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P412

Divider Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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.1159620.....Send.Mail.Message.....

To: ALICEP  
AMIL  
ANNIES  
BARBARAG  
BOBBYH

Post Date: 02/25/1999  
Post Time: 08:55AM  
Expires...: 03/12/1999  
Type.....: MAIL  
Hold.....: N

Subject: OBSOLETE LETTERS

.....Message.....

The following Presidential Letters are now OBSOLETE:

~~P-412~~ -- CLONING  
P-707 -- WHALING INDUSTRY  
P-714 -- WARD VALLEY (CALIFORNIA) LOW LEVEL RADIOACTIVE  
WASTE DEPOSAL PROJECT  
P-717 -- ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE  
P-819 -- TORT REFORM

The Master Form Letter Index has been UPDATED.

MAIL: 21709206  
FROM: TRACYS  
TO...:SHARONL  
CC...: BOBBYH, TRUDYR  
DATE: 18 Feb 1999  
TIME: 11:29AM  
SUBJ: form letters

Sharon:

I have spoken with Bobby, and we have decided to obsolete the following form letters:

P-412 Cloning

P-707 Whaling Industry  
(we are going to close the pending records and send the incmg. letters to AGLIAS/DOC/NOAA)

P-714 Ward Valley  
(we will convert pending records to P-716 (nuclear waste) )

P-717 Artic National Wildlife Refuge  
(we're closing pending records and sending incoming mail to AGLIAS/DOI)

p-819 Tort Reform  
(we're going to close pending records/refer them to AGLIAS/DOJ)

Please call me if you have any questions. Thanks. Tracy

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.1134467.....Send.Mail.Message.....

AARONP  
ALICEP  
ANNAC  
ANNAW  
ANNIES

Post Date: 06/02/1997  
Post Time: 02:04PM  
Expires...: 06/17/1997  
Type.....: MAIL  
Hold.....: N

Subject: P-412; P-619

.....Message.....

The following Presidential Letters are on HOLD:

CP-412 -- CLONING  
P-619 -- DAVIS-BACON ACT

The Master Form Letter Index has been UPDATED.

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dispositions Descriptn: CLONING
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P Closing...: p.basic.close
P Edited... Own Enclosure:
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  05/13/97 shar
  02/07/97 shar Num Pages: 1
  02/10/97 shar Owner....: sharonl
  .. 05/12/97 shar Access...: GROUP
  06/02/97 shar Created...: 03-19-97
  11/09/94 bobb Edited...: 05-13-97
  11/09/94 bobb Last Used: 05-30-97
  12/15/94 bobb Volume...: 300
  12/16/94 bobb Env/Label: E
  07/25/96 bobb On Hold...: Y 06/02/19
  07/25/96 bobb Restrict.: N
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SOC.CLONI Cloning
.....Using.Descriptions.....
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.21126150.....Read.Mail.Message.....

AARONP  
BOBBYH  
SHARONL  
TRUDYR

From.....: SARAHF  
Post Date: 06/02/1997  
Post Time: 12:00PM  
Expires...: 06/17/1997  
Type.....: MAIL      Status: R

Subject: hold

Please place the following letter on HOLD:  
Cloning p-412

thanks.

.1134136.....Send.Mail.Message.....

AARONP  
ALICEP  
ANNAC  
ANNAW  
ANNIES

Post Date: 05/27/1997  
Post Time: 10:31AM  
Expires...: 06/11/1997  
Type.....: MAIL  
Hold.....: N

Subject: P-304; P-412

.....Message.....  
The following Presidential Letters have been RELEASED:

P-304 -- SOCIAL SECURITY  
P-412 -- CLONING

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| P Edited..      | Owne         | Opening...: p.cgtimes.lin.open |                              |
| D 05/13/97      | shar         | Closing...: p.basic.close      |                              |
| 02/07/97        | shar         | Enclosure:                     |                              |
| 02/10/97        | shar         |                                |                              |
| 05/12/97        | shar         | Num Pages: 1                   | .....Subjects.....           |
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# Form Letter Tracking

Code: p-412

Topic: Cloning

PLM Writer: Sarah Freeman

Draft name/Directory location:

slr/draft/cloning.sf

Cleared by: Elizabeth Dye (ODP) 4/18

New Form  
Revision

tim newell (costp) 4/18  
rachel leinson (costp) 4/14

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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LJ

Hold/Created

*[Handwritten signature]*

3/19/97

SF

Written

4/11/97

SF

Cleared

4/18/97  
4/14/97

SF

LJ

To Review

4/21

W.W.

