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THE WHITE HOUSE

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June 29, 1993

Mr. Kerry Kirschner
Mote Marine Laboratory
1600 Thompson Parkway
Sarasota, FL 34236

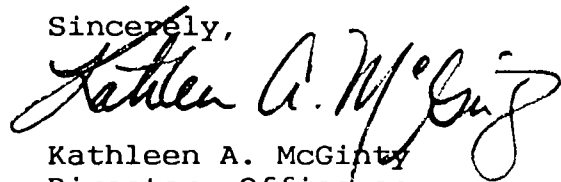
Dear Mr. Kirschner:

Thank you for your letter and the information you enclosed regarding Dr. Kumar Mahadevan's testimony on marine research programs. Thank you for your kind words of support, and I apologize for the delay in my response.

I appreciate learning of your efforts to protect our nation's coastal habitats. I share your concerns about maintaining delicate balance necessary for the preservation of marine ecosystems. As you may know, hearings were held this week at which our Administration testified on the necessity of better managing our coastal resources through better research and coordination of disparate programs.

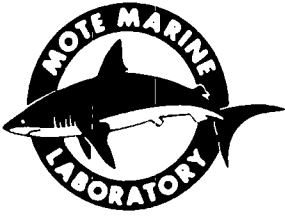
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Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
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"A nonprofit organization dedicated to excellence in marine sciences"

May 13, 1993

Ms. Kathleen A. McGinty
Director
White House Office on Environmental Policy
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The White House, Room 360
Washington, D.C. 20057

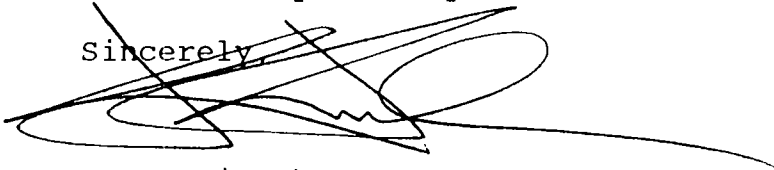
Dear Katie:

Thanks for your letter of May 5, 1993. It is good to have someone like you in an environmental advisory position to the President.

I wanted to share with you testimony delivered by Dr. Kumar Mahadevan today to the House subcommittee on appropriations regarding the regional marine research program and the protection of our "coastal oceans." The marshalling of some of our best scientific minds in the protection and prevention of further degradation of our national coastal habitats at a cost of 18 million dollars, is a small price to pay for the future of our coastal estuarine systems. The support of the President of this Congressional initiative would be most welcome.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,



Kerry Kirschner
Director of Development

cc: Kumar Mahadevan

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 16, 1993

The Honorable Ron Klink
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Klink:

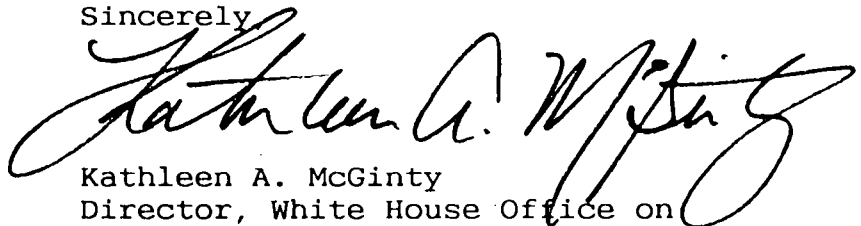
On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for contacting me regarding a "wetlands summit" to debate the issues surrounding wetlands regulation. It was good to hear from you, and I sincerely apologize for the delay in my response.

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

As you may be aware, an Interagency Working Group on Federal Wetlands Policy was convened on June 4 to review and seek to clarify the issues surrounding federal wetlands policy in anticipation of the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act. It includes representatives of all federal agencies involved in, or impacted by, the protection of wetlands. In addition, the working group will solicit a broad range of views, including those of the Congress; state and local government; environmentalists; developers and homebuilders; agricultural interests; and others. It is possible that the House Committee on Public Works could mark up the Clean Water Act in late July. Therefore, the working group is tentatively scheduled to produce draft policy papers on major wetlands issues for internal review by July 1.

I certainly appreciate learning your thoughts in this regard, and I look forward to working with you as we move forward with the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act.

Sincerely,



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

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issues and propose sound measures for accomplishing the goals of wetlands protection while respecting the Constitutional rights of property owners.

We also urge you to refrain from further rulemaking on this issue pending this wetlands summit to allow your administration to propose a well thoughtout and comprehensive wetlands proposal.

If this issue is not adequately addressed by your administration, the next few years will see a flood of lawsuits seeking compensation for property values taken and will result not only in the loss of public acceptance of this program, but also the loss to the public treasury of many millions of dollars.

As fellow Democrats we wish to work with you to organize and promote a national ongoing dialogue on wetlands. We look forward to working with you to address this important issue.

Best Wishes,

Billy Tauzin
Billy Tauzin, M.C.

Norman Sisisky
Norman Sisisky, M.C.

Charles Wilson
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Bill Sarpalins
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President Bill Clinton
The White House
February 19, 1993

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FAX COVER SHEET

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Katie McGinly

FROM:

Melissa Banks

RE:

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Honorable Billy Tauzin
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1321

Dear Mr. Tauzin;

The POTUS has asked me to respond to

Thank you for your February 19 letter suggesting a "wetlands summit" to debate issues and assist development of this Administration's policies on protecting and regulating wetlands.

The POTUS

I share your concerns regarding the uncertainties surrounding wetlands policies of the past. This Administration will clearly articulate its position on wetlands protection in the coming months. We are committed to making a genuine effort to meet the goal of "no net loss" of wetlands by fully using the conservation and protection tools already at our disposal. I am ~~not~~ *can be improved* convinced that the current wetlands regulatory program ~~is not seriously flawed~~ *as your letter indicates, and believe that most of these regulations and* *are constructive* ~~procedures lack only clear~~ leadership and adequate funding to make ~~them~~ *it more* effective and responsive to public needs and concerns.

