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January 19, 1999

President Bill Clinton
The Whitehouse
Washington, D.C.
20500-2000

Dear President Clinton:

I have written several times regarding the Year 2000 last letter and several e-mails from the year 2000 dis interest. What these e-mails highlight is the lack of pondering of the problem.

Apparently, Good Morning America ran a segment t withdraw their funds from small banks because of th recommendation could prove fatal to the banking sy: starting to see the litigation potential. Estimates are new threat is forcing data processing into a further st addition, neither Congress nor the Senate are being given a accurate picture of current status and progress to date.

The technical community continues to seduce executives into a false sense of security with the sentence "We have it well in hand and under control.", including my friend Tony Valletta at DoD. The following is a synopsis of what the industry is coping with that makes the above statement nothing more than 'wishful thinking':

- The average time *on the job as Chief Information Office (CIO) is less than two years* making it too short a time to understand how all the systems work and interrelate;
- There is a *70,000 person technical skills shortage* in this country alone;
- These is *no budget* for solving the problem;
- The *original programmers are gone* therefore, there is no one that understands the systems in their entirety;

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- *Software companies are going into bankruptcy* rather than spending the money to fix the problem and their customer base;
- It takes a *programmer on the average six months to get a basic understanding of a system*, its file names, data formats, etc. therefore, time is being wasted while programmers familiarize themselves with 'the lay of the technical land';
- *Programmers are job-hopping*;
- *Vendors are capitalizing on get-rich-quick* schemes without fixing the problem *wasting organizations' time* and money, and providing a false sense of security;
- *Less than 5% of software projects are on-time* and on-budget - this date (e.g. Year 2000) is not negotiable;
- *No policy or mandates can guarantee a solution*;
- With 23 months remaining *software will fail*, the degree and impact needs to be determined.

A key problem in government and commercial organizations is that the individuals in charge of the year 2000 problem are administrators. What is needed a high degree of innovation and 'out of the box' thinking. With all the money and resources of Mr. Gates, not even he has the technical or inventive wherewithal to deliver a solution.

The UK government is taking an active role in Year 2000 initiatives. I think the US needs to take a leadership position given the majority of the problem is in this country due to our heavy reliance on automation. In addition, there is a large amount of electronic data interchanges between systems and institutions (e.g. banks, stock market, etc.).

Today there is no government agency or major corporation that has the problem 100% fixed. Everyone is hiding behind a target date of sometime in 1998 to early 1999. By then, if the problem is not fixed, it will be too late to take an alternate approach. What is needed is a demonstrable 'win' in key agencies that can be used as a role model. Areas that carry technical weight and credibility are the DoD, IRS, SSA, and FAA. The FAA is a necessity. They have flagged that 20-30 old mainframes will be turned off as a strategy December 1, 1999- What holes does that create in enroute traffic?.

DoD has many duplicated systems and associated repair efforts (e.g. the Air Force has 16 non-compliant payroll systems). If the IRS could go to a consumption tax it would simplify all the payroll systems in the country which are non-compliant (i.e. the majority of payroll systems are non-compliant). In many cases there are redundant systems across agencies. Given a skills shortage, I recommend eliminating duplicated effort, consolidating budgets and efforts. As I have suggested in previous correspondence, I believe the problem can be addressed within the existing large maintenance budgets. An approach is to only fix mission critical bugs and to divert the rest of the budget toward

Year 2000 initiatives. I am convinced that if we replace these aging systems with new systems using modern less expensive hardware, it is possible to cut on-going maintenance cost in half.

Outside of Federal Agencies, it is imperative to concentrate efforts on ensuring public utilities, telephone services, banks, credit card processing, and stock exchange systems operate without disruption. Here as with federal agencies, I recommend a consolidated effort. Of utmost concern is what to do with non-compliant mid-size to small banks. Many of these are under the jurisdiction of the Federal Reserve; and many are barely aware of the problem.

I am not writing as a President of a software company, but rather as an individual and inventor who might be able to help given my technical background. In the past I have worked with several people at the Pentagon regarding leading-edge competitive uses of computing architectures. Please feel free to have your staff check my technical credentials with Lt. Gen. David K. Doyle (retired Army), Major Gen. Tom Sikora (retired Army) and Tony Valletta (acting Asst. Sec. Def. C3I). I also hold a recent patent on what might be considered the first 'brass bullet' in Y2K.

I would be honored to contribute my creativity, innovation and technical expertise toward mitigating problems arising as a result of this mammoth computer glitch. Please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Bernadette Reiter', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Bernadette Reiter

re: Contingency Plan: UK (ice storms: opinion)

From: Y2K Maillist (Via: Amy)
To: Y2K
Subject: re: Contingency Plan: UK (ice storms: opinion)
Date: Monday, January 19, 1998 05:50:25

Date: Fri, 16 Jan 1998 14:01:32 -0500
From: Martyn Emery <101464.664@compuserve.com>
Subject: re: Contingency Plan: UK (ice storms: opinion)
To: "INTERNET:year2000-discuss@year2000.com" <year2000-discuss@year2000.com>

Good day to you,

>By now everyone has become very familiar with the
>widespread blackout scenario of both coasts of
>America. What it highlights is that we do not have
>adequate disaster plans or contingency plans.

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>What will happen if a powerplant goes off-line at
>midnight walking through all the time zones as
>a result of the y2k problem. With the demand on
>the power-grid the entire country could blackout.

>I believe what is needed is a cooperative effort
>to construct solutions, disaster plans and
>contingency plans on a macro level. Thus far
>everyone seems to be scrambling looking at the
>micro level within.

>Being a computer scientist, programmer and having
>managed large mission critical projects what is
>the norm is that applications are consistently late
>and over budget. Why? In software there are
>too many unknowns because software development
>has been an art versus a science.

>I have no confidence that the legacy systems will
>be repaired on time because there are more unknowns
>than knowns. Here we are in 1998 and still in
>the 'we have it well in hand and under control' mode.
>Where are the success stories???

On 31st December I posted this:

In the UK, Prime Minister Tony Blair has taken a personal interest in the crisis and has instructed Margaret Beckett to start the process of co-ordinating infra-structure compliance. During January 1998, ALL the key elements (Top 20) of the UK's infra-structure will meet to start the process of developing a strategic alliance to ensure that the management of the year 2000 crisis is something that we can look back on with great pride.

It is our belief that Information technology is about to experience it's first of many 100 year storms. The question is, who in your city or country is accountable for the contingency planning of Hurricane 2000 ?.

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Update : On January 5th 1998 ALL the top twenty elements, without exception, of the UK did meet to look at the macro challenges facing the UK infra-structure. A list of 5 action items was formulated and presented to ACTION 2000's Dr Ian Eddison, Don Cruickshank and Stephen Pride DTI. Included in the list was the need to allocate responsibility at a Ministerial level for the national planning and execution of a Y2K contingency plan.

There will be more news at the end of the month.

Martyn Emery
Corporation 2000
If you Fail to Plan you need to Plan to Fail.

From: Y2K Maillist (Via: Amy)
To: Y2K
Subject: Sighting: Australian Financial Review
Date: Monday, January 19, 1998 09:47:43

From: "Gerry Ryan" <gerryan@ibm.net>
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Reply-To: "Gerry Ryan" <gerryan@ibm.net>
Subject: Sighting: Australian Financial Review

> From the 'Australian Financial Review' of Saturday, 17 January 1998:

A\$2.4bn blowout tipped for millennium bug repair fund

(<http://www.afr.com.au/content/980117/inform/inform3.html>)

By Stan Beer and Emma Connors

The (Australian) Federal Government has under-estimated the cost of fixing its millennium bug problems by about (AUD) \$2.4 billion, according to the chief year 2000 specialist at accounting consultancy Coopers & Lybrand.

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.... Gerry Ryan

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Date: Monday, January 19, 1998 09:47:50

From: TLo8355097 <TLo8355097@aol.com>
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Subject: Sighting: Money magazine Y2k article (Feb 98)

>From Money magazine (Feb 98) Y2k article:

"Edward Yardeni predicts that as Y2K-related earnings uncertainties and possibilities of a recession become more widely recognized, stocks will begin a slide of 20%, perhaps as early as this year--and that the Fed will respond by lowering interest rates to 3% by 2000, making annual returns of 20% or more likely in the bond market over the next two years."

"The Standish Group International estimates that U.S. companies will spend a total of \$440 billion on Y2k problems."

In the April 97 issue of Money magazine, investment adviser Junius Ellis says to sell Y2k stocks for the following reasons: "My computer-hip sources contend that it's (the Y2k problem) is overblown. They say many bank and insurance computers that must deal with post-2000 dates have fixed the problem. For those that didn't, it's probably more cost-effective to upgrade to an open operating system...than to repair Cobol."

What a difference 10 months makes. I wonder what Money magazine will be reporting 10 months from now.

Sighting: NY Times and Money Mag. see the Y2k bug

From: Y2K Maillist (Via: Amy)

To: Y2K

Subject: Sighting: NY Times and Money Mag. see the Y2k bug

Date: Monday, January 19, 1998 09:47:56

Subject: Sighting: NY Times and Money Mag. see the Y2k bug

Date: Sun, 18 Jan 98 16:24:34 -0400

From: Norman Kurland <kurlandn@worldnet.att.net>

To: "Y2k Discussion" <year2000-discuss@year2000.com>

NY Times on January 18, 1998, has an article by Fred Brock alerting readers to an article in the February issue of Money magazine which examines the y2k issue from the point of view of consumers and investors. "It is a scary picture," Brock writes.

>From the article:

What's an individual consumer and investor to do? Among other suggestions, Money recommends the following:
Find out whether your bank has fixed the problem. If you

cannot get

assurances by the end of this year, shift your money to a national bank, where the Fed is likely to give top priority for bailouts if problems occur.

Watch your credit cards. If you have one with an expiration date beyond 1999, it may not work or may create problems. Be sure to carry at least one card with an earlier expiration date.

Make sure your insurance company, especially if it is a small one, has dealt with the problem. Otherwise, you could find a policy canceled by a computer confused about dates.

Test your computer and the programs you use. All Apple Macintoshes will accept the date change. Most PC's made after 1995 are supposed to, but you won't know for sure until you test. Testing programs can be downloaded free from several Internet sites, including Survive 2000 and YMark 2000.

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Sighting: Air turbulence: ATA signals not so clear!

From: Y2K Maillist (Via: Amy)
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Subject: Sighting: Air turbulence: ATA signals not so clear!
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Subject: Sighting: Air turbulence: ATA signals not so clear!
Date: Sun, 18 Jan 98 15:23:00 -0400
From: Norman Kurland <kurlandn@worldnet.att.net>
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The following appeared in the ITAA's Year 2000 Outlook on January 9, 1998, just four days before the story on IBM alerting the FAA that its older computers might not function in 2000.

The story, headlined: " Airlines Seek Clearer Signal on Air System Readiness" began with this opener:

>When it comes to dealing with the end of the century, some jobs just can't
>pay enough. One such position must surely be held by Thomas J. Browne,
>appointed last month to head the Air Transport Association's (ATA)
>industry-wide Year 2000 program. Browne's unique assignment will include
>assessing the Y2K preparedness of the Federal Aviation Administration
>(FAA) and, as the really big date deadline approaches, deciding whether
>the nation's air traffic control system (among many other related systems)
>is ready for takeoff.
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>For now, at least, Browne appears to be cautiously optimistic about the
>route FAA has charted for Y2K fixes. ATA representatives have met three
>or four times with FAA officials on Y2K readiness and, according to
>Browne, "the air traffic system appears to be on target for the Year 2000.
>I am fairly confident that the mission critical systems will be there and
>we can turn our attention to more rudimentary matters. The less critical
>may not be fixed. Then the question becomes can we do something with
>older techniques in the interim. Using radio signals for satellite
>signals is a simple example." He quickly adds, however, that his
>impression is based on high level FAA briefings, not in-depth analysis.
>"I'm not ready to make a judgment as to the actual status [of the FAA] or
>have a comfort level," Browne said.

In light of the IBM letter, Mr. Browne's comfort level must now be at rock bottom!

ITAA's Year 2000 Outlook is published every Friday to help all organizations deal more effectively with the Year 2000 software conversion. If you would like to receive this free publication, please sign up on the web at <https://www.ita.org/transact/2koutlooksub.htm>.



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November 13, 1997

President Bill Clinton
The Whitehouse
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Dear President Clinton:

I am writing to ask for your help in dealing with the year 2000 computer problem. Over a year has gone by since the problem was featured in the news with very little progress in the industry. The American Banking Association conducted a survey on September 10, 1997 and found 17% of the banks were in the awareness stage, 63% in the assessment stage, and just 20% actually carrying out code renovation. The banks are a good example of how insignificant the progress is. Many people are already talking about withdrawing their money in 1999 as a precaution. Even if a small percentage of people take this action it can cause a collapse of the banking system given that the majority of US dollars are expatriated. Credit cards are already being rejected. As they are rejected people will use cash or checks which will have a similar affect as withdrawing funds.

Our country's aging software is not only fatally flawed but also vulnerable to cyberspace terrorism. National Public Radio two weeks ago reported on Soviet hackers gaining access to one of the United States' largest banks and transferring millions of dollars overseas. This incident illustrates the vulnerability of unauthorized access to old software incapable of coping with a new breed of techno thieves.

A serious problem is that a year equal to 00 can have a special meaning in software. For example, in an elevator it means 'quick stop'; on a driver's license it means that it has been permanently revoked; etc. This dual meaning has more than likely been coded into software which controls nuclear reactors, weapons systems, navigational software, air traffic control, etc. Of grave concern is the vulnerability for the U.S. from a foreign aggressor in December of 1999 - weapon systems could fail along with logistics systems responsible for the supply line.

Exacerbating the situation in a skills shortage of qualified programmers coupled with too many lines of code that needs to be inspected, repaired, and tested. Companies offering year 200 solutions are overloaded and turning away business. We only have 25 months remaining. What I have observed is that the programming community is hiding behind

the platitude of "We have it well-in-hand and under control." This statement is far from true. The technical community has yet to show any demonstrable progress which includes Social Security Administration who has spent a decade on the problem.

No time in history have we had such a heavy reliance on computer technology; nor have we had to cope with a 'bug' of this magnitude with so little time remaining. As a result, there is a lack of experience on how to deal with the gravity of the situation. The technical staff of FTN 500 companies I have talked to don't care if they fix the problem. They are only attracted to escalating salaries. Many hope to retire before the year 2000. This attitude is a threat to national stability.

The magnitude of the year 2000 computer crisis is being covered up by the computer community. Corporations and organizations are presenting the illusion of having the situation under control in order to mitigate any liability. The first year 2000 lawsuit has already been filed with many more in the wings. The year 2000 computer flaw represents a threat to the economy, national security, and potential environmental disasters due to malfunctions in power plants, sewage treatment facilities, etc. Imagine the impact of powerplants going off-line at midnight and the affect it would have on the power grid - in the winter.

As a computer scientist (I believe you already have my resumé - from it you can see I have consulted on technology issues with the pentagon and FTN500 executives), I am convinced that if the country stays on the current path we are rapidly approaching a catastrophe. What is needed is a Manhattan Team or Apollo 13 type endeavor - a concerted effort that has to succeed against impossible odds with very little time remaining. We need inventors and disaster planners to create a national strategy and to implement it immediately. I am convinced if industries collectively create reusable components and cooperate that the problem can be resolved in time. This approach would eliminate redundant effort and dramatically reduce costs associated with this problem. It is possible that new reusable software can be created cheaper and faster than repairing old software (we have demonstrated this with a pilot for the city of Ft. Collins which was written up in an ITAA newsletter). New software can dramatically reduce the on-going support costs for maintaining software and aging hardware. For example, DOD's annual Information Technology budget is \$26bn. This budget could easily be cut in half while delivering more modern easy-to-use software.

I propose setting up a "Manhattan Team" comprised of technologists, economists, bankers, executives, politicians, etc. A core group like this is already being formed, comprised of the industries "who's who". I gladly offer my expertise as part of this group. What is needed is leadership and a strategy. I propose that this group also establishes disaster plans. For example, the Mormon church has guidelines for survival techniques in the event food distribution is disrupted, water supplies become contaminated, etc.

As the last president of the millennium and the one to usher in the next, how this computer problem is dealt with will become a focus of media attention and increased public awareness. I believe we can construct initiatives which will address and fix the majority of problems in time. These endeavors can be accelerated with your role as President. The year 2000 computer crisis has all the necessary elements to invoke an "Executive Order" and/or declare a state of national emergency. The UK government has been the first to get directly involved by Tony Blair appointing a year 2000 czar. I believe a multi-disciplined group will be better able to deal with a broader scope of solutions. The US needs to establish a leadership role and demonstrate visible/tangible progress. Demonstrable progress coupled with the execution of a national strategy is critical to showing that the US is not vulnerable.

I welcome the opportunity to provide you with a more detailed view of the year 2000 problem and its consequence if not fixed, the flaws in current approaches, the impossible time-frames - in lay terms. Given very little industry and government progress has been made since the problem was featured in Congress and the Senate over a year ago, I feel your leadership could be a key catalyst. Feel free to contact me in regard to this critical matter (303) 332-6222.

Sincerely,

Bernadette Reiter

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Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

*By your
Someone
to prepare*

January 23rd, 1998.

President William J. Clinton,
The White House,
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Washington, D.C. 20500-2000.

'98 JAN 30 AM 9:2

Via Fax No. 202 456-2530

Dear Mr. President,

I would appreciate your arranging a meeting with the White House point person on the proposed disposition of The Farley Post Office Building. With me at the meeting would be Philip K. Howard (who you may know as the author of *The Death of Common Sense*. Philip and I are the present and past chairs of The Municipal Art Society.

