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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 27, 1993

Ms. Elizabeth A. Petersen
910 N. 14th Avenue
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Dear Ms. Petersen:

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

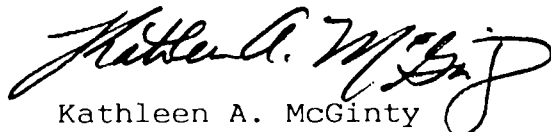
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

KAM/avl

Dear Ms. McGinty,

12 Oct. 1993

The President's forest plan leaves too much of our rare ancient forests without protection.

The plan should provide the following protection:

- 1) There must be a permanent ancient forest reserve system with no road-building of any kind; nor logging.
- 2) Eastside and Northern California Sierra forests must be a part of the protection package.
- 3) There must be transitional assistance for timber dependent communities.
- 4) Log exports must be addressed.
- 5) There must not be any tampering with environmental laws.
- 6) There must be protection for fisheries/fish habitat including a full streamside buffer zone, consistent with the Scientific Advisory Team report.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth A. Pedersen

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Mr. Don Phuebbert
429 Salem Square
Bolingbrook, IL 60440

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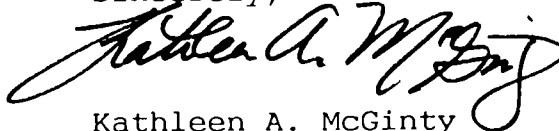
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Katie McGinty,

The President's forest plan leaves far too much of our rare ancient forests unprotected. The plan should provide permanent protection of the best 10% of America's forests & the species that depend on them. Specifically, the final plan must provide for the following:

- 1. No logging in ancient forest reserves.
- 2. Remaining ancient forest must be checked in reserves & off limits to logging. Even dead & decaying trees are an essential element of ancient forest ecosystems and should be left alone.
- 3. Protection for roadless areas. Roadless areas are natural forest stands & should be completely off limits to logging, inside the reserves.
- 4. Full protection for fisheries/fish habitat, inside & outside reserves. Full streamside buffer zones, consistent with the Scientific Advisory Team (SAT) report, are essential to prevent logging too close to streambeds & increase the risk of floods, degraded water quality, & extinction for salmon populations.
- 5. Minimal experimental forestry. Convert

ial Assistant to the President &
Executive Director for Energy,
Environment & Natural Resources Policy
White House
Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington D.C. 20500

Director,

The United States Forest Service, the custodian of roughly 190 million of public lands, is on a road-building binge at the taxpayer's expense. Using America's last remaining wilderness by the means of a massive, publicly financed road-building program. Nationally, the F.S. plans to crisscross meaning roadless areas with over 75,000 miles of new logging roads (three times the Earth's circumference) during the next 15 years.

On the average, each mile of Forest Service road constructed obliterates 5 acres of natural habitat. Meaning, the Forest Service plans to destroy 375,000 acres of land, just for the building of roads. Also, in the year 1983, the average F.S. road cost the American taxpayers about \$100 per mile of construction? The cost of road building in 1983 was a total of 426 million dollars, just for road construction. In 1984, 9700 miles were constructed in roadless areas at the taxpayers cost of over a half-billion dollars. And ^{each} year the costs rise, due to the remoteness, ruggedness, instability, correspondingly difficult and expensive construction techniques needed to road these remaining wildlands.

Now, you may be saying to yourself, "wait, the timber industry pays for the roads." The actual cost of the road built by the timber purchaser is subtracted from the price the purchaser paid for the standing timber. This is known as the "Timber Purchase Credit Program," which gives timber companies artificially low prices for their timber. With the American taxpayer picking up the tab, subsidizing hundreds of miles of timber road construction for the timber industry. If not most, of the timber sales in Western National Forests would be economical if the timber companies had to pay for their own roads.

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Mr. Damian Parr
211 Saxon Avenue
Capitola, CA 93010

Dear Mr. Parr:

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1, Bill Clinton and Al Gore

to protect Americas forest heritage in the
northwest by implementing a 2 year study period with
guidelines, in order to preserve our options
sufficient information is gathered for better
decision making. The Interim Guidelines should:

low impact timber sale program (with NO new roads)
in untraversed areas, with prescriptions for thinning
and limited salvage, as designed for specific
by a Technical Review Committee for the Managed

combination of interim and Permanent reserves
at areas under consideration, as follows. -

1. all old-growth forest habitat (all sizes and species)
2. no logging in HCAs, L SOG 1 areas, and L SOG 2 areas,
3. experimental thinning from below outside of
Spotted owl nesting habitats.

