefits.

The second matter relates to the enclosed videotape, which contains a 12-minute segment from CBS' *60 Minutes* that aired last year. It is the most objective coverage of the problem of mass torts that I have yet seen, and it will give you an accurate view of the debate in the context of a concrete incident. It is well worth your time.

Sandra and I enjoyed seeing you and Hillary at the White House Christmas party and appreciated the opportunity to express our best wishes to you both personally. As always, please let me know if there is any way that I can be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,



The Honorable William J. Clinton
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PAUL M. MONTRONE

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Dear Nancy,

I was hoping to see
you at the Christmas Party &
attended but no luck. So,
best wishes for the new year
my dear.

Enclosed are some thoughts
for the President which I could
appreciate your passing on to
him along with the video. It
covers a subject that I know
he wants to resolve during this
term -- and this perspective
will be helpful to him.
all the best
PM

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The Most Honorable William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States of America, beloved friend of the Ecumenical Patriarchate: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

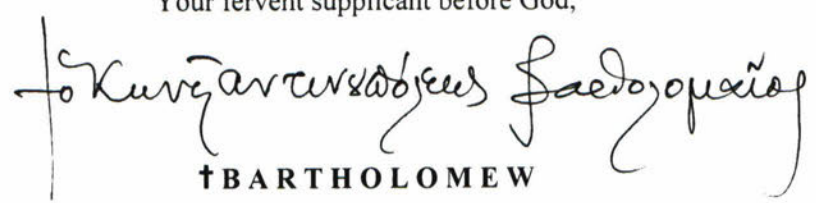
Mr. President, although we have returned to our City and to our ministry of service to the human family, we recall with great fondness our visit to the White House and our time with your beloved and honorable person, and with the First Lady. We remember our mutual exchanges on a variety of issues, and we appreciate your informed interest and knowledge about global spiritual and environmental concerns. We are indeed extremely appreciative of the elegant memento of our visit to the White House, and wish you to know that it graces our Patriarchal office. We shall always look upon that soaring eagle as a symbol of the American spirit, a spirit of sublime ideals and progressive energy exemplified by your person and your administration.

Mr. President, as weighty as the leadership of a nation is, the responsibility you bear as the leader of the free world is even more so. As Ecumenical Patriarch, we offer our prayers and spiritual support for all your labors and your physical and spiritual well-being. As we wage the good fight for the unity and spiritual consolation of all humankind, we want you to know of our readiness to be of any and all assistance to the furtherance to the goals of peace and reconciliation.

We look forward to meeting with you in the future at our Patriarchate, and in expectation of that happy day we bestow upon you and the beloved American People our paternal and Patriarchal blessing. May God fortify and inspire you in your lofty office, by His grace and infinite mercy.

At the Patriarchate, December 1, 1997

Your fervent suppliant before God,



† BARTHOLOMEW

Archbishop of Constantinople, New Rome
and
Ecumenical Patriarch

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Carolyn Curiel

January 9, 1998

President Clinton
The White House

Dear Mr. President,

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How do I describe what you've done to my life? Here I am, being called honorable and all. And to think, it wasn't so long ago I was a journalist.

It has been an honor to serve you and our country at the White House. Working with you, I learned volumes about leadership, honor, humility, faith and courage. I will take these lessons with me as I continue my public service for America in Belize.

My appointment as ambassador has certainly altered my immediate future and then some, but it has also had impact far beyond my life.

I had a swearing-in ceremony at home, in Hammond, Indiana. The Bishop did the invocation, a judge who knows our family officiated, and it was held at the local campus of my alma mater, Purdue. It was a hit -- advance stories, event coverage and follow-up by TV, radio and both regional newspapers, on the front pages and the editorial page. (I was called a "philosopher-diplomat.") My speech targeted young people in my home region, who suffer from low self-esteem and too often give up on their future. I received many calls and letters. Thank you, sir, for helping me to reach these young people.

There has also been national interest, particularly but not exclusively from women and Hispanic organizations. They and my media friends attended a reception held for me on January 5 in the Indian Treaty Room. It was quite nice.

I feel ready to take on the challenges we face in Belize. I have great hopes of advancing American interests there by promoting trade, supporting law enforcement -- especially in relation to the drug trade -- and encouraging protection of the environment in a country blessed with pristine rain forest and unbroken coral reefs. Oh, yes, I may take time to snorkel and visit Mayan ruins, too.

I had hoped to take five minutes of your time to say a proper thank you and goodbye before my departure on January 12, but I was told there was no time on your schedule. I will be back for a few days in late February. I will try again then. Before then, however, I may need to have a short phone conversation with you regarding the certification status of Belize. I believe the decision on this issue is fundamental to my effectiveness as your envoy and to meeting the high standards you have set in dealing with our neighbors.

Wishing you, the First Lady and Chelsea continued good health and a very blessed New Year.

Your scribe,



Carolyn Curiel

BLACK & WHITE BOSTON

Diddy Cullinane
President

Jeff Bellows
Director

January 14, 1998

The Hon. William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

I thought you might be interested in an update on the activities of Black & White Boston Coming Together. Possibly in response to your call for a national dialogue on race, we have found that the interest in our programs are at an all-time high.

Enclosed is our new brochure and latest newsletter describing our first Business Breakfast Meeting of 1998. What was significant about the Breakfast was the participation of a variety of Boston's leadership – business, cultural and political.

We hope that you find this encouraging.

Sincerely,

Diddy Cullinane
Diddy Cullinane

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cc: Sylvia Mathews
Terry Edmonds

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COMING TOGETHER



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NAMES & FACES

BY SUSAN BICKELHAUPT AND MAUREEN DEZELI

Black & White Boston: breakfast of champions

Black & White Boston Coming Together kicks off its breakfast series at the Algonquin Club Monday morning. And though organization president **Diddy Cullinane** was worried about early morning attendance at the event on the morning of Mayor **Menino**'s inaugural, she was surprised to find that "double the number of people are coming that came last year." Northeastern president **Richard Freeland** will lead a discussion about black business in the city at the gathering of Boston bigwigs including **Wayne Budd** of Bell Atlantic, **John Hamill** of Fleet Bank

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"Breakfast of Champions"

Black & White Boston successfully kicked off its *Business Breakfast Series* on January 5, 1998 at the Algonquin Club of Boston. The guest speaker for the meeting was President **Richard Freeland** of Northeastern University. Black & White Boston President, **Diddy Cullinane**, summed up the need for this series best by saying, "Black & White Boston Coming Together, now in its ninth year, is demonstrating more and more that good will does exist between the races not only through dialogue but through tangible outcomes of that dialogue."

President **Freeland**'s comments revealed an impressive commitment on the part of both himself and Northeastern to attracting a diverse student body as well as establishing programs beneficial to them and the surrounding community. **Freeland** centered his message on Northeastern's role in the racial progress and empowerment of the black community in Boston. He believes that, "race relations is the single most important issue of this time's history." His emphasis was on how Northeastern was working to achieve this goal in three key areas: education, scholarly programs, and by using its institutional capabilities.