Before a decision is made on this extraordinary 8-acre public building in the heart of Manhattan, we want to discuss the civic point of view. There is a millennium-scale opportunity to transform the facility, currently used for warehouse-type functions, into a great transportation and meeting hub for New York City. The entire building, however, must be planned and developed as a unit. Unfortunately, the politics appear to be mired in a tug-of-war with the Postal Service over relinquishing only a portion of the building for a train terminal, leaving the inevitable development of the remaining part of the landmark uncoordinated and without a public purpose.

We understand that a decision over the use of the Farley Building could

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January 23, 1998,
President William J. Clinton.

happen at any time and we would like to meet at the earliest
convenience of your representative.

With best wishes,

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

*Keep up your great work!
We are all standing beside you.*

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January 9th, 1998

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

'98 JAN 30 AM 9:22

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing regarding the budget proposal for Fiscal Year 1999, to ask that you begin to restore the budget for basic science in this country, which has been devastated in many areas in the last few years, particularly in areas of long term research for which the immediate returns are not immediately obvious. But the remarkable technological, economic and medical advances of the last few years all have their origin in basic research begun a quarter century ago or more. If we do not stop the downward spiral of basic science support of recent years, the price paid by the next generation will be very high, and the trend very difficult to reverse.

In order to insure sustained economic growth, continued medical advancements, and the requirements of national security, I also ask that you support the bi-partisan "National Research Investment Act of 1998" (S. 1305).

Very truly yours,

Pierre Demarque
Pierre Demarque
Munson Professor of Astronomy

cc: The Honorable Franklin D. Raines
Attn. T.J. Glauthier

The Honorable Gene B. Sperling
Attn. Dorothy Robyn

The Honorable John H. Gibbons
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Yes ☒
no ☐

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Problem At The Grand Canyon

ISSUE: A large international development known as Canyon Forest Village, funded by Italian interests and including an Iranian citizen currently being sued by the Arab Monetary Fund in U.S. Bankruptcy Court, has assembled a package of private lands near the Grand Canyon it is now attempting to trade for 700 acres of public land on the South Rim boundary of Grand Canyon National Park. The U.S. Forest Service will decide whether to approve the land exchange offer in the next several months. If approved, Canyon Forest Village proposes to build nearly 4000 motel rooms, 500,000 square feet of retail, apartments, arcades and movie theaters, in addition to a new transportation and orientation center and employee housing.

PROBLEM: Nearly all parties agree that the land exchange offer is inequitable. In fact, the nearly identical land exchange offer was rejected in 1991. The scope of the development is enormous. It would have a huge economic and environmental impact throughout the Greater Grand Canyon. That's one of the reasons nearly all northern Arizona parties including the Havasupai Tribe, Hualapai Tribe, City of Flagstaff, City of Williams, City of Kingman, Town of Fredonia, City of Winslow, City of Holbrook, City of Page, State Senator Sue Lynch, State Representative Robin Shaw, State Senator Rusty Bowers, State Representative John Verkamp, State Representative Joe Hart, State Senator John Wettaw, State Senator Scott Bundgaard, City of Sedona and numerous other elected official and environmental and business organizations oppose the Canyon Forest Village land exchange and development proposal.

ACTION: Due to the inequity of the land exchange offer, damage to local communities and tribes, threat to Grand Canyon National Park and threat to area water resources, the Canyon Forest Village land exchange should be rejected by the United States Forest Service.

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Yes ☒
No ☐

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Dear Mr. President: ✓ ^{1/14/68} Sec. Mike Orner

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The attached details
a potential embarrassment
to the Administration that
needs to be reviewed immediately.

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Bill, if this development
goes through, it will destroy
the great track record of
your efforts to protect the environ-
ment! Best, Mike Orner SFS '68

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I M P R O V E M E N T A S S O C I A T I O N

December 11, 1997

Supervisor Conny Frisch
Kaibab National Forest
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Dear Conny:

This letter is in response to your request that the Grand Canyon Improvement Association continue to pay for the on-going Canyon Forest Village Environmental Impact Statement process. Because of the continuing and disturbing irregularities in the process, many of which were revealed by the Tribune Newspapers in its four part series that ran from November 16-19, the GCIA can no longer justify participating in and implicitly endorsing what is a seriously flawed process tainted by many egregious conflicts of interest.

Our decision to decline to help continue to pay for this work commissioned by the Forest Service in no way diminishes our commitment to improving Tusayan and the broader South Rim community. On the contrary, we believe that our resources will be better used creating a transportation hub and staging area for Grand Canyon National Park, and defeating an irrational and abusive development proposal.

We will continue to work with your office on the numerous requests that have been made for community facilities and increased water storage. Given our willingness to provide these amenities, we are puzzled why our numerous offers have been declined, but by this letter, we repeat our desire to take action now.

Having told you what we are prepared to do and not do, I do feel that it is important to convey to you why we are so disappointed with the Environmental Impact Statement process to date. I do not enjoy writing such a letter, Conny, but it is important that you understand the basis for our disappointment and why we and the larger public cannot have any confidence in what has been done to date. By way of example:

- * Notwithstanding repeated warnings that the Forest Service hire an independent environmental consultant, it chose to hire SWCA Environmental Consultants, which it knew had helped craft the original CFV proposal and whose representatives appear in the CFV promotional video and materials. You will remember that we objected strenuously to the Forest Service's choice of SWCA, but you assured us that the Forest Service would be the ultimate arbiter of the statements in the

Environmental Impact Statement. We trusted you. Now it is evident that our trust was misplaced. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement, rather than being a balanced statement as you promised, was as one sided as an Environmental Impact Statement could be. Clearly, the Draft EIS endorses the CFV proposal as indicated by an *Arizona Republic* article written when the Draft EIS was released. Given the fact that the Environmental Impact Statement involved a proposal recommending thousands of motel rooms, movie theaters and arcades for the South Rim boundary of Grand Canyon National Park, I would have thought that at least a few questions or problems would have been identified.

- * Despite repeated and specific objections to Errol Montgomery & Associates as the hydrologist for this process, you decided to use Errol Montgomery & Associates. We do not understand how you could rely upon a firm to prepare an independent hydrological report that appeared in CFV's promotional video and stated in that video that the CFV development would have little or no impact on area resources. For Errol Montgomery & Associates to conclude that CFV would not have an impact on the area's water supply in the circumstances is not credible. That is particularly so given the very thoughtful comments and concerns raised by the Havasupai Tribe as to the impact CFV would have on its reservation and the water running through its land.

- * In yet another conflict of interest, Mr. Rich Warnick of Warnick and Company (previously of Young Warnick & Cunningham) one of the consultants used to analyze the economic impact CFV would have on Northern Arizona, had, by your own admission, worked with CFV's managing partner in the past which must explain in part why his analysis was ridiculed by nearly every Northern Arizona community and business group to which it was presented. As if his prior relationship with CFV was not enough, Mr. Warnick's failure to include Tusayan, the community closest to the proposed CFV, in his analysis, and his attempt to use inflated Grand Canyon visitation numbers to mitigate the real impact CFV would have on Northern Arizona communities makes his report and reliance on it all the more suspect. So much so that it prompted the Cities of Flagstaff and Williams to hire BBC Research and Consulting to evaluate the Warnick report and, among other things, BBC found that the economic impact portion of the EIS fails to meet the "full disclosure" requirement of the NEPA process for the following reasons:

- * Incomplete accounting of economic impacts;
- * Failure to consider seasonality of visitation and lodging demand;
- * Failure to generate economic impacts to Tusayan;
- * Inappropriate growth scenarios for Canyon visitation.

These findings were reviewed and confirmed by The Northern Arizona University's Bureau of Business and Economic Research.

- * No one connected with the Forest Service should have had any personal interest in the CFV proposal. Yet, Tusayan Ranger, George Gibbons, actually appears in the CFV promotional video and endorses its proposal. How can an agency that is given the responsibility for making an independent judgment have on its payroll, persons who have not only

already decided the issue but publicly endorsed such a controversial proposal?

- * As reported by the Tribune Newspapers on November 18th, CFV's managing partner, Tom DePaolo, allowed relatives of Forest Service officials to live rent free on property he controlled in the area. If this is true, and I have not heard anything to indicate that it is not true, how can anyone have confidence that the Forest Service is an "honest broker" in the matter?
- * Despite repeated requests for appraisal information, your office has refused to make that information available. You say that you cannot make these appraisals public because of confidentiality concerns of area land owners. This is hard to believe. Who are these land owners? Us? We have no concerns about making Tusayan land values public. We all know that the CFV proposed land exchange is inequitable, which is what your office concluded in 1991, when Tom DePaolo was attempting a similar land exchange. Nothing has changed since 1991 to make a land exchange any more equitable.
- * Notwithstanding numerous studies and assertions to the contrary, you maintain that the acquisition of private lands within the Kaibab National Forest is important because of their development potential. Yet you have *never* conducted any type of development analysis to support this conclusion. In fact, Coconino County has stated in their comments to the DEIS that the inholdings could not be developed as CFV's proponent has proposed.
- * On more than one occasion, you have implied that the GCIA would receive more favorable treatment if it decided to participate financially in the Environmental Impact Statement process. On one particular occasion, you said that our Townsite Act alternative would be given greater consideration if we participated financially. Earlier last month, you said that our idea to exchange one or two inholdings for land adjacent to Tusayan to be used for community improvements (but not for commercial development) had merit but would not be evaluated unless we continued to contribute financially to the EIS process.

In view of the many conflicts of interest and unseemly choices that the Forest Service has made in this process, the only reasonable course of action is to start anew. Unfortunately, it appears that rather than begin the process anew with professionals who have had no prior relationship with CFV, the Forest Service is attempting to rush to judgment and to finalize the Environmental Impact Statement. The process has been so seriously flawed that it cannot be rescued by patchwork here and there. As the Forest Service continues with its pattern of developing alternatives behind closed doors, it should be noted that if the Forest Service proposes *new* alternatives that discard community service elements of the CFV proposal in favor of commercial development only, These are entirely new Proposals for which there must be full public scrutiny consistent with legal obligations. In that regard, and in order to avoid years of controversy and suspicion, I implore you to start over and not spend more time attempting to shore up a report that cannot be shored up.

Nothing should be so compelling in this process--not Tom DePaolo's profits, not the desire to acquire inholdings, not the passage of time--than a process with unquestionable integrity that unmistakably enhances the Grand Canyon without compromising northern Arizona livelihoods and its environment.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, we will not let the flaws in the Environmental Impact Statement process deter us from continuing the progress we have made in Tusayan. As I think you know, the last few years have been good ones in the community. All helicopter operations have been relocated to the airport. New design standards, which call for the use of natural materials such as stone and timber to be used in new developments have been and will be implemented. Even older structures will be renovated to include new design features. A fire district has been formed. Better housing is and will continue to be available for area employees. As I write this letter, the domes are being dismantled and hauled away. ADOT right of way landscaping is on the way. We stand ready to do more, including fully supporting a transportation hub for the National Park.

As you know, improvement of any community takes time, as is evident from the redevelopment in downtown Tempe and downtown Phoenix. But make no mistake, we are resolved to complete the necessary improvements in Tusayan to make it a first-class gateway for the Grand Canyon and look forward to being your partner, not your critic in that process.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris R. Thurston", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chris R. Thurston
Chairman
GCIA L.L.C.

The Canyon Forest Village Environmental Impact Statement

Enormous Ramifications For Northern Arizona, Grand Canyon

What's Wrong & What Needs To Happen

Background

In 1994 the U.S. Forest Service, in conjunction with the Canyon Forest Village Corporation (CFV), initiated a federal "Environmental Impact Statement" process to evaluate a proposed land exchange and development, adjacent to the South Rim boundary of Grand Canyon. CFV offered to trade approximately 1200 acres of remote private lands in the Kaibab National Forest (since increased to 2100 acres) for approximately 700 acres of Forest Service land between the small community of Tusayan (144 acres) and South Rim boundary. If the land exchange is approved by the Forest Service, CFV would construct a new development costing some \$671 million that would include a new transportation hub for Grand Canyon National Park, interpretive center and employee housing for federal employees. It would also include nearly 4,000 motel rooms, half a million square feet of retail space and require approximately 4,000 people to staff its development, all of which would be sited on the South Rim boundary. CFV has maintained it needs the large commercial components to compensate for the non-revenue producing items such as a transportation hub and employee housing.

An alternative development plan offered by local communities proposes to build the transportation hub and employee housing on adjacent Forest Service property (about 80 acres), but would use no public land for commercial development. All future commercial development would be relegated to existing private property on the 144-acre townsite.

The Forest Service's recently released "Draft Environmental Impact Statement" outlines the range of development options being considered for the area.

AT ISSUE . . .

Canyon Forest Village Would Not Be A "Win-Win" For Northern Arizona

A decision of this magnitude should be a "win-win" for the existing stakeholders. Can't something be approved that would help Grand Canyon National Park, but not hurt the City of Williams, Havasupai Tribe or American taxpayer? Surely it can. Canyon Forest Village, however, does not meet that test.

It's Just Too Big: As proposed, CFV has nearly as many rooms as exist in Flagstaff. No

matter how it's packaged or phased, CFV would have a significant impact on existing northern Arizona communities -- as much as \$250 million by one Arizona State University analysis.

Flat Canyon Visitation: Over the past three years, there has been no net increase in Grand Canyon visitation. In fact, business is down (occupancy rates, etc.) in nearly every northern Arizona community -- six percent in June, 1997 alone from one year ago. The market is in a state of transition and should be left alone. Now is certainly not the time to interfere with the market and inject so many new rooms.

Water: CFV proposes to drill at least five new wells in the area and then use a 25 mile pipeline to haul water to its development. CFV's proposed usage is seven times greater than current and future projections for Tusayan and would, according to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, have a significant impact on Havasupai Springs.

Appraisals: By law, federal land exchanges must be of equal value. The Canyon Forest Village offer clearly does not meet that test. A similar offer by the same development team was rejected in 1991 and according to one of their own exchange partners (Babbitt Brothers Trading Company) offered private acreage is only worth about \$2,000 per acre, whereas numerous appraisals of Tusayan property show values of \$500,000-\$1,000,000 per acre.

The Evaluative Process Has Been Terribly Flawed

Conflicts of Interest: Nearly all consultants used by the Forest Service for this EIS were used previously by the Canyon Forest Village Corporation to design and plan their development proposal. They include the lead environmental consultant (SWCA), the hydrologist (Errol Montgomery & Associates) and economic impact consultant (Rich Warnick). In Warnick's case, he was even a former employee of CFV's managing partner. Because this process has such significant ramifications it should and must be held to the highest ethical standards. The Forest Service has clearly failed to meet that test.

The Babbitt Quotient: Prior to being named Secretary of the Interior, Bruce Babbitt served as lobbyist and spokesperson for Canyon Forest Village when he was in private practice with Steptoe & Johnson. Steptoe & Johnson still serves as Canyon Forest Village's lobbyist and legal counsel. In 1995, Babbitt Brothers Trading Company became an exchange partner of Canyon Forest Village. Paul Babbitt, Bruce's brother, is a Coconino County Supervisor, representing the Grand Canyon area.

Forest Service Personnel Appear In CFV Promotional Video: SWCA and Errol Montgomery appear in CFV's promotional video, but so too does a Forest Service official, a rather extraordinary situation.

Policy Reversal: Refusal To Complete Appraisal Before DEIS, Make Info Public: As stated above, a federal land exchange must be equitable. That's why the Forest Service turned down a similar offer in 1991. Approximately six months ago, the Forest Service seemed sensitive to concerns about an equitable exchange and possible chicanery and promised that the DEIS would not be released before its appraisals were finished. Several months ago they reversed course and said the appraisals would be completed down the road. Furthermore, the Forest Service stated that no appraisal information would be made public, ever.

There Is No Public Consensus, Only Opposition

Park Service's General Management Plan EIS: The Park Service's General Management Plan, completed in 1995 was remarkable not only for its visionary content, but the public

consensus it achieved. The Canyon Forest Village EIS has been just the opposite and appears to have little or no chance of accomplishing consensus.

Canyon Forest Village Opponents: Opposition to the Canyon Forest Village proposed includes but is not limited to: State Senator John Wettaw, State Representative John Verkamp, State Representative Joe Hart, State Representative Carolyn Allen, State Senator Rusty Bowers, State Senator Jack Brown, State Representative Barry Wong, State Representative Robin Shaw, State Representative Sue Lynch, State Senator Scott Bundgaard, the City of Flagstaff, City of Williams, City of Kingman, City of Page, Town of Fredonia, City of Winslow, City of Holbrook, City of Sedona, the same chambers of commerce, Northern Arizona Audubon Society and numerous other environmental and business organizations.

Other Considerations

Unusual, Apparently Unqualified Development Team: Any development team wanting to build a \$671 million project so close to Grand Canyon must boast impeccable credentials and leave little doubt about its ability or character to take title to such important real estate. Yet, the CFV team hardly reminds one of Del Webb, DMB or Westcor. Instead, they are a rather unusual set of characters, with unknown development experience. Some of the unusual circumstances include:

- A CFV founder, officer and investor is an Iranian citizen (Ali Salass)
- That same person has been sued by the Arab Monetary Fund in Canada and is currently being sued by them again in Phoenix, in U.S. Bankruptcy Court
- The primary source of funding for CFV is Salass and Antonio Percassi, an Italian businessman

Undevelopable Inholdings: The Forest Service states that one of the most important considerations for considering the CFV exchange and development proposal, is the probability of CFV developing many of the "inholdings" it owns or has options on in the Kaibab National Forest. The Forest Service says removing these lands from private ownership and preventing their development would help their own management objectives. Yet, the Forest Service did not even bother to commission a development analysis of the inholdings for this EIS and seems more inclined to adhere to CFV threats about inholding development rather than objective analysis of the possibility, all of which indicates that CFV's properties would never be developed. Attached is a document which includes a statement from one of CFV's own exchange partners saying "there is no market for such remote properties other than a Forest Service exchange." Rather than a legitimate public policy concern, inholding development is little more than project justification for CFV and the Forest Service.

