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February 25, 1994

Mr. Robert L. Johnson
Black Entertainment Television
1232 31st Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007

Dear Bob:

Thank you so much for the great BET cap,
forwarded to me by Alexis Herman. I
appreciate your thoughtfulness and your
good wishes. Please stay in touch.

Sincerely,

Bill

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cc: White House Gifts
cc: Alexis Herman
cc: ~~Betty Currie~~

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PRESIDENT TO SIGN

January 4, 1995

Dr. A. Elizabeth Delany
Miss Sarah Delany
Los Angeles, California

Dear Dr. Delany and Miss Delany:

Thanks so much for the autographed copies of Book of Everyday Wisdom, which Alexis Herman passed along to me. Hillary and I are grateful that you have chosen to share your insights with us.

We appreciate you kind words and wish you a wonderful holiday season and a healthy, happy New Year.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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(12.delany.ae)

cc: WH Gifts
cc: Alexis Herman

SEND TO:
The Brokaw Company
Suite 804
9255 Sunset Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90069

WHcc: Joel Brokaw (same address)

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January 25, 1994

Ms. Betty Parsons Dooley
Executive Director
Women's Research and
Education Institute
Suite 400
1700 18th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Betty:

Thank you for remembering me and my family
with such special gifts, which Alexis Herman
forwarded to me. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.
Best wishes to you and your family for a
wonderful year.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

BC/TF/MM/ckb (Corres. #1228757)
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cc: WH Gifts

Alexis Herman

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February 10, 1994

Mr. Donald E. Scott
9 Halifax Court
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Donald:

Congratulations on your retirement from
30 years of government service.

America's tradition of hard work has made
our country strong, and you can be proud of your
contribution to that legacy. Your dedication to
the public is an inspiration to others. On behalf
of all those who have benefited from your service,
I thank you for a job well done.

Hillary and I wish you good health and every
future success.

Sincerely,
HILL CLINTON

BC/SH/MS/jfc (Corres. #1311121)
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cc: Ruby Moy, 2nd Floor, West Wing

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RLO/H/BC

February 15, 1994

Mr. Don Baker
Post Office Box 44032
Fort Washington, Maryland 20749

FEB 22 1994

Dear Don:

Thanks so much for the terrific photographs.
They are wonderful reminders of an exciting day.
I appreciate your thoughtfulness and wish you the
best.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

BC/TF/CHW/lynn (Corres. #1241853)

cc: WH Gifts
cc: Alexis Herman
cc: Marsha Scott

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February 17, 1994

Mrs. Inez Le May
Briarwood Nursing Home
516 Rodney Parham Road
Little Rock, Arkansas 72205

FEB 18 1994

Dear Mrs. Le May:

Happy 94th Birthday! Hillary and I hope that this special day is filled with all the joy and happiness you so greatly deserve.

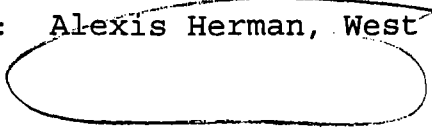
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BILL CLINTON

BC/MS/SH/lynn
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(Corres. #1324310)

cc: Alexis Herman, West Wing



Steve
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Jose Cruz

February 22, 1994

Greetings to everyone gathered in our nation's capital to commemorate the publication of the eighth edition of the Hispanic Yearbook-Anuario Hispano. I am pleased to extend a special welcome to Congressman Esteban Torres, who has given so much time and dedication to this important publication.

Forever intertwined with our country's heritage, the vibrant Hispanic culture has strengthened our communities and enriched our nation immeasurably. In the arts and sciences, in business, academia, and government, Hispanic Americans have contributed much to our country's development.

Standing on the threshold of the twenty-first century, we recognize that America's continued success will depend on our ability to embrace the creativity and energy of all of our people. By advancing the dreams and aspirations of Hispanic Americans in the public and private sectors, the Hispanic Yearbook-Anuario Hispano serves as a powerful tool for meeting this goal. I commend everyone who has worked over the past year to produce this fine reference book that promotes the ideals of diversity and excellence. Your important efforts are helping to ensure a brighter future for all.

Best wishes for a wonderful event.

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BILL CLINTON

cc: Presidential Messages, 91 OEOB
Jose Cruz, OPL

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December 28, 1994

Mr. Henry T. Reath
4200 One Liberty Place
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-7396

Dear Henry:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter and
your remarks on "The True Causes of Violence,"
which Alexis Herman forwarded to me.

Your kind words and your continuing support
mean a great deal to me.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

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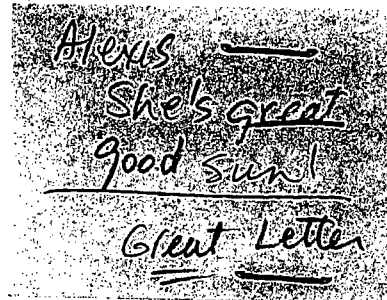
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WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

The Honorable Lorraine Perryman
Mayor of Odessa
Mr. James H. Jenkins
Chief of Police
Odessa, Texas 79761



DEC 10 1994

Dear Lorraine and James:

Thank you so much for your letter. I am pleased that you were able to be at the White House for the October 12 event.

I share your optimism for the effectiveness of community policing and am convinced that additional law enforcement officers contribute greatly to preventing crime and restoring public safety. I am particularly delighted and encouraged to hear about the Odessa Police Department's work to reduce crime and build trust among its citizens through the use of community policing.

I look forward to your continuing support and involvement.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

Great letter



Police Department • 205 N. Grant • Odessa, Texas 79761 • 915-333-3641

October 17, 1994

Honorable Bill Clinton
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President,

As per your personal request, herein is an overview of our Community Policing efforts during the past three years in Odessa, Texas, which has resulted in a 43% reduction in the number of serious (Part I) crimes over that time span.

First of all, please allow us to say what an honor it was to meet you at your Police Hiring Supplement Grants announcement on Wednesday, October 12, 1994. We appreciate the time you took from your busy schedule to meet all the Mayors and Chiefs of Police in attendance and we were especially grateful for the time you spent with us.

In Odessa, 1990 and 1991 culminated with our highest crime rates in years. We led the state in many crime rate categories. Local law enforcement agencies would not cooperate. Teenage drug use was rising dramatically. Our police department was perceived as being alienated against the citizens it served.

With essentially a new City Council and a newly elected Mayor (Mayor Lorraine Perryman), a new police chief was hired (Chief Jenkins) in late 1991. As a result of a State Special Grand Jury, the "Mayor's Drug and Crime Commission" was created to address illegal drugs in our schools and to act as a forum for local law enforcement cooperation. It later addressed numerous crime issues and sponsored programs such as a Drug Free Youth In Texas (D-FY-IT) program for our two senior high schools.

