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May 11, 1993

The Honorable Max Baucus
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Baucus:

On behalf President Clinton and Vice President Gore, I would like to express my deep gratitude for your assistance in passing the EPA Cabinet level bill. Your help was absolutely essential, and we are most appreciative of your efforts.

I look forward to working with you as we move forward on a wide range of environmental issues. Please call on me whenever I can be of assistance.

Again, thank you for your help in this regard.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, Office on
Environmental Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 17, 1993

Mr. Joe Barnes
President
Greater Ozarks Chapter of Missouri
The Izaak Walton League of America
P.O. Box 494
Moberly, MO 65270

Dear Mr. Barnes:

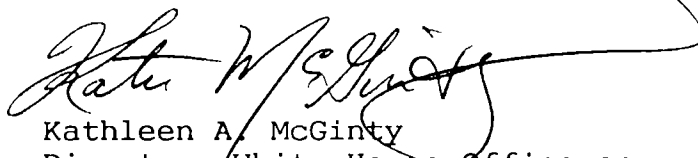
Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts on the protection of wetlands. Your letter could not be more timely. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, I share President Clinton's commitment to the preservation of our natural heritage. I agree that wetlands are critical to the delicate ecological balance necessary for environmental sustainability. I appreciate learning of your efforts to increase the quality and quantity of the acreage of wetlands in Missouri. The President and Vice President are currently reviewing policy options in this regard.

My office is in the process of convening an interagency working group on federal wetlands policy in anticipation of the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act. Be assured that we will closely review the material that you enclosed and would be grateful of any other materials you think will be useful. Mr. Keith Laughlin is the person on my staff handling this very important issue. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Laughlin, as I am sure that he would benefit from hearing your thoughtful insights in this matter.

Again, thank you for sharing this information with me.

Sincerely,



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

Kathleen A. McGinty - Director
Office on Environmental Policy
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Washington DC 20501

Katie:

Thank you for your letter to me of 23 April 1993, received here yesterday.

The particular reason I was contacting Bill, besides congratulating an old Fraternity brother, concerns wetlands, especially what we are accomplishing here in Missouri.

I am enclosing two documents for your perusal: "Wetland Goals and Recommendations for the State of Missouri," and the substantiating material Missouri Wetlands: A Vanishing Resource by Jane E. Epperson of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. I had sent these earlier to both Bill and Vice President Gore, but am sending them again in case neither was forwarded to you.

Also, enclosed is a copy of Goldstein to Barnes of 27 November 1992, the previous correspondence from the White House.

Bill wrote to me during his campaign to indicate his support of the "no net loss" policy of the Bush Administration; however, please note the long term goal here in our state to **"increase the quantity and quality of Missouri's wetland resource base considering acreage, functions and values by the year 2000."** Also, note that this is a consensus document developed not only by conservation organizations such as the League in Missouri, but also the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation and the Missouri Home Builders Association.

I believe the Missouri plan provides a model for other states, and perhaps for the federal government, and would enjoy learning your perception of it. You may also telephone at my office number (above), or my cellular number (1-816-670-2315).

Sincerely

**JOE BARNES
President**

*Katie -
This was the
friend of the
Pres. we
contacted
giving him
your name*

*Keith -
Want to
Thank you
of this.
This guy is a
P.B. we should
have had with
him.*

Please. Change a response of Keith in this letter. I am beginning to take a serious look at this. I pay...

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 6, 1993

Mr. Norman W. Bernstein
Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin
& Kahn
1050 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 200036

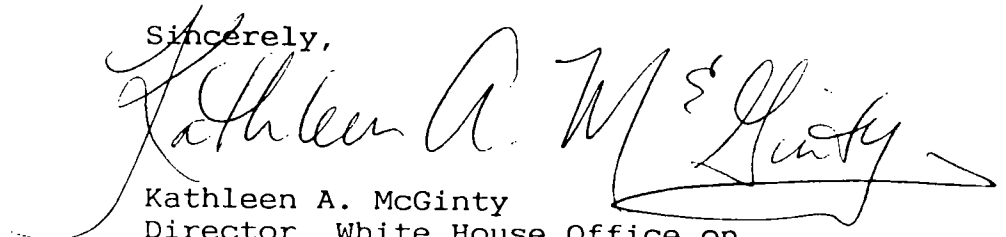
Dear Mr. Bernstein:

Thank you for the letter and the information you enclosed regarding the IRS ruling that Superfund cleanups on company property are not tax deductible.

I certainly appreciate learning of your concerns in this arena. The person on my staff who is handling Superfund issues is Mr. Keith Laughlin. I have passed along the information to Mr. Laughlin for his review. Please feel free to contact him, as I am sure he would be appreciative of your insights on this 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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May 4, 1993

Norman W. Bernstein
Member of New York and
Michigan Bars Only
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Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Assistant and Director
of the White House Office on
Environmental Policy
Room 358
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Re: Non-Deductibility of Cleanup Costs

Dear Kathleen:

The IRS has ruled that Superfund type cleanups of a company's own property are not tax deductible, but must be treated as capitalized improvements of the property.

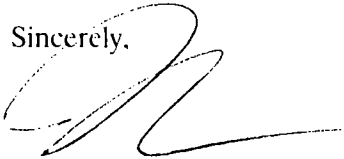
The effect will be to dramatically increase the effective costs of remediation and inhibit voluntary cleanups.

For the reasons set forth in the attached letter which we have sent to the IRS, we believe that the IRS' interpretation is unsound as a matter of tax law and it is bad as a matter of public policy. The enclosed letter is a publicly available document and it explains our analysis in more detail.

The IRS' ruling came in the form of a technical advice memorandum ("TAM") which has only recently become publicly available. A TAM is the guidance provided by headquarters to the regional offices of the IRS. Although it does not have the force of law as a formal regulation, it in fact influences the treatment of the problem by the IRS nationwide. Because it apparently realizes that its position may be questionable, the IRS has requested comments and our letter has been furnished to the IRS in response to that request for the comment.

I am passing this along because of its policy implications.

Sincerely,



Norman W. Bernstein

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 12, 1993

Mr. Leon G. Billings
901 15th Street, N.W.
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Washington, D.C. 20005

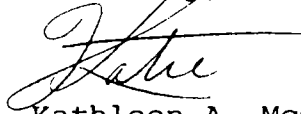
Dear Leon:

Thank you for sending me a copy your letter to the editor regarding the Council on Environmental Quality and the elevation of EPA to Cabinet level status. It was good to hear from you.

I appreciate hearing your thoughtful perspectives on this issue. I agree that the White House, and not the new Department of the Environment, should be the arbiter in disputes between the Federal agencies.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,



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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let the White House Be Environmental Judge

The dispute over eliminating the Council on Environmental Quality has, unfortunately, become the central focus of the Clinton administration's attempt to elevate the Environmental Protection Agency to Cabinet status ["Clinton's Plan on CEQ Sparks Tiff With Environmentalists," news story, March 25]. It pits the vice president and the environmental community—natural allies—against each other, and it obscures the real question of whether the EPA needs or should have formal Cabinet agency structure and the extent to which this structure would reduce the EPA's already diminished role as an advocate for public health and welfare.

In 1970, Congress passed a seemingly harmless piece of legislation called the National Environmental Policy Act after a bitter jurisdictional struggle between Henry "Scoop" Jackson and Ed Muskie. The Council on Environmental Quality was a throw-in, designed to provide a structure for resolving environmental conflicts between federal agencies.

The real issue with respect to the NEPA was whether the environmental analysis would be a statement exposing environmental issues or a finding by federal agencies to defend harmful environmental impact. Congress adopted the former. The second issue was whether the comments of environmental agencies would be incorporated by an agency in its NEPA analysis or be free-standing so that the public would have an unvarnished view of that activity's impact. The decision was made that the analysis shouldn't be subject to agency censorship and should accompany the environmental impact statement through the review process.

The only issue left outstanding was who would resolve a dispute as to whether a statement should be prepared and, once prepared, whether it would be adequate. Neither Mr. Muskie nor Mr. Jackson believed that an environmental advocacy agency should be both judge and jury on adequacy of environmental impact statements; they agreed that this responsibility belonged in the White House.

As a practical matter, for the better part of NEPA's 20-year life, those issues have not been resolved by the CEQ but by the courts, because neither the CEQ nor the White House has had the guts to force federal agencies to prepare adequate environmental impact statements. Whatever the resolution of the dispute about the CEQ in the current legislative environment, it is likely that the courts, not the executive, will continue to make that determination for the same reasons.

The vice president is right: The CEQ is irrelevant. But issues of dispute between federal agencies are appropriately resolved in the White House, not by an environmental department sitting as judge and jury.

LEON G. BILLINGS
Washington

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 10, 1993

Mr. Kenneth C. Balcomb, III
P.O. Box 1577
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

Dear Mr. Balcomb:

This is to notify you that the President forwarded to me your materials regarding your thoughts on the Marine Mammal Protection Act. I certainly appreciate learning of your thoughts on environmental protection.

I share the President's and Vice President's commitment to the preservation of the global environment. As you may know, in his Earth Day Address, President Clinton announced initiatives in areas such as pollution prevention, recycling, and ozone depleting chemicals, as well as announcing the intention of the U.S. to sign the Biodiversity Treaty and commit to a climate change action plan. You may be assured that we will continue to promote initiatives to conserve our natural resources.

Again, thank you for contacting us regarding your thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathleen McGinty", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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

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April 1, 1993

Mr. Kenneth C. Balcomb III
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Friday Harbor, Washington 98250

Dear Ken:

Thank you for writing. I appreciate
your comments about the Marine Mammal
Protection Act. Your letter has been
forwarded to the Office of Environmental
Policy for review.

Sincerely,

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Kenneth C. Balcomb, III
Whale Research Biologist
P.O. Box 1577
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

January 20, 1993

President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton,

Congratulations! Today, I wish to convey my heartfelt appreciation to you and Vice President Al Gore for offering America a chance to refocus upon values which include family, decency and respect for the environment which sustains us. The latter is foremost in my thinking at the moment, but a sense of family and a decent way of life are what most of America needs to feel right now. You are not handed a "piece of cake" in any of the above, but you two do have a constituency that is willing to help you accomplish your mission in any way we can. When it is the appropriate time for you to consider this little part concerning marine mammals within my specialty, please don't hesitate to call upon me. Meanwhile, I'll just keep on sending in stuff that's been uninvited by your predecessor's administration. That's fine with me.

First, in my own cynical view my general comment is that the world situation you are handed in transition [Iraq, et. al.] is not one that should consume a major amount of your energies and attention. Wrap that one up one way or another and get on with domestic issues. Saddam may not go away even if he is de-emphasized, but it doesn't make sense to give him prime time. Likewise, the other world problems are not on the top of the list of America's needs for reaction, except for some condolences and sympathy, and a little help where we can. My gut feeling is that we have to get our own house in order before we can offer the world a sense of order; besides, I think that's what we voted for.