How Can Good Things Happen For Grand Canyon And Out Of This Process?

CFV Risks Important Canyon Improvements: Allowing important canyon improvements like a transportation hub and employee housing to be bound to CFV, risks them entirely. CFV will remain a controversial proposal and still must withstand litigation (from any number of different sources not the least of which is the Havasupai Tribe), congressional scrutiny, a Coconino County planning and zoning decision and county-wide referendum, any one of which could defeat CFV and the transportation hub and employee housing.

A Better Way: A plan backed by local communities offers a better way. It is not controversial and allows important project like a transportation hub and employee housing to proceed in the most timely manner possible (Local communities have had such an offer on the table since 1995). And by limiting new commercial development to private land in Tusayan and in accordance with market conditions, it will not have nearly the environmental or economic impact as

other alternatives. Over the past few years, good things have been happening in Tusayan and the community is prepared to step up and do even more.

If the issue is a transportation hub and employee housing, let's build them. Now. They should not be allowed to be held hostage by any development proposal. If, however, these projects remains a part of the Canyon Forest Village proposal, the entire package will remain tied-up for years, as CFV attempts to negotiate dozens of approval processes and political hurdles.

That would be a great tragedy and should not be allowed to occur.

Brian D. Reilly - Hot Springs
RE: Hot Springs Natl Park Historic
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Encl. Proposal by Brian Reilly.

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RE: Hot Springs National Park Historic Leasing Program

Dear Mr. President,

Hot Springs National Park needs your assistance. Enclosed you will find a letter of recommendation from Mr. Clay Farrar, the chair of your Governor's Advisory Commission for Hot Springs National Park, and a copy of my proposal to rehabilitate and lease the Superior Bathhouse.

The National Park Service stymies the Historic Leasing Program by not protecting investors (eg. not allowing possessory interest in the buildings), therefore, must fund this project. The National Park Service budget of 89 million was supplemented with an additional 70 million for special projects. You could assure that Hot Springs National Park, a park near and dear to your heart gets its fair share, by prioritizing the leasing of these bathhouses and appropriating the necessary funds.

Your help is urgently needed.

Yours Truly,


Brian D. Reilly, D.C.
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October 23, 1997

Cynthia Edwards
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RE: BATH HOUSE LEASING

Dear Cynthia:

Dr. Brian Reilly, of Hot Springs, has contacted me regarding his efforts to obtain a lease to one of the empty bath houses on Bath House Row. As you are aware, I have been involved actively in the local efforts to re-lease the bath houses.

We believe Dr. Reilly's proposed use of one of the empty bath houses as his chiropractic clinic is a worthwhile option. We believe it should be given priority (preferably by the end of this calendar year).

Dr. Reilly indicated you would like this letter providing information as to community feeling about his request.

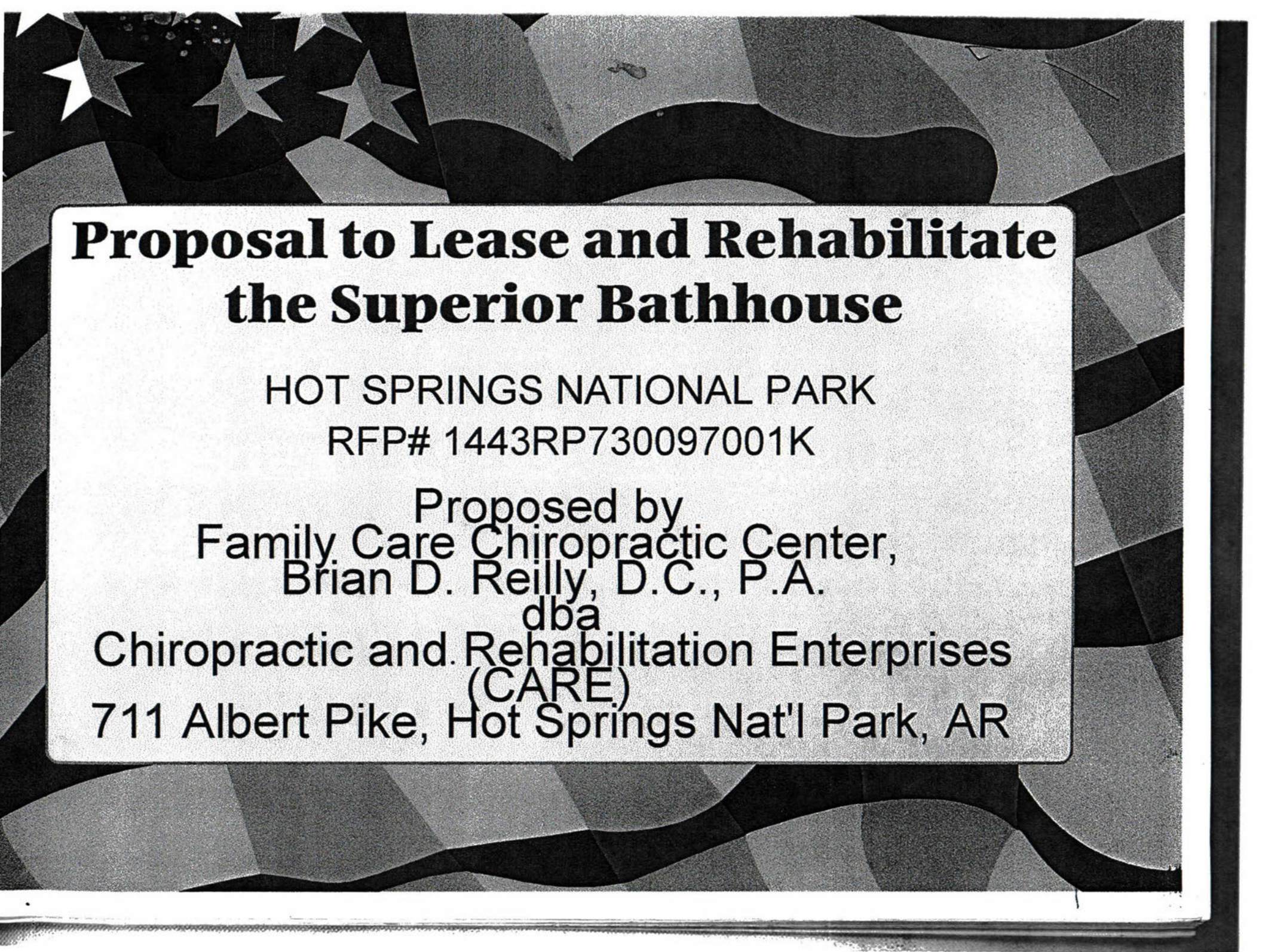
Yours very truly,



Clay Farrar

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cc: ✓ Dr. Brian Reilly
711 Albert Pike
Hot Springs, AR 71913

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Proposal to Lease and Rehabilitate the Superior Bathhouse

HOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK

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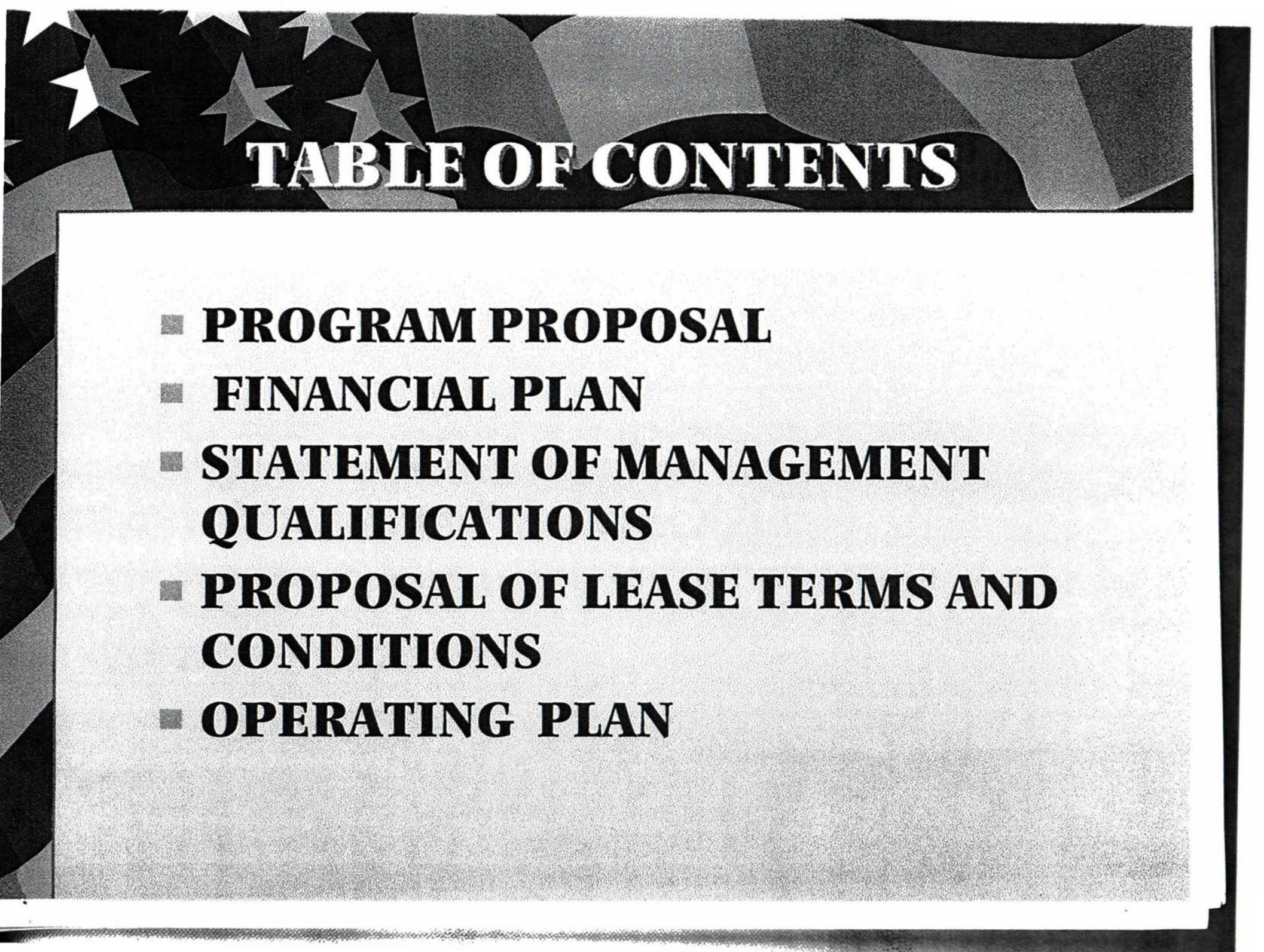
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January 13, 1998
Richard C. Leone

TWO AND A HALF CHEERS FOR THE BOOMERS

It is time to put in perspective the constant predictions of doom and gloom associated with the maturity and aging of the boomers. And, it turns out to be relatively easy to do so, simply by taking stock of what this "generation" has done so far and what we can reasonably expect of them before they pass from the scene.

In the first place, most of what is written about the boomers retirement is simplistic -- a significant amount is just plain wrong. In addition, most of the so-called remedies for the "crisis" of boomer aging are based on premises that are not acceptable to the great majority of the American people. One way to expose these weaknesses is by analogy -- by pointing out how such concepts as greedy geezers and generational accounting work when applied to our parents generation. When the question, "what is fair for them?" is asked, we are likely to receive very different answers from the ones put forward in most current policy debates in academic journals.

In short, it is time to redefine both the questions and the answers to the discussion of what the aging of the boomers means for America. Someone, in fact, needs to explain that the boomers contributions to the nation, like their needs, are proving to be outsized. The evidence required to make these points, both statistically and anecdotally, is readily available.

Consider the following line of argument:

In theory, each generation has a chance to remake the world. For some, however, the choices are limited -- our parents confronted the awesome and unavoidable challenges posed by the deepest depression in American history, the most terrible war in the history of the planet, and the most dangerous phase of the Cold War. But, though theirs was a daunting destiny, they overcame all obstacles; no one doubts that they will leave behind a better world and stronger nation.

We owe them a lot. It's worth remembering how much, because lately it's become fashionable to think of them, and old people in general, as greedy geezers or free riders, living off the labors of those still in the work force. Such notions are only whispered in politics, but make no mistake, they underpin much of the rhetoric about overly generous social programs for the elderly.

Well, it's a strange sort of arithmetic that says the generation of Americans who came of age during the thirties, forties, and fifties has not given enough to be entitled to a secure retirement.

That generation also brought an unprecedented number of children -- the baby boom -- into the world and raised and educated them. The boomers, because of their sheer numbers, have been the subject of intense interest and concern ever since the late 1940s. Today, adult boomers -- now less than 30 percent of total population -- increasingly hold most positions of responsibility in the society; they dominate the work force, they make and spend most of money in America; they are busy raising children and paying for their education. The current immense and lasting wave of prosperity is partly driven by the exceptionally large baby boomer workforce in America. Why (now?) in a few years, they'll even be a majority in Congress.

Still, the great public question of the day seems to be how will the nation pay for the theoretically immense cost of the retirement and health care of this generation. And, it's a fair question. In fact, since the first of the boomers started hitting fifty last year, they have begun asking, as never before, "how are we doing?"

If you listen to the pessimists, the answer seems to be "not very well." A whole cottage industry has grown up predicting that the aging of the boomers may mean the end of prosperity as we know it. The boomer legacy, according to this view, will not be their contributions to the final chapters on the cold war, their activism in fighting for the end of segregation in a large part of America, their leadership in the sweeping changes in the role of women, and the scientific and economic evolutions that have helped to reshape American life for the better (including, one might mention, balancing the budget for the first time in a generation). No, apparently the boomers shall be remembered for the terrible burden their potential longevity will impose on their own offspring.

First of all that argument overlooks the impressive growth in income per capita that has been taking place ever since the boomers came on the scene. In 1950, for example, while the boomer generation was still expanding, the per capita GDP (in 1992 dollars) was \$6,880; by 1970, when the boomers started to join the workforce in big numbers, that figure had swelled to \$10,717, today, it's \$26,060. And, we are on our way to doing even better. Conservative estimates tell us that in 2030, when the last of the boomers have left the workforce, per capita GDP will be \$37,650. Some catastrophe!

The generations that follow the boomers will have challenges of their own, but it's plain silly to ignore the good news. They will, after all, inherit a substantially larger capital stock, and trillions of dollars of financial assets -- not to mention the strongest nation in the world, both economically and militarily.

Could boomers do more? Of course, and they should. They can increase, for example, their rate of savings and investment. This task will be made a lot easier by a federal budget that the Congressional Budget Office predicts will be balanced for at least the next ten years. And, almost everyone's lot will be improved if we work together to sustain the improvement in national growth rates that we have enjoyed over the last few years. "High" economic growth combined with other developments such as more rapid population increases, could ease the demands on retirement plans -- high growth, that is, compared to the annual rate of just over one percent for wages in the mid-level Social Security projection. In fact, under the assumptions of the "optimistic scenario" -- slightly over 2 percent growth rate, in the official projection -- the trust fund would enjoy a large surplus throughout the next century!

There are any number of ways to personalize and elaborate the argument with examples -- and they don't all have to be serious. Indicating that the boomer legacy is basically benign isn't pandering. In fact, bringing more balance to the debate can help focus attention on the real issues.

The goal here, in fact, is not to defend boomers, but to alter the terms of engagement. A great national discussion of what to change and what to keep in terms of social insurance should begin by moving beyond mere arithmetic. Americans need to be reminded that there are basic values that should underpin any policy in this area. And, there are principles that merit strong support. Leadership, at this stage, involves setting the stage for the debate and defining some of those principles. Social Security is premised on the desirability of universality and fairness. It is family based and it protects surviving spouses, children, and the disabled. Its structure is efficient because it has no sales charges or significant transaction fees. And, most importantly, it recognizes that we are all in it together -- we share the risks and the rewards of the real economy. How much risk and how much reward depends not only on our own labors but also on how much we build together.

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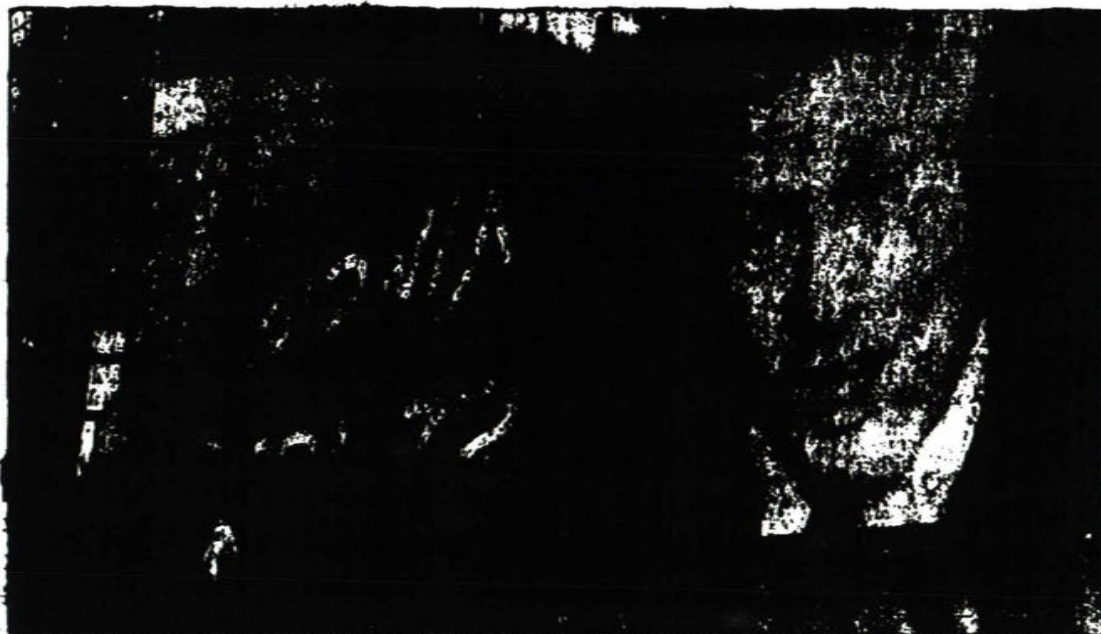
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Letters to the editor

A woman passing a billboard in Tel Aviv on Monday showing President Bill Clinton with the Hebrew words "We Support You, Friend." Jewish supporters of the president have opened a campaign for him.

