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June 17, 1993

The Honorable Judd Gregg
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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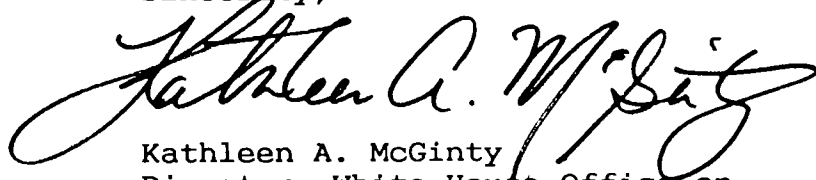
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 25, 1993

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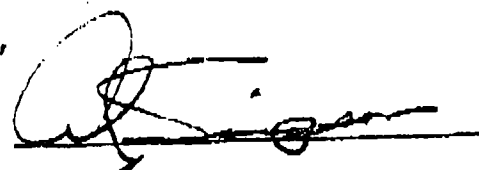
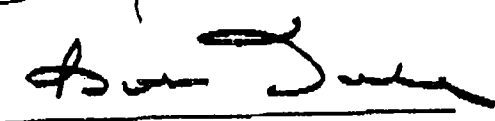
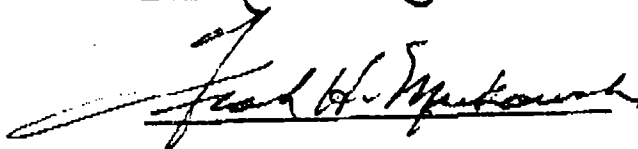
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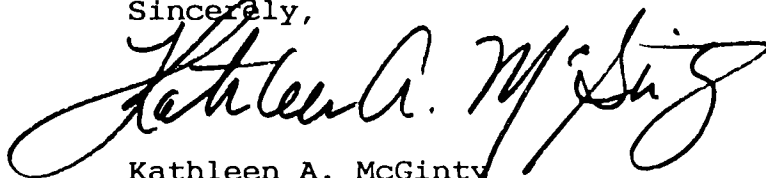
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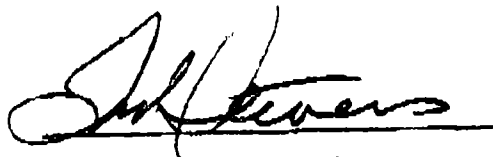
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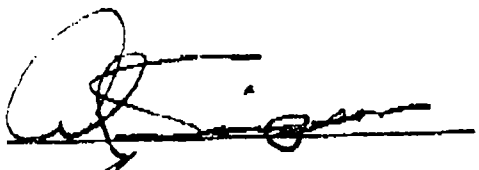
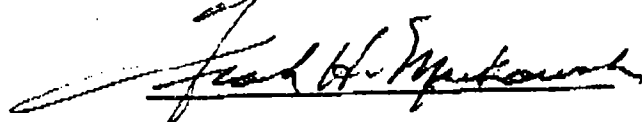
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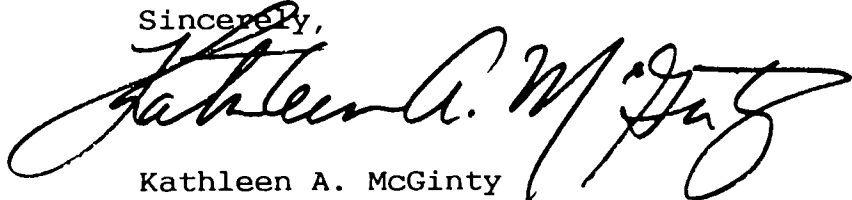
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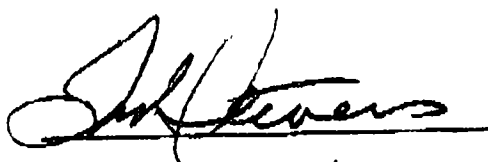
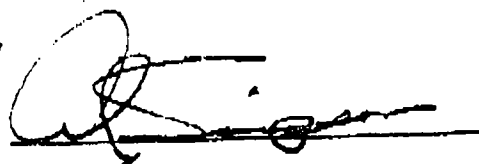
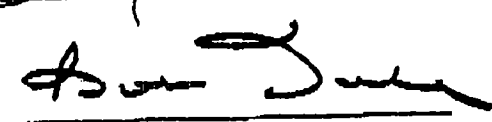
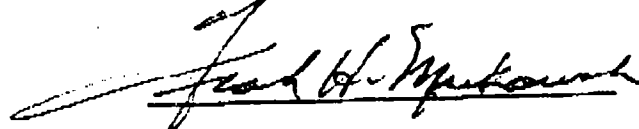
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June 17, 1993

The Honorable Sam Gejdenson
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Dear Congressman Gejdenson:

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March 31, 1993

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

Dear Mr. President:

We understand that you have been contacted by a group of 20 members of Congress regarding their concerns about the nation's policy on wetlands. While we agree that wetlands policy needs to be reviewed and reformed, we must respectfully refute some of the criticisms they raised, and disagree over the need for a national "wetlands summit."

Wetlands are one of our most valuable natural resources, and strong measures are needed to protect them. We agree with our colleagues that more incentives and public funding are needed to encourage the preservation of privately held wetlands. However, many good programs already exist that have proven to be very successful in encouraging the preservation of wetlands, such as the Wetlands Reserve Program. What these programs lack is adequate funding.

Much of the controversy surrounding wetlands stems from the fact that we lack a clear wetlands policy. As you know, the wetlands delineation manual has been subject to revisions over the past several years. Because it was considered a technical document, some revisions were adopted without formal public review. The situation has stabilized as all agencies now use the 1987 manual. In addition, a study by the National Academy of Sciences is underway to determine the best methods for delineating wetlands. Congress directed the Academy to take regional differences into consideration during this process. That study is expected to be completed by late 1994.

The whole debate over the proper definition of wetlands illustrates the difficulties caused by our uncertain wetlands policy. Field staff have lacked adequate and consistent training and agencies do not have the proper resources to carry out their responsibilities. In addition, the permit process needs to be streamlined and made more flexible so that the differences between large and small permits can be taken into account.

We are particularly concerned by claims that wetlands are not compatible with good economic policy and that they adversely

impact private property owners. On the contrary, wetlands policy must recognize that the preservation of these natural resources has benefits for all property owners, and that they protect human health and safety.

Safeguards need to be put in place to help small private landowners negotiate the wetlands regulatory process. Permit applications that drag on for several months into years can certainly create burdens for the small property owner.

H.R. 350, the Wetlands Reform Act, was introduced to respond to these and other shortcomings of the current system. This bill, which has the support of all the major environmental groups, is compatible with your view that protecting the environment is consistent with maintaining a strong economy.

