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March 14, 1996

President Bill Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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President Clinton:

Greetings from Fayetteville!

This letter is written on behalf of 600 Northwest Arkansas postal workers (200 in Fayetteville) who read our monthly newsletters. It would be an honor to interview you for May's issue.

The proposed interview would be answered in writing, not in person (except if you so desire). The subject matter would pertain to your life while in Fayetteville, your advice to postal employees on the workroom floor, and your plans for the future. The following pages contain the interview questions. You may hand-write your response, have your secretary transcribe your interview, or have the answers completed after the questions in wordprocessing form. A disk is included with this package which has the interview questions in WordPerfect 5.1, file name FAYARK.

This interview, I believe, would be a boost to employee morale here and would encourage more camaraderie.

We produce two newsletters at this facility: one dealing with official union (APWU) business and the other covering social issues, movie reviews, sports, devotionals, postal history, marriage counseling, etc. This package contains samples.

With this interview, we would also like to publish recent photos, perhaps of you with a Razorback cap or sweatshirt, or a more formal shot in the Oval Office. The photo settings would be up to your discretion. We would just like to focus on the Arkansas connection and you as a past Fayetteville resident (and possible future one, at that). One photo with you in casual conversation would be good to create an interview setting for the newsletter. Your sending photos will be helpful.

Your acceptance of the interview will be much appreciated by workers for years to come, and we thank you in advance for this consideration.

Sincerely,

Loren Adams

Editor: *Razorback Scheme and Night Crawlers*

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Interview With President Bill Clinton

Night Crawlers Newsletter
Postal Workers • Fayetteville, Arkansas

Before deciding to attend Georgetown University, President Clinton, did you have any inclinations about attending the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville?

When did you begin teaching law at the UofA? What was your major area in that field?

It is well documented how you and Hillary met at Yale, but could you tell us something about your Fayetteville years? Was Rev. Victor H. Nixon Hillary's pastor, and where were you married?

Was this a traditional church wedding?

Where did you spend your honeymoon?

For what law firm in Fayetteville did Hillary work while living here?

The little cottage style house at 930 California Blvd. was your first home. Have you owned a home since?

Did you have your old Mustang here in Fayetteville too?

Do you remember your mailman, the late Howard Shumate?

Since you were so close to campus, did you walk, drive, or ride a bicycle to classes where you taught?

Did you use the facilities of the Youth Center across the street to play basketball, volleyball or swim?

You've probably heard the hilarious rumors about Bill Clinton at the UofA during a Vietnam War protest, hanging clothes-free from a tree in front of Old Main..... We know from *Northwest Arkansas Times* reporters who were present at the event that this is not true. But could you shed some light as to how you think this colorful story ever got circulated in Arkansas?

What are your most enjoyable memories of living in Fayetteville?

Did Hillary love living in Fayetteville too?

Did you take trips often to Eureka Springs, Beaver Lake, the Buffalo, and Branson?

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Do you still faithfully watch Razorback sporting events on TV? Even if they're not on their best winning streak now? Don't you wish Bud Walton Arena was on Pennsylvania Avenue so you wouldn't have to travel so far?

Upon retirement from the Presidency in 2001, if offered the position of President of the University of Arkansas, would you accept? If so, would you have the residency moved back to Fayetteville?

As you well know, the Post Office seemingly has its share of turmoil, unrest, and confrontation for over two decades now. In 1994 the Congressional Accounting Office completed its two-year study of the Postal Service and produced the report *U.S. Postal Service: Labor-Management Problems Persist on the Workroom Floor.* Researchers wrote, "Overall, we found that labor-management problems are long-standing and have multiple causes that are related to an autocratic management style, adversarial employee and union attitudes, and inappropriate and inadequate performance management systems. Management's traditional attitude has been that workers respond best — and perhaps only — to discipline." They went on to say, "No clear framework or strategy exists for moving agreed-upon values and principles down to first-line supervisors and employees working at processing plants and post offices. The U.S. Postal Service suffers from a dysfunctional organizational culture in which autocratic managers tangle with adversarial employees and unions." Since Fayetteville is now a growing metropolitan area, this postal facility is faced with similar problems as described by the report commissioned by Senator David Pryor. **President Clinton, in a nutshell what would be your advice to create a better working environment and, thus, prevent violence and confrontation in the Postal Service?**

Do you have anything else to say to the Fayetteville and Northwest Arkansas postal workers?

Thank you, President Clinton, for taking time for this interview.

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