With a new Police Chief came fresh ideas including a community policing philosophy and a "customer" orientation. In January, 1992, a Police Athletic League (P.A.L.) was formed. In the Police Department's Patrol Bureau a "Park and Walk" program was created whereby patrol officers, when not on a call, parked their cars and walked among the city's businesses downtown, in malls, in plazas, in parks, etc. This allowed police-citizen interaction for better relations and served as greater police visibility.

The Police Department was reorganized and a Community Relations Division was formed to coordinate existing and future community oriented programs.

Also in 1992 Cultural Sensitivity and Spanish for Police Officers training was initiated. Neighborhood Watch was revitalized. This effort grew from eight watches in January, 1992 to 58 watches today.

Part I crimes (murder, rape, aggravated assault, robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft and arson) dropped in 1992 to 10,538, down from the 12,904 reported in 1991...an 18.3% reduction!

The year of 1993 was even more of a success for Odessa and its police department. With a \$184,000 grant, the Midessa Metro Auto Theft Task Force was created. This cooperative effort involves Odessa and Midland police, the Midland County Sheriffs Office and the Texas Department of Public Safety. Auto thefts have dropped 33%. The Metro Homicide Unit was formed involving the Odessa Police Department, Ector County Sheriffs Office and the Texas Rangers.

With an \$87,000 grant, the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program was instituted. Also, two police storefront operations were created in 1993...one in north Odessa and one in south Odessa.

The Odessa Police Department Citizens Police Academy began in 1993 with two academies being held. Further, an OPD Academy Alumni Association and a Volunteers In Policing (V.I.P.) program commenced with a start up of 23 V.I.P.s.

A Police Chaplains Program began with a Police Chaplain and twenty Associate Chaplains. An aggressive Nuisance Abatement program was undertaken involving OPD, other city departments and the Texas Attorney General's Office.

Throughout 1993, our community policing efforts truly began showing results. By years end, Part I crimes were down again by 15.5% when compared to 1992 (8,905 vs. 10,538). In two years, with a lot of hard work by OPD employees, crime had dropped by 31%. Moreover, complaints against police officers dropped 56%.

We have continued all of these programs in 1994. We are implementing the D-FY-IT program in our six junior high schools and the STARS (Students Taking A Right Stand) in elementary schools. And, of course, McGruff makes his appearances everywhere.

With the \$450,000 grant you have provided, Mr. President, we will establish a west side police storefront operation in Odessa (two officers) and a Bicycle Patrol (five officers).

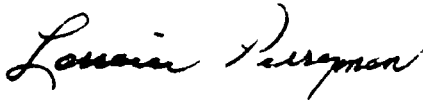
Through September, 1994, we have experienced an additional 19% reduction in Part I crimes in Odessa. If that trend continues for the last quarter of 1994, and we're optimistic

it will, the citizens of Odessa will be benefitting from a 43% reduction in serious crime in three short years.

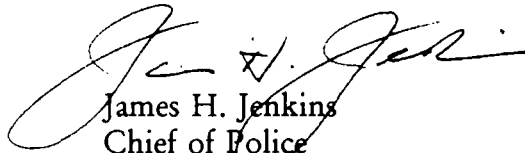
Up to now all this has been accomplished with our existing staff and four additional grant-funded officers. We attribute these accomplishments to a community policing attitude, hard work and a "customer" orientation by our employees and strong cooperation between police, citizens and political leaders.

As we said Mr. President, this is only a quick overview of what we are doing in Odessa, Texas. If we can assist you by providing additional information, or in any other way, we stand ready to serve. Thank you for your vision and leadership.

Sincerely yours,



Lorraine Perryman
Mayor
Odessa, Texas



James H. Jenkins
Chief of Police
Odessa, Texas

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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November 21, 1994

Kerry Kirschner
The Argus Foundation
Post Office Box 49361
Sarasota, Florida 34230

Dear Kerry:

Thanks for your letter of November 9 and for what you said about my news conference. You're right that I need more Republican friends!

We do need to do a better job of communicating, and I appreciate your following up on your earlier suggestion of a surrogate speaker program. It's a good idea.

Thanks, as always, for your encouragement. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Bill

Cc: Alex
Billy W.
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This guy is good
and a good friend -
should follow up

**THE ARGUS
FOUNDATION**

November 9, 1994

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Ronald L. Spector

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Stephen E. Kunk

SECRETARY

C. William Curtis, Jr.

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William E. North

President William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500-2000

Dear Bill:

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*Executive Committee

First you did a great job at the press conference today. You do have the pulse of the people. Now you need just two things—better communications outside Washington, and more Republican friends than just me!

When I was in Washington working with the Florida delegation on NAFTA, I mentioned to you the need for a strong surrogate program and followed up my suggestion with a plan. I subsequently met with Alexis who immediately afterward had her many unfortunate personal injuries, and it went no further. Now as you face the insurmountable opportunity of dealing with a Republican Congress, you need, more than ever, an approach of communicating with the folks outside the Beltway, so that Presidential pressure comes from the constituency in the district not from your end of Pennsylvania Avenue. Be it by briefings at the Old Executive Office Building or the coordinated efforts of administration surrogates taking the messages to the grass roots of America, I can't encourage you enough to develop a structured program of communication.

There are a lot of us who still believe in you Bill, and as John Paul Jones said, we know that "you have just begun to fight."

Best Regards,

Kerry Kirschner

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SEP 22

September 20, 1994

Deborah Kent
Manufacturing Manager
Wixom Assembly Plant
Ford Motor Company
Post Office Box 1
Wixom, Michigan 48393

Dear Deborah:

Congratulations on being recently named manager of Ford Motor Company's Avon Lake Assembly plant. This is a great achievement, and I know you must be very proud.

Hillary and I send our best wishes for your every success as you begin your new duties.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

Steve
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Do a report. ~~Monday~~
Write to Bob for her to sign

Deborah

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A pioneer at Ford

Kent becomes plant manager

When Deborah Kent went to General Motors seeking a job 17 years ago, she told them the only thing she knew about cars was how to change a flat tire.

In about two weeks, Kent, 41, will become the first African-American woman to run an auto plant. She was named to the post this week and replaces David Porter, who becomes director of manufacturing at Ford's China Operations.

"The position I'm in is non-traditional," Kent says. "But I see myself as a plant manager with the same responsibilities and goals as every other plant manager at Ford."

As manager of Ford's Avon Lake, Ohio, assembly plant, Kent will oversee factory production of the Mercury Villager and Nissan Quest minivans. She will be responsible for building bodies for Ford Econoline and Club Wagon vans.

Avon Lake builds 89 vehicles an hour, has 3,508 workers and a \$300 million annual budget.