- To encourage the protection of privately held wetlands, the measure would create new tax incentives to encourage owners of wetland property to protect their land in its natural state.
- More staff and resources would be directed to the agencies responsible for permits and wetlands delineations, and training, education and outreach programs would be improved.
- Small permit applications would be expedited through the creation of a "fast track" for minor permits, to enable such applications to be processed within 60 days.
- Funds would be earmarked for the Corps of Engineers to assist small landowners with wetlands delineations.
- The scope of the permit program would be expanded to include all activities that are harmful to wetlands.
- Follow-up procedures would be put in place to determine the effect of the general and individual permit programs on wetlands, as well as the success of any mitigation activities.

We feel very strongly that legislative action on the Clean Water Act and wetlands must proceed without further delay. Calling a "wetlands summit" might help bring this issue into the spotlight, but we feel that more than enough opportunities for the airing of diverse views on wetlands have taken place. For example, the National Wetlands Policy Forum convened in 1987 brought together state government officials, environmentalists, the agricultural community, developers and other industry groups for a comprehensive review of how best to manage wetlands. The forum resulted in the recommendation that a "no net loss of wetlands" policy be adopted. In addition, numerous congressional hearings were held in the last legislative session, and many public forums were held throughout the country.

We fear that the agenda of those supporting a wetlands summit is to cause further delays in finally bringing this issue to conclusion. More worrisome is the fact that the cosigners of the letter to you are interested in seriously weakening current protections for wetlands and opening protected areas to destruction.

We hope that you will move forward in support of efforts to reauthorize the Clean Water Act with provisions to strengthen wetlands protections. We would certainly welcome your endorsement of H.R. 350, the Wetlands Reform Act, and look forward to working with you to enact an environmentally and economically sound national policy on wetlands.

Sincerely,

✓ Don Edwards

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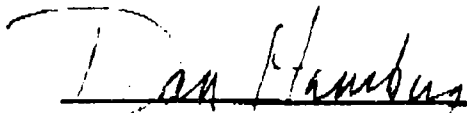
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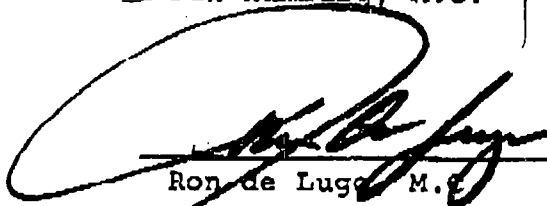
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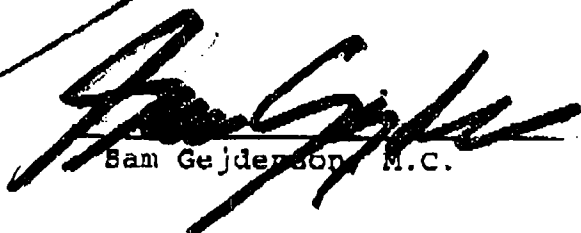
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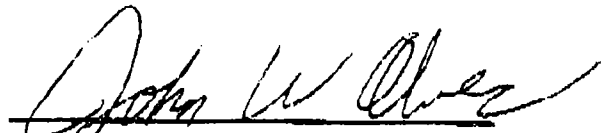
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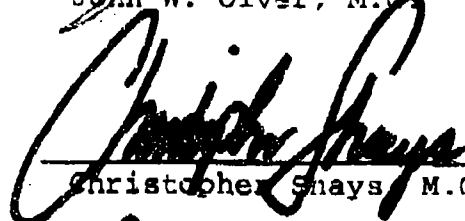
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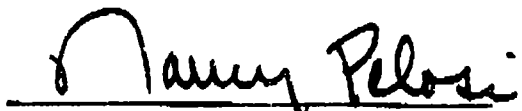
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Thanks for your interest.

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JAMES P. GAFFNEY

June 10, 1993

Kathleen McGinty, Deputy Asst. to the President
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Old Executive Office Building
Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am in the process of gathering research for a book on key appointees in President Clinton's administration. You are an important individual in shaping and implementing policy in what will be one of the most important presidential administrations in our nation's history.

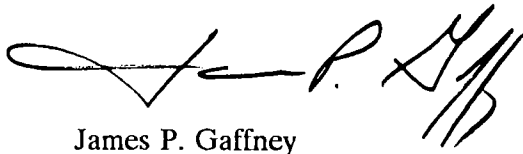
Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Specifically, I need any or all of the following:

1. A copy of your most recent resume.
2. A personal bio sheet.
3. An 8x10, black & white publicity photograph.

Sometime in the future I might also need a short telephone interview with you to gather any missing information and gain a perspective on your role in the new administration.

Thank you and your staff for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,



James P. Gaffney

Please send to:

James P. Gaffney
38 Chiswick Road
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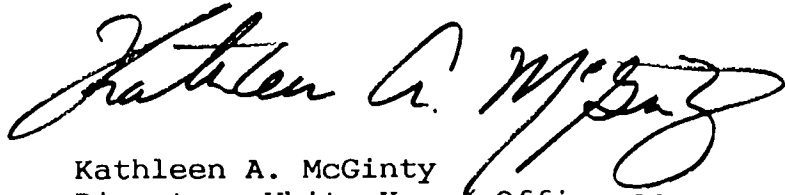
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Attn: Kathleen McEnty,
Dir. Office on Environmental Policy,
Room 358
Old Executive Office Bldg.,
17th St. & Penna. Ave. NW.
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Director McEnty:

I urge you to convey to the President
the urgent need so many of us feel,
to protect & save our remaining
ancient forests including those East of
the Cascade Mountain Range.

Please do all you can to insure
strict adherence to our environmental
laws and court orders.

For the first time in many
years I feel there is a resolve on
the President's part - and yours -
that our forests will be preserved.

Best wishes for a splendid
tenure in your office.
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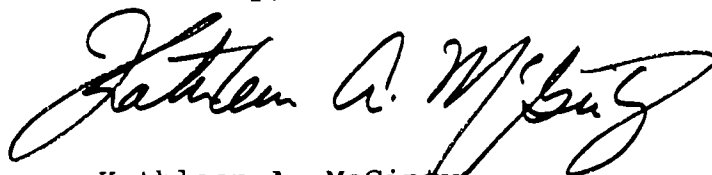
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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Karl Greve
1253 S Sherman St
Denver, CO 80210

May 21, 1993

President Bill Clinton
Attn: Kathleen McGinty, Dir of the Office of Environmental
Policy
Room 358
Old Executive Office Building
17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20501

Subject: Ancient forest plan

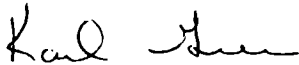
Dear Kathleen McGinty:

I want to thank President Clinton for his leadership and his commitment to finding a solution to the Pacific Northwest ancient forest crisis.