Considerable debate and discussion have already occurred on the issues of wetlands management and protection. The public, industry, State and local governments, Federal agencies, and other interests have all contributed their knowledge and experience in such diverse forums as the National Wetlands Policy Forum, the Bush Administration's Domestic Policy Council's Task Force.

Honorable Billy Tauzin

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on Wetlands, various congressional hearings during the last legislative session, as well as the extensive public record on revisions to the Federal wetlands delineation manual proposed in 1991. I believe there is more than enough background available on wetlands regulatory issues to begin to develop sound wetlands policies. A "wetlands summit" is not likely to provide significant new information to guide this process. However, I believe a serious joint effort between this Administration and Congress is needed to resolve wetland issues during the Clean Water Act reauthorization process. For this reason, I am establishing an interagency task force, led by the White House Office of Environmental Policy, to work with Congress on this issue.

Thank you again for your letter and your interest in wetland conservation policy issues. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

This should be put up first if used as reason why we don't want to do a summit at this time



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON

June 16, 1993

The Honorable Scott Klug
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Klug:

Scott

Thank you for your letter and the information you enclosed regarding Dr. John Scott's work as a delegate to the International Society of Physicians for the Environment (ISPE). It was good to hear from you, and I apologize for the delay in responding.

I share President Clinton's commitment to the preservation of our global environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. As you know, in his Earth Day Address in April, the President announced his intention to sign the Biodiversity Treaty, as well as initiatives to promote recycling, the use of energy efficient computers, and an environmental audit of the White House. Be assured that this Administration will continue in its efforts to protect our natural heritage and the delicate balance of the diversity of the ecosystems of our planet. Similarly, I appreciate hearing of Dr. Scott's efforts to increase public awareness of health problems. The problems of health and the environment are closely linked.

Again, thank you for sharing this information with me.

Sincerely,

Al

Al Gore

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4902

March 31, 1993

The Honorable Al Gore
Vice President
The White House
1400 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

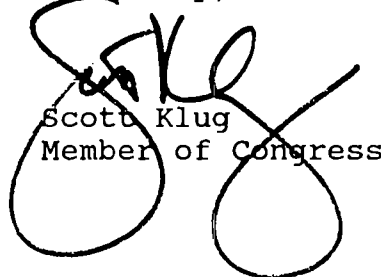
Dear The Honorable Gore:

My constituent, Dr. John K. Scott asked me to forward the enclosed packet of information on to you. I would appreciate any attention you can give to it.

Dr. Scott is a delegate to the International Society of Physicians for the Environment (ISPE) and wanted you to be aware of ISPE's work. He would be grateful if you could respond to his concerns about preserving our global environment as well as address his upcoming meeting with Mikhail Gorbachev in Lucerne, Switzerland.

Again, thanks for you help in this matter. If your have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Scott Klug
Member of Congress

SK/jc

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 17, 1993

The Honorable Dirk Kempthorne
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Kempthorne:

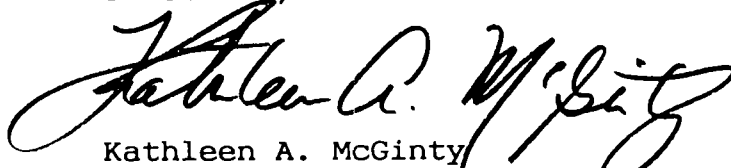
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As you may be aware, an Interagency Working Group on Federal Wetlands Policy was convened on June 4 to review and seek to clarify the issues surrounding federal wetlands policy in anticipation of the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act. It includes representatives of all federal agencies involved in, or impacted by, the protection of wetlands. In addition, the working group will solicit a broad range of views, including those of the Congress; state and local government; environmentalists; developers and homebuilders; agricultural interests; and others. It is possible that the House Committee on Public Works could mark up the Clean Water Act in late July. Therefore, the working group is tentatively scheduled to produce draft policy papers on major wetlands issues for internal review by July 1.

I certainly appreciate learning your thoughts in this regard, and I look forward to working with you as we move forward with the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act.

Sincerely,

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

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 25, 1993

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

Dear Mr. President:

When the Senate considered the Department of the Environment Act, Senator Jonn Breau announced on the Senate floor that your Administration had accepted a recommendation to form a working group on wetlands issues for the Clean Water Act reauthorization.

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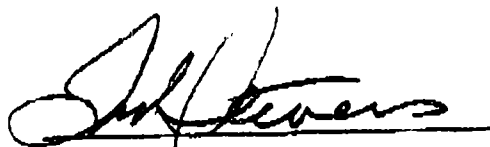
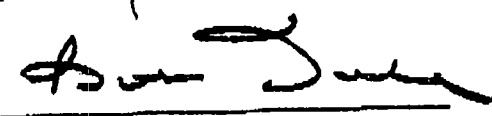
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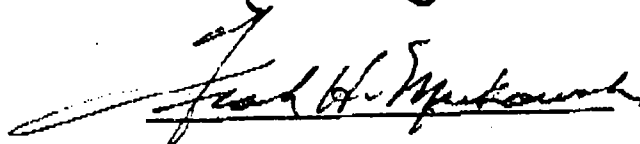
The current Section 404 program needs to be modified. We believe that if changes recommended by the working group are to have bipartisan support necessary to move through the Senate, Senate Republicans should join our Democratic colleagues in assisting the group to develop a consensus. Members of both parties as well as the private sector should participate.

