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Washington, DC 20515-0922

July 1, 1994

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

Dear Mr. President:

As the events over the past week clearly illustrate, the Administration's new policy of processing Haitians at sea has put the United States on a collision course with a self-imposed disaster.

Processing Haitians at sea is not a realistic solution to a problem that requires a fundamental change in the Haitian government. Tightening sanctions has created a desperate situation in Haiti, and opening the doors of asylum has already lead to an overwhelming amount of Haitians fleeing Haiti.

It is time to reinstitute the policy of interdiction and repatriation, as it remains the only workable solution. Under this policy, Haitians are not encouraged to flee nor do they endanger themselves by doing so.

With one in three Haitians applying for asylum now being admitted to the U.S. to pursue their claim, your Administration sends a message to the people of Haiti to risk their lives at sea in hopes of being picked up by our Coast Guard. This policy recently caused the death of thirty Haitians who drowned when their overcrowded boat capsized.

Mr. President, I am gravely concerned that if the growing number of Haitians continue to flee, and I am confident they will, our resources will be quickly overwhelmed and you will be tempted to proceed with a U.S. military invasion of Haiti as your only available option. Please resist.

Internal opposition is growing in Haiti and now is not the time to risk the lives of young Americans to get embroiled in a situation from which the US cannot be extricated. I strongly encourage you to reinstitute the policy of repatriation because an invasion of Haiti will require a US commitment lasting years rather than months.

Sincerely,

E. Clay Shaw
E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

Pls. staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 6, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM ITOH

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY *SB*
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL MAIL

Attached are copies of letters sent to the White House from several members of Congress.

Since these letters address national security issues, I would appreciate your assistance in drafting a response. The letters are as follows:

- 1) Clay Shaw (R-FL), concerning Haiti; and
- 2) John Kerry (D-MA), concerning the United States' Generalized System of Preferences program.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please feel free to call LeeAnn Inadomi at x7500.

Enclosure