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Mr. President -
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you speak in a College
Democrats forum as Steve
Grossman & Roy Romer have.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

P.O. Box 37127

Washington, D.C. 20013-7127



February 27, 1998

Memorandum

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To	DAN Burkhardt	
Dept./Agency	STAFF SECRET	
From	Roger Stephenson	
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To: Todd Stern -- Staff Secretary
Phil Caplan -- Deputy Staff Secretary

From: Roger Stephenson -- National Park Service

Attached is advance information on National Park Week, April 20-26, 1998.

Every year, the President has issued a Proclamation declaring National Park Week. An official request for the Presidential Proclamation is forthcoming. Should you or your staff have any questions, I can be reached at 202 208 3855.

To Dan Burkhardt
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MEMORANDUM

To: Secretary

Through: Don Barry
Acting, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks

From: Robert Stanton
Director

Subject: Request for Presidential Proclamation -- National Park Week 1998

Plans are underway for the fifth annual National Park Week (NPWeek), April 20-26, 1998. As in the past two years, the event coincides with both Earth Day and the nationwide March for Parks sponsored by the National Parks and Conservation Association.

National Park Week was conceived in 1994 by the Service and our Congressionally chartered non-profit partner, the National Park Foundation, as a positive and public method to focus attention on our national parks. That first year and each year since, the President has issued a Proclamation declaring National Park Week. We would like to request a Presidential Proclamation designating National Park Week 1998. A draft is attached.

National parks around the country take part in National Park Week using it as an opportunity to schedule special events or interpretive presentations. We are continuing the tradition inaugurated in 1996 of setting aside the Saturday of National Park Week as a "National Park Volunteer Day". As in the past, part of the National Park Week celebration in Washington, D.C. includes the presentation of several prestigious awards including the National Park Ranger Award (presented by President Clinton in 1994, 1995, and 1997) and the Partnership Leadership Awards.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Enclosures: draft letter to President
draft National Park Week Proclamation

cc: Katie McGinty -- Council on Environmental Quality

Dan Berkhart -- Director of Presidential Messages
Kris Balderston -- Office of Cabinet Affairs
Todd Stern -- Staff Secretary
Phil Caplan -- Deputy Staff Secretary
Stephanie Streett -- Director of Scheduling
Melanne Verveer -- Chief of Staff to the First Lady

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

Dear Mr. President:

In each of the last 4 years, you helped America celebrate National Park Week (NPWeek) by issuing a Presidential Proclamation designating the week.

Plans are underway for this year's event celebrated at parks throughout the nation and we ask that you designate April 20-26, 1998, as National Park Week. A draft proclamation is enclosed.

In our national parks, we see the stories of the people and places that shaped our answer to the question: What does it mean to be an American? This summer, the nation will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the first Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, New York. That event is commemorated at Women's Rights National Historical Park, where visitors are reminded of the important early steps toward equal rights in America. The story of the Underground Railroad, like that of Seneca Falls, is an all too often untold story. Those who worked and rode on the Underground Railroad are part of a tale of a motivating constant struggle, of extraordinary personal sacrifice, and of amazing bravery.

NPWeek 1997 will once again coincide with two other events: Earth Day (April 22), and the National Parks and Conservation Association's (NPCA) annual March for Parks (April 18-26, 1998) in an estimated 1,000 cities and towns in the United States and around the world. This offers an extraordinary opportunity to coordinate these complementary events and fulfill the promise of National Park Week as a positive and public vehicle to focus America's attention on our National Parks.

As in the past, the National Park Foundation is a major partner in NPWeek. The Foundation and the National Park Service will present several prestigious national awards at a reception and dinner in Washington, D.C.. These include the National Park Ranger Award and the Partnership Leadership Awards recognizing outstanding Park Service employees and the partners with whom they work.

For the second year, we are setting aside the Saturday of NPWeek (April 25) as a "National Park Volunteer Day".

Thank you for your interest in, and support of, National Park Week.

Respectfully,

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NATIONAL PARK WEEK, 1998
By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

The first Director of the National Park Service, Stephen Mather, once observed that "He or she is a better citizen with a keener appreciation of the privilege of living here - in the United States - who has toured the national parks." Today, the rich diversity and magnificent beauty of the national parks still affirm and celebrate the American experience. Our national parks, from the majestic Grand Teton mountains to stately Independence Hall to the mysterious Everglades, are our legacy from our ancestors and will be our gift to future generations.

