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WASHINGTON

June 24, 1993

The Honorable Bingley G. Richardson, Sr.
President
Legislature of the Virgin Islands
P.O. Box 1690
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands 00801

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your letter and the information you enclosed regarding your proposed legislation to prohibit incineration as a means of disposing of solid waste. It was good to hear from you, and I appreciate your kind words of support. I apologize for the delay in responding.

As you know, I share President Clinton's commitment to the preservation of our environment. I believe that in order to come to an informed decision on any issue, it is necessary to study the best available scientific data. To that end, we must consider all new and innovative technologies which could solve the problems surrounding the disposal of solid waste. I appreciate learning of your interest in protecting the environment of the Virgin Islands and your efforts in the arena of solid waste disposal. President Clinton and I agree that we must all work together to realize the goal of environmental sustainability.

Again, thank you for sharing this information with me, and please keep me apprised of any developments.

Sincerely,

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Al Gore

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Bingley G. Richardson, Sr.
SENATE PRESIDENT

May 2, 1993

The Honorable Albert Gore, Jr.
The Vice President of the United States
Office of the Vice President
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Washington, DC 20501

Dear Mr. Vice President:

This correspondence acknowledges receipt of your response to my request to meet with you for a discussion on environmental issues which are of major concern here in the Virgin Islands of the United States.

I recognize this as an area of mutual interest and am impressed with the causes which you have championed. To that end, I recently introduced legislation to prohibit disposal of solid waste through incineration. This is just one measure in the myriad of approaches which we must employ to address some of the more pressing issues that impact on our environment. Enclosed is a copy of the draft legislation, which is scheduled for public hearings in May 1993.

I sincerely believe that with your strong convictions and sensible leadership on matters of the environment, you have advanced the level of awareness in the Virgin Islands and indeed, this country. Thus, I anticipate public support for this and related legislation.

Regarding the requested meeting, I can truly appreciate the fact that your schedule is such that you are unable to accommodate my petition in the immediacy. However, I am convinced that it would be of immeasurable benefit to the Virgin Islands to be granted an opportunity to meet and discuss with you, first hand, some issues which threaten our very existence.

Your leadership and guidance is a significant nexus and I look forward to our pending discussions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bingley G. Richardson, Sr.", is written over the typed name.

Bingley G. Richardson, Sr.
President
20th Legislature of the Virgin Islands

cc: The Honorable Harlan Matthews
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