Anyway, I'm once again proud to be an American. Last time it was naive. This time it is because I believe that you can bring about the changes that need to be made to truly make this nation the best on earth. Inherent in that belief is a respect for the earth and all of its creatures. As you appoint people to various positions with relevance to the environment, I'd like to know who they are and how they are going to carry out your environmental policies. On the backside of this letter, I've provided a few comments on issues germane to my constituency.

Once again, congratulations to you and Al Gore. We're looking for you to make America a better place for all living things!

Yours Sincerely,

Ken Balcomb

Kenneth C. Balcomb, III

significantly addressed the OSP requirement with assets that it has had available; and I'm not ready to accept a mathematical alternative. What basis do the numbers have in reality? In my experience, the research permit and enforcement policies of NMFS appear to me to have discouraged gathering of information germane to realistic OSP determinations and levels of incidental takes, rather than encourage them. An awful lot of information and information gathering potential has been ignored, and sometimes abused,... even in the provisional Table 1.

3) As a third major point, the NMFS proposal would establish "carrying capacity" for OSP determinations at "current carrying capacity", rather than at the levels existing historically or when the MMPA was passed. Many carrying capacities and many fisheries have seriously deteriorated since the passage of the MMPA in 1972, not necessarily due to any fault of NMFS but often due to laissez faire policies and simple lack of looking. For landmark environmental legislation such as the MMPA, it would seem appropriate to establish the landmark "carrying capacity" as of the date the law was passed [1972], rather than keep on hedging the level on into the future as laissez faire policies further deteriorate the situation, if that is what is in store.

4) As a fourth major point, the NMFS proposal retains the "zero mortality rate goal" (ZMRG) of the MMPA and specifically states that the status quo has not significantly advanced this goal. NMFS claims that lack of guidance on how the goal should be attained has led to inaction [for the past twenty years]; and, as a solution, it proposes that it could coordinate its efforts with the fishing industry and develop a monitoring program that provides an adequate estimate of the number of removals, evaluates the extent of takes relative to the fishing effort, and then evaluate the observed incidental take relative to a fishing gear or type. The ZMRG will be applied to all fisheries through educational efforts, gear workshops, research to examine alternative practices, research to determine if high rates of interaction are correlated with certain areas, seasons, or time of day and as appropriate by regulations governing fishing activities. Maybe this is just politically correct wording addressed to their major constituency [fishermen], but regulation of fishing activities is mentioned only once as an avenue toward ZMRG, whereas in actuality it may be the most appropriate option. It is well known that some specific types of fishing gear and methods are notoriously destructive of marine mammals and other non-target species. [We revolt at such techniques employed by foreigners, and want to exclude their catch from our markets]. That such gear and methods are economically appropriate in the short term for some Americans does not mean that they are technologically or environmentally appropriate in the long term; and, in general they are particularly inappropriate for marine mammals. Congress and the people of our nation are looking at the long term for both fisheries and marine mammals; hence, some emphasis on regulatory restriction should be and included in guidance to NMFS.

5) As a fifth major point [perhaps the most major], the NMFS proposal points out "inconsistencies" between the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the MMPA, and proposes that the MMPA be amended to allow the taking of threatened and endangered marine mammals incidental to commercial fishing operations under the provisions of section 101(a)(5), and that section 101(a)(4) be eliminated. Were there in fact, "inconsistencies", or did Congress intend that commercial fishing operations were to be governed by 101(a)(4) with the specific goal of not permitting marine mammal populations to diminish as a result of fishing

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1993

Mr. William H. Banzhaf
Executive Vice President
Society of American Foresters
5400 Grosvenor Lane
Bethesda, MD 20814

Dear Mr. Banzhaf:

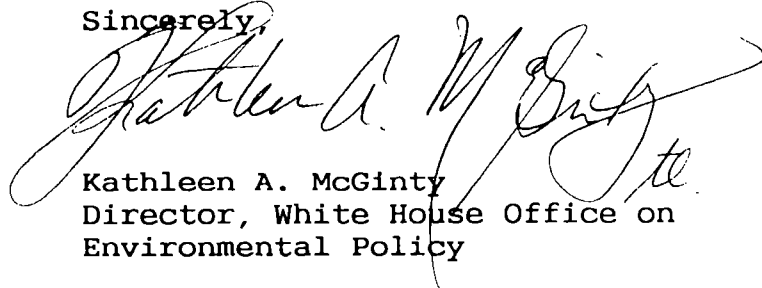
On behalf of President Clinton and Vice President Gore, I would like to thank you for contacting me with your concerns about the Forest Management Plan.

The President and I believe that the Forest Conference held in Portland on April 2 was a significant step toward the resolution of the problems facing the the Pacific Northwest. At the conclusion of the conference, President Clinton directed his Cabinet to develop a Forest Management Plan within 60 days.

As you may know, three working groups have been established to work on developing this plan. The first group, working on ecosystem management assessment, is exploring management alternatives that attain the greatest economic and social contribution from the forests of the region and meet the requirements of applicable laws and regulations. Working Group II, focusing on labor and community assistance, will develop an economic plan to address not just temporary efforts but long-term economic development and diversification. The last working group will work to improve the relationships among federal and state agencies in the region and to eliminate impediments that block coordinated action.

I certainly appreciate learning of your continued interest in this arena as we work toward the resolution of this very important matter. Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,



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

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Society of American Foresters

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May 21, 1993

President William J. Clinton
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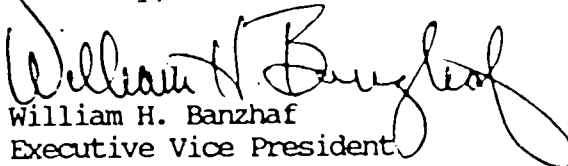
Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Society of American Foresters I want to express our appreciation for the intensive effort being conducted by your administration in an attempt to reach a resolution of the very difficult situation we have in the forests of the Pacific Northwest. I want to particularly express my appreciation for the very open communication established with Ms. Katie McGinty and Mr. Jim Lyons, Tom Tuchmann, and David Cottingham. These individuals have provided the time necessary to listen to some of our suggestions and concerns and we very much appreciate their willingness to do so.

Finally, the release of the mission statement for the Forest Conference working groups has facilitated a more complete understanding of their goals and objectives and should prove to be very helpful in our review of their work during the development of the required supplemental environmental impact statement. I have taken the liberty of enclosing an additional copy of our position statement which clearly supports the fundamental principles you presented at the close of the Forest Conference.

Please know that the Society of American Foresters and the forest scientists and practitioners of our profession stand ready to provide continued assistance to address the very difficult challenges that lie before us in the coming months.

Sincerely,


William H. Banzhaf
Executive Vice President

WHB/kmm

cc: Ms. Katherine McGinty

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1993

Ms. Leah M. Baird
807 Okanogan Avenue
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Dear Ms. Baird:

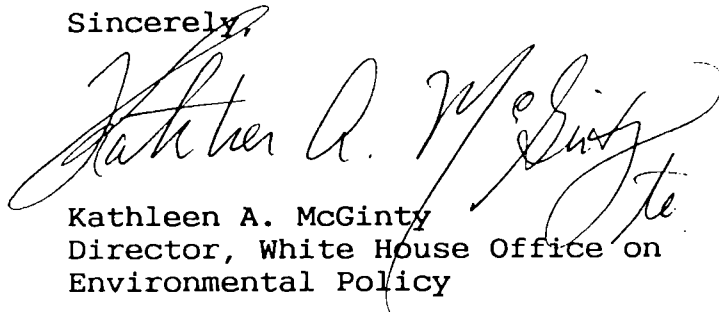
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Sincerely,



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

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20 May 1993

Mrs. Kathleen M. Lindy
Director, Office of Environmental Policy,
Old Executive Office
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Room 360
Washington, D.C. 20501

Final push for Ancient Forests

For one day, the whole nation focused on Portland, Oregon, and the Northwest's forests. Now that President Clinton has gone back east, it is up to us to assure he doesn't lose sight of the need for a real solution.

In his closing statement to the White House Forest Conference, Bill Clinton said, "I intend to direct the Cabinet and the entire administration to begin work immediately to craft a balanced, comprehensive and long-term policy. I will direct the Cabinet to report back to me within 60 days to have a plan to end this stalemate."

Clinton's guidelines for the 60-day plan include: 1) recognize the human and economic dimension; 2) protect the long-term health of the forests and waterways; 3) scientifically sound and ecologically credible; 4) provide a sustainable level of timber sales and non-timber resources that will not degrade our forest; 5) bring federal agencies into collaboration.

Between now and June 1st, the administration is employing scientists, economists, and others to formulate and analyze plans for forest protection and economic transition. How the White House chooses among their options depends on the strength of the voice heard from ancient forest defender in the Northwest.

Please write the president today. Send copies to all those listed to the right. Your letter should state the need for the following:

- 1) A system of large and interconnected permanent forest reserves designed to sustain biodiversity region-wide.
- 2) Measures to protect and recover salmon habitats.
- 3) Address the needs of eastside forests, including protection of old growth and roadless areas, and adoption of plan to restore

unhealthy forests.

- 4) Economic assistance, value-added processing incentives and loans, and restrictions on log exports, all to ease the transition of timber communities.

All our work for all these years hangs on these 60 days. Environmentalists of the Northwest and our ancient forests — united we stand, divided we fall. Write today.—Mitch Friedman

Forest Activist Conference

June 18, 19, & 20, the Western Ancient Forest Campaign, the Greater Ecosystem and Pilchuck Audubon Society are co-sponsoring a Forest Activist Conference at Lazy F in Ellensburg. The Conference will be a forum for networking and communicating with other WA state environmentalists, and a time for learning about and discussing issues. On Friday evening, Harry Levine of the Citizen's Band will provide a relaxed beginning to the weekend. Saturday's theme will focus around salmon and Sunday's session will discuss eastside forest health, with optional field trips ending the weekend.

Speakers will include biologists and attorneys, environmentalists and agency staff. In addition, on Saturday evening, Jim Owens, the Western Ancient Forest Campaign's Washington, D.C. Executive Director, will lead a discussion on impending legislation.

Costs for this conference have been kept low. The fee for two nights and 5 meals is \$50; smaller packages for shorter stays are available. For more information, please contact Lillian Ford, Greater Ecosystem Alliance at (206) 671-9950 or Bonnie Phillips-Howard, Western Ancient Forest Campaign (206) 652-9619. —Western Ancient Forest Campaign

—Thanks—
Sincerely,
Leah M. Baird

LEAH M. BAIRD
807 OKANOGAN AVE.
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 10, 1993

Mr. Peigin Barrett
Executive Director
The Marine Mammal Center
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Sausalito, CA 94965

Dear Mr. Barrett:

This is to notify you that the President forwarded to me your materials regarding your thoughts on the Marine Mammal Protection Act. I certainly appreciate learning of your thoughts on environmental protection.