We know of your interest in this issue. We hope to work with you to develop a wetlands policy that works for the environment, but also for the landowners, small businesses, and local economies.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

The President
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Washington, D.C. 20510

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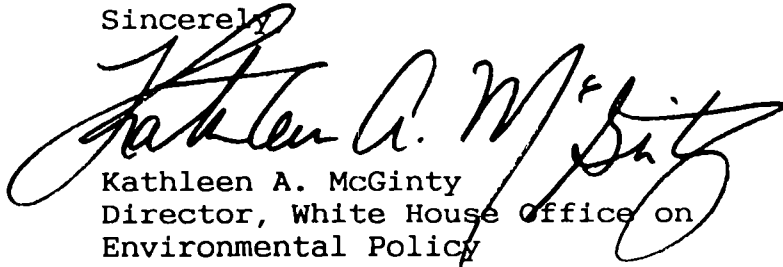
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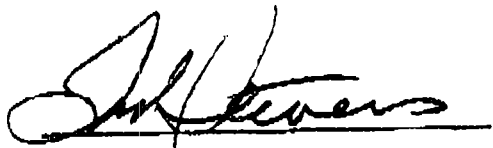
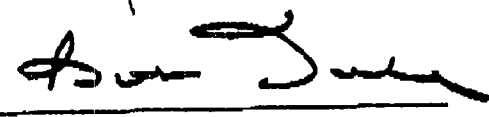
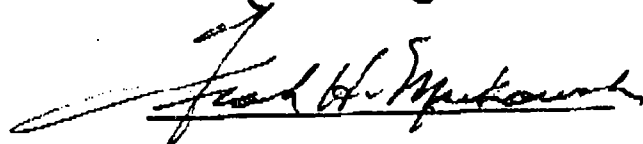
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June 17, 1993

Mr. Fred Krupp
Executive Director
Environmental Defense Fund
257 Park Avenue South
New York, NY 10010

Dear Mr. Krupp:

On behalf of the President and Vice President, I would like to thank you for your participation in the President's Council on Sustainable Development. It was good to see you the other day at the announcement in the Rose Garden.

As you know, this Administration is committed to the preservation of our global environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. I appreciate the time you took out of your busy schedule to attend the announcement.

President Clinton strongly believes that this new council will provide an excellent means for addressing the challenges we currently face in this arena. By bringing representatives of the business and environmental communities together with key members of the Cabinet, we hope to realize the goals of Agenda 21 and the Rio Earth Summit.

We share your enthusiasm for this new initiative, and I look forward to working with the new council as we move forward on this very important matter.

Again, thank you for your participation, and welcome aboard!

Sincerely,

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

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 24, 1993

Mr. O. D. Kingsley, Jr.
President, Generating Group
Tennessee Valley Authority
1101 Market Street
Chattanooga, TN 37402

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

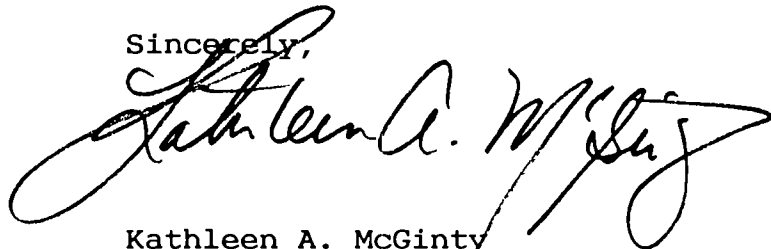
Thank you for contacting me recently regarding the Tennessee Valley Authority's study on the potential effects of various greenhouse gas control programs on your ratepayers. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, the President is committed to the preservation of our global environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. President Clinton and I share your enthusiasm for the leadership role which the U.S. is taking with regard to international environmental issues. I agree we should study new and innovative approaches for solving the environmental challenges currently facing our nation and our planet.

I appreciate learning of the TVA study on greenhouse gas emissions. Mr. Marc Chupka of my staff has been handling the issues that you raise and I have passed your letter on to him. Please feel free to contact him directly, as I am sure that he would benefit from your insights.

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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Tennessee Valley Authority, 1101 Market Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

Oliver D. Kingsley, Jr.
President, Generating Group

June 1, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
Special Assistant
to the President, Environment
The White House
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. McGinty:

President Clinton's April 21 Earth Day speech marked a major step toward achieving the U.S. commitment for greenhouse gas stabilization that was agreed to as a part of the Earth Summit in Rio. His speech was particularly important because it placed the U.S. in a leadership role in global environment protection and also emphasized achievement of these goals through cost-effective, nonregulatory approaches based on American ingenuity and creativity.

TVA is enthusiastic about this leadership effort and has just completed a comprehensive evaluation of how various greenhouse gas control programs could affect our power system and the ratepayers in the Tennessee Valley. This study brought together a widely diverse group of interests ranging from the National Coal Council to the Environmental Defense Fund and the Center for Clean Air Policy in a consensus building forum. The study and the resulting model provide a solid framework for continued cooperative analysis.

Our study is the first of its kind to provide a comprehensive look at the various energy sectors (transportation, industrial, residential, and utility). This allowed interaction between the energy sectors in developing an optimized solution to greenhouse gas reductions and minimizing the costs associated with the controls. Our study, which focuses on the TVA system, also produced a tool that we believe would be valuable to you in developing the National Action Plan.

The TVA study is also unique because it was conducted in a peer review setting. The peer review team was designed to represent diverse interests and expertise on the global climate change issue. The team was comprised of national and international experts in the areas of environmental protection and advocacy, energy conservation, renewable energy, coal, and natural gas. Representatives of Congress, other federal agencies, and utility industries were also active members on the peer review team.

Ms. Katie McGinty

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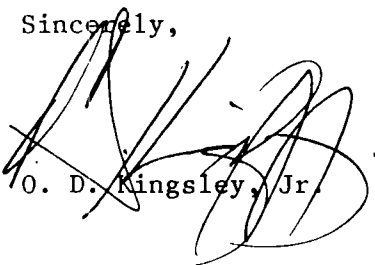
June 1, 1993

Some of our peer reviewers have had the opportunity to work with you and others on the Administration's global climate change control options. They became very familiar and impressed with the model that was developed as part of our study and recognized its potential importance as a tool in evaluating various greenhouse gas control strategies. These individuals have encouraged us to present our findings directly to you and your staff.