In our national parks, we see the stories of the people and places that shaped our answer to the question: What does it mean to be an American? I encourage all Americans to visit our national parks and be reminded of the breathtaking natural wonders and inspiring human struggles that have brought us to this point in our history.

This summer, the nation will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the first Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, New York. That event is commemorated at Women's Rights National Historical Park. There, we are reminded that the simple insistence that men and women are created equal was once considered "radical," but was an important step on the road towards equal legal, political and educational rights.

The story of the Underground Railroad, like that of Seneca Falls, is an all too often untold story. Those who toiled on and escaped through the Underground Railroad are part of a tale of a motivating constant struggle, of extraordinary personal sacrifice, and of amazing bravery. The National Park Service has undertaken an initiative to engage the American public in a deeper understanding of the Underground Railroad and its role in supporting African American slaves' heroic quests for freedom in the years before the Civil War.

This year, National Park Week is dedicated to telling the untold stories of our nation's natural and cultural heritage. For all the people of the United States who wish to learn more about the forces which have influenced the character of the American people, there is no greater learning tool than the national parks.

Now, therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim April 20 through April 26, 1998, as National Park Week.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this XXX day of XXX, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-second.

DRAFT MEMORANDUM

To: Anne Shields
Chief of Staff, Department of the Interior

Through: Don Barry
Acting, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks

From: Robert Stanton
Director

Subject: Scheduling Request for the President -- National Park Week 1998

Upon your review, please forward the attached scheduling request to Cabinet Affairs Secretary Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

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National Park Week was conceived in 1994 by the Service and our Congressionally chartered non-profit partner, the National Park Foundation, as a positive and public method to focus attention on our national parks.

The National Park Service respectfully requests that President Clinton present the 1998 Harry Yount National Park Ranger Award at a White House reception Tuesday, April 21 or Wednesday, April 22. The Harry Yount National Park Ranger Award is a central focus for National Park Week.

In his 1998 State of the Union Address, President Clinton referred to his efforts to protect Yellowstone and the Everglades. The President's consistent support of the National Park Service and participation in National Park Week since 1994 focuses national attention on the nation's parks. He also elevates Americans' understanding of the challenges and rewards of public service by personally presenting the Harry Yount National Park Ranger Award.

Special Assistant Roger Stephenson (208 3855) can assist you should have comments or questions regarding this request.

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SCHEDULING PROPOSAL

**National Park Week "Ranger of the Year" Award Presentation
April 21 OR April 22, 1998**

To: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

Secretary, Cabinet Affairs

From: Anne Shields
Chief of Staff

REQUEST: For President Clinton to present the Harry Yount National Park Ranger Award to a National Park Service Ranger nominated by his or her peers.

BACKGROUND: Made possible through a gift from Eureka to the National Park Foundation, the Harry Yount National Park Ranger Award is the hallmark of recognition for Park Rangers. The Harry Yount National Park Ranger Award honors a Ranger whose overall impact, record of accomplishments, and excellence in traditional ranger duties have promoted the highest degree of awareness and appreciation for the Ranger profession and the National Park Service.

The Harry Yount National Park Ranger Award is a central focus for National Park Week, April 20 through 26. National Park Week was formalized as a system-wide event in the first Clinton administration. The theme for National Park Week 1998 is "Untold Stories". Whether interpreting the story of the Underground Railroad, or chronicling women's suffrage, or even beginning to bring the White House Millennium Project to life in historical parks, the National Park Service and its many partners will be telling the "untold stories" that are woven throughout the tapestry of America's history.

President Clinton's consistent support of the National Park Service - most recently in his State of the Union address - and participation in National Park Week since 1994 not only focuses national attention on the country's system of national parks, but also elevates Americans' understanding of the challenges and rewards of public service by personally presenting the Harry Yount Award.

DATE: Evening of Tuesday, April 21 or Wednesday, April 22.

DURATION: The full reception will last two hours beginning at 6:00 pm.
The request for the President is for 15 minutes.

LOCATION: The East Room or Indian Treaty Room

PARTICIPANTS: The President and an audience of 100 invited guests.
Open press is an option. Expected guests include:

Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt;
National Park Service Director Robert Stanton;
The recipient of the National Park Ranger Award and family;
The President of the National Park Foundation, Jim Maddy;
Members of the National Park Foundation Board of Directors;
Top officials from Eureka
Other significant NPF Corporate Partners
Representatives from the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, conservation and parks interest groups.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: The recognition program could include:

1. Director Stanton welcoming guests and emceeding the event.
2. Secretary Babbitt .
3. President Clinton making remarks and presenting the park ranger with the Harry Yount National Park Ranger Award.

