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

Dear Mr. President:

As you know from our letter of April 3, we were deeply saddened over the loss to you and our country of Ron Brown.

When we met on March 13, he could not have been more upbeat about his trip to Bosnia and the importance of the \$5 billion civil reconstruction program. At that meeting, we discussed a number of specifics wherein some of our ambassadors--wearing their CEO or former CEO hats--could be appropriately helpful to building the peace there and in other countries. And, we explained that a number of our members are anxious to further significant American business opportunities around the world.

At your convenience, we would value reporting very briefly to you on that conversation which touched on current priorities as Ron Brown saw them and on other ideas for the future.

Sincerely yours,

Ogden Reid
President

Enclosure

PS As of possible interest, we are enclosing the latest issue of The Ambassadors REVIEW that includes a piece by Pamela Harriman, an update from Jean Kennedy Smith and "Challenges to Diplomacy Today" by Dick Gardner.



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His Excellency
Bill Clinton
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The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

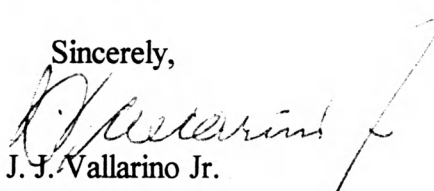
The tragic accident in which Secretary Ron Brown lost his life has added significance to the impact he made in all of us in this country during his recent visit as guest of the U.S.-Panama Business Council.

I was privileged to sit with him at Ambassador Bill Hughes' residence for breakfast in the morning and that evening we sat at the same table with President Perez Balladares at the "U.S.-Panama Friendship Dinner", the gala affair we sponsor in honor of our two Presidents and where Ron represented your excellency. Ron delighted the audience with a masterful speech. In one short day, we got to appreciate and admire him.

On behalf of the U.S.-Panama Business Council, I send you our deeply felt condolences and add our prayers to the many that all americans and many people all over the world are offering on behalf of Ron.

God Bless you, Mr. President, God Bless America, God Bless Panama and God Bless and strengthen our historic friendship.

Sincerely,


J. J. Vallarino Jr.
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April 15, 1996

Mr. Thomas F. (Mack) McLarty
Counselor to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mack:

It is with deep pensiveness that I compose this correspondence to offer my condolences for the tragic passing of Ron Brown and the group traveling with him. I know what a tremendous loss this has been to President Clinton, to you, and the Administration.

As you are aware, we had the great privilege and honor of Ron participating in the recent U.S.-Panama Business Council Trade and Investment Mission to Panama. As you, last year, Ron made an immediate impact and his visit will be remembered with much fondness and respect, by all who had the opportunity to meet and work with him.

Enclosed please find letters from J.J. Vallarino to President Clinton and you. My colleagues in Panama, Margaret and I share with you the sorrow of these difficult moments.

Sincerely yours.

Ambassador Juan B. Sosa
President

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Office of the President

April 4, 1996

The Honorable William J. Clinton,
President of the United States,
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, DC 20500,
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. President:

It was with shock and sadness that I learned of the death of Ron Brown and his party yesterday evening.

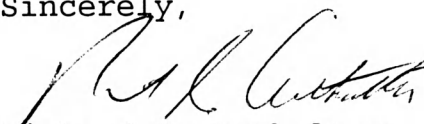
Secretary Brown was a great friend and supporter of American business abroad and of American Chambers of Commerce. We in France were always impressed by his willingness to find time in his crowded schedule to meet with us when he was here and to discuss in an open, intelligent way our mutual concerns.

I spoke with Secretary Brown for the last time at a small reception organized by Pamela Harriman at the Embassy Residence on Tuesday evening just before he left for the airport to fly to Bosnia. He was clearly excited at the prospect of the trip, and the initiative of bringing high level business executives to Bosnia in an effort to stimulate the kind of economic development which must occur if there is to be lasting peace in that region reflected well Ron Brown's thoughtful and imaginative approach to developing practical solutions to seemingly intractable problems.

