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TO:

John Podesta

FROM: NANCY HERNREICH

DATE: 3-4-93

THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS WERE SENT TO YOU, PER THE PRESIDENT'S REQUEST. PLEASE TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. THANK YOU.

PRESIDENT COMMENTS:

*FRAN —
If we don't
get a reply
by Tuesday,
3/9,
raise
this with
me.
John*

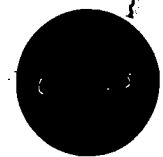
Tony/Sandy

HARRY BELAFONTE writes over the continuation of the "cruel Haitian policy initiated by George Bush." Is amazed that you defended the policy in the Supreme Court, "the very policy of forcible repatriation that you condemned so many times during the campaign as illegal." Supported your campaign and considers the Haitian policy a "betrayal of monumental proportions." Won't hesitate to speak out publicly. Urges you to act immediately to admit the Haitians from Guantanamo Bay.

3/11 copy to Cathy Millicent

*John
Tony
Sandy
do reply*

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Trey Schroeder

February 25, 1993

President Bill Clinton
White House
1600 Penn Avenue
Washington, DC 20036

Dear President Clinton,

Over the past few weeks, I have watched with disbelief as your administration has continued the cruel Haitian policy initiated by George Bush. I have been horrified to witness the hunger strike of the poor Haitian Refugees on Guantanamo which is now well into its third week. I have been even more amazed that apparently you plan to defend next Tuesday, at the Supreme Court, the very policy of forcible repatriation that you condemned so many times during the campaign as illegal.

As you know, I supported your candidacy with great enthusiasm. I, and many of your supporters, consider your Haitian policy a betrayal of monumental proportions. We will not hesitate to speak out publicly to protest your illegal and inhumane decisions. We urge you in the strongest possible terms to act immediately to admit the Haitians from Guantanamo to the United States and to order the Acting Attorney General not to defend the Bush repatriation policy at the Supreme Court. There is still time for you to keep faith with the many people who supported you because we believed you were different from George Bush. Please do not be motivated purely by political expediency or what is popular with the uninformed sectors of our country. From this day forward, many Americans and others in the world, no longer consider our country's policies toward Haiti and its President the "Bush Policy." George is gone. It is now your policy and it is immoral. I, along with millions of others, who may at the moment be silent, would urge you as a matter of principle to correct this injustice and to do so swiftly.

Respectfully,

Harry Belafonte

cc: Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton
Ms. Marian Wright Edelman
Mr. Ron Brown
Mr. Thomas McLarty

FAX TRANSMISSION**DATE:** 2/26/93**TO:** President Clinton, Mrs. Clinton, and**FROM:** Mr. Harry Belafonte MR. Thomas McLarty**NUMBER OF PAGES (including cover):** 2**PLEASE CALL IF FAX IS ILLEGIBLE:** 203-432-7480 (Renee)

RE: Please forward the attached letter
to all 3 of the offices named
above. Thank you.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MR. PRESIDENT

FYI

MARY STEENBURGEN

called about

This -

MR. PRESIDENT

THIS WAS IN A FOLDER
LAST NIGHT - I WANT YOU
TO BE AWARE OF IT BEFORE
THE DAY IS OVER -

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 1, 1993

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

MR. PRESIDENT:

3/3/93

I wanted you to see this
letter from Harry Belafonte.

Sandy will prepare a letter
for your signature, similar
to the one for Congressman
Wynn. He will also call
Mr. Belafonte if you approve.

John Podesta

Handwritten notes:
Call Wynn
already 30 min
can't call
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HARRY BELAFONTE

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*to: President Clinton fax: 202/456-2397
from: Harry Belafonte pages (incl. cover): 5
date: March 1, 1993*

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John Podesta
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Harry Belafonte

March 1, 1993

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1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

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Harry Belafonte
Harry Belafonte

cc: Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton
Mr. Ron Brown
Mr. Thomas McLarty
Ms. Marian Wright Edelman
Mary Steenburgen

Jonathan Demme
Edward Saxon
Susan Sarandon

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Roz Abrams
Bella Abzug
The Reverend Antoine Adrien
Eric Alcín
Debbie Allen
Robert & Kathryn Altman
John Amos
Laurie Anderson
Maya Angelou
Judy Arthur
Ed Asner
Gage Averill
Vivian Ayers
Obba Babatundé
Lauren Bacall
Jon Robin Baitz
Bob Balaban
Alec Baldwin
Russell Banks
Bryan Bantry
Keith Barish
Kathleen Battle
Jennifer Beals
Ed Begley, Jr.
Patricia Benoit
William Bernstein
The Most Rev. A.J. Bevilacqua
Honorable Lucien Blackwell
Kenny Blank
Roy Blount, Jr.
Patrice Bolte
Lisa Bonet
Robert Bookman
Duke Booty
Ron Bozman
Ed Bradley
Taylor Branch
Bob Breslo
Tom Brokaw
Trisha Brown
Bobby Brown
Roscoe Lee Brown
Montgomery Burbank
Rudy Burkhardt
Reverend Calvin Butts
David Byrne
John and Reesa Cale
Naomi Campbell
Fabiano Canosa
Barbara Carroll
Jimmy Carter
Honorable Jean Casimir
Reverend Robert Castle
Manno Charlemagne