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Again, thank you for contacting us regarding your thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathleen McGinty". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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

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April 5, 1993

Peigin Barrett
Executive Director
The Marine Mammal Center
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Sausalito, California 94965

Dear Peigin:

Thank you for writing. I appreciate your suggestions regarding the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Your letter and materials have been forwarded to the Office of Environmental Policy for thorough review.

Sincerely, **BILL CLINTON**

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cc: w/incoming to OEP



January 20, 1993

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President William J. Clinton
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

The Marine Mammal Center (The Center) located near Sausalito, California is a non-profit organization engaged in the rescue, scientific study and rehabilitation of injured and distressed marine mammals. The Center also offers extensive public education programs in marine conservation. We look forward to cooperating with your new appointees who will be involved in marine mammal protection issues.

One of the first issues facing your new administration will be the reorganization of the government, especially as it relates to environmental responsibilities. We believe there should be a broad public dialogue on this issue. Throughout the administration of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, it has been apparent that the organization of the program needs to be amended. One of the major difficulties is that many marine mammal protection responsibilities are placed within the Department of Commerce: the agency responsible for strengthening the commercial fisheries industry. There is significant complexity inherent in having the same people developing regulations to encourage fishery growth while also developing regulations to protect marine habitats and to reduce incidental take of marine mammals. It seems totally inappropriate for the Department of Commerce to bear the marine mammal responsibilities of the National Marine Fisheries Service. The job of NMFS within the Department of Commerce is to concentrate on regulation and strengthening of the commercial fishery industry. Marine mammal and habitat protection issues should be regulated and governed by an independent agency.



President William J. Clinton
January 20, 1993

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A host of people agree. However, even among those who see the necessity for change, there are disagreements. A report entitled "Memorandum to the President-Elect; Subject Harnessing Process to Purpose" issued by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the Institute for International Economics (IIE) proposes transferring all of NOAA (which includes NMFS) to the EPA with the view that the EPA will grow into a Department of Environment. While a Department of Environment is attractive, EPA should not be the lead agency. They are overloaded and appear to have difficulty in utilizing their scarce resources. Additional responsibilities would add to the strain. Offices such as NMFS have more of an affinity with certain functions of the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of Interior than with the EPA. We raise this issue to bring your attention to the fact that there is a lack of unanimity within the environmental community regarding the best form of organization. A full and public dialogue is necessary, and we are prepared to participate in that dialogue.

Another issue raised by the above-referenced Carnegie report deals with placement of marine fisheries responsibilities within the Department of State. The Carnegie report proposes transferring marine fisheries responsibilities out of the Bureau of Oceans, International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES) to the United States Trade Representative (USTR). We believe that this is not a sound move. Most current issues involving marine fisheries issues are conservation issues and as such need a strong advocate. The same conflict applies as with placement of NMFS within the Department of Commerce. It is asking too much to have the same people responsible for "commerce" in a category to be the same people responsible for the conservation of the entire ecosystem.

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The major problem with placing conservation issues involving fisheries within the Department of Commerce or within the office of the USTR is that the conservation issues affecting both fisheries and marine mammals in many cases is habitat protection. This involves the oceans, the atmosphere, pesticide and toxin pollution and runoff and marsh and wetland protection. We need strong protectors of the environment as a whole.

In addition to the organization of environmental matters, other significant issues involving marine mammals which will soon face your new administration are legislative, such as reauthorization of the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act. The positions taken on many of these issues by the Bush Administration will need to be changed. We look forward to working with your new administration and welcome your commitment to preserving and protecting a clean, healthy planet.

Of course, we realize that the world was not created in a day, nor can its ills be remedied in the same length of time. We appreciate your consideration of our recommendations and assure you that whatever your decisions, we will work with you in a spirit of cooperation.

The Marine Mammal Center was founded eighteen years ago by a small group of dedicated citizens who believed that people, acting together, could make a difference. Today, The Center's medical and scientific programs enjoy worldwide recognition. When vision becomes reality, there is a tremendous responsibility to remember one's roots and to keep alive and well the dream of all who have given their time and talents over the years.

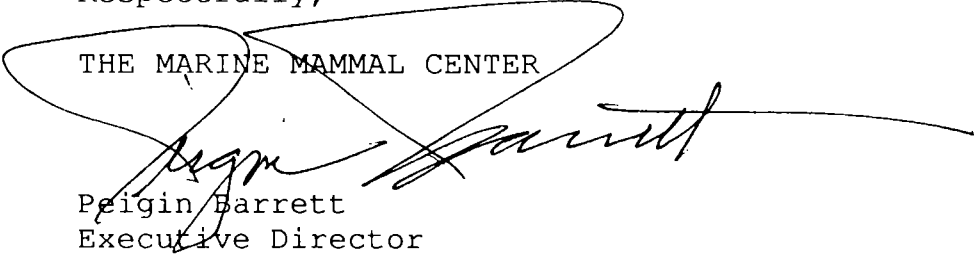
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As a fellow baby boomer, I feel a renewed hope and love for my country. Your election as the 42nd President of the United States has awakened a spirit and renewed confidence across this country that acting together we can keep the dream alive. On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff and members from coast to coast, we wish you every success.

Respectfully,

THE MARINE MAMMAL CENTER



Peigin Barrett
Executive Director

PB:mem

Enclosure

cc: Vice President Albert Gore
Senator Barbara Boxer
Senator Diane Feinstein
Jerry Gibbons, Chair
The Marine Mammal Center Board of Directors

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 10, 1993

The Honorable James A. Barcia
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Barcia:

This is to notify you that the President forwarded to me your materials regarding the Consortium for International Earth Science Information Network. It was good to hear from you.

I share the President's and Vice President's commitment to the preservation of the global environment. As you may know, in his Earth Day Address, President Clinton announced initiatives in areas such as pollution prevention, recycling, and ozone depleting chemicals, as well as announcing the intention of the U.S. to sign the Biodiversity Treaty and commit to a climate change action plan. You may be assured that we will continue to promote initiatives to conserve our natural resources.

I appreciate learning of your thoughts regarding building information super-highways. I will keep your concerns in mind as we work toward the goal of an information network which will connect homes, businesses, laboratories, and libraries across the nation.

Again, thank you for sharing this information with me.

Sincerely,

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

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1993

Dear Representative Barcia:

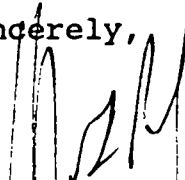
Thank you very much for writing President Clinton concerning the Consortium for International Earth Science Information Network.

The President has asked me to express his gratitude and to let you know he has shared this information with the Council on Environmental Policy.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. Paster', written over the typed name.

Howard G. Paster
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable James Barcia
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-2205

4 February 1993

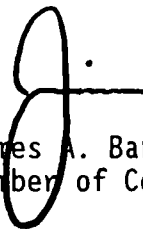
Dear Mr. President:

I wanted to take this opportunity to express my great joy at your being inaugurated as our 42nd president. I look forward to working with you, and your Administration, on solving the many problems facing our great nation and the world. As communicated in your campaign, one of these issues is the environment. In this critical domain, I hope I can count on you to include in your request to Congress an initiative you and Vice President Gore have supported in principle during the campaign. I view it as vital to my re-election.

I will send you under separate cover a description of the Consortium for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN) initiative which details its successes and the reasons you should support it. You may already have received these documents, but I wanted to ensure that you personally would get an opportunity to review them. Your action to make the CIESIN initiative a part of your Administration's program is important to me.

Please consider asking your staff to schedule a briefing from the CIESIN staff before the FY 94 budget proposal becomes final. I believe your support of CIESIN as an Administration program would be a service to the Nation, would earn your Administration credit, and would certainly assist me in my district.

Sincerely,



James A. Barcia
Member of Congress

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2205

8 February 1993

Hon. Bill Clinton
The President of
the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

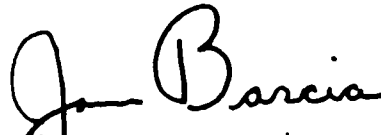
First, thank you for the invitation to the reception at the White House last Thursday. Your graciousness made the event very special. The picture you took with my fiancée and I was an added bonus.

Along the receiving line I left a letter for you with one of the Secret Service agents. In the letter I stated that information concerning the Consortium for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN) would be sent under separate cover, please find it enclosed.

As expressed in the initial letter, I hope that you will consider including this current project as part of your Administration's environmental program.

Again, thank you for your hospitality.

Sincerely,


James A. Barcia
Member of Congress

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THE WHITE HOUSE

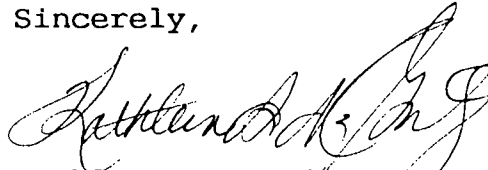
WASHINGTON

May 12, 1993

To Whom It May Concern:

During the time that Mr. Matthew Burnett was an intern in Senator Albert Gore's office, he worked for me on energy and environmental issues. He proved to be effective in performing research on both short- and long-term projects. His greatest strengths are his writing and organizational abilities. He communicated on a regular basis with congressional and other government offices, as well as with constituents and foreign parliamentarians. I recommend Matthew Burnett for a post which requires an energetic individual with a concern and awareness of environmental issues.

Sincerely,

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

KAM/avl

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 17, 1993

Mr. James T. Bruce
Wiley, Rein & Fielding
1776 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Jim:

Thank you so much for your note of congratulations and your kind words of support. I'm sorry it has taken so long for me to get back in touch, but my new duties have kept me busy.

I truly appreciate your thinking of me at this challenging time and hope all is well with you.

Sincerely,



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

KAM/avl

*Thanks so much for your
note. Only reason we made it this
far is because of one terrific
weekend in a wonderful log cabin.
Hope you are doing well. All the best!*

WILEY, REIN & FIELDING

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JAMES T. BRUCE III
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January 19, 1993

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Ms. Katie McGinty
14 5th Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

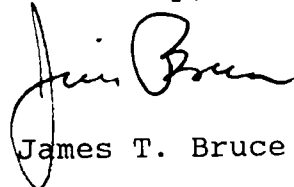
Dear Katie:

I just wanted to congratulate you on your new position as Special Assistant to the President. He obviously has an eye for talent. Karl is, I am sure, very proud of you. I know that you will do a terrific job and I wish you the best of luck in an exciting position. (You ought to keep a diary; I would look forward sometime in the future to reading the McGinty papers.)

My kids just came back from the Kennedy Center having been fortunate enough to see the Walt Disney inaugural affair that featured not only President-elect Clinton, but also Mr. Rogers. Now our whole family is excited about the Clinton-Gore Administration.

Best wishes for success in the White House.