4. Logging in all Roadless Areas, riparian zones, Key
5. areas, administratively withdrawn areas, Native American
6. sacred areas, and on unstable slopes

7. 1 large blocks of natural forest down to 500 acres
8. and the last remaining representatives of plant
9. and/or habitat types within each third or fourth order

10. all watersheds containing uninfected Port Orford cedars

11. a solution that Adheres to existing environmental
12. standards west of the Cascades, and assist the economic
13. enough forest restoration programs, community-
14. funds, and Limits on raw log exports.

15. to change my life style to accommodate the Forest survival.

16. Signed: Damian Parr. voter & your employer kindly
17. we live with Grace Please contribute to the North

THE WHITE HOUSE

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October 27, 1993

Mr. and Ms. Todd and Beth Persche
2043 Overlook Pass #4
Middleton, WI 53562

Dear Mr. and Ms. Persche:

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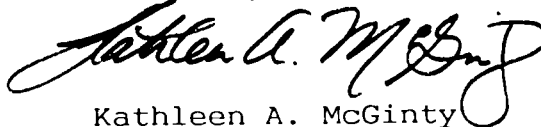
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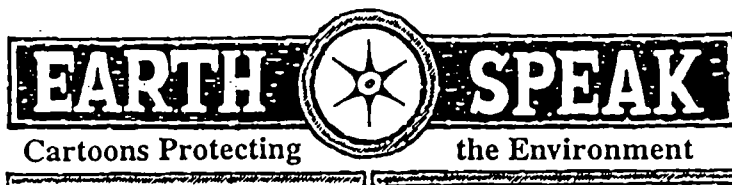
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OCT 12, 1993

DEAR KATIE MCGINTY,

THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN DOES NOT GO FAR ENOUGH TO PROTECT THE LAST 10 PERCENT OF OUR ANCIENT FORESTS. NOW IS A TIME TO TAKE A STAND AND SAY THAT THE LOGGING INDUSTRY GROSSLY MISMANAGED OUR NATIONAL TREASURE. GIVE THEM THE MILLIONS OF ACRES OF REPLANTED TREE FARMS THAT TAKE DECADES TO DEVELOP, NOT CENTURIES!

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE

- 1) NO LOGGING IN ANCIENT FOREST RESERVES
- 2) PROTECTION OF ROADLESS AREAS
- 3) FULL PROTECTION OF FISHERIES/FISH HABITAT
- 4) MINIMAL EXPERIMENTAL FORESTRY
- 5) PROTECTION FOR ALL SPECIES ASSOCIATED WITH ANCIENT FORESTS.

REAGAN + BUSH ALLOWED FOR THIS HORRIBLE DILEMA TO COME TO A HEAD, BUT NOW IT'S PRESIDENT CLINTON'S WATCH, PLEASE TAKE A STAND FOR OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN!

THANKS FOR YOUR TIME

BETH + TODD PERSCHE

P.S. PLEASE FORWARD TO
JAMES LYONS, ASSISTANT SEC.
FOR NATL RESOURCES + ENV. AT
US. DEPT OF AGRICULTURE

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(608) 233-8526

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 25, 1993

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to recommend Lavatus Powell for a position in your office. "Vate" worked in my office during the summer of 1993, and proved to be a valuable asset to our operation. He worked on a wide variety of projects at OEP, and accomplished each task with a high level of creativity and professionalism.

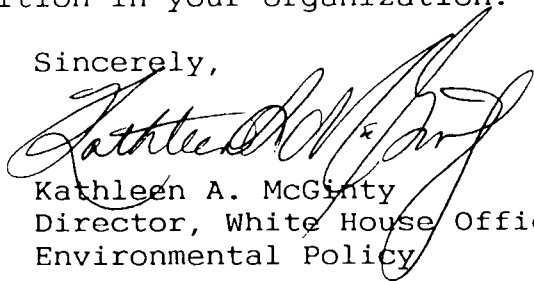
Vate spent a great deal of time working on Environmental Justice issues. Building upon his previous experience and contact with the environmental justice community, Vate helped devise an initial strategy to address this important issue. He worked closely with agency and Congressional staff in helping us to draft an Executive Order in this regard, and served as a point of contact for grassroots leaders in planning a Presidential meeting on this issue. Vate remained involved in this initiative after returning to school this fall.

