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Per Scheduling sent
to Neal Lane

Mrs. Strom Thurmond

10-19-99

October 18, 1999

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Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States

Dear Mr. President,

This is a progress report concerning January 2000 as National Biotechnology Month. Dr. Robert Oldham and I had a productive and interesting meeting on Thursday, October 14, with Dr. Neal Lane, Dr. Arthur Bienenstock, and Jeffrey Smith, of the Office of Science and Technology. All were extremely knowledgeable and helpful as we collaborated on the strategy and verbage for your Proclamation for the millenium.

At this time, I would like to ask you to host a White House ceremony surrounding your announcement of January as National Biotechnology Month. Included on the guest list, in addition to your invitees, would be principles, legislative supporters, governmental officals and industrial leaders in biotechnology, as well as scientists and other biotechnology experts. I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience concerning this, and I do hope your schedule will permit an occasion to honor those dedicated to biotechnology and to motivate others to join the effort. As the leader of our country and the free world, you are in the unique position for encouraging biotechnology education to support the research and development leading to new medicines and cures for many diseases as we work together in the twenty-first century.

Respectfully,

Nancy

Nancy Moore Thurmond

10.18.99

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Thank you, & Carolyn -
Scheduling -
Please!

Whereas biotechnology is central to research for cures to diseases such as cancer, diabetes, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, heart and lung disease, Alzheimer's disease, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), and innumerable other medical ailments;

Nancy Moore Thurmond

October 18, 1999

Betty Currie
White House

Dear Betty,

On Thursday, October 14, Dr. Robert Oldham and I had a very productive and interesting meeting concerning National Biotechnology Month with Dr. Neal Lane, Dr. Arthur Bienenstock, and Jeffrey Smith of the Office of Science and Technology. Thanks to your initiative, we are making excellent progress toward our goal of the Presidential Proclamation of January 2000 as National Biotechnology Month. I am enclosing the draft Proclamation for your perusal and I have enclosed the paragraph that I feel is especially pertinent to the conquest of the diseases that plague many families throughout our country and the world.

Betty, in keeping with the Proclamation by the President, we would like to schedule a White House ceremony. Knowing how very busy the President is, I thought I would bring this to your attention with the hope that you could work with the President's schedule to get the occasion of a special ceremony for his announcement in January to coincide with the Proclamation. It also occurred to me that he might want to announce the chairman of the vaccine commission as well as the date of the spring vaccine summit at that time. The President could also use this occasion to give an update on The Human Genome Project as to its progress since the first sequence of human DNA should be known in the early months of the millenium.

Betty, thank you again for all of your assistance and I look forward to seeing you in the near future. I would have come by to say hello when we were at the White House on the 14th, but we were due at a 4:00 o'clock meeting with Dr. Bernadine Healy, President of the American Red Cross, and we were on a very tight schedule. I am sure you understand.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
Sincerely,



Nancy Moore Thurmond

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A. M. Rosenthal of The New York Times

The departure of a valued colleague from The New York Times is not, as a rule, occasion for editorial comment. But the appearance today of A. M. Rosenthal's last column on the Op-Ed page requires an exception. Mr. Rosenthal's life and that of this newspaper have been braided together over a remarkable span — from World War II to the turning of the millennium. His talent and passionate ambition carried him on a personal journey from City College correspondent to executive editor, and his equally passionate devotion to quality journalism made him one of the principal architects of the modern New York Times.

Abe Rosenthal began his career at The Times as a 21-year-old cub reporter scratching for space in the metropolitan report, and he ended it as an Op-Ed page columnist noted for his commitment to political and religious freedom. In between he served as a correspondent at the United Nations and was based in three foreign countries, winning a Pulitzer Prize in 1960 for his reporting from Poland. He came home in 1963 to be metropolitan editor. In that role and in higher positions, he became a tireless advocate of opening the paper to the kind of vigorous writing and deep reporting that characterized his own work. As managing editor and executive editor, Abe Rosenthal was in charge of The Times's news operations for a total of 17 years.

Of his many contributions as an editor, two immediately come to mind. One was his role in the publication of the Pentagon Papers, the official documents tracing a quarter-century of missteps that entangled America in the Vietnam War. Though hardly alone among Times editors, Mr. Rosenthal was instrumental in mustering the arguments that led to the decision by our then publisher, Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, to publish the archive. That fateful decision helped illustrate the futile duplicity of American policy in Vietnam, strengthened the press's First Amendment guarantees and

reinforced The Times's reputation as a guardian of the public interest.

The second achievement, more institutional in nature, was Mr. Rosenthal's central role in transforming The Times from a two-section to a four-section newspaper with the introduction of a separate business section and new themed sections like SportsMonday, Weekend and Science Times. Though a journalist of the old school, Abe Rosenthal grasped that such features were necessary to broaden the paper's universe of readers. He insisted only that the writing, editing and article selection measure up to The Times's traditional standards.

By his own admission, Abe Rosenthal could be ferocious in his pursuit and enforcement of those standards. Sometimes, indeed, debate about his management style competed for attention with his journalistic achievements. But the scale of this man's editorial accomplishments has come more fully into focus since he left the newsroom in 1986. It is now clear that he seeded the place with talent and helped ensure that future generations of Times writers and editors would hew to the principles of quality journalism.

Born in Canada, Mr. Rosenthal developed a deep love for New York City and a fierce affection for the democratic values and civil liberties of his adopted country. For the last 13 years, his lifelong interest in foreign affairs and his compassion for victims of political, ethnic or religious oppression in Tibet, China, Iran, Africa and Eastern Europe formed the spine of his Op-Ed columns. His strong, individualistic views and his bedrock journalistic convictions have informed his work as reporter, editor and columnist. His voice will continue to be a force on the issues that engage him. And his commitment to journalism as an essential element in a democratic society will abide as part of the living heritage of the newspaper he loved and served for more than 55 years.

The New York Times

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1999

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 11/5/99

To: PODESTA / BERGER

From: The Staff Secretary

Any COMMENT?