RLM/RSM

Reviewed

4/21

*[Handwritten signature]*

LJ

To Mail Analysis

4/21

W.W.

MA

Entered

5/13/97 5/12/97 4/29/97

4/22

*[Handwritten signature]*

LJ

To Director

4/22

W.W.

JAD

Director's Approval

*[Handwritten note: need to discuss with JAD]*

5/1

*[Handwritten signature]*

LJ

To JAD for West Wing

5/6

W.W.

WW

West Wing Approval

5/8

*[Handwritten signature]*

MH

To MA for Activation

5/25

*[Handwritten signature]*

MA

Activated

5/27

*[Handwritten signature]*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1997

Mr. John M. Doe  
Title  
Organization  
Business Adr1  
Business Adr2  
Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

Dear John:

Thank you for writing to me regarding the issue of cloning. I appreciate knowing your views on this matter.

The recently reported breakthrough in animal cloning brings with it both promise and concern. That is why I asked our National Bioethics Advisory Commission, headed by Princeton University President Harold Shapiro, to conduct a thorough review of the legal and ethical issues raised by this new cloning technology and to recommend possible actions to prevent abuse of the technology. I look forward to receiving the Commission's report.

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I appreciate your interest in this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bill Clinton". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

(5/13/97)

## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 12, 1997

Mr. John M. Doe

Title

Organization

Business Adr1

Business Adr2

Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

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I appreciate your interest in this important issue.

Sincerely,



(5/12/97)

## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 30, 1997

Mr. John M. Doe

Title

Organization

Business Adr1

Business Adr2

Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

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I appreciate your interest in this important issue.

Sincerely,



(4/29/97)

## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 22, 1997

Mr. John M. Doe  
 Title  
 Organization  
 Business Adr1  
 Business Adr2  
 Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

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*I am looking  
 forward to  
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 Commission's*

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I appreciate your interest in this important issue.

Sincerely,

*Bill Clinton*

(4/22/97)

*the scientific community continues its  
 pursuit of scientific work in  
 this area, and the*

*[Signature]*

p-412  
Cloning  
slr/draft/cloning.sf  
Sarah Freeman  
April 14, 1997

(f/m) 4/21

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I appreciate your interest in this important issue.

Learn more about this



Elizabeth Drye

04/18/97 04:19:56 PM



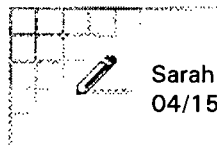
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To: Sarah S. Freeman/WHO/EOP

cc:

Subject: Re: cloning 

This looks perfect.



Sarah S. Freeman  
04/15/97 04:39:33 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Elizabeth Drye/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject: cloning

here is a revised draft...

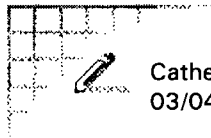
**Cloning form letter**

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Catherine T. Kitchen  
03/04/97 10:47:03 AM

Record Type: Record

To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message

cc:

Subject: 1997-03/04 REMARKS BY PRES. ON CLONING

----- Forwarded by Catherine T. Kitchen/WHO/EOP on 03/04/97 10:43 AM -----



SUNTUM M @ A1  
03/04/97 10:33:00 AM

Record Type: Record

To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message

cc:

Subject: 1997-03/04 REMARKS BY PRES. ON CLONING

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

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For Immediate Release

March 4, 1997

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
ON CLONING

The Oval Office

9:25 A.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Good morning. I'm glad to be joined this morning by the Vice President, Secretary Shalala, Dr. Harold Varmus, the head of NIH; Dr. Harold Shapiro, the President of Princeton and the Chairman of our Bioethics Advisory Commission; and Dr. Jack Gibbons, the President's Advisor on Science and Technology, all of whom know a lot about and care a lot about this issue we are

discussing today.

The recent breakthrough in animal cloning is one that could yield enormous benefits, enabling us to reproduce the most productive strains of crop and livestock, holding out the promise of revolutionary new medical treatments and cures, helping to unlock the greatest secrets of the genetic code. But like the splitting of the atom, this is a discovery that carries burdens as well as benefits.