Nomination forms and award criteria for the Black & White Business Profile Awards were presented by this year's Co-Chairmen, **Wayne Budd** of Bell Atlantic and **John Hamill** of Fleet Bank. These Awards, now in their second year, are presented to companies whose leadership is helping to restore the economic and social vitality of the city, and will be presented in the Spring of 1998.

This year's Annual Black & White Boston Dinner/Dance will be a joint effort with the John F. Kennedy Library. It will be a celebration of the 35th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Movement. Schedule permitting, Congressman **John Lewis** will be the featured guest speaker. More details will be forthcoming.

We look forward to welcoming Massachusetts Speaker of the House, **Thomas Finneran**, at the second breakfast on Monday, February 2 from 8 - 9 a.m. at the Algonquin Club.

We would love to have you join us! To do so please call Faye Murren at 617-247-9300 by Friday, January 23, 1998.

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• **Fed's July Report** — The Fed's latest report shows that the economy is growing at a slower rate than expected, but it is still growing. The Fed is expected to raise interest rates in the near future.

- **Trade & Express** - **Express** brought together the two. The company is a joint venture between the shipping and express companies of the two countries.



Black & White Boston

COMING TOGETHER

Black & White Boston Coming Together

was founded in the fall of 1989

by Diddy Cullinane with a benefit

performance by Bill Cosby

at Boston's Wang Center

the Performing Arts

It is a deliberate attempt to bring

together a cross-section of business

and professional people, black and

white, in a social setting seldom

achieved elsewhere. So well did it

succeed that it has developed into

the stars into a well-known and

respected vehicle for positive racial

interaction on many levels.

Black & White On Green Golf Tournament

Heading into its sixth year, this unique event brings together Boston's business and professional community for a day of golf and camaraderie at the beautifully restored Franklin Park Golf Course. With too few opportunities for both races to become better acquainted, this very popular Tournament provides a relaxed setting for increased social and business interaction, good fellowship, networking and golf. Following the Tournament is a Gala Barbeque accompanied by live music and festivities not only for those who played, but for those whose busy schedules did not allow for a morning of golf. Because of the enthusiastic support of Mayor Thomas M. Menino, Boston's

corporate and private sectors, and a recent endorsement by the USGA, this sold-out Tournament has the added benefit of generating funds for the City of Boston Parks Department Caddie Scholar Program.

The Caddie Scholar Program

Developed in collaboration with the City of Boston Parks Department and now in its third year, this first-of-its-kind program doubled the number of students involved and now includes the two municipal golf courses, Franklin Park and George Wright. The Program brings jobs, golf and caddie instruction to the young people of Boston. Its academic component includes a partnership with the Boston Public Schools as well as SAT and higher education counseling.

Black & White Boston has initiated partnerships with Northeastern University, University of Massachusetts and Roxbury Community College for a scholarship program as well as providing the opportunity for students to develop eligibility for participation in the Francis Chinn Scholarship Fund. Included in their summer activities were a mentoring program sponsored by the United Negro College Fund, a trip to Stow Acres Country Club Golf Camp for a two-day tutorial and participation in the Prudential Securities Inner City Golf Clinic on the Boston Common. Outreach to suburban golf courses for caddying opportunities is in the planning stage.

Ten of this year's Caddie Scholars were members of the Franklin Park Junior Golf Team that won their very first Four Ball League Championship.



Black & White Business Breakfast Series

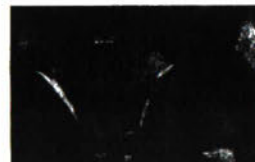
Created as an extension of the Black & White On Green Golf Tournament, these monthly, winter meetings provide an opportunity for on-going dialogue between the races and a forum for a lively and honest exchange of ideas rarely achieved. Among the many participants have been Mayor Thomas M. Menino, academic and social service professionals, CIO's and business men and women. These meetings are chaired by individuals who are well-known and respected in their particular fields.



Black & White Business Profile Awards

Developed as an outgrowth of the Business Breakfast Series, these awards were created to celebrate what is positive in the city's economic environment. The Awards are presented at the Annual Dinner and focus on organizations who have maintained a presence in the inner city while developing a profitable business enterprise. Criteria for these awards

are established by a Sub Committee of the Business Breakfast Series. The visibility provided to these inner-city companies, most of whom are black owned and run, has already generated increased revenue for many of those involved.



Black & White Cocktail Reception/Dinner Dance at the John F. Kennedy Library

This popular annual event brings together a leadership group of business and professional men and women for an elegant evening of dinner and dancing. Co-chaired by well known members of the community, Mayor Menino has served as Honorary Chairman of the dinner for each of its seven years. The dinner program ranges from the presentation of awards to such distinguished honorees as Henry Hampton of Blackside, Inc.



and the Black & White Business Profile Awards, to updates on the Black & White On Green Golf Tournament and Caddie Scholar Program. Collaborative programs with other organizations with similar goals are being planned for this event.

Endorsements and Awards

United States Golf Association: Recognized Black & White Boston Coming Together in 1997 with a \$10,000 grant citing the imaginative Caddie Scholar Program as a prototype for student athletes. Portions of the Black & White On Green Golf Video (Cramer Productions) will also be used in the USGA's promotional materials.

Organization for a New Equality: O.N.E. Medal of Hope Award presented by Dr. Rev. Charles R. Smith in 1996 for on going commitment to improving race relations in the city of Boston.

Prudential: Participation of Caddie Scholars in the 1997 Holiday Tree Lighting Video featuring organizations that are helping to improve the quality of life in the Boston community.

Boston Red Sox: Recognized Black & White Boston Coming Together as part of its community outreach program by hosting an evening at Fenway Park creating an opportunity for business and social interaction as well as attending a Red Sox game in participating corporate suites.

Office for Black Catholics: 1997 Robert F. Kennedy Award presented to Black & White President and Founder, Daddy Callinane for creative vision, significant service and fostering of educational opportunities in the black community.

Northeastern University: Providing administrative staffing for Black & White Boston Coming Together through their Cooperative Program giving business opportunities to students.

Black & White Boston Coming Together

has proven to be not only an important

network within itself, but a unique

collaborative effort demonstrating the good will

that exists between the races

while providing a vehicle for capitalizing

on that good will



Black & White Boston

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For more information contact:

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ATTENTION: NANCY HERNREICH

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[Handwritten notes and signatures]

January 9, 1998

President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

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FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS 72902
U.S.A.

PHONE: 501-646-4711

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Dear President Clinton,

On January 22, at 3:00 P.M., Westark Community College, in association with Baldor, will host a press conference announcing a video link between Westark in Fort Smith and Baldor's plant in Columbus, MS. At the same time, our Columbus plant will also host a press conference which will be linked to the press conference here.

Baldor employees in Columbus will be able to take classes for college credit using the video link between the two sites. We believe that this will be the first time in the country that video distance learning will cross state lines. In addition to Columbus, MS, we are planning video links between our other manufacturing locations in five other states and two locations in Europe. Baldor's Chairman, Roland S. (Rollie) Boreham, Jr., will attend the press conference here and will make a statement about our educational efforts.

We are partnering with Westark because they have advanced video capability and excellent instructors. In addition, we have worked with them in the past to develop curriculum for the educational seminars we offer customers, and employees, each year. Westark and Baldor personnel teach these seminars. To date, over 5000 students have attended these seminars.