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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THE DIRECTOR

November 2, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

Jacob J. Lew
Director

SUBJECT:

Proposed Executive Order Entitled "Amendment to Executive Order 12958"

SUMMARY: This memorandum forwards for your consideration a proposed Executive order that was prepared by the National Security Council. The proposed order would extend the automatic declassification deadline in Executive Order 12958 by 18 months generally and by three years specifically when the Information Security Oversight Office ("ISOO") confirms that the records contain more than one agency's equities, or contain information that pertains to intelligence sources or methods. It would also officially place the ISOO in the National Archives and Records Administration ("NARA").

BACKGROUND: Executive Order 12958, which is entitled "Classified National Security Information," created the framework by which Federal Government records would be classified and declassified. The most innovative provision of Executive Order 12958 calls for the automatic declassification of all 25 year old records of historical value beginning in April 2000, unless they have been exempted from automatic declassification. This deadline has spurred agencies to declassify nearly 600 million pages since you signed Executive Order 12958 on April 17, 1995. However, even under the most optimistic scenario, some 450 million pages of classified records will not have been reviewed by April 2000. Without temporary relief from the automatic declassification deadline, we risk premature disclosure of highly sensitive information and a confrontation with Congress that could result in legislation that would threaten the gains made under Executive Order 12958. The proposed order, therefore, would extend the April 2000 automatic declassification deadline by 18 months generally and extend it for three years when ISOO confirms that records contain more than one agency's equities, or contain information that pertains to intelligence sources or methods.

The proposed order would also officially place the ISOO in NARA. When Executive Order 12958 was written, ISOO was made a component of the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") and was funded through OMB. In fiscal year 1996, Congress made ISOO a component of NARA and ISOO has been funded through NARA since that time. ISOO continues to receive policy guidance from the National Security Council.

None of the affected agencies objects to the proposed order.

RECOMMENDATION: I recommend that you sign the proposed Executive order.

Attachments

Executive Order

AMENDMENT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 12958

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in order to extend and establish specific dates for the time within which all classified information contained in records more than 25 years old that have been determined to have historical value under title 44, United States Code, should be automatically declassified, and to establish the Information Security Oversight Office within the National Archives and Records Administration, it is hereby ordered that Executive Order 12958 is amended as follows:

Section 1. In the first sentence of section 3.4(a) of Executive Order 12958, the words "within five years from the date of this order" are deleted and the words "within six and one half years from the date of this order" are inserted in lieu thereof.

Sec. 2. The following new language is inserted at the end of section 3.4(a): "For records otherwise subject to this paragraph for which a review or assessment conducted by the agency and confirmed by the Information Security Oversight Office has determined that they: (1) contain information that was created by or is under the control of more than one agency, or (2) are within file series containing information that almost invariably pertains to intelligence sources or methods, all classified information in such records shall be automatically declassified, whether or not the records have been reviewed, within 8 years from the date of this order, except as provided in paragraph (b), below. For records that contain information that becomes subject to automatic declassification after the dates otherwise established in this paragraph, all classified information in such records shall be automatically declassified, whether or not the records have been reviewed, at midnight on December 31 of the year that is 25 years from the origin of the information, except as provided in paragraph (b), below."

Sec. 3. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 5.2 are amended to read as follows:

"(a) The Director of the Information Security Oversight Office, under the direction of the Archivist of the United States and in consultation with the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs and the co-chairs of the Security Policy Board, shall issue such directives as are necessary to implement this order. These directives shall be binding upon the agencies. Directives issued by the Director of the Information Security Oversight Office shall establish

standards for:

- (1) classification and marking principles;
- (2) agency security education and training programs;
- (3) agency self-inspection programs; and
- (4) classification and declassification guides.

(b) The Archivist of the United States shall delegate the implementation and monitorship functions of this program to the Director of the Information Security Oversight Office."

Sec. 4. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 5.3 are amended to read as follows:

"(a) There is established within the National Archives and Records Administration an Information Security Oversight Office. The Archivist of the United States shall appoint the Director of the Information Security Oversight Office, subject to the approval of the President.

(b) Under the direction of the Archivist of the United States, acting in consultation with the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, the Director of the Information Security Oversight Office shall:

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(4) have the authority to conduct on-site reviews of each agency's program established under this order, and to require of each agency those reports, information, and other cooperation that may be necessary to fulfill its responsibilities. If granting access to specific categories of classified information would pose an exceptional national security risk, the affected agency head or the senior agency official shall submit a written justification recommending the denial of access to the President through the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs within 60 days of the request for access. Access shall be denied pending the response."

THE WHITE HOUSE.

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Send POTUS invitation
to Scheduling?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Return letter to Minyon Moore ^{send package} to scheduling

Yes ☒

No ☐



Founding chair
Holly Robinson Peete

November 1, 1999

Minyon Moore
Assistant to the President
Director of Political Affairs
White House, 2nd Floor
Washington DC, 20502

Dear Minyon:

Per Holly Robinson Peete's request, enclosed is information regarding the HollyRod Foundation and DesignCure. DesignCure is a private fashion show benefiting the National Parkinson Foundation and HollyRod Foundation. The exclusive event will take place from 7:30 to 10 p.m. on Friday, November 12, 1999 at the Peete's family home in Beverly Hills.

The evening's activities will include a cocktail reception, silent auction and intimate fashion show featuring the collection of the hottest designs from JonValdi. A press kit highlighting JonValdi is enclosed.

The event provides a great opportunity to create awareness and generate funds for the fight against Parkinson's disease.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel to contact me at 310/385-1590.

Sincerely,

Haeran Park

Haeran Park
Special Events and Marketing Manager

Yes, I want to support DesignCure by becoming a:

(1) **Patron** (list guest names on reverse).....\$10,000
10 preferred seating tickets to the reception, auction and fashion show;
one full page ad in event program; patron recognition in the event program;
public address recognition at event (tax deductible amount \$7,500)

(2) **Benefactor**.....\$5,000
6 tickets to the reception, auction and fashion show; Benefactor
listing in the program (tax deductible amount \$3,500)

(3) **Individual Guest**.....\$200
1 ticket to the reception, auction and fashion show
(tax deductible amount \$125)

(4) **I am unable to attend, but enclosed is my contribution of \$**.....
Please make checks payable to the National Parkinson Foundation
(tax ID #59-0968031). All contributions are tax deductible
to the extent allowed by law.