The results of the TVA study support the President's position that innovation and flexibility are critical elements in achieving the objective of greenhouse gas stabilization. The study also emphasizes the need to plan now for achieving greenhouse gas stabilization because without adequate energy planning, global climate change controls will get very expensive in the future. The TVA study demonstrates that through adequate planning and a flexible National Action Plan, billions of dollars can be saved annually by the TVA power system and our customers. The potential savings to the nation would be several times this amount.

We would appreciate the opportunity to present our study findings to you and discuss how TVA as a federal agency and one of the nation's largest utilities can be of assistance as you develop the President's plan for greenhouse gas stabilization. Our Washington Office will contact you to set up a meeting in the near future. If you have need of more information before then, please contact me at (615) 751-2352 or Meg McKnight in our Washington Office at (202) 479-4412.

Sincerely,



O. D. Kingsley, Jr.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1993

Mr. Nicholas J. Kirkmire
Executive Director
Washington Citizens for World Trade
1501 S. Capitol Way
Suite 103
Olympia, WA 98501

Dear Mr. Kirkmire:

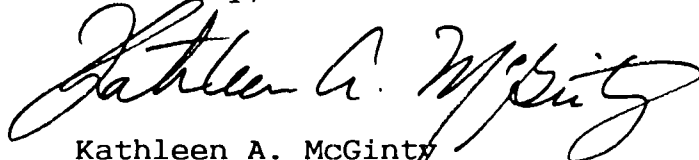
On behalf of President Clinton and Vice President Gore, I would like to thank you for contacting me with your concerns about the Forest Management Plan.

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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NICHOLAS J. KIRKMIRE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

May 27, 1993

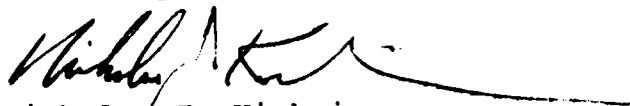
Ms. Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Environmental Policy
Office of Environmental Policy
The White House
Washington, DC 20550

Dear Ms. McGinty:

As we anticipate President Clinton's forest plan for the Pacific Northwest, there is much speculation about the issue of log exports from private lands. The enclosed copies of recent newspaper stories support our contention that public timber supply is the problem, and private log export restrictions are not the solution.

Please contact me if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,


Nicholas J. Kirkmire

Enclosures

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1993

Mr. M. J. Kuehne
President
Northwest Independent
Forest Manufacturers
P.O. Box 11346
Tacoma, WA 98411

Dear Mr. Kuehne:

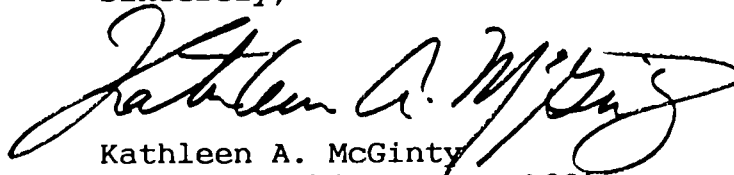
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As you may know, three working groups have been established to work on developing this plan. The first group, working on ecosystem management assessment, is exploring management alternatives that attain the greatest economic and social contribution 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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NORTHWEST INDEPENDENT FOREST MANUFACTURERS

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May 25, 1993

SENT BY FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION & BY MAIL

Katie McGinty, Deputy Assistant Director
White House Office of Environmental Policy
358 Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

Several weeks ago I mailed to you our recommendations for solutions to the issues raised at the forestry conference in Portland. Subsequent to that the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals struck down provisions of the Shortage Relief Act of 1990 dealing with log exports from state lands. There were significant shortcomings in that law which we had hoped to deal with on the state level. The decision of the Court of Appeals, however, seems to have negated that possibility.

Therefore, we urge that the issue of avoiding substitution rules by selling land and timber be addressed in the Presidential solution dealing with log export issues. Attached is a copy of our correspondence to Governor Lowry which explains in detail the situation and our recommendations.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gus Kuehne".

M. J. "Gus" Kuehne
President

MJK/dr

cc: NIFM Board of Directors

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 9, 1993

The Honorable Warren Kammerer
Chairman
Kane County Board
119 Batavia Avenue
Geneva, IL 60134

Dear Mr. Kammerer:

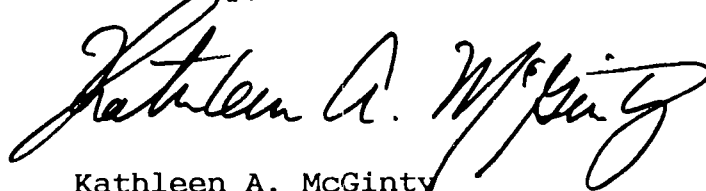
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June 1, 1993

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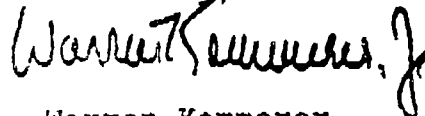
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Warren Kammerer
Chairman - Kane County Board

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Attorney at Law
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Boston, MA 02111

Dear Ms. Kaplan:

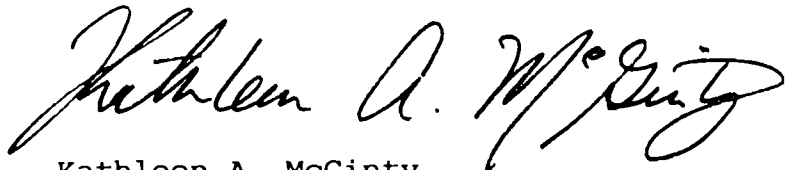
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May 28, 1993