Sincerely,



James T. Bruce

JTB/lsw

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 18, 1993

Ms. Barbara Bramble
Director, International Program
National Wildlife Federation
1400 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

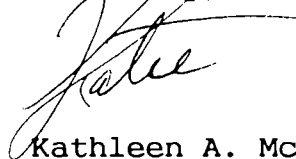
Dear Barbara:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your concerns about natural resource and environmental accounting. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, I share President Clinton's commitment to the preservation of our natural resources. I agree that this issue can have dramatic effects on the way we value our environment and that the existing national income accounting system essentially ignores the impact of economic development on the environmental resources that are the foundation of long-term prosperity. President Clinton has directed the Bureau of Economic Analysis in the Department of Commerce to develop "Green GDP" measures to improve existing economic statistics that ignore the cost of pollution or the value of clean air. Within one year the BEA will publish initial estimates of natural resource depletion and will, after a period of discussion and review, augment their regular economic indicator series to include a consistent set of natural resource adjustments. I certainly appreciate hearing your views on these matters. Be assured that I will consider all options as we move forward on these very important issues.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,



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

KAM/avl



NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

1400 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036-2266 (202) 797-6800

Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
Office of Environmental Policy
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

February 15, 1993

Subject: Natural Resources and environmental
accounting; two quickies.

Dear Ms. McGinty,

We write to draw your attention to two immediate opportunities for the United States government to take a leadership role in the field of natural resource and environmental accounting. We urge you to bring these opportunities as soon as possible to the attention of the Vice President and the appropriate departments, with a view to achieving the following:

(a) Instruct the United States delegation to the United Nations Statistical Commission to secure adoption of the items listed below by the Statistical Commission at its twenty-seventh session, 22 February-2 March 1993. It is at this session that the Commission is scheduled to adopt the final draft of the revised System of National Accounts (SNA). As you know, the revised SNA does not incorporate any changes regarding treatment of the environment. Instead, efforts have centered on producing a Handbook on Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounts which deals with satellite accounts, to be published separately from the revised SNA. The US representative to the UN Statistical Commission is Katherine Wallman, Chief of the Statistical Policy Branch of the Office of Management and Budget.

Our delegation should seek to reopen the question of the treatment of natural resources and environmental quality in this revision of the SNA.

Failing that, the United States should request incorporation in the final draft, possibly as an appendix, of an explicit agenda for further research and methodological work on environmental and natural resource accounting and its integration into the System of National Accounts. In addition to this agenda, the United States should request adoption of a procedure for reporting by the agencies of the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on National Accounts, which is formed by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), United Nations, and Statistical Office of the European Community (EUROSTAT). We also suggest that an international task force drawing on expertise from international organizations, developing and industrialized nations, and non-governmental institutes, be established to spur

implementation of the international agenda that the Commission would outline.

In addition, **a process must be adopted at this session to keep the SNA open for revision** and to bring it up-to-date to better serve policy-makers. This would allow other issues to be the subject of further research, including that of human capital. If agreement cannot be reached on the specifics of the process, the issue should be explicitly included in the agenda for the twenty-eighth meeting of the Commission in 1995. (The Commission meets every other year).

As you well know, there is ample precedent for eleventh-hour negotiations at the United Nations. In this case, the new Administration would be signalling that the United States is taking an effective lead that will have substantial repercussions on the pursuit of sustainable development worldwide.

(b) Include in the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 1994 a request for the revitalization and funding of a full-blown environmental and natural resource accounting program. As you recall, the natural resource accounting initiative that was envisaged under the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the Department of Commerce never took off. The BEA made do with a budget of attrition. The initiative should be revived, expanded, and funded to carry out a forward-looking work program.

As a first step in the definition of such a work program and in order to coordinate the domestic and international steps that the United States will take on this issue, an inter-agency meeting or working group could be set up including the Department of Commerce, the Department of State, the Treasury, the Office of Management and Budget, and other relevant agencies, and calling on non-governmental expertise. ⁽¹⁾

Please find attached a copy of the letter that we have sent to the Secretary of Commerce, and for your information, to Dr. Summers in his former capacity at the World Bank. We will send similar letters to the Office of Management and Budget, the Department of State, the Treasury, and the Council of Economic Advisers.

We urge that action on the suggested points be taken swiftly, as the opportunities presented by the meeting of UN Statistical Commission and the drafting of the Presidential budget will pass in a matter of days.

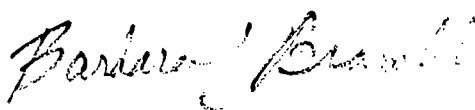
Our letters to the Department of Commerce and to the Office of Management and Budget may not be given attention without your catalytic intervention.

¹. We draw your attention in this respect to the address delivered by Dr. Robert Solow on natural resource accounting, "An Almost Practical Step Toward Sustainability", at Resources for the Future in October 1992.

We will be happy to cooperate on this important issue, on which the Vice President has so eloquently written and taken a leadership role, in particular through the hearings of the Joint Economic Committee and the study commissioned from the Congressional Budget Office, soon to be completed.

We look forward to hearing from you and are ready to meet or talk by phone with you or the staff designated to follow up on this issue.

Sincerely,



Barbara Bramble
Director, International Program
National Wildlife Federation

on behalf of:

Bruce Rich
Director, International Program
Environmental Defense Fund

Larry Williams
Director, International Program
Sierra Club

Christine Real de Azua
Associate, International Program
Environmental Defense Fund

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 17, 1993

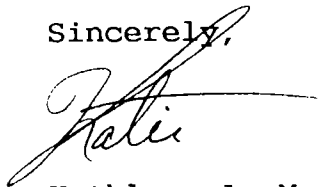
Sister Ann Bernadette
104-B Clement Road
Oreland, PA 19075

Dear Sister Bernadette:

Thank you so much for your note of congratulations and your kind words of support. I'm sorry it has taken so long for me to get back in touch, but my new duties have kept me busy.

I truly appreciate your thinking of me at this challenging time and hope all is well with you.

Sincerely,

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

KAM/avl

**...BUT HOW DO YOU SEND
A STANDING OVATION
IN THE MAIL!**

Dear Katie,

I always said we'd
see your name in "lights."
Do you remember my
telling you you would be
our first woman President?
Congratulations are best of
all that's out there!

SJH
Chem. Department

Sister Ann Bernadette

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 19, 1993

Mr. Peter A. A. Berle
President & CEO
National Audobon Society
700 Broadway
New York, NY 10003

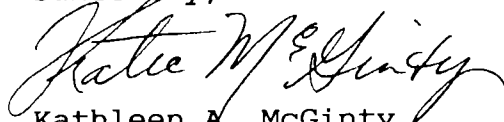
Dear Mr. Berle:

On behalf of the Vice President, I would like to thank you for the letter and the editorial you enclosed regarding the EPA Elevation Bill. I appreciate your kind words of support, and I sincerely apologize for the delay in my response.

As you know, the Senate proved to be quite a challenge for us. I hope the debate in the House goes more smoothly. We are working with the committees of jurisdiction to iron out details of contractor management and environmental equity. We certainly appreciate your help in expeditiously moving a bill free of amendments through the floor. I look forward to working with you in the coming months on a broad national environmental strategy such as you discussed.

Again, thank you for letting me hear from you.

Sincerely,



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

KAM/avl



February 10, 1993

The Honorable Albert Gore
Vice President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Vice President:

Thank you for giving a number of us from the environmental community the opportunity to meet with you last Sunday. A month ago I wrote an editorial for the March/April issue of Audubon magazine which is just hitting the stands now. It talks about reorganization of CEQ and EPA. You will note that the thoughts about CEQ are largely embodied in the action you are taking.

I am enclosing a copy of the editorial which may be helpful as you consider Cabinet status for EPA. It may well be that the politics of restructuring the Agency are too complicated to permit swift action, in which case it makes sense to opt for Cabinet status now for the Agency as is. I believe it useful, however, to keep a broader mandate for EPA in view.

Finally, I believe it imperative that some operating assumptions about a national environmental strategy govern the White House Office of the Environment from the outset. The overall goal should be to insure that public policy promotes planetary sustainability within the context of economic feasibility. Having said that, it is necessary to begin a process which produces a broad national environmental strategy which the new office will implement. Otherwise it will be consumed with one brushfire or turf war after another, producing only marginal results.

Congratulations on the strong start you have made.

Sincerely,

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Peter A. A. Berle
President & CEO

(Same letter to Vice President Gore)

cc: Katie McGinty

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 28, 1993

Mr. Jerry Black
President
Oklahoma Wildlife Federation
3900 N. Santa Fe Avenue
Oklahoma City, OK 73118

Dear Mr. Black:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about the appointment of Mr. Bruce Boyens to Director, Office of Surface Mining in the Department of the Interior.

As you know, I share President Clinton's and Vice President Gore's commitment to the preservation of our environment. I appreciate learning of your support of Mr. Boyens for this position. I have notified Interior Secretary Babbitt of your concerns.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,

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

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Oklahoma Wildlife Federation

State Affiliate National Wildlife Federation

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. 73118
(405) 524-7009

May 19, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
Office of Environmental Policy
Washington, D.C.
Fax # (202) 456-2710

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Oklahoma Wildlife Federation, Oklahoma's oldest and largest conservation organization, to recommend the selection of Bruce Boyens to head the Office of Surface Mining. For too long, Oklahoma has suffered from lax enforcement of both state and federal mining regulations.

Mr. Boyens appears to be the only candidate for the position who is both qualified and would be fair to both industry and environmental concerns. For our 15,000 members in Oklahoma, I thank you for the opportunity to present our views.

Sincerely,

Jerry J. Black
President



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON

May 26, 1993

The Honorable Barbara Boxer
United States Senate
Hart Senate Office Building
Suite 112
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator ~~Boxer~~:

Barbara

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts on the International Whaling Commission (IWC) meeting recently held in Kyoto, Japan. It was good to hear from you.

President Clinton and I are committed to the preservation of our global environment. I share your concerns about the possible resumption of commercial whaling. You may be aware that the U.S. delegation at the 45th meeting of the IWC argued for a continuation of the moratorium on whaling. Several nations strongly opposed this move and remained firm in their intention to resume commercial whaling practices. This Administration will carefully consider possible actions in response to any disregard for the moratorium.

I certainly appreciate hearing your views on this matter. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Al

Al Gore

AGJ/avl

BARBARA BOXER
CALIFORNIA

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT
AND PUBLIC WORKS

COMMITTEE ON BANKING,
HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

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United States Senate

HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING
SUITE 112
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0505

May 12, 1993

The Vice President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Vice President:

As you know, the 45th meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) is currently underway in Kyoto, Japan. Delegates from Norway and Japan have asked the Commission to lift the current moratorium on whaling to allow the resumption of Minke Whale harpooning.

I am writing to urge you to use your influence with the governments of Japan and Norway, and with the IWC, to ensure that the current ban remains in place and is enforced. Transparent arguments about the need to conduct "scientific research" cannot disguise the fact that the practices proposed by Japan and Norway are archaic, inhumane and unnecessary. I believe there is ample support from my constituents in California, and from the American people, for the imposition of punitive economic measures should whaling resume.

