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January 12, 1994

Hollis Fenn
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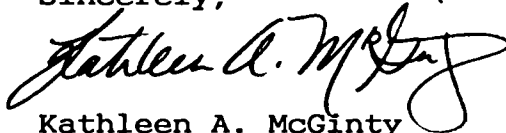
Dear Hollis:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about chip mills located in the Tennessee River Valley. It was good hearing from you.

As you know, I share President Clinton's and Vice President Gore's commitment to the preservation of our environment. I understand your concerns about the potential environmental impacts of chip mills on the adjacent rivers, as well as the impacts of timber harvesting in regions surrounding the mills. I have notified the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Acting Assistant Secretary of Civil Works of your thoughts in this matter. I am sure that your concerns will be given every consideration.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen A. McGinty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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The IKA sent me samples of tree-free paper

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Jan 5, 1994

Dear Mr. McInty,

Those of us who live along the Tennessee River are deeply concerned about clean water - There are multiple threats to it including air pollution killing trees in the watershed and point & non point pollution pouring into it. We expect ~~your~~ governmental agencies to operate in a manner to protect this environment.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has recently stated a policy that they will no longer consider indirect impacts when issuing a ~~license~~ license to clear cut or to alter loading facilities. TVA, EPA, Fish & Wildlife and environmental groups have all taken a strong stand against the Corp.

Senator Heflin's office gave me the name of Dr. J. Edward Dickey, asst. Sec. of the Army for civil works as one to contact. Is this the right person? I told him that I thought the Corps' Policy Violated the Environmental Policy Act. What do you think? Can you help us solve this problem?

Chip mills are a threat to our beautiful forests in the Smokies and Blue Ridge - some of ~~the~~ it is in Alabama. I just read an article in the ~~amnews~~ journal about the effects of air pollution on these

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Trees. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to the editor about this. I continue to be amazed at the people (several in Congress) who want to weaken the clean air act - what do they plan to breathe? I question President Clinton's rather modest plan to reduce emissions - we must move away from the carbon-based energy - of course much depend on Congress and the public.

Please do what you can - chip mills is an issue we can do something about - not the Kraft paper - this is a partial answer but the paper industry isn't interested.

Sincerely
Hollis C. Fern
HOLLIS C. FERN

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January 7, 1994

Mr. Marty Forman
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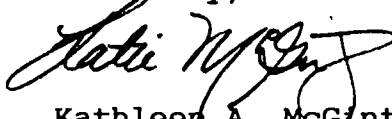
Dear Mr. Forman:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding your continuing thoughts about the Executive Order on Recycled Goods, as well as your efforts at Poly-Anna Plastic Products, Inc. It was good to hear from you again, and I apologize for the delay in responding.

I certainly appreciate the copy you enclosed of your Keynote address at the Nebraska State Recycling Association Convention, and learning about your work to encourage the use of recycled plastics. I share your enthusiasm for future progress in this very important arena.

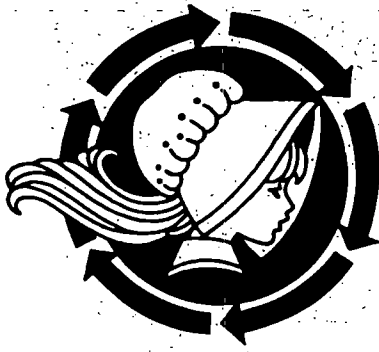
Again, thank you for letting me hear from you.

Sincerely,



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MEMORANDUM

November 17, 1993

TO: Katie McGinty

FROM: Marty Forman

I know—I know! You guys are buried under things to do and everybody wants his/her own stuff done right this minute. And...I know that you just finished a truly big project on recycled content paper. But—and it is a very big **BUT**—plastic is still the big object blocking the road to recycling.

I'm enclosing my latest blast at the plastic industry opposition to recycling that was the Keynote address at last month's Nebraska State Recycling Association Convention. It's an improved version of what I said the month before at Oregon's annual convention. Please let me know that you are aware of what is going on with this issue and I will feel a whole lot better.

P.S. I keep complaining because I have to, but I am really grateful and proud that the White House is a place where recycling is now an honored guest.