Hounding of Clinton

Those of us Europeans who love America are dismayed by the latest developments in Washington. The hounding of the president with bugging devices and the screaming media fill us with disgust.

The whole world is in a state of turmoil. Yet the one superpower, the United States, is in a frenzy over allegations concerning a matter that would be regarded as trivial in any reasonable country.

Bill Clinton was elected to do a difficult job, which he is doing very well. His private life is like that of any other citizen: his own business. America is beginning to look pathetic, and this distresses its friends.

LEONORA SOLE LERIS
Rocca di Papa, Italy.

Had the special prosecutor in the Iran-contra scandals been a partisan Democrat out to destroy Ronald Reagan, had he been supported by an enthusiastic Congress, had he been given more than three years and \$30 million to go on a fishing expedition, and had he been allowed to use electronic entrapment to gather evidence, the following two consequences seem likely:

President Reagan would have been impeached and convicted on charges involving breaking the law against selling arms to Iran and arming the Nicaraguan contras.

George Bush, Caspar Weinberger and Oliver North, along with several other administration officials, also would have been convicted for their roles in the conspiracy and for perjury.

AARON STERNFELD
Morges, Switzerland.

Mr. Clinton has demeaned the office of the presidency in a manner unprecedented in the history of the United States. He has not only disgraced his office but also humiliated us as a nation.

CHARLES BATES
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Isn't this just the last straw? We Americans, as a nation, should be sick and tired of this stupidity, including our own stupidity for following the media coverage.

We have plenty of problems -- crime, poverty, race, nasty little wars popping up all over the globe, Saddam Hussein -- but Kenneth Starr and his kind run around spending our money beating 24-year-olds out of the bushes.

Look, you people, you lost the election. In two years, the pendulum will probably swing the

other way. Meanwhile, many of us are tired of your squandering our resources while doing nothing constructive.

Furthermore, thanks to you, the United States is becoming a place that is petty, hateful and dumb.
KOREN CHRISTOFIDES
La Thonnet, France.

U.S. and the Mideast

Regarding "Arafat Unwelcome at U.S. Holocaust Museum" (Jan. 19):

So certain members of the American Jewish community warned the Holocaust museum that Yasser Arafat is "Hitler incarnate"? The hysterical pettiness and crassness of the treatment given Mr. Arafat on his recent visit to Washington is unbelievable.

The only way to guarantee

"never again" is through education.

GARY L. STAHL-ARNER
Fribourg, Switzerland.

There is no excuse for the demonization of Yasser Arafat, particularly by Jews who live in comfort in America.

I have lived in Israel since 1950 without overreacting to terrorism. I know how much safer we are today than we were then.

The enemies of peace are exaggerating the dangers of terrorism and demonizing Mr. Arafat in order to sabotage the peace process. They have the illusion that keeping all of the "sacred land" of Israel is more important than peace. They will not get either if their senseless tactics are not stopped before it is too late.

HARRY J. LIPKIN
Rechovot, Israel.

THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: STEPHANIE STREETT

SUBJECT: SCHEDULING DECISIONS

CC: JOHN PODESTA & SYLVIA MATHEWS

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2/2/98	Budget Submission Event The White House <i>Staff Contact: Frank Raines, Gene Sperling</i>
2/4/98	College-School Partnerships Event The White House <i>Staff Contact: Gene Sperling, Capricia Marshall</i>
2/11/98	Event to Kick Off the Campaign for NATO Expansion Andrew Mellon Auditorium, Washington, D.C. <i>Staff Contact: Samuel Berger</i>
2/13/98	Address the 150th Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Philadelphia, PA <i>Staff Contact: John Gibbons</i>
2/13/98	DCCC Dinner Philadelphia, PA <i>Staff Contact: Craig Smith</i>

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White House Event for the 1997 World Series Champions, the Florida Marlins
Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste

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Alexandria, VA
Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste

Historic Christ Church will be celebrating its 225th anniversary. A number of presidents beginning with George Washington and including Franklin Roosevelt (with Winston Churchill), Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, Lyndon Johnson, Gerald Ford, and Ronald Reagan have attended services at Christ Church.

2/20/98

1 hour Meeting with the 1997-98 Class of White House Fellows
Staff Contact: Jackie Blumenthal

2/22/98 - 2/25/98

Address the National Council of Jewish Women at their Washington Institute Conference
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Washington, D.C.
Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste

REGRET:

Date of Event:

Description of Event:

2/3/98

Attend the Washington Press Club Foundation Congressional Dinner
Staff Contact: Mike McCurry

The recommendation from the Senior Staff was to regret this request.

2/3/98 - 2/4/98

Address the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) National Legislative Conference
Willard Hotel, Washington, D.C.
Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste

You are currently scheduled to travel to New Mexico on February 3, and to participate in the College-School Partnerships event on February 4.

2/24/98

Address the U.S. Chamber of Commerce 86th Annual Meeting
The White House or Washington, D.C., Site TBD
Staff Contact: Bruce Reed

The recommendation from the Senior Staff was to regret this proposal.

2/26/98

Satellite Remarks at Chicago Town Meeting "Empowering our
Community with 21st Century Technology"
Staff Contact: Ann Lewis, Minyon Moore

You are currently scheduled to be in California on this day for Stanford's Parents' Weekend activities. Sec. Bill Daley is expected to speak at this forum.

3/2/98

Participate in the National Education Association's "Read Across America"
Staff Contact: Craig Smith

On the evening of March 2, the NEA is calling for every child in every school to be in the company of a book in a national effort to generate enthusiasm for reading. You are currently scheduled to attend the Kennedy Library dinner on this evening. This proposal has been forwarded to the other principals for consideration.

3/7/98 - 3/10/98

Attend the United States Student Association's 29th Annual Grass
Roots Legislative Conference
Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.
Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste

You are currently scheduled to have the day and evening off on both Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8, to meet with President Kim of South Korea on Monday March 9, and to travel to Connecticut and Ohio on Tuesday March 10. This proposal has been forwarded to the other principals and the Office of the President's Initiative on Race for consideration.

Chrin

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 1/30

To: John Podesta

From: The Staff Secretary

We should talk about
his memo before you go
at at town.

Phil

VP

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

'98 JAN 30 PM12:2

January 29, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: LARRY STEIN *LS*

SUBJECT: INITIAL LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF
105TH CONGRESS

Our objective is to deliver signal legislative achievements without dividing Congressional Democrats. We should reinforce those victories with vigorously waged debates on issues about which Democrats and Republicans will inevitably disagree.

Quick "wins":

Our first priority is to put quick wins on the scoreboard. This will allow us to point to tangible results from the State of the Union and build momentum for some of the tougher initiatives that will be considered later. The obvious immediate candidate is NATO Enlargement for which there is strong bipartisan support in the Senate. Senator Lott is already on board, and we will work with the Democratic Leadership -- particularly Senator Daschle -- to ensure a wide margin of victory. We also appear to be on the way to bipartisan Iraq Resolutions in both houses. Other possibilities include IRS Reform, potential success on our child care agenda and a strong, early push on the Patients' Bill of Rights.

A Difficult Supplemental:

Our most pressing, immediate challenge is to deal with the cluster of issues likely to arise in a Supplemental. These include politically difficult international spending initiatives made doubly problematic by the election year climate. IMF(both the NAB and the new quota), UN Arrearages, and Bosnia funding are imperative and are therefore likely to be held hostage by Republicans. At the end of last session, IMF and UN funding were both entangled with the Mexico City population planning issue. Disengaging these issues requires a sharp member and public education campaign designed to communicate the gravity of the IMF and UN issues. Treasury, State and Defense are now engaged in a unified push to build support. We are working with members and opinion leaders to create the best possible atmosphere for consideration of our supplemental requests. Though we begin from the premise that we need all of our supplemental requests, we must remain flexible and prepared to adjust creatively to the various political pressures.

Budget and Appropriations:

While the Supplemental is being put together, the Budget Committees will take up your budget submission and begin crafting Budget Resolutions for FY '99. We will push in both committees for full consideration of your chief budget priorities. Though Senator Domenici and Congressman Kasich are likely to take partisan approaches this year, it is crucial that we begin to make budgetary room for as many priorities as possible. We will encourage Democrats to offer your budget as an alternative to whatever the Republicans construct. We will also work to ensure that the Republican resolutions include sufficient flexibility, allowing for successful accommodations to be negotiated at a later point. Specifically, that means we must have language allowing for passage of a tobacco bill and reach some kind of agreement about how to contain highway spending so that it does not consume your most vital initiatives during the appropriations process.

The Tobacco Lynchpin:

Tobacco is the assumed funding source for most of our investments from NIH and NSF to child care. If we can not generate a climate in which agreement is reached on the tobacco settlement, we will be left with a fight over principles rather than achieve successful enactment of your priorities. Senator Conrad, chair of the Democratic Tobacco Task Force, will roll out his bill in a few weeks. Similar to the Kennedy Bill, it is more robust than the structure assumed in your budget in terms of penalties imposed and revenue generated. It conforms totally, however, with your fundamental goal of reducing teenage smoking.

Conrad will seek to work with Vic Fazio, his counterpart in the House Democratic Caucus. Superimposed on the steady revelations emerging from the Minnesota case, the introduction of Democratic bills should open a window of opportunity for an actual agreement. Republicans will be in a weak position to resist if you publicly embrace the Conrad proposal, urge its passage, and say that you will call leaders to the White House for a Tobacco Summit if results aren't achieved by a date certain. That date will be chosen to coincide with the conclusion of the Minnesota case. This strategy puts you in conformity with Congressional Democrats and allows you to assume a dominant position over what may turn into the decisive issue of the year. It may also be the only way to successful results.

Patients' Bill of Rights:

Another significant success possibility, the Patients' Bill of Rights already has bipartisan support in various forms. The Norwood/D'Amato bills are more intrusive than we believe is wise, but their broad support demonstrates the weight of the issue. The Congressional Democrats again prefer an issue to a bill, but the force of gravity is in the direction of something passing. We propose working with Congressman Dingell to generate a legislative outcome that would be acceptable to all parties.

Fights with Republicans:

As we seek the legislative accommodations described thus far, it is vital that we continue to fight hard for those proposals in the budget that Republicans categorically reject. This will help retain party unity by giving Democratic caucuses the defining wedge issues they want in an election year. Leading candidates include raising the minimum wage, legislation to expand Medicare, and campaign finance reform. These are win-win fights -- either Congress passes the legislation or Democrats and the Administration have a popular issue to use to disadvantage Republicans. We can work with the House and Senate Democratic Leaderships to prosecute these issues primarily through our communications strategies. We only need one or two of these engagements over principle, but we have to fight them persistently and aggressively throughout the year.

Tax Issues and Republican Assault Issues:

We will send a second memo dealing with the tax code and a third memo dealing with those issues Republicans are constructing as their own wedge agenda.

cc: The Vice President
Erskine Bowles
John Podesta
Sylvia Mathews

Ms. Currie,

I am hoping and praying that this letter reaches you safely and that you will find it in your heart to give it to President Clinton. I understand that he is a very busy man and going through some difficult times right now, but I am also facing a serious dilemma which not only affect my life, but the life of my 5 ½ month old baby. Time is of the essence because of the nature of my circumstances. I feel as though I am just a nobody, trying to find somebody just to take a few minutes to help me.

Sincerely,

Debra J. Minor

Debra J. Minor

98 JAN 30 PM 12:45

1-30-98

Send to Burkhardt?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Agency
Liaison C.

January 29, 1998

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

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter as a plea for help. I understand that you are a very busy man, but I hope that you could take a few minutes to help me. I am also faced with a dilemma which not only affects me, but also my 5 ½ month old son, Nyjal.

On Tuesday, January 20, 1998, Judge Jack T. Camp in the Northern District of Georgia Federal Court, sentenced me to do six month of incarceration and six months of home confinement in reference to mail fraud and conspiracy to counterfeit funds charges which I plead guilty to last year. I have been told to voluntary surrender by 2:00 PM on February 20, 1998. Time is if the essence right now.

First, I want you to understand that I am not denying any of my wrongdoing, but I feel betrayed and confused because of the circumstances leading up to my sentencing. Before pleading guilty to the charges I retained attorney Eugene Novy. He contacted the prosecuting US attorney, Mr. Jack Williams and requested that Mr. Williams would grant me a 5K departure from the sentencing guidelines if I would assist the government to the best of my ability. I was six months pregnant at that time. I was willing to do anything that I could to assist the government because I was told that I would only be helping myself because the prosecuting attorney did not want to see me go to jail. He told my attorney that if I did all that I could, he would request the downward departure and recommend that I would not go to jail.

During my last three months of pregnancy and up to one week before my son was born I assisted the government whenever I was called upon. I testified in front of the grand jury to get indictments, I identified photos of people who I knew, and I informed the government of every tiny detail that I knew. I attended sentencing hearings for co defendants who were denying their roles. When they were informed that I was there to testify on behalf of the government, they accepted their roles. I was also assisting another prosecuting attorney in the state of Alabama in reference to an individual who was getting ready for trial. The prosecuting attorney telephoned me on several occasions and I also met with him right after the birth of my son, to answer questions relating to the trial he was preparing for. He also said that he believed that I was being truthful and that he would notify the courts of the nature of my substantial assistance. Prior to my sentencing including up to the hour of my sentence the prosecuting attorney and my attorneys felt this was a cut and dry case. Nevertheless, Judge Camp did not see it that way. Perhaps he had a bad day and that is why he did not accept the recommendation by the prosecuting attorney. Perhaps he wanted to prove a point. Prior to this sentencing I had zero criminal history points. I cannot say what the nature of his decision was.

Mr. President, I accepted the responsibility for my criminal activity. I am just praying that there is an alternative to my sentencing that would not separate me from my baby. I am all that he knows. I know that you have a child, and the love that you feel for a child is not easily explainable. It is such a great love. Six months of incarceration from my baby, is not only punishing me, but punishing him. I would be missing his first words, his first steps, and his first birthday. I feel as though I have been serving a sentence for the past 8-½ months with all the trips down to the federal building, and the stress it caused me during and right after my pregnancy. The first step to rehabilitation is accepting responsibility, which I have done.

The government told me that if I would do all I could to help them, that they would help me. However, they failed to tell me that the judge could over rule everything. I am praying that the judge would allow me to do home confinement as he suggested for the last six months. I would be able to work and take care of my son, which is so important. I am a great mother. I spend a lot of time with my son. He is the joy of my life.

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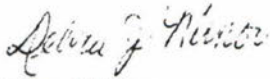
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Mr. President, would you please help me? Please notify Judge Jack T. Camp at (404) 331-4864 and ask him to reconsider my punishment. If he can't allow me to do all of my time on home confinement, perhaps he would allow me to do the first six months at one of the half-way houses here in the city so I could at least see my child often. This alternative is also recognized as incarceration. I know that I may be just another name shuffled in the system, but I also know that if someone could find it in their heart to help me, that this help would not be in vain. I have learned a tremendous lesson and right now I don't see a light at the end of the tunnel, but I know there must be a way. I have contacted my state representative Cynthia McKinney, The Southern Christian Leadership Council, The King Center and also wrote Judge Camp begging for the mercy of the courts, however I have received no response. I pray that you have received this letter and read it. Time is of the essence right now.

My full name is Debra Jean Minor, My address is: 3373 Garden Mill Lane, Ellenwood, GA 30294. My date of birth is (b)(6) My social security number is My home telephone number is (404) 212-1674. My home fax number is (404) 212-9557. My son's name is Nyjal Moses Whitaker. His date of birth is

Mr. President, I am thanking you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,



Debra J. Minor

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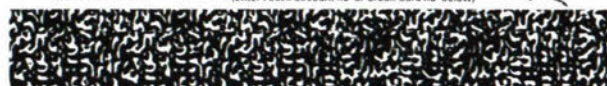
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January 11, 1998

Honorable William Jefferson Clinton &
Hillary Rodham Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

'98 JAN 30 AM 8:21

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter in an effort to solicit your help in assuring some deserving students of an opportunity to see a dream realized.

I am a parent, foster parent and substitute teacher. In the latter capacity, I was recently called to substitute at Stephen Decatur Middle School, Prince George's County, Maryland. I was asked to teach a music class. It seems that the regular teacher did not return to school after the holidays. She also told these students that they would never be anything. The children were devastated. For some children, the only attention, guidance, nurturing and love that they receive is from their teachers. Some parents are just people with children. Teachers spend a lot of time with the students and at times are looked upon with a greater degree of respect than a busy or uninterested parent. I have found these students to be extremely talented and resourceful. However, their self-esteem is a bit low.

At a later time, I was enroute to another classroom and happened to pass by the library. It is so sad. I have almost as many books in my home. The shelves are quite empty, so the children can not even go and get a book and get a dream. Reading is knowledge and knowledge is power. These children can't get knowledge from this library, so how can they expect to be successful. I have been told by the students that if there were more books and resources in the library, that they would, quite naturally, use it more. And I assume, receive a better educational experience.

