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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 22, 1993

Mr. Don Luebbert
429 Salem Square
Bolingbrook, IL 60440

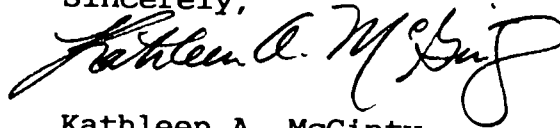
Dear Mr. Luebbert:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about the recovery of wolves in central Idaho. It was good to hear from you.

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 learning your views on possible funding for wolf education and monitoring systems over the next five years. I have taken the liberty of sharing a copy of your letter with Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,



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

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Special Assistant to the President &
Executive Director of Energy,
Environment & Natural Resources Policy
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington DC 20500

Dear Director,

I wish to bring to your attention the plight of the endangered gray wolf in Idaho. Presently the U.S. Forest Service is engaging in the largest timber sale in U.S. History, the Cove/Mallard timber sale, over 81 million board feet & 145 new miles of logging roads in the largest remaining roadless area in the lower '48. This sale is already in flagrant disregard of environmental laws without the presence of gray wolves in the area of the timber sale.

Gray wolves were declared "endangered" in 1973, are just one of many threaten & endangered species known to inhabit the area. Since 1978 twenty six wolf sightings have been reported, as well as 9 wolf tracks, 9 howlings & 5 samples of wolf scat. This is not including the two tracks & wolf scat that I have personally found. Having tracked wolves in Alaska two summers ago, my knowledge of wolves is great.

In 1992, Ed Wood, the district ranger of the area, reported seeing a wolf in the area of the timber sale. He also has stated in a letter to the Fish and Wildlife Service, "we believe the Red River district has wolves."

The Forest Service's own 1988 survey concludes that, "wolves are present in Cove/Mallard."

In last 15 years, there have been 14 wolves sighted & 29 signs of wolves reported to the Forest Service within 12 air miles of the timber sale area.

This is one of last three or four areas in the United States that wolves exist? The Cove/Mallard clearcuts will kill or drive off the wolves to Canada where they will be hunted down by wolf-trappers.

If we, if you, don't halt this timber sale, the howl of the gray wolf will leave America forever.

Please, implore President Clinton and congressional leaders to halt the timber sale. To save our gray wolves & the last remaining ~~remain~~ roadless areas.

Call House leaders to support H.R. 1164 (no roads in roadless areas) and HR 2638 (Northern Rockies Environmental Protection Act).

Sincerely,

Don Huebbert

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don Huebbert". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

P.S. - Please excuse the handwritten format of this letter, for my computer was stolen.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 22, 1993

Ms. Meridith Levy
Grassroots Forestry Coordinator
Minnesota Audubon Council
26 East Exchange Street, Suite 207
St. Paul, MN 55101

Dear Ms. Levy:

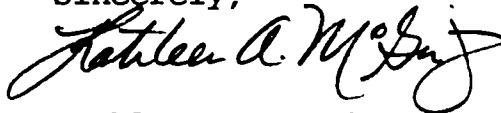
Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about the International Tropical Timber Agreement. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, the preservation of our global environment continues to be one of this Administration's highest priorities. President Clinton and I are committed to sustainable management practices for all forests, and we believe that the U.S. must take the lead internationally by observing these practices ourselves. Last June at the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe held in Helsinki, the U.S. pledged a national goal of achieving sustainable management of U.S. forests by the year 2000. We asked the other countries present there, both participants and observers, to join us in making similar pledges for their own forests.