The vote for change that brought you and President Clinton to office was also a vote against the do-nothing environmental policies of previous administrations. We are fortunate to have you in the White House, and I trust that you will use your power to ensure that this most egregious attack on the environment does not resume.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer
U.S. Senator

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1993

Ms. Kay Bushnell
775 Northampton Drive
Palo Alto, CA 94303

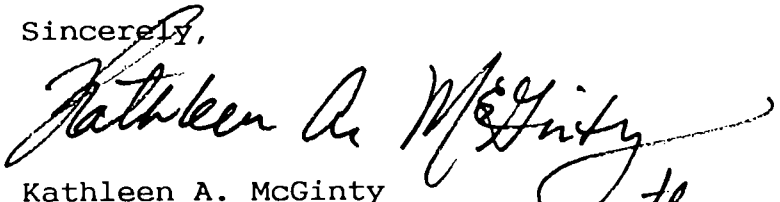
Dear Ms. Bushnell:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about the Animal Damage Control Act. I apologize for the delay in my response.

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 agree that further study of the options involved is necessary for an informed and balanced decision to be made. Be assured that we will give every consideration to your concerns as we look at this issue.

Again, thank you for letting me hear from you.

Sincerely,



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

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CLINTON
NEEDS A PROGRAM (ADC)
THAT BEGS TO BE CUT
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775 Northampton Dr.
Palo Alto, CA 94303
March 16, 1993

President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear President Clinton,

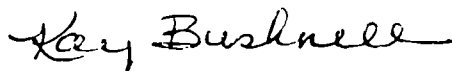
The cutting of wasteful federal programs is long overdue. I look forward particularly to seeing the permanent cutting of the ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL PROGRAM (ADC)-- a complete waste of tax money with far ranging negative effects.

The ADC has provided the livestock industry a comfortable subsidy for far too many years, courtesy of U.S. taxpayers. If you look into the ADC you will see environmentally unsound killing of wildlife that either competes with or possibly preys upon livestock, to the tune of \$45 million tax dollars a year. The methods of killing are ugly: poisons, snares, denning (killing cubs in their nests with fire, chemicals, and metal hooks), and aerial gunning. Available non-lethal techniques of killing get short shrift. When a private rancher even suspects that wildlife may be threatening his/her livestock, the U.S. taxpayer-supported ADC comes out and kills the wildlife.

No more federally-funded killing for private ranchers. Livestock does immense damage to our ecosystem, and the last thing we should be doing is encouraging the private livestock industry. Let's apply the \$45 million now lavished on the livestock industry to protecting and reintroducing endangered species. Also, let's require that ranchers use non-lethal techniques to deal with wildlife.

As a taxpayer I don't want my tax dollars misspent on the ADC -- a boondoggle that benefits private ranchers. Please read *Waste Of The West, Public Lands Ranching*, by Lynn Jacobs (\$28, P.O. Box 5784, Tucson, AZ 85703) to see actual photos of the unbelievable destruction caused by the ADC. Thank you for responding to growing public awareness of this "waiting to be cut" program.

Sincerely,



Kay Bushnell

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1993

Ms. Mary Bradshaw
St. Rt. Box 90
Dixon, MT 59831

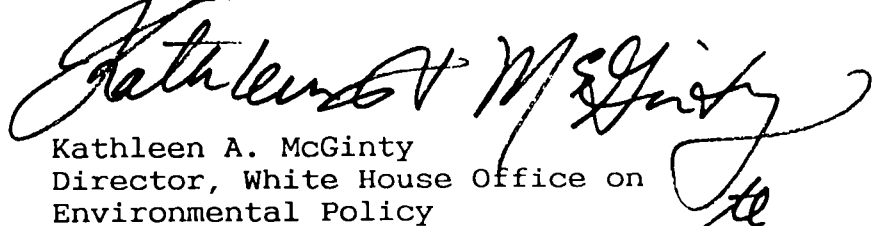
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Again, thank you for letting me hear from you.

Sincerely,



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

KAM/avl

Dear Ms McInty

I am writing because I'm very concerned and dismayed about the Animal Damage Control program (ADC). It has been brought to my attention that we spend 45 million dollars a year to kill wildlife on public lands. We do this to accommodate the livestock industry. I do not think cattle and sheep belong on our public lands any longer. Nor do I think tax payers should be spending \$45 million to slaughter (by ADC Count)

109 thousand mammals and 1.5 million birds a year!! This is extremely bad biology, it doesn't work and I am angry that tax money goes toward this endeavor. Then we spend many more millions to restore habitat and protect wild species from extinction. Ranchers must get off public lands and learn to protect their livestock without lethal means. I agree with Pres. Clinton that federal dollars must be cut -- especially from programs like ADC. This money and our lands are catering to private interests instead of public interests.

I demand that this outdated, tax-supported federal war on wildlife come to an end. We want our government to begin to protect our natural heritage. I will be watching for your votes on this issue.

Thank you for your time - Mary Bradshaw

St. RT. Box 90

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1993

Ms. Linda Bergen
1025 11th Street #5
Bellingham, WA 98225

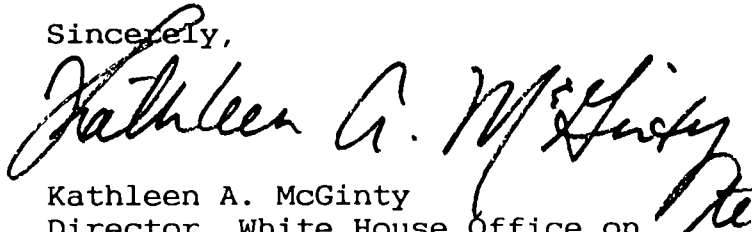
Dear Ms. Bergen:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about the Animal Damage Control Act. I apologize for the delay in my response.

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 agree that further study of the options involved is necessary for an informed and balanced decision to be made. Be assured that we will give every consideration to your concerns as we look at this issue.

Again, thank you for letting me hear from you.

Sincerely,



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

KAM/avl

MAY 15, 1993

DEAR MS. MCGINTY,

I AM WRITING TO ASK YOUR HELP IN PUTTING AN END TO THE ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL PROGRAM. THE ERA OF THIS TYPE OF AGENCY SHOULD BE PAST AS WE NOW HAVE A MORE ENLIGHTENED REGARD FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT AND ITS ANIMALS. NOT ONLY DO TARGETED (AND INNOCENT) ANIMALS SUFFER BUT INDIRECTLY OTHER NON-TARGETED ANIMALS SUFFER AND DIE AS WELL, INCLUDING ENDANGERED SPECIES. THE COSTS OF THIS PROGRAM OR "SERVICE" SHOULD NOT BE SUPPORTED BY TAXPAYERS. THE "BENEFITS" ARE RECEIVED BY THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY, MOSTLY AND THE PROGRAM IS NOT BIOLOGICALLY SOUND. ENDANGERED SPECIES DIE DUE TO THE ADC AND THEN WE PAY MILLIONS TO PROTECT THEM. KILLING PREDATORS HAS NEVER CONTROLLED THEM. RESEARCH BIOLOGISTS HAVE PROVEN THIS OVER AND OVER.

MANY OF THE METHODS OF "CONTROL" ARE CRUEL AND THE ANIMALS SUFFER INCORPORATELY. OUR GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE HELPING TO PROTECT OUR WILDLIFE, NOT DESTROY IT FOR THE ECONOMIC BENEFIT OF A SMALL MINORITY OF PERSONS (RANCHERS / LIVESTOCK OWNERS).

PLEASE HELP PUT AN END TO THE ADC PROGRAM. PROTECT OUR WILDLIFE, LOWER OUR FEDERAL SPENDING AND STOP THIS SUBSIDY TO RANCHERS BY VOTING TO END THE ADC.

SINCERELY,

Linda Bergen

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1993

Mr. Joseph Bower
Safe Alternatives for our
Forest Environment
P.O. Box 1297
Hayfork, CA 96041

Dear Mr. Bower:

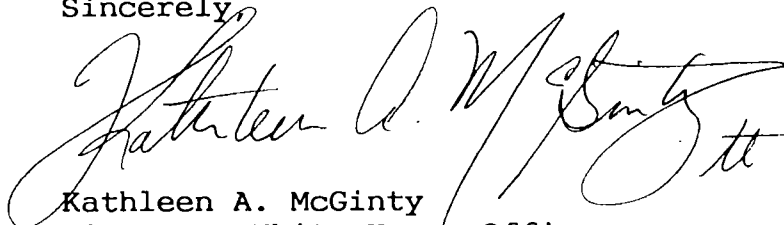
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SAFE

Alternatives for our
Forest
Environment

May 13, 1993

President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear President Clinton:

We are writing to you about the U.S.D.A. Forest Service proposed rules for appeal of that agency's decisions. After many years of sending comments to the Forest Service, it is apparent that the public is most often ignored by the agency.

Most importantly, the appeals process needs to be taken out of the Forest Service's hands and directed by an independent administrative law panel. The Forest Service is too often unable to act in compliance with its own appeal regulations and cannot make objective decisions. This is why they are so often taken to court and why they so often lose when taken to court.

The proposed time limits are impossible for appellants to meet, and they are a ruse for eliminating appeals.

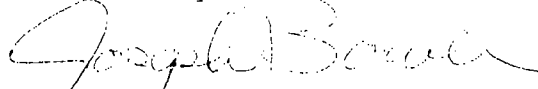
Proposed action not subject to appeal--such as emergency salvage--are ill advised because the courts have found the agency guilty of ignoring environmental consequences from such actions.

Please give this agency instructions to openly work with interested parties to resolve differences before a decision is made. If that fails, and an appeal is made, it must be decided independently from the Forest Service. This will significantly eliminate the need to resort to the forum of the last resort--the courts.

These proposed rules are an attempt by the agency to insulate itself from the public and the law. Such scheming is typical of the Chief's Office and argues for new leadership of this agency. It is doubtful that the Forest Service can change without replacing Chief Robertson and his assistants, Mr. Leonard and Mr. Overbay. Their leadership has cost the taxpayers large sums of money through below cost timber sales and causing large scale environmental damage which now must be repaired.