At 2:30 A.M. on January 7th, I found myself unable to sleep and was given the vision of a benefit concert, and under His guidance, we have proceeded with this plan. The concert date is February 6, 1998 at 7:00 P.M.

I have no degree. Just a big heart. I just want to give these children something that a lot of them don't have and that is HOPE and a dream. If you could find time in your busy schedule, to come to our concert and share a thought or a word it would be greatly appreciated. A lot of children today don't listen to or respect their parents, but I know your words would be listened to and respected. You can help me reach some of these children. Even if you don't say anything, your presence would mean so much to the children. God gave me the task of helping these children and He and I need your help.

I know you are a real caring, compassionate and sensitive parent and I promise you that if you don't enjoy yourself on this occasion, I will cut the entire White House lawn with a pair of scissors (evenly).

If you can't come, then maybe you can have them come and give a personal performance for you. Trust me, you don't want to miss this. I would say if you can't come and they can't give you a performance, then I would send you a videotape, but that would be untrue. I know you are a people person and kids are people too. Please, please find time. Our school is not fancy and the children don't always behave like we would like them to, but they still need hope, a dream and self-esteem.

Debra Talley
Substitute Teacher
Stephen Decatur Middle School
Clinton, Maryland

P.S. If your schedule will not allow you to visit or us to visit you, I will send the video. Maybe at some point before the end of the school year you can stop by Stephen Decatur.

STEPHEN DECATUR MIDDLE SCHOOL

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
LIBRARY BENEFIT CONCERT

February 6, 1998 - 7:00 P.M.

**“WHERE THERE’S LIFE,
THERE’S HOPE”**

February 6, 1998

- *During the month of February (Black History Month), we have decided to celebrate our heritage by increasing our knowledge.*
- *This is to be obtained by improving our library (books, equipment, etc.)*

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- *President & Mrs. William Clinton*
- *Secretary of Education*
- *Governor & Mrs. Parris Glendenning*
- *County Executive & Mrs. Wayne Curry*
- *School Board Supt. Jerome Clark*
- *State Delegate, Jim Proctor*
- *Rev. Dr. H. L. Seawright, Union Bethel A.M.E.*
- *Guest Speaker -Prince Da Jour (Host of B.E.T.'s Teen Summit)*

1/30/98

Send to Bob Nash?

Yes ☒

No ☐

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'98 JAN 30 AM 8:21

1/23/98

Dear Betty:

The NY Daily News

Briefly gave your name and title as

I need your assistance to the following:

1) I worked for the 96 Clinton campaign

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who sent my resume to Bob Nash at

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assist although I have a degree in
political science and certif. in paralegal

2) Carefully note the late mother of

Pres. Clinton wrote me several times and

asked the WH to assist me as I
wanted an entry job in a federal agency

HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

December 22, 1992

Eric N. Kemer
175 Beach 114 St.
Rockaway Park, NY 11694

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter and for all the work you did for the campaign. Your contributions were vital to our success, and Bill and I are grateful for your help and your willingness to assist in the work ahead.

We are currently assessing positions that need to be filled for the new administration and the qualifications necessary for these responsibilities. I am directing your letter to the transition staff for careful review and consideration. 

I appreciate your sending the information from the book Enslaved and welcome your thoughts and suggestions. Bill and I are glad for your input and commend your compassion and caring for others.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

HRC/ckp

mother
Pres-

Virginia Clinton Kelley
209 Bay Side Drive
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71913



April 12, 1993

Eric N. Kemer
175 Beach 114 Street
Rockaway Park, NY 11694

Dear Mr. Kemer:

Thank you for your continued
correspondence. I am resubmitting your
resume to the White House as you
requested. I appreciate your concern and
your desire to help regarding the issue
in Kuwait.

Sincerely,

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Virginia Clinton Kelley

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Send to Burkhardt?

Yes ☒

No ☐

C.

Daniel Njinimbot
9205 New Hampshire Av
Apt # 406
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01-27-98 20903

Dear Betty,

98 JAN 30 AM 8:21

I am a native of Cameroon in West Africa and I have been in the United State for 14yrs, but I went back to Cameroon Last December for a visit.

My father told me that President Clinton visited my compound in Bali in the North West Province of Cameroon with lawyer Ben Muna. My Dad told me that Mr. Clinton visited Bali before he became President.

Please kindly ask the President if he actually did visit Cameroon and if he traveled to the suburbs and if he remembers visited a compound after the Fon's palace of Bali in Bamenda. If he did please can you take a piece of paper to the president to write a note to me acknowledging that so I can frame it and put in bedroom. My wife Martina and I are waiting patiently for your respond. We love you and the President.

4927 Glenridge Ln.
Houston, TX 77053
January 25, 1998

Dear President Clinton:

'98 JAN 30 AMB:21

First I would like to tell you that I was able to obtain a ticket and did attend your address on education in Houston. It was a privilege and an honor to hear you speak. I will be writing an article for my union newspaper.

Education is indeed the key to the future. I have four grandchildren and I only want the best for them. The oldest one is waiting for exception into the Michael DeBakey School for Health Professions.

At the end of your speech I was able to get a snapshot of you and shake your hand but was unable to have my ticket autographed.

This is a letter that I should have written quite a while back. In the time period that you have been in office you have done so much for so many. Your accomplishments have been many.

I still have confidence in you as a leader. Keep your head high. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. God will see you through. I am hoping this distraction will soon end and you will be allowed to return to your duties as a full time President. You have my full support. May God bless and keep you.

1/30/98

Send to Burkhardt?

Yes ✓

No

C.

Bessie Mansfield
713 434-9130

'98 JAN 30 AM 9:25

Vasif Humayun M.D.
13914 Rosebranch Court
Houston, Tx. 77059
Ph. (281) 286-5438

Dear Mr. President,

It is now 1 A.M. Saturday morning, I am home alone late at night watching T.V. and I can't go to sleep watching all the negative news. I feel the need to write this letter of support. First let me identify myself. I recently had the honor of talking to you for a few minutes at the Houston Sheila Jackson Lee fundraising dinner. I am Dr. Vasif Humayun who reminded you of your law school friend Rowland Moore and I was the person who told you that I want you for a third term. Your conversation with me brief as it was, was of course, a wonderful moment I will cherish.

The current political turmoil has me seriously disturbed. You must stay strong in order to solve the critical problems of the world while your enemies are trying their best to distract you from your mission. I hope that through all this turmoil you can remain focused on the greater objectives. We understand that at this time when the economy is booming and the unemployment rate is the lowest while you are at the peak of your popularity, this is the only thing your political foes could come up with. Your time left in the Presidency is three short years and you must to keep to your agenda.

I sincerely and honestly have the faith that you have the capability to deal with your opponents. We in Houston have a very strong, tight knit political community ready willing and able to support you. Please let me know if there is anything we can do to show our support for you. We want you to succeed and retire as one of the greatest presidents of modern time.

Your supporter



Dr. Vasif Humayun (E.R.)
(friend of congresswoman Sheila Lee Jackson)

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support letter*

President Clinton visits Houston

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee appoints SACC President Lutfi Hassan on the Host Committee and Mayor Brown serves as a Co-chair

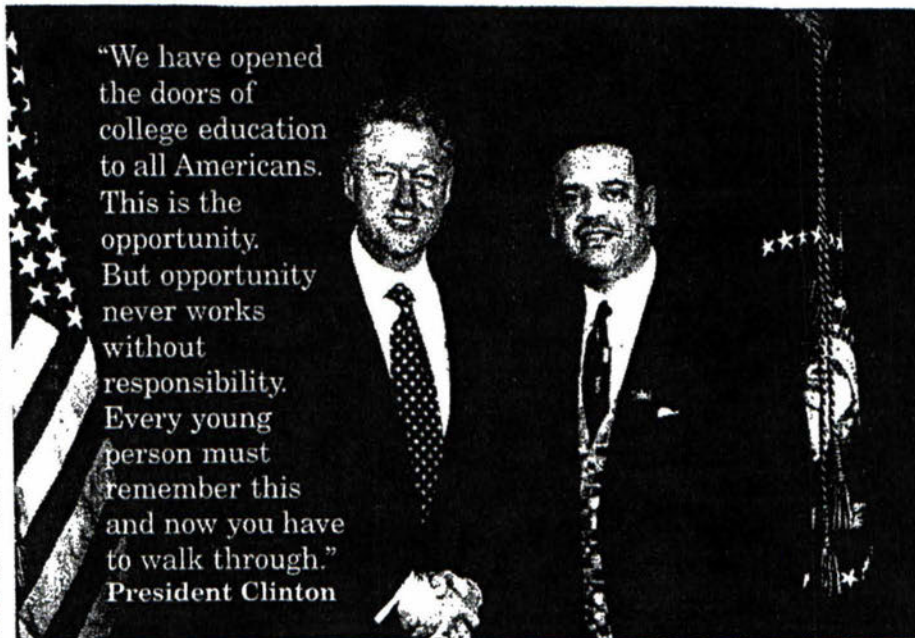
Over 40 Southasians at tended the Fund-raising Dinner for Sheila Jackson with special guest The President of the United States William Jefferson Clinton at the Four Season Hotel Downtown on Friday, January 17, 1998.

President Clinton was escorted to the George Brown Convention Center after being received at Ellington Field by Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, Mayor Lee P. Brown and other dignitaries. The Event in the late afternoon where over 5000 members of multi-ethnic groups were present to welcome him was to promote education and race relations. More than 50 members of Southasian community were also lucky to participate, thanks to the President of the Southasian Chamber of Commerce Lutfi Hassan for organizing the tickets with the Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee's office. During his speech here President Clinton impressed upon the audience the importance of education and equal opportunity for all by saying "We have opened the doors of college education to all Americans. This

is the opportunity. But opportunity never works without responsibility. Every young person must remember this and now you have to walk through". He further elaborated on his education program which is helping nearly 60,000 students and by the end of this century the goal will expand to more than 1 million students.

In the evening a fund raising event was organized by Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee at the Four Seasons Hotel in Downtown Houston. President Clinton arrived around 8:00 PM in the Fairchild Room where a private setting for 50 odd people who paid \$5000.00 to meet the President and be photographed individually was organized. Around ten southasians were among the fifty to attend.

Later on, President Clinton was greeted by a cheerful crowd of over 250 people who paid \$ 1000.00 per person for a dinner event. Among the Southasians present in the earlier event and this reception were Ghulam Bombaywala of Watermarc, George Willy-Attorney, Arun Verma of BVM Real Estate, N.



"We have opened the doors of college education to all Americans. This is the opportunity. But opportunity never works without responsibility. Every young person must remember this and now you have to walk through." President Clinton

President Clinton with Houston political activist Lutfi Hassan

Rupani of World Gold, Haider Alibhai of Gencom American Hospitality, Dilip Bhargava of Saw Pipe, USA, Dr.

Haq, Mohammed Mukhtar, Mariam Issa, Mumtaz Peerbhai, M.J.Reddy, Harinath Medi, Sajjad Chaudhary of General Turbine Systems, Tahir Bhatti, Lutfi Hassan of Apex National Insurance his father Syed Hasan of Houston National Insurance and his brother Syed Azam Hasan of Sheraton Hotel in Dallas. Mr. Hareesh Panchal, Mr.Ashok Bhatt and Mr.Patel also attended the events coming all the way from California.

While introducing the Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee to speak, Mayor Lee Brown spoke about his association with President Clinton, while he was the Governor of Arkansas and later on serving his cabinet as a Drug Czar in Washington DC. He praised his leadership and thanked him for his visit to Houston.

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee followed up the praise for the President by noting his success in creating the education programs and providing equal opportunity in the fast paced global economy. Pointing to the diverse group gathered in the room Sheila Jackson reminded the President of

why the referendum to abolish affirmative action was rejected in our city. While thanking the Host committee and the Mayor, Sheila Jackson specifically thanked SACC President Lutfi Hassan for the support and friendship extended by him and the family and for providing the leadership to the Southasian community.

In his speech President Clinton jubilantly referred to Congresswoman as a 'fireball' especially when he sees her "comin with that look in her eyes, I don even have to know what she has to say. I say 'yes' to her because know she will eventually get her way out with me". He spoke of the global economy and American participation with those who have high education. This brings ideas that matter and their accomplishment that counts in a technologically fast paced world. All of us have seen the world's trouble spots like Bosnia and other places due to internal strife and the damage to human life and their economy and this does not help. Later the President freely moved among the guests and shook hands as he chatted with every guest present in the ball room.



President Clinton is being received by Congresswoman Sheila Jackson (left) and others

Radio Apna Punjab celebrated its first anniversary

Last week radio Apna Punjab celebrated its first anniversary. A dinner party

sons representing different Indian and Pakistanis businesses attended the dinner. Chief

ton, Aviation Department. Listeners of Apna Punjab have voted for the winners for the

Cooky of Apna Punjab announced the winners of "Apna Awami Award" for the Best

of this award were Anwar Dhananni of Sheikh Chhillera, AbuZer of Royal Re

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JANUARY 25, 1998

MRS. BETTY CURRIE
PERSONAL SECRETARY - THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE -
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20500

DEAR MRS. CURRIE:

AS A LIFELONG VOTING DEMOCRAT OF OVER
FORTY YEARS - I, LIKE MANY ARE CONCERNED
WITH THE UNFORTUNATE SITUATION THAT HAS ENGULFED
THE WHITE HOUSE - DEDICATED AND UNSELFISH PEOPLE
LIKE YOURSELF ARE BLASPHEMOSLY ATTACKED WITH NO
SALIENT FACTS.

REALIZING YOU ARE EXTREMELY BUSY AND CERTAINLY
RESPECTING YOUR PRIVACY, WOULD CONSIDER IT A
SINGULAR HONOR IF YOU WOULD VOICE MY TOTAL
SUPPORT FOR OUR GREAT PRESIDENT - WILL BE
FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR THIS PRESIDENT WHO HAS
ESTABLISHED A ROBUST AND STRONG ECONOMY FOR
MY CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN - JUST WANTED
TO LET THE PRESIDENT KNOW THROUGH YOUR OFFICE,
THERE ARE MANY OF US WHO SINCERELY BELIEVE
IN HIM.

Sincerely,

RALPH BENSON

24 January 1998

Dear Ms. Currie,

I am writing to you for some much needed help. I was also accused and convicted of some charges that were indeed false; but the U. S. Air Force did everything to prevent me a fair trial and even worse, denied me the information that my attorney, Cpt Marge Overly, Illinois Congressman John Shimkus, or myself could not be obtained to clear myself thru the Freedom of Information Act. I would also like to say that I do have witnesses to the following:

- 1) That my MORANDA RIGHTS were not read to me by SSgt Cooper, OSI agent, Osan AB, South Korea.
- 2) That my first attorney, Cpt Amy Dreifus, advised me to present false testimony, this I have 2 witnesses upon.
- 3) That the Judge, LtCol Walsh, had discussed my punishment with Cpt Gary Jackson before the trial had even began.

I am needing some help, I want to clear myself, but I have not been able to find the Right Person(s) to ask for help. Please refer my letter to someone who could help me clear my name, detain my Bad Conduct Discharge, to Honorable Status.

Thank You.

Daniel L. Saale

Daniel L. Saale

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Ms. Betty Currie
Secretary to President Clinton
The White House
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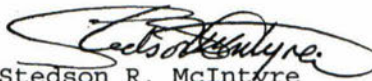
Dear Ms. Currie:

Could you see to it that President Clinton receives this poem. I know that my President is very busy at the present time, but please give this to him for me.

Thank you for your time and patience.

Sincerely,

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

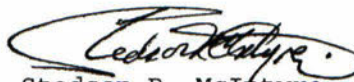
Here is a poem that I wrote a few years ago to be given to friends. Mr. President, as the poem indicates, please take courage and continue to be strong.

Sir, as the whole world knows, from your first day in Washington, there are those people who disagreed with your policies. Please continue to guide this great nation on a sound and prosperous course.

My President, may the good Lord continue to protect and strengthen you with his blessings in these days.

Sincerely,

BUREAU OF RESEARCH, INC.



Stedson R. McIntyre
President

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Enclosure

To My Friend ~

My Friend, Life is the virtues of God's own creation,

My Friend, you were created in God's own image.

God gave you the Wisdom, Understanding and Knowledge to care for his people,

*Although, at times, problems seem to be everywhere, but don't forget to take Courage.
For in Courage there is strength.*

In Courage there is Life.

In Courage there is the Knowledge to get the task done.

*My Friend, you have been placed in the most rigid turbulent of this world's screenplay.
As a play, the world stage is all yours,
Do your thing.*

Your best - and most of all,

Do what you would expect others to do.

To My Friend,

I raise my clenched fist to Heaven in your honour.

S.R.M. '90

*To - President Bill Clinton
Stedon R. McIntyre
January 27th 1998*

*File Mou, File Mou, File Mou ~
To My Friend*

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WHIP-AT-LARGE

January 28, 1998

President William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Your speech last night was an excellent summation of the strong State of the Union that we have worked together over the past five years to accomplish. You also outlined an insightful agenda to make America ready for the new century. I was particularly grateful for your mention of three issues that are top legislative priorities for me: banning genetic discrimination in health insurance, campaign finance reform including the provision of free television time to federal candidates, and strengthening both public and private support for the arts and humanities.

As you know from the July 14, 1997 White House event opposing genetic discrimination in health insurance, I have been working for years to ensure that this cutting edge research serves the interests of the taxpayers who pay for it. With your help, we have been able to secure 179 House cosponsors and almost 100 interest group endorsements for H.R. 306, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination in Health Insurance Act. Despite this overwhelming support, we have not moved the House committees of jurisdiction to even hold hearings on the bill. I would welcome your continued efforts to move this vital legislation forward.