Sometime in the near future we will also video link with the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville in order to jointly study advances in the field of electronics.

We realize that this is short notice for you and those who work on your schedule, but if you should be anywhere close, we invite you to attend this press conference. We know that you share our view about the critical importance of education.

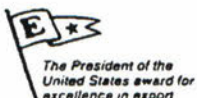
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BOREHAM, WE

Sincerely,
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Manager,
Corporate Communications

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Paul G. Irwin
President, CEO

January 12, 1998

President William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear President Clinton:

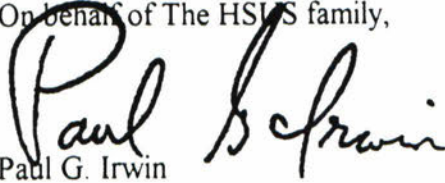
On behalf of The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), I'm writing to congratulate you on the recent addition to your family, your new companion, Buddy, and to give you some very important information regarding Be a P.A.L. (Prevent A Litter) Month and Spay Day USA. These are two very important annual events for companion animals, both occurring in February. With more than 50,000 puppies and kittens born each day in the United States compared to 11,000 humans, it's clear that there can never be enough homes for so many animals. By educating Americans about this very serious problem, we believe we can work toward happy homes for all our companion animal friends. To that end, The HSUS, the nation's largest animal protection organization with close to six million members and constituents, sponsors "Be A PAL, Prevent A Litter" each February to encourage Americans to spay or neuter their pets. The HSUS also co-sponsors Spay Day USA along with the Doris Day Animal League, the founder of the event. This year Spay Day USA will be on Tuesday, February 24, 1998, just around the time that Buddy turns six months of age.

Every year our groups urge humane organizations, animal care and control agencies, veterinarians, volunteers and other concerned individuals to work together to spay or neuter as many animals as possible and to work for passage and enforcement of laws which require the sterilization of shelter animals and encourage sterilization of all other sources of pets. We also encourage the endorsement of these two important events by civic leaders, teachers, state legislators and other elected officials so that more people may be aware of the terrible problem of pet overpopulation in the United States.

President Clinton, as the most important "Community Leader" in our nation we would like to ask your help in spreading the word about spay and neuter programs. We are asking you to consider having Buddy neutered on Spay Day/USA February 24, 1998. In addition, we would like you to consider addressing the plight of unwanted pets by endorsing Prevent a Litter Month and Spay Day/USA. Your endorsement could be a breakthrough in creating the kind of visibility necessary to reach all Americans.

I'm enclosing a statement for your signature that encourages all pet owners to spay or neuter their companion animals. Mrs. Clinton's column describing your family's joy and love for Buddy was a wonderful example of what responsible pet ownership is all about. We hope you will consider taking the next step with Buddy. Thank you in advance for your consideration and my best wishes to you and your family for a happy, healthy New Year.

On behalf of The HSUS family,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul G. Irwin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Paul" is written in a larger, more prominent script, and "G. Irwin" follows in a similar but slightly smaller script.

Paul G. Irwin
President, CEO

I am pleased to endorse Be a P.A.L. (Prevent a Litter) Month and Spay/Day USA, two important annual events for companion animals, occurring in February. I join The Humane Society of the United States and the Doris Day Animal League in encouraging all pet owners to spay and neuter their pets. Pet overpopulation is a tragic problem that can be solved if we all work together to be responsible pet owners.

President Bill Clinton

Please call Patricia Ragan, Director of Campaigns and Planning for The HSUS at 301-258-3064 if you have any questions. Our mailing address is:

The Humane Society of the United States
700 Professional Drive
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

January 12, 1998

President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

The fact I haven't written you since you took office is because I have had nothing in particular to contribute. But your recent commitment to expand the Peace Corps does strike a nerve.

My son, Mark, whom you know, left a very good private engineering job in Seattle at the time of the Iran-Contra investigation to join the Peace Corps because he was personally so ashamed of Oliver North and his White House connections. It was a financial sacrifice for idealistic values he thankfully still has.

I had been a supporter of the Peace Corps since President Kennedy announced the concept and encouraged him to apply.

He requested assignment in Kenya and was approved. He went there and was trained for six months or so and lived for most of a year with a Kikuyu tribal family, sharing their relative poverty, about 10 miles from Nairobi. He served as the older son and brother in the family and had food poisoning frequently but he never complained and completed his training at near the top of his group.

He was assigned to serve as city engineer for the city that is the locale of the Bill Holden-Stephanie Powers game lodge that has turned into playground for the rich and famous. His first major assignment was building a water line to the resort of billionaire Adnan Kashoggi.. He complained about this obvious misuse of the Peace Corps and was summarily sent home along with five or six others who didn't like the Peace Corps ideal

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subverted to serve the wealthy.

He came home disillusioned and lived with us for most of a year while reorienting himself. He is now a successful civil engineer who just completed his first year of law school at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. I'm very proud of him and his ability to overcome his disgust with the way the Peace Corps was run in Kenya.

I've talked to him at length about the cause of the problem and his feeling is that the relationship between the Peace Corps and the State Department is far too close, allowing the Foreign Service to employ the Peace Corps to do things not in its mission.

As always, we support you and are immensely proud of you. I hope this will be of some help as you attempt to enlarge the Peace Corps.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Perrin Jones', written over a horizontal line.

Perrin Jones
2200 Andover Court #1304
Little Rock, Arkansas 72227

PERRIN JONES

2200 ANDOVER COURT No. 1304

LITTLE ROCK, AR 72227



PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20501

ATTN: NANCY HERNREICH
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Phil -

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leave it in if NSC changed it - JH

Dear Jim,

*and appreciation for your service**not only because*

I would like to add my personal good wishes for you as you retire from the Marine Corps. *I wish you up*
~~don't normally have time to congratulate every deserving retiree, but I have received many good~~ *together but*
~~reports on your career, and we have had many experiences in common growing up together.~~ *because of your*
extra effort

Don't miss this chance
 In reviewing your highly successful career I note with pleasure that you have been personally congratulated by the past four Secretaries of Defense for your insights as a chapter author for the Secretary's Annual Report and for major contributions to both the Bottom Up Review and the Quadrennial Defense Review. You initiated and led the successful effort to consolidate the Navy and Air Force electronic warfare aircraft, and you lead reviews that enabled a successful restructuring of the Joint Primary Trainer Aircraft. You helped develop and implement the study methodology for the Deep Attack Weapons Mix Study, and you successfully defended this approach during its review by a Defense Science Board. You had the foresight and intuition to propose a tri-service tactical aircraft in the Bottom Up Review, and then assist in shepherding it into a major aircraft program as the Joint Strike Fighter. ~~I wholeheartedly endorse the tri-service cooperation in the Joint Strike Fighter aircraft development, and I hope it serves as the model for future weapon system developments.~~ *7?*

You have been a positive force for our "rightsizing" efforts. Your initiatives have saved the Department of Defense many billions of dollars, and you have helped improve the effectiveness of our armed forces in doing so. I wish you good luck, good success, and steady advancement in your new career in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

*Amicus is Manger
 bec of your service.*



JEFFREY W. OSTER
 LIEUTENANT GENERAL, U.S. MARINE CORPS
 DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF
 FOR PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES



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*Lieutenant General Jeffrey W. Oster
 requests the pleasure of your company
 at a Retirement Ceremony
 in honor of
 Colonel James M. Durham
 on Friday, the twenty-third of January
 at three o'clock
 CMC Theater
 Navy Annex, Room 2201*

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*Uniform of the Day
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THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

1-20-98

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PHILIP C. JAMISON • 1848 Greenplace Terrace • Rockville, Maryland 20850
(301) 251-9709 (H) / (703) 695-5678 (W)

January 16, 1998

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TO: Nancy Hernreich

FAX #: (202) 456-6703

PHONE #: (202) 456-6794

Nancy,

You jog in a great neighborhood with nice delicatessens.