I would also like to urge President Clinton to assemble a ancient forest plan which would; 1) Save the remaining ancient forests in the Pacific Northwest region, 2) Protect area east of the Cascades Mountain range, 3) Set strict standards for adherence to environmental laws, and 4) Reduce the export of raw logs.

Please set a plan based on scientific fact not based on needs of special interest politics.

Sincerely,

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Karl Greve

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1993

Ms. Kathy Glass
P.O. Box 1321
Redway, CA 95560

Dear Ms. Glass:

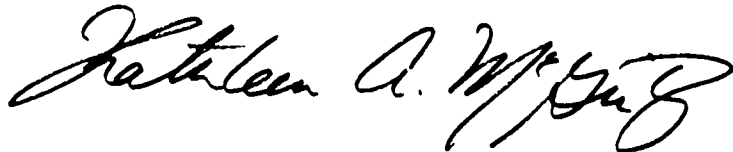
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The President and I believe that the Forest Conference held in Portland on April 2 was a significant step toward the resolution of the problems facing the the Pacific Northwest. At the conclusion of the conference, President Clinton directed his Cabinet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

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

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Ancient forest devastation in the Olympic National Forest, Washington.
The ancient forests of Washington, Oregon and California have been relentlessly logged.
Over 90 percent of these once-vast and complex ecosystems have been replaced by a
wasteland of clearcuts, reduced to tree farms or lost forever to development. What little
remains in our national forests must be permanently protected.

PHOTO © TRYGVE-SKY/LIGHTHAWK

Dear Ms. McGinty et al.

June 2, 1993

We're behind you all the way in fashioning
a sustainable forest policy for America. Of course
Big Timber won't like it. But history will look
kindly upon you! Please be strong + give our
forests the protection they need. Thank You!

JUST DO IT!!

♻️ RECYCLED PAPER

Kathy Glass

Box 1321
Redway, CA 95560

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Katie McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director, Office of Environmental
Room 360 Policy
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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June 29, 1993

Mr. Abraham P. Gelbein
Editor
CHEMTECH
1155 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
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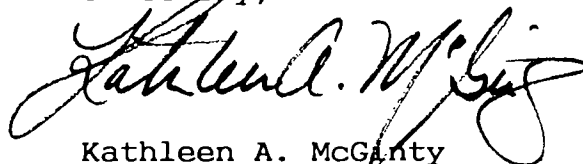
Dear Mr. Gelbein:

Thank you for the complimentary subscription to CHEMTECH. I apologize for the delay in my response.

As you know, I share President Clinton's commitment to the preservation of our environment. I appreciate learning of your efforts to increase public awareness about the new and innovative technological advances in chemically-related industries. As a chemist myself, I know such awareness is necessary.

Again, thank you for sharing this information with me.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, Office on
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Abraham P. Gelbein, *Editor*

May 21, 1993

*This
magazine*

Dr. Kathleen McGinty
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Dr. McGinty:

We are starting a complimentary subscription to CHEMTECH for you. Your first issue will arrive shortly.

CHEMTECH is the monthly magazine that contains articles about the innovation process in the chemically-related industries, from the resources, through the research that results in invention through the development and successful marketing of a commercial product. We publish articles that describe an individual (or group) effort that leads to that success or has the potential to contribute to it. Each article we publish clearly represents a link of that innovation chain. Although published by the American Chemical Society, the largest scientific society with 145,000 members, CHEMTECH is an independent magazine representing the views of its authors.

As U.S. competitiveness and marketplace success becomes an increasingly important issue, we hope that your copies of CHEMTECH will give you some insights into all the elements that are important for the successful entry of technology into the marketplace.

Cordially,

Abraham P. Gelbein
Editor

cc: Kathy Ream

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 29, 1993

Dr. Richard Gardner
Professor of Law and
International Organization
Columbia University
435 West 116th Street
New York, NY 10027

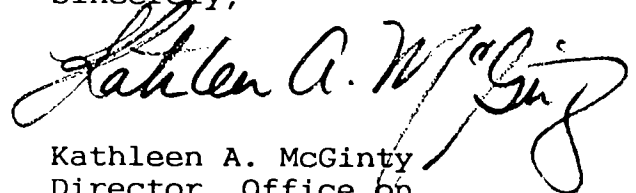
Dear Dr. Gardner:

Thank you for your letter and the paper you enclosed regarding "Energy Policy in the Clinton Administration." It was good to hear from you.

The President and I continue to believe that a broad based energy tax will promote energy conservation and decrease our nation's dangerous dependence on traditional fossil fuels. We hope that the reconciliation bill can be worked out soon.

Again, thank you for sharing this information with me.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, Office on
Environmental Policy

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Columbia University in the City of New York | *New York, N.Y. 10027*

SCHOOL OF LAW

435 West 116th Street

May 18, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
Special Assistant to the President
for the Environment
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Katie,

I thought you might be interested in seeing the enclosed paper by Sharon Burke entitled "Energy Policy in the Clinton Administration" which was written for my Columbia University seminar in U.S. Foreign Economic Policy. It strikes me as a good overview of the issues and if you have any comments on it I will pass them on to Sharon.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Richard N. Gardner
Professor of Law and
International Organization

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 9, 1993

Mr. Gordon Garrett
Councilor
City of Lakewood
445 South Allison Parkway
Lakewood, CO 80226

Dear Mr. Garrett:

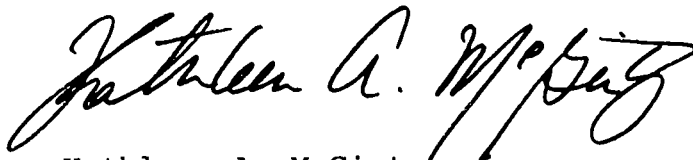
Thank you for contacting me regarding your concerns about liability of toxic waste cleanup under Superfund.

As you know, I share President Clinton's and Vice President Gore's commitment to the preservation of our environment. In his first State of the Union address, the President reaffirmed his goal to increase the efficiency of toxic waste cleanup, as well as to decrease the need for numerous liability lawsuits facing Superfund sites.

I understand your concerns about the burdensome nature of these potentially long and costly lawsuits. EPA Administrator Carol Browner is currently reviewing the 1992 EPA guidance document that was rejected by the Bush Administration. Be assured that we will give every consideration to your concerns as we work toward improving the Superfund program.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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May 26, 1993

Katie McGinty
Environmental Advisor
to the President
The Office on Environmental Policy
360 The Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

In his first State of the union address, President Clinton recognized the importance of the nation's toxic waste cleanup effort and pledged to get the lawyers out of the Superfund process. We are writing to urge the Administration to take one crucial step that could help accomplish that worthy goal. Please release an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidance that will relieve hundreds of local governments, thousands of small businesses, and countless citizens of the crushing burden of private party lawsuits designed to shift billions of dollars of cleanup costs from polluting industries to the general taxpayer.

