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November 5, 1997

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton  
The White House  
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Dear Mr. President:

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In this regard, I earnestly and strongly urge you to push for equal treatment for Haitians under the law. I believe that this is a matter of justice, which my community has felt has always been a guiding principle of your administration.

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We are all depending upon you, Mr. President, to do all you can in obtaining justice and equality for Haitians. Thank you for taking on this struggle.

Sincerely,

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CARRIE P. MEEK  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 10, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR GLYN DAVIES

NSC Executive Secretariat

FROM:

SUSAN BROPHY *SB*  
Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT:

Presidential Correspondence

Attached are copies of letters sent to the President by various Members of Congress. Since these letters address national security issues, we would appreciate your assistance in drafting a response.

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris Walker at x67500.

The following is a brief description of the letters:

- 1) Sen. Trent Lott (R-MS), concerning Open Skies Agreement with Japan,
- 2) Sen. Sam Brownback (R-KS), concerning President Jiang Zemin of China,
- 3) Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI) and others, concerning Open Skies Agreement with Japan,
- 4) Sen. Richard J. Durbin (D-IL), concerning recent invitation from former Senator Paul Simon (D-IL),
- 5) Rep. Jon D. Fox (R-PA) and others, concerning U.S.-China Nuclear Cooperation Agreement,
- 6) Rep. Christopher Shays (R-CT), concerning the urging of the Federal Republic of Germany to participate in NATO's Joint STARS program,
- 7) Rep. Carrie P. Meek (D-FL), concerning the inclusion of Black Haitians in the remedial immigration legislation,
- 8) Rep. Joe Scarborough (R-FL), concerning Sudan,

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- 9) Rep. Doug Bereuter (R-NE), concerning the upcoming visit of Chinese Minister of Justice Xiao Yang,
- 10) Rep. David Bonior (D-MI), concerning an American Historical Monument in Poland,
- 11) Rep. Frank R. Wolf (R-VA), concerning an Executive Order blocking Sudanese assets and imposing sanctions on Sudan,
- 12) Rep. Luis V. Gutierrez (D-IL) and others, concerning legislative relief for Guatemalans, Nicaraguans and Salvadorans,
- 13) Rep. Cliff Stearns (R-FL) and others, concerning the Multilateral Agreement on Investment; and,
- 14) Rep. Stephen Horn (R-CA) and others, concerning the upcoming meeting with President Ernesto Zedillo of Mexico.

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