I appreciate learning your views regarding including temperate and boreal timber in the International Tropical Timber Agreement discussions currently underway in Geneva. Rest assured that we will continue in our efforts to promote environmentally sound policies on the international level.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen A. McGinty
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National Audubon Society



Minnesota Audubon Council

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October 18, 1993

Katherine A. McGinty
White House Office on Environmental Policy
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Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty,

Please send to me an update on the status of the International Tropical Timber Agreement. I am curious to know what changes resulted from the October 4th meeting of the International Tropical Timber Organization, and the specific position taken by the United States.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Meridith Levy
Grassroots Forestry Coordinator

Minnesota Chapters of National Audubon Society:

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 16, 1993

Ms. Cheryl Lorchmann
12764 Irwin Way
Boulder Creek, CA 95006

Dear Friends:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about the Animal Damage Control Act.

We are in the process of reviewing our policy with the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior on this very important matter. I believe that further study of the options involved is necessary for an informed and balanced decision to be made. Rest assured that we will give every consideration to your concerns as we look at this issue.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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SUBJECT: ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL

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White House Office on Environmental Policy

Kathleen McGinty
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Office of Management and Budget
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Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior
Mail Stop 6218
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Washington, DC 20240

27 October 1993

The time has come to end federal subsidies to ranching; the time has come to abolish Animal Damage Control. The ADC has waged an indiscriminate war on wildlife and the public is paying for it!

The ADC is a blatant subsidy to the livestock industry. Taxpayers should not be expected to provide a zero-risk business environment to anyone.

ADCs predator control program is not cost-effective or biologically sound.

ADCs killing methods - poison*, traps, snares and guns - are indiscriminate and inhumane. Ranchers should be responsible for protecting their own livestock, using non-lethal methods of control.

* If you are not familiar with Compound 1080, we suggest you read up on it. Added to its tremendous toxicity is the fact it does not break down readily in the environment. Richard Nixon banned it in 1972 after it was shown to be responsible for the deaths of several golden eagles in Wyoming. However, its use was reinstated by Ronald Reagan in 1982, following heavy lobbying by livestock interests. Even now, the livestock industry is pressing for fewer controls on the use of Compound 1080.

We further feel it is the responsibility of the government to protect our natural heritage, not the economic interests of ranchers.

Sincerely,

Ronacle Findley
13220 Railroad Ave.
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Cheryl Lickmann
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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November 16, 1993

Ms. Beverly Lach
P.O. Box 344
Dalton, MT 59433

Dear Ms. Lach:

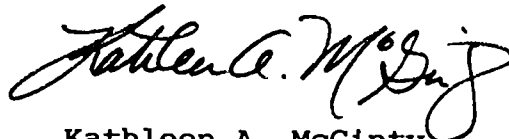
Thank you for your recent letter regarding your thoughts about the proposed legislation H.R. 1627 on pesticide regulation.

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

KAM/avl

9-12-93

To Whom it may concern,
I think it's time to put
a control of the pesticides
farmers & food growers use.

Please help us in the
matter for the health & safety
of our children & Grand-
children,

Please stop legislation of (HR-1627)

Thank You

Beverly Lock

Box 244

Hutton, Mt 59453

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 12, 1993

Mr. Bryant Luba
15457 Blutcher Ct.
Van Nuys, CA 91411

Dear Mr. Luba:

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

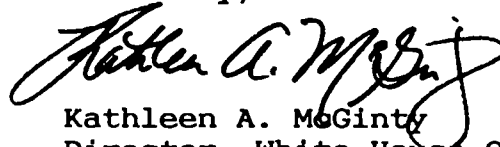
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As you know, President Clinton recently announced his Forest Plan for a Sustainable Economy and a Sustainable Environment, based on the analytical work of three working groups established at the Forest Conference. This Administration believes that 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,



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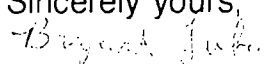
Kathleen McGinty,
Director,
Office of Environmental Policy,
Washington, D.C. 20501.