I applaud your continuing commitment to campaign finance reform, including a ban on "soft" money and the provision of free television time to candidates. As you may know, I have introduced legislation in the last two Congresses to level the campaign playing field and decrease campaign costs by giving candidates free time. While I applaud your call for the Federal Communications Commission to adopt a free time requirement, I would ask you to consider including in your request a requirement that candidates who accept free time must use that time to air unedited segments in which they speak directly into the camera. It makes little sense to provide free time for negative advertising that research shows discourages citizens from voting. In most attack ads, the candidate paying for the ad does not even appear. That format lessens accountability, encourages voter cynicism, allows for distortion of facts, and ultimately reduces voter turnout. A requirement that free time be used for candidates to speak directly to the voters will make the candidates themselves directly accountable for any statements made.

President William J. Clinton

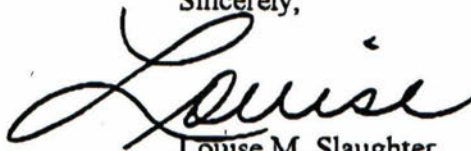
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Your continued support for the arts and culture, and especially for the National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities, has been crucial. In addition to adding joy and beauty to American life, the arts play a critical role in stimulating the brain during early childhood development. Research has shown that music training is far superior to computer instruction in dramatically enhancing children's abstract reasoning skills necessary for learning math and science. Another recent study showed that doctors with music instruction had greater diagnostic abilities in using stethoscopes than did doctors without music training. Arts education pays great dividends in a wide range of fields and we must continue our commitment to federal leadership on this issue.

Again, thank you for using your "bully pulpit" on behalf of these important initiatives. I look forward to continuing to work with you to enact these proposals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Louise".

Louise M. Slaughter
Member of Congress

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President Bill Clinton

Equal Employment Opportunity

President OF The U.S.A.

Commission

1600 Penn. Ave. The White House

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Washington D.C. 20500

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Dear Sir;

Enclosed you will find copies of a complaint filed with the above Agency Oct. 1995. This case has (pro-longed going on three years) and still no type results.

I request your staff place this matter in the proper hands for action. Seems I have written and called the above Agency many times, still no results.

Thank you.

Sincerely;

Melvin H. Shaver Jr.

201 Robinson Dr.

Goldsboro N.C. 27530

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Dear Sir,

I am Melvin H. Shaver Jr. U.S. Army (Ret.) I would like to add this additional materials to my claim against the above.

- (1) I served 21 yrs. active duty U.S. Army; received combat injuries Jan. 68 while serving in South Vietnam. I was declared 40% disabled by the Veterans Admin. Back, Legs, Lungs and Stress. Please see V.A. letter.
- (2) In May 1993, I was checked and found to have Prostate Cancer. I had prostate removal surgery Jun. 12, 93, Pitt Memorial Hospital Greenville N.C. This was a sit back in my health; I still have to go and be checked every 6mo. This surgery limited the work I could once do.
- (3) Jun. 6, 95, Was interviewed for employment by the above firm as a Maint. Tech. performing Maint. on Jefferson Court Apt. 1100 Jefferson St. Goldsboro N.C. Mrs. Sally Edwards conducted the interview. I clearly outlined my health conditions. Mrs. Edwards told me, that will be no problem; As we have a Mr. James Carter from Jacksonville N.C. who paints all our properties. We have cleaning crews who clean the vacant houses; Therefore you will not be exposed to any harmful chemicals.

- ④ With This in mind I began my Work and all went well until Aug. 24, 95. I Was told I Would attend a Company Party in Raleigh. Told the manager I Would not be there as I did not attend Parties, more so I had Work to be done on the site. Mrs Sally Edwards told me, "Quote" You Will go or regret it later un-quote.
- ⑤ During MY duty assignment, There come times I had to speak with a Supervisor prior to making a decision. It Was Very difficult to reach Mrs. Edwards or get a Message to her. I have contacted the President of Thetford (Charollett) for a decision Answer.
- ⑥ Sep. 1. 95, I Was told by The property manager, That I Would do the cleaning of the houses and Painting. This involved cleaning the ranges with oven cleaner and The Refrig, dare with bleach. The bath rooms had to be bleached. I tried to explain to Mrs. Edwards, My lungs Would not allow me to do this! More so When I Was hired they had a Contract Painter and Cleaners. All went well until I refused to attend The Company Party, Then I Was told I Would do the Painting and cleaning.
- ⑦ I did not refuse to do the Work; In fact I tried. On Sept. 8-95 I had to be taken to the Hospital, Seymour Johnson Air Base for lung irritation. I Was sent to Wayne Memorial Hosp. Where I Was given breathing Test. (Results enclosed.) The test clearly shows a breathing problem.
- ⑧ I got all these results and gave them to Mrs Edwards. I Told her again, I can't do any Work involving chem. That Will danger

MY lungs even more. I gave her copies of the medical reports; she tossed them aside and told me, "Quote" You will do the job or be Terminated.

⑨ From that date Sept. 14.95 until I was Terminated Oct. 6.95, I was really harassed. I guess Mrs. Edwards saw I was not a quitter; so on Oct. 6.95, 9.A.M. she came out on the property to where I was working. I spoke to her and tried to be nice; All she said was; Melvin I want the property keys. I ask her why? She told me to get my tools together and meet her at the office; I did so. Mrs. Edwards did inform me since I could not perform the duties assigned, and did not comply with her policy to attend the company party and that I overstepped my bounds when I called the president of Thetford, that I was terminated.

⑩ I tried to explain to her; she knew my health conditions prior to being hired; I told her it was my right if I did not want to attend their party; and I called the president of the Co. As I had a decision I needed a management decision on. Again I was told; Melvin you are now Terminated.

⑪ I do feel I was Terminated Un-fairly, and I wish to request my job back with pay from Oct. 6.95.

Sincerely,

Melvin H. Shaver Jr.

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Goldsboro N.C. 27530
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1323 Marilyn Drive
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January 23, 1978

Sam Hilley & Bill,

You have been a great source of inspiration for most — and you have raised the status of our country — in so many ways!

I have enclosed notes that I took from college days that are so true.

My Mother — MARIA PAPPAS — has Parkinson's Disease. I have been taking care of her for 10 years.

In the midst of all your concerns — would you be so compassionate as to seek for a picture authentically signed by you both — no autopen — that a humane gesture that would be.

You will overcome!

Love & Graces,
Leah Pappas

The poor cannot solve
the poverty problem

The hungry cannot solve
the famine problem

The enslaved cannot
solve the problem of
the oppressed —

— Unknown

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January 24, 1998

Dear Personal Secretary To The President,
of United States - Betty Currie,

Natalie and I would deeply appreciate
from you Betty Currie if you or your office
would be able to mail Natalie and me an
Autograph picture of you and our great President
of United States - Bill Clinton together in one
picture to put up on the wall in our new
Senior Citizen Center of Canasie if it
is possible.

Any Autograph picture you could mail me,
Personal Secretary - Betty Currie To
The President of you and the President
Natalie and I both will be very grateful
to both of you and your office.

Thank you and God Bless you,
Always Personal Secretary - Betty Currie
with the best of all in all your,
great work as a great Secretary.

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January 24, 1998

with many more happy years ahead of
you with all Gods Blessings & our
great President.

as the White House & ex scandal,
We shall over come. In my book,
President Bill Clinton is a great President
a great man and a great Patriot all
around in general doing a great job
for all here at home and abroad
for our great Country United States
of America for which it stands.

Always up with our great President
of United States - Bill Clinton and our
great First Lady of the Land - Hillary
Clinton all the way for a better
America for all, sincerely yours,

in years to come.

Yous & Natalie Schlammowitz
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Canasie - USA

Dear Ms. Currie,

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As private secretary to President Clinton may I please ask a tremendous favor of you? Being a big History buff could you try to get me an autographed photo of the President? It would be such a great addition to my collection. I would like to tell you about myself, if I may.

I recently gave up my post after teaching thirty-six years of History to high school students. I was History Department Chairman and held that position until I suffered a heart attack and had to undergo triple by-pass surgery which severely limited my activities.

Over the many years I can only hope in my role as a teacher and Chairman, I offered to the students entrusted to me knowledge, expertise, patience and through my example a love of God, Country and Family. I have always been dedicated to my country's moral and educational strength.

Since I have time on my hands, one of my hobbies is to collect autographs. Could I please impose on you to send me a **personally inscribed autographed photo**.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration and God bless you and yours.

Sincerely,

Ray Egan
Ray Egan

Please mail to:
Ray Egan
68 East Argyle Street
Valley Stream, NY 11580-4313

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Ray Egan

"Looking back over... these past thirty four years, I believe it has been worth it because of the fine students with whom I have been in contact." And with these words and all the emotion that they entail, Ray Egan decided it was time to move on. Retirement will beckon to all of us someday and the decision will not be easy. For most of us, there are too many good memories of the career we are about to leave and not nearly enough assurances that the future will be as active and rewarding as the past. This is especially true for teachers here at Molloy. With such a fine student body, Ray found himself continually challenged each and every day for the past thirty-four years. It will be hard for Ray and each of us to replace that mental stimulation, the verbal sparring and the spontaneity that each class brings. In so many ways, this is a reminder to all teachers of their mortality.

Ray is leaving behind teaching schedules that have covered five decades from 1958 to 1994. His teaching career totals thirty-six years of which two were spent at St. Peter's High School on Staten

Island and, of course, the remainder here at Molloy. Ray, as a consummate history teacher, is quick to point out the facts. He has worked for seven principals of Molloy, from Brother Norbert to Brother Angelo; nine presidents of the U.S., from Eisenhower to Clinton and was a part of and witness to the lives of seven thousand Stanners.

Ray Egan's long list of ac-



complishments and contributions to Molloy began with his acceptance of the post of moderator of the award winning school newspaper, The Stanner. For thirty years, Ray guided the development of the paper and The Stanner received forty awards of distinction during his tenure. In 1967, Ray accepted the chairmanship of the History Department and maintained that post until 1990 when health problems limited his duties and activities. The first baseball

camp of its kind on Long Island was established in 1973 and was the brainchild of its founder and director, Mr. Ray Egan. It was located at La Salle Military Academy in Oakdale.

And like so many members of the faculty here at Molloy, Ray's diversity and experience have allowed him not only to teach every conceivable social studies course but also algebra and psychology. But the classroom and his students will never be far from Ray's thoughts. "Even though", says Ray, "I have decided to retire, I look forward to continuing my close ties with the alumni. I will look forward to seeing you at reunions and you should feel free to drop me a line to update me about your life."

Ray, we shall miss you. You are the first lay faculty member to retire from Molloy after thirty or more years of distinguished service. From the administration, the faculty and the alumni, we wish you good health and happiness in your retirement.

Mr. Ray Egan
68 Argyle St.
Valley Stream, NY 11580-
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Betty,

J Podesta

I thought the
President would
like to see this.

cc'd
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Thanks,
Adam

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ANDREW CUOMO
THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

I choose to believe the President

By **MARIO M. CUOMO**

PRESIDENT CLINTON laid out a visionary agenda in his State of the Union address — a comprehensive design to meet America's national and international needs. Unfortunately, the President's ability to take action on this agenda is threatened by a whirlwind of rumors and allegations.

Taken at its worst, the charge against our President is that he is guilty of acts warranting impeachment because he lied under oath about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky, or encouraged her to lie under oath about it, or both.

I think the President of the United States, whose leadership has kept us at peace, reduced unemployment, balanced our budget and won high votes of approval from the American people, is entitled to be believed when he says he has committed no crime or impeachable offense. I am surprised that so many of his supporters — even members of his administration — have been quick to damn with faint defense.

Why are so many of us so eager to speculate darkly about grim headlines that might appear a week or month from now . . . or never appear at all? What good purpose is served by honoring in advance charges that *might* be leveled by the President's sworn enemy, Kenneth Starr? Especially since the charges would be largely based on testimony by a woman who already has admitted she is an inveterate liar.

Why should we replace the rightfully rigorous demands of the legal process with a cascade of rumor and specula-

tion? Why should any of us give the President less than the law does — a presumption of innocence?

I choose to believe the President, whom I helped nominate in 1992, supported in 1996 and support today. As a citizen, I hope whatever behavior he might have been involved in does not reach a level of illegality so serious that it denies our nation of one of the most effective leaders in modern history.

In truth, however, my concern is greater for the President and his family than it is for the country.

The law presumes him innocent, so should the public

In the long run, no matter what happens in this episode, the nation will survive and thrive, just as it has after all the other traumas, large and small, of the last two centuries. Each one — the Civil War, the world wars, the Depression, the assassinations, Vietnam, the Nixon tragedy — eventually proved to be evidence of our startling durability rather than proof of our fragility.

If the worst were to occur to our President, we would remain at peace, unemployment would stay low and our budget would continue to be in balance. That's because the idea of America and the miraculously effective de-

sign of our Constitution have given us a ship of state capable of withstanding the strongest storms — and the most vulnerable of captains.

In that regard, it is like the Catholic Church. Over two millennia, the Church has survived persecution, the Crusades, the Inquisition. Popes who had concubines, were senile or neglected their duties. But the idea of Christianity — its essential virtue — endures. As will the United States.

But if what is eventually written in the nation's history about this episode is only a footnote, it could be a crueler story for the President himself, for his uniquely stalwart spouse, Hillary, and for their lovely daughter, Chelsea. Public service has been the President's life. Gifted as he is, he could have done many other things that were less punishing and more lucrative. It's hard not to believe that if he had pursued wealth, by this time he'd be a rich man.

Instead, he has fought for and clung to his dream of serving the people of this country, at tremendous expense to himself and his family. It's reported he will need millions just to pay legal bills incurred in defending himself against the Whitewater investigation that has never proved any guilt on his part.

Yes, I believe the President, and I hope the current unpleasantness will be nothing more than a footnote in the nation's history. I hope it will be only a footnote in his biography as well. Shouldn't we all feel that way?

Cuomo was governor of New York from 1983 to 1994.



CC Sandy → Buckley
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CHRISTOPHER ASHBY

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As
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President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20500-2000
January 10, 1998

Dear Bill,

I want to thank you very much for coming to my swearing-in. I know you do not normally do that, and I appreciate it very much. I'm sorry you could not have come for the whole thing, it was a great time.

I suppose now that I work for you, I will have to reduce the stream of advice and insights that you have been used to. However, your Administration will suffer greatly. Somehow, I guess you will have to make it on your own.

I am including a copy of the speech, which you requested. To my great surprise, and delight, it was very well received. Even Tom Caplan was complimentary.

I hope to see you and Hillary in Montevideo this spring. If not, then I will see you at the reunion in May. Thank you so much for everything. I am certainly ready to begin.

Best Regards
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This is a great day for me, and I fully realize that I owe this day to the contributions which many of you have made to preparing me to be here. Each life unfolds in its own unique way; wondrously pure potential at its beginning, formed by the attributes received from a line of ancestors. Shaped by the times in which we live, the people we know, the events we experience.

I, like each of us, am composed of a unique set of qualities and circumstances which have enabled me to be here today. These events, family, friends, and experiences have prepared me for the adventure ahead, and I would like to acknowledge and honor them.

I was born and raised in Texas. My great-grandfather was from Kentucky. When the Civil War broke out, he pledged his allegiance to the Union, while his brothers fought for the Confederacy. During the war, he was captured and sent to a prisoner of war camp near Tyler, Texas. When the war was over, my great grandfather walked home to Kentucky. There he discovered that his fiancée, who had not heard from him for three years, had moved with her family to Illinois. So he walked to Illinois. He found her, and she was waiting for him, and they were married. When their first child, my grandfather was six weeks old, they bought a covered wagon and moved to Texas. Even as a prisoner, he had seen the promise of the land, and knew it offered great opportunity. I have often wondered what would give a man and a woman the devotion to each other and faith in the future to have done these things.

His granddaughter, my mother, is a lovely Texas lady; tough yet gentle, demanding, yet always there when we needed her. My father was from the small town of Minden, Louisiana, who, with his brother, grew up as the sons of the

town clerk. But each had a drive which they received from somewhere. My father went to Baylor University and Baylor Medical School, and never received a check from home. In the depression, his parents didn't have it. His brother, my uncle, paid his way through Tulane and Harvard Law School. I have often wondered what caused these two boys from a small Louisiana town to do this.

Perhaps the most valuable lesson my parents taught me was the understanding that we are all placed on this earth for a purpose, it is not random chance. It is our obligation to recognize that purpose, and pursue it. For in that way, we repay God for all the talents and blessings which we have received. I thank my parents greatly for their love and for this lesson.

As a young man of 18, I took my first airplane ride, and crossed the Mississippi for the first time, on my trip to Washington, D.C. to attend Georgetown School of Foreign Service. The larger world beckoned me, and I was smitten. I wanted to see, and feel and taste it. At Georgetown I was shaped and formed, and introduced to many friends who taught me. Some of them are here today. I learned that there is an absolute truth, there is a right and a wrong, and it is not relative, but that no one knows that truth in its entirety. That the greatest of all sins is the intellectual arrogance to think otherwise. I learned that every man, every woman, every people and every nation have a piece of that truth, and they all have validity. The way we get closer to that truth is to put the pieces together. And I learned that no matter how hard and long we work at it, we will never understand totally, and this must be humbly accepted.

