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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 12, 1993

Ms. Renee Jeska
465 S. Madison Avenue, #111
Pasadena, CA 91101

Dear Ms. Jeska:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding President Clinton's Forest Management Plan. It was good to hear from you.

The President, the Vice President and I are committed to the preservation of the environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. We believe that the Forest Conference was a significant step toward the resolution of the problems facing the Pacific Northwest.

As you know, President Clinton recently announced his Forest Plan for a Sustainable Economy and a Sustainable Environment, based on the analytical work of three working groups established at the Forest Conference. This Administration believes that the Forest Plan is scientifically-sound and legally responsible and will provide a sustainable harvest. This plan also includes a new economic assistance program that helps local workers, businesses and communities in strengthening the region's economy by creating family-wage jobs, offering new economic opportunities, and ensuring the region's long-term economic health.

I certainly appreciate learning your views about this very important matter. We continue to seek a Forest Plan that is scientifically-sound and legally responsible and will provide a sustainable harvest, and we are currently soliciting advice and comments on possible improvements to the proposed plan.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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SAVE OUR SISKIYOU

President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

cc: Kathleen McGinty

Dear President Clinton,

The endangered Siskiyou Forest in southwestern Oregon desperately needs your help. This is the largest, most intact Ancient Forest ecosystem on the West Coast, with almost 300,000 acres of unprotected roadless wildlands. It is a global treasure, a genetic Noah's Ark containing the most diverse coniferous forest in the world. Scientists have recognized this region as one of the biologically most valuable areas in all of North America. Please do not allow these irreplaceable wild areas - so important as habitat for owls, salmon and scores of rare plants - to be sacrificed for a few more years of jobs and profits for the timber industry.

Please permanently withdraw all Siskiyou National Forest Roadless Areas from logging and development. Adopt Forest Plan Option 1 of the Spotted Owl Environmental Impact Statement, which would create a true Ancient Forest Reserve System, protected from all logging. Also, make no exceptions to existing environmental laws, and stop all raw log exports.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Many friends and I
share this view ~~on~~ on all ancient
forests!

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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November 2, 1993

Mr. John W. Johnstone
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New York, NY 10166-0097

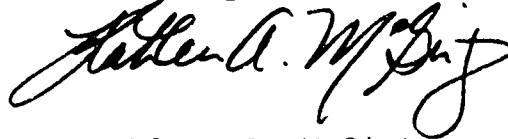
Dear Mr. Johnstone:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your recently compiled report on Superfund evaluation. It was good to hear from you, and I apologize for the delay in my response.

As you know, I share President Clinton's commitment to the preservation of the environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. I certainly appreciate your kindness in sending me a copy of the report. I have forwarded the information to my Associate Director who oversees Superfund issues.

Again, thank you for letting me hear from you.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen A. McGinty
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September 14, 1993

Ms. Kathleen McGinty
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Dear Ms. McGinty:

On behalf of The Business Roundtable, I am pleased to forward to you a copy of the recently completed report entitled "Comparison of Superfund with Programs in Other Countries." The report presents an international comparison of legislation and regulations to clean up abandoned hazardous waste sites. The programs of other countries were studied in the context of the U.S. Superfund program. The countries included several of the major U.S. trading partners as well as other selected countries.

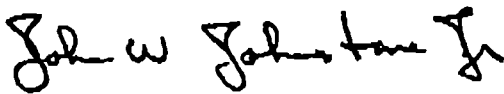
The findings are important and enlightening; key among them are the following:

- Cleanup goals of other countries are more realistic and based on the future use of the land.
- Liability standards focus on the parties who caused the pollution rather than the companies that can afford to pay for cleanup.
- Litigation is rarely used. Instead, a cooperative approach between the government and private parties promotes early negotiations, settlements and cleanups.
- Sites are prioritized by risk. Worst sites are dealt with first.

It is the hope of The Business Roundtable that the extensive research and preparation of this document will add significant information to the current Superfund reauthorization debate. The report documents the disparities between the practical, cooperative relationship that exists in other countries between the industrial sector and the regulating entities, versus the litigious, adversarial relationships that result in an expensive U.S. program.

The Business Roundtable urges Congress to revise the existing Superfund law, incorporating the practical yet protective features of the programs studied in this report. The result of these legislative modifications would be a "level playing field" between U.S. business and our major trading partners, resulting in greater international competitiveness, domestic economic growth and the creation of new jobs.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John W. Johnstone Jr." in a cursive script.

John W. Johnstone
Chairman, President and CEO
Olin Corporation

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 3, 1993

Ms. Sara Jones
Joint Committee on Printing
Room 818
Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Ms. Jones:

I would like to thank you for your assistance on the Executive Order on Federal Acquisition, Recycling, and Waste Prevention. President Clinton and I believe that this initiative will achieve the desired results of spurring recycling efforts and promoting a healthy environment, and I know that your efforts were invaluable to our success.