Science often moves faster than our ability to understand its implications. That is why we have a responsibility to move with caution and care to harness the powerful forces of science and technology so that we can reap the benefit while minimizing the potential danger.

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At the very least, however, we should all agree that we need a better understanding of the scope and implications of this most recent breakthrough. Last week, I asked our National Bioethics Advisory Commission, headed by President Harold Shapiro of Princeton, to conduct a thorough review of the legal and the ethical issues raised by this new cloning discovery, and to recommend possible actions to prevent its abuse, reporting back to me by the end of May.

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Effective immediately, no federal agency may support, fund, or undertake such activity. Of course, a great deal of research and activity in this area is supported by private funds. That is why I am urging the entire scientific and medical community, every foundation, every university, every industry that supports work in this area to heed the federal government's example. I'm asking for a voluntary moratorium on the cloning of human beings until our

Bioethics Advisory Commission and our entire nation have had a real chance to understand and debate the profound ethical implications of the latest advances.

As we gain a fuller understanding of this technology, we must proceed not just with caution, but also with a conscience, by insisting that not a single taxpayer dollar supports human cloning. And by urging a moratorium on all private research in this area, we can ensure that as we move forward on this issue, we weigh the concerns of faith and family and philosophy and values, not merely of science alone. Thank you very much.

Q Mr. President, how do you think the Vice President did in his rebuttal yesterday, and do you agree with him that you two are in a separate category in terms of fundraising from federal property?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I agree with -- number one, I thought he did very well and I agree with the statement he made and I agree that what he did was legal. But I also agree with the decision that he made.

I would remind you just that we knew that we had a very stiff challenge. We were fighting a battle not simply for our reelection, but over the entire direction of the country for years to come, and the most historic philosophical battle we've had in America in quite a long time -- over the direction of the budget, over our commitment to education, over whether we would dismantle large chunks of our environmental regulations and our public health regulations. It was a significant thing for America, and we knew that we were going to be outspent and outraced, but we knew we had to do everything we could to at least be competitive enough to get our message out.

In fact, that is what happened. We were outspent and outraced by more than \$200 million; but thanks to the Vice President's efforts and those of thousands of others and a million small donors, we were able to get our message out.

Q But did you overdo it in a sense that now you're regretting, obviously -- you must be -- all the things that have happened since then?

THE PRESIDENT: The only thing I regret -- and I regret this very much as I have said -- is that a decision was made which I did not approve of or know about to stop the rigorous review of checks coming in to the Democratic Committee so that some funds were accepted which should not have been accepted. I regret that very much. And I have said that I feel, as the titular head of the Democratic Party I feel responsible for that; I think all of us in the line of command are. And I was very proud of Governor Romer and Mr. Grossman and the entire Democratic Committee when they made a full accounting; they went over all the checks, they did something as far as I know no party has done in modern history, and they gave back

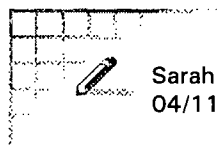
● Rachel E. Levinson

04/14/97 01:02:52 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Sarah S. Freeman/WHO/EOP  
cc: Timothy L. Newell/OSTP/EOP, Elizabeth Drye/OPD/EOP  
bcc:  
Subject: Re: Cloning 

Sarah S. Freeman



Sarah S. Freeman  
04/11/97 12:48:38 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Elizabeth Drye/OPD/EOP, Timothy L. Newell/OSTP/EOP, Rachel E. Levinson/OSTP/EOP  
cc:  
Subject: Cloning

I need you to review and clear my form letter on cloning. Please let me know ASAP if you have any changes. Thanks.

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I appreciate your interest in this important issue.

*Rachel's changes*





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## White House Press Release

### Remarks By The President On Cloning

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The White House

Office of the Press Secretary

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March 4, 1997

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For the rest, I think the Vice President said he thought that some changes were in order, but I don't regret the fact that we worked like crazy to raise enough money to keep from being rolled

over by the biggest juggernaut this country had seen in a very long time. And I think it would have been a very bad thing for the American people if that budget had passed, if their plans to dramatically dismantle the environmental protections and the public health protections the country had passed, and I am glad we stood up to it. I'm glad we fought the battles of '95 and '96, and I'm glad it came out the way it did, and we had to be aggressive and strong within the law, and I'm very proud of what the Vice President did.