Those were powerful, almost seismic years to be young in America. The year we graduated, 1968, has been recognized as one of the great schism years in

the history of the Republic. Just to remind you, in January of that year, the USS Pueblo became the first American ship ever taken on the high seas, when she and her crew were captured and imprisoned by the North Koreans. In February, the Tet offensive in Viet Nam broke the American will to win that war once and for all, and from then on we began the tortuous and ultimately unsuccessful effort to find peace with honor. In March, while listening with some of you to a speech by President Johnson, we were shocked by the words, "I shall not seek and I will not accept, the nomination of my party for another term as your president." In April, Rev. Martin Luther King was assassinated, and parts of this town burned down. I remember, as I drove home from my job working for Senator Scoop Jackson, seeing a machine gun sandbagged on the steps of the Capitol, and a Company of Marines bivouacked right outside this building, running patrols around the White House. In May, 1,000,000 people marched on the Pentagon to protest the war, and Military police directed traffic in Georgetown. In June Senator Robert Kennedy was assassinated, and In July, the Democratic convention exploded as the emotions created by the war spilled in to the streets of Chicago. In August, Soviet troops invaded Czechoslovakia, and in October, the Paris peace talks began. In November, Richard Nixon was elected President, and in December, the crew of the Pueblo was released.

It was a hell of a year to be young.

In 1969, I joined the Marine Corps, and over the next four years learned two critical lessons which helped define my life. First, I learned what it feels like to look at yourself in the mirror every morning and think, "I do what I do better than anyone in the world." The memory of that feeling has never left me. I also learned how the Marines manage people; they recognize that the most important

aspect of anyone's success is their attitude about themselves. Those who think they will succeed generally do. So the Marines set out to convince us that we were the best, and then we were. And we still are. It is a management practice I have tried to apply in every group I have since managed, and found that it works almost without fail.

After four years in the Marines, I was hired by a major New York money center bank, in their international area. That bank provided me the opportunity to live fourteen years in Asia and Europe, to see and learn the cultures of such places as Indonesia, China, Burma, Thailand, Japan, Singapore and the Philippines. Later, from Madrid, we were able to see Great Britain, Portugal, France, Italy, Germany, Denmark, Switzerland, Egypt and Israel. My family and I learned a lot, and we enjoyed ourselves immensely. I began to realize that the lessons I had learned were true. I began to apply the wisdom of home and school and friends and found that it was valid and good.

I returned to the United States to manage the bank's relations with the United Nations. From my office in the Secretariat Building, I saw the Soviet hammer and sickle flag lowered for the last time, I witnessed the Gulf War and Haiti from the vantage of inside the United Nations, and I observed the job of the American diplomatic team trying to engage the United Nations more and more in the pursuit of American interests. I met many good and interesting people, including the young controller, Kofi Annan. We used to go to lunch together and talk of the events of the day and he would give me good cigars which I could not otherwise obtain.

Through it all, I have had a lot of help - the proverbial wind beneath my wing. Amy. Amy and I are a statistical aberration. After 27 years, we are still married, and we still enjoy it. We met in line at the Tombs in Georgetown, she was within a few days of her 19th birthday, which makes today a bit of an anniversary as it is her birthday. Three months later we were engaged, three months later we were married, and three months later I was in Viet Nam. But I came back, as she always knew I would. And we began to create a family and a life together.

Along the way, we had and nurtured and raised three wonderful sons, and the world's finest daughter. They are the pride of our lives, and the reason I want to do what I can to make this a better place.

All of these events, all of these opportunities, all of these friends, all of this family have combined to make me the person I am, and have, I believe, well prepared me for the task at hand.

The Oriental Republic of Uruguay is a unique place in the Americas. They have a higher literacy rate than we, a lower infant mortality rate than we, and had women's suffrage before we did. Economic prosperity coupled with quality education for all and broad access to the fruits of their economic success have enabled them to avoid most of the political and social chaos which has plagued that region.

But Uruguay, just like the rest of us, is soon to enter the 21st Century. The relations between ourselves and all of Latin America will change more in the next five years than in any other comparable period in our history. The vision of this relationship, as articulated by President Clinton and directed by

Ambassador Davidow, envisions an entire continent of functioning democracies, engaged in the free exchange of ideas, products and services, and values. The region of Latin America we see today is composed of friends who offer and require treatment as like minded sovereign nations engaged in a interconnected world of inter-twinned systems of wealth, power and outlook. We still have our differences. But, as with other major regions of the world, we will work these things out. I pledge to the people of Uruguay and their government that I will do my best to build upon a long history of peace and good relations between our two countries, but also to foster the kind of relationship that two peoples of common values and common expectations ought to have. And I also pledge not to confuse effort with results. After all, we are all men and women of the new world. We are all Americans.

On my last birthday, my 51st, a very good friend gave me an explanation of a Cherokee Indian tradition, which said that the 51st birthday is the most important for a man. To quote from that explanation;

"It takes that much time to begin to understand the mysteries within us. At fifty-one, understanding cause and effect, our voice arises clearly. At fifty-one, we decide, 'Shall I continue for the benefit of the family, the clan, the nation, and the planet'. At fifty-one, we become an adult. "

One has fifty-one years to explore...because it is seen to take that much time to sense the many subtle life flows of energy within one's body. Until then, we are exploring. After fifty-one years, a man shares the fruits of his learning and life's explorations."

I believe my time has come to repay these gifts and contributions in service to the people of the United States. It is time to share the fruits of all my learning from home, school, friends and life's explorations, and pursue the reason I was put on this earth.

I am immensely proud and grateful that President Clinton, a man who knows me well, has shown the confidence in me that he has by this appointment as the American Ambassador to Uruguay.

I thank you for all the things you have taught me, and for coming here today. It is a great compliment to me and my family that you chose to make the journeys and undertake the efforts necessary to witness this ceremony. Looking around this room, looking out that window, feeling the history of this country embodied in this city, we all realize that we are not just here to watch a friend be sworn in as an American Ambassador. We are all here to participate in an American celebration. To give witness to the belief that the values which got us here, the values which caused my great grandfather to move to Texas, that caused my father, coming from a poor family in a small Louisiana town, to believe that he could become a doctor, that caused me to think I could really go to a great university and be a Marine and work on Wall Street, that caused each of you to achieve the things you have, and that caused my college friend to think that some day he could really be President of the United States. These are still the values we embrace. We are all here today to give witness to our belief that those values still apply, they are still important, and we will do all that we can to make sure it is always so.

Thank you very much.



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January 30, 1998

Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for inviting me to attend today's taping of your radio address on climate change.

I agree that climate change is an important problem and support the steps your Administration is taking to stimulate efficient energy generation and to end America's waste of two-thirds of the fuel burned to make electricity. The proposed tax incentives and program funding will help, but won't attack the root of our energy problems.

Where is your electricity restructuring proposal? How will you clean the attic of outmoded monopoly, environmental, tax and other laws and regulations that are barriers to efficiency?

We sense the issue is tied up in debate among your advisors over the alleged risk that competition will worsen air quality, and will boost carbon dioxide emissions. One agency's computer model says one thing, another agency's model says something else. Such models have a consistent history of underestimating the power of competition. Models do not explain how deregulation in Great Britain has cut CO₂ by 39%, NO_x by 50%, and dropped prices to consumers by 15-20%. Please trust markets over regulators.

I urge you to announce an electricity restructuring policy that promotes efficiency. I urge you to challenge EPA to recognize efficiency as the most important pollution control. If you guide deregulation and other policy changes to promote efficiency, we will achieve the Kyoto targets and save money. Free markets will cut emissions and costs. If your regulators doubt the power or benefits of markets, prescribe monitoring and appropriate regulatory backstops. But try markets first and now.

Thank you.

Thomas R. Casten
President and CEO

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January 23, 1998



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

1-29-98

Dear President Clinton:

Since first meeting you and our First Lady in 1992, when we joined many other Americans in working toward the goal of seeing the two of you lead our great country, we've been extremely proud of the accomplishments made by you both. As a couple working together, you have, with devoted diligence and honor, assumed the responsibility and trust given to you by the American people in November of 1992, when each of you assumed the chief leadership roles of building a better America.

We hope you know that there are a lot of good everyday, hardworking American people that are standing by you. In fact, they are giving you full support in the current circumstances that not only you, but your family, is having to contend with. You are today and have been, since assuming office, a good president. Our First Lady and your wife is without a doubt one of the most elegant first ladies to ever grace the White House.

The two of you are excellent role models as parents. You have raised a daughter, who at a young age, was cast into the national limelight some seven years ago, even though she had exposure on the state level as a first family member. This young lady portrays a daughter whose parents love and care for her, including using their best efforts to shield her from the serious day-to-day problems her mother and dad must try and resolve each day. We have the honor to know other members of your family and have had the opportunity to visit with them on occasion, including your stepdad, the First Lady's mother, your brother-in-law and his family. They are warm and gracious people.

It is unfortunate that our news media does not take the time to consider, prior to their comments, how it deeply affects and leaves irreparable scars on close family members that we care about. Sometimes these unfounded reports hurt these family members more than it hurts the individual to whom these false accusations are targeted. We believe staying together with complete loyalty to each other, time and patience will put this immediate crisis behind you.

After you have seen,
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Hon. William Jefferson Clinton

January 23, 1998

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We have been and are supporters of you and your family. You can continue to depend on us as sincere friends, along with our associates, for continuous support and any help within our abilities, as you move through this current challenge.

With every good wish,

UNITED SHOWS OF AMERICA, INC.


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Sam's Mail

From: lenkathleenb@juno.com
Sent: Monday, January 26, 1998 7:38 PM
To: Sam's Mail
Subject:

I want to share a message I sent to President and Ms. Clinton

January 26, 1998

Dear President and Ms. Clinton,

I have to write to share how sorry I am that you are going through the challenges and attacks on the character of our president. I have watched the media have a field day with what must be one of the hardest things a couple can experience.

I have mourned our taxes, the millions that must go into this kind of investigation, an investigation that is none of our business and wished they could be spent on those who need...

As I grow older, I'm in the last year of my fifties, it amazes me how the message of Jesus seems to have been missed entirely. He cast no stones upon the woman who "slipped". He gave her compassion. Seems to me, he was hardest on those who held stones in their hands.

I will hold you and yours in my heart and prayers, hoping the Clinton presidency will prosper.

May you find the "gift" that may,
one day, surface from this challenge.

Kathleen Bossio

193 Hillview Way
Watsonville

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Sam's Mail

From: Michael Simone
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 1998 12:02 PM
To: Sam's Mail
Subject: sex scandal

I am not affiliated with any party! I did not vote for President Clinton in either election! I am actually surprised by what a very good you he is doing!!! I almost feel as if I would vote for him if he were allowed to run for a 3rd term.

I could care less what he does sexualy or what he does in bed. His private life should be his own business and not that of the people!!! He is doing a fantastic job as president!!!! I am sick to death with the news media's attempts to degrade him by constant personal attacks on his character with sexual exploits. President Kennedy and many other presidents have had all kinds of sexual escapades without having the performance of their jobs effected by an out of control media.

The Media is and has been out of control and above all law. Is there no way to curb their appetite for exaggerating any news story into unbelievable soapopera entertainment??? The people deserve access to news that is not governed by ratings and corporate politics! We are only as free as our free access to believable information. The news media is no longer credible nor believable!! Therefore we do not get reliable and accurate information, therefore we are not free!

Also, the government should not be in any position to legislate the morality or the sexual behavior of any one including the president! This constant barrage to erode his reputation and his moral character by the media smacks in the face of Orwellian 1984 sex crime. Already in this country we have "sex criminals"!! How can this be? How can the government legislate morality and sexual behavior? Morality is taught by religion. The State is to be totally separate from religious dogma, and therefore morality.

Kenneth Star seems out to depose President Clinton because he does not feel he is moral enough to be president! Kenneth Star however did not elect the president, the people did. He is stepping way over the bounds of his job and should be fired!!!

The interference of the out of control news media is now interfering with the peoples right to good representation when their entertainment soapopera news interferes with our representatives ability to do their job's.

Sincerely
Michael Simone
214 Lake Ct.
Aptos, CA 95003

Sam's Mail

From: dirknjanet@juno.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 1998 12:49 PM
To: Sam's Mail
Subject: support the President

Dirk De Lu 455 Granite Ridge Santa Cruz, CA
95065 1-27-98

Dear Representative Farr:

Please know that a great many Americans see this vicious personal attack against the President for what it is. The Republicans have had it in for him and will stop at nothing to get him.

I am sickened at the waste of time and energy on this whole overblown affair. We elected the President to run the country, not to let us ruin his personal life. I assure you that a great many people I have spoken to, Republicans and Democrats alike, would appreciate seeing the business of government focused on the legitimate demands of that profession.

I have not always supported the Presidents policies. I have written to plead, beg, complain and even criticize the government's actions. It is my right and duty to do so. This is different. A small cadre of well organized media supported Republican demagogues seeks to overthrow our duly elected government to serve their own narrow self interest. This is an attempted coup. Please stand up for the President and rebuff this abuse of our democratic institutions.

Sincerely,

Dirk De Lu

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Sam's Mail

From: writerep
Sent: Saturday, January 24, 1998 5:01 PM
To: Sam's Mail
Subject: WriteRep Responses

DATE: January 24, 1998 7:32 PM
NAME: Lawrence Miller
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STATE: California
ZIP: 93955
PHONE: 408 394 8018
EMAIL: larrym@pobox.com
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I am somewhat distrubed that the current investigation of President Clinton is far out of proportion. The country can ill afford to bring down the president because of the unfettered witch hunt of Starr. The special counsel has lost any sense of humanity in his zeal to discredit the President. I am not at all concerned about Clinton's attention to women. I am concerned that Ken Starr will destroy the office of the President.

Sam's Mail

From: Red Johnson
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 1998 6:06 AM
To: Sam's Mail
Subject: Ken Starr - Independent Counsel

Sam...

Seems to me as though you have an opportunity to take a position of leadership by authoring a bill that will eliminate the possibility of spending \$30 million in public funds on a political witch hunt. I would suggest that if such investigations are necessary, it be recognized that they can, and do, become politicized, and that the cost should be paid by the party pursuing the action. Let there be use of public money to support these fiascos only when, and if, there is absolute equality of purpose by the parties.

That Starr's investigation should have continued on so long without proving anything against Clinton is an aberration... and allowing the investigation to use the circumstances of Paula Jones and Monica Lewinski against the Presidency, unconscionable.

I might suggest you get together with Nancy Pellozi and get something done about this situation.

Incidentally... I am not a Clinton supporter... didn't vote for him in either election. I do think, however, that he has done a good job during his tenure in office, and I think that should be respected.

Government is rotten Congressman... I, for one, would like to see you do something about it.

Hilton T. (Red) Johnson, 37200 Nason Rd, Carmel Valley, CA 93924 Phone (408)659-3814 FAX (408)659-5407 E-Mail redj@redshift.com

Sam's Mail

From: Jodi & Allen
Sent: Monday, January 26, 1998 9:40 PM
To: Sam's Mail
Subject: There is no issue.

We would like to express our support President Clinton and ask for your support. It doesn't matter what happened with his personal affairs. This whole lawsuit is loathsome and expresses the how deeply troubled our society is. The fact that this situation, true or false, has been deemed a national issue and newsworthy is a joke. The world is almost certainly laughing. We hope you brush this off like a bad cold, Mr President.

Cheers,

Allen Andrews and Jodi Thomas
220 Drake Ave
Monterey, CA
93940

To the depths of Sea and Space...

Sam's Mail

From: CHRISPLOTT
Sent: Monday, January 26, 1998 8:56 PM
To: Sam's Mail
Subject: Independent counsel Kenneth Starr

We have just moved to Santa Cruz from San Rafael and are writing to you because we are concerned about the actions of Mr. Starr. We feel he's been given more than enough time and money to prove something and has failed. I don't know what can be done to stop this waste of taxpayers money. We have felt concern in the past over the time he has spent investigating (without seemingly proving anything!) and the huge amounts of money spent but have not been motivated enough to write until this latest barrage against President Clinton. We believe the President is doing a great job for this country. We don't care about any of Mr. Starr's allegations and we certainly don't care what the press thinks. We would like everyone to let the President do his job. Anything you can do to help with this?

Respectfully,

Christine and Jeffrey Plott
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Pasatiempo
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
(408)423-8052

Sam's Mail

From: Richard Missy Martin
Sent: Sunday, January 25, 1998 11:56 PM
To: Sam's Mail
Subject: Support Bill Clinton

Dear Mr. Farr: I support and voted for you. I have never asked you for anything. I am now. I want to see you out there supporting Bill Clinton. If what is is being said is true it is immoral. But whatever he did does not appear to effect me or the nation. Support him.

Rich Martin
18005 Farmhill Lane
Salinas, CA. 93907



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Sam's Mail

From: Heather Mendel
Sent: Friday, January 23, 1998 12:17 AM
To: Sam's Mail
Subject: Ken Starr investigation

Dear Sam

One of the strengths of the US system of government is surely that is based on a set of checks and balances. Where are the checks and balances to limit the apparent abuse of power of the Starr investigation? What on earth has the present turn of events to do with Whitewater? At what point is a limit put on the power being wielded by this investigation?

I believe that what is going on in Washington is a travesty and it is time for the American people to stand up and say 'Enough!' This process is demeaning to the office of the President and to the United States of America.

As a California Democrat, I would like to register my disgust with the present situation and would like to see the Democratic party call for the system of checks and balances to apply to the scope of the investigative power of the independent counsel in the same way as this principle applies to the rest of government.

Heather Mendel
Carmel, California

Sam's Mail

From: jbrumit
Sent: Friday, January 23, 1998 6:33 AM
To: Sam's Mail
Subject: Scandals

Have we as a nation gone mad? Some young lady says she saw the President's pee-pee and the Press goes crazy! Nothing has been proven about anything and yet that is the major story around the world. In the meantime, Saddam is probably using this time to make and hide all his chemical weapons of mass destruction. For all I know, Saddam HIRED this young lady to accuse. And right now he can run wild and we are doing nothing about anything. What is wrong with the U.S.? If the President did something wrong, let the legal system handle it. That is why we have the legal system, isn't it? Or do we no longer search for the truth as long as we have good publicity.