Please list my/our name as:

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone(home):

Office: Fax:

For further information, please call 310 385-1590
limited seating

reply card



11901 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 595
Los Angeles, CA 90025





Founding chair
Holly Robinson Peete

DesignCure
Presented by American Express, Provident Financial and JonValdi

Event Fact Sheet

What is DesignCure?

A private cocktail reception and silent auction followed by a presentation of the **JonValdi** spring fashion collection

When?

Friday, November 12, 1999, from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Where?

The Beverly Hills home of **Holly Robinson Peete & Rodney Peete**

Who?

200 invited guests including stars from the world of sports, entertainment and recording industry as well as prominent area business executives

Featured Designs?

The hottest designs from the fabulous collection of **JonValdi**, a collaboration of the hip Los Angeles duo of Jonathan Meizler and German Valdivia

Corporate Partners?

American Express, Provident Financial, Redken and the WB

Founding Chairs?

- Star of The WB's *For Your Love*, **Holly Robinson Peete** and NFL quarterback **Rodney Peete**

Why?

To generate awareness and raise funds to aid in the fight against Parkinson's disease

Beneficiaries?

- **National Parkinson Foundation**, an international foundation devoted to find the cause and cure for Parkinson's disease; to educate patients and their caregivers; to provide diagnostic and therapeutic services and to improve the quality of life for both patients and caregivers
- **HollyRod Foundation**, established by actress Holly Robinson Peete and NFL quarterback Rodney Peete to assist under served Parkinson's disease patients. HollyRod was inspired by Holly's father, Matthew Robinson, who suffers from the disease.

Event Producer?

The event is produced by NINE, Inc., a Los Angeles based sports and entertainment marketing firm in conjunction with the West Coast Chapter of the National Parkinson Foundation

Tickets?

\$200 per person available to invited guests

Information?

Call 310/385-1590 for sponsorship and event information



Founding chair
Holly Robinson Peete

MEDIA ALERT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

HOLLY ROBINSON PEETE TO HOST DESIGNCURE

Los Angeles--Actress **Holly Robinson Peete**, currently starring in the WB's *For Your Love*, will host DesignCure on Friday, November 12, 1999 at her Beverly Hills home. **Christine Lahti, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Lauren Holly, Pat O'Brien** and **Nancy O'Dell** headline the guest list for the evening's private and exclusive cocktail reception, magnificent silent auction and runway fashion show featuring the **JonValdi** spring collection.

The benefit, created to generate awareness and raise funds for the fight against Parkinson's disease, is sponsored by American Express, Provident Financial, Cadillac Deville and Redken. Proceeds from the event benefit the National Parkinson and HollyRod Foundations.

Holly and her husband, Washington Redskins quarterback **Rodney Peete**, co-founded the HollyRod Foundation to promote awareness and provide financial support for financially challenged Parkinson's disease patients. Formation of the Foundation was inspired by Holly's father, Matthew Robinson, who suffers from the disease.

The **National Parkinson Foundation** is an international nonprofit organization devoted to find the cause and cure for Parkinson's disease; to educate patients and their caregivers; to provide diagnostic and therapeutic services and to improve the quality of life for both patients and caregivers.

For media information, please contact: Nicole Nassar
Tencer/Nassar & Associates at 310/777-2626

For production and sponsorship information, please contact: Lisa Young
NINE, Inc. at 310/385-1590

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JONVALDÍ

JonValdí, a collaboration of Los Angeles-based clothing designers Jonathan Meizler and Germán Valdivia, launched its first menswear collection in 1992. Hand-tailored suitings, waistcoats, shirtings, formal wear and neckties made of fine imported fabrics with subtle hand painted details immediately gained wide media recognition and a celebrity following. The success of JonValdí's architectural silhouettes and progressively classic designs prompted the 1994 opening of the JonValdí flagship store on Melrose Avenue.

In 1997, JonValdí brought its distinctive vision of modern clothing to women with a collection of hand tailored sportswear and evening wear in hand painted, technical, and hand beaded fabrics. 1998 includes the opening of the JonValdí New York showroom and the introduction of the wholesale division for both the mens and womens collections.

Consistently involved in designing for the Entertainment Industry, JonValdí has outfitted numerous celebrities and musicians including: Tom Cruise, Richard Gere, Antonio Banderas, Ralph Fiennes, Keanu Reeves, Rupert Everett, Stephen Baldwin, Sir Ian McKellen, Michael Douglas, David Duchovny, Arsenio Hall, The Artist Formerly known as Prince, Matchbox 20, Billy Connolly, Kevin Bacon, L.L Cool J, Smokey Robinson, Holly Hunter, Vanessa Williams, Lisa Kudrow, Gina Gershon, Jenny McCarthy, Halle Berry, Brandy and Gillian Andersen. JonValdí also designed tuxedos for the weddings of Don Henley, Lisa Kudrow, and Paula Abdul for which JonValdí formal wear was featured on the cover of *In Style Magazine*.

JonValdí has created clothing for several feature films including; *Face Off* (Nicholas Cage), *Strange Days* (Ralph Fiennes), *Bad Boys* (Will Smith), *Showgirls* (Kyle McLaughlin), *Toys* (Robin Williams), and *L.A. Story* (Steve Martin). Other film credits include Steven Soderburgh's *The Underneath*, Peter and Greg's wardrobes for both *Brady Bunch* movies, *The Girl Gets Mo'* (Michael Madsen) and *Sour Grapes*. The company also designed Vanessa Williams' wardrobe on her film, *Soul Food*, and Tom Cruise's upcoming film, *Magnolia*.