In addition, Vate was involved in the Greening of the White House project. This initiative includes an environmental and energy audit, upgrade and retrofit of the White House complex. Vate worked with White House and federal agency staff on the audit and in conjunction with the American Institute of Architects to bring in experts from across the nation to provide suggestions for this project.

Vate also worked on pollution prevention issues, drafted briefing materials for the Vice President, conducted research, and provided general office support. To each of these varied tasks, Vate brought energy, commitment and attention to detail.

In a short period of time, Vate demonstrated his ability to negotiate, develop consensus and work as a team player. I highly recommend him for a position in your organization.

Sincerely,



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

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 21, 1993

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Pelosi:

The President has asked that I respond to your letter of August 5 regarding your concerns about federal wetlands policy and H.R. 350, the Wetlands Reform Act. I apologize for the delay in my response.

President Clinton and Vice President Gore are committed to the preservation of our natural resources in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. This Administration shares your concerns about the uncertainties surrounding wetlands policies of the past.

As you know, an Interagency Working Group on Federal Wetlands Policy was convened on June 4 to review and seek to clarify the issues surrounding federal wetlands policy in anticipation of the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act. It included representatives of all federal agencies involved in, or impacted by, the protection of wetlands. In addition, the working group solicited a broad range of views, including those of the Congress; state and local government; environmentalists; developers and homebuilders; agricultural interests; and others. The Administration policy that was announced in August is very consistent with the policies proposed in your letter.

I look forward to working with you to ensure the effective implementation of an ecologically sound wetlands policy during the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,



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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515: 00

August 5, 1993

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We understand that you are currently in the process of formulating an official position on federal wetlands policy. We would like to urge you to adopt a position that is closely in line with H.R. 350, the Wetlands Reform Act, currently cosponsored by 80 members of Congress.

We know you are aware of the importance of preserving our wetlands, and commend you for your support of a "no net loss" of wetlands policy. Because Congress is moving closer to acting legislatively on this issue, we feel that your involvement now could have a critical impact on the outcome of this debate and help end the polarization that has developed over this issue.

At a minimum, wetlands policy should accomplish the following: it should stem the loss of 300,000 acres of wetlands annually; it should streamline the permit process; it should improve wetlands regulations so that they are uniformly applied; and it should establish a more incentive-based approach to preserving privately-held wetlands. We believe that H.R. 350 offers reasonable and workable solutions that would achieve these reforms within the framework that currently exists.

To strengthen protections for wetlands, H.R. 350 would amend the Clean Water Act to include explicitly a provision covering the protection of wetlands and expand the number of activities covered under the Act to all that are harmful to wetlands. The careful tracking of the impact of the permit program and mitigation efforts on wetlands would also be required. Finally, it would direct more personnel and resources to agencies that oversee wetlands policy.

To streamline the permit process and make it more workable to private landowners, H.R. 350 would establish a fast track to process minor permits within a period of 60 days. Other helpful provisions would direct the Corps to assist small landowners with wetlands delineations, accelerate the completion of the National Wetlands inventory maps by the Fish and Wildlife Service, and clarify exemptions for normal and ongoing farming practices.

Many of the complaints that the system is unworkable arise from the uneven application of wetlands regulations. We believe this can be remedied through better training of wetlands delineators, and through better coordination of delineation methods.

We also would like to stress the importance of scrutinizing proposals that would seriously erode our wetlands base. We are particularly opposed to calls for a national wetlands classification system. Such a task would be an inefficient use of scarce resources, and according to the Fish and Wildlife Service, it would cost \$18 billion to implement. In addition, ratings would have to be based on very subjective criteria.

We also urge you to resist pressure to broaden the application of the Fifth Amendment takings clause to the limitation of property rights that results from wetlands regulations. Restrictions on the use of wetlands property often serve to protect the health and safety of other nearby properties. To be able to evaluate carefully the unique facts of each case, questions on takings must be left to the courts to be considered on a case by case basis.