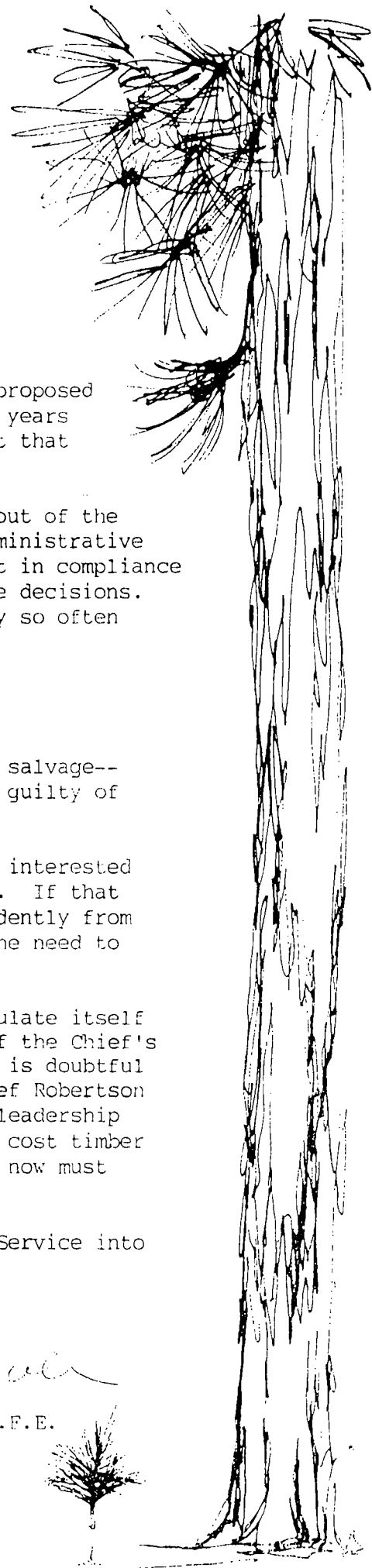
Please do what you can to make the United States Forest Service into a responsive steward of the public's national resources.

Sincerely,



Joseph Bower for S.A.F.E.

c.c.: Vice Pres. Al Gore
Secretary Mike Espy
Katie McGinty
Chief Dale Robertson



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1993

Ms. Genevieve Branch
P.O. Box 913
Benson, AZ 85602

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Environmental Policy

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Genevieve Branch
P O Box 915
Benson, AZ 85602
May 6, 1993

President Bill Clinton
Att: Kathleen McGinty

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to find a solution to the ancient forest crisis in the Pacific Northwest.

I think the plan you are assembling should do the following:

I Save ALL remaining ancient forests in the Pacific Northwest.

I have camped and hiked through this area as a child and as an adult and I am appalled at what is left today. Scientists have warned that significant protection of the old growth ecosystem is required to protect the many threatened species.

II Protect the ancient forests east of the Cascades Mountain Range

because they are vital to many fish species, including salmon.

We have almost destroyed our salmon runs with our dams; logging may put the finishing touch on the salmon fishing industry which at present supports 60,000 jobs.

III Set strict standards for adherence to all environmental laws and court orders. In the past, environmental laws have been suspended in order to continue logging.

IV Reduce the export of raw logs. Every year the logs exported from the Northwest cost Americans 15,000-18,000 jobs that could have been saved had those logs been kept at home and milled domestically.

Sincerely

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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May 24, 1993

Mr. Jim Bowne
P.O. Box 1603
Jacksonville, OR 97530

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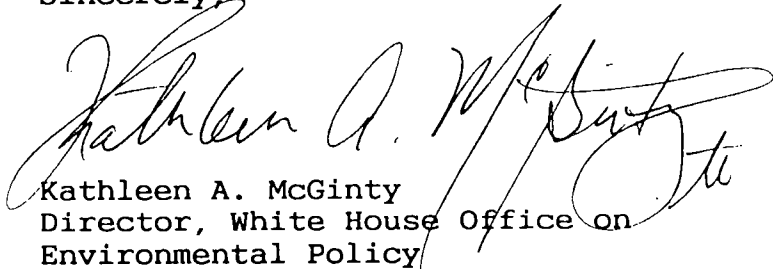
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Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

KAM/avl

May 12, 1993

President Bill Clinton/
Vice President Al Gore
c/o Katie McGinty Office of Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building, Room 358
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Bill/Al/Katie:

Re: Federal Lands.

- * A permanent ancient forest and watershed reserve system must be established, based on the best science, to protect the last remaining centers of biodiversity.

- * Interim protection must be provided for additional critical areas to **preserve our options** for the future while thorough scientific studies are conducted. These areas should include:

- * all suitable habitat for threatened and endangered species;

- * all roadless areas and large blocks of intact forest;

- * key watersheds for native salmon, steelhead and trout;

- * all riparian zones.

- * The ancient forests east of the Cascade Mountains must also be protected in these reserves.

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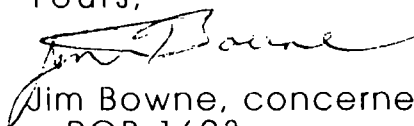
- * The Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management must be placed under new leadership to insure reform and proactive compliance with environmental laws.

- * All existing environmental laws must be maintained and enforced.

- * Transfer BLM forest lands to the Forest Service.

- * Better yet, transfer all Forest Service and BLM lands to the Park Service.

Yours,



Jim Bowne, concerned citizen
POB 1603
Jacksonville, OR 97530

THE WHITE HOUSE

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May 24, 1993

Ms. Kimberly Brown
P.O. Box 151
Williams, OR 97544

Dear Ms. Brown:

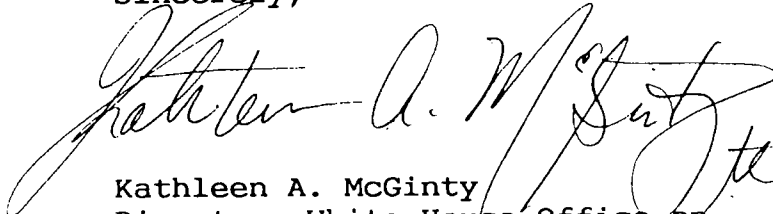
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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Kimberly Braun
Box 151
Williams, OR 97544

Dear Bill, Al + Katie

I am writing in hopes of influencing the ancient forest policy that you are working on.

We must permanently protect our ancient forests, watershed areas and other critical forests. Some ways I think we should protect these areas is by the following changes:

- * No more logging in ancient forests

- * No more clearcutting

- * No more road building

- * No more log exports

- * No more breaking of

environmental laws

- * No more logging in watershed areas

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 24, 1993

Ms. Denise Boggs
Program Director
American Wildlands
40 East Main Street
Suite 2
Bozeman, MT 59715

Dear Ms. Boggs:

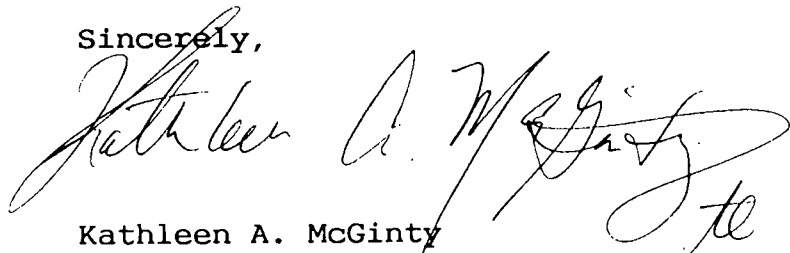
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American Wildlands

40 East Main Street, Suite 2, Bozeman, MT 59715
(406) 586-8175, FAX (406) 586-8242

May 10, 1993

The Honorable William Clinton, President
Mr. Al Gore, Vice President
c/o Katie McGinty
Office of Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Bldg., Rm 358
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Mr. Clinton, Mr. Gore and Ms. McGinty:

At the conclusion of the Forest Summit Mr. Clinton directed his Cabinet to develop a "balanced, comprehensive and long-term policy" to address the critical issues of concern by June 1, 1993. While a long-term policy is needed, we must remember to preserve our options for the future by implementing interim and permanent forest reserves while a scientifically based study and plans are completed.

American Wildlands requests the following strategies be considered in developing the long-term plan:

Interim protection must be provided for critical areas to preserve our options for the future while substantive scientific studies based in conservation biology are conducted. These areas should include:

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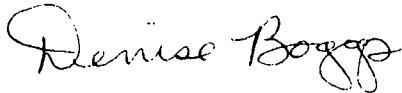


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The Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management must be placed under new and visionary leadership to ensure public land management reform and proactive compliance with environmental laws.

A dedication to the responsible use of America's public lands is essential to the long-term future of our environment and economy. American Wildlands appreciates your consideration of these points and looks forward to reviewing a scientifically based and environmentally sound plan for the future of America's public land forests.

Sincerely,

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Denise Boggs
Program Director

THE WHITE HOUSE

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May 24, 1993

Ms. Heather Ballash
Tahoma Audubon Society
2601 70th Avenue West
Suite E
Tacoma, WA 98466

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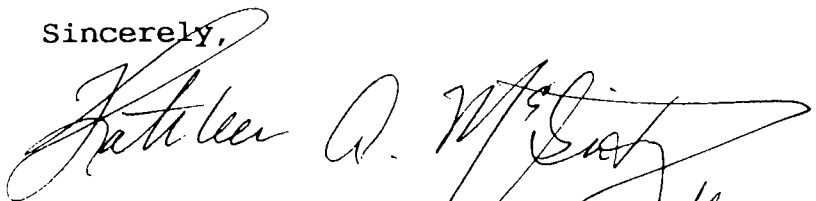
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May 11, 1993

Kathleen McGinty
Director, Office of
Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Bldg., Room 360
Washington, D.C. 20501

Re: U.S. Forest Service
Draft Forest Appeals Regulations

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am writing on behalf of the Tahoma Audubon Society to comment upon the proposed amendments to forest appeals regulations. We request that you support withdrawal of the proposed changes. Please ensure that the regulations are rewritten to strengthen, not weaken, the public process. Forest Service lands are the public's lands. It is important that the public retain its right to say how they are managed.

Specific problems with the proposed rule as it stands are as follows:

1. The proposed rule allows the Forest Service to declare an emergency exempting sales from public review. This was not authorized by Congress. It could potentially open the forests to further abusive logging. The public would only be able to stand by and watch, or be forced to file a costly lawsuit. Such lawsuits are costly not only to citizens seeking enforcement of the law as Congress has written it, but also to the public who must pay to defend the lawsuit.

2. Under the proposed rule, if a timber sale is appealed and the Forest Service does not make an appeal decision, the original decision stands and logging can go forward. There would be no incentive for the Forest Service to decide public appeals under the proposed rule. The result would be effective removal of the agency's accountability to the public.

3. The law requiring appeals states that comments will be "accepted" and appeals may be "filed" within a specified time period. Traditionally, the time specified is interpreted as the

date the comment or appeal is postmarked. (This interpretation is a fixture in contract law. An example is the IRS filing requirement every April 15) The proposed regulations would eliminate this "mailbox rule". Even the Forest Service states that this change "effectively reduces the time available for preparation of comments and appeals."

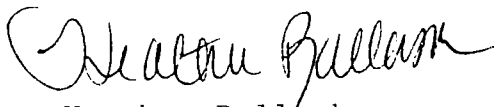
4. The proposed rule fails to incorporate an express requirement of the law. That requirement is that anyone who has asked to be notified about timber projects, or who has been involved early in the process must be mailed a notice of opportunity to submit comments on a proposal. The Forest Service proposes to notify citizens of projects only through legal notices in local newspapers, and only at the beginning of a 30-day predecisional comment period. The public depends on Forest Service mailing lists to keep track of logging activity. Just in Washington State, subscriptions to 19 different newspapers would be necessary to track Forest Service timber sales through legal notices.