Across the country, entities that polluted Superfund sites are seeking to spread their cleanup costs to cities and counties, small businesses such as pizza stands and flower shops, little league teams, the Girl Scouts, and even individual citizens. The theory of these cases is that sending ordinary household garbage and sewage sludge to a Superfund site is enough to trigger staggering liability under the law, even though industrial hazardous waste and not benign household wastes is the reason expensive cleanups are necessary. At a time when scores of local governments and small businesses are struggling to avert fiscal collapse, provide vital services, and remain competitive, this catastrophic liability poses an unforeseen and unjustified threat to their survival.

Several months before the 1992 election, EPA career staff prepared an excellent guidance document which was designed to spur reasonable settlements of such cases. This guidance was killed by the Bush White House after a lobbying blitz by polluting industries. The Clinton Administration now has an opportunity to correct this misguided decision. Please act today to help America's counties, cities, towns, small businesses, and citizens.

Sincerely,

Gordon Garrett
Councilor

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 4, 1993

Dr. Harry P. Gregor
Professor Emeritus
410 Riverside Drive #72A
New York, NY 10025

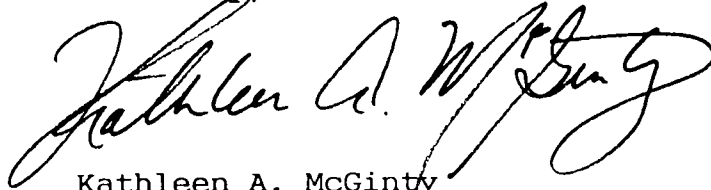
Dear Dr. Gregor:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts on a series of pamphlets to teach the public about current environmental challenges. I sincerely apologize for the delay in my response.

As you know, I share the Vice President's commitment to the environment. I appreciate learning of your efforts in ethanol development, as well as your interest in heightening public awareness of possible solutions to the problems facing our planet. Vice President Gore and I agree that education is an important step toward the goal of a cleaner world.

Again, thank you for sharing your ideas with me.

Sincerely,

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Director, White House Office on
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DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING &
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Please reply to: ^{Terrace Building}
Harry P. Gregor, Ph.D.
410 Riverside Dr. #72A
New York, N.Y. 10025
Phone/Fax: (212) 678-1191

February 17, 1993

Katie McGinty
Office of the Vice President
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. McGinty:

After developing the concepts outlined in the letter to Vice President Gore, I asked Eric Vaughn of RFA as to access. Eric is highly proficient in furthering good causes.

As to the modus operandi and best format for the pamphlet series, I am not an expert, have no fixed agenda and look to the Vice President for guidance. I talked to his publisher and agent, but they think in terms of books which take years to produce. I feel that positive and definitive results in the short term are what this Administration needs.

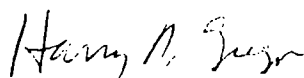
The specific projects in which I can help are several and varied because of the wide areas of applicability of the technologies in which I am expert. I know that wise and experienced heads are often better than one, but too many can slow down the process, even stop it.

Eric will tell you that I am old, persistent and hate to waste time or money. For the last 25 or so years (the Federal government was no help for the last 12) I labored to develop systems and processes to make the cost of making fuel ethanol from biomass so low as to make it compete, subsidy-free, with gasoline. My track record as advisor to government and consultant to industry is one I am proud of. My expertise is in recognizing and furthering practical, low risk and short term projects.

I advised the Alcohol Fuels Commission under Carter against building plants before a cost-effective process was even ascertained, let alone established as to feasibility. I was ignored. Now USDA and DOE hold many millions in useless paper and properties as the result. With the technologies which I propose, they could be profitable in short order. It is not that I am so smart; what I am is very, very careful.

It will be my pleasure to serve Vice President Gore in those matters related to the environment, energy and innovative industrial processes in which I have expertise.

Sincerely,



Harry P. Gregor
Professor Emeritus

cc Eric Vaughn

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1993

Mr. Charles F. Gauvin
President
Trout Unlimited
800 Follin Lane, S.E.
Suite 250
Vienna, VA 22180

Dear Friends:

On behalf of President Clinton and Vice President Gore, I would like to thank you for contacting me recently with your concerns about the Forest Management Plan and the protection of key watersheds and critical salmon habitat.

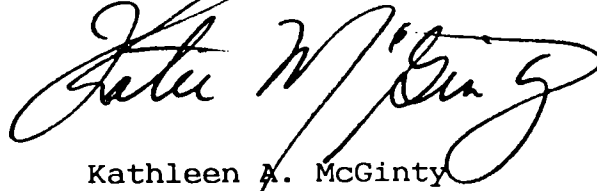
The President and I believe that the Forest Conference was a significant step toward the resolution of the problems facing the Pacific Northwest. I certainly appreciate your continued interest in the Cabinet's development of the Forest Management Plan.

As you 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 understand your concerns about the protection of watersheds and salmon habitat. Be assured that this Administration will give every consideration to your concerns as we move forward on this very important issue. I certainly appreciate hearing your views on these matters. The President and I believe that the Forest Management Plan will prove to be a comprehensive study of how we can better manage our natural resources.

Again, thank you for letting me hear from you.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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June 4, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director, Office of Environmental Policy
Room 360, Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20501

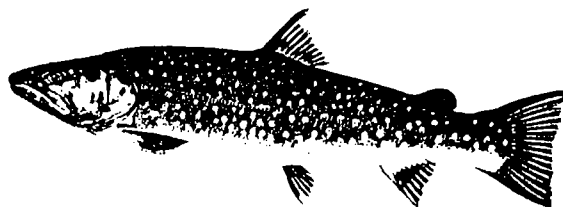
Dear Ms. McGinty:

As leaders in the fisheries conservation community, we would like to share several concerns with you as the Forest Ecosystem Management Assessment Team in Portland, Oregon wraps up its work.

We understand that the range of options being prepared for President Clinton will include some significantly increased management prescriptions aimed at key watersheds and anadromous fish habitat on the west side of the Pacific Northwest region. We understand that a number of the options will be based on the recommendations contained in Appendix 5K of the Scientific Analysis Team's report dated March 1993. We have some specific suggestions to strengthen the 5K recommendations, but will wait to make those until the final document prepared for the President is disclosed for public comment. We feel we will be able to discuss the specific merits of the options in more detail at that time.

Our concern at this point stems from indications by some in the Administration that forest protection addressed specifically to forests and watersheds on the east side of the region may be absent in the scope of the final recommendations presented to the President. We would like to point out that the range of anadromous salmonids reaches throughout most of the east side forests of this region. We know that many of the salmonid stocks which spawn on the east side are at risk of extinction. Should immediate permanent protections for key east side watersheds on which these stocks depend not be included in the recommendations, we would ask that strong interim protections be put in place at the time protections for the west side are crafted.