"She will work 11 to 13 hours a day and make sure the plant produces the highest-quality vehicles at the lowest cost," says Dave Gorman, head of Ford's vehicle operations and the man who hired Kent from General Motors in 1987.

By any measure, Kent took an unusual path to running an auto plant. A product of St. Louis' segregated schools, Kent is the third-oldest in a family of seven daughters and two sons.

In 1977, she graduated with a master's degree in industrial psychology from Washington University in St. Louis.

Kent's sister, Linda Campbell, jokes that Kent always showed leadership abilities. "She was always the one who was very analytical and organized, even if it was running the teen-age girls club."

After college, Kent went to the GM plant in St. Louis hoping to offer in-house employee counseling. She was told to send her résumé to the salaried division at GM because she had a master's degree. At that time, GM was experimenting with teaching liberal arts graduates the engineering end of manufacturing.

"It was a fluke," Kent says.

She rose to production area manager at GM before jumping to Ford where she has held a variety of management jobs at assembly plants.

At Avon Lake, Kent will have a say in new-model production and she will work with Ford and Nissan design teams.



By Weick Photo DB

KENT: Dismisses talk that promotion was tokenism.

Kent's boss bristles at suggestions that Kent was promoted because of a March article in *The Wall Street Journal* saying Ford was worst among the Big Three in the number of female managers. "It wasn't like we saw that article and said let's promote Deborah," says Gorman.

Kent too dismisses talk that she is a "token," someone climbing the corporate ladder because of gender or race instead of ability.

"Any time you make changes within any organization, those kind of comments are not unusual," she says.

— Earle Eldridge

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August 24, 1994

AUG 29 1994

Ms. Migdalia Miranda
The Job Connection
9255 Pioneer Boulevard
Santa Fe Springs, California 90670

Dear Migdalia:

Thank you so much for your kind message of encouragement. Your generous words about Hillary, Secretary Reich, and Vice President Gore mean a great deal to me, and I'm heartened to know that our efforts are improving the lives of hard-working Americans like you.

I'm glad you took the time to write.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

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Neighborhood Center • 9255 Pioneer Boulevard, Santa Fe Springs, California 90670 • Bus. (310) 692-3871, Fax. (310) 699-7718
August 3, 1994

President William Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

For years, I have voted as a Republican. Last year, I voted for you, Mr. President.

You have done more work in less time than any other President in his full-term of office in recent years.

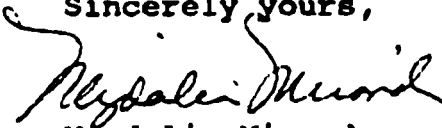
It is easy to criticize, but it is hard to accomplish tasks. I am impressed with the thoroughness with which you and your administration address issues and the expediency in which they can become reality. As an example, health care. This is a major undertaking. You and the First Lady simplified the issues to a level of understanding. She is to be commended for the outstanding work.

I am a subcontractor under a local JTPA Program. I have had the opportunity to observe the Department of Labor at work for over 16 years as a business teacher and as a small business owner. Your administration and Dr. Reich are doing an outstanding job in reaching the communities, identifying the problems, presenting the programs and clarifying the complexities of the role of the Department of Labor.

I am also impressed that you have given Vice President Gore the opportunity to play a major role in your Administration. He is doing an excellent job.

In closing, thank you for dealing with those issues that affect our daily lives. You have put us in a mood where there is vision. Continue to force others toward the direction in which you have started. You have the fortitude and the vision to move this Country forward.

Sincerely yours,



Migdalia Miranda

Aug 30

August 23, 1994

Mr. Miguel A. Sandoval
President
Miguel Sandoval Company, Inc.
Suite 601
1701 16th Street
Washington, D.C. 20009



Dear Miguel:

Thank you for your thoughtful and supportive letter and for your kind birthday wishes. I was pleased to hear about the creation of the Consortium for Leadership on Information Networks for Trade Overseas and Nationwide.

As our nation prepares to enter the next century, my Administration recognizes the great challenge of remaining competitive in a global economy. Your efforts to encourage minority business participation in export promotion can help American businesses forge mutually rewarding partnerships. As you and your colleagues discuss strategies to promote my Administration's National Export Strategy, you can take pride that your work illustrates how America's vast diversity can enhance the commercial success and economic vitality of our nation.

I appreciate your efforts to ratify the Uruguay Round Agreement. Like you, I look forward to the elimination of barriers that will increase the export of U.S. goods around the world and help our nation enjoy continued prosperity.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and productive luncheon.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

BC/LMP/pw/ech (Corres. #1752729)
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cc: John Emerson
cc: Staff Secretary
cc: Alexis Herman w/inc.

APPROVED BY SHERYLL CASHIN, NEC

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CENTER FOR EXPORT INFORMATION OUTREACH SERVICE

August 1, 1994

The Honorable Bill Clinton
The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

I am writing this letter to respectfully inform you, that the Center for Export Information Outreach Service, resolved last year to establish a minority business network, to promote the National Export Strategy of your Administration, which is being successfully carried out by the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee, under the leadership of his Chairman, Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown.

Further, an action plan was set up that includes among other objectives the recruitment, and involvement of minority entrepreneurs nationwide, to carry out the implementation of the project through an effective strategy for the success of the program. Providing the most timely, and accurate dissemination of information available, to encourage the maximum feasible participation of the minority business community, in the campaign to export our goods, and services to the global marketplace.

The minority business network will begin its activity officially under the name of: Consortium for Leadership on Information Networks for Trade Overseas, and Nationwide (CLINTON) on August 2nd, 1994 coinciding with your birthday, as our testimony of heartfelt support for your dynamic, and outstanding leadership in the effective National Export Strategy.

Finally, we will start a national campaign for the ratification of the GATT, and the implementation of the NAFTA, in addition we intend to hold a Briefing, and Luncheon in your honor, on September 30, 1994 on the anniversary of the Report to the United States Congress by the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee regarding the National Export Strategy.

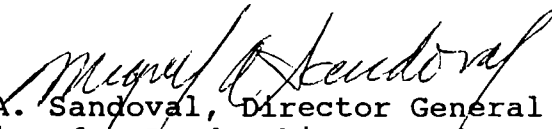
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Consortium

The Luncheon will be at The Cantinita, Havana Cafe, Arlington, Virginia which is owned by Arnaldo Rodriguez, the Cuban American who invited you on July 4th, at The White house, to eat at his Restaurant which serves Cuban food, the same as former President Reagan did at The Esquina de Tejas Restaurant, in Miami, Florida; celebrating May 20th, Cuban Independence Day.

We take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy Birthday, good health, and happiness for your continue leadership putting people first for America's Prosperity, Greatness, and Achievement.