Dear Kathleen McGinty;

I admire option 9 and believe it is a step in a positive direction. It's definitely about time that we give our natural environmental consideration. An article I read recently mentions that this plans strong points include "a proposed \$1.2 billion in economic assistance to timber-dependent communities; elimination of \$100 million in tax loopholes that encourage the export of raw logs and the incorporation of many sound scientific principles." The prevention of exportation of raw logs would create more jobs for local loggers who might trained and transferred from their operations in the forests. This would sustain their livelihood and create a better atmosphere among loggers, environmentalists and the environment.

Option nine would protect a good portion of the old growth forests. But my concern is that some of the healthy trees could possibly be labeled as being obtainable to logging companies to simply meet a quota. I feel that their should be more strict regulations to prevent something like this from happening.

In the future under a new reformed plan, I think it would be essential to include the Eastside forests and the Sierra Nevada.

Sincerely yours,

Bryant Luba

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 12, 1993

Ms. Elizabeth Lau
629 La Loma Road
Pasadena, CA 91105

Dear Ms. Lau:

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

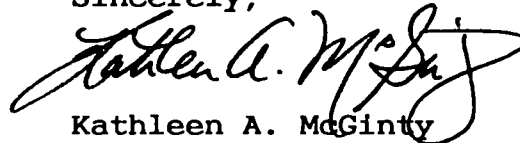
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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10/21/93

Ms. McGinty,

The President's forest plan leaves far too much of our rare ancient forests unprotected.

The plan should provide permanent protection to the last 10% of America's ancient forests and the species that depend on them.

The final plan must specifically provide the prohibition of logging, the protection for roadless areas, ^{the} full protection for fisheries/fish habitat, the protection for all species associated with ancient forests, a minimum experimenting.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Lau

629 La Loma Rd.

Paradise, CA 91105

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 12, 1993

Mr. Kerry Lee
1333 Lincoln Street, #542
Bellingham, WA 98226

Dear Mr. Lee:

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

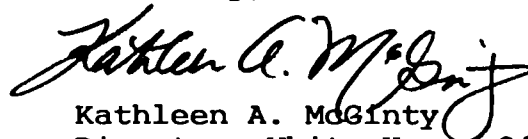
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Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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Attn: Kathleen McGinty,

Kerry Lee
1333 Lincoln St. #542
Bellingham WA 98226

Honorable President Clinton,

I would first like to commend you for taking a courageous step towards resolving the heated issue of Forest Management in the Pacific Northwest. I do not believe however that Option 9, as it stands, will encompass an effective long term strategy for forest management, and it does not fully address the future of either the logging communities or the Northwest forests. Option 9 "could" still be made into an effective, landmark policy if certain key measures are met.

1. Forest streams and salmon runs must be given greater protection.

Fisheries generate more income in the Northwest than the timber industry. Reckless logging in riparian zones is a primary threat to the salmon and many other species that depend on the forest streams. The limited protection offered in Option 9 was designed by corporate timber interests. This limited level of protection spells certain doom for the forest streams and the wild salmon.

2. Adaptive Management Areas must be strictly regulated and preferably protected.

Logging that occurs in these areas (if any) must prove to be sustainable and ecologically sound, and strict guidelines of compliance must be developed before any logging can be allowed in these extremely sensitive areas.

3. Roadless Areas are the last vestiges of healthy, intact forests in the Northwest and the protection they have long held must be maintained.

Option 9 allows logging in many low profile roadless areas that have been protected for countless years. These areas must not be sacrificed! The survival of hundreds of plant and animal species and the long term health of the Northwest forests depends on the continued protection of these roadless areas.

And finally,

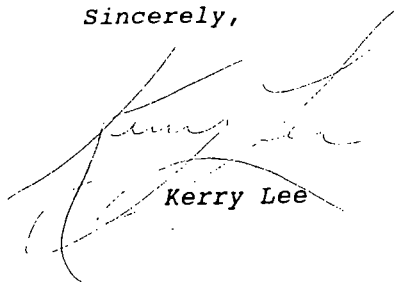
4. The Ancient Forest Plan must include the Eastside forests and the Sierra Nevadas.