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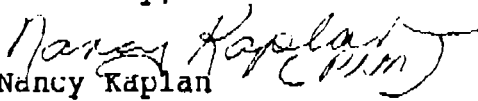
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Nancy Kaplan
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Tyngsborough, Massachusetts

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 9, 1993

Ms. Judy A. Kinning
City Clerk
City of Stoughton
381 East Main Street
Stoughton, WI 53589

Dear Ms. Kinning:

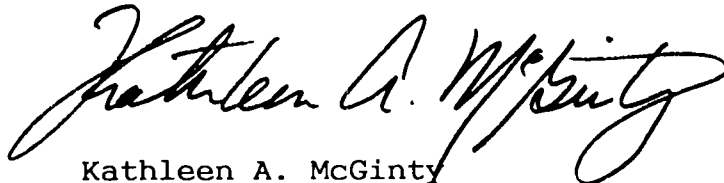
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CITY OF STOUGHTON

381 East Main Street
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May 27, 1993

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Katie McGinty
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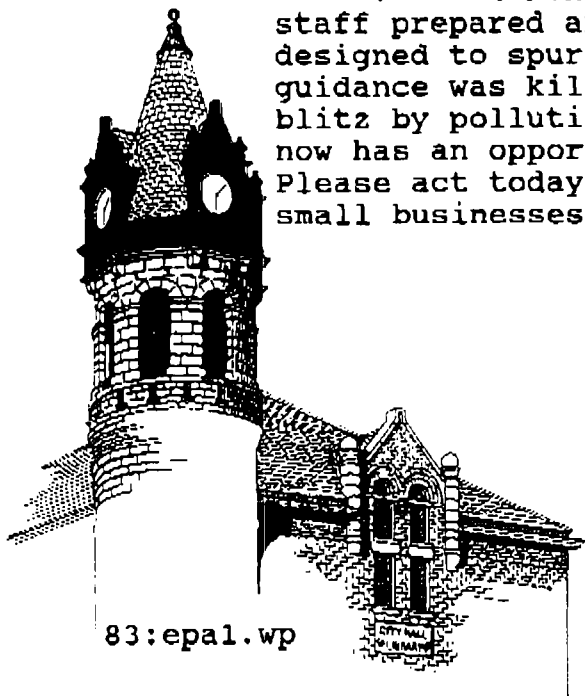
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Daniel T. Kelley
City Manager
City of Beloit
100 State Street
Beloit, WI 53511

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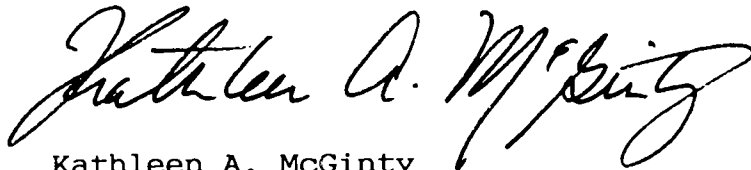
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 9, 1993

The Honorable James W. Keinath
City Administrator
City of Circle Pines
200 Civic Heights Circle
Circle Pines, MN 55014

Dear Mr. Keinath:

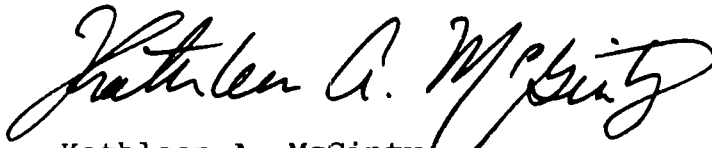
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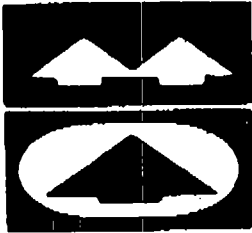
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James W. Keinath, City Administrator

May 27, 1993

Katie McGinty
Environmental Advisor to the President
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Via: FAX

Dear Ms. Montoya:

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, as one city who has to spend tens of thousands of dollars defending our city at a Superfund site, 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, like ours; 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.

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James W. Keinath
City Administrator

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 9, 1993

The Honorable Sharon K. Kennedy
Chairman
Peoria County Board
The Honorable James Maloof
Mayor
City of Peoria
Room 401
Peoria County Courthouse
Peoria, IL 61602

Dear Chairman Kennedy and Mayor Maloof:

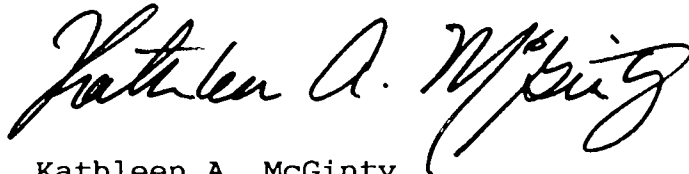
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County of Peoria

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June 3, 1993

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Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20501

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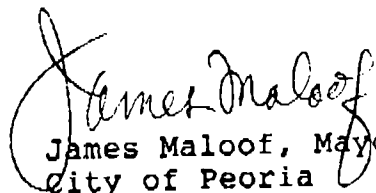
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Sincerely,


Sharon K. Kennedy, Chairman
Peoria County Board


James Maloof, Mayor
City of Peoria

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 9, 1993

The Honorable Susan G. Kniep
Mayor
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740 Main Street
East Hartford, CT 06108

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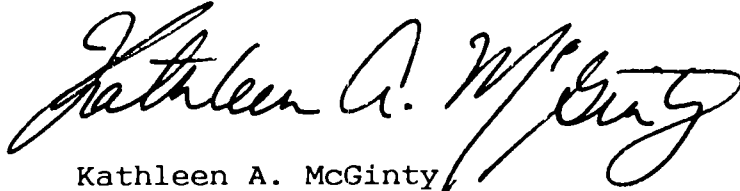
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