This recommendation stems from our belief that timber harvest levels based on adequate species protection on the west side will increase harvest pressures on the east side. In addition, the east side, suffering from severe forest health problems, has been targeted for selective harvests to reduce insect infestation, disease and fire danger. If these harvest practices occur without regard for the key watersheds which hold the last best habitat for east side salmon, we risk



irreparable harm to that habitat. In addition, the chronic loss of habitat from outdated grazing practices continues. These factors combine synergistically with the adverse effects of dam passage and water withdrawals to produce population collapse for many east side fishes.

In addition to these immediate interim protections, we urge you to begin simultaneously an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process on east side forest practices and protections as they relate to fish stocks, both anadromous and resident. It is increasingly clear that an EIS is warranted and will be needed as fish stock problems become more apparent. The scientific panel's east side study is scheduled to be completed June 1st, and is expected to detail a very grim picture of fish habitat on federal lands across the whole east side of the region. If the EIS process is not electively undertaken now, it is apparent there is ample cause to take the issue into the judicial arena and sufficient cause to pursue further ESA listings for east side salmonids.

The Administration needs to act decisively at this point in time to addresses the protection of the key watersheds and critical salmon habitat on the east side of the region in order to avoid a repetition of the situation created around the fate of the spotted owl. We offer these suggestions in a spirit of cooperation and stand ready to assist in any way possible. Please let us know if we can help.

Sincerely,



Charles F. Gauvin
President
Trout Unlimited



Bob Doppelt
Executive Director
Pacific Rivers Council



Norville S. Prosser
Vice President
Sport Fishing Institute



Thomas J. Cassidy, Jr.
General Counsel
American Rivers



Bill Bakke
Executive Director
Oregon Trout, Inc.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 11, 1993

The Honorable John Glenn
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Glenn:

On behalf President Clinton and Vice President Gore, I would like to express my deep gratitude for your leadership in passing the EPA Cabinet level bill. We are most appreciative of all 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

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 7, 1993

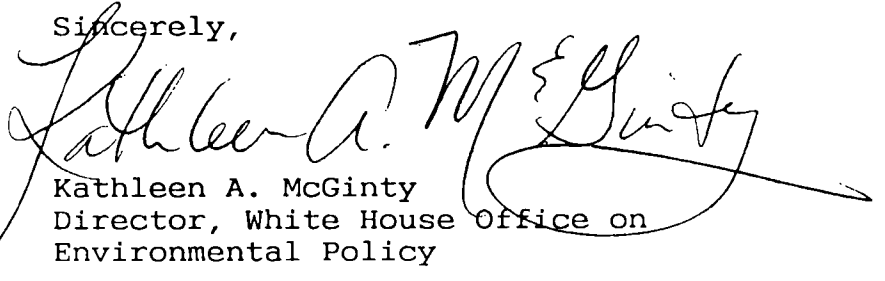
Mr. Tom P. Gannaway
1437 Dobyys Drive
Kingsport, TN 37664

Dear Mr. Gannaway:

This is to inform you that your copies of the Vice President's book have been signed. It is not possible for us to send the books back to you unless you provide us with a Federal Express account number or other means of posting them.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,



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

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1993

Mr. Jay Gruenfeld
Jay Gruenfeld Associates, Inc.
P.O. Box 66836
Seattle, WA 98166

Dear Mr. Gruenfeld:

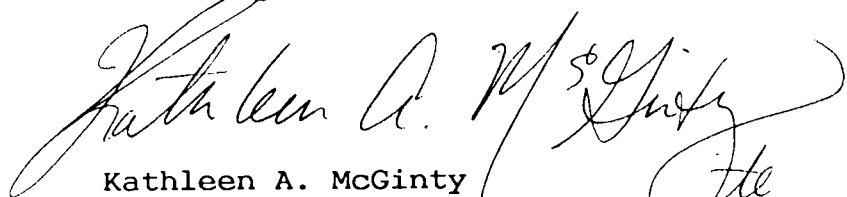
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I certainly appreciate learning of your continued interest in this arena as we work toward the resolution of this very important matter. Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,

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

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Jay Gruenfeld Associates Inc.

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Seattle, Washington 98166

Fax (206) 242-6175

Location:
630 S.W. 149th St., Suite A

May 6, 1993

Tom Tuchmann
Forest Summit
1120 Vermont Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20270

Subject: Info for Post-Forest Summit Deliberations
Dear Tom,

1. Ballot on Washington state Society of American Foresters video:
Enclosed is a summary of the recent Washington SAF statewide ballot on the WSSAF video that says, "Amend the Endangered Species Act to give more consideration to people impacts". It was approved 2.12 to 1.

2. Enclosed is a complimentary copy of the proceedings of our March 22, 1993 Pre-Forest Summit Symposium. The attendees voted overwhelmingly in favor of jobs (sustainable jobs) over old-growth and owl preservation. Page 3 summarizes the questionnaire. Please see my remarks p. 7 for the three key economic points etc.

This is just more evidence that the public in the Pacific Northwest overwhelmingly favors the worker/industry position on forest management over the environmentalist position. I suspect that is also the national position.

Good luck on your massive task.

Please let us know if we can help.

Best regards,



cc: letter only, Banzhaf, Rey, McGinty, Geisinger, Draper, Pierson

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 24, 1993

Ms. Sara Gann
1107 North Edgewood Street
Arlington, VA 22201

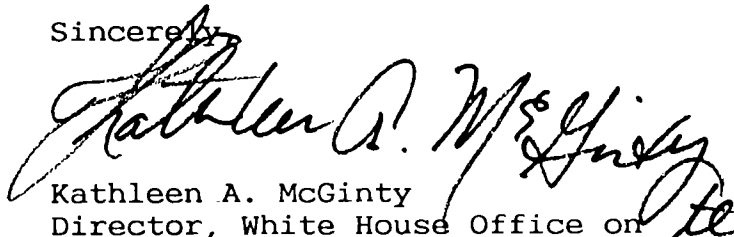
Dear Ms. Gann:

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 18, 1993

Ms. Kathleen McGinty
White House Office on Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building, Room 358
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

The federally-funded Animal Damage Control (ADC) Program, whose stated purpose is predator control, exists as a blatant subsidy to the livestock industry. In 1992, the ADC spent over \$45,000,000 to kill wildlife on public lands. Taxpayers should not be expected to provide a zero-risk business environment for anyone!

In addition, the ADC predator control program is not biologically sound; many of the poisons and techniques used place threatened and endangered species in jeopardy. In FY '92, over 100,000 predatory mammals and 1.5 million birds were reported killed by the ADC. Its methods are indiscriminate and inhumane: poison baits, traps, snares, and denning and aerial gunning.