The best chance for expanding our wetlands base lies in wetlands restoration efforts. However, it is shortsighted to look to mitigation banking as a solution that would allow wetlands to be destroyed for development projects by creating or contributing to a mitigation bank elsewhere. Studies have shown that efforts to restore or create wetlands have had mixed results, and replacement wetlands are often unsatisfactory because they rarely perform as many or even the same functions as the natural wetlands they replace.

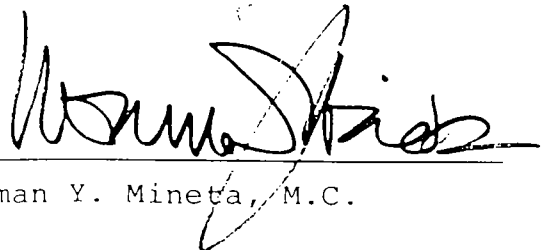
Because 74 percent of the nation's remaining wetlands are privately owned, we must look more toward incentive-based approaches to protecting wetlands. We urge support for the Wetlands Reserve Program, as well as tax incentives that encourage the donation of land to qualified conservation organizations or that promote limiting activities on wetlands to compatible uses.

The need to preserve our wetlands has been made especially clear by the tragic floods now occurring in the Mississippi Valley. Contributing to the severity of the flooding is the fact that 75% - 90% of the wetlands in the region have been lost. In order to resolve the debate over wetlands quickly and fairly, we urge you to adopt the approach outlined in H.R. 350, so that both the economic and environmental benefits of wetlands can be preserved.

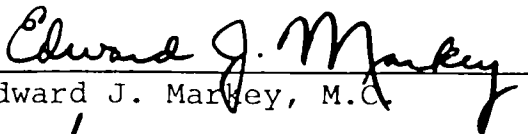
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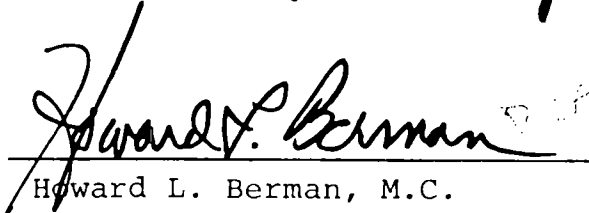
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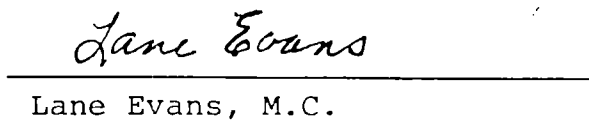
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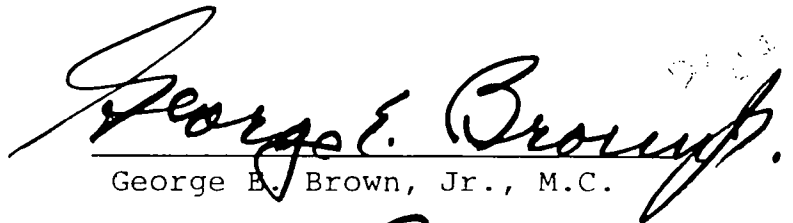

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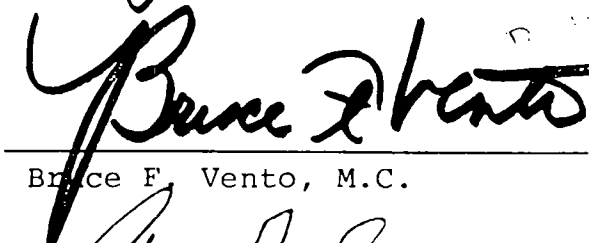

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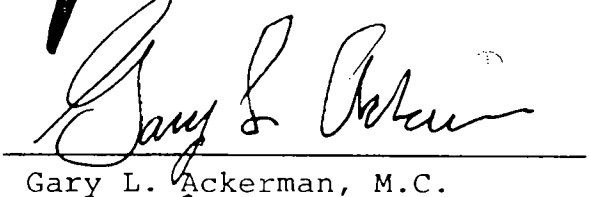

