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Ms. Alexis M. Herman
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Dear Alexis:

RE: Calvin "Buck" Buchanan's Nomination for U.S. Attorney,
Northern District of Mississippi

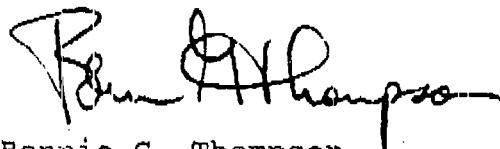
Enclosed are several letters of support and newspaper clippings surrounding the Buchanan nomination, consistent with our discussion earlier today. I am in complete support of Mr. Buchanan's nomination.

The Republican Governor of Mississippi is not a fan of President Clinton or any other democrat. A recent editorial on his comments about President Clinton and the Oklahoma bombing is also enclosed.

Furthermore, the Magnolia Bar Association is also in support of Mr. Buchanan's nomination. As you know, the longer people ponder these things the more complicated they become.

I can be reached at my District office in Mississippi today, (601) 866-9003; and in my D.C. office tomorrow.

Sincerely,



Bennie G. Thompson
Member of Congress

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The President
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

Calvin "Buck" Buchanan

I take this opportunity to join many other Mississippians, including Congressman Bennie Thompson, in support of Attorney Calvin "Buck" Buchanan for the position of United States Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi.

You are to be commended for nominating Mr. Buchanan and I am certain that, if given the opportunity, Mr. Buchanan will serve the Justice Department in a professional manner.

Again, thanks for keeping your promise to America and let's keep working together to save and improve our country.

Sincerely,

Willie Simmons

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copy: Congressman Bennie Thompson
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As a Mississippi legislator, and a practicing attorney in the State, I write in support of the appointment of Mr. Calvin "Buck" Buchanan for U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi. It is somewhat amazing to me that people are attempting to prevent Buck's appointment by raising issues regarding affirmative action. Please don't be baited by the groundless arguments outlined in the Republicans or the media.

As you know Mississippi has never had a African American U.S. Attorney. As a matter of fact until recently, there were no Blacks at all in the U.S. Attorney's Office, nor the federal court system.

In 1985, I became the first Black to serve as a judicial law clerk in the Mississippi. I was one of the first law clerks for the first Black federal judge, the Honorable Henry T. Wingate. Judge Wingate, a former assistant district attorney, was also the first Black assistant U.S. Attorney. Before he was appointed a federal judge upon the nomination of Sen. Thad Cochran, Judge Wingate had served in the U.S. Attorney's office less than 3 years. Many questioned his qualifications to be a federal judge with so little experience. However, his record will reflect that he has been an excellent judge. I submit that Buck Buchanan will be no less successful as a U.S. Attorney.

I must disagree with the chairman of the Mississippi Democratic Party that Buck's appointment will split the party. True members of the party recognize that Democrats have always been about the business of inclusion and fairness, and not mere bean counting or quotas.

Our Republican governor recently vetoed a economic development bill because of its minority participation/affirmative action language. Both the Mississippi Senate and House of the

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Representatives overrode the veto without much debate. Our legislature is beginning to recognize that empowerment of the minority also empowers the nation. We are depending on you to continue the principles of inclusion you exemplified when you first took your oath of office. If African Americans are not given a chance, they will never have the experience that some people think they need to be qualified for a position. As one of America's younger and lesser experience President's, I know that many questioned your ability to run the nation. African Americans believed you to be qualified and relied on promises of fairness to all people. Please don't renege on your promises, and do not grow weary in well doing, for in due season you will reap if you do not faint.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have questions do not hesitate to contact me. With best regards, I remain

Very truly your,



Tomie T. Green
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Dear President Clinton

Extended Page 6.1

I am writing to express my support of Mr Calvin "Buck" Buchanan for U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi. It is my understanding that Mr Buchanan has been recommended and has the full support of Congressman Bennie Thompson of the Second District of Mississippi. It is also my understanding that that the recommendation of a Congressman usually carries considerable influence in the naming of people to this position.

As you know Congressman Thompson has been a faithful supporter of yours during his tenure in the House. Also, the Second District, which is predominately Black, gave you more support in the 1992 election than any other District in Mississippi. To appoint a Black U S Attorney from this District would be a historical event that would give a great source of pride and achievement to the voters in the District.

I know some people have tried to use this appointment as an attack on affirmative action. However, nothing could be further from the truth. Mr Buchanan's experience as a Federal prosecutor more than qualifies him for the U S Attorney's position. To say that there are white candidates for the position in the state with more experience than Mr Buchanan is to ignore that for far to long Black lawyers were excluded from the

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Federal prosecutors office in Mississippi.

Mr Buchanan's appointment would not be an affirmative action appoint (although I strongly support the concept of affirmative action). It would be an appointment that awarded a loyal Congressional supporter and the equally loyal voters of his District for their belief in you. I sincerely hope you will stand by the appointment of Calvin "Buck" Buchanan as U S Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi.

Sincerely,

William H Dilday Jr.

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His Excellency Bill Clinton
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Mr. President:

This letter is to advise you that as Mayor of the City of Rosedale and one of the constituents of the 2nd Congressional District of Mississippi, my support is 100% for the recommendation made by our Congressman, Bennie Thompson, for the consideration of the Honorable Calvin "Buck" Buchanan for U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi.