June 2, 1993

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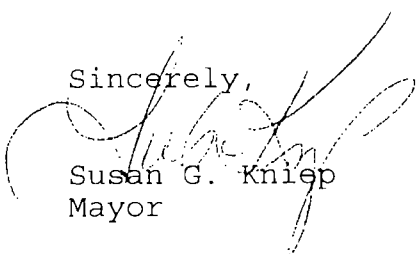
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Susan G. Kniep
Mayor

May 11, 1993

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

Dear Senator Kerry:

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 12, 1993

Ms. Kate Kimball
Counsel
Committee on Environment
and Public Works
United States Senate
Dirksen Senate Office Building
Suite 458
Washington, D.C. 20510

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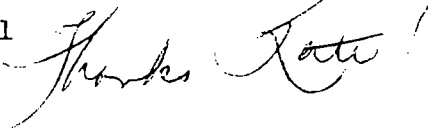
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Director, Office on
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 3, 1993

Mr. Philip C. Karsting
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c/o The Honorable James Exon
United States Senate
Hart Senate Office Building
Room 528
Washington, D.C. 20510

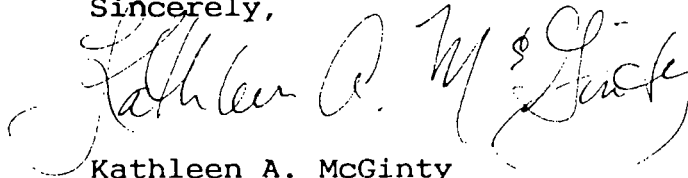
Dear Mr. Karsting:

Thank you for contacting me regarding the National Discovery Tour System. I appreciate hearing about your constituent's proposal.

As you know, the President and I are committed to the protection of our environment. Be assured that we will continue our efforts in this regard. I certainly appreciate learning about this program to create jobs and stimulate local economies.

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United States Senate
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April 29, 1993

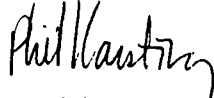
Ms. Katie McGinty
White House Office on Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

Senator Exon was recently requested by a constituent to share the enclosed proposal with appropriate Clinton Administration officials. Your attention to the suggestions included in this proposal is greatly appreciated.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,



Philip C. Karsting
Legislative Assistant to
Senator Jim Exon

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 12, 1993

Mr. Peter G. Kelly
One State Street
P.O. Box 231277
Hartford, CT 06123

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for the note and kind words of support. It was good to hear from you.

I appreciated the opportunity to meet with you and to learn about your work in protecting our environment.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me. Let me know of your future initiatives.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, Office on
Environmental Policy

KAM/avl

Peter G. Kelly

One State Street, P O Box 231277
Hartford, Connecticut 06123-1277
Telephone (203) 548-2601
Facsimile (203) 548-2678

March 8, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
Special Assistant to the President
for the Environment
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Katie:

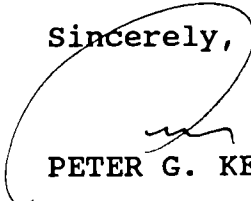
It was a pleasure having the opportunity to be with you during our meeting in the Indian Treaty Room with the environmental ministers of Eastern and Central Europe and the C.I.S. It was a unique gathering of individuals, excited about the prospect of establishing an effective network among themselves and uplifted by the opportunity to meet with The Vice President and leaders of the new Administration such as you.

We all especially appreciated the extra time that you so graciously spent with our special guests. They were pleased with both the substance and the commitment inherent in your comments.

Being one who has been a long term friend and supporter of the Vice President, I look forward to many opportunities in the future to work both him and you in the months and years ahead.

In behalf of The Center for Democracy and our special guests, I am pleased to say a special thank you.

Sincerely,



PETER G. KELLY

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 24, 1993

Mr. Philip Knight
Vice President
Predator Project
P.O. Box 6733
Bozeman, MT 59771

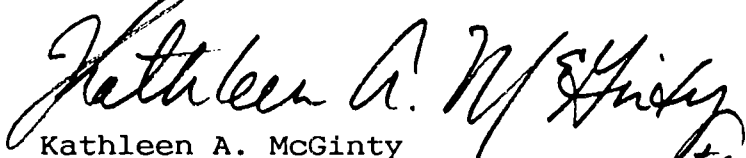
Dear Mr. Knight:

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

Predator Project

P.O. Box 6733, Bozeman, MT 59771-6733 (406) 587-3389

March 30, 1993

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

Dear Ms. McGinty,

In light of the Clinton administration's attempts to reduce the federal deficit by eliminating unnecessary spending, I think a good place to start would be with some of the subsidies the U.S. government provides to the livestock industry. One of the more controversial and unnecessary subsidies is the USDA's Animal Damage Control (ADC) program.

ADC exists primarily (especially in the west) as a blatant subsidy to the livestock industry. Taxpayers should not be expected to provide zero-risk business to anyone! Ranchers already get massive subsidies in the form of low grazing fees, range improvements, etc. They should take their lumps like any business, and not expect the government to kill any animal which might effect their profit margin.

In 1992 ADC spent over \$45 million to kill publicly-owned wildlife and to develop a variety of sinister poisons and "control" techniques for wildlife. Most of these techniques are nondiscriminating and threaten endangered species, nontarget species, domestic pets and people. It is sickeningly ironic that, at the same time ADC is spending millions to kill wildlife, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is spending millions to protect and reintroduce endangered species. ADC programs in recent years have resulted in the deaths of thousands of nontarget animals such as eagles, wolves, river otters, black bears and mountain lions. In fiscal year 1992 over 109 thousand predatory animals and more than 1.5 million birds were reported killed by ADC nationwide, using such unsavory methods as traps, snares, aerial gunning, denning (killing young in the den), and poison baits.