Ranchers are businesspeople, who must take responsibility for protecting their own livestock (preferably with non-lethal means). I urge you to help end this outdated welfare handout to ranchers. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Sara Gann

1107 North Edgewood Street
Arlington, Virginia 22201

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1993

Mr. Jerry Grubbs
221 East Alder St.
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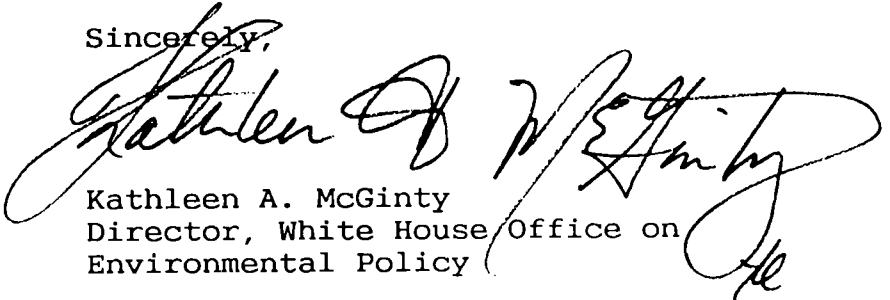
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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221 East Alder St
Missoula, MT 59802
4 April 1993

White House Office on Environmental Policy
MS Kathleen McGinty
Old Executive Office Bldg
Room 358
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear MS McGinty,

I'm really beginning to wonder about APHIS's Animal Damage Control. Is it really worth millions of hard to come by tax dollars to slaughter wildlife wholesale for the benefit of a handful of agricultural producers who could just as easily protect their own interests?

I rarely see a Great Blue Heron fishing along our Clark Fork River without reflecting that our tax dollars are wasted killing these stately birds. Has anyone ever proven ADC's predator control programs directed against coyotes in the West are effective or are worth the cost? ADC or the land managers never tire of telling the public that cost-benefit analysis are inappropriate in the NEPA process. When are they appropriate? How many of these programs squander tens of thousands of dollars shooting down coyotes from aircraft in response to the loss of a few lambs? The time has come to take a careful look at these programs.

Do not imagine the majority of Montanians support this offensive program. It's time to end this waste of resources and destruction of wildlife.

Sincerely,



Jerry Grubbs

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1993

Mr. J. Christopher Gagnon
52 Quail Run Road
Suffield, CT 06078

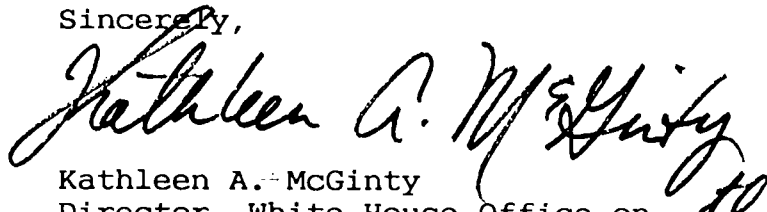
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Sincerely,


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

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April 2, 1993

Kathleen McGinty
White House Office on Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building, Room 358
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty,

With the Clinton administrations new economic strategy to cut all unnecessary federal spending now being on the table, I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you my views on where budget cuts can be made and ask for your support for two items.

First, I would like market rates to be charged for use of public lands by ranchers, timber and mining companies, and oil and gas producers. Currently, our tax dollars subsidize construction of logging roads and other expenses, mining claims, oil and gas royalties, and livestock grazing fees. I have heard estimates of up to one billion dollars being raised over five years, which could be used for preserving threatened forests, plains, and wildlife habitat.

Second, terminate the Animal Damage Control (ADC) Program, which exists as a subsidy to the livestock industry, by providing predator control. In 1992, the ADC spent over 45 million taxpayer dollars to kill wildlife on public lands and to develop poisons and control techniques for wild animals. Most of these techniques are indiscriminant, placing threatened and endangered species at risk, while other taxpayer dollars fund multi-million dollar programs to protect and reintroduce endangered species. I feel that ranchers should be responsible for protecting their own livestock and would like to see this program terminated.

Your support in both of these areas would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



J. Christopher Gagnon
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May 24, 1993

Mr. Peter Galvin
P.O. Box 37
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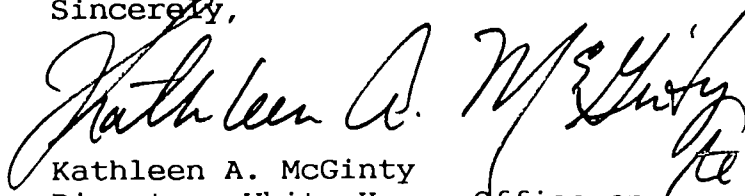
Dear Mr. Galvin:

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
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DEAR MS. MCGINLEY

I am writing to urge you to do everything within your power to abolish the Animal Damage Control (ADC) agency. The ADC exists as a blatant subsidy to the livestock industry. The ADC predator control program is neither cost-effective nor biologically sound. Ranchers need to be responsible for protecting their own livestock and doing so with non-lethal techniques. I respectfully demand that this outdated tax-supported federal war on wildlife come to an end, and that the government begin to protect our natural heritage.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Mr. John Getz
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Mapleton, OR 97453

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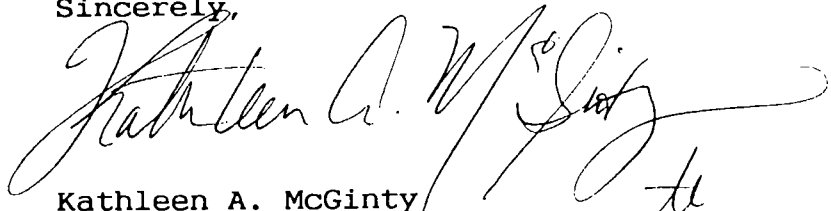
On behalf of President Clinton and Vice President Gore, I would like to thank you for contacting me with your concerns about the Forest Management Plan.

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,

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

KAM/avl

5-11-93

Dear Kathleen A. McGinty,

I wish to thank you for taking the time to send me such a kind response to my letter. It is very encouraging to see such energies focused on such issues. And I give all of you my best wishes.

I would like to take opportunity of this time, while eyes and ears are open, to offer some views regarding minor forest products. Since addressing areas of concern on these issues was my initial intent.

I certainly appreciate hearing from you too.