In addition to a note for the President, I have included a proposed letter from the President addressed to Jim Durham to be read at his retirement ceremony on Friday, January 23rd. If you agree with this, suggest it be faxed directly to the office hosting the retirement, General Oster (fax # attached). May want to also fax to me as a backup (703-614-6793) though I will be out of town through Wednesday, 21 January.

Will call when I get back. Thanks much.



FAX

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January 16, 1998

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500-2000

Dear Bill,

Has been a pleasure watching the way you have seized the initiative and made 1998 your year. All the proposals you have introduced are good for America. Just glad that you are the one going into battle over these new ideas -- you are the only one around that can get the Congress to turn most of them into real programs.

Wanted to let you know that Jim Durham is retiring Friday, 23 January 1998. I've enclosed a copy of the announcement. I also suggested he give me a few words which, if you feel its a good idea, may want to turn into a personal letter to him. Such a letter probably would be read by Deputy Secretary Hamre who is currently scheduled to attend. Jim, of course, has had a very successful career and is retiring on a good note -- his colleagues say he has been an important force in the Department having saved almost \$20B (yes, billion) on various aircraft program decisions.

Jim is taking off his uniform and moving over to the civil service in the same job (like I did.) By the way, I am still working in the Nuclear, Missile Defense, and Space Policy division, but have a new ASD -- Ted Warner. Seems to be a very competent person to work for.

If you and Jim French have recovered from your afflictions (must be old age), we three ought to set up another jog this Spring. Take care.

Sincerely,



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THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW

August 13, 1997

Del Boone Thomas
3997 Hillary Glen
Ellenwood, GA 30294

Dear Ms. Thomas:

Thank you for your recent submission for Oprah's Book Club consideration. We sincerely appreciate the time you have taken to send us your books, bookmarks and audiotape, which we are returning to you.

At the present time, we already have several books under consideration and are not actively soliciting books. The books that are chosen really are very personal to Oprah, and having been an avid reader most of her life, the list of books that are close to her heart is extensive.

Again, thank you for your interest and enthusiasm for Oprah's Book Club. I hope you enjoy our future selections and continue to watch the show.

With appreciation,

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From Betty -

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President Bill Clinton
The White House
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Washington, D.C.

My dear President Clinton:

I am sending you two of my books, one for your reading pleasure, the other for your assistance in getting the book to our children, especially those who would benefit greatly from the lessons or messages enclosed therein. First, the book Kamikaze is just for your reading pleasure, purely fictional but with a "what if" scenario. You might be interested to know that I had you re-elected in the book a year before the elections. That's how much confidence I have in you. In other words, you are a real character in my work of fiction. I am sending you this first edition fraught with a few first edition quirks, which will make the book valuable when the book hits as I know it will. The second book For Kids Who Are Coming of Age: Talking to Teenagers in Language They Understand is the real reason I wanted to contact you.

The kids' book was written fifteen years ago when I was still teaching college prep English in D.C. Public Schools (Cardozo High School). The book speaks to the social and school problems children encounter on a regular basis. I know youngsters as I have watched them struggle into adulthood for more than thirty years now. Not only do I know their mind, but I also know their heart, their fears, and their needs. With this in mind, I want to get this book to our children, all of our children who need the lessons of the book. Well, at different book signings, people asked me, "Have you sent this to Oprah? She would love this." I heard this same thing so often that I got a package together this summer, along with an audio tape of my reciting from the book, and sent it to Oprah. However, the entire package was returned with a form letter (copy enclosed). Oprah never saw what I sent. So what can you do to help?

Well, Sir, if and only if you can see the benefit of our children reading this book and learning from it, then you can assist me in getting Oprah's attention. If you called Oprah and suggested that she takes a look at the book that could help our children, then we would be on our way to making an impact on the lives of our children. Oprah reaches twenty-three million Americans. With her endorsement, our children would be reading the book within a two-week period.

Naturally, Sir, before mass producing the book, I would update the language to what kids say today, which would entail revising fewer than ten pages; the lessons are timeless, however.

Finally, I have first-hand knowledge of how youngsters receive this book. They love it primarily because it speaks to them on a personal level. I have been guest speaker at school and church assemblies in the Washington area when I still lived there. When I finished reciting from the book, the children would stand up en masse and cheer and applaud. I always left five copies for the school library. Over the years I have given the book away wherever I saw a need for it. But now I want to disseminate the book to all children who need the lessons. Can I count on you to help me? Am I being too presumptuous? I guess I think of you as our (America's) personal president with your warmth and sincerity. I believe and think that you will help if you see the need to get this book to our children.

Thank you, dear President for reading this letter. I am and shall remain your devoted supporter no matter what.