After the program, the President could adjourn from the event. Toasts and brief speeches by Eureka and the National Park Foundation President would conclude the reception.

ALTERNATIVE: President Clinton could meet with Harry Yount National Park Ranger Award recipient, family, and limited guests in an Oval Office ceremony.

CONTACT: Roger Stephenson, Special Assistant to the Director, National Park Service 202 208 3855

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Dear President Clinton,

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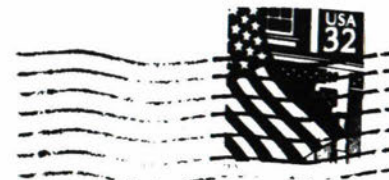
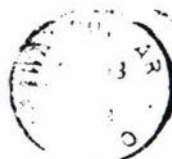
My dad has driven you in the Columbia Co. parade. My brother is president of the bank in Lewisville. That is where I met you in person. I told you I had just visited Dale Drake at Mario Ward's home. As I was holding your hand, you told me if there was anything you could do for me you would. I am pleading for your help. I have a friend, Remyil Robbins, who has been in Leavenworth Prison over four years. After he was not given parole in June 1997, they gave him a date of December 1998. This man was involved in a failed S & L. Jerry Fischer, his co defendant got out after one year. Remyil is not a criminal. He got mixed up with the wrong people and got caught up in paper problems.

I am willing to give this man housing and employment until he gets his life back together. I have filed a petition for commutation for time served with the U. S. Pardon Attorney. The paper work is still on these desks. Would you help me in this matter?

I am praying for you to have wisdom in all of your important decisions. I also pray for you to be protected from all those who wish to do you harm in any way. I am asking the Lord to let me find favor in your eyes. I will be waiting for a reply.

Sincerely,
A friend and supporter of yours
Ralph Black


RALPH BLACK STABLES
1016 N Olive St, Waldo, AR 71770



Att.
Nancy Perneck

The Honorable
William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

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Coordinate with ~~Rebecca~~ Yes ☐
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FAX TRANSMISSION

UTAH STATE SENATE DEMOCRATS

FAX: (801) 538-1449

To: President Bill Clinton
The White House
Attn: Rebecca Cameron

Date: February 20, 1998

Fax #: 202-456-6703

Pages: 2, including this cover sheet.

From: Senator Scott Howell and
Representative Dave Jones

Subject: Copy of Letter Regarding U. S. Attorney Appointment

COMMENTS: Please contact Debbie Headman, Senate Democrats Administrative Assistant, at (801) 538-1406, with any questions or if pages are missing.

Dear President Clinton:

I wanted you to have a copy of the letter that I send to your staff. We are trying very hard in Utah.

Scott

UTAH STATE SENATE

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February 16, 1998

THE HONORABLE CHARLES RUFF
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE
FAX NO. 202-456-6279

Dear Mr. Ruff:

As Democrat leaders in the State of Utah we are concerned that we are being ignored and not listened to. We feel that it is time that we receive support from the Democratic White House, particularly with the U.S. Attorney appointment. We have submitted the names of several outstanding Democratic attorneys for this position - particularly James Holbrook - and have just recently heard that Paul Warner, a Republican, has the backing of Orrin Hatch, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. If this is true and you acquiesce to this recommendation, we will feel that you have indeed written the Utah Democrats off. It is not Orrin Hatch's decision alone. The White House controls nominations. If the shoe was on the other foot and the Republican's had control of the White House, do you really believe that they would put a Democrat in an Executive Branch position in a state like Massachusetts or West Virginia-of course not. They would put in one of their own.

We feel we are forgotten and continually rolled over-especially in these types of situations. Anything less than a Democrat for U.S. Attorney is unacceptable. We respectfully request that you put Jim Holbrook's name forward now and place your support behind him.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Scott N. Howell'.

Senator Scott N. Howell
Senate Minority Leader

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Dave Jones'.