Q Don't you think it puts the Vice President in a vulnerable --

Q Mr. President, what is the extent of your order today? How much funds -- do you know how much funds were being spent toward this human cloning, if any?

The President: We attempted previously to have a ban on this, going back to '94, I believe. The nature of the new discovery raised the prospect that the technology was not covered specifically by the nature of the ban. So as far as I know, nothing is going on in government-funded research. I just want to make sure that we keep it that way, because our research dollars are spread all across the country in different institutions.

With regard to the private sector, let me say that our staff here in the White House has been in touch with a number of people in the biotech industry, and they seem to be glad that we called and anxious to participate in a moratorium until we think through the implications of this.

I mean, I imagine a lot of you, not as journalists but in your own private homes have sat around talking about this discovery in the last few days; I know we have in our home. And I

just think that we need the best minds that we can bring to bear and the distinguished people on the Bioethnics Advisory Committee to think through this, tell us about what we may be missing about if there's anything positive that could come from this, and also think through the other implications.

How can we get the benefits of our deep desire to find any possible cure for any malady that's out there without raising the kind of ethical implications that, in effect, we're in the business where people are trying to play God, or to replicate themselves.

Q Mr. President, Democrats and Republicans are bogged down in Congress over whether to conduct hearings on the fundraising issue. Do you want to see that happen, and would you so tell your Democrats, you fellow Democrats up on the Hill?

The President: My understanding is that the Democrats have no objection whatever to the hearings, they just believe that they ought not to go on forever and that they don't need to -- they're disputing whether \$6.5 million needs to be spent. That's something that they need to work out among themselves.

I certainly have no objection to hearings. I've always assumed that they would occur, but I think that the American people are entitled to know that some prudence will be exercised in how much money is spent, because there's a lot of other things out there to be done, and we have the public's business to get on with as well -- a lot of other issues that need to be dealt with. And what I'm hoping that we can do is to just reconcile how this is going to be dealt with, and maybe spend some of that money to properly fund the Federal Election Commission so they can do the kind of audits they're supposed to do, and do the job that they actually have the power to do on the books right now, and get on with the big business, get on with balancing the budget, get on with passing the education program, get on with doing the other things that are out there for us to do. And so I'm going to do everything I can to facilitate that.

But it is a decision for the Senate and for the House, and the House to decide how these hearings will proceed and how they will be funded. But I don't think anybody objects to having hearings. We want them to be fair, we want them to be bipartisan, we want them to be balanced, and as I understand it, the big fight in the Senate is, will there be a date certain for ending and will there be a limit to how much is spent.

And let me say this: whatever the hearings produce, in the end, the only real question is, will they produce campaign finance reform. Whatever they produce, will they produce campaign finance reform. I still believe that the only way for the Congress to really deal with this and any questions from the past is to change the system. And we have the McCain/Feingold bill out there, it's a good vehicle, I have endorsed it, I would happily sign it the way it is, but they may want to debate that in some way or another. But the main thing that I want to say again is that there is no excuse for not voting on and passing a good bipartisan campaign finance reform bill this year. There is no excuse. That is the main issue.

The Press: Thank you.

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## White House Press Release

### Memorandum For The Heads Of Executive Departments And Agencies

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Subject: Prohibition on Federal Funding  
for **Cloning** of Human Beings

Recent accounts of advances in **cloning** technology, including the first successful **cloning** of an adult sheep, raise important questions. They potentially represent enormous scientific breakthroughs that could offer benefits in such areas as medicine and agriculture. But the new technology also raises profound ethical issues, particularly with respect to its possible use to **clone** humans. That is why last week I asked our National Bioethics Advisory Commission to thoroughly review the legal and ethical issues associated with the use of this technology and report back to me in 90 days.

Federal funds should not be used for **cloning** of human beings. The current restrictions on the use of Federal funds for research involving human embryos do not fully assure this result. In December 1994, I directed the National Institutes of Health not to fund the creation of human embryos for research purposes. The Congress extended this prohibition in Fy 1996 and Fy 1997 appropriations bills, barring the Department of Health and Human Services from supporting certain human embryo research. However, these restrictions do not explicitly cover human embryos created for implantation and do not cover all Federal agencies. I want to make it absolutely clear that no Federal funds will be used for human **cloning**. Therefore, I hereby direct that no Federal funds shall be allocated for **cloning** of human beings.

William J. Clinton

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