Ellie Charles
Joell Charlot
Clothilde Charlot
Jean Yve Charlot
Honorable Shirley Chiselm
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Billy Cole
Ornette Coleman
Kathy Coners
Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
Dr. William Cosby
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Harold Courlander
Celia Cruz
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Governor Mario Cuomo
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Ruby Dee
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Peggy Dulaney
Katherine Dunham
Griffin Dunne
The Reverend William Duval
Sister Carol East
Andre Elizee
Julius Erving
Giancarlo Esposito
Joseph Etienne
Paul Farmer
Honorable Dante Fascell
Honorable Walter Fauntroy
Gerard Ferere
Honorable Fernando Ferrer
Jean Paul & Jacqueline Filsaime
Karen Finley

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Larry Fishburne
David Forbes
Jodie Foster
Freddie Foxxx
Honorable Barney Frank
Chris Frantz
Fab 5 Freddie
Morgan Freeman
Athol Fugard
Anne Fuller
Peter Gabriel
Serge Gaspar
Joe Gelmis
Robin Givens
Ira Glasser
Scott Glenn
Danny Glover
Whoopi Goldberg
Ira Gollubin
Cuba Gooding, Jr.
Cuba Gooding, Sr.
Louis Gossett Jr.
Joel Gray
Spalding Gray
Dick Gregory
Jack Griswald
Angela Hall
Robert Halmi
Tom Hanks
David Harris
Debbie Harry
Kitty Carlisle Hart
Wade Henderson
Beth Henley
Bob Herbert
Gregory Hines
Geoffrey Holder
Benjamin Hooks
Anthony Hopkins
Lena Horne
Whitney Houston
Joanne Howard
Reginald Hudlin
Warrington Hudlin
Mary Beth Hurt
Ice T
John Jacob
Judith Jamison
Daniel Jean Francois
Daniel Jean-Gilles
Patrick Jean-Pierre
Jean Robert Jean-Pierre
Peter Jennings
Norman Jewison

Phyllis Joffe
Quincy Jones
Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Joe Killian
Lane Kirkland
Eartha Kitt
Ted Koppel
Yaphet Kotto
Arthur Krim
Dr. Mathilde Krim
Ira Kurzban
Christine Lahti
Saul Landau
Madame Lassegue
Paul Lazar
Norman Lear
Spike Lee
Honorable Jerry Lewis
Ray Liotta
Shirley Long
Ambassador Fritz Longchamps
Evelyn Longchamps
Dolette MacDonald
Fahimie Marks
Branford Marsalis
Jay Mazur
MC Lyte
Kyle McCarthy
Karen McCarthy Brown
Art McFarland
Mike Medavoy
Jo Mennell
Honorable Ruth Messinger
Senator Howard Metzenbaum
Honorable Robert Michel
Arthur Mitchell
Honorable Joe Moakley
Matthew Modine
Meredith Monk
Toni Morrison
Eddie Murphy
Tim Meyers
Gloria Naylor
Aryer Neier
Charles Neville
Cyril Neville
Paul Newman
Paul Uhry Newman
Jack Nicholson
Rick Nicita
Dana Owens
Honorable Major Owens
Kris Parker
Rosa Parks

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Gordon Parks, Sr.
Annie-B Parson
Fred Paul
Rosie Perez
Bernadette Peters
Michelle Pfeiffer
Brenda Pillors
Marc Platt
Eric Pleskow
Sidney Poiter
Richard Pryor
Tito Fuente
Bob Rafelson
Hon. Charles B. Rangel
Phylicia Rashad
Dan Rather
Robert Redford
Lou Reed
Ken Regan
Matty Rich
Jason Robards
Tim Robbins
Seldon and Carol Rodman
Ken Roth
Gary Rubin
Mercedes Ruehl
Winona Ryder
The Reverend Guy Sansarieg
Paul Schrader
Honorable Patricia Schroeder
Honorable Charles Schumen
Martin Scorsese
Reverend John Scott
Pete Scoger
Suzanne Seitz
Maurice Sendak
Dr. Betty Shabazz
Brooke Shields
Howard Shore
Hon. Claire Shullman
Russell Simmons
John Singleton
Anna Deavere Smith
Lois Smith
Wesley Snipes
Jawole Solar
Maggie Steber
Honorable Andrew Stein
Little Steven
Janella Stovall
Walt Stowe
William Styron
Honorable Percy Sutton
Ted Tally

Robert Ferris Thompson
Robert Townsend
Cicely Tyson
Kenneth Utt
Hon. Peter Vallone
Mario Van Peebles
Melvin Van Peebles
Denitra Vance
Jesse Vaughn
Ron Vawter
Suzanne Vega
Marjorie Vincent
Bono Vox
Eli Wallach
Fred Ward
Denzel Washington
Maxine Waters
Damon Wayans
Keenan Ivory Wayans
Sigourney Weaver
Tina Weymouth
Forrest Whitaker
Amy Wilentz
Robin Williams
August Wilson
Oprah Winfrey
George C. Wolfe
Daniel Wolff
Stevie Wonder
Alfre Woodard
Joanne Woodward