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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
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June 24, 1993

The Honorable Barbara Boxer
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Boxer:

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The Administration is considering all options in response to Norway's resumption of commercial whaling. I understand your concerns about limiting our possible actions with regard to the enforcement of this moratorium. I am asking Ambassador Colson of the State Department to respond to the concerns you raise regarding the Norwegian press reports.

Again, thank you for keeping me apprised of your thoughts.

Sincerely,

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Al Gore

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As you know, while the IWC voted to continue the existing international moratorium on whaling, Norway and Japan have indicated their intention to ignore the ban. I appreciate your expressed commitment to carefully consider possible actions in response to any disregard for the moratorium. I am concerned, however, about reports that Secretary of State Christopher has stated that "the U.S. will never bring pressure against Norway because of whaling."

If this report is accurate, I am disappointed that your administration would voluntarily limit its options with regard to enforcing the IWC moratorium. Unfortunately, Secretary Christopher's remarks may encourage Norway and other countries to violate the ban, knowing that there will be no penalty for such violations. I urge you and the President to clarify the Secretary's remarks, and articulate a firm administration position against the resumption of whaling.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

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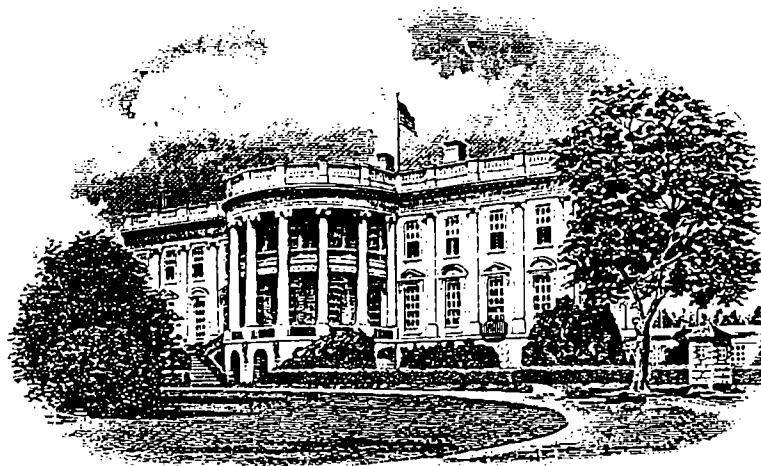
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COMMENTS: a letter from the VP asking
State to look into Boxer's concerns.
Thanks for your help



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