5. No provisions would be made for a second-level or discretionary review of timber sale appeals, which are a critical component of current rules. When granted, these requests for further review usually get an appeal away from the affected forest, facilitating a much more objective review of the appeal issues. Without second-level or discretionary review, again the public could be forced into the courts where costs and delays increase substantially.

Please help ensure that the public retains its right to comment upon and appeal Forest Service sales. This is one of the few tools we have for keeping the Forest Service honest. With its current track record of mismanagement and failure to follow its own laws, it is important for citizens to retain their right to have input on the decisions that affect our public resources.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

TAHOMA AUDUBON SOCIETY


Heather Ballash
Conservation Chair

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1993

Mr. and Ms. Jack and Peggy Burt
13019 South Merriney
Cheney, WA 99004

Dear Mr. and Ms. Burt:

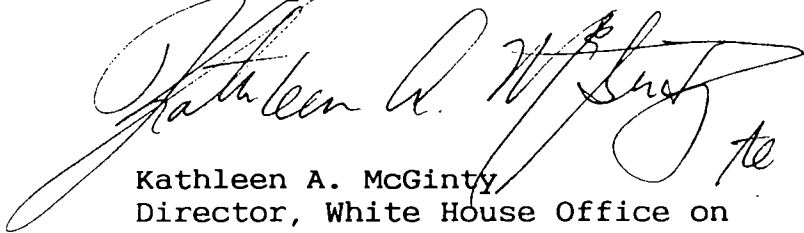
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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May 11, 1993

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Old Executive Office Building
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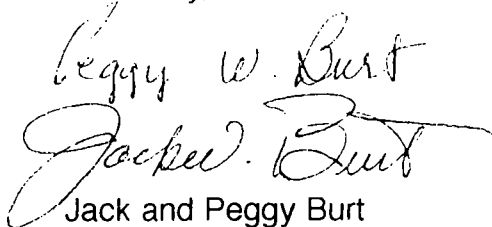
Please do not curtail any of our rights to participate in the management of our national forests.

The satellite photos by NASA show that the forests in Washington have "been literally cut to pieces", according to Dr. Compton J. Tucker, US Aeronautics and Space Administration. Everyone who knows and loves the western forests is extremely concerned. We are seeing the consequences of mismanagement.

Congress did not authorize the Forest Service to declare an emergency exempting sales from public review. Yet, under the Forest Service proposed new rules, if a timber sale is appealed and the Forest Service does not make an appeal decision, then the original decision stands and logging will go forward. The Forest Service will not be accountable to the public. The public must be able to appeal timber sales and must be allowed adequate time to prepare an appeal.

Public input that is well researched is invaluable. Please withdraw the proposed changes and rewrite the new rules of appeals so the public process is strengthened.

Sincerely,

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Jack and Peggy Burt
13019 S. Merriney
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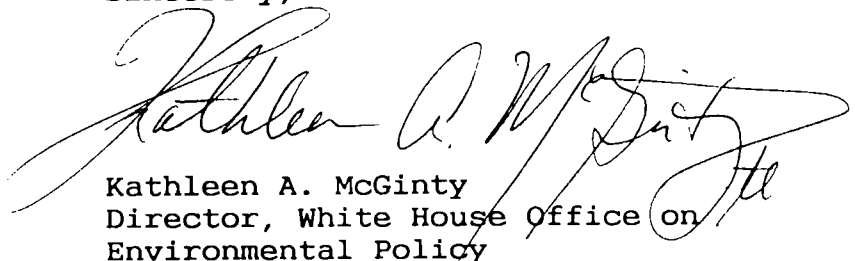
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May 12, 1993

President Bill Clinton
Vice President Al Gore
c/o Katie McGinty
Office of Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building, Room 358
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Dear Bill/Al/Katie:

Re: The Rape of Federal Lands.

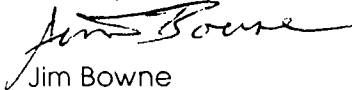
Of 250 million people in this country, how many log, mine and graze federal lands? What percentage is this? Is it not a very minute number? If these are truly Federal lands, then we should have a direct vote as to how they are used - since they belong to us. If such a small percentage of the people can have such a disproportionate effect upon this land, I question how our democracy is working. Why manage such lands for a few? I believe we might better have a national referendum on such use.

Suppose a referendum were held (as they are every year on the West Coast) and the people decided that such use was not in their best interest? What then? All lands presently protected or roadless should remain so. Why not sell lands determined as not necessary for the federal inventory at market value? Let those who want to log, mine and graze spend their own monies to manage their business affairs as any normal business would? This would shrink the federal payroll, give the players a level playing field and give those who disagreed with such use peace of mind.

In regard to a national referendum: the president could give a series of news conferences asking interested parties to send in votes within a certain period of time . . . this could be general as to overall concept and specific as to each parcel of land available in this way. The purchasers would then build their own roads, reforest, plant grass and otherwise manage their own lands as they please. There would be no replacement land other than buying on the open market. They might treat it a little differently than at present. These are random thoughts, I for one, would be glad to work on details of such a proposal.

As to my background: I am an accountant. I am also a former Buddhist monk, having lived for four years alone in the only remaining ancient jungle of Sri Lanka. I have been close to nature my entire life and I feel that the time is now for us to realize the absolute necessity of protecting Mother Nature.

Yours,



Jim Bowne
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Jacksonville, OR 97530

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1993

Ms. Kellyn S. Betts
Rural Route 1
Box 318
Wallingford, VT 05773

Dear Ms. Betts:

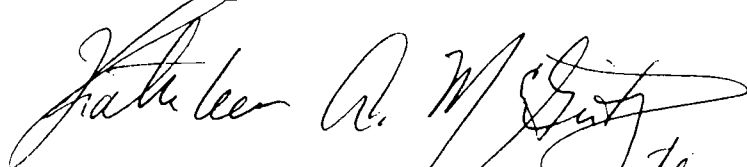
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The President and I believe that the Forest Conference held in Portland on April 2 was a significant step toward the resolution of the problems facing the the Pacific Northwest. At the conclusion of the conference, President Clinton directed his Cabinet to develop a Forest Management Plan within 60 days.

As you may know, three working groups have been established to work on developing this plan. The first group, working on ecosystem management assessment, is exploring management alternatives that attain the greatest economic and social contribution from the forests of the region and meet the requirements of applicable laws and regulations. Working Group II, focusing on labor and community assistance, will develop an economic plan to address not just temporary efforts but long-term economic development and diversification. The last working group will work to improve the relationships among federal and state agencies in the region and to eliminate impediments that block coordinated action.

I certainly appreciate learning of your continued interest in this arena as we work toward the resolution of this very important matter. 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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Kellyn S. Betts
RR 1, Box 318
Wallingford, VT 05773
19 May 1993

The Honorable Al Gore
Vice President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20001
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Vice President:

We congratulate you on moving to resolve the U.S. ancient forest crisis. As the U.S. decision has important international implications, we ask you to protect all remaining ancient forests. U.S. forests contribute to the global store of biodiversity and carbon. When your forests are destroyed, biodiversity world-wide is diminished and the global climate is affected.

Mr. President, the world is watching. As a wealthy country with democratic traditions, the U.S. must set an example and prove it is possible to resolve difficult conflicts and to have sustainable economies. If the richest country in the world can't protect the last ten percent left of it's ancient forests, how will other countries be able to do better? Your foreign policy forbids you to fund projects that destroy tropical forests abroad. That's good. But, shouldn't you be consistent and hold yourselves to the same standards at home?

The U.S. consumes more paper and other natural resources than any other country. The U.S. must protect its remaining ancient forests and consume less and more responsibly in order to reduce demand and avoid transferring forest destruction to other countries such as ours.

Specifically, regarding your ancient forests we urge the following:

1) PERMANENTLY PROTECT YOUR ANCIENT FORESTS. The U.S. should protect the ancient forest ecosystem with permanent Ancient Forest Reserves. The reserves should be legislatively-established and based on the best scientific understanding so that the ecosystem and all its wildlife will survive. Legislated reserves are key because in the future event of a pro-timber administration, reserves could not be undone without new legislation.

2) PROTECT THE ENTIRE ECOSYSTEM. The entire ancient forest ecosystem, habitat for more than 600 species, must be protected, including: the Westside and Eastside ancient forests of the Cascade Mountains in Oregon and Washington State, as well as the ancient forests found in the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California. Without comprehensive protection, crucial habitat for species such as salmon will be destroyed, thereby placing many species at risk of extinction.

3) UPHOLD EXISTING LAWS. All U.S. environmental laws must be fully enforced. A solution which violates the law, is no solution.

4) PROVIDE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITIES. Assistance to timber-dependent economies should be provided to facilitate the transition to more diversified economies. Restoration of degraded lands and ecosystem-sensitive forestry in already managed lands should be promoted for

their ecological and economic (from the creation of jobs) benefits.

The U.S. can permanently protect ALL of its ancient forests and still meet its legitimate domestic wood product needs by reducing wasteful consumption, increasing recycling, and adopting ecosystem sensitive forestry practices in already managed lands.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Kellyn S. Betts

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1993

Mr. and Ms. Dan and Claudia Beausoleil
4495 Cedar Flat Road
Williams, OR 97544

Dear Mr. and Ms. Beausoleil:

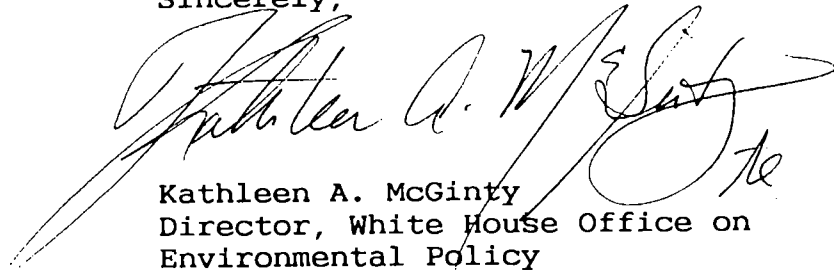
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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May 15, 1993

Mr & Mrs Dan & Claudia Beausoleil
4495 Cedar Flat rd.
Williams, Or 97544

Pres. V.P.
Dear Bill & Al, % Katie Mc Ginty
Clinton Gore

We urge you to protect the remaining 5% of old growth forest left in the pacific northwest. Interim protection must be provided for additional critical areas to preserve our options for the future while thorough scientific studies are conducted. These areas should include:

- 1- Key watersheds for native salmon, steelhead and trout
- 2- All suitable habitat for threatened and endangered species for their protection and biodiversity.
- 3- All riparian zones
- 4- All roadless areas and large blocks of intact forest.

Establish these area and the mountains east of the cascades as protected reserves.

Keep all environmental protection laws enforced and accessible to the public for "due process".