Additionally, designs by JonValdí appear regularly on television shows such as *Veronica's Closet*, *Friends*, and *Melrose Place*.

JonValdí has also created costumes for music videos for The Artist Formerly Known As Prince, Seal, Will Smith, Toni Braxton and others. Live show credits include Baby Face, Bob Dylan, Gloria Estefan, Toni Braxton and her touring band, Mint Condition for her 1997 World Tour and Matchbox 20.

Articles featuring JonValdí have appeared in *The Los Angeles Times*, *P.O.V.*, *Genre* and *GQ Japan*. Celebrity Press includes *Time*, *Vogue*, *Elle*, *New York Magazine*, *Los Angeles Magazine*, *Buzz*, *Live*, *Smoke*, *People*, *Us*, *Movieline* and *Detour*. Fashion editorials include *Details*, *GQ*, *Elle*, *New York Magazine*, *The Robb Report*, *Buzz*, *Smoke* and *Detour*. In the U.K., their pieces have been featured in *The Face* and *Attitude*, as well as several Japanese publications. JonValdí has been chosen as 'Designer of the Month' for *Elle* on-line and is currently on-line in *Elle Magazine*.

HOLLY ROBINSON PEETE

Holly Robinson Peete stars in the WB Network's *For Your Love*. She revels in playing a role based on her friend, Yvette Lee Bowser (*For Your Love*'s executive producer/creator). "It feels really right. I have a closeness to Yvette, the character and her experiences as a newlywed, having just moved beyond that status myself," says the actress, who is wed to Washington Redskins quarterback Rodney Peete and now enjoys a new real-life role as the mother of twins.

In November, Holly can be seen in her leading role in *After All*. A movie for Black Entertainment Television based on the Arabesque line of African-American romance novels by Lynn Emery. She will play opposite D.B. Woodside ("The Temptations") in this love story set against a backdrop of the competitive world of television journalism.

After graduating from high school in Los Angeles, she entered Sarah Lawrence College. Peete majored in psychology and French and spent her junior year at the Sorbonne in France, studying psychology. "I became fluent in French, got my feet wet performing in Paris nightclubs and had the time of my life." While in Paris, Peete sang with Lionel Hampton at the Hotel Meridian Jazz Club.

Three months after graduation, in 1986, she won a regular role on the hit series *21 Jump Street* as Officer Judy Hoffs - and an opportunity to exercise her vocal talents by singing the show's theme song.

Subsequently, she starred in the television comedy series *Hangin' with Mr. Cooper* as Vanessa. Peete also portrayed Diana Ross in the miniseries *The Jacksons: An American Dream*, starred in the made-for-television movie *Dummy* and guest-starred in *Touched by an Angel*. Peete also starred in the made-for-television movie *Killers in the House* with Mario Van Peebles.

As a child in Philadelphia, Peete knew her father had "the coolest job" a dad could have: Matthew Robinson produced and starred in the original *Sesame Street* and segued to *The Cosby Show* as a producer for seven years.

Her mother, Dolores, achieved success as a personal manager, guiding the careers of many prominent actors, writers and directors.

With twins, Rodney Jackson and Ryan Elizabeth, leisure time is rare for Peete, who enjoys power yoga, kick-boxing, aerobics, hiking and travel. An avid football viewer, she says, "The game is like a chess match now for me. I have an appreciation of the timing and the patterns."

Holly and Rodney recently formed the HollyRod Foundation to raise money for financially challenged patients afflicted with Parkinson's disease, from which Holly's father suffers.



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HOLLYROD FOUNDATION

Fact Sheet

Mission Statement

The HollyRod Foundation was established by actress Holly Robinson Peete and NFL quarterback Rodney Peete to promote awareness and financial support for health and wellness issues in underserved communities. The foundation's initial focus will be to provide funds and services to financially challenged individuals suffering from Parkinson's disease.

Background

For Holly and Rodney, forming the HollyRod Foundation was truly a personal labor of love. Holly's father, Matthew, was stricken with Parkinson's disease in 1982 at the young age of 46. He continues to fight a difficult battle against this debilitating disease. Fortunately for Mr. Robinson, who was forced to retire, he has the emotional and financial support of Holly, Rodney and the Robinson family. Other patients, however, are not as fortunate. In some cases they are alone, while others have no income or access to expensive medications and treatments. Through the assistance of the HollyRod Foundation, patients will be able to deal with these issues as some of the daily financial, physical and emotional pressures of life with Parkinson's are alleviated.

Application Process

Requests for auction items, appearances and donations from the HollyRod Foundation are accepted throughout the year. Organizations are encouraged to submit requests in writing no earlier than four months by which the item is needed (and no later than a month before it is required). Grant applications must be submitted by March 31 of the calendar year. So that the Foundation may better meet the increased needs of many organizations, we ask that requests for items be limited to once per year.

Restrictions

The Foundation will make contributions only to 501 (c)(3) organizations or individuals with a demonstrated financial need. Requests for all donations must be in writing on the organization's official letterhead or accompanied by the prior year's IRS documentation proving financial eligibility. Absolutely no requests from for-profit organizations will be considered for donated items or financial contributions.

The HollyRod Foundation

The HollyRod Foundation conducts various fund-raising events throughout the year including an annual celebrity fashion show. This event takes place in the Super Bowl host city on the Saturday prior to the big game. Previous celebrities and professional athletes who have teamed with Holly and Rodney include Niki Taylor, Daisy Fuentes, Carmen Electra, Junior Seau, Sammy Sosa, Dean Cain, Dan Cortese, Marcus Allen, Vivica A. Fox, Lela Rochon, Irving Fryar, Star Jones, Jackie Joyner Kersee, Pat O'Brien, Nancy O'Dell, Jason Sehorn, Terry Ellis, Donna D'Errico, Rebecca Lobo and Sheryl Swoopes. In addition to fund-raising events, HollyRod for Kids develops programs that provide opportunities for children in the areas of health and education. Sponsorships for these events are available. Call 310/385-1598 for more information or to receive invitations for future events.