Sincerely,


Del Boone Thomas (404) 241-4143

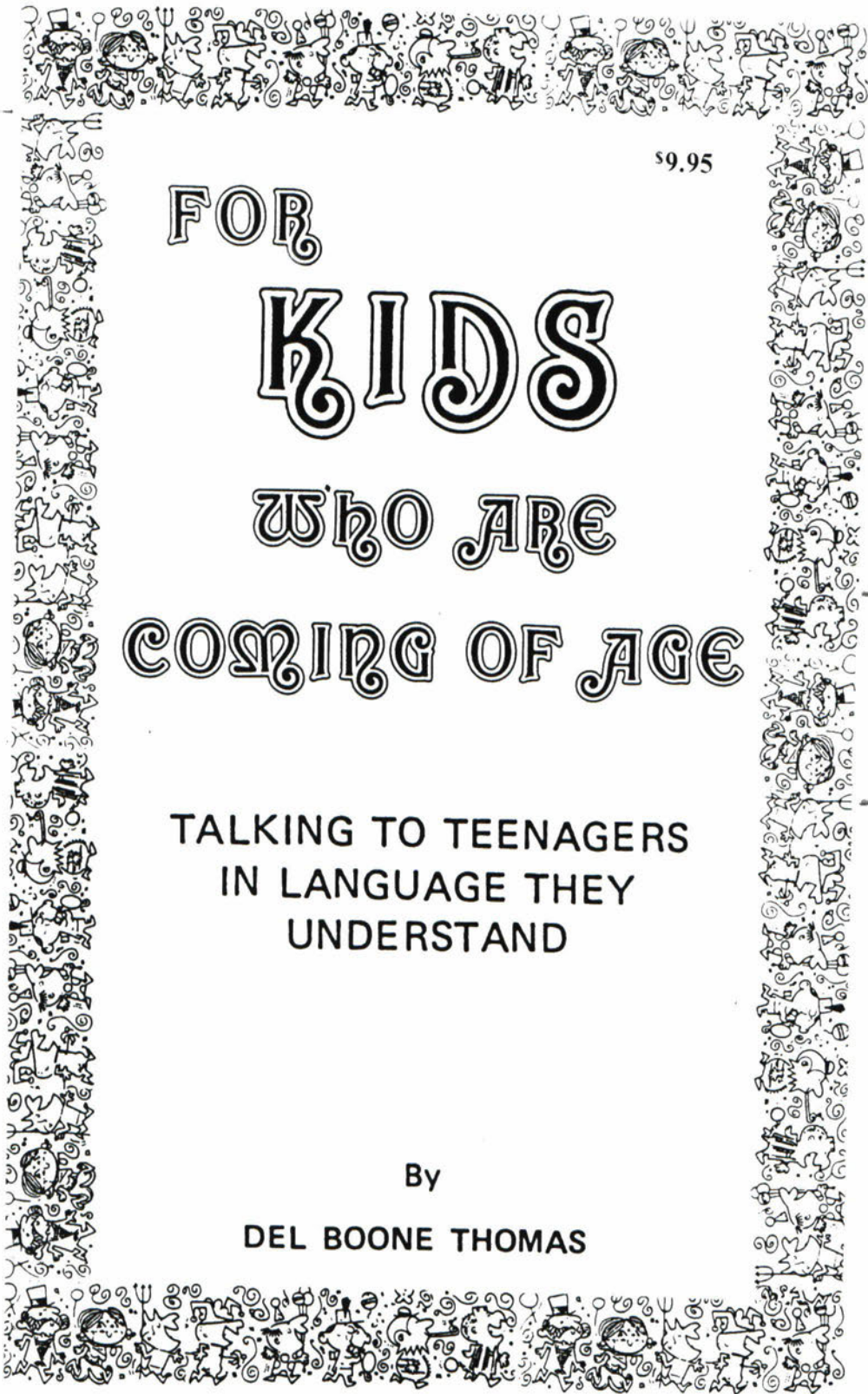
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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REMARKS BY VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE (As Prepared For Delivery)

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH ATLANTA, GA

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 1998

Today, we honor the memory of Martin Luther King, Jr., and rededicate ourselves to his work. Thirty years ago, the first eulogies to Dr. King recalled what was said in Genesis by the brothers of Joseph: "Behold, this dreamer cometh. Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit...and we shall see what will become of his dreams."

Thirty years later, that is still the question: what will become of Dr. King's dream?

It is ironic that some of the modern apostles of apathy now misappropriate Dr. King's own words to support their belief that the struggle for justice in which he led us is nearly over, and that the time has come for our policies to be, in their phrase, "color-blind."

Let's start at the beginning: what is racism? Is it merely a mistake in reasoning, an erroneous conclusion based on faulty logic which, once corrected, can be banished from human society? Or is it something deeper and more powerful, more threatening and persistent?

Dr. King taught us that as human beings, we are vulnerable to the sin of racism. As a young man, he studied the teachings of the theologian Reinhold Niebuhr, who had written that it is foolish to regard racism "as a mere vestige of barbarism when it is in fact a perpetual source of conflict in human life." Niebuhr criticized those who "wrongly drew the conclusion...that racial prejudice is a form of ignorance which could be progressively dispelled by enlightenment. Racial

prejudice is indeed a form of irrationality," he said; "but it is not as capricious as modern universalists assume."

What is it about human nature that creates this persistent vulnerability to the sin of racism?

First and foremost, the Bible teaches us, in the words of the Apostle John: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us."

But the Bible also teaches that we have the capacity to overcome evil with good. And we are called upon to choose. In the words of the famous hymn,

"Once to every man and nation
Comes the moment to decide
In the strife for truth and falsehood
For the good or evil side."

Moreover, there is a tendency, rooted in human nature, to group up with those who look like ourselves. In the Apocrypha, which is part of Catholic scripture, it is written: "flesh consorteth according to kind, and a man will cleave to his like."

So even though we understand that diversity is an enriching and ennobling strength, in creating an integrated society, it is foolish and naive to imagine that our differences will disappear and relinquish their claim on us. Indeed, our challenge is to appreciate and celebrate our differences, as a necessary prelude to transcending them in order to join together on the basis of what we all have in common as children of God.

That does not mean that we ignore difference. Indeed, we ignore it at our peril. John Hope Franklin has taught that the most important lesson of his long scholarship is that race is always present. Pretending it isn't is naive. But if properly acknowledged and sensibly dealt with, race can be transcended.

But it is far from easy to acknowledge and celebrate differences while simultaneously transcending them, because differences among people automatically carry the potential for unleashing an impulse to compare, and to magnify whatever feelings of insecurity, or abandonment, or loss each individual feels in his or her soul.

Why did Cain slay Abel? He felt "disrespected" -- because God regarded his offerings differently from those of Abel. "And it came to pass... that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him."

Why was Joseph, resplendent in his coat of many colors, thrown into that pit and left for dead by his brothers? They felt "disrespected" because their father regarded them differently from Joseph. Why do so many young men on the streets with empty lives and loaded guns slay their brothers? They tell us time and again that their brothers "disrespected" them. And often what they are really feeling is that their fathers disrespected them by abandoning their mothers and

them.

Those who are quick to feel disrespected often have a spiritual vacuum in their lives, because they feel disconnected to the love of their Father in Heaven. False gods force their way into the hole in their hearts. They search for meaning and respect in trivial forms of group identification. Rival gangs adopt rival colors. The slight difference between a blue bandana and a red bandana has led to the senseless loss of many lives.

What is the difference between Hutus and Tutsis? Outsiders who visit Rwanda have difficulty telling them apart. But their slight differences have served as a trigger for an horrific genocide.

Look at Bosnia. There, too, outsiders can't tell the different groups apart. Look at Northern Ireland, the Middle East, Chechnya, Nogorno-Karabakh, and a hundred other conflicts that dot the broken landscape of our hurting world. In all these places, slight differences have served as an excuse to unleash the evil that lies coiled in the human soul.

In fact, sometimes it seems that the smaller the difference, the more explosive the violence. At the beginning of this century, our greatest scientist, Albert Einstein, taught us that the most powerful and destructive force on earth is found in the smallest container -- the atom. Controlling our vulnerability to racism is just as important to our future as controlling the atom.

Our nation was founded on the basis of a highly sophisticated understanding of human nature, which took our vulnerability to sin into account. That's why we have checks and balances, in a Constitution that has been emulated by people seeking freedom all over the world.

One of our founders, James Madison, wrote these words: "So strong is this propensity of mankind to fall into mutual animosities that...the most frivolous and fanciful distinctions have been sufficient to kindle their unfriendly passions and excite their most violent conflicts...The latent causes...are...sown in the nature of man; and...cannot be removed...Relief is only to be sought in...controlling its effects...The majority...must be rendered...unable to...carry into effect schemes of oppression."

