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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 2, 1993

Mr. Gene Vaughan, AFM
Vice President, Agriculture Services
Commerce Bank
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Dear Mr. Vaughan:

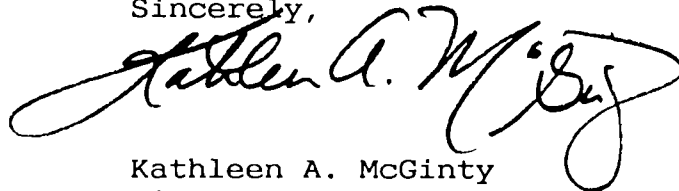
Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about the use of ethanol.

I share President Clinton's and Vice President Gore's commitment to the preservation of our environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. President Clinton and I believe that we must encourage the study and development of technologies for alternatively fueled vehicles. As you know, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is currently looking into a proposed rule on the use of ethanol and its status under the Clean Air Act of 1990. I await the EPA's findings in this regard.

I appreciate learning your concerns about the listing of ethanol under the Clean Air Act. Rest assured that this Administration will continue its efforts to promote clean-burning fuels.

Again, thank you for sharing this information with me.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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August 20, 1993

Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Director to the President
and Director, Office of Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building - Room 360
17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. McGinty:

We manage approximately 20,000 acres of corn production in the Midwest. In terms of ethanol production, this represents about \$750,000.00. In President Clinton's speech in October, 1992, he said that "The Clinton-Gore Administration will expand the use of ethanol to increase American jobs, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and improve the environment".

The market for ethanol and corn is being threatened by misintrepretation of the Clean Air Act as to how Congress passed it. This will seriously jeopardize the corn and ethanol industry in Illinois and surrounding states and will slow economic recovery. Please see that ethanol is treated fairly with other fuels as the Clean Air Act is implemented.

Sincerely,

Gene Vaughan, AFM
Vice President
Agriculture Services

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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September 21, 1993

Ms. Kyrraki Vasiliadis
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Whitestone, NY 11357

Dear Ms. Vasiliadis:

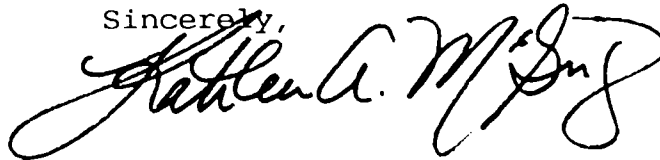
This is to notify you that the Vice President forwarded your letter to my office. It was good to hear from you, and I appreciate your interest in the Office on Environmental Policy (OEP).

As you know, I share President Clinton's and Vice President Gore's commitment to the preservation of the environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. We have been busy in recent months on many initiatives, including Executive Orders on Pollution Prevention, Recycled Goods, and Energy Efficient Computers. In his Earth Day Address, President Clinton announced this Administration's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2000. The OEP, in conjunction with the relevant Federal agencies, is currently preparing an action plan to accomplish this goal.

I certainly appreciate your interest in the efforts of my office. For your information, I have enclosed some information on several OEP initiatives.

Again, thank you for contacting me.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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May 24, 1993

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Dear Mr. Vice President,

Congratulations on your election as
our new environmental Vice President.
I am a presently graduate student ^{at} Queens
College Flushing, N.Y. in the Elementary
Education Masters program. I teach
in the New York City Public Schools.

I am interested in finding out
more information concerning your new
Office on Environmental Policy. As a concerned
environmental educator, I would like to
see ~~your~~ words put into action "before
it's too late." After all "our Earth is in the
Balance".

Thanks Sincerely,
Kyrak Vasilakos

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 21, 1993

Mr. Lawrence J. Virkus
145 Crystal Spring Road
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Dear Mr. Virkus:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding your thoughts about the proposed Executive Order on Recycled Goods. I appreciate hearing from you.

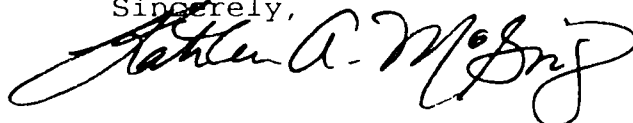
President Clinton and I believe that recycling has to be an important part of our strategy in our efforts to preserve our environment. Through the hard work and initiative of many community and industry leaders, recycling has become almost routine to many people. However, to really make recycling a success, further outreach is needed to encourage both the supply and demand for recycled products.

The President asked that the Office on Environmental Policy work on an initiative to encourage the use of recycled and recovered goods. The draft 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. This initiative will require the federal agencies to use paper containing recycled materials. This Administration believes that this executive order will stimulate demand for and production of goods containing recycled materials, and increase the incentive for public involvement in the recycling movement.

I certainly appreciate learning your thoughts and concerns about the implementation of this draft Executive Order, specifically with regard to post-consumer content standards and the paper bleaching process. We believe that this initiative will achieve the desired results of spurring our nation's recycling efforts, while also promoting a healthy environment. Rest assured that we are carefully considering all policy options in this very important matter.

Again, thank you for letting me hear from you.

Sincerely,



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

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Ms. Katie McGinty
Deputy Assistant to President
Director of White House Environmental Policy
Room 310 Old Executive Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty,

I am writing concerning a proposed Executive Order on federal procurement of recycled paper. I understand that the order will require federal agencies to purchase paper that contains at least 15% post-consumer material, rising to 25% by the year 2000, with some papers having an additional requirement of 50% total recycled content. I also understand that the order will require the purchase of chlorine-free paper.