*Regards
Marty*



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January 27, 1993

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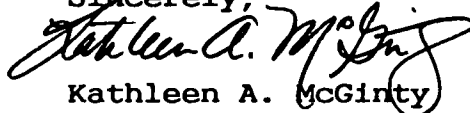
Dear Mr. Featherstone:

Thank you for your recent letter updating me on the current status of the Mount Graham project. It was good to hear from you again.

I certainly appreciate learning about your continuing efforts to protect the environment of the Mount Graham region. With regard to your specific concerns about possible site moves of the Columbus telescope, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to Assistant Secretary Lyon's office at the U.S. Department of Agriculture for review and response. I am sure that your concerns will be given the appropriate consideration.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,

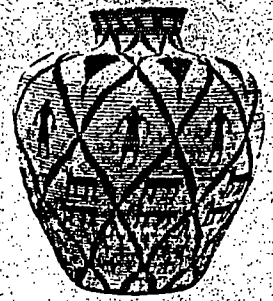


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Katie McGinty
Special Assistant to the President for the Environment
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December 14, 1993

Dear Katie,

Thank you for your response to recent letter regarding Mount Graham.

Since our last correspondence, new developments have occurred which I feel warrant your attention. I, and I hope most of the environmental community, appreciate the efforts that you and the President have made to make this present administration more open to the public and more accountable for decisions made.

I am afraid this has not been the case regarding recent actions taken by the regional office (Region 2) of the US Fish & Wildlife Service, the US Forest Service and the office of the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and the Environment.

As we spoke at the reception for Director Beattie of the Fish & Wildlife Service, Assistant secretary Jim Lyons was to make any decision involving possible site moves of the Columbus telescope slated for Mount Graham. We at the Mount Graham Coalition were very supportive of this move given the controversial nature of the Mount Graham telescope project. I was very eager to have a chance to brief Assistant Secretary Lyons about possible site moves. However, the Assistant Secretary and his staff have yet set up a meeting even though we have been persistent about meeting with Assistant Secretary Lyons.

Recently, when I learned that the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service regional office in Albuquerque and the U.S. Forest Service had made a closed-door decision to do only informal consultation and secretly cut trees on Mount Graham I was understandably alarmed. Alarm was deepened when I talked to an assistant to Mr. Lyons and learned that this assistant was unaware of any action regarding the site move. I have been trying to determine how tree cutting could happen on Mount Graham under such conditions. Yet, my calls to Assistant Secretary Lyon's office go unanswered.

I am also most alarmed that the Regional office of the Fish & Wildlife Service would allow the Forest Service to grant a permit for cutting to the University of Arizona without consulting with the Fish & Wildlife office in Washington first, or consult their own lawyers. The US Fish & Wildlife Service determined on July 9, 1993 that if a move is made to East Emerald Peak (the Peak where cutting has occurred) formal consultation is warranted and possible. Secretary of

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Interior Babbitt is also on record supporting formal consultation.

The US Forest Service Regional Supervisor and his staff and the Coronado National Forest Supervisor and his staff purposefully prevented members of the Mount Graham Coalition and the public from taking part in any decisions regarding this site move. In fact, as cutting was taking place on Mount Graham, the Forest Service was telling the public that no cutting would take place until next spring. Ms. McGinty, how can this cut first ask later attitude still occur in our Federal Agencies? How can the Clinton Administration condone the total secrecy that shrouded this decision? This was not a case in which the public did not care or was not involved early on. We have been actively and aggressively asking for an open dialog with the office mentioned above. Yet, at every instance, the door has been slammed in our face!

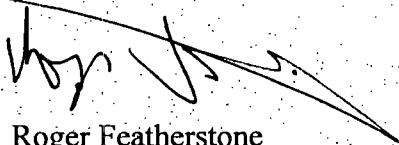
Ms. McGinty, the University of Arizona has admitted that the site they have now partially cleared is inferior to other locations for their telescope. Figures show that the University of Arizona does not have the necessary funding to complete the Columbus telescope either. A myriad of new information has been uncovered which casts doubt on this project. Questions are now being risen about the validity of the science of this project itself. The University of Arizona, through its actions, has given the astronomical community a bad name. The actions of the Forest Service and the Regional Fish & Wildlife Service are giving the Clinton Administration a bad name. How can the Clinton Administration ask us to have faith in your decisions when we can not even obtain basic information regarding places held in the public trust that we hold sacred?