Sincerely,


Miguel A. Sandoval, Director General
Consortium for Leadership on Information
Networks for Trade Overseas & Nationwide

ams:MAS

cc: Secretary Ron Brown
Trade Representative Michael Kantor
Other members of the TPCC
Chief of Staff Leon Panetta
Presidential Assistant Alexis Herman

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TAKE TIME to think
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Take time to read-
it is the foundation of wisdom.

TAKE TIME to play
it is the secret of staying young
Take time to be quiet-
it is the moment to seek God.

TAKE TIME to be aware
it is the opportunity to help others.
Take time to love and to be loved-
it is God's greatest gift.

TAKE TIME to laugh
it is the music of the soul
Take time to be friendly-
it is the road to happiness.

TAKE TIME to dream
it is what the future is made of
Take time to pray-
it is the greatest power on earth.

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Compliments of:

**Dr. Miguel A. Sandoval
White House Correspondent**

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 17, 1994

Michael D. Granoff
President
Pomona Capital
28th Floor
605 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10158

Dear Michael:

Thanks for your letter of August 4. It was great to see you recently and to have a chance to visit. I appreciate the insight you shared with me.

Thanks, too, for your suggestion that we get together the group who endorsed me in Chicago and, perhaps, another group of younger folks who run their own small companies. I've taken the liberty of sharing your letter with Bob Rubin, Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, for his consideration.

Again, thanks for coming to see me and, as always, for your friendship and support.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

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August 4, 1994

Michael D. Granoff
President

President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20006-2000

Dear Mr. President:

I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for taking the time to meet with me on Tuesday. You went out of your way and I appreciate it.

I thought your remarks at the press conference last night captured the gist of our conversation. Just as the noise of Whitewater and other personal attacks are masking the real progress that has been made in a wide range of policy areas, the noise related to the volatility of the traded markets tends to mask the real state of the economy.

I was thinking back to the Chicago press conference during the campaign when many of us came together to endorse your candidacy. Perhaps it may not be a bad idea to reconvene the group. I would guess that the great majority of CEO's have experienced clear improvements in business since the election. Such a meeting may serve to focus needed attention on our economic progress and its effect on ordinary people.

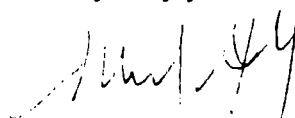
Another idea could be to put together a group of younger people, in my age group, who run their own smaller companies, as a counterbalance to CEO's of very large corporations in order to show the breadth and vibrancy of the economy.

I sensed a great frustration from you and your staff. I can only imagine the competing pressures you face. I know in my own small way from trying to get a new company going, how tough it is to break new ground. I believe we have made a much stronger start than is recognized.

I have been honored to assist your efforts during the campaign, on the Transition Team and now perhaps on the Board of one of the U.S. Enterprise funds for Eastern Europe. Please let me know how I can be of continuing help from a policy, political or financial perspective.

Thank you again for taking the time to meet with me on Tuesday.

Very truly yours,



Michael D. Granoff
President

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July 13, 1994

Miss Judy Moy
328 Sheridan Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20011

Dear Judy:

Happy Birthday! Hillary and I wish you a memorable celebration, and we hope that the coming year brings you great happiness and good health.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

BC/JB/lynn (Corres. #1674870)
P-100 revised

cc: Ruby Moy, West Wing 2nd Floor

July 13, 1994

Miss Judy Moy
328 Sheridan Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20011

Dear Judy:

Happy Birthday! Hillary and I wish you a memorable celebration, and we hope that the coming year brings you great happiness and good health.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

BC/JB/lynn (Corres. #1674870)
P-100 revised

cc: Ruby Moy, West Wing 2nd Floor

July 5, 1994

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Broadus
4572 Kings Cup Court
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

Dear Monie and Bernard:

Congratulations on your wedding anniversary. Hillary and I hope your celebration was a joyous one, and we wish you all the best in the coming year.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

BC/JB/lynn (Corres. #1665154)
P-101A

cc: Donald Dunn, 2nd Floor West Wing

July 5, 1994

Mr. James Smith
2672 Murrells Lane
Mobile, Alabama 36608

Dear Mr. Smith:

Happy 90th Birthday! Hillary and I wish you a memorable celebration, and we hope that the coming year brings you great happiness and good health.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

BC/JB/lynn (Corres. #1665659)
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cc: Donald Dunn, Second Floor West Wing

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July 19, 1994

The Honorable Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmember, District of Columbia
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Charlene:

Thank you for writing to recommend Dr. Mohammad Akhter for the position of national AIDS policy coordinator. I appreciate your interest in this critical job, and I have passed your letter along to my staff for consideration.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

BC/MM/ps (Corres. #1685333)
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cc: Veronica Biggins
cc: Alexis Herman
cc: w/inc Carol Rasco

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 4, 1994

Pete L. Manos
Giant Food Inc.
Post Office Box 1804
Washington, D.C. 20013

Dear Pete:

Thanks for your letter. Hillary and I were delighted you and Barbara could join us for dinner recently, and I was also pleased you were able to be with me for the luncheon on June 20.

Thanks, too, for your continued support of many of the efforts we're making. I especially appreciate your encouragement of our work to reform the nation's health care system.

Hillary and I hope we'll have a chance to see you and Barbara again soon.

Sincerely,



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GIANT FOOD INC.

PETE L. MANOS
PRESIDENT

DEPT. 515
BOX 1804, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20013
(301) 341-4564
FAX (301) 618-4952

June 30, 1994

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for the invitation to the White House Dinner on June 10, 1994. My wife Barbara, and I were honored to be included and had a wonderful evening. Additionally, I would like to thank you for inviting me to the luncheon at the White House on June 20. I appreciated the opportunity to hear your views on various issues of concern to you.

The food industry supported you on NAFTA, and we support you on GATT and Welfare Reform. We at Giant, along with Ralphs and Vons who were also present at the luncheon would like to support you on Healthcare Reform. We are part of the "National Leadership Coalition for Healthcare Reform" and believe in universal coverage for all. The important issue is that employer mandate be included in your plan. We believe that every company should pay their fair share of the cost.

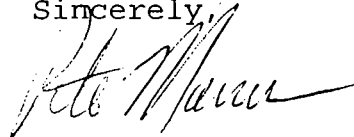
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David
Alvin*

Since we are headquartered in the Washington area, we would be honored if Mrs. Clinton would again shop at her local Giant store. Please tell her that this time we will honor her credit card.

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JMC*

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 16, 1994

The Reverend and Mrs. John A. Cherry
Full Gospel A.M.E. Zion Church
4207 Norcross Street
Temple Hills, Maryland 20748

Dear Pastor and Mrs. Cherry:

Thank you for your warm welcome to the Full Gospel A.M.E. Zion Church on Sunday and for the videotape of the service. Hillary and I deeply appreciated the opportunity to join you in worship. It was also a special honor for me to address your congregation.