Stop clear-cutting practices & road building, select log only and use commercial thinning techniques.

Stop cattle grazing on public lands and make BLM and the U.S Forest service one organization.

We have been citizen activist for over 15 years and hope the Clinton adminstration will come to the rescue !!

Thank you for your efforts and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr & Mrs Daniel and Claudia Beausoleil

Daniel
Beausoleil

Claudia
Beausoleil

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1993

Mr. Brent Blackwelder
Mr. Brock Evans
Friends of the Earth
218 D Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Brent and Brock:

Thank you for your letter regarding the planned construction of the Board for International Broadcasting/Voice of America radio transmitter in Israel's Negev Desert. It was good to hear from you.

The President and I share your concerns about the potential environmental consequences of this project. I am happy to note that the long range budget package President Clinton announced on February 17 includes its termination. This is part of a broad range of broadcasting consolidation measures and budgetary cuts, which will include the construction of a less costly facility in Kuwait.

Thanks again for letting me know your concerns on this issue.

Sincerely,



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

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*Sorry for the delay in the
response. Hope all is well.*




February 12, 1993

Memo to: Katie McGinty

From: Brent Blackwelder and Brock Evans

Re: VOA/BIB Radio Transmitting Complex in Israel

We urgently need a signal from the Administration that this project is being reviewed or reexamined because the lawsuit in Israel which has prevented the project from getting underway is merely procedural and will soon likely be lifted.

This means that construction could be initiated quickly after the Israeli planning council meets on March 2. Through Congressman Berman we obtained a "reprogramming trigger" last fall which requires BIB to notify Congress before it proceeds, but it is not clear that such a provision will really stop the BIB.

A message from the Administration could make it clear to the Israeli government that our country is no longer keen on this outmoded project.

Our information is that Rabin likes the project, but over half the Knesset has signed another letter of opposition. Israel is looking to the U.S. for a signal.

We have sent new letters to President Clinton and a new Congressional letter of opposition to the project is forthcoming.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Brent", with a stylized flourish at the end.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1993

Mr. Jim Brett
Hawk Mountain
Sanctuary Association
RR 2, Box 191
Kempton, PA 19529

Dear Mr. Brett:

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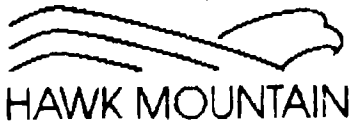
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Kathleen A. McGinty
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February 11, 1993
09:15 hrs

To: Mrs. Katie McGinnity
From: Jim Brett

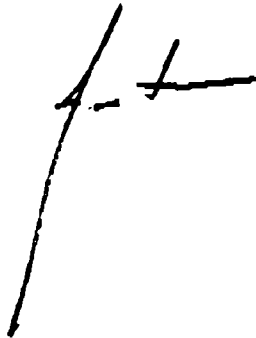
REF: VOA Transmission Station/Negev/Israel

Dear Mrs. McGinnity:

For the past several weeks I have been trying to learn of the administration's thinking on the VOA issue. There has been an absolute void of information. Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, certainly not one of the largest of conservation organizations, has a 9,000 member constituency and they are anxious to know how Mr. Clinton and Mr. Gore are thinking.

The Sanctuary is actively tied to conservation issues in Israel and the Society for the Protection of Nature there has worked closely with us since 1989 to defeat the construction of the facility.

Isn't there anything you can tell me? I would be very happy to drive to Washington to discuss the issue if you want. We are not professional lobbyists, but but we are very familiar with the Negev Desert, the avian migration, and the precious environment in this tightly-packed country.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 6, 1993

Dr. Peter Berthold
Max-Planck-Institut
fur Verhaltensphysiologie
Vogelwarte Radolfzell
D-7760 Schloss Moggingen
Federal Republic of Germany

Dear Dr. Berthold:

Thank you for your letters to the President and Vice President regarding the planned construction of the Board for International Broadcasting/Voice of America radio transmitter in Israel.

I understand your concerns about the potential environmental consequences of this project, and am pleased to note that the economic package President Clinton announced on February 17 includes its termination. This is part of a broad range of broadcasting consolidation measures and budgetary cuts, which will include the construction of a less costly facility in Kuwait.

Thanks again for sharing your views on this matter.

Sincerely,

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

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An
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for the President and Vice
President of the USA,
Washington

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A l'Attention de Mrs. Katie McGinnity

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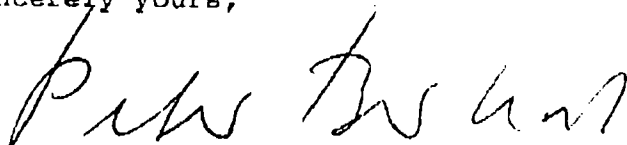
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Phone No. 07732-150 10
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Dear Mrs. McGinnity:

Enclosed, I send an urgent protest letter for your consideration. It is urgent since the Israelian Upper Planning and Building Governmental Council will meet on the 2nd of February to decide on the VOA station. ~~More a Decisive decision is urgently needed so hope it will be ann~~ for the endangered nature in the Arava Valley.

Sincerely yours,



(Prof. Dr. P. Berthold)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 23, 1993

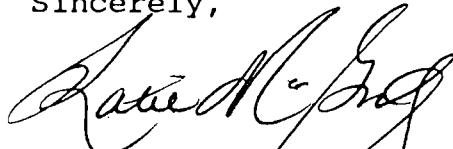
Mr. Joe Barnes
President
Greater Ozarks Chapter of Missouri
The Izaak Walton League of America
P.O. Box 494
Moberly, MO 55270

Dear Mr. Barnes:

I was informed by the President that you were interested in identifying the person in this Administration who will be working on environmental issues. As the Director of the White House Office on Environmental Policy, I will be working with the different agencies to coordinate sound environmental policies at the highest levels.

Please feel free to contact me regarding your concerns about the environment. Thank you for letting me hear from you.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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3 March 1993

William J. Clinton
The White House
Washington DC 20500

PERSONAL

Bill:

I had to be in Kansas yesterday, and on my return visited at the Alpha Phi Omega office with Patrick W. Burke who gave me a few copies of the winter/spring 1993 issue of Torch & Trefoil. We conferred on this new policy of The United Methodist Church to negotiate with the Boy Scouts of America to allow "gays" to serve as unit leaders for packs, troops, teams and posts, chartered to local churches and chapters of United Methodist Men.

Pat showed me your letter to the Fraternity.

Who will be handling wetlands policy for your administration? When things settle down, I would appreciate whomever this is to contact me. We are completing work on the implementation of the "Wetlands Goals and Recommendations for the State of Missouri" document I conveyed to you last fall, and it is becoming timely to confer with your people.

Please drop me a note or have someone telephone.

Also, this fall there will be an educational conference on the environment, conservation and outdoor education at Potosi, Missouri, and I have been requested to recruit an important person to speak at this event to "give it credibility." If either you and Vice President Gore may be available, please have whomever is in charge of such things contact me.

Thank you.

Fraternally

JOE BARNES
President

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 29, 1993

Mr. David S. Baker
191 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Sixteenth Floor
Atlanta, GA 30301

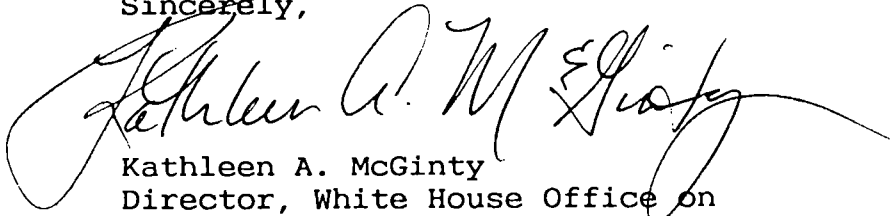
Dear Mr. Baker:

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

I understand your thoughtful 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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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 15, 1993

Mr. David S. Baker
191 Peachtree Street, Northeast
Sixteenth Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30301

Dear David:

I am going to pass your letter on to the people in the White House working on the issue involving the President's Council on Environmental Quality. I am sure they will send you a full response.

I hope all is well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Bernard W. Nussbaum", written over a horizontal line.

Bernard W. Nussbaum
Counsel to the President

DAVID S. BAKER
SIXTEENTH FLOOR
191 PEACHTREE STREET, NORTHEAST
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

March 5, 1993

VIA TELECOPY

Bernie Nussbaum, Esquire
White House Counsel
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bernie:

I feel that the President's Council on Environmental Quality should not be abolished. Here are my reasons:

1. The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is statutorily based under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and cannot be abolished without legislation.

a. The proposed Office of Environmental Policy would consist of staff positions in the White House.

b. Just like the Quayle Council on Competitiveness, it could be eliminated under another administration which has a different focus.

c. The proposed Office would represent a diminution in influence since it will lack any Presidentially appointed, Senate confirmed appointees.

2. CEQ can be physically a part of the White House.

a. Under President Bush, the CEQ Chairman was located in the Old Executive Office building.

3. It has been said that the Administration wants the Office involved in policy development and that CEQ is merely "advisory".

a. In fact, NEPA currently assigns to CEQ the function of providing advice to the President

Bernie Nussbaum, Esquire
March 5, 1993
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on the development and implementation of environmental policy.

b. The proposal would replace CEQ with a White House office with no statutory authority but with the same stated mission.

4. CEQ oversees NEPA which applies to all federal agencies.

a. NEPA is the nation's premier environmental statute, setting forth policy and mandating the consideration of environmental factors in federal-decision making.

b. CEQ promulgates the regulations interpreting the procedural provisions of NEPA and oversees federal agency implementation of NEPA and the CEQ regulations.

c. The U.S. Supreme Court has held that CEQ is owed "substantial deference" in its interpretation of NEPA.

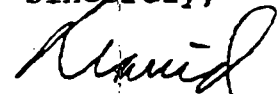
(1) Judicial deference is unlikely to be accorded a White House staff office that does not have a statutory basis.

5. The Administration would not trade the Council of Economic Advisers for a deputy assistant so why should the Administration want to make this change?

I would appreciate it if you would give me a call at (404) 572-6618 so we can discuss this.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,



David S. Baker

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Jim -
Thanks so much for
your kind note!

We do have an
opportunity to do
some wonderful things!!
(Now--if we could only
get some sleep!!)

Thanks for helping to
make Earth Day a
success!

Katie



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Office of the Under Secretary for
Oceans and Atmosphere
Washington, D.C. 20230

APR 23 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
Director and Deputy Assistant to the President
Office on Environmental Policy
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Katie:

Congratulations on the President's Earth Day speech and your arrangements for the very successful Earth Day activities by the White House! I thought that the speech hit exactly the right tone and that it set the stage for an exciting future.

Thanks also for your help with the whaling issues. It was good to get an interagency consensus on this, and I do believe that it is the best decision that we can make now.

All the events to date make me proud to be part of this new Administration which is willing to make commitments and step out on the hard issues. I'm looking forward to working with you further on these issues.

Yours sincerely,

D. James Baker