Please do what you can to get to the bottom of this situation. ~~The University of Arizona had no earthly reason to cut trees this fall except to bully their way through this. This kind of action cannot be condoned.~~

~~I would be most eager to meet with you to discuss what solutions can be found for this situation.~~ National leaders from within the environmental and Native American communities are most eager to join us in any meetings as well. I look forward to your help and your response.

I've enclosed additional information to help you understand our current situation.

Sincerely,

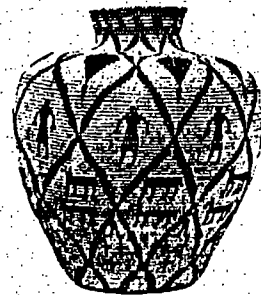


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Chairman of the Board,
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Chronology of recent events related to siting of the Columbus telescope on Mt. Graham

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| March 1, 1993 | University of Arizona requests site move to Peak 10,298 |
| March 26, 1993 | University of Arizona prepares draft study which determines that Mt. Hopkins (south of Tucson) is better for astronomy than any site on Mt. Graham. The study shows that East Emerald Peak is inferior to at least two other sites on Mt. Graham. |
| April 14, 1993 | Coronado National Forest announces that they will not accept public input into their decision making process. |
| July 9, 1993 | US Fish & Wildlife Service determines that Peak 10,298 and East Emerald Peak <u>are not precluded</u> from Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and that if a decision to move to either of those peaks is made that formal consultation should occur. |
| August 6, 1993 | FOIA request made to obtain information from the Forest Service about the proposed site move of the Columbus telescope. To this date, the Forest Service has not responded to this FOIA request. |
| April to December, 1993 | Members of the Mount Graham Coalition make numerous requests for information about site moves. All are denied. Members of the Mount Graham Coalition make numerous requests to be kept informed of any decisions made. All are denied. |
| September 2, 1993 | Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Jim Lyons, announces that he will be making the decision about siting of the Columbus telescope. |
| October, 1993 | The University of Arizona spray-paints trees on Mt. Graham on several site to prepare for cutting. |
| October 28, 1993 | Agency officials hold secret meeting to discuss Columbus telescope site move. |
| November 1, 1993 | The Forest Service secretly releases a Biological Assessment and Evaluation for the site move. Contents of the Evaluation are unknown. |
| November 3, 1993 | The Forest Service Regional Supervisor announces that the University of Arizona has withdrawn their application for a site move to Peak 10,298. |

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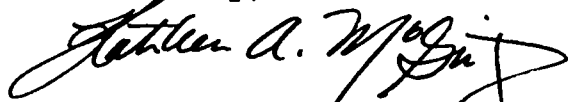
Dear Ms. Frazier:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding your thoughts about the U.S. Air Force's proposed bombing range in Owyhee County, Idaho. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, the protection of our nation's valuable natural resources continues to be one of the Administration's highest priorities. I appreciate learning your views about the potential environmental impacts of the proposed bombing range. I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Environmental Security for review of the specific issues that you raise. I am sure that your concerns will be given the appropriate consideration.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kathleen A. McGinty', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Kathleen A. McGinty
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OH MILITARY MAN

Sure, it is only a small part of our country
Sure, not many will notice
the new bombing range in SW Idaho
the new holes in the earth
the land scared, burnt and polluted.

Will anyone notice the fear in the eyes of the big horn sheep
the anger in the hearts of hikers
the deceived Indians with burning ears
the new dollar in the pocket of the car salesman
or the smile on the face of the military man?

Did you win your war against the land,
the Indian and the buffalo?
Did you win your war in Idaho?

Did you see the hawk or the eagle fly
Did you feel the quiet
Did you see the sunrise on this land and know that God created this
beauty?

Have you heard of love
or peace
or freedom
Have you thought?

At what cost do you try to kill our state, our land
Do you have a heart
Do you have a soul
Where is your brain
Where is your conscience
Where is your knowledge?

I ask you, where is your courage to stand
Where are your morals
When will your values be true?

Where is your courage to say Yes
Yes to the earth, Yes to your home
Yes to your mother, Yes to your God!

When can you say No to the military devils who walk in masks,
No to the war and No to the vice and murder and destruction?

To whom do we give thanks
To whom do we pray
and how do I tell my children
and how will you tell your children
when the beauty is gone.

Marilyn Frazier
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Ketchum, Idaho
January 1994