James T. Brumit
P.O. Box 145
Aromas, Ca. 95004

Sam's Mail

From: adavis@cruzio.com
Sent: Sunday, January 25, 1998 10:34 PM
To: Sam's Mail
Subject:

Dear Congressman Farr,

I support the president and the presidency. I ask you to do the same at this critical hour. Whether or not Mr. Clinton had sex with his intern, whether or not he lied or urged her to do so, the question of who is qualified to run this country should not be left up to the courts and the media.

Are there no bounds to the Special Prosecutor's investigations? Is his office established for the sole purpose of digging up - no, creating - damning evidence of any kind whatsoever. Can it be any more clear that his job is to attack, discredit and entrap the presidency for partisan political gain? I am far less outraged by Mr. Clinton's immorality than I am by the blatant abuse of the heart of our political process.

The Republican party is clearly looking to "pay back" the Democrats for Watergate and Iran-Contra. I cannot be fooled into equating consensual fornication with the deliberate subversion of the constitution and the lived ruined and lost as a result of earlier Republican wrong-doing. I am disgusted by their disregard for the welfare of our nation: they sacrifice anything and anyone for power.

Any voice you can raise today in favor of moderation and reason would be deeply appreciated, even though it may be called "political suicide" by the maniac press.

Thank you for considering my opinion. I may add that you personally continue to have my full support and gratitude for the work you have done and will continue to do.

Sincerely,

Andrew Davis
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Sam's Mail

From: Disler
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 1998 6:13 AM
To: Sam's Mail
Subject: Current White House Scandal

Dear Representative Farr,

I am writing to express some "righteous anger" about how President Clinton might be conducting himself extramaritally in the White House and with a very young intern, what other skeletons are in that particular closet, and his lying and being so "slick" with words.

I'm not a Democrat and don't hold politically liberal views, but if my daughter had landed an internship in President Clinton's White House, my only reservations would have been political and I would have proudly let her go. Never would I have thought her prey for his libido. I am laughing now at my own naivete at thinking she would be "looked after," as Bob Woodward suggested all of us parents believe our college-intern daughters are more or less looked after at their place of internship.

This alleged corruption of a trusted relationship is not just between the President and Monica Lewinski. It suggests the tip of the iceberg. How many other very young and impressionable interns? In what other offices of high government?

I met you once in Carmel and thought you seemed a very decent man. I am hoping that you will take into consideration, while you like the rest of us ponder this alleged sleazy behavior, that many of us think this President's childish word-smithing (which has only fooled the press in the past, the rest of us perfected his technique in high school), and his lying about Gennifer Flowers have made fools not only of his family but of the country's citizens.

I would like to see Vice President Gore take over. As I said, I'm not a Democrat, but Mr. Gore now seems like a breath of fresh air.

Thanks for listening.

One of your constituents,

Donna Isler
Monterey, CA

Hentges, Sandy

From: Christopher, Ken
Sent: Monday, January 26, 1998 4:11 PM
To: Hentges, Sandy
Subject: FW: INTAKE clinton in

Several constituents.

From: Johnson, Sallie
Sent: Monday, January 26, 1998 4:09 PM
To: Christopher, Ken
Subject: INTAKE clinton in

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January 26, 1998

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Ms. Leonore Swain - did not want to leave address
Santa Cruz, California 95060

Lynn and Earl Meyer - did not leave address

Hentges, Sandy

From: Christopher, Ken
Sent: Monday, January 26, 1998 3:40 PM
To: Hentges, Sandy
Subject: FW: intake - atton

Not in our District.

From: Brauner, Naomi
Sent: Monday, January 26, 1998 3:37 PM
To: Christopher, Ken
Subject: intake - atton

INTAKE

January 26, 1998

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Ms. Dolores Atton
300 Old Big Trees Road
Felton, CA 95018
335-1929

Clinton Alleged Affair

Ms. Atton would like to express her opposition to the efforts of Kenneth Starr to discredit the President.

She thinks the matter is a private one for the Clinton's and that this disruption is a serious infringement on the duties of the President.

She also thinks Sam Farr is great and should run for President!

Hentges, Sandy

From: Christopher, Ken
Sent: Monday, January 26, 1998 11:35 AM
To: Hentges, Sandy
Subject: FW: intake - torres 1

From: Brauner, Naomi
Sent: Monday, January 26, 1998 11:31 AM
To: Christopher, Ken
Subject: intake - torres 1

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January 26, 1998

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Mr. Tony Torres
7253 Locust Way
Aptos, CA 95003
688-5784

President Clinton's Alleged Affair

Mr. Torres would like to express his support for the President and his disappointment in the media for "convicting" Bill Clinton on the alleged Lewinsky affair before all the facts are in.

He thinks judgment should be reserved until all the facts are in, then he should be judged in historical precedent.

(Mr. Torres also called about his dissatisfaction with Clinton decreasing the COLA for seniors. A separate intake has been done for that concern.)

Hentges, Sandy

From: Christopher, Ken
Sent: Friday, January 23, 1998 2:19 PM
To: Hentges, Sandy
Subject: FW: intake - DeAngeles

From: Brauner, Naomi
Sent: Friday, January 23, 1998 2:17 PM
To: Christopher, Ken
Subject: intake - DeAngeles

INTAKE

January 23, 1998

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Ms. Carol DeAngeles
116 West Cliff Drive, Unit 2
Santa Cruz, California 95060

President Clinton's Alleged Affair

Ms. DeAngeles called to express her opinion that the attention being given to a possible affair President Clinton had with a former intern is a waste of time and money and she thinks no one really cares about it.

She hopes that the media will stop wasting time on the issue and instead allow the President to focus on important matters of state.

Hentges, Sandy

From: Christopher, Ken
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 1998 4:52 PM
To: Hentges, Sandy
Subject: FW: intake- thompson

not our constituent

From: Brauner, Naomi
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 1998 4:50 PM
To: Christopher, Ken
Subject: intake- thompson

INTAKE

January 27, 1998

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Richard Thompson
157 Wild Iris Lane
Santa Cruz, California 95060

Oppose Investigation into Alleged Clinton Affair

Mr. Thompson would like to express his opposition to the attention spent by Kenneth Starr on an alleged affair by President Clinton.

He thinks Kenneth Starr should be investigated for the actions he is taking against the President.

Hentges, Sandy

From: Christopher, Ken
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 1998 4:51 PM
To: Hentges, Sandy
Subject: FW: intake - glass

From: Brauner, Naomi
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 1998 4:49 PM
To: Christopher, Ken
Subject: intake - glass

INTAKE

January 27, 1998

ngb

Mr. Bruce Glass
25 Trembley Lane
Watsonville, California 95076

Oppose Investigation into Alleged Clinton Affair

Mr. Glass would like to express his opposition to the attention spent by Kenneth Starr on an alleged affair by President Clinton.

He says there are more important things for the president and the country to be concerned about.

Hentges, Sandy

From: Christopher, Ken
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 1998 3:50 PM
To: Hentges, Sandy
Subject: Intake - Support for President

MEMO
Monterey

FROM: kwc

RE: SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT

The following people called to express their support for President Clinton.

LARSON, Mrs. Irene
25590 Chiquito Pl.
Carmel, CA 93923

She is a 73-year-old Republican, but still thinks Clinton is one of our best Presidents.

CRAWFORD, Mrs. Margaret
25152 Randall Way
Carmel, CA 93923

Is appalled at what's going on. Blames the Press.

JOHNSON, Mr. Arthur
P.O. Box 461
Salinas, CA 93902

Hentges, Sandy

From: Christopher, Ken
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 1998 12:36 PM
To: Hentges, Sandy
Subject: FW: Intake -- Gagnon

Nice of her, huh?

From: Girard, Michele
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 1998 12:33 PM
To: Christopher, Ken
Subject: Intake -- Gagnon

INTAKE
Monterey
1/27/98

from: mlg

re: Ms. Alice Gagnon
1962 Napa Street
Seaside, CA 93955
(408) 394-3228

'PRESIDENT IS INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY'

Ms. Gagnon would like to **remind the Congressman** that the President is innocent until proven guilty. She says the burden should be on Monica Lewinsky to prove the affair, and if she is caught lying she should go to prison. She says the President should be able to continue his business as President, and that there should be greater respect for the office of President.

Hentges, Sandy

From: Christopher, Ken
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 1998 12:29 PM
To: Hentges, Sandy
Subject: FW: Intake -- Peavey

From: Girard, Michele
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 1998 11:55 AM
To: Christopher, Ken
Subject: Intake -- Peavey

INTAKE
Monterey
1/27/98

from: mlg

re: Ms. Loretta Peavey
1000 - 6th Avenue, Apartment 5
Monterey, CA 93940
(408) 333-0910

UPSET BY 'HARASSMENT' OF PRESIDENT

Ms. Peavey called to voice her displeasure with the recent allegations against the President and the subsequent media frenzy. She does not believe it is the business of those other than the President and his family.

Hentges, Sandy

From: Christopher, Ken
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 1998 9:14 AM
To: Hentges, Sandy
Subject: FW: intake-Davis

From: Fielding, Plasha
Sent: Monday, January 26, 1998 4:49 PM
To: Christopher, Ken
Subject: intake-Davis

INTAKE
1/26/98
FROM Plasha

RE Susan Davis
26282 Mesa Place
Carmel, CA 93923

CLINTON/LEWINSKY RUMORS

She would like to see the investigation of Clinton stopped. She believes that Kenneth Star has his own personal agenda and is wasting tax payers dollars. She does not believe this bears any relevance on the U.S. public or on national or domestic security, and therefore should not be using taxpayer money to investigate any further.

Hentges, Sandy

From: Christopher, Ken
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 1998 9:11 AM
To: Hentges, Sandy
Subject: FW: intake-Gagnon

From: Fielding, Plasha
Sent: Monday, January 26, 1998 5:02 PM
To: Christopher, Ken
Subject: intake-Gagnon

INTAKE
1/26/98
FROM Plasha

RE Alice Gagnon
1962 Napa Street
Seaside, CA 93955

She would like all the allegations regarding the President's personal life stopped at once. She states that he has done tons for this country and that is what people should be concentrating on.

Hentges, Sandy

From: Christopher, Ken
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 1998 9:10 AM
To: Hentges, Sandy
Subject: FW: intake-Michaels

From: Fielding, Plasha
Sent: Monday, January 26, 1998 5:12 PM
To: Christopher, Ken
Subject: intake-Michaels

INTAKE
1/26/98
FROM Plasha

RE Kathleen Dambrosia Michaels
Box 222931
Carmel, CA 93922

She would like all the investigations on the President regarding Monica Lewinsky to be stopped as she believes it is a giant waste of tax dollars.

Hentges, Sandy

From: Christopher, Ken
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 1998 9:10 AM
To: Hentges, Sandy
Subject: FW: intake-Mullins

From: Fielding, Plasha
Sent: Monday, January 26, 1998 5:01 PM
To: Christopher, Ken
Subject: intake-Mullins

INTAKE
1/26/98
FROM Plasha

RE Jackie Mullins
20 Del Monte, Apartment 402
Monterey, CA 93940

She would like to see ALL the sexual allegations of the President stopped at once. She states that she is not interested in hearing about this part of the President's life, and it is between he and his wife.

Dear Congressman FARR,

I do not appreciate
this witch hunt against the
President.

Kenneth S. Tarr has no business under the Presidents Bed.

This smacks of a sort of Mc Carthism against the president.

The president's personal life is nobody's business.

If you can't stand up
against this partisan attack
on the president. I'd like to know
why.

Louis DuBois

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date

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To:

John Podesta

From:

The Staff Secretary

We should talk about
his memo before you go
at at town.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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January 29, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: LARRY STEIN *LS*

SUBJECT: INITIAL LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF
105TH CONGRESS

Our objective is to deliver signal legislative achievements without dividing Congressional Democrats. We should reinforce those victories with vigorously waged debates on issues about which Democrats and Republicans will inevitably disagree.

Quick "wins":

Our first priority is to put quick wins on the scoreboard. This will allow us to point to tangible results from the State of the Union and build momentum for some of the tougher initiatives that will be considered later. The obvious immediate candidate is NATO Enlargement for which there is strong bipartisan support in the Senate. Senator Lott is already on board, and we will work with the Democratic Leadership -- particularly Senator Daschle -- to ensure a wide margin of victory. We also appear to be on the way to bipartisan Iraq Resolutions in both houses. Other possibilities include IRS Reform, potential success on our child care agenda and a strong, early push on the Patients' Bill of Rights.

A Difficult Supplemental:

Our most pressing, immediate challenge is to deal with the cluster of issues likely to arise in a Supplemental. These include politically difficult international spending initiatives made doubly problematic by the election year climate. IMF(both the NAB and the new quota), UN Arrearages, and Bosnia funding are imperative and are therefore likely to be held hostage by Republicans. At the end of last session, IMF and UN funding were both entangled with the Mexico City population planning issue. Disengaging these issues requires a sharp member and public education campaign designed to communicate the gravity of the IMF and UN issues. Treasury, State and Defense are now engaged in a unified push to build support. We are working with members and opinion leaders to create the best possible atmosphere for consideration of our supplemental requests. Though we begin from the premise that we need all of our supplemental requests, we must remain flexible and prepared to adjust creatively to the various political pressures.

Budget and Appropriations:

While the Supplemental is being put together, the Budget Committees will take up your budget submission and begin crafting Budget Resolutions for FY '99. We will push in both committees for full consideration of your chief budget priorities. Though Senator Domenici and Congressman Kasich are likely to take partisan approaches this year, it is crucial that we begin to make budgetary room for as many priorities as possible. We will encourage Democrats to offer your budget as an alternative to whatever the Republicans construct. We will also work to ensure that the Republican resolutions include sufficient flexibility, allowing for successful accommodations to be negotiated at a later point. Specifically, that means we must have language allowing for passage of a tobacco bill and reach some kind of agreement about how to contain highway spending so that it does not consume your most vital initiatives during the appropriations process.

The Tobacco Lynchpin:

Tobacco is the assumed funding source for most of our investments from NIH and NSF to child care. If we can not generate a climate in which agreement is reached on the tobacco settlement, we will be left with a fight over principles rather than achieve successful enactment of your priorities. Senator Conrad, chair of the Democratic Tobacco Task Force, will roll out his bill in a few weeks. Similar to the Kennedy Bill, it is more robust than the structure assumed in your budget in terms of penalties imposed and revenue generated. It conforms totally, however, with your fundamental goal of reducing teenage smoking.

Conrad will seek to work with Vic Fazio, his counterpart in the House Democratic Caucus. Superimposed on the steady revelations emerging from the Minnesota case, the introduction of Democratic bills should open a window of opportunity for an actual agreement. Republicans will be in a weak position to resist if you publicly embrace the Conrad proposal, urge its passage, and say that you will call leaders to the White House for a Tobacco Summit if results aren't achieved by a date certain. That date will be chosen to coincide with the conclusion of the Minnesota case. This strategy puts you in conformity with Congressional Democrats and allows you to assume a dominant position over what may turn into the decisive issue of the year. It may also be the only way to successful results.

Patients' Bill of Rights:

Another significant success possibility, the Patients' Bill of Rights already has bipartisan support in various forms. The Norwood/D'Amato bills are more intrusive than we believe is wise, but their broad support demonstrates the weight of the issue. The Congressional Democrats again prefer an issue to a bill, but the force of gravity is in the direction of something passing. We propose working with Congressman Dingell to generate a legislative outcome that would be acceptable to all parties.

Fights with Republicans:

As we seek the legislative accommodations described thus far, it is vital that we continue to fight hard for those proposals in the budget that Republicans categorically reject. This will help retain party unity by giving Democratic caucuses the defining wedge issues they want in an election year. Leading candidates include raising the minimum wage, legislation to expand Medicare, and campaign finance reform. These are win-win fights -- either Congress passes the legislation or Democrats and the Administration have a popular issue to use to disadvantage Republicans. We can work with the House and Senate Democratic Leaderships to prosecute these issues primarily through our communications strategies. We only need one or two of these engagements over principle, but we have to fight them persistently and aggressively throughout the year.

Tax Issues and Republican Assault Issues:

We will send a second memo dealing with the tax code and a third memo dealing with those issues Republicans are constructing as their own wedge agenda.

cc: The Vice President
Erskine Bowles
John Podesta
Sylvia Mathews

1-30-98

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1-30-98

To Burkhardt for reply
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Yes ☒ No ☐

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1/28/98

Stephanie Joyce Jones

Dear Mr. President,

I came across this quote by Teddy Roosevelt that may provide some comfort:

It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes short again and again because there is no effort without error and shortcomings, who knows the great devotion, who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at his best knows in the end the high achievement of triumph and who at worst, if he fails by daring greatly, knows his place shall never be with those timid and cold souls who know neither victory nor defeat.

My prayers are with you and Hillary and Chelsea. Like my grandmother, I know you are a good man and I am proud to have you as my President and my friend. God bless you.

With respect and affection,

Stephanie

Sam's Mail

From: lenkathleenb@juno.com
Sent: Monday, January 26, 1998 7:38 PM
To: Sam's Mail
Subject:

I want to share a message I sent to President and Ms. Clinton

January 26, 1998

Dear President and Ms. Clinton,

I have to write to share how sorry I am that you are going through the challenges and attacks on the character of our president. I have watched the media have a field day with what must be one of the hardest things a couple can experience.

I have mourned our taxes, the millions that must go into this kind of investigation, an investigation that is none of our business and wished they could be spent on those who need...

As I grow older, I'm in the last year of my fifties, it amazes me how the message of Jesus seems to have been missed entirely. He cast no stones upon the woman who "slipped". He gave her compassion. Seems to me, he was hardest on those who held stones in their hands.

I will hold you and yours in my heart and prayers, hoping the Clinton presidency will prosper.

May you find the "gift" that may,
one day, surface from this challenge.

Kathleen Bossio

193 Hillview Way
Wattsonville

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