As we have struggled throughout our history to perfect our union, slavery and other manifestations of virulent racism have stained our national conscience.

When the Cherokees were forced on their fateful trail of tears. When Mexican-Americans were forcibly removed from farms and ranches. When Irish immigrants escaping famine encountered signs in Boston saying "no dogs or Irish allowed." When innocent and loyal Japanese-Americans were imprisoned at the outset of World War II, and when Hispanic heroes of World War II -- who helped end the Holocaust against millions of European Jews and the mass murder of hundreds of thousands of Chinese -- were then denied burial in military cemeteries here at home.

But in the aftermath of that war, in which Americans of all racial and ethnic backgrounds

joined together to defeat the racist rulers of Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan, minority groups were emboldened to insist that America live up to our values. Thurgood Marshall led the charge in our courts. And the mass movement led by Dr. King gave us a chance to redeem our nation's soul, and much progress has been made.

Yet now we hear voices in America arguing that Dr. King's struggle is over -- that we've reached the promised land. Maybe they're just carried away by the arrival of the Millennium, and are deluding themselves that when the calendar turns to the year 2000, human beings will have been perfected.

These people who now call for the end of policies to promote equal opportunity say there's been so much progress that no more such efforts are justified. But they fail to recognize that the tap root of racism is almost 400 years long.

When I was 8 years old, in Carthage, Tennessee, my family and I lived in a little house on Fisher Avenue, halfway up a hill. At the top of the hill was a big old mansion. One day, as the property was changing hands, the neighbors were invited to an open house. My father said: "Come, son, I want to show you something." So we walked up the hill and through the front door.

But instead of dwelling in the parlor, or the ornate dining room, or the grand staircase with all the other guests, my father took me down to the basement and pointed to the dark, dank stone walls -- and the cold metal rings lined up in a row.

Slave rings.

We've left Egypt, but don't tell me we've arrived in Canaan.

Don't tell me that our persistent vulnerability to racism has suddenly disappeared, and that we now live in a color-blind society.

What would Dr. King see if he were here with us and walked out of this church and took us on a tour of America in 1998?

I believe Dr. King would be proud that in the past 30 years, we have cut in half the gap between black earnings and white earnings. But I believe he would not let us forget that the wealth of black and Hispanic households still averages less than one-tenth that of white households.

I believe he would be proud that African-American employment is at its highest level in history, and African-American poverty is at its lowest level in history; Thanks to President Clinton, all Americans are rising with the tide of a stronger economy. But I believe he would not let us forget us that African Americans earn roughly 62 cents on each dollar that white Americans earn; he would not let us forget that black unemployment is still twice as high as unemployment for whites.

I believe Dr. King would be proud that the gap in high school graduation between blacks and whites has now been virtually eliminated -- and that more African Americans are going to college than ever before in American history. But I believe he would not let us forget that the drop-out rate among Hispanic Americans is still eight points higher, with barely half finishing high school, and far fewer going on to college.

If he were here today, I believe he would be proud that this administration has appointed more blacks, more Hispanics, more Asian Americans and Native Americans to Cabinet positions and judgeships and other high posts than ever before in our history. But I believe he would not let us forget that in so many places and professions, the glass ceiling still has not been shattered.

I believe he would be proud to see how much we have done to banish discrimination from our laws. But I believe he would tell us that we still have much to do in banishing discrimination from our hearts. And I believe he would tell us that we still have much to do to enforce the laws that are on our books.

That is why I am pleased to announce today that President Clinton and I are proposing, as part of his initiative on race, the largest single increase in the enforcement of our civil rights laws in nearly two decades. Through new reforms and through heightened commitment to enforcement, we will seek to prevent discrimination before it occurs, and punish those who do discriminate in employment, in education, in housing, in health care, in access for those with disabilities.

I believe Dr. King would be proud of how diverse American culture has become -- with people of all races and ethnicities listening to each other's music, reading each other's books, living and working together. But I believe he would be disappointed by how destructive and dangerous some of our culture has become -- with guns, drugs, and violence against women too often taking the place of family, faith, and community. I think he would find unacceptable the number of broken homes and the failure of too many fathers to accept responsibility for their children. I think he would be heart-broken to see the devastation in too many inner-city communities, with boards still covering the windows and doors of some buildings burned in anger and grief three decades ago.

In the movie "Grand Canyon," the character played by Danny Glover surveys a desolate portion of South Central Los Angeles and says, "it's not supposed to be this way."

Two thousand years ago, the Apostle Paul explained why it is this way: "All have turned aside, together they have gone wrong."

So it is appropriate on this day for us to focus on all the work that remains to be done.

I believe Dr. King would urge us to get busy and that he would be proud that for people of all races, creeds, and colors, his birthday is a day of national reconciliation and service. But I believe he would be genuinely surprised that some who actively oppose his agenda roll his words

and phrases off their tongues even as they try to roll back equal opportunity.

The phrase "the content of our character" takes on a different meaning when it is used by people who pretend that that is all we need to establish a color-blind society. They use their color blind the way duck hunters use a duck blind. They hide behind the phrase and just hope that we, like the ducks, can't see through it.

They're in favor of affirmative action if you can dunk the basketball or sink a three-point shot. But they're not in favor of it if you merely have the potential to be a leader in your community, and bring people together, or the potential to teach children who are hungry for learning, or to heal families who need medical care. So I say: we see through your color blind.

Amazing Grace saved a wretch like me; was color-blind but now I see.

The Gospel of Luke tells us of Jesus's reaction to people who willfully refuse to see the evidence before their eyes: "When ye see a cloud rise out of the West, straightway ye say, there cometh a shower; and so it is. And when ye see the South wind blow, ye say, there will be heat; and it cometh to pass. Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the Earth; but how is it that you do not discern this time?"

"Man sees on the outside, God sees on the inside."

I believe God has a plan for the United States of America, and has since our founding.

Our mission has always been to advance the cause of liberty and to prove that religious, political, and economic freedom are the natural birthright of all men and women, and that freedom unlocks a higher fraction of the human potential than any other way of organizing human society.

I believe in my heart that our nation also has another, closely-related mission -- one that we did not fully understand when we counted each slave as three-fifths of a person -- a mission we began to glimpse through a glass, darkly, on the eve of our terrible Civil War.

I believe that God has given the people of our nation not only a chance, but a mission to prove to men and women throughout this world that people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds, of all faiths and creeds, can not only work and live together, but can enrich and ennoble both themselves and our common purpose.

As children we learned in school about the lowest common denominator; America is about the highest common denominator.

That is why Dr. King loved this country. He often spoke about "the glory of America, with all its faults." During the Montgomery bus boycott, for example, he said, "We are not wrong...If we are wrong, the United States Constitution is wrong. If we are wrong, God Almighty is wrong."

When the Supreme Court then struck down segregated transportation, Dr. King said: "That wasn't a victory for colored folks. Oh no, don't make the victory that small; that was a victory for justice and goodwill!"

And from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, he inspired the nation with his dream that America would "live out the true meaning of its creed."