He will be missed.

To : Jim Donskind

Sincerely,


Richard G. Asthalter

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April 8, 1996

Dear Mr. President,

From the nation that so benefitted from his tireless efforts, to his close friends and associates who were touched by his character and charm; all of us are poorer for the loss of Ron Brown.

As one of those fortunate enough to have enjoyed a longstanding personal friendship with Ron, I will forever carry the memory of his life, his spirit and his ideals. * It is only fitting that a memorial be established to honor Ron's legacy and sacrifice. I want to express my desire to offer leadership towards this end.

I look forward to working with you to preserve the memory of our dear friend.

Sincerely,

Walter

Walter H. Shorenstein

President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500-2000

cc: Mrs. Alma Brown

To Doris kind?

Yes ☒

No ☐

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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
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MAYOR

April 10, 1996

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The Honorable Bill Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. President:

I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Commerce Secretary Ron Brown.

The City Council, the City of San Antonio and I share with our country the loss of a committed public official. We extend our condolences to the family of Secretary Brown and the families of those persons who had accompanied the Secretary on the mission to Bosnia.

I had the honor of meeting Secretary Brown in July of 1993. At the time he was the head of the U.S. delegation to the U.S. Mexico Border Infrastructure Financing Conference held in San Antonio. His work on behalf of NAFTA and his continued commitment to that effort will remain to enrich the relationship between our country and our neighbor Mexico.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM E. THORNTON
Mayor

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MAYOR

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Mayor of San Antonio, TX FAX: 210-207-4077
RE: Condolences to Family of Ron Brown, Secretary of Commerce

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Message

Following is a letter extending condolences to families of Secretary Brown and others who accompanied the Secretary on the mission to Bosnia.



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Honorable Bill Clinton
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Clinton:

It is with deepest sympathy and regret, that I convey the sentiments of the people of the Virgin Islands, on the loss of the Secretary of Commerce, the Honorable Ronald Brown. We know that he was a trusted friend of yours, and he was a dedicated and hardworking cabinet member. We who have come to know him through his visit to these Virgin Islands, will greatly miss him for the honor and prestige he brought us as peoples of this great nation.

As a great Democratic leader, his guidance will be sorely missed, and his accomplishments will leave an indelible mark on the party for years to come. We join with the peoples of the world in sharing his loss, and we thank you for the foresight in bringing his leadership to us. We will miss him dearly.

Sincerely,

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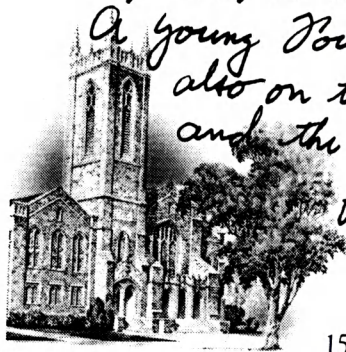
J. Philip Wogaman
Senior Minister

April 3, 1996

Dear Mr. President,

What a sad day this has been. Once again you've had to face the loss of a close associate and friend, one whose leadership was very important to the Administration and the nation.

A young Foundry member, Adam Darling, was also on the plane. We will commit these two and the others to God's loving care and pray for you in a special way. Grace + peace,



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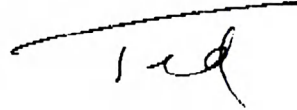
FAX FOR MELINDA BATES

Dear Melinda:

I received the attached letter from Ron Brown, less than an hour after I was informed of his tragic death. His letter immediately struck me as being so typical of that man of compassion and decisiveness. Katie and I enjoyed his wit, and appreciated his warmth, and as much as that, we admired his commitment to the betterment of the lives of our fellow human beings. We find in his letter, signed only a few days before his death, a reflection of those wonderful qualities of a truly good man.

I cannot tell you how deeply touched Katie and I were by Ron's friendship and by his last letter to me. I felt that I had to write to the President, inadequate though my own words would be, and to convey a copy of that letter to him and to you.

With warm personal regards,



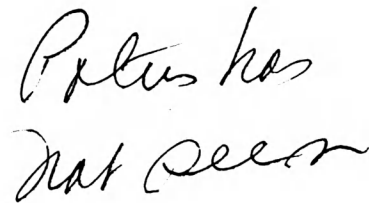
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TODD:
Came from Oval Office.

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THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
Washington, D.C. 20230

MAR 29 1996

Mr. Theodore G. Kronmiller
Attorney
961 Leigh Mill Road
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Dear Ted:

Thank you for your letter regarding your support for retaining the option of adopting Individual Transferable Quotas (ITQs) to save fishermen's lives and promote recovery of crab resources.

I am extremely concerned about the loss of life and property that has occurred over the years in the Bering Sea crab fisheries. The recent loss of the F/V PACESETTER with all hands certainly indicates that safety continues to remain one of the highest priority fishery management issues that the industry and Government must address.

As you know, Congress is considering enacting a moratorium on the implementation of additional ITQ programs for a number of years. I support maximum flexibility for the Regional Fishery Management Councils (Councils) and the agencies to devise management programs to address resource conservation, safety, and operational concerns.

The National Marine Fisheries Service reviews current and proposed fisheries regulations with respect to safety issues and makes recommendations to the Councils about their effects on safety. I will raise the specific issue about interim ITQs in the Bering Sea crab fisheries with Rolland Schmitten, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Brown", written over a horizontal line.

Ronald H. Brown

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April 4, 1996

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

Dear Mr. President:

At this time of grief at the tragic loss of our friend, Ron Brown, I feel that I must pass along to you a letter I received from him less than one hour after I learned of his death. In that letter, dated only a few days ago, he replied, as I knew he would, with compassion and decisiveness, to my plea for safer conditions for those who work in the most dangerous occupation in the United States, Bering Sea crab fishing.

My wife, Kate, and I were very, very fond of Ron. He never failed to tease her for having married a former conservative Republican. (I hasten to recall that, with the encouragement of Ron and our mutual friend, John Breaux, I worked on your campaign, as did Kate, with Melinda Bates, Tim Chorba, and Tom Seibert, among many others). And, always with a sparkle in his eye, Ron liked to call me "Mr. Fish", because of my work at our law firm on behalf of the fishing industry. Kate and I will terribly miss his humor and his warmth.

Yet, in our sadness, we find Ron's last letter to be uplifting. He was, as you put it so well, a life force. He loved people, and he dedicated his distinguished career to improving their lives. It was in that spirit that he wrote concerning the plight of fishermen who risk their lives in the Bering Sea. As Ron knew, scores of fishermen have died there during the past decade, facing cruel weather and declining resources.

I hope, Mr. President, that you will carefully consider what Ron had in mind, as he turned to the question of what could be done for our fishermen and their families. Reauthorization of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act is underway, and likely will be completed later this year. Ron's Commerce Department, which manages our nation's ocean fisheries, needs to retain the effective regulatory tools it has only recently begun to employ. Individual transferable quotas, to which he referred in his letter, have remarkably improved safety in the halibut and sablefish fisheries of the North Pacific, where, in past years, fishermen were so often lost in the mad scramble of anachronistic, open access, fishing derbies. In 1995, the first year of the ITQ program for that fishery, not one fisherman lost his life. Clearly, Ron felt that Congress should not deprive Bering Sea crab fishermen of this innovative, life-saving system of fishery management.

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I believe that Ron would want me bring his letter to your personal attention, now. I know you will ensure that the initiative he planned to undertake, so typical of this man of kindness and action, will not fall by the wayside.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

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Theodore G. Kronmiller

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February 21, 1996

The Honorable Ronald H. Brown
Department of Commerce
14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

For more than ten years, I have been privileged to represent, in Washington, D.C., the Alaska Crab Coalition, Deep Sea Fishermen's Union, and Fishing Vessel Owners Association, of Seattle, Washington. At no time during that period, have the Administration and Congress faced more important decisions for the future of the hard working members of those organizations.

The ACC is an organization of owners of approximately 60 Bering Sea crab fishing vessels. The ACC is committed to strong conservation and safety in the fisheries.

The DSFU represents the crewmen of vessels engaged in fishing off the coasts of California, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. The DSFU is the oldest organization of fishing vessel crews on the West Coast.

The FVOA, formed in 1914, is a State of Washington-based trade association representing owners of hook-and-line vessels which operate from California to Alaska. Currently, the owners of 84 vessels are members of the organization.

Just two weeks ago, the FV PACESETTER, a Bering Sea crab harvesting vessel, sank in heavy weather, with the loss of all hands. This tragedy is a sad reminder of the fact, reflected in the attached article from Fortune magazine, that fishing for Bering Sea crab is the most dangerous profession in the United States. I also attach a recent editorial from the Seattle Times.

The sinking of the F/V PACESETTER, with the loss of all hands, is a sad reminder of the fact that fishing for crab in the Bering Sea is the most dangerous profession in the United States. Year-after-year, the race for Bering Sea crab in the open access system has claimed the lives of our fishermen. Based on available reports, the sinkings and fatalities

attributable to the Bering Sea crab fisheries, from 1989 through this date, have been as follows: 1989--F/V VESTFJORD, 5 fatalities; 1990--F/V PACIFIC APOLLO, 3 fatalities; 1991--F/V BARBAROSSA and F/V HARVEY G, 10 fatalities; 1992--F/V ST. GEORGE, 5 fatalities; 1993--F/V NETTIE H, 5 fatalities; 1994--F/V ST. MATTHEW, F/V CHEVAK, F/V KING & WINGE, F/V BELAIR, F/V JODY ANN, AND F/V LADY SELKET, 2 fatalities; 1995 F/V NORTHWEST MARINER; 6 fatalities; 1996--F/V PACESETTER, 7 fatalities. In all, there have been 14 vessels sunk and 43 fatalities in just nine years. Moreover, the crab populations have declined, and valuable stocks are now badly depleted.

The planned license limitation system will not reduce the perils of the fishery, nor permit a recovery of the crab resources, because the fleet will remain too large, and the seasons will remain too short. There will be no time to wait out bad weather in port, and there will be no opportunity to fish selectively to minimize handling-related mortality.

By contrast, we find in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska halibut and sablefish fisheries, where the first full year under individual transferable quotas ("ITQs") has been completed, safety has been greatly improved, and resource waste has been enormously reduced. I refer you to the attached Coast Guard letter, which while predictably cautious, does recognize a linkage between the quota system and increased safety. I note that the Environmental Defense Fund and Center for Marine Conservation (but not Greenpeace) support ITQs as useful conservation tools. I add that the recovery of the resource under an ITQ program would increase the value of CDQs (because they are expressed as a percentage of the total allowable catch)--a point that some leaders in the affected communities in western Alaska are realizing.

We are well aware of the fact that Senator Stevens seeks to legislate a moratorium on new ITQs, at least for the fisheries of the North Pacific. We have asked him, as well as Senators Murkowski, Gorton, and Murray, and we are asking you, to consider supporting an administrative mechanism, whereby fishery managers could adopt interim ITQs for the Bering Sea crab fishery, during the period of any moratorium. If a broader approach were favored, statutory criteria linked to high fatalities and low resource abundance could be devised to allow this option to be exercised in exceptional cases, wherever they were encountered. At the end of the moratorium period, the Congress could enact legislation to address deficiencies in any interim ITQs. Grandfathering would preserve the halibut/sablefish individual quota system (for which there is a companion CDQ program), as a laboratory case which is widely favored for the moratorium period.

In the absence of this kind of exemption procedure, the moratorium would statutorily condemn fishermen to continue to work in the most dangerous conditions, and would offer no prospect for recovery of the fishery resources, at least in the case of the Bering Sea crab fishery. Every year, the death toll would rise, but the legislatively mandated moratorium would preclude ITQs as a management option to end the carnage. I enclose a copy of a letter from a widow of one of the men lost in the Bering Sea crab fishery. Her words will give you a clear sense of the human cost of such a policy.

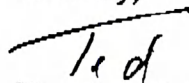
It is important to remember that the situation confronted by our fishermen is not entirely of their own making. Our people were encouraged by our government to enter the Bering Sea crab fisheries. Congress eagerly approved, and the Administration duly implemented, the policy of "Americanization", and they ensured that the policy would be fueled with major financial incentives, including the Capital Construction Fund and Title XI loan guarantees, among other programs. Now, our government has a responsibility to confront the deadly consequences of a race for fish in an overcapitalized industry. I know you would agree that there is no more fundamental responsibility of government than to provide for the public safety.

In recent days, those who support ITQs have been accused of exploiting the deaths of our fishermen. Yet, the supporters of ITQs include many of the very fishermen who have lost friends and family members, and who must continue to work in the Bering Sea crab fisheries. As you would imagine, their reaction, and my own, to the accusation is extremely bitter. They do not know how to seek a solution, if they cannot discuss the problem. Where the deepest human emotions are touched, some people will pursue the issue farther than others would like, but that must not be allowed to impede the search for a responsible outcome.

The ACC, DSFU, and FVOA, as organizations of individuals whose lives and livelihoods are on the line, appeal to you to support a process whereby fishery managers may continue to have the option of adopting ITQs to save the lives of our fishermen and to provide for the recovery of our fishery resources.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,



Theodore G. Kronmiller

cc: Washington Congressional Delegation
Alaska Congressional Delegation



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April 5, 1996

President William Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Please accept our deepest sympathies over the tragic passing of your friend and trusted cabinet member Ron Brown. He was a tireless advocate for American business, a public servant whose mission to Bosnia to support our troops and to promote U.S. investment there will remain a testament to his dedication and patriotism. McDonald's was proud to have worked with him to help serve hamburgers to our soldiers in that war-torn region.

On behalf of everyone in the McDonald's family -- from our corporate offices to our 2700 restaurant owners to the hundreds of thousands of men and women behind our counters -- we send you our most sincere prayers and thoughts. Ron Brown's life of achievement and triumph will remain an inspiration to generations to come.

Sincerely,

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HONORABLE BILL CLINTON
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
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DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I STAND WITH YOU AND THE REST OF THE PEACE-LOVING WORLD IN
GRIEF AND SHOCK OVER THE UNTIMELY DEMISE OF OUR LATE SECRETARY
OF COMMERCE AND DEAR FRIEND, MR. RONALD BROWN, AND OTHER
BUSINESS LEADERS ON SUCH A HUMANITARIAN MISSION.

SINCERELY,

RICHARD PARK

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SHARON SAYLES BELTON
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April 3, 1996

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

Dear Mr. President:

I was alarmed to learn that the plane carrying Commerce Secretary Ron Brown went down today over Croatia. I hope and pray that this man who has served you, the Democratic Party and the nation for many years, will yet be found alive and safe. I know this has been a difficult day for you and Mrs. Clinton, and want you to know I am thinking of you.

I also hope that when we learn more about the circumstances surrounding this tragic accident, there will be no discoveries that jeopardize the peace of nations you are working so hard to achieve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon Sayles Belton".

Sharon Sayles Belton
Mayor

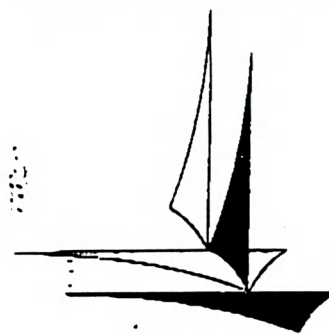
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IMPORTANT FAX

DATE: 4/3/96 TIME: 5:45^{pm} CST

TO: Patrick Flynn

ORG/DEPT White House

PH.# (FAX): 202-456-6220

FROM: Mary Pattock

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COMMENTS: Thanks for your help, Patrick

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NEWS

From the Office of the Mayor
RICHARD J. RIORDAN



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 3, 1996

CONTACT: Noelia Rodriguez
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RIORDAN MOURNS TRAGEDY OF SECRETARY BROWN, TRADE MISSION PARTICIPANTS

*Original to
Dorskind*

Mayor Richard J. Riordan today expressed grief over the tragic plane crash in the Balkans involving U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and American business leaders. Riordan joined world and local leaders in mourning the loss of life during this mission to help rebuild the former Yugoslavia.

Riordan said:

"Our thoughts and prayers go to the Secretary's family, and to the families of all of the victims of this tragedy. It is especially poignant that this loss of life occurred on a mission of peace, as Secretary Brown sought to repair the fabric of war-torn Bosnia. Secretary Brown was committed to creating opportunity throughout the nation and around the world.

"Secretary Brown was a great friend of Los Angeles. He was always ready, willing and able to provide help when we needed it. After the riots, he was here walking the streets, assisting business-owners and lending his support. Following the Northridge Earthquake, he was on the ground and indefatigable -- his efforts made it possible for us to create the Minority Business Opportunity Committee, which has been nationally recognized for extending more than \$1 billion of economic opportunity to Angelenos of all backgrounds.

"Last summer, Secretary Brown was again here in Los Angeles to recognize MBOC's success. When he spoke of MBOC's role in fostering inclusion and partnership, it was clear that these were not merely words to him -- these were the ideals that guided his life's work. In our continuing efforts to provide opportunity and access, we will remember his lifelong efforts in this regard.

"On behalf of our city, I also send prayers to the family and associates of my friend Parsons Chairman Leonard Pieroni, an outstanding Los Angeles business and community leader.

"Let us not forget the business leaders and crew members who lost their lives. Each of these Americans played a part in this mission for peace. In their memory I have asked that all flags in the City be flown at half mast."

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OFFICE OF MAYOR RICHARD J. RIORDAN
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TO: Marcia Hale
The White House
Assistant to President, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs

FROM: Richard J. Riordan
Mayor, City of Los Angeles

DATE: April 3, 1996

Attached for your information is a copy of the statement sent out by my office regarding the tragic plane crash.

① Send to Staff Sec
② File - Riordan

JAMES D. WOLFENSOHN

April 7th 1996

Dear Mr. Brown - Harry,

I just want to ~~say~~ **96 APR 8 AM 11:48** say over
Ron Brown and all the human tragedies that
have befallen the families and ~~one~~ nation.

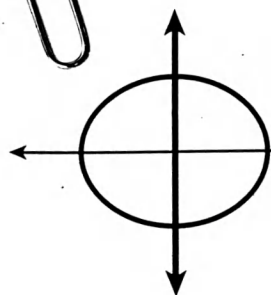
I was in Saigon and left just a
few hours before the ill-fated flight - I
have no doubt that Ron and his colleagues
were on a mission of humanitarian aid

DORSKIND
(Ron Brown)

Original sent
to Dorskind

God-given purpose. The situation
demands the help of all fair minded
men, women and it is truly tragic that
such a visit, with such high purpose,
should end in such a way.

Your leadership - humanity - steadfastness
and religious feeling have never been more
needed - not more appreciated than
now - You are a great comfort - you
have an admiration, support & great sympathy -
warmly. hi. Elaine



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REPLY?

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The Honorable Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the entire NACFAM membership, please accept our heartfelt condolences over the tragic death of Secretary Brown. We are grateful for his extraordinary record of public service and his distinguished record as Secretary of Commerce.

While joining the praise for his dynamic leadership in promoting U.S. exports, we would particularly like to salute his strong role in promoting a technology policy rooted in public-private partnerships and in articulating the relationship between trade and technology. Since its founding in 1989, NACFAM has been a consistent, strong advocate for such partnerships, especially the Technology Reinvestment Program, the Manufacturing Extension Partnership, the Advanced Technology Program, and Cooperative Research and Development Agreements between industry and federal labs.

NACFAM deeply appreciated Ron Brown's vigorous and courageous defense of these programs and of his Department under heavy fire from some powerful critics in Congress. He reiterated that support during his keynote address to NACFAM's Annual Conference last December. In commenting on public-private partnerships, he noted, "Those are the kinds of relationships that benefit the American people and the American economy."

We look forward to continuing to work with Acting Secretary Good, the Commerce Department, and your Administration in continuing to build a spirit of public-private partnership as a foundation stone for securing our nation's long-term industrial strength and competitiveness.

Sincerely,

Leo Reddy
President

Judy Collins

President William Jefferson Clinton
& First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

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TO DORSKIND FOR
REPLY?

yes

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no

~~Request~~
Bill & Hillary
I am so deeply
saddened over this tragic
loss - and I am particularly
sad when I think of how
close you both were to the
Secretary. My deepest sympathy
- I will join me in sending
our love and our prayers
for you and for the Brown
family in sympathy
for such a loss for all
a truly
a truly

kind for Reply?

PAUL M. MONTRONE THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
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Dear Bill & Hillary
Sandra and I join with you and your
colleagues and his family in your sorrow
at the loss of Ron Brown. Our Easter prayers
will be for his soul and for all of you to
receive God's strength to carry and guide
you through this tragedy.

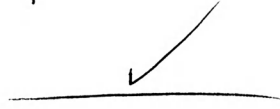
Paul & Sandra

Nancy -
Please pass on this
condolence note to the
President. Thank you.
Paul

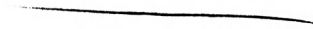
PAUL M. MONTRONE

To Dorskind for
Reply ?

yes



no



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April 4, 1996

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Dear President Clinton,

I learned of Ron Brown's death as I arrived in Los Angeles yesterday. I am so sorry for your personal loss and for the loss to the party, the administration and the world. We all dream of being World Citizens - he truly achieved that in his life.

I know that without his leadership in 1991 and 1992, I would not have been allowed into the ranks of my own party - I would not have served on the platform committee or been elected into the ha. delegation. He insisted that information be given out so

that the party would be open to anyone who was willing to commit and work hard to be a participant. I have many fond memories of time spent with him and will miss him terribly, myself.

In November, Secretary Brown appointed me to the Louisiana Export Council and had recently invited me to meet with him in Cleveland for a National DEC Meeting in May. He seemed to remember me and I will always appreciate his efforts to include me in the very important mission that we all share, no matter how small our role might be.

I'm sorry to have missed your visit to New Orleans. I've been recovering from being rear-ended in an auto accident. As you know, Wild Horses can't keep me from the inspiration I derive from seeing you personally, so it was difficult for me to follow doctor's orders.

I hope we will all commit anew to overcome the petty tactics and mean rhetoric that surround us, and that we can make Secretary Brown's mission for a better life for everyone, our own.

Happy Easter your loyal friend,

Aly

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President William J. Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Your remarks about Ron Brown were dignified,
eloquent and very touching.

I know it is a great personal loss to you. He
was a great Secretary of Commerce and will be missed.

I enjoyed our visit the other day.

Sincerely,



Robert S. Bennett

From Oval

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To Jim Dorskind for
Reply?

yes

no