I highly value the presence of all kinds of native wildlife on public lands. Therefore I strongly resent the ADC's wildlife extirmination programs, especially when their killing is done with taxpayer dollars for the benefit of an ecologically destructive and, to myself and many others, unwelcome industry which has for years ruled public rangelands in the west.

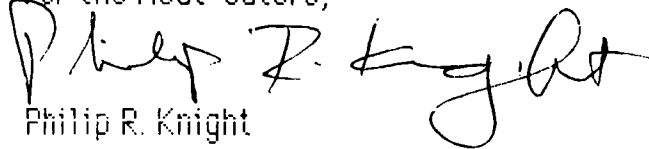
I can assure you I am not alone in my outrage at ADC's destructive practices. I work as an almost full-time volunteer for a wildlife advocacy group called the Predator Project. We have put a lot of effort into enlightening the public about ADC. It is a rare person who, once they learn about ADC, is in favor of what they do with taxpayer money. At the same time, it is clear that ADC is not enjoying their newfound notoriety! In fact

we have seen several cases where ADC has actively discouraged public scrutiny and involvement. Some pretty strange stuff has also recently come to light in regard to ADC's research. Proof has emerged that the ADC research lab at Utah State University purposefully kept coyotes stuck in leghold traps for up to 18 hours, removed young from their mothers at 8-10 days, and, most disturbing of all, illegally buried tons of radioactive coyote carcasses in the desert. Then ADC lied about what they had been doing. The enclosed article (from the Jan. 30-31 1993 Moscow-Pullman Daily News, reprinted in the Predator Project Newsletter) will explain.

Does this sound like the sort of government agency that should continue to receive federal funds in time of budget crisis? I think not. The Predator Project, on behalf of our 1700 contacts and supporters nationwide, demands that this outdated and expensive war on wildlife come to an immediate end, and that the government consider rechannelling this money to support critical habitat aquisition for endangered species.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

For the Meat-eaters,

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Philip R. Knight
Vice President

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1993

Mr. Allen Kreger
1041 Redgate Avenue
Apartment 2
Norfolk, VA 23507

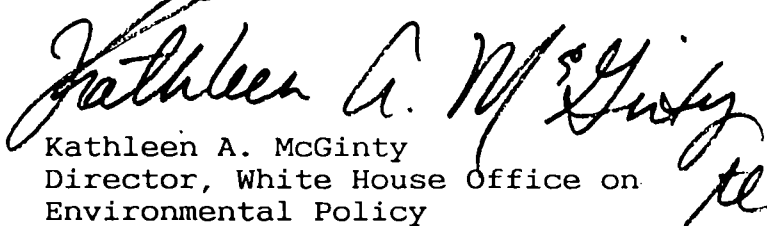
Dear Mr. Kreger:

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

APRIL 9, 1993

Mrs. Mc Linty,

Attached, you will find a copy of a letter I've sent to several government officials. Judging from the title of your office/position, it occurs to me (and is my hope) that you might be willing to exercise your influence on this matter which concerns me and which if not changed will only worsen with time. The letter will explain.

Until the ascendancy of Bill Clinton, I'd never heard of the White House Office on Environmental Policy. Is it in some way a replacement for the Council on Environmental Quality? If so then in what way? If not, then what? Speaking of the CEQ (now defunct I think), do you know how I could get hold of any of their past reports? I've only heard of some of them; never had a chance to read them. I'd very much like to have any that I could get. Publication dates would not matter. Could you oblige me?

Many thanks,
Allen Kregar
1041 Redgate Ave., Apt. 2
Norfolk, Va. 23507

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1993

Ms. Orlene E. Ketting
5030 West 134th Place
Hawthorne, CA 90250

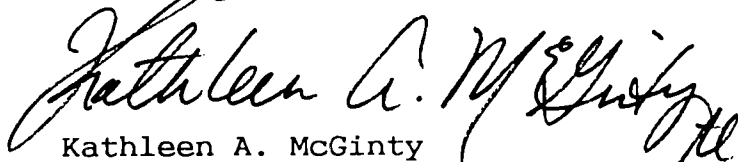
Dear Ms. Ketting:

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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,

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

KAM/avl

12 April 1993

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

Cutting spending should come before taxing us more!
Here's an idea to curd the unnecessary federal spending!
Put an end to the Animal Damage Control (ADC)

Program. Taxpayers should NOT be expected to provide a zero risk
business environment for anyone. The ADC is a blatant
subsidy to the livestock industry—which is a private interest.

The Predator Control Program is NOT cost effective!
In 1992 the ADC spent 45 million taxpayer dollars to
kill wildlife on public lands — did you know that?

In 1992 over 109,000 predatory mammals & more
than 1,500,000 birds were "reported" killed by the ADC.
(Using poison baits, traps, snares, denning, & aerial gunning
all indiscriminate & inhumane.)

Ranchers should be responsible for protecting their own
livestock. I should NOT have my tax dollars spent by the ADC
to kill the animals. Ranchers do NOT pay for termite extermina-
tion at my home!

I demand that this outdated & expensive tax
supported federal war on wildlife come to an end. The
government should be protecting our natural animal
heritage.

Olene G. Ketting
5030 W. 134th Place
Hawthorne, CA. 90250

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1993

Ms. Susan Kiplinger
604 Victoria Avenue
Apartment B
Venice, CA 90291

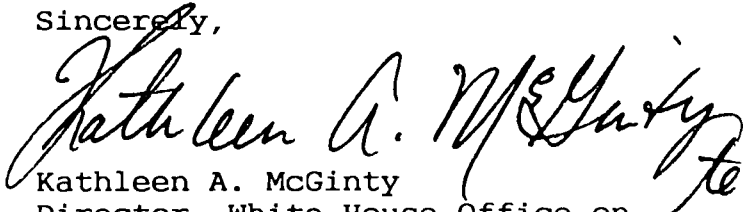
Dear Ms. Kiplinger:

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

Susan Kiplinger
604 Victoria Ave. Apt. B
Venice, CA 90291

March 30, 1993

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

Dear Ms. McGinty,

As you may know, the Animal Damage Control (ADC) killed over 109,000 predatory mammals and more than 1.5 million birds in 1992; all funded by our limited tax dollars. Instead of perpetuating this costly, ineffective, and biologically destructive program, we should be focusing our efforts on alternatives to predator control.