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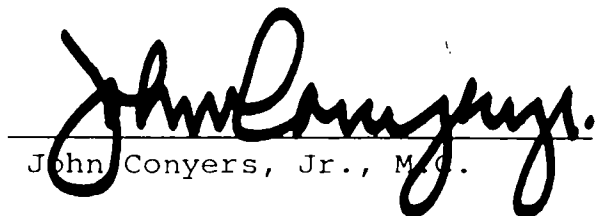

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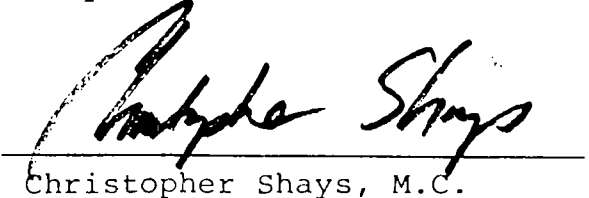

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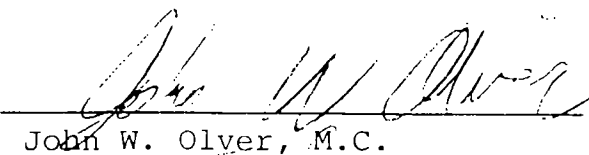

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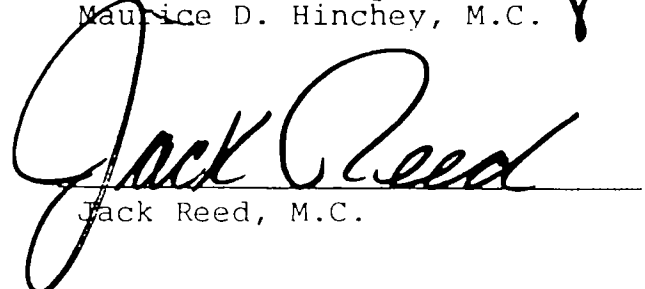

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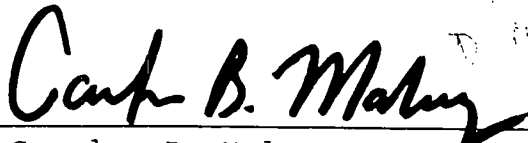

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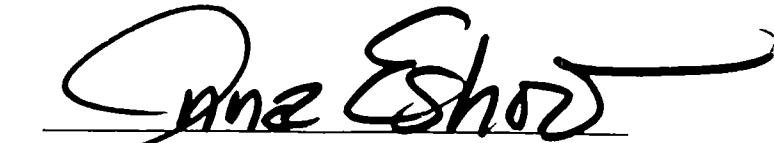

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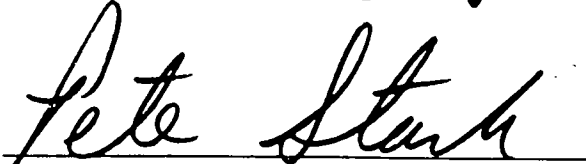

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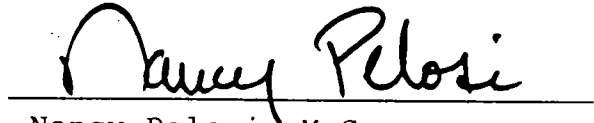

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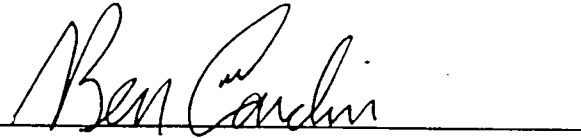

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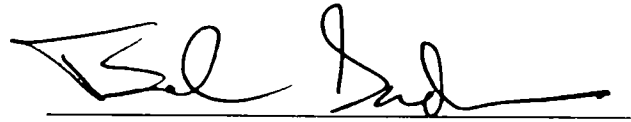

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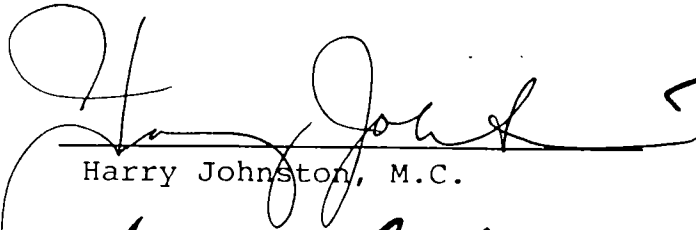