As we move forward to meet the many challenges that face our nation, I am strengthened by the knowledge that so many good people are praying for us.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

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CC: ~~John Podesta~~
Marshall Carter
- Alexia
- Ron Brown
- John Sumner

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June 20, 1994

Mr. Bob Marshall
Chief Operating Officer
Tandem Computers, Inc.
10435 North Tantau Avenue
LOC 200-01
Cupertino, California 95014-0727

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your thoughtful and supportive letter regarding my decision to renew Most Favored Nation trading status for China.

Like you, I anticipate that this decision will lead to more trade, more international cooperation, and a more productive dialogue on human rights and other issues. Following this course, we may see China evolve as a responsible power, not only growing economically, but also maturing politically so that human rights can be upheld.

I am grateful for your continuing support.

Sincerely,

BC/LMP/KN/MM/lynn (Corres. #1597001)
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cc: Marsha Scott
cc: Lark Park, 93 OEOB

Xeroxed copy of personally signed original to NH through John Podesta

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PRESIDENT TO SIGN



sent 6/9/94 copy from OPI
Tandem Computers Incorporated
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June 3, 1994

The White House
President William J. Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am the Chief Operating Officer at Tandem Computers, Inc. in Cupertino, California. We met briefly when you visited Tandem during the campaign in 1992. I want to share with you that all our employees are very proud that you chose Tandem as the site of your first Town Hall meeting in Silicon Valley.

I am a registered Republican and have voted for only two Democrats in my lifetime -- John F. Kennedy and Bill Clinton.

I was most pleased to see my vote well placed when you decided to disconnect the Most Favored Nation issue from the human rights issue regarding China. Managing a large company is certainly not as complex as managing the country, but we all make trade-offs when trying to make the right decision. Your decision demonstrated a great deal of political courage and I believe was well received by a substantial majority of Americans.

I may not agree with all your programs but if you continue making the right decision versus the "politically correct" decision you will have my support.

Best regards,

Bob Marshall
Chief Operating Officer
Tandem Computers, Inc.

June 1, 1994

Mr. Donald K. Dunn
1541 East Tameron Drive
Sandy, Utah 84092

Dear Donald:

Congratulations on your graduation from
the University of Utah.

I am proud to commend you for having
reached this important milestone in your life.
I encourage you to act on your idealism, to
deepen your educational experiences, and to
maintain the courage of your convictions.

America needs your energy, creativity,
and determination. I applaud you for taking
responsibility for your future.

Hillary and I send you best wishes for
every continued success.

BILL CLINTON

Sincerely,

BC/TWT/MS/JB/ps (Corres. #1576813)
P-109

cc: Ruby Moy, 2FL/WW

May 20, 1994

Mr. Kevin R. Woo
9427 Victoria Drive
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Kevin:

Congratulations on your graduation from
James Madison University.

I am proud to commend you for having
reached this important milestone in your life.
I encourage you to act on your idealism, to
deepen your educational experiences, and to
use the courage of your convictions.

America needs your energy, creativity,
and determination. I applaud you for taking
responsibility for your future.

Hillary and I send you best wishes for
every continued success.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

BC/TWT/MS/JB/ps (Corres. #1539753)
P-109

cc: Ruby G. Moy, 2FL/WW

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 29, 1994

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Dick J. Batchelor
8841 Lake Sheen Court
Orlando, Florida 32836

Dear Dick:

Thanks for your note of April 18 and for sending a copy of the article you wrote for the Orlando Sentinel.

I appreciate your interest in serving as a member of the United States delegation to the inauguration of the new president of South Africa. I've shared your letter with Mack McLarty, Chief of Staff, for his consideration.

Hillary and I appreciate your recent note of encouragement. Nobody ever said this would be easy. Still, we're making progress each day, which is what is important.

I look forward to hearing your perspective on the South African elections and to reviewing the findings of the Presidential delegation.

See you soon.

Sincerely,

Bill

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Mack McLarty



Dear Mr. President & first lady,

Please know that you
have my — full confidence,
support & prayers. As a friend,
I'm very upset about the
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CAUSTIC personal ATTACKS on you both.

I think the public will
judge you on such a dynamic
NATIONAL AGENDA. It's so much
more important to us as a
people than cheap shots of a
strident partisan nature. You've
both fighters! Give them heck,
give them Hades! When necessary, give
them hell!!

April 18, 1994



cc: Alex

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Dear Mr. President,

I have been working closely with the U.S. Department of State and your staff on identifying a role where I could serve as a representative of your Administration.

Consequently, I have a very strong interest in being considered as a member of the U.S. delegation to the inauguration of the new president of South Africa.

In light of my previous involvement as a delegation member to several countries with the U.S. Information Agency and, more specifically, because of my heightened interest in South Africa which was occasioned by a trip to that country as a guest of the Methodist Bishop of Johannesburg, I would very much

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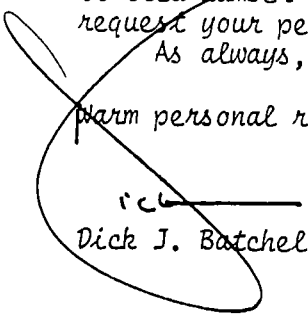
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like to participate in the referenced delegation.

For your perusal, I have attached an article that I wrote on South Africa after my visit. While I recognize that there are a number of requests for a limited number of delegate slots, I would respectfully request your personal consideration of my appointment.

As always, thank you for your consideration.

Warm personal regards,


Dick J. Batchelor

Thank you,
Mr. President

Deprived children in S. Africa suffer as de Klerk, Mandela talk

By Dick Batchelor

SPECIAL TO THE SENTINEL

As I walked down a street in Johannesburg, I came upon some boys who were fighting.

"What's the problem?" I asked.

The dispute was over who would direct a car into a parallel parking space. The winner would get a small tip with which to buy food.

"Where are your parents?" I asked. "I have no idea," replied one of the boys, about 11 years old. "I live here on the street." The other boy is from Timbisa, a nearby village. He thinks his mother is there but has no idea about his father. These youngsters are among millions of children who have suffered under apartheid — children whose future is still being negotiated by President F.W. de Klerk and African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela. Apartheid has robbed the children of the basics — decent housing, health care, education and the fundamental family life so many of us take for granted. While the politicians talk of philosophy, the children need some concrete action.

With Mandela and de Klerk at the negotiating table, there is hope for change. But it will not come without heated debates, hostile action and, as the world is now witnessing, many killings. There are still elements on both sides with extreme demands. Some are fighting to protect the status quo, while others demand a complete repudiation of the country's racist policies. This puts South Africa on the very edge of radical political change or civil war. The children will be either victor or victim.