I support efforts to increase the purchase of recycled paper by the federal government. I believe the EPA guidelines established attainable goals which helped stimulate investment in recycling technology and equipment.

However, I am concerned that the standards in the proposed executive order may be unrealistically high for the basic printing and writing papers, some of which are produced by the company for which I work. As a consequence, companies like Blandin Paper Company may be seriously affected and our jobs jeopardized.

I also question the inclusion of a chlorine-free requirement. Such a requirement has nothing to do with recycled content, and in fact may be at cross-purposes with recycling.

As an employee of a company that makes paper for publications and catalogs, I ask you to recommend to the President that he not sign this executive order.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Vickers
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Grand Rapids, Mn 55744

THE WHITE HOUSE
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September 23, 1993

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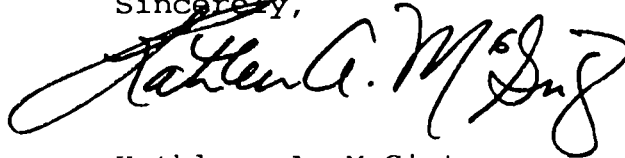
Dear Dr. Vietmeyer:

Thank you for your recent letter and the copy of the book about neem you enclosed. It was good to hear from you again.

I certainly appreciate learning about your continued study of neem and its potential uses in the health care field, as well as possible uses as a pesticide. Please keep me apprised of your progress.

Again, thank you for sharing this report with me.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen A. McGinty
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August 13, 1993

Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President and
Director, Office of Environmental Policy
360 OEOP
The White House Office
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Katie:

Thanks so much for your letter to Brian Atwood. If it does the trick, and my program stays alive, I'll be spending the coming years bringing to light "tools" that you and others can employ for fixing up the global environment.

These tools are mainly to be found among the world's tens of thousands of unappreciated plants. Some we uncovered previously are already being used in constructing certain answers to deforestation, soil erosion, hunger, malnutrition, and other problems in at least 100 countries.

One of the most interesting is neem. In the 18 months since we published our book on this Indian tree, there have been developments that we barely dreamed of. One has to do with protecting women from HIV and other infections. Perhaps you saw last Saturday's *Post* article on an NIH initiative along these lines. What the *Post* didn't know is that an internationally respected Indian immunologist has found that extracts from neem seeds provide a localized immunization against bacteria, fungi, yeasts, sperm, embryos, and viruses. He indicates that HIV is among the viruses. Assuming all this works out in practice (a very big assumption at this point), women would be able to protect themselves against sexually transmitted infections, as well as pregnancy. And neem is a tree that grows well in the parts of the world hardest hit by AIDS and overpopulation.

In another angle of the burgeoning neem story, the EPA in June approved use of neem-based pesticides on American food crops. This is great news because everyone anticipated that the EPA would demand years of tests and trials, which would probably have doomed this promising new "biosafe" pesticide. It is also good news because one of the 200 pests neem can control is the whitefly that has ravaged vegetable and fruit crops in the South and Southwest. Neem products are deadly to such leaf-chewing pests, but they are benign to people, wildlife, and even beneficial insects. Moreover, they are natural products that come from trees, so their production will mean more forest cover for the world. The fact that the EPA bypassed the requirements normally demanded for synthetic pesticides, is an example of the "good" government the Vice President has been pushing for.

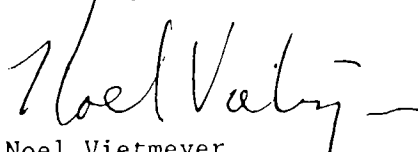
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August 13, 1993
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A copy of our neem book is attached. I could provide examples of other "tools" for solving global problems if you're interested.

So far I've not heard from Mr. Atwood, but I have put together an outline for a project that would boost my output and effectiveness. A copy is attached.

Again, thanks for your thoughtfulness and effort. I realize how much it must have interrupted your more pressing duties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Noel Vietmeyer", followed by a horizontal line.

Noel Vietmeyer
Senior Program Officer

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 29, 1993

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Washington, D.C. 20008

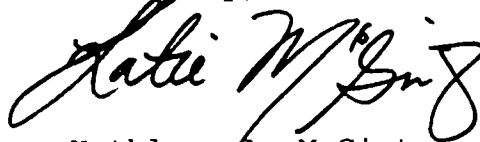
Dear Hans:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your continuing efforts on environmental issues. 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 report you enclosed, "Environmental Policy Performance Indicators." I have passed along copies to my staff for their use. I was pleased to learn of the World Resources Institute's interest in this study and of Dr. Albert Adriaanse's work in this regard. Thank you for keeping me apprised of your efforts.

Again, thank you for letting me hear from you.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen A. McGinty
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Re: Environmental indicators

Dear Kathy,

Please find enclosed a copy of 'Environmental policy performance indicators', a study on the development of indicators for environmental policy in the Netherlands. The book is the latest in a series of documents we translated for the use of other countries and organizations, to stimulate the thinking about comprehensive, long-term and accountable environmental policies, directed at sustainable development.

The World Resources Institute is working with the methodology of this study in the development of indicators for Agenda 21. The author of the book, Dr. Albert Adriaanse, will come to Washington to work at WRI during the month of October.

I highly recommend the study to you and your staff.

Keep up the good work!

Best regards,



Hans van Zijst,
Counselor for Health
and Environment

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