As you know, the Order will reduce solid waste, build markets for recycled products, encourage new technologies and protect the environment. I certainly appreciate all of your hard work that went into the development of this important initiative.

Again, thanks for your dedication to this effort. I look forward to working with you as we move toward implementation.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 4, 1993

Mr. and Ms. Robert and Jo Ann Johnson
23001 Engstrom Road
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Dear Mr. and Ms. Johnson:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your thoughts about the proposed legislation H.R. 1627 on pesticide regulation.

As you know, I share President Clinton's commitment to preserving our environment. The Environmental Protection Agency recently announced a proposal for comprehensive reforms of the nation's pesticide and food safety laws. This is a result of a joint study of the EPA, the USDA, and the FDA to update the existing laws of 20 years ago. It calls for a stricter standard of a "reasonable certainty of no harm" for food safety across the boards, including specific provisions not only to protect infants and children, but also to achieve a reduction in the overall use of pesticides in the United States. We feel these actions are a significant step towards a safer food supply.

I certainly appreciate learning your views with regard to H.R. 1627. Rest assured that this Administration will continue its efforts to protect the health of our nation's people and the integrity of our food supply.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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Sept. 25 - 1993

Dear Ms McGinty,

I'm am concerned about the legislation (HR 1627) that weakens protection of our food stuffs.

Do we really know what impact these chemicals have on babies, and children? What about the soil and ground water - will they be safe?

These are very serious considerations. Be careful about your decision. You have a heavy responsibility.

I believe in non chemical alternatives for the future. Thank you,
Regan Johnson
R. Johnson

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 4, 1993

The Honorable Thomas Jorling
Commissioner
Department of Environmental
Conservation
State of New York
Albany, NY 12233

Dear Commissioner Jorling:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your concerns about the Executive Order on Federal Acquisition, Recycling, and Waste Prevention. It was good to hear from you.

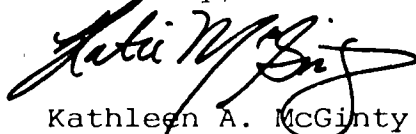
As you know, the President recently signed this Executive Order mandating federal procurement of recycled paper. This Executive Order is the outcome of much hard work and consultation with industry and labor representatives, state and local governments, the environmental community, and consumer groups, as well as congressional and agency staff members.

The Order will reduce solid waste, build markets for recycled products, encourage new technologies and protect the environment. This Executive Order requires all Federal purchases of printing and writing paper to contain 20 percent post-consumer material by the end of 1994, and 30 percent by the end of 1998. In addition, in order to further reduce the burden on landfills, paper made with 50 percent recovered by-products from the production of goods other than paper or textiles may be purchased, provided that this waste would otherwise end up in a landfill, as determined by the State.

I understand your concern that paper manufactured from waste sawdust be considered a recycled product. By using waste sawdust that would have gone to a landfill to manufacture their pulp and paper products, paper mills help address important environmental concerns. We believe that this initiative will achieve the desired results of spurring recycling efforts and promoting a healthy environment.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,



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STATE OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF
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THOMAS C. JORLING
COMMISSIONER

October 13, 1993

Dear Ms. McGinty,

I am writing in response to a letter to you from Richard Denison and Resa Dimino of Environmental Defense Fund and Environmental Action (EDF and EA) regarding the pending executive order on recycled paper procurement by the Federal Government.

The letter argues against inclusion of sawdust in the definition of recycled content. This letter represents the position of the Department of Environmental Conservation that sawdust may legitimately be included in the definition of recycled content. If experience reveals a distortion of the market as a result of allowing sawdust to be considered as an element of recycled content, the policy can be revisited and revised.

I disagree with the thrust of the EDF/EA letter to you. In addition, the implication of the letter that there is no support in the forest products industry for allowing sawdust as an element of recycled product does not represent the full picture.

Enclosed is a letter from two Maine manufacturers, Lincoln Pulp and Paper and Eastern Fine Paper Company, presenting an alternative perspective on this matter. In the State of Maine, significant volumes of surplus sawdust were historically being burned, landfilled, or illegally disposed, leading to adoption of a policy allowing the inclusion of sawdust in recycled content. In recognition of this situation, the US Environmental Protection Agency's 1990 rules and guidelines on procurement and waste sawdust recycling authorized Maine's policy.

Since that time, significant new capacity has been added, and fiber recycling has continued to increase nationally. While it had been predicted that this policy would lead to a moratorium on development of new de-inking capacity and massive sawdust recycling instead of paper recycling, there has been no evidence of this.

This illustrates the need for flexibility at the Federal level - at a minimum to allow states to ensure that sawdust is used productively rather than wasted. I am not aware that the State of Maine's policy has led to displacement of post-consumer recycled product in Maine or elsewhere.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jorling", written over the printed name.

Thomas C. Jorling

Enclosure

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