Consider the township of Soweto, which was torn apart by riots in 1976. Children there participated in a school strike because the government demanded that they not only attend a substandard school, but also be taught in Afrikaans. That language, native to the white minority, embodied the government that denied them everything and killed many of them.

Today, the vast majority of Soweto's children continue the strike, depriving themselves of a somewhat formal, albeit horribly insufficient, education. Instead, they are learning denial, poverty, racism, oppression and violence. Police reports record pervasive crime and turmoil. Political altercations cause human destruction, while a number of outspoken black leaders are murdered. This is an environment in which children need to learn but instead become hardened and calloused, mimicking the violence

they witness.

The de Klerk-Mandela political discussions should have, as a top priority, a massive educational build-up — many more schools, integrated and appropriately staffed, books, supplies and recruitment of qualified teachers. There is a tremendous opportunity for South African television to provide educational programs reaching millions of children.

Unfortunately, many black students today don't even have textbooks, thus exposing them to ridicule and humiliation when they fail to pass annual exams. Yet in reality, the failure belongs to the system.

In Khayelitsha, a squatter community near Cape Town, more than 350,000 people living primarily in small huts made of salvaged plywood, corrugated tin and cardboard find that medical care is scarce.

Even with some of the apartheid laws being lifted, a child with a severe injury, disease or medical complications will wait hours before he might be seen by a doctor. It is imperative that medicine, medical attention and compassion be made available to the hundreds of thousands of black children and babies who now whimper and cry to no avail. The South African government also needs to institute wholesale training programs for doctors and nurses. In addition, it needs to establish satellite medical facilities staffed by the current doctors, nurses and medical technicians to provide for at least the basic medical needs.

The government could easily mobilize medical teams that could travel among the townships and more isolated areas providing screening, tests, medication, and treatment to those in need. Basic health screening to identify and prevent some of the diseases would be a quantum leap of com-

passion. The government cannot inoculate itself against violence and protest without real change.

In sum, health care and education will demand unprecedented commitment in all areas. The attention of South Africa's 30 million blacks is focused on the incremental steps taken by the de Klerk government. An appetite for freedom, voting and ubuntu — or justice — has been whetted. If the response is inadequate, the negotiations could break down, and uncontrollable violence could result.

The children will be either victors or victims.

Dick Batchelor, former state legislator and child advocate, is president of Dick Batchelor Management Group, Inc. He recently visited South Africa.



Insight

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SUNDAY, September 30, 1990

The Orlando Sentinel

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May 27, 1994

Ms. Lydia Lewis
Executive Director
The Committee of 200
Suite 500
625 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60611-3108

Dear Lydia:

Thanks so much for the Committee of 200 t-shirt. I was pleased to hear that your inaugural Washington D.C. conference was such a success and glad that members of my Administration were so helpful.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness and wish you the best.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

BC/CHW/MM/ps (Corres. #1514724)
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cc: WH Gifts
cc: Alexis Herman
cc: Betty Currie

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May 19, 1994

Mr. R. William Taylor
President
American Society of
Association Executives
The ASAE Building
1575 Eye Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005-1168

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you so much for your kind words of encouragement. I enjoyed speaking at the ASAE Convention, and I am encouraged by your offer to work with my Administration as we address health care reform and the many pressing issues facing our nation.

I sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness and your continued support.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

BC/MHM/MM/ps (Corres. #1415194)
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cc: Alexis Herman, OPL

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RCM/BCF

April 15, 1994

Mr. Lane Kirkland
President
AFL-CIO
815 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Lane:

Thank you for your comments about the U.S. uranium industry. I'm sorry I was unable to respond sooner.

As you are now probably aware, the U.S. Department of Commerce has concluded consultations with the Russian Federation Ministry of Atomic Energy (MINATOM) on the Russian uranium anti-dumping suspension agreement. As a result, on March 11, the Department of Commerce and MINATOM signed an amendment aimed at revitalizing the U.S. uranium industry and, at the same time, facilitating the integration of Russian uranium supplies into the U.S. market. The amendment replaced the price-tied quota system of the original agreement with an innovative quota system that will allow for imports of Russian uranium only if they are matched in equal portions with sales of newly produced U.S. uranium.

I understand the concerns you raised in your letter, but I assure you that the potential impact on the U.S. uranium industry was carefully weighed as we negotiated the amendment. My Administration looks forward to working with MINATOM to ensure the amendment's effective implementation, and I am confident that the amendment will lead to greater cooperation in trade matters between our two countries.

I welcome your counsel on this important issue.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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USTR Michael Kantor

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February 2, 1994

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the AFL-CIO, I write to express our deep concern about proposed revisions to the antidumping Suspension Agreement on Russian uranium.

That agreement was implemented in October 1992 to alleviate potential damage to the U.S. uranium industry from the importing of low-priced Russian uranium. It includes generous provisions allowing the Russian Federation to ship uranium to the U.S. while allowing the U.S. market adequate time to recover from dumping activities and thereby providing relief that is essential to the survival of this highly competitive industry and the thousands of Americans whose livelihoods depend on it.

Recent renegotiation of the agreement, however, resulted in the preliminary acceptance of an amendment that calls for huge quantities of Russian uranium to be delivered to the U.S. market in the short term. We believe that, if incorporated into the original Suspension Agreement, this amendment will result in the rapid loss of jobs in the enrichment, conversion and mining sectors of the U.S. uranium industry. Moreover, it would directly contradict our government's own efforts (through the creation of the United States Enrichment Corporation) to transform uranium mining and processing into a profitable, private sector activity.

As you know, the AFL-CIO strongly supports the goal of assisting the former Soviet states in their transition to market economies, as well any steps that can be taken to dismantle nuclear arsenals and reduce the possibility of nuclear proliferation. While such goals are clearly in the national interest, we do not believe that the burden of achieving them should fall disproportionately on any particular group of U.S. workers. That, unfortunately, is precisely what would happen should the amendment to the Suspension Agreement be adopted.

I ask that you review this agreement and take whatever steps necessary to ensure that it does not cause serious disruption in the U.S. uranium market and an accompanying loss of U.S. jobs in a competitive and potentially lucrative U.S. industry.

Sincerely,


President

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April 4, 1994

Mr. John Economou
Supreme President
American Hellenic Educational
Progressive Association
Suite 500
1909 Q Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter and for sending me the signatures on behalf of the AHEPA. I understand your organization's concerns, and I appreciate your voicing them to me.

I am fully aware that Greece and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia have outstanding differences, which we expect will be resolved through good faith negotiations. To support such negotiations, I have named Matt Nimetz as Special Envoy. He has already been to the region for discussion with both parties and will continue to work with the United Nations to help reach a solution.