NATIONAL PARKINSON FOUNDATION

The National Parkinson Foundation's mission is to find the cause and cure for Parkinson's disease and related neurological disorders through research; to educate general medical practitioners to detect the early warning signs of Parkinson's disease; to educate patients, their caregivers and the general public; to provide diagnostic and therapeutic services; and to improve the quality of life for both patients and caregivers. For more information, please contact the National Parkinson Foundation at 800/522-8855.

HOLLYROD FOUNDATION

The HollyRod Foundation was established by actress Holly Robinson Peete and NFL quarterback Rodney Peete to promote awareness and provide financial support for financially challenged individuals suffering from Parkinson's disease. Formation of the foundation was inspired by Holly's father, Matthew, who was stricken with Parkinson's disease. The HollyRod Foundation is recognized by the IRS as a 501 (c)(3) organization. For more information, please contact the office at 310/385-1598.

FACTS ABOUT PARKINSON'S DISEASE

- Parkinson's disease is a slowly progressive neurological disease generally associated with tremors or trembling of the arms and legs, stiffness and rigidity of the muscles and slowness of movement. The cause is still unknown, although medical experts believe the problem is related to a chemical imbalance of the brain.
- An estimated 1,000,000 people in the United States alone have Parkinson's disease. The disease strikes men and women and crosses all ethnic lines.
- Each year, as many as 50,000 Americans learn that they have the disease.

HOLLY RODTM
F o u n d a t i o n I n c .

November 4, 1999

Attention: Betty Curry

Attached Fax:

TO: President Clinton

FROM: Dr. Dorothy I. Height
National Council of Negro Women*Carry -**Letter**requested*

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Yes ☒No ☐

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:

633 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW • WASHINGTON, DC 20004

TELEPHONE: (202) 737-0120

FAX: (202) 737-0476

November 4, 1999

President William Jefferson Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Attention: Ms. Betty Curry

Dear President Clinton:

It is with sincere appreciation for the leadership that you are giving the country, that we submit this request for your support of the National Council of Negro Women's 49th National Convention to be held December 1-5, 1999 at the Crystal City Hyatt Regency in Arlington, Virginia.

The Convention Theme: **"Leave No One Behind: Moving Strategically Into the Millennium"** reflects the commitment and vitality with which delegates from across the country and international guests will assemble. In plenary sessions, workshops and issue forums, presenters will deal with issues related to education, health and family life; celebrate the cultural and organizational achievements of African American women in the 20th century and delegates will chart the agenda for the next decade and beyond.

It would mean a great deal to have a letter from you for inclusion in the 49th National Convention Souvenir Journal. Kindly contact Ms. Betty Robinson at 202-383-9111 to facilitate receipt of your message.

Sincerely,

Dorothy I. Height
Chair and President Emerita

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mother - Ms Lisa Shahateet

6yr Old Luke Shahateet

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Fairfax VA 22030

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Thanks

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November 4, 1999

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The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500-2000

Send to Burkhardt?
Yes _____
No _____

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Dear President Clinton:

I know that we both were delighted when the design by our mutual friend, Glenna Goodacre, was accepted for the new One Dollar coin. The United States Mint is approaching the final phases of the coin's constitution. I believe the alloys and other aspects of the coin were determined in October but one very important thing is missing.

I am the Chairman of the Board of IDX Incorporated, an Arkansas corporation, which has pioneered encoding coins and tokens with unique facets that make them virtually immune from counterfeiting. For the first time, a coin or token can be recognized by coin acceptors optically whereas before its acceptance was determined on rather primitive means, namely size, weight and metal content. We have protected our ideas with patents worldwide but would be willing to license the technology royalty free to the U. S. Mint.

I believe that this new Sacagawea coin will receive great acceptance and will end up being the most used coin in vending machines, arcades, laundromats, car washes and the like. If our technology is not incorporated into this coin it will not be long until "slugs" will appear. Until I got into this business I didn't realize how prevalent "slugs" were, but they cost the gaming industry millions of dollars every year. That is why every new casino in the United States and Canada that has opened since June of 1997 has incorporated our technology into their tokens.

Integrating our technology would not detract from the look of the coin and in fact improves its appearance. It can also aid the sight impaired in identifying the coin. The additions could be on either or both sides as shown in the attached diagrams of the original design from the U. S. Mint Web Page and our own engineer's design of the annual facets and the skewed facet security mark concept.

The U. S. Mint has cooperated with us by sending us coin prototypes but our perception is that they are not looking favorably toward the first coded coin in history. We have been told that powerful interests with historically close ties to the Mint whose coin acceptors use the old "size, weight, metal content" technology have had great influence on this. Coding the new dollar coin with our marks will not void any of their technology, but it will simply add another critical

Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
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element of security. IDX has the patented technology to read the coding by optical means only. There are other ways that can be developed by others to read the coding by inductive or ultrasonic sensors and perhaps radiation sensors.

With the world economy developing as it has—to a great extent because of your leadership—the Sacagawea coin has the potential of becoming the universal coin for automatic coin acceptors. Unless this coin incorporates this advanced encoding technology it will be just another coin based on a technology that has not changed for centuries. Enclosed is a letter to IDX from Automated Currency Instruments, Inc. This letter clearly illustrates the need for the addition of the coding technology.

This is a very important issue for me and I would greatly appreciate your having someone on your staff look into this matter and assure that the case for an encoded coin gets a fair hearing. We are told that a decision will be made soon and time is of the essence.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Edwin B. Alderson, Jr.', written in a cursive style.

Edwin B. Alderson, Jr.



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October 8, 1999

James Halsey
President of IDX Inc.
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Dear Sir:

Since our last correspondence and as you may understand the US Mint is revisiting the metal composition of the New US \$1 Coin "Sacagawea". As stated in a letter dated September 2, 1999 (attached) the Mint is pursuing two distinct courses in the selection of the composition metal. The first is a five-layer clad alloy which provides a distinct electromagnetic signature different than that of the Susan B. Anthony (SBA) dollar coin, known tokens, foreign currency and other coinage. However this approach may provide enhanced security for the New \$1 coin, it would also be rejected by most coin acceptors or require vendors to endure a costly upgrade with no inherent benefit.