He was a patriot who always believed, as many of us do today, that America is indeed, in Lincoln's phrase, "the last, best hope" of humankind. So just as we reproach the apostles of apathy who tell us our work is done, let us condemn those who spread hatred of America -- those disciples of division who preach a separatist philosophy and call people of a different race "devils." To them, I commend the words of Dr. King when he said: "Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred."

The alternatives to bitterness and hatred are understanding and empathy. And we must meet the challenge with our hearts as well as our minds. We must use, in Niebuhr's phrase, "every strategem of education and every resource of religion" to promote understanding and mutual respect. And in our hearts, we must nurture empathy.

In 1957, Dr. King quoted Gandhi in saying that "the appeal of reason is more to the head, but the penetration of the heart comes from suffering. It opens up the inner understanding in man."

Dr. King said of his approach to the white majority: "The Negro all over the South must come to the point that he can say to his white brother: We will match your capacity to inflict suffering with our capacity to endure suffering. We will meet your physical force with soul force. We will not hate you, but we will not obey your evil laws."

Many ridiculed his reliance on what he called "the weapon of non-violent protest." But the white majority came to understand his humanity and the justice of his cause through his reliance on "soul force."

In my religious tradition, we believe the world has been transformed by the willingness of Jesus Christ to suffer on the cross. Suffering binds us together, and enables us to see what we all have in common, and what we are called upon to do.

Jesus said in the Gospel of Matthew: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

So let us not be weary in well-doing as we address the unfinished agenda of Dr. King. Let us make his dream our agenda for action. And always remember, in the words of the hymn he loved:

"In Christ there is no east or West,
In him, no South or North,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be,
who serves my father as a child
is surely kin to me."

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Message Sent To:

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 15, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Melinda Bates *MB*

SUBJECT: Southern Humor

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You are a Southerner, and I am not, so I defer to your judgement on whether these ring true....

Things you would **NEVER** hear a Southerner say:

"I'll take Shakespeare for 1000, Alex"

Duct tape won't fix that

Lisa Marie was lucky to catch Michael

Come to think of it I'll have a Heiniken's

We don't keep firearms in this house.

Has anybody seen the sideburn trimmer?

You can't feed that to the dog.

I thought Graceland was tacky.

No kids in the back of the pick-up, it's not safe.

Wrasslin's fake.

Honey, did you mail that donation to Greenpeace?

We're vegetarians.

Who's Richard Petty?

Deer heads detract from the decor.

Spitting is such a nasty habit.

I just couldn't find a thing at Wal-Mart today.

Trim the fat off that steak.

Cappuccino tastes better than espresso.

The tires on that truck are too big.

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I've got it all on a floppy disk.

Unsweetened tea tastes better.

I've got two cases of Zima for the Super Bowl.

Little Debbie snack cakes have too many fat grams.

Checkmate.

She's too old to be wearing that bikini.

Hey, here's an episode of "Hee Haw" that we haven't seen.

I don't have a favorite college team.

Be sure to bring my salad dressing on the side.

Those shorts ought to be a little longer, Darla.

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THE crisis in Asia shows no sign of abating. Despite the efforts and the vast sums of money that the International Monetary Fund is applying to the problem, it has failed to restore stability. In Indonesia this week, despite a rescue plan worth \$43 billion, matters took a decided turn for the worse. The Fund's many critics are once again in good voice. They are a motley chorus: right-wingers in the United States who cannot bear to see tax-dollars spent on foreigners (whose only thanks, after all, will be to steal more American jobs); surviving left-wingers everywhere, who regard capitalism as evil and the IMF as its instrument; clever types who feel the Fund dispenses money too easily; other clever types who feel it is insanely stringent.



Of the particular criticisms directed at the Fund of late, some are fair, some unfair and some nonsensical. Critics are right that governments with small budget deficits should not have to make them smaller: Asia is not suffering from fiscal laxity or excess demand. Yet they are wrong, on balance, to say that interest rates should be brought down: even faster depreciation of the region's tumbling currencies, which lower rates would imply, would add to the burden of companies' foreign-currency debt. And one of the most popular charges—that the Fund insists on slow growth and rising unemployment in return for its help—is just absurd. If not for its intervention, the region's recessions would be worse.

These macroeconomic issues matter, but they are not what matters most. The character of the IMF's new operations in Asia—notably the package of \$57 billion it has put together for South Korea—raises a bigger question. Should these bail-outs be happening at all?

The end of capitalism as we know it?

Invoking the risk of "systemic" breakdown is the most obvious way to justify the IMF's intervention. Without an emergency injection of dollars, it is argued, companies in South Korea and the rest would default on their debts. This would cause distress elsewhere, especially in Japan, where stagnation could turn into outright depression. From there the crisis could spread to the United States, Europe and the rest of the world, as banks fail, credit disappears, stockmarkets crash and economies collapse. This is the nightmare that has driven governments, notably America's, to support and indeed insist upon the Fund's course of action.

How likely was this apocalypse, supposing the Fund had done nothing? Not all that likely, in fact. A deeper recession in South Korea, much the biggest of the four main invalids, would have slowed growth only a little in Europe and the United States. By itself, it would have posed no danger to the

integrity of the global financial system. That risk would amount to something only if deeper trouble in South Korea caused Japanese banks to fold, if Japan's authorities then failed to contain that crisis in their own monetary system, and (assuming the highest degree of contagion) if Western central banks then failed to protect theirs. This full sequence is implausible. Certainly, if the IMF had stood aside, markets worldwide would have taken a bigger short-term beating. But remember October 1987: a financial-market crash need not bring on a global depression.

To say the apocalypse was unlikely, of course, is not to say it was impossible. So you might ask, why accept even a small risk of such a dreadful outcome, if it can be made much smaller at moderate cost? Or at no cost. Recall the Mexican bail-out of 1995. Nobody feared a global meltdown in that case, though there were worries (justified, it turned out) about Latin American contagion. Guided by other considerations, America and the IMF nonetheless arranged support amounting to \$40 billion. It worked. Confidence was restored. Growth in exports allowed the emergency loans to be serviced at market rates and repaid. American investors in Mexico didn't lose their shirts and, in the end, American taxpayers didn't pay a cent.

If such is the price of a multi-billion-dollar bail-out, you might think, what's the problem? Suppose, in the present case, that the risk of a global depression is actually zero. Why not have the IMF rush to the rescue anyway—not to protect the world economy, but to save Asia from a worse recession than the interruption of capital inflows would otherwise cause?

What this argument ignores is the hidden cost of bail-outs. In a market-based system of finance, the risk of losing your money is not an avoidable nuisance but a fundamental requirement. If bank depositors, for instance, are assured that their savings are safe no matter what, they will exercise no care in choosing their bank, and a crucial discipline over the prudence of bank lending is lost. If the banks' loans are themselves protected, the banks' owners likewise have no incentive to require caution of managers—quite the opposite. This problem of "moral hazard" is all too familiar to central bankers. To promote safe lending in the long term, some risk must be left with depositors, and far more (it is to be hoped) with owners, but not so much as to make the system vulnerable to short-term instability. A trade-off must be struck, involving guarantees of one kind or another on one side and regulation to curb excessive risk-taking on the other.