I appreciate your interest and involvement in this important issue. Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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cc: Marily DiGiacobbe
cc: Alexis Herman

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March 23, 1994

Mr. John Economou
Supreme President
American Hellenic Educational
Progressive Association
Suite 500
1909 Q Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter and for sending me the signatures on behalf of the AHEPA. I understand your organization's concerns, and I appreciate your voicing them to me.

As you know, the United States has extended formal recognition to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. This decision recognizes the democratic expression of the citizens of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to establish a sovereign and independent state based on democratic principles.

I am fully aware that Greece and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia have outstanding differences, which we expect will be resolved through good faith negotiations. By recognizing the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, my Administration hopes to encourage flexibility in addressing the symbolic and constitutional issues that separate the two parties. The United States intends to become more active in the UN effort to help resolve the differences between the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Greece. We view establishment of diplomatic relations in this context.

I appreciate your interest and involvement in this important issue.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

BC/KB/MM/ps (Corres. #1397225)
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cc: Marily DiGiacobbe
cc: Alexis Herman

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 1, 1994 ?

Dear Ben:

Thank you for your kind words concerning my remarks to veterans at the World War II commemorative events in Italy and Normandy. I returned from this extraordinary trip with so many cherished memories of my meetings with heroes from Anzio, Omaha Beach, Pointe du Hoc and other crucial battles of these two campaigns.

A central theme of my speeches during the ceremonies was the importance of keeping faith with all our military veterans. For this reason, I was especially pleased that Secretary Brown was able to announce on my behalf that we would support the basic thrust of Representative Montgomery's bill (H.R. 4386) authorizing compensation on a presumptive basis to certain Gulf War veterans for a period of three years. The bill would also provide for increased research into illnesses reported by these veterans.

I understand that you will be holding hearings in Colorado on July 7 on the Gulf War "mystery illnesses." To assist you in preparing for your hearings, I have enclosed a copy of Secretary Brown's opening statement on June 9 before the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

I look forward to working with you as you continue to address this crucial veterans' issue.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Ben Nighthorse Campbell
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

STATEMENT OF
JESSE BROWN
SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
BEFORE THE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMPENSATION, PENSION AND INSURANCE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
June 9, 1994

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Subcommittee:

I am pleased to be here today to present the views of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) on H.R. 4386, the "Veterans' Persian Gulf War Benefits Act," which would authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide compensation on a presumptive basis to certain Gulf war veterans for a period of three years and provide for increased research into illnesses reported by Persian Gulf veterans.

Mr. Chairman, I applaud the leadership you and others have shown regarding the issue of compensation for disabled Persian Gulf veterans, and I am pleased to provide this testimony in support of H.R. 4386 with certain revisions. As introduced, the sections of the bill to be implemented by VA begin with section 4.

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Section 4 - Case Assessment Protocol, Case Definition & Outreach Program

Section 4 of the bill would direct the Secretary to undertake three separate efforts with respect to the illnesses we are discussing today. Each effort must be accomplished in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

First, the Secretary would have to establish a uniform case assessment protocol to ensure thorough assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of all veterans suffering from illnesses they attribute to their service in the Persian Gulf War. We support this provision. Indeed, we are already working jointly with the Departments of Defense and Health and Human Services to develop such a protocol.

As a second task, the bill would require the Department to expedite efforts to develop complete case definitions or diagnoses of illnesses associated with such service. We can assure you that every effort will be made to do this as soon as possible.

Finally, the bill would require that we establish a new outreach program for Persian Gulf veterans and their families. This effort would seek to inform these veterans and family members of the availability of health-care

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services (including comprehensive medical evaluations) and other benefits provided by either VA or the Department of Defense.

In order to carry out this provision, VA would have to reallocate current resources in the health care system to cover the costs associated with these new responsibilities. This bill would extend the previous mandate for clinical services by requiring a uniform case assessment protocol and provision of comprehensive follow-up care for Persian Gulf veterans receiving disability compensation. Therefore, enactment of section 4 would result in estimated annual costs of \$42.6 million and nonrecurring costs of \$1.6 million in order to provide full-time program staff to carry out its requirements. The 14 VA medical centers which we estimate will be most affected based upon their previous Persian Gulf Registry caseload would each require 5 additional full-time employee equivalents (FTEE) to fully implement comprehensive assessment and follow-up of these veterans. Medical centers with smaller case loads would require fewer FTEEs, ranging from 1.0 to 4.0 based on previous Registry caseloads.

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Section 5 - Disability Compensation

Section 5 of H.R. 4386 would create a presumption of service connection for chronic disabilities that resulted from undiagnosed illness and became manifest to a degree of 10% or more within one year after a veteran performed active duty in the Southwest Asia theater of operations. The bill specifies that service connection would not be presumed if there were affirmative evidence either that the disability was not incurred during service in the Persian Gulf theater or that the veteran suffered an injury or illness which is a recognized cause of the disability after leaving the Gulf theater. This authority to provide benefits would expire three years after its enactment, and in individual cases sooner if it were determined a disability were not related to Persian Gulf service.

There is no question but that certain Persian Gulf veterans are, through no fault of their own, at a disadvantage in establishing eligibility for service-connected-disability benefits because of the current lack of hard medical evidence concerning the nature of their ailments. Unless we can attribute their disabilities to service-incurred or service-aggravated diseases or injuries, we are without authority to assign them service-connected status. Given the dearth of medical evidence that can now be brought to bear in reviewing these claims, the interim

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authority this bill would provide until the concerted efforts of the Government provide answers to these medical questions has great merit.

However, we are concerned about the requirement that the chronic disability become manifest within one year after the last date on which the veteran performed active service in the Southwest Asia theater. We know that some Persian Gulf veterans did not seek medical attention when they first noticed symptoms following their return to the United States. Many have reported that their symptoms were initially mild but got progressively worse before they contacted a physician. In addition, because of the relative youth of the Persian Gulf forces, some veterans were unconcerned about their initial symptoms and did not seek medical attention, assuming that their health would improve in the near future. Also, some veterans could not afford medical care because they were unable to find employment when they returned from the Gulf or they returned to marginal employment which did not provide health insurance. Finally, some have indicated that as members of the active military service they were reluctant to report symptoms for fear of being discharged.

These factors would all make it difficult for many Gulf veterans to make the requisite showing of disability during their first post-Gulf year. We are also concerned about the

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one-year limitation because VA did not implement a comprehensive data-collection process regarding the health of Persian Gulf veterans until August 1992, and the Persian Gulf Registry, which offers veterans an opportunity to have their health statuses documented on the basis of comprehensive medical examinations, was not authorized until November 4, 1992, when the Persian Gulf War Veterans' Health Status Act was enacted. Veterans who were unable to take advantage of this program within a year after leaving the Gulf theater of operations would not have any registry-generated clinical documentation of their conditions within the time frame required by the bill as introduced.