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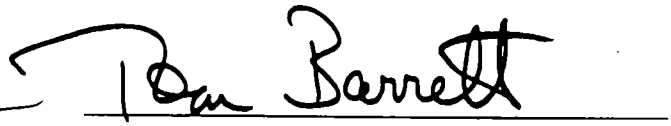

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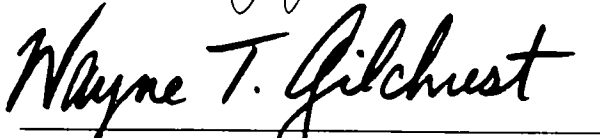

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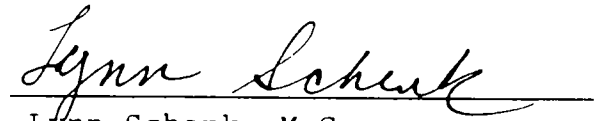

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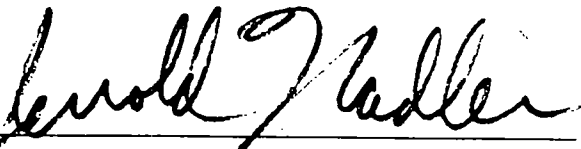

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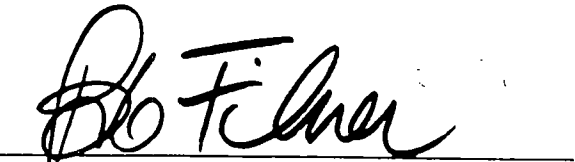

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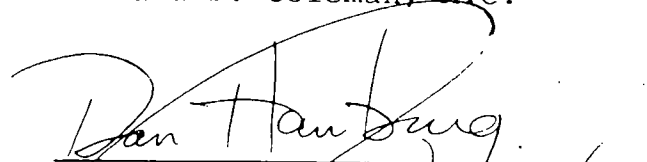

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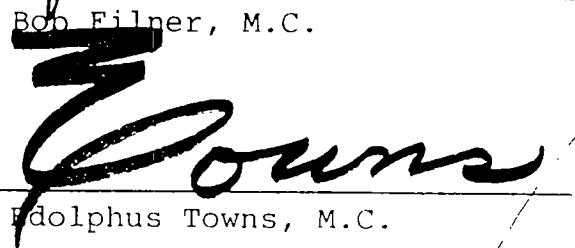

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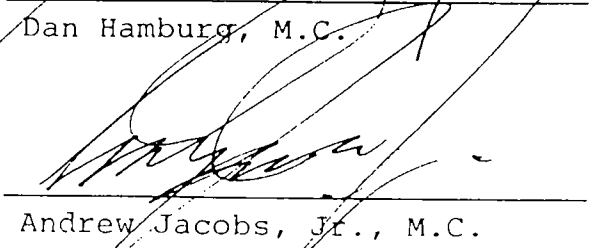

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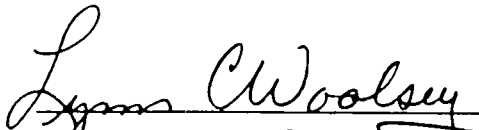

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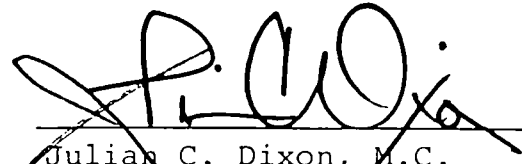

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October 20, 1993

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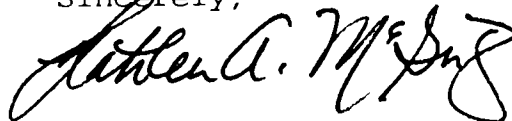
Dear Mr. Pines:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your project "The Global Textbook". Your information was forwarded to me by the Vice President's office. 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 hearing of your efforts to render the accomplishments of the Rio Earth Summit in a form understandable to children. Environmental education of children is a vital link in the framework of environmental protection.

Again, thank you for letting me hear from you.

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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Trey- Needs
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Comments: I heard the UP. on the radio speaking about
Agenda 21. That is this project. We are eager to
meet with the vice president. I would be happy to lend my
support possible with the new commission, too.

DAVID PINES