Representative Dave Jones
House Minority Leadercc: Bruce Lindsey, Deputy Counsel to the President
Craig Smith, Director of Political affairs
Bob Nash, Director of Personnel
Mickey Ibarra, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs
Ron Klain, Chief of Staff to Vice President Gore
Mona Pasquil, Western Political Desk
Michael Burton, Office of the Vice President

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King & Powell to
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2-27-98

Date: 2-26-98

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WHITE HOUSE GIFT REGISTER

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DONOR INFORMATION

Name: Steve King - Owner, Bounty Hunter Custom Hatters and Tailors

Address: 119 West Grand Avenue, P. O. Box 59

Mancos, CO 81328 Phone:

PRESENTATION

Date: 2-26-98 Event:

Handed to President ☐ Other Method ☐ delivered by Ned Powell, Jr.

Gift Description: two custom had hats

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BOUNTYHUNTER

119 West Grand Avenue
P.O. Box 59
Mancos, CO 81328
970-533-7215 970-533-9111 FAX

February 19, 1998

Dear President Clinton,

Greetings from Colorado!

I have made hats and clothing for just about everyone, but never for the President of the United States. With the help of my friend Ned Powell, I have now been able to do so. It is a great honor. Please consider these hats a token of our thanks and support for the great job you have done, and are doing.

It would also be a great honor to make a hat for the First Lady and Chelsea. I would only need their sizes.
Wishing you the best. I am,

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SL King', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke followed by a vertical line and a small hook.

Steve King
Owner
Bounty Hunter
Custom Hatters and Tailors



BOUNTYHUNTER

119 West Grand Avenue
P.O. Box 59
Mancos, CO 81328

To: President Bill Clinton
From: Steve King

Edward A. Powell, Jr.
1217 N Point Lane
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452
757-486-2345 (Ph)
757-486-3600 (Fax)
e-mail: eapjr@aol.com

February 26, 1998

William J. Clinton
President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20050

Dear Mr. President,

As it turns out, I ended up with a meeting with Secretary West this morning, so I decided to deliver the hats myself. One always feels a little awkward taking up your time, however, our hope is these will bring a smile and long term enjoyment. Steve's hats are all hand made, including the felt.

Both hats are 100% Beaver and will provide you many years of wear. In fact, many people have Steve sand the felt down to distress them, and they still last seemingly forever.

Say, next time Saddam gets obstreperous, don the hat and six guns for your press conference...OK, maybe not exactly the image you want. From Diane's and my point of view, you did a great job with Iraq. Let's pray Saddam finally behaves.

Best always,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'EAP', written in a cursive, flowing style.

Edward A. Powell, Jr.
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757-486-3600 (Fax)
e-mail: eapjr@aol.com

February 20, 1998

William J. Clinton
President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20050

Dear Mr. President,

You may recall we discussed your hat size while playing golf at Renaissance. I just received two hats, made specifically for you by Steve King. Steve's store, The Bounty Hunter, is a small business based in Mancos, Colorado and makes hats and boots. The Bounty Hunter makes, at least to my mind, the finest western hats available.

Steve is a big supporter of yours and he, as I think he says in his letter with the hats, wants to do hats for both Hillary and Chelsea. Whether Washington is ready for true cowboy hats is a matter of debate, but certainly your summer excursions west present a great "hat" opportunity. I will be sending the hats to Nancy Hernreich, so you should receive them sometime next week.

Diane and I think of you guys often and wish there were something we could do to help. It is hard for us to imagine how you can steer a straight course, yet you do it so well. You are in our prayers and thoughts.

Best always,



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Santa Fe Community Policing Steering Committee
2515 Camino Entrada
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

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the United States, is the cultural and political center of New Mexico. Santa Fe is steeped in tradition and history and is culturally, economically, and socially diverse. Unfortunately, Santa Fe is mired in some of the nation's worst social problems, including:

- * an extremely high drop-out rate (46% of ninth grade students drop out before graduation; of those, 65% are Hispanic youth),
- * a very high rate of rape (Santa Fe has the highest number of rapes per capita in our state and New Mexico is second in the nation with 2127/98)
- * a disproportionately high rate of both violent and sexual crimes (the city is second in the nation and Bernalillo County has three times the national average)
- * a large population living below the poverty line (more than 20% of the city's Mexican Americans live in poverty),
- * an extremely high number of pregnancies to teenagers,
- * an increasing number of hate crimes and physical injury).

These are just a few of the problems which this letter is asking for your assistance and statistics around.

During your Presidency, you have taken an active role in addressing these issues. We applaud your efforts to deal with many of these serious problems. We applaud you for using your Presidency to develop real problem-solving programs such as Community Policing and AmeriCorps. You have also shown dedication to focusing national attention on issues such as improving education and curbing the high school drop-out rate, encouraging volunteerism and mentoring, providing inspiration in the caring for and the nurturing of children, and curbing hate crimes and ending discrimination in all its forms.