Sincerely,

John Getz

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May 18, 1993

Dr. Linda E. Greer, Ph.D.
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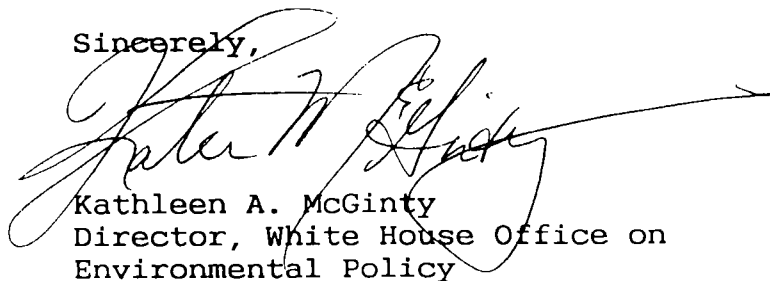
Dear Dr. Greer:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts on the Superfund program. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, I share President Clinton's commitment to the preservation of the environment. I agree that this year will provide the opportunity to address the concerns raised about Superfund as reauthorization hearings progress in Congress. At the same time, the concerns you and others have raised about reauthorization have certainly prompted us to look at ways to administratively address deficiencies in the program. I certainly appreciate hearing your views on these matters. The person on my staff handling this issue is Mr. Keith Laughlin. Please feel free to contact Mr. Laughlin, as I am sure he would benefit from your thoughtful insights on this very important matter.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
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April 3, 1993

Katie McGinty
Deputy to the President
Director, White House Office on Environmental Policy
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Dear Ms. McGinty:

The environmental community had an opportunity to meet with Bob Sussman, designated Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, last week to discuss a very large range of issues of priority to us and of some urgency for EPA. We were delighted with the opportunity to speak with him and with others at EPA, and we look forward to a productive working relationship with the Administration. Since I know you have an interest in Superfund, I am taking this opportunity to expand in writing upon my comments on the Superfund program. I have also sent these comments to Bob and to Carol Browner of EPA.

Perhaps no other program in EPA's history has received the level and diversity of criticism of the Superfund program. The program spent its youth with people hostile to its implementation, with the Assistant Administrator Rita Lavelle ultimately going to jail for issues related to the program. Following this very inauspicious start, the program went through adolescence with an administration less outwardly aimed towards doing it in but nonetheless quite ambivalent about Superfund's usefulness or value to environmental protection. For reasons related to this history, it is very difficult to understand where the root cause of problems with Superfund lie -- be them in the law itself or in the implementation of the law.

I strongly advise that EPA spend the next six to nine months trying to understand and really run this program right prior to involving itself in a public way on issues surrounding the reauthorization debate. I feel this is a wise course of action not only because it is prudent to have first-hand experience with the program prior to recommending statutory changes but also because by trying to run the program well you will be able to get a handle on where critics have made valid points about the program versus where critics have been off-base. Early on, you will undoubtedly uncover a number of aspects of the program that don't work well for you, and from there it will be important to undertake the analyses necessary to identify root causes of the problem. This process will easily take the six to nine months I recommend prior to developing public reauthorization positions.

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The areas of priority concern to the environmental community in Superfund are described in an attachment to this letter. We would very much appreciate an opportunity to discuss these matters with you or appropriate staff at your earliest possible convenience, as they represent the areas which we feel merit your attention during this initial six to nine month time frame.

The deliberate course of action that I am recommending may come as a disappointment to Congressman Swift, whose job it is to ultimately reauthorize Superfund, as well as Senator Lautenberg, his counterpart in the Senate. However, there is a recognition by these players and others that an EPA bill would be a very big help to them in reauthorization as well as tacit understanding that EPA will need some time to develop such a bill. It should not be impossible to persuade Congress that it is worth the wait. The environmental community has already been delivering a message to the Hill that we think EPA should run Superfund for six to nine months before taking a plunge into reauthorization. This message is a result of a series of coordinated meetings among many of the people from the environmental community you met with last week where we developed the community's recommendations for reauthorization priorities for this Congress.

The course of action I am recommending also requires immediate coordination between the White House and EPA. Advertently or inadvertently, the President himself has been making statements about Superfund that are greatly increasing the rhetoric surrounding alleged problems in the program. We are concerned that the President is not aware of the full implications of his statements. For example, the President derided Superfund in his State of the Union address for spending too much money on lawyers, but then his Administration budget called for increased Superfund revenue from enforcement proceedings. Clearly, you can't have it both ways. I strongly recommend that the White House coordinate with EPA at the earliest moment to request some time for Superfund program review before any White House damage is done that undermines initiatives EPA might like to undertake in the future.

Concurrent in the six to nine month time frame I have recommended, EPA should as a priority matter take some strategic steps to improve the image of the Superfund program. For over a year now things have been running much better in the program, but no one has been articulating the program's successes, and people continue to fault the program for old March problems. EPA needs a public relations strategy to actively re-educate the public and the press about progress in the program. The Agency should stress the return in investment in the emergency and removal

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programs, the large number of sites well underway (construction underway), and the large number of sites where studies are complete.

EPA should also make a priority of settling out de minimus parties in long-standing litigation over the next six to nine months. Much of the current criticism of the program stems from the widespread publication of lawsuits filed against little guys -- pizza parlor operators, florists, and the like -- who really should just be settled out. Right away, to get them off the screen. A strategic enforcement and implementation regime should be put into place over the short run to show Congress and the American public that some problems in Superfund can be easily solved.

Lastly, EPA should spend the next six to nine months re-educating the public about the importance of the Superfund program to the protection of public health and the environment. There are many valuable statistics already gathered in the program (for example in the NPL characterization study) that will take people by surprise -- the large number of sites located within a mile of drinking water wells (91%), the large number of active sites (50%), the large number of people whose water is potentially affected (62 to 64 million), etc. This education campaign should consist of both offense and defense -- responding to articles such as the Keith Schneider series with facts and figures as well as an articulation of what constitutes sound environmental policy -- in addition to seeking out reporters to cover the Agency's view.

In closing, nearly everyone you will meet has something bad to say about Superfund. The challenge for the Administration is to distinguish the views of the program's enemies from those of its critics -- those who are seizing upon the failures of the program in order to eliminate it versus those who constructively want to improve the program and make it work in a protective and cost-effective manner. Despite the environmental community's very vocal criticism of Superfund in the past, we are deeply concerned to see this program succeed for you, and we offer our assistance to the Administration in making this success a reality. Please be in touch to let us know how best we can help.

Sincerely,

Linda E. Greer, Ph.D.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 27, 1993

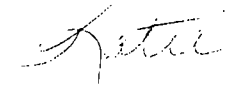
Mr. Thomas P. Grumbly
Assistant Secretary Designate and
Director, Office of Environmental
Restoration and Waste Management
Department of Energy
James Forrestal Building
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Tom:

Congratulations on your appointment
as Director of the Environmental
Restoration and Waste Management at the
Department of Energy. I'm sure you will
do a tremendous job at DOE. The coming
months will certainly be a challenging
time for us all.