Based upon our initial review of the medical histories provided by Persian Gulf veterans which indicate that many veterans reported their symptoms within one to two years after Gulf service, we would recommend that the presumption apply to an undiagnosed illness of unknown etiology which became chronically disabling to a degree of 10% within two years after Gulf service. We believe this two-year period would more likely guarantee inclusion of those veterans whom the legislation is intended to benefit.

Mr. Chairman, we appreciate the opportunity to support this legislative initiative to help our Persian Gulf veterans. We will be prepared to reach out to the veterans who may benefit from this bill, including both those who

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have filed claims with VA and those who have come to VA for Persian Gulf registry examinations. In addition, the Administration will do everything possible to expedite the process for promulgating the implementing regulations in order to provide compensation as quickly as possible.

Enactment of section 5 would result in estimated benefit costs of at least \$45.5 million, but very likely much higher. The \$45.5 million estimate is based on a sampling of documented cases currently available in VA's Persian Gulf Registry. VA's Registry currently contains information on 23,000 cases; however, over 300,000 veterans served in the Persian Gulf. These costs are subject to the pay-as-you-go requirement of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 and must be offset by equivalent savings in order to avoid a sequester of mandatory programs. We would be pleased to work with the Committee in identifying appropriate offsets.

Sections 6 and 7 - Authorization for Research & Survey

Section 6 of the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million for fiscal years 1995 through 1997 to fund VA research on the health risks and effects associated with service during the Persian Gulf War, and effective treatment modalities for such effects. Section 7 would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million for Fiscal Year 1995 to fund a

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survey of Persian Gulf veterans in order to learn about the health problems of these veterans and their families, which would carry out a recommendation made by an NIH Workshop on Persian Gulf Health and Experience. We support the goals of these provisions, but believe that they can be accomplished within existing Federal resources.

This concludes my statement, Mr. Chairman. I would be pleased to answer any questions that you or other members of the Subcommittee may have.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 4, 1993

Mr. James E. Jacobson
Editor
The Birmingham News
Post Office Box 2553
Birmingham, Alabama 35202

Dear James:

As promised, I have looked into your concerns about the federal government's response to the possibility of an adverse health impact on some veterans who served in the Persian Gulf. I appreciate the fact that your newspaper has covered this matter so extensively.

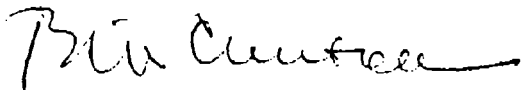
The Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs have responsibilities to provide necessary medical treatment to active duty personnel and to individuals who have left the service. The highest levels of these agencies have taken this issue very seriously, and they are doing all they can to persuade persons who believe their health is now or may be affected by their service to seek examinations and possible follow-up care.

Since last year, VA has been urging veterans to become part of a registry the department has established for tracking the health status of Persian Gulf veterans. Three VA medical centers have been set up as special referral centers to handle difficult cases. VA Secretary Jesse Brown has formed a blue-ribbon task force to pursue the little understood issue of multiple chemical sensitivity that some people in the health care field feel may be present. Within the present limits of medical science, both agencies are working to get answers that in some cases defy explanation. Just as important, needed health care services are being provided.

I have taken a personal interest in these reports since they speak to the manner in which the government properly addresses the concerns of those who serve this nation. I assure you that we will pursue lingering questions with full energy and commitment.

I'm grateful for your interest in this important matter. Thank you for your kind words about your visit to the White House.

Sincerely,



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

13 JUL 30 P1:20

TO: TODD STERN

FROM: DAWN ALEXANDER
WHITE HOUSE PRESS OFFICE

DATE: JULY 30, 1993

RE: ATTACHED ARTICLES FROM BIRMINGHAM NEWS ON PERSIAN GULF
VETERANS' ALLEGED EXPOSURE TO CHEMICAL WEAPONS

When the President met with Alabama press on July 21, the Birmingham News reporter raised this issue. He has subsequently sent THE FULL SERIES OF ARTICLES his paper has done on the issue. Jeff Eller indicates that you are working on this matter with the correspondence unit. I do not want to head down a different path than you, but I'd like to be able to provide the newspaper an adequate response to this letter.

Please advise. Thanks!

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P.O. Box 2553/Birmingham, Alabama 35202/(205) 325-2222

July 22, 1993

The Honorable Bill Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

All of us who attended the Alabama Media Day at the White House yesterday appreciated your spending time with us. I know how difficult it was under the circumstances.

This letter is to follow up on our brief conversation about the complaints of a number of Alabama (and other) veterans of the Persian Gulf war that they are suffering from illnesses the source of which is not completely clear. But the illnesses appear to be real and to be causing real suffering, and many of the veterans believe they are a result of their service in the gulf.

Our newspaper, primarily through the work of our assistant state editor, Dave Parks, has written extensively about this, including most recently the statements by some of the veterans that they believe they are victims of some kind of chemical weapons attack or mishap.

I have been especially concerned about some of the veterans' allegations that their health complaints have not been taken seriously or dealt with effectively by their services or the Department of Veterans Affairs. I appreciate your promise to look into the situation, and I am enclosing copies of some of our stories on the subject for whatever use you may wish to make of them.

It was good to see you, and I wish you well in your enormous responsibilities.

Sincerely,


James E. Jacobson
Editor

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May 30, 1995

Mr. Douglas Chin
Five Colby Drive
Kings Park, New York 11754

Dear Douglas:

Hillary and I are pleased to wish you
a very happy birthday! We hope you have
a joyous celebration and a wonderful year.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

BC/DH/JAD/lynn (Corres. #2259782)
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cc: Ruby Moy, West Wing

John Podesta
red wine

June 8, 1995

Dear John:

I have been carrying this bottle around for two weeks waiting to open it with you. I wanted to celebrate the first leg of Foster's nomination.

You are terrific! What are we going to do without you?!!

June 7, 1995

Mrs. Dolores Rose
12 Austin Park
Pittsford, New York 14534

Dear Dolores:

Hillary and I are pleased to wish you
a very happy 60th birthday! We hope you
have a joyous celebration and a wonderful
year.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

BC/DH/JAD/lynn (Corres. #2276376)
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cc: Ruby Moy, West Wing

June 29, 1995

Mrs. Ivy Johnson McDowell
8305 Navahoe Drive
Silver Spring, Maryland 20903

Dear Ivy:

Hillary and I are pleased to wish you
a very happy birthday! We hope you have
a joyous celebration and a wonderful year.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

BC/DH/JAD/lynn (Corres. #2328710)
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cc: Alexis Herman, West Wing