These forests are facing eminent destruction. Option 9 policy can effectively ensure long term sustainability in these forests. If protective measures are not enforced in these forests immediatly, they will be destroyed beyond any hope of recovery and both logging communities and the citizens who love and admire the forests will suffer greatly.

In closing, I would like to add that there is much in Option 9 that deserves praise. (for example the closing of tax loopholes and other measures that prevent the export of raw logs overseas). If we work together to strengthen the protective guidelines in the Option 9 plan we can assure the long term health and vitality of both the Northwest forests and the communities who so critically depend on them.

Thank you for your time and hard work!

Sincerely,



Kerry Lee

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 16, 1993

Mr. John Lawler
Project Coordinator
Audubon All Species Day
National Audubon Society
666 Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Mr. Lawler:

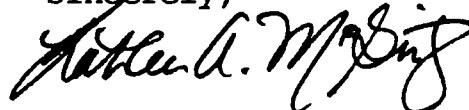
Thank you for contacting me regarding your work on the Audubon All Species Day Celebration held on October 30, 1993. It was good to hear from you, and I regret that I was not able to attend the ceremony at the Washington Monument.

As you know, the preservation of our environment continues to be one of this Administration's highest priorities. I certainly appreciate learning about your efforts to increase public awareness about the importance of protecting the miraculous diversity of plant and animal life found on our planet.

This Administration supports exciting initiatives such as this which educate our nation's youth about the many different species of our planets various ecosystems. Everyone must join together to ensure a healthy environment for future generations.

Again, thank you for sharing your work with me.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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National Audubon Society



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Kathleen McGinty
Director
Office of Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20501

October 8, 1993

Dear Ms. McGinty,

As per your request from our brief discussion last evening at the reception for Mollie Beattie, I am sending you information about the Audubon All Species Day project and our event here in Washington. As I mentioned, Ken Connolly had intended to show you this same information, but apparently it got lost in the shuffle.

We would like to request from you a simple letter of support for the project. We would also like to invite you and your staff to come share the fun of our All Species Day Celebration at the Washington Monument on Saturday, October 30, 1993. If you are interested to attend as an honored guest, please have your staff contact me so that we can arrange for you to speak a few words to the children.

The National Audubon Society also has invited Vice President and Mrs. Gore and their family to attend the event. Apparently they may be involved in another affair, but we are hoping they will still be able to make a brief appearance at our celebration. We would be most grateful if you would help see that happen. Children around the nation would appreciate such a gesture of support for their concerns.

The idea of All Species Day as a Halloween alternative is an important one. When children combine their love of wildlife with their enthusiasm for masquerading, a powerful educational opportunity arises. In several hundred classrooms around the nation, this pilot project is turning October into All Species Month. Thousands of children are learning about plants and animals with a great level of excitement as they prepare skits, parades, and performances for their own All Species Day celebrations. Your support will help significantly toward the creation a new "holiday" that is rooted in both celebration arts and real scientific learning.

Please look at the enclosed draft press release, and note the federal agencies who are co-sponsoring this event with us. We are all very excited that children's voice for protecting endangered species will really be heard! We hope you'll join us in whatever way you can.

Sincerely,

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John Lawler
Project Coordinator, Audubon All Species Day

THE WHITE HOUSE
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November 8, 1993

Mr. Pat Lynch
P.O. Box 455
Encampment, WY 82325

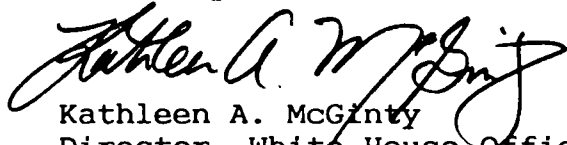
Dear Mr. Lynch:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about the position of Chief of the U.S. Forest Service. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, the preservation of our environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth continues to be one of this Administration's highest priorities. I certainly appreciate learning your views about appointments to the position of Forest Service Chief. Rest assured that we will continue in our efforts to promote environmentally sound natural resource management practices.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,

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October 22, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
Office on Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building, RM 360
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Dear Ms. McGinty:

I have just learned that Secretary of Agriculture Espy is planning to change the Chief of the Forest Service and in the process make a political appointment to this position. This is very discouraging news and I fear not a well thought out course of action.

I have been associated with the Forest Service since 1963 in various capacities as a professional Forester, cooperater, businessman and neighbor. I am in touch with District, Regional and Washington offices weekly and have been for the past 14 years. I subscribe to the Washington Office Friday Newsletter and several Regional Newsletters. I give lectures on the history of the Forest Service to agency employees and the public. I was the founder of one of the largest public museum collections of Forest Service memorabilia. I have been a member of the Society of American Foresters for about 30 years and the Forest History Society, American Forests, and Arbor Day Foundation for many years. I consider myself well informed about Forest Service history, policies, issues and direction.

In Secretary James Wilson's 1905 letter to Gifford Pinchot outlining his duties as Chief Forester, he said among many other wise things, that the National Forests would be managed "for the greatest good of the greatest number in the long run". That formidable challenge, along with balancing today's contradictory demands of preservation vs. commodity uses imposed by the public and Congress leaves a virtual impossible task for any Chief. My view is that Chief Robertson has done a remarkable job dealing with these issues as a professional land steward. He has vigorously moved the agency forward in areas of Ecosystem Management, International Forestry, forest health and other resource issues while at the same time accelerating administrative initiatives in workforce programs such as cultural change, empowering employees, diversity and providing better customer service.

With that said, I acknowledge that, for some reasons not known to me but perhaps valid and important, Secretary Espy sees a need to make a change in the Chief's position. That is certainly his prerogative under the 1978 Civil Service Reform Act, which I am not challenging. What is very important to the future of the Forest Service and the National Forest System is how he effects this change.

To politicize this position by setting the precedent of appointing a non career Chief outside of the SES system would be a gross injustice to the system which has historically produced outstanding, committed Chiefs and a dedicated workforce which trusts in the agency leadership. The Chief position is indeed the epitome of success in the organization, achieved through a career of professional competence and dedication. The Forest Service as a leading, successful federal agency of committed men and women with high esprit de corps, in large part, can be related to an organizational structure allowing every qualified employee equal opportunity to rise to the rank of Chief. This system works and does not need to be fixed!

Federal natural resource management agencies that have suffered under a politicized system are well known. There are many current qualified Forest Service men and women within reach of the SES system that can lead the Forest Service as Chief with competence as a professional, career natural resource steward.

Regardless of current disagreements with Chief Robertson, I urge you to use your influence to keep the Chief's position a career SES appointment.

Sincerely,

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PAT LYNCH

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 8, 1993

Dr. Neal Lane
Director
National Science Foundation
4201 Wilson Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22230

Dear Dr. Lane,

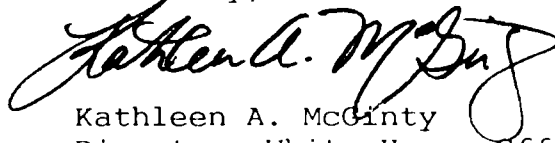
I would like to take this opportunity to alert you to a very exciting initiative on global environmental education. The Vice President considers environmental education a national priority and has begun an effort to develop a comprehensive environmental education initiative. Knowing of your dedication to these issues and your leadership in environmental education, I wanted to bring this initiative to your attention and solicit your input as we move ahead.

The Vice President's initiative is known as The Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE) Program. The current draft of the strategic plan is enclosed for your review. Because it is still in draft form, however, I would greatly appreciate it if you took special care to hold it very close. The GLOBE Program is designed to allow students throughout the world to take environmental observations. The goals of The GLOBE Program are to enhance environmental awareness throughout the world and to increase scientific understanding of the earth.

NASA and NOAA have expressed a strong interest in committing time and resources to the Vice President's vision and I would like to explore the possibility of involving the National Science Foundation in the support, development, and implementation of this program.

I will contact you in the near future to discuss the participation of the National Science Foundation in The GLOBE Program with you in greater detail.

Sincerely,

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

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 4, 1993

Ms. Joan Lane
31907 Watergate Ct.
Westlake Village, CA 91361

Dear Ms. Lane:

Thank you for contacting me regarding the proposed Chlorine Zero Discharge Act. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, I share President Clinton's commitment to the preservation of our environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. I certainly appreciate learning your thoughts about this piece of legislation to reduce the use of chlorine in manufacturing industries. Rest assured that this Administration will continue in its efforts to promote environmental sustainability.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,

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

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8/31/93

To: White House Environmental
Policy Office

Re: Chlorine Zero Discharge Act
of 1993

I support the phase out of
chlorine in the pulp & paper industry.

Jan Lane
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 4, 1993

The Honorable John LaFalce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman LaFalce:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding your thoughts about the Executive Order on Recycled Goods.

As you know, the President recently signed the Executive Order on Federal Acquisition, Recycling, and Waste Prevention. This Executive Order is the outcome of much hard work and consultation with industry and labor representatives, the environmental community, and consumer groups, as well as congressional and agency staff members.

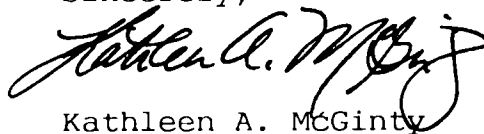
The Order will reduce solid waste, build markets for recycled products, encourage new technologies and protect the environment. This Executive Order requires all Federal purchases of printing and writing paper to contain 20 percent post-consumer material by the end of 1994, and 30 percent by the end 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.

And, the order directs the General Services Administration to revise paper specifications to allow agencies to purchase paper made with processes that minimize emissions of harmful by-products, including chlorinated compounds. According to some studies, these by-products can cause environmental damage including an increased risk of cancer.

In addition, this Executive Order requires agencies to make up any price increase by cutting waste and using less paper. We believe that this initiative will achieve the desired results of spurring recycling efforts and promoting a healthy environment.

Again, thank you for letting me hear from you.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
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Congress of the United States
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September 31, 1993

Kathleen A. McGinty
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Director
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Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am in receipt of letters (enclosed) from companies concerned about the proposed Executive Order on Federal Recycling. I would appreciate a careful review of the issues raised, especially the request that the President defer consideration of the proposed order until there has been a full and formal public review, a cost/benefit analysis and an environmental impact assessment.

The companies are concerned about the following:

- * The establishment of a wide range of standards and definitions without scientific substantiation, a public review process, cost/benefit analysis or an environmental impact statement;

- * The establishment of a new "environmentally preferable" standard for competing products, utilizing life cycle assessment and other methodologies;

- * The establishment of high minimum recycled content levels for printing-writing papers to be purchased by the federal government;

- * The high costs of implementing such a program.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



JOHN J. LaFALCE
Member of Congress

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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November 2, 1993

Mr. Mark LaRochelle
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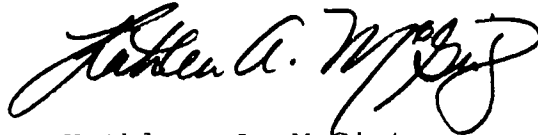
Dear Mr. LaRochelle:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your video work on marine mammals. 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 the video tape with "Survival in the High North" and "Paradise Regained?". I appreciate you taking the time to share your work with me.

Again, thank you for letting me hear from you.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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June 22, 1993

Office of The Vice President
Ms. Katie McGinty
Special Assistant to the President for the Environment
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Assistant McGinty:

In the next few days you will be receiving a package containing a video tape with two films on it -- "Survival in the High North" and "Paradise Regained?" These videos have never been seen on American TV, but Survival in the High North caused an uproar in Europe, changed the way people look at marine conservation, and effectively shut down Greenpeace in Norway.

These videos are shocking; they gore some sacred cows. They tell the truth rather than Disneyesque fantasy about marine mammals and environmental conservation. Your perception of whaling and marine mammals may change drastically after watching these videos.

If you have not received your video within two weeks, please call and we will see that you get a copy.

Sincerely,

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Mark LaRochelle
Director of Communications



THE WHITE HOUSE
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November 2, 1993

Dr. H.W. Lewis
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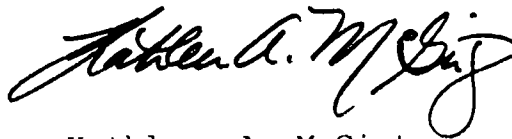
Dear Dr. Lewis:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts on decision making in environmental protection. 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 you sending me a copy of your book on approaches to risk management.

Again, thank you for letting me hear from you.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. McGinty:

You don't know me. I'm motivated to write by the excerpts I recently read of a speech you gave in April in Tennessee. To my surprise they seemed to adopt the "free lunch" approach to environmental protection, which (at least in my view) insulates us from having to make the hard decisions about what comes first. Of course anything we do has a cost associated with it, and good management requires attention to the costs of competing alternatives. I hope that the excerpts I saw didn't reflect the substance of your remarks.

Having mentioned free lunches, I enclose a copy of my recent book, which got pretty good reviews as a balanced appraisal of the problems of risk management, and even won a prize. I have plenty of experience interacting with various government agencies on risk-management questions (risk management is not environmental management, but they live in the same house), and it is reflected in the book. I hope you can glance at it, for a viewpoint you might not find easily elsewhere.

Of course I'd be happy to pursue any point further—when Jack Gibbons was at OTA I chaired a couple of things for them, so it is conceivable that he might even remember me.

Happy reading.

Sincerely,



H. W. Lewis
Professor Emeritus

Technological Risk

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 2, 1993

Ms. Elizabeth Leighton
U.S. Foreign Service Officer
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Dear Ms. Leighton:

Thank you for contacting me regarding last summer's conference on the reassessment of U.S. Arctic policy goals and objectives. 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 thinking of me and my personal interests in the Arctic. I have forwarded your information to my Associate Director in charge of these issue areas for his review.

Again, thank you for letting me hear from you.

Sincerely,

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July 9, 1993

Ms. Kathleen McGinty
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Dear Katy,

Enclosed is a copy of the conference proceedings, *New Perspectives on the Arctic: The Changing Role of the United States in the Circumpolar North*. This conference was held at the University of Alaska Fairbanks in August 1992 and initiated a vigorous reassessment of U.S. Arctic policy goals and objectives. I know you have had a long interest in polar issues so I thought you would be interested in having a copy of this report.

Participants urged a review of current U.S. Arctic policy to reflect the political changes in the post-Cold War era, the heightened awareness of environmental problems and the special concerns of indigenous peoples and other Arctic residents. The State Department announced its intent to redirect its efforts in the Arctic and create a mechanism for public participation in the policy process.

Many of the conference conclusions and recommendations could be useful in the ongoing policy review by the Interagency Working Group on Global Environmental Issues. I hope the information provided in this proceedings can assist the completion of that study encourage the early participation of Arctic residents and experts in the definition of new priorities for the Arctic.

If you could use additional copies of the proceedings, please let me know and I will arrange to have them sent to your office. I have very much enjoyed my assignment here in Alaska. I hope you get a chance to return to the state for another kayak trip, but also to talk with some of the wonderful people here about their concerns for the North.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elizabeth Leighton".

Elizabeth Leighton
U.S. Foreign Service Officer on
Special Assignment to the University of
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Enclosure: As stated.