The failure of Asia's domestic regulators to strike such a balance is the chief cause of the region's problems. For years, lenders and depositors felt too safe for their own good. Yet the Fund's response to the crisis is to make another set of lenders,

Letter from Michael Howland about
boosting White House visibility
for the 1998 Combined Federal
Campaign, which helps Americans
in need.

THE WHITE HOUSE
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**NATIONAL
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January 13, 1998

The Honorable Erskine B. Bowles
Chief of Staff
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Erskine:

I write with hope that you might help us boost White House visibility for the 1998 Combined Federal Campaign by seeing that the enclosed letter to the President gets in the right hands. Over 1,000 charities and I would be most grateful for anything you can do in that regard.

May your 1998 be one of good health and prosperity, and may your transition back to Charlotte be a smooth one!

Sincerely,

Michael R. Howland
Michael R. Howland
Chairman

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January 12, 1998

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

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the National Combined Federal Campaign Federations Committee, I write to ask for your help in increasing participation in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The CFC annually helps millions of Americans and others in need.

Specifically, we ask for your help in the following specific ways:

- (1) Tape a message for the beginning of the 1998 CFC film. The message must be taped in February or March in order that United Way of America Productions can complete the overall CFC film by April;
- (2) Sign the first 1998 CFC pledge card in an August White House ceremony that simultaneously recognizes exemplary achievements in the 1997 CFC; and
- (3) Encourage your Cabinet and other Executive Branch officials to provide greater visibility for the 1998 CFC in their departments and agencies. Your Secretary of Transportation, Rodney Slater, provided dynamic leadership for the CFC within the National Capital Area in 1997. However, Cabinet support for the CFC is not as visible beyond the Beltway.

Given the tremendous impact that the CFC has on our Nation, and the incredible opportunity to highlight the generosity (\$190 million in 1996) and good will of federal employees, we hope you will raise the visibility of the CFC by agreeing to these requests.

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Thank you for your support, and for all you are doing to promote volunteerism in America!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael R. Howland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Michael R. Howland
Chair

cc: Honorable Erskine Bowles
Chief of Staff
The White House

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Honorable Janice LaChance
Director, U.S. Office of Personnel Management

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Deputy Chief of Staff

January 19, 1998

MR. PRESIDENT:

We're making progress on this - Karen
Tramontano is working on it.

JOHN

John Podesta

THE PRESIDENT HAS READ

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Send to Chris Walker
for appropriate action?

Yes ☒

No ☒

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Daniel P. Moynihan
New York

United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

January 19, 1998

Dear Mr. President,

It gives me great joy to send you this wonderful presentation, "Rebuilding Pennsylvania Station." You will find yourself on the cover and thereafter the work you have inspired. As the New York City Chamber of Commerce writes, "There is no other project which means more to New York City's future." When Mayor Guiliani and I rode with you to Madison Square Garden several years back, you took a look at the facade. You asked then when we could commence the project. I said all we needed was a ribbon. Now we have much more, but time is running out.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a final horizontal stroke.

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

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WASHINGTON

January 20, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR MIKE MCCURRY

THROUGH: TODD STERN/PHIL CAPLAN

FROM:  DAN BURKHARDT

SUBJECT: Lunar New Year 1998

Attached is the President's message for the Lunar New Year, 1998, which you may want to release to the media.

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

LUNAR NEW YEAR, 1998

Warm greetings to all those celebrating the Lunar New Year.

This joyous occasion celebrates the blessings of family, community, and a rich and ancient heritage. It is a special time to reflect on the events of the previous year and to embrace the challenges of the year ahead. Vibrant with color, lights, dancing, parades, folk music, and delicious food, the Lunar New Year reminds all of us of the beauty and variety of Asian culture and of the strength, character, and achievement that Asian Americans bring to our national life.

As we join you in welcoming the Year of the Tiger, Hillary and I extend best wishes to all for a new year full of health, happiness, prosperity, and peace.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

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1-20-98

Jonathan gave me this -
I think it must have
been put in his box by
mistake. Is Burkhardt
for reply? Yes — No —

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January 1, 1998
7214 Maple Ave.
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-5110

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

Dear Mr. President:

Our very best wishes to you, Mrs. Clinton and your family for a healthy and successful New Year.

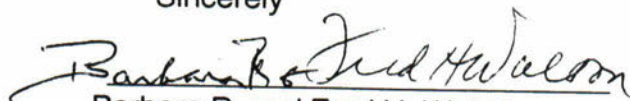
On January 27, 1998, you will be delivering your State of the Union address to Congress. We are writing to you at this time to ask that you take strong policy positions on two most important matters affecting our nation's leadership in the world community. We refer to the worldwide ban on anti-personnel land mines (APLM's) and to our nation's implementation of the Kyoto Climate Change Treaty.

Regarding land mines, the key issue appears to be one of timing, i.e., at what future date will our military leaders develop substitute combat weapons which will render APLM's obsolete. As you stated in May, 1996, "The U.S. will seek a worldwide agreement as soon as possible to end the use of all antipersonnel land mines". Nearly two years have passed with little known progress in redeeming your pledge. Sixty senators are co-sponsors of a bill to ban APLM's. Public opinion strongly supports the ban. Gen. Schwarzkopf and 14 other well-regarded retired high ranking officers have publicly supported the ban. It is time, Mr. President, for you to respond by exercising your constitutional responsibility as commander in chief of our armed forces to set an early deadline by which the military will be ordered to provide a substitute combat weapon or tactic that will give our combat forces the protection that they should have in the absence of APLM's as a combat weapon. With our superior technology this should not present a problem. APLM's are the "Saturday night specials" of combat weapons. They are cheap, plentiful and totally inhumane. They should go the way of poison gas, and biological and chemical weapons as prohibited weapons.

We applaud the good work begun under your leadership at the Kyoto world conference on climate change. The crucial issue now is to use your bully pulpit to insure that the well-financed multi-media campaigns waged by the special interests will not succeed in misleading the public and the Congress to believe that implementation of the Kyoto Treaty will irreparably harm our economy and prosperity and impose unacceptable hardship on our citizens..

The State of the Union address will provide the opportunity and the national audience that will enable you to put the U.S. in a world leadership position on these issues to the benefit of all mankind. You will be leaving a legacy of outstanding achievement in your second term if you will seize that opportunity.

Sincerely


Barbara R. and Fred H. Walton

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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER
TOKYO

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(Translation)

January 7, 1998

Dear Mr. President,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your letter on the occasion of His Majesty the Emperor's Birthday. On behalf of the Government and people of Japan, I would like to convey that we also place high importance on U.S.-Japan relations and are determined to make every effort to develop and strengthen our friendly relationship. Let us continue to be committed to working together for our very important partnership, which will eventually bring world's peace and prosperity.

I look forward to cooperating with you to work on a wide variety of fields. Best wishes for your continued health and success in this new year.

Yours sincerely,

/s/

Ryutaro Hashimoto
Prime Minister of Japan

The Honorable
William Jefferson Clinton
The President of
the United States of America

1-20-98

To Dan Burkhardt
for reply?

Yes — No —

Coordinate with NSC?

Yes — No —

NSC for reply necessary B