Hopefully, Mr. President, our recommendation is not too late for your consideration. Please accept my thanks in advance for your consideration and support.

Most sincerely,

J. Y. Trice, Mayor

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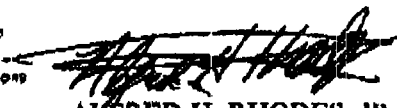
Hon. William Clinton
PRESIDENT
WHITE HOUSE
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
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RE: Calvin Buchanan
Nominee for U.S. Attorney
Northern District of Mississippi

Dear President Clinton:

I support and endorse the nomination of Calvin Buchanan to the office of U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi. I have known Mr. Buchanan for many years through work in the community. He has demonstrated outstanding leadership capabilities. He is an excellent choice for U.S. Attorney.

Sincerely,


ALFRED H. RHODES, JR.
President-Elect

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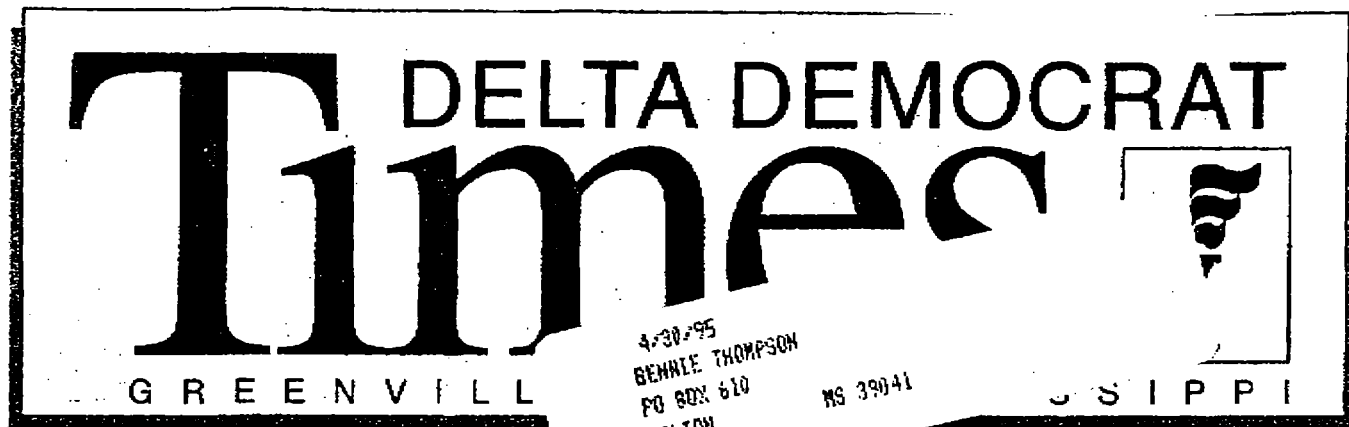
Gov. Kirk Fordice on Thursday used the tragedy of the Oklahoma City bombing to criticize President Clinton for saying there would be "swift, sure justice" against the terrorists responsible. Fordice said he hasn't seen anybody executed for the World Trade Center bombing.

Say what? Is the president policeman, judge and jury? Don't we have laws and courts?

That would be like criticizing Fordice because all those murderers on Mississippi's Death Row at Parchman haven't been executed. There are some real scumbags up there. Why hasn't the governor done something?

Sound ridiculous? It is.

Of all the things to criticize Clinton for, threatening terrorists with "swift, sure justice" is not one of them.



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Cochran, Lott will support

■ Clinton's choice is OK with them.

By LEIGH DAMMAN
Delta Democrat Times

The apparent selection of Buck Buchanan for U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi has not been a "pretty process," but both of Mississippi's U.S. senators said they will support Buchanan unless given a reason not to.

Senators Thad Cochran and Trent Lott spoke briefly on the subject during telephone conferences on Thursday.

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President Clinton is expected to announce the appointment of Buchanan, a 37-year-old federal prosecutor currently working in that office, in the near future, although nothing has been officially confirmed.

Several reports have been made in Mississippi newspapers along with the Atlanta Constitution, the New York Times and Cable News Network on the process.

Leland attorney Josh Bogen, a white attorney with 20 years experience in hundreds of cases, including civil rights cases, was the only one of three initial candi-

dates to pass a background check in 1994 but was never contacted again for an interview.

Instead, the Clinton administration sought a black for the position, according to published reports. U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno interviewed Buchanan in January. Buchanan is 13th in seniority of 16 attorneys in the federal office.

Cochran said that he would support Buchanan and that he should have problems getting confirmation.

"He is competent; he's done a good job," he's had seven years experience in the military before his present position. I talked to people from his community a

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Lott agreed that Buchanan seems to be a "fine man" although he said he doesn't know him. He added that he will also support Buchanan "if that's what the president wants, unless I find out some disqualifying facts about him."

Cochran said that the 2½-year process shows that the Democratic Party has had difficulties in its leadership, stating that "there is no leadership in the Democratic party in Mississippi."

"I think the answer is to get a new

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president," he said.

Lott said that the Democrats "summarily dismissed the U.S. attorney after Clinton took office ... and went through a process where they violated their own process" in finding a replacement.

Normally, he said, an administration lets the sitting attorney stay until a replacement is found.

"It hasn't been a very pretty process," he said.