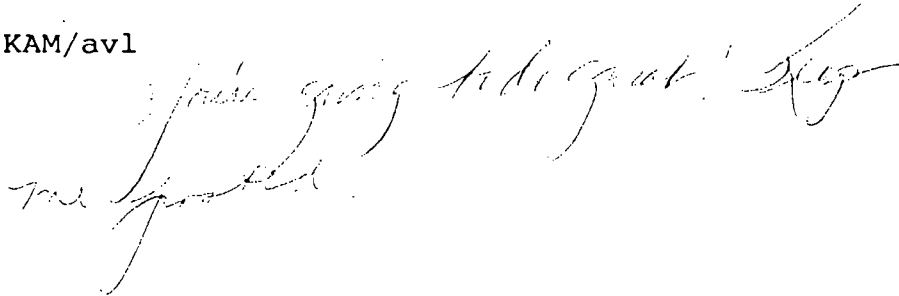
I wish you the best at this hectic
time.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office
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Sister Alice Gleason
Development Office
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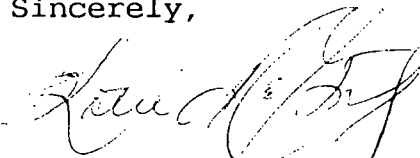
Dear Sister Gleason:

Thank you for the note of
congratulations. I certainly appreciate
your thinking of me at this challenging
time.

I will certainly make every effort to
make it back to St. Hubert's for the
Mother-Daughter Communion Breakfast.

I hope all is well with you.

Sincerely,


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

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*Thanks so much for
your kind note - Alice
and everyone at St. Hubert's!*

January 15, 1995

Dear Kathleen,

Congratulations and
best wishes for success
in your new appointment,
St. Hubert's faculty.
Students and alumnae
are very proud of you
and your achievements.

I spoke to your mother
this morning and she
gave me all pertinent
material for articles
to be placed in our
Alumnae Newsletter and
School Paper. I promised
to send her copies
of each. Perhaps by the

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 23, 1993

The Honorable Joseph L. Galiber
Member of the Senate
Room 414
State Capital Building
Albany, New York 12247

Dear Senator Galiber:

Thank you for your letter. I appreciate receiving the materials you enclosed concerning the hazardous waste facility in your district.

Hazardous waste disposal is a growing concern for many communities. I have forwarded your letter and material to the Environmental Protection Agency for their review and comment. I regret however that I will be unable to accept your invitation to visit at this time, due to the uncertainty of my own schedule.

Please feel free to contact me with any future concerns or suggestions. Thank you again for bringing this to my attention.

Sincerely,

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TO: Mr. Christian Marsh, Ofc. of Ms. K. McGinty/White House
FROM: Office of Senator Galiber/Sandra Peters
DATE: March 23, 1993
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COMMENTS: _____

Please advise us of response to letter. Thank you for your
cooperation.....Sandra Peters

Attn:
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February 9, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
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Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. McGinty:

In addition to writing to the office of the Vice President, we are writing to request that you or a designee visit/survey a newly constructed hazardous, medical waste facility in South Bronx, New York. As New York and Bronx County legislators and community leaders, we are attempting to protect our constituents from the 'unfair' burden of housing a 'disproportionate' number of waste facilities. Our hope is to get the support of your office.

Environmental Racism, inequitably dumping waste facilities -- particularly those that process hazardous waste -- in poor communities of Color must be redressed. In a 3.5 square mile parcel of the South Bronx, in addition to this medical waste plant, there are 40+ waste facilities including sewage treatment, sludge de-watering, infectious waste and marine transfer stations, carting and waste processing facilities. Proposed facilities include 3 additional sludge plants, a mass burn incinerator, a de-inking plant, additional waste transfer stations and recycling plants. There are land-based and mooring sites for existent and proposed correctional facilities, and with minimal commercial rail facilities, in/out-bound City truck traffic adds significantly to air degradation.

In addition to his life-long commitment to global environmental protection, we have learned of the Vice President's opposition to the construction of a hazardous waste incinerator in East Liverpool, Ohio. This Bronx plant (constructed in cooperation with a private developer, Resource Management Technologies, Inc. REMTECH) is permitted to burn 48 tons/day, 24,380 yearly -- less than the Ohio plant -- nonetheless, there are apparent similarities in the controversy surrounding the two facilities as well as the overriding issue of where facilities are built. Relevant issues for this Bronx facility include:

- The Permitting Process. Based upon air quality analysis, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) issued a 'negative declaration' annulling the requirement for a full environmental analysis of cumulative impact;
- Public Hearings. The required public hearings were advertised in one newspaper and one environmental journal, neither of which are widely circulated in the community and, neither of which are Spanish-language publications;

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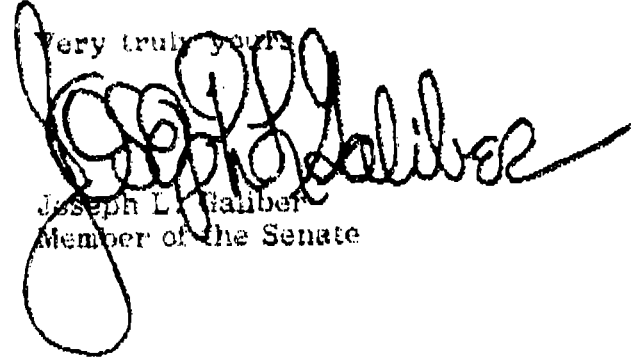
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We have attached letters from local and national groups (the South Bronx Coalition for Clean Air, the Riverdale Committee for Clean Air, Greenpeace, and the Sierra Club) which speak to the issues; as well as a few press clippings of the expanding Bronx community effort.

Again, we would ask that you consider visiting or assigning a designee to site visit this plant, and provide a contact individual in your office with whom my staff can work to advance an effective cooperative effort between New York State and the federal government.

Very truly yours,


Joseph L. Galanter
Member of the Senate

JLG/sp
Encl.

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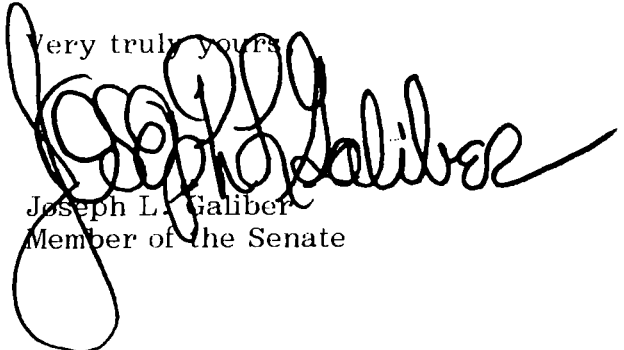
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