Send to Scheduling?

Yes ☒

No ☐

*To Burkhart
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Thanks for your letter
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**Santa Fe Community Policing Steering Committee
2515 Camino Entrada
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505**

January 22, 1998

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President William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20010

Dear Mr. President:

Santa Fe, the oldest capital in the United States, is the cultural and political center of New Mexico. In addition, our city is steeped in tradition and history and is culturally, economically, and socially diverse. Unfortunately, Santa Fe is mired in some of the nation's worst social problems, including:

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- * a disproportionately high rate of both alcohol-related deaths and suicides among young people (the city is second in the nation for teen suicides and Santa Fe County has three times the national average for suicide shootings and hangings),
- * a large population living below the poverty level (in 1995, over 25% of New Mexicans lived in poverty),
- * an extremely high number of pregnancies among younger teens, and
- * an increasing number of hate crimes (ranging from verbal intimidation to serious physical injury).

These are just a few of the problems which plague our community. Those of us writing this letter are asking for your assistance and your attention to help us turn these grim statistics around.

During your Presidency, you have taken action and shown profound leadership in your efforts to deal with many of these serious problems. We applaud you for using your Presidency to develop real problem-solving programs such as Community Policing and AmeriCorps. You have also shown dedication to focusing national attention on issues such as improving education and curbing the high school drop-out rate, encouraging volunteerism and mentoring, providing inspiration in the caring for and the nurturing of children, and curbing hate crimes and ending discrimination in all its forms.

We believe a large portion of the solution lies in a philosophy called Community Policing and we know you actively embrace the concept. Last year in Santa Fe, a group of concerned citizens and motivated law enforcement personnel met to grapple with issues by establishing a steering committee. This committee, partnering with AmeriCorps, the Santa Fe Police Department, the City Planning Department, the Santa Fe Public Schools, and local citizens, has taken on the task of getting the plan off the ground.

To stimulate this community to recognize the importance, relevance and critical nature of Community Policing to Santa Fe, we are cordially inviting you to come to speak to the community at large. Your involvement is the catalyst we desperately need to make our vision a reality.

We recognize that you are inundated with requests to lend the support of your office to a multitude of causes throughout the nation. We hope you can understand why we believe our city to be one of the most needy in the land, regardless of all the media hype surrounding the tourist aspect of Santa Fe. Those of us attempting to inaugurate Community Policing know that there are many very serious social issues which must be acknowledged.

We envision a Community Policing forum at our largest facility where you would speak on the issues involved in Community Policing and would take questions from the audience. Then, we would be honored to host a small luncheon with the steering committee and some youth, concluding with a site visit. Obviously, we would be grateful for any amount of time you could give, and we are open to any date.

We look forward to hearing from you and want you to know that your participation could make the difference in how Community Policing is embraced in Santa Fe. Please contact Carolyn Rainer, our representative of the Steering Committee, at (505-989-8027).

Sincerely,



Carolyn Rainer
for the Steering Committee

President Clinton



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Chairman

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February 24, 1998

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

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Dear Mr. President,

Thanks for your kind note the other day regarding shown in deeds, not just words, the true strength of voice their concerns in a dignified manner. correspondence.

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Each year at this time, Congress is required by the Assistance Act to seek presidential certification for every country identified by the State Department as a major producer and/or transit point of illicit drugs to determine whether or not they are cooperating with the US government in its counter-narcotics efforts. Pakistan, the native homeland of my parents, is one such country unfortunately besieged by a myriad of drug-related problems.

From 1993 when you first assumed office until 1996, the US certified Pakistan as appropriately cooperative in America's anti-narcotics campaign. In 1996 and 1997, Pakistan encountered difficulties that prohibited certification but in each year you issued a presidential waiver citing the greater US national interest in maintaining a constructive dialogue with Islamabad on matters of nuclear proliferation, human rights and regional political stability.

This year, you are faced with a tougher choice than usual because 1997 witnessed some stressful moments in our bilateral cooperation with Pakistan on drug-related issues. The standoff between US and Pakistani Air Force officials over the incarceration of DEA agent Ayaz Baloch is the primary source of current tensions. Secretary Albright, on her visit to Islamabad late last year, appealed to Pakistan's civilian political leaders for his timely release into US custody - to no avail.

Her important efforts, however, must be seen in light of Pakistan's unique power structure where the Army generally makes decisions regarding such specific national security matters. This consideration alone requires a measure of flexibility on the part of the United States when debating the merits of certification or waiver in Pakistan's case.



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MANSOOR IJAZ*Chairman*

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February 24, 1998

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Thanks for your kind note the other day regarding my op-ed. As you have repeatedly shown in deeds, not just words, the true strength of our democracy lies in all those willing to voice their concerns in a dignified manner. Which brings me to the point of this correspondence.

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In evaluating whether a presidential certification or waiver should be granted this year, it might be helpful to keep in mind some of the following issues which could be collaterally affected by an adverse decision:

- a. **Nuclear proliferation.** As you know, South Asia remains a hotbed for nuclear tensions. At a time when India is moving to adopt a more inflexible stance on nuclear proliferation, our ability to engage Islamabad as a partner for regional weapons restraint will, if my information is correct, become virtually non-existent. We cannot expect Islamabad to listen to our exhortations about nuclear matters if we are prepared to sanction it for what appears little more than a vendetta regarding a DEA officer.
- b. **Economic stresses.** Since you came to office, you have repeatedly stated the importance of economic vitality in bringing about positive change in developing third-world countries. Indeed, US policy toward China which now de-links human rights from structural economic, political and military considerations exemplifies your thesis in practice. Yet, failure to certify Pakistan, or at least to issue the requisite presidential waiver, would severely compromise America's interest in reviving Pakistan's dilapidated economy.

Section 490 de-certification would stop all non-food assistance under the Agriculture Department's PL-480 program. Critical financing provided by the Export-Import Bank would end. Most importantly, the US would be required by law to vote against any loans from international multilateral lending agencies - effectively vetoing the very loan proceeds IMF officials just agreed to release while in Islamabad last week.

- c. **Collateral issues.** As you are well aware, Pakistan has made significant contributions to resolving important bilateral matters, such as the arrest and extradition of Mir Amal Kansi last year. Making further progress through a policy of constructive engagement rather than harmful sanctions, whether on narcotics trafficking, human rights or religious persecution is vital to our national interest. We must strengthen the hand of civilian government in Pakistan to deal with the complex drug problems that remain the tragic legacy of the Afghan conflict.

In summary Mr. President, I am asking you to certify Pakistan as cooperative in US anti-narcotics efforts. If, however, you and our national security advisers find that Pakistan's fundamental policies on narcotics control do not meet the standards we have set, issuing the waiver in the greater US national interest should be your alternative choice.

We simply cannot afford to lose the important momentum we have gained over the past several years in engaging Pakistan on these vital national security issues.

Sincerely,

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DATE: February 24, 1998
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Dear Janis,

Thank you for forwarding my op-ed to POTUS. Attached you will find a copy of the nice note he sent in reply. You know I don't impose on your time unless its an important matter. I have also attached a letter which is critical for POTUS to see before March 1, 1998. The issue, as you can see from the content of the letter, is of vital national interest both here and in Pakistan. I have independently sent a copy to Bruce Lindsey and Sandy Berger, but I'd really appreciate your help in seeing that POTUS reviews this directly.

I would not normally choose such a channel for this type of correspondence unless the time criticality was not so short. Your help is greatly appreciated - not least of which by the millions of Pakistanis who will not suffer from further mandatory economic sanctions.

Thanks again - you're just great.

Sincerely,

Mansoor.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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February 17, 1998

Mansoor Ijaz
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Dear Mansoor:

Thanks for sending us a copy of your op-ed piece. It meant a great deal to Hillary and me for you to express your support in such an articulate way.

As always, I am grateful for your friendship and trust.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

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Dear President and Mrs. Clinton:

On Sunday evening, April 19, 1998, Performing Arts will celebrate its Sixth Annual evening of music in the Kennedy Center's new hall. The evening will feature the American debut of one of the most popular vocalists around the world, Andrea Bocelli, with the Kennedy Center's Orchestra (see *Washington Post*). The Kennedy Center's new hall will conduct the concert.

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The gala begins with a preview performance on the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage, followed by a festive black-tie dinner on the Kennedy Center's Roof Terrace Level. This annual event has become one of Washington's premier evenings. Proceeds from the gala will support the Kennedy Center's artistic, education, and public service programs in all 50 states.

On behalf of the Committee for the Sixth Annual Benefit Gala, I would be very grateful if you would agree to be our Honorary Patrons for this extraordinary occasion. We would be honored by your support.

With warmest wishes,

Sincerely,


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