The ADC exists as a blatant subsidy to the livestock industry. Our precious tax dollars should not be expected to provide a zero-risk business environment for anyone. Serving the private interests should not come before the public interests. This program is neither cost-effective nor biologically sound. The biological losses attributable to wildlife damage control can extend far beyond the killing and harassment of hundreds of thousands of target animals each year. Non-target species also suffer and die from traps and poisons. The swift fox and black-footed ferret have nearly disappeared because of control activities directed at prairie dogs. The removal of some species, such as wolves, has contributed to the increase of others, such as coyotes and deer, which are now regarded - and controlled - as "pests" themselves.

The irony of all this, is that we also spend millions of tax dollars to protect and reintroduce endangered species this program puts in jeopardy. In addition, its killing methods--poison baits, traps, snares, denning and aerial hunting--are indiscriminate and extremely inhumane.

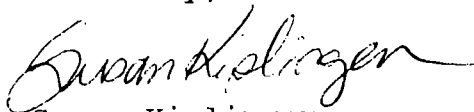
The ranchers must be responsible for protecting their own livestock and doing so with non-lethal techniques. Many traditional techniques, such as the use of sheepherders and guard dogs, are already available to farmers and ranchers. Others, such as taste aversion, electric fencing, and other exclusion devices, hold promise. For example, relatively inexpensive electric fences will easily keep bears from raiding honey out of apiaries. Today, many bears are still shot for this transgression.

This outdated tax-supported federal war on wildlife must come to an end, and the government must take steps to protect our natural heritage, not destroy it.

PAGE 2

I strongly urge you to cut the ADC's funding, and encourage cutting of all unnecessary federal spending. Thank you in advance for your time and kind consideration.

Sincerely,



Susan Kiplinger

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1993

Ms. Mayme B. Kimer
301 White Oak Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

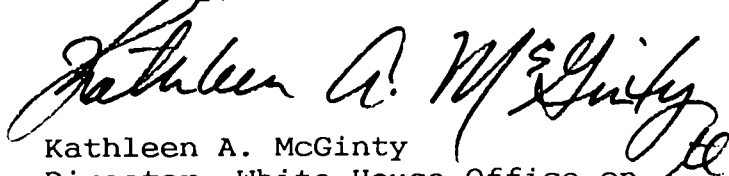
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Again, thank you for letting me hear from you.

Sincerely,



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

KAM/avl

From:

Maryme B. Kimes
301 White Oak Dr
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

Date:

4-12-93

To:

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

Dear Sir:

Taxpayers are asked to make sacrifices to bring change to our society and pay the national debt.

As taxpayers we should not be expected to provide a zero-risk business environment for anyone.

The Animal Damage Control (ADC) exists as a blatant subsidy to the livestock industry and we feel the need to demand a leaner and more efficient government in which public interests, not private interests, are served first.

The ADC predator control program spent over 45 million taxpayer dollars in 1992 to kill wildlife on public lands and develop poisons and control techniques for wild animals. Most of these techniques, poison baits, traps, snares, denning and aerial gunning are indiscriminate and place threatened and endangered species in jeopardy.

We demand that this outdated tax-supported federal war on wildlife come to an end, and that the government begin to protect our natural heritage.

Put an end to the ADC program and let ranchers be responsible for protecting their own livestock by using non-lethal techniques.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1993

Mr. Bill Kehl
116 South Fulton
Princeton, WI 54968

Dear Mr. Kehl:

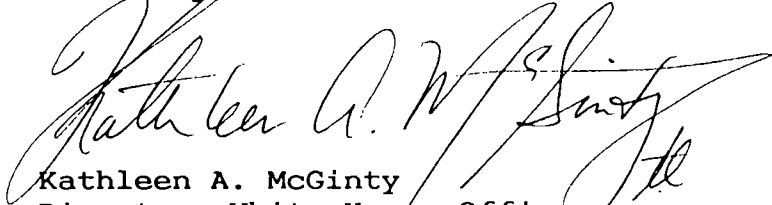
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The President and I believe that the Forest Conference held in Portland on April 2 was a significant step toward the resolution of the problems facing the the Pacific Northwest. At the conclusion of the conference, President Clinton directed his Cabinet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

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

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A PAUSE FOR THE CAUSE ...

BILL KEHL
116 S. FULTON
PRINCETON, WI 54968

DEAR Ms. McGINTY

May 11, 1993

As DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
POLICY, I URGE YOU TO DO YOUR UTMOST TO
FIND A SOLUTION TO THE ANCIENT FOREST SITUATION
IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

I BELIEVE THIS AREA TO BE A TRUE
BAROMETER OF HOW SERIOUS OUR COMMITMENT
WILL BE TOWARD OUR SHRINKING RESOURCES
AND ADHERENCE TO ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY
AND COURT ORDERS.

I ASK THAT YOU ADVISE THE PRESIDENT
TO INDEED PRESENT A BALANCED AND COMPREHEN-
SIVE LONG-TERM SOLUTION TO HELPING PRESERVE
OUR LAST REMAINING ANCIENT FORESTS. AS YOU
KNOW, ONCE THEY ARE GONE THEY ARE GONE
FOREVER !!!

CARDIALLY,

Bill Kehl

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1993

Mr. Michael Karp
P.O. Box 5112
Sugarloaf, CA 92386

Dear Mr. Karp:

