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WASHINGTON

August 2, 1993

Mr. Rowland M. Orum
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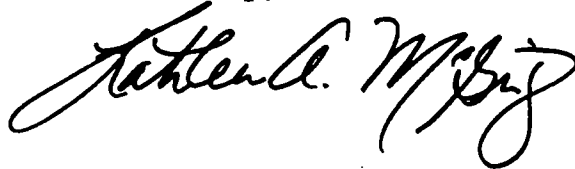
Dear Mr. Orum:

Thank you for contacting me regarding the proposed change in the U.S. Forest Service administrative appeals regulation. It was good to hear from you, and I apologize for the delay in my response.

As you know, I share President Clinton's and Vice President Gore's commitment to the preservation of our environment. In response to overwhelming interest on this issue, the Forest Service extended the public comment period on the administrative appeals process to last 45 days. I appreciate learning your thoughts about this matter.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kathleen A. McGinty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kathleen" and last name "McGinty" clearly legible.

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

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2389 Floral Hill Dr.
Eugene, OR 97403
May 17, 1993

Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director, Office of Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building, Room 360
Washington, DC, 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am a retired Forest Service employee from a career that I fully enjoyed. Nevertheless, it was a career in which I was continually troubled by the agency's over emphasis on timber and their going to great lengths to justify the unrealistic high timber harvest levels at the expense of all other resources and forest values.

In recent years I have become appalled at some of the outrageous activities of the agency; the disregard of the laws enacted by congress in order to maintain the high harvest levels.

One of the most recent and brazen actions is the proposal to make it most difficult and almost impossible for the public to appeal logging decisions through changes of the regulations governing the appeal processes. To put it bluntly, if the Forest Service would follow the laws and the intent of the laws there would be few appeals and no incentive to change the appeal process.

I therefore oppose the proposed changes in the appeal process. The changes fly in the face of attempts to gain public participation and approval of agency's activities. I urge to continue to use the postmark date rather than, as proposed, the date of arrival for appeals to be considered. Also, provide adequate notices to interested parties and sufficient time for public response to any significant proposed actions that affect the forest environment, whether it is a timber sale, road building, use of chemicals or what ever.

I find it disturbing that the agency in which I have admired and respected would stoop so low as to try to obtain license to continue their lawless activities free from all inhibiting actions of the public.

Sincerely

Rowland M. Orum

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 16, 1993

Ms. Andres Marie Orr
12300 Dell Way
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

Dear Ms. Orr:

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Council on Environmental Policy (CEQ) and its role in the Federal Government.

I understand your perspective on this issue. However, the President, Vice President and I believe that the White House Office on Environmental Policy will provide a more effective means of policy making and implementation at the highest level of the Administration. We are confident that this office will work cooperatively with the new Department of Environment to address the important NEPA issues that you raise.

Again, I appreciate hearing your concerns on this matter.

Sincerely,

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

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12300 Dell Way
Fredericksburg, VA 22407
23 July 1993

Mark Geren
Deputy Chief of Staff
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Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Geren,

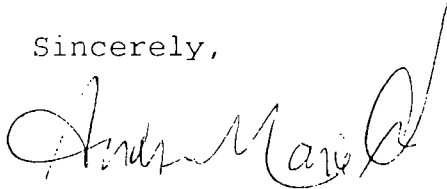
I am writing to urge you NOT to abolish the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ).

As you know, the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), which is the linchpin of our national environmental law, ensures citizen oversight of federal agency decision making. By abolishing CEQ, the administration abolishes the mechanism that ensures that the goals of NEPA are met.

Please consider supporting the CEQ to make the world a better place for future generations.

I eagerly await your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andrea Marie Orr".

Andrea Marie Orr
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WASHINGTON

August 16, 1993

Mr. John O'Leary
Attorney at Law
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Portland, ME 04101

Dear John:

Thank you so much for your help in laying the groundwork for our work with the new Bolivian government. Needless to say, I am enormously enthused about the opportunity that is presented here, and I am very grateful for your valuable contribution to our efforts.

Unfortunately, due to last minute and unavoidable scheduling difficulties, I was unable to make the trip to Bolivia. I have many thoughts for follow-up, however, and I look forward to our continued dialogue as we move forward.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, Office on
Environmental Policy

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