The second and preferred approach is to attempt to match the electromagnetic signature of the SBA. Thus allowing for a seamless transition from the SBA to the New \$1 coin. Besides the recognizable color and edge treatments, the coin would be identical. This approach requires no system changes by those utilizing the SBA. Since most coin validator companies only evaluate diameter and/or electromagnetic qualities the level of security a coin can provide is limited. The integration of a security code into the face would offer one more level of confidence. Since typically changes to US currency occur in 25 year periods, now is the time to act.

As experienced in the Gaming industry, when the incentive is great, modification or duplication is a threat. Manipulating, mixing metals, shaving tokens, have plagued the gaming industry in fraudulent schemes. Thus when the Nevada Gaming Enforcement Agency approved the use of a \$1000 gaming token the agency required it to possess a security mark. Security of currency lies in two parts. First the coin/token itself must be consistent and be well defined. Second, a man and a machine must be able to distinguish the characteristics. By providing a coin with the highest level of security characteristics, the choice to implement the detection methods is left to the consumer, vendor, and/or operator utilizing the currency. If diameter and metal composition are the only characteristics, there is nothing left to examine.

Again as I discussed with you previously, I believe the integration of a security code blended into the decorative scheme of the coin face is the security solution. The security code would not impair the detection of the electromagnetic signature, nor diameter in mechanical detection systems. The implementation of the security measure would be at the discretion of the Vendor. The burden of longevity and acceptance percentages would be directed toward the coin validating companies, not the mint. The mint would set the standards much as it does with diameter and metal composition today. The minting capability of the facets can be verified by both Osborne Coinage Co. and Roger Williams Mint, and as proven by their use

in the gaming industry to protect the gaming tokens. As with gaming tokens, the incentive to commit fraud is directly related to the value of the coin. If it is the intent of the US Mint to have the New \$1 coin rapidly and widely circulated, then the incentive toward fraud will be great. The benefits of implementing a \$1 coin are bountiful. The projected loss from vending machines not accepting \$1 notes is frustrating. With the current 18 month turnover of a dollar note, the rapid degradation is too great thus complicating the mechanical bill validators task. A \$1 coin's acceptance percentages could far out pace the dollar notes. The critical measure however remains to be that the coin shall have to be easily distinguishable by both man and machine. Although the complete implementation of the advanced security detection may not be in place for many years, simply having the marks in place provide an initial level of deterrence, and puts in place at least a means for a possible solution.

Most of those involved with the New \$1 coin have concentrated at the acceptance level at both human exchange and machine operated levels. Main processing centers deal with extremely large volumes of coin and must do so at incredible speeds. With the security codes in place equipment could be capable of routing good vs. bad, SBA vs. Sacagawea, to enable recalculation of only good or new coin. If the Mint succeeds at issuing a physical and electromagnetic identical coin the high speed processing equipment used today would not be able to distinguish the two.

It was obvious when Steve and I visited with the Andrew Cosgarea that they had no knowledge of the security features IDX could offer. Although we brought them up to speed, it was my impression that the battle would be fought uphill all the way. The initial opinion was that since IDX held the patent on detecting the mark they were not interested. I informed them that IDX holds the patent on optically detecting the marks and that there are many other ways to detect these marks. (ultrasonically, inductively, ect.) The last comments I heard from the mint were that a major electromechanical detection company had claimed that placing marks on the surface would adversely effect their electromagnetic signature and therefore argued against implementation. My response was, "that's great then they could detect the marks also.". It would seem that this other company has some major lobby power with the US Mint, and I beg to question if this is in the best interest of the United States.

The minor increase in die manufacturing and polishing cost by the mint are grossly outweighed by generating the most secure currency in the world. The Federal Reserve Note implements many security measure to combat counterfeit, why would the US Mint refuse to take similar action?

The United States currency has recognizably become the World's currency. If any currency warrants this security feature it would be this new \$1 coin. The US Mint has spared no expense to separate the introduction the New \$1 Coin Sacagawea from the "failed" introduction of the SBA. I believe the Mint recognizes that the success of the new \$1 coin will be based on rapid circulation. The missing link to its success is the "Value Added" Feature. Why should vending companies, laundry facilities, amusement arcades, toll authorities, car washes... convert equipment to accommodate this new coin. Added Security and rapid processing capability will be the answer!!

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Schwartz
Vice President

Making the US Dollar Coin More Secure



From US Mint Web Page



From US Mint Web Page



Annular Facet Security Mark Concept



Skewed Facet Security Mark Concept

Just Cause For Concern?

The gaming industry experience clearly shows that coinage of value one dollar and higher is commonly counterfeited. The use of distinct alloys has been helpful, but eventually all have been slugged. As the US Quarter has been compromised by high purity copper slugs, so also will this coin due to its alloy composition. And, the copper purity need not be as high, but the incentive is four times stronger.

Optical Security Mark Solution?

The gaming industry has strongly embraced this technology, so much so that today it is rare to have high value tokens ordered without the Optical Security Mark (under the X-Mark and SmartMark trade names). When used with coin acceptors that can read the mark, it eliminates all simple "garage shop" slugging and raises the bar to include investment in expensive tooled dies and presses to successfully counterfeit.

Technology Availability?

The gaming industry has proven the ability of the technology to eliminate slugging and confirmed its field reliability. IDX will gift the technology to the US Mint royalty free. Consultation to ensure a very short development cycle and proper optical characteristics with the first die set are available.

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Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to you to ask for your clarification on exactly where you and Vice President Gore stand on the agricultural issue. After Joe and I saw you in Little Rock earlier this year, we felt that both of you saw agriculture as an intricate part of our economy and planned to work on improving the Farm Program so that our nation could continue to enjoy the safest and most abundant food supply in the world. You assured us at that meeting that every effort would be made to improve the economic stability of our farmers and thus the many ag related businesses as well. We have shared our confidence in you and the Vice President with our customers as well as others in the ag industry and various lending institutions we work with.

Several Days ago, David Stanley (who also attended that meeting in Little Rock) came to me with a rumor that he had heard concerning comments made by Vice President Gore on agriculture in this country in the future. They were very disturbing comments and I ask him to try to get some factual evidence of what exactly had been said. He brought me the publication today that I have copied for your reference. It's a small article, but if it is accurate, it tells me a whole lot. I only copied the actual article and the front page of the publication for your reference.

Please help me understand what is happening. This is our life and the lives of our family and friends. I look forward to hearing from you and as always thank you for the consideration.

Always,

Abraham Lee

P.S. I faxed a copy of the same to Vice President Gore today.

The 'Not Raising Hogs' business

To the Honorable Secretary of Agriculture: My friend, La Verne Swenson over at Clemont, Iowa, got a check from you for \$1,000 for not raising hogs. So, I want to go into da "Not Raising Hogs" business next year.

What I want to know is what is da best kind of farm not to raise hogs on? And what is da best breed of hogs not to raise?

As I see it, da hardest part of "Not Raising Hogs" is keeping records on how many hogs I haven't raised.

My friend Swenson is very happy about the future of da hog business. He used to raise hogs for 20 years and da

best he ever made in vun year was \$422.90. However, dis year he got your check for \$1,000 for not raising 50 hogs.

If I get \$1,000 for not raising 50 hogs, would I get \$2,000 for not raising 100 hogs? I plan to start on a small scale but hope to vork up to not raising 4,000 hogs which would bring in about \$80,000. Den I can afford an airplane.

Now, anodder ding... dose hogs I von't raise vill not eat 100,000 bushels of corn. I understand da government also pays people not to raise corn and wheat. I want to know if I would qualify for

payment for not raising dose crops?

I am also giving serious dought to "Not Milking Cows," and any details you can give me on dat program vill be appreciated. Since I vill be totally unemployed, I vill be filing for unemployment and food stamps and I would appreciate it if you would send da forms along vid da information I have asked about.

Patriotically yours,
Ole

P.S. Maybe you can tell me when you plan to give out free cheese again?

Are ag colleges doing their job?

The nation's land-grant colleges spend too much time on the needs of agribusiness and not enough bolstering small- and medium-sized farms, a farm advocate claims.

The colleges, for instance, have spent "hundreds of millions of dollars" perfecting livestock confinement systems when hoop houses - a kind of open air hut for hogs - are more profitable for small farmers, says Chuck Hassebrook, program director for the Center for Rural Affairs, a family farm advocacy group based in Walthill, Neb. "If we had spent as much on (hoop houses), we would be beating the pants off corporate hog producers right now," Hassebrook says.

Charlie Johnson, who runs an 1,800-acre organic farm, agrees. South Dakota State University helped certify the farm as organic and find markets. But he says that seems to be the exception to the rule, and he wishes the top research priority was to keep farmers on the land. "Once and for all why don't they say their vision and goal is

to help family farming, and let corporate agriculture go its own way and fend for itself," says Johnson. "In the end, you are just cutting more throats of family farmers."

The mission of ag schools is to help farmers and rural communities by providing them with proven information, said Fred Cholick, dean of the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences at South Dakota State University. The college is open to criticism and is constantly reevaluating its role, he adds.

The college of agriculture receives less than 10% of its research funding from private firms, lower than other land-grant schools. The rest comes from state and federal sources, he says.

Cholick says business partnerships can produce useful information for farmers. The university's test plots of seed varieties are funded in part by the companies. But the results

are unbiased, which is good for the companies' reputation and the farmers using the seed, he says.

Educators and critics agree that land-grant schools are central to trying to reverse rural trends, which include fewer numbers of farmers. SDSU must do a better job of bringing information to farmers, small town residents, and business people so they can make better choices about how to make a living in rural South Dakota, says Cholick. But farmers still must compete in the world marketplace, which means making sound business decisions, he says.

Since 1978, the number of individual or family farms has decreased by 20% in South Dakota from 34,158 to 27,133. At the same time the number of corporate farms has increased by 67%, from 775 to 1,298, according to the 1997 Census of Agriculture.

-Associated Press

Gore confirms what we knew

At a recent ceremony at the White House, Vice President and Presidential candidate Al Gore let slip what many have long believed was his real intention as regards US agriculture.

While presenting a national award to a Colorado FFA member, Gore asked the student what his/her life plans were. Upon hearing that the FFA member wanted to continue on in production agriculture, Gore reportedly replied that the young person should develop other plans because "production agriculture is being shifted out of the US to the third world."

Gore was instrumental in the development of the United Nations' Agenda 2000, which calls for just such an outcome.

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Oregon cows lose their salads

Marion County officials near Salem, Ore., have scrubbed Operation Cow Chow.

As September started, garbage haulers stopped taking vegetable trimmings and expired produce to an area dairy farm, where cows had found them quite tasty. Instead, vegetable scraps from restaurants, groceries, and institutions will head to Aumsville for composting at Wood Waste Reclamation.

Officials with Marion County and garbage companies decided it was too expensive at \$51 for three pickups a week to have special trucks picking up old lettuce, corn husks, and overripe tomatoes.

Food waste makes up 17% of the county's trash. The county garbage incinerator at Brooks is running over capacity, and new

residents add to the amount of trash generated.

Corvallis resident Will Gehr, a former organic farmer who started the project, had hoped to make cow chow into a full-time waste recycling business. But he ran into trouble when he proposed including fast-food hamburgers and restaurant plate scrapings. Some people feared the practice could lead to an outbreak of BSE.

Meanwhile, the eight or so clients of cow chow are having their vegetable waste picked up by the same truck that collects yard debris. The mixed material is chopped up and turned into compost. The new service, dubbed Green Waste, costs \$12 for a once-a-week pickup.

- Associated Press

Carbon dioxide shift...

A USDA Ag Research Service study shows that US farmers have shifted from being net producers of carbon dioxide to net accumulators of carbon.

This shift became evident

reports, an analysis of crop and yield data for several oil and grain crops, and an analysis of tillage systems used.

Until 1960, virtually all tillage systems were moldboard

especially after 1980, popularity of the moldboard system rapidly declined. Growers were reducing trips across the field, and many were changing to no-till systems. By 1990, growers of grain

twice as much crop residue to the top four inches as compared to 1940. The crop's residue readily decays to organic matter, a more stable carbon compound.

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USGS assesses US biological resources

The US Geological Survey (USGS) has released the first large-scale assessment of the nation's natural resource heritage in a two-volume report, "Status and Trends of the Nation's Biological Resources." At century end, this report synthesizes current information within a historical perspective to document how the nation's biological resources are changing. The report also underscores the essential need for science to be used in guiding decisions on resource management.

Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt said, "This study is a CT scan of our nation, and like a doctor, it can give us a diagnosis as to what we need to do to restore the health of our living landscapes. The rest is up to us." Almost 200 federal, academic, and non-governmental experts provided baseline information of value to scientists, policy makers, resource managers, and the

public. The 1,000-page ... report details both the issues affecting biological resources and the status and trends of specific regions.

USGS Director Charles Groat said that this report, along with efforts to establish uniform standards for collecting biological information, is allowing the inventory and monitoring program of the Survey's Biological Resources Division to "do what USGS does best - provide scientifically sound, impartial, and relevant information." ...

Volume One covers seven factors affecting biological resources nationwide: natural processes, land use, water use, climate change, nonindigenous species, environmental contaminants, and harvest.

Volume Two describes the status and trends of biological resources in 14 areas of the country and how they have been affected by these

factors. Regions covered are the Northeast, Great Lakes, Southeast, Caribbean Islands, Mississippi River, Coastal Louisiana, Grasslands, Rocky Mountains, Great Basin-Mojave Desert, Southwest, California, Pacific Northwest, Alaska, and Hawaii and the Pacific Islands. ...

Land use, water use, and nonindigenous, or nonnative, species are the three factors having the greatest broad-scale effects on biological resources. Some land use changes repeatedly cited as major forces affecting biological resources are urbanization, conversion of lands to agriculture, draining of wetlands, and the fragmentation of forests. ...

Changes in both land and water use have altered habitats enabling the establishment of nonnative species. Of the known causes of vertebrate extinctions, invading species are responsible for

42.3% more than any other single cause.

The report is the second major publication of the inventory and monitoring program and the first in a continuing series of scientific publications that will compile and present status and trends information for resource managers and the public. The first publication was "Our Living Resources: A Report to the Nation on the Distribution, Abundance, and Health of US Plants, Animals, and Ecosystems," which contained articles on natural resource research.

For more details on the report, see the USGS web site <biology.usgs.gov/pr/s+order.html>

Questions? Contact Dr. Michael Mac or Catherine Haecker by phone 703-648-4073 or by fax 703-648-4283.

Editor's note: Thanks to Rachel Thomas for sending this along.

Fire delays R-CALF decision

By Chuck Rightmire

A fire in the basement and some technical problems in dates has delayed by one week the Commerce Department's decision on the Rancher-Cattlemen's Action Legal Foundation anti-dumping petitions.

A Department spokesman said that a decision will most likely be made October 12. It had originally been announced that the decision would be made October 4.

The spokesman said that the Commerce Department office in Washington, D.C., was closed October 1 after a fire in the basement. There was also a technical delay in the time lines as spelled out in the rules for handling such complaints.

The delay will give some extra time for the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) to forward to the department its resolution approved unanimously Sept. 28 in support of the dumping petitions.

Last July, the Commerce Department ordered a 5.5% tariff on all live cattle coming into the U.S. from Canada after determining that Canadian feedlots were dumping animals in the U.S. at lower than production prices.

R-CALF receives more support

The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) is now on record in support of efforts to prevent dumping of foreign cattle on the US market and to seek relief from the impact of illegal Canadian cattle imports.

NASDA - comprised of the commissioners, directors, and ag secretaries of the 50 states - adopted the resolution in support of the Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund (R-CALF) on September 28 during NASDA's

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To: President William Clinton and First Lady Hillary Clinton

From: Dixie Bryson
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Re: Letter of Recommendation, Senator Blanche Lincoln

I am currently the Past President of the Arkansas School Psychology Association, Co-Chair of the Arkansas School Psychology Association, Legislative Committee and Co-Chair of the National Association of School Psychologist-Government Professional Relations Committee, (NASP-GPR).

I am writing to ask your assistance. I am submitting Senator Blanche Lincoln for the NASP-GPR "Special Friend of Children" Award.

The NASP-GPR "Special Friend of Children" Award is given to individuals or groups outside the profession who have nationally supported political action and advocacy on behalf of children to improve education and mental health services for children, youth and their families. These awardees have worked to make systemic changes in policies that govern the provision of education and mental health services at the State and National level. In addition, these individuals or groups have worked to support NASP's mission and goals. Individual nominees or groups have so distinguished themselves by this service that clear evidence of improvement of education and services for children can be documented.

I am certain after reading the above description, you would agree that Senator Blanche Lincoln is very deserving of this award. I am attempting to make every effort to insure that her nomination will award her a NASP-GPR "Special Friend of Children" Award.

I need to submit letters of recommendation that would support her eligibility. I would be honored if you would write a letter of support on Senator Lincoln's behalf.

Letters should include how Senator Lincoln has contributed in meaningful ways to advocating for education, children and youth at the State and/or National level.

Nomination packets must be postmarked by December 1, 1999 and received in the NASP office by December 6, 1999. So if you decide to write a letter of support for Senator Lincoln, would you please send the letter to me by November 15, 1999. This would insure that I submit all necessary documentation to the National Association of School Psychologist.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration regarding this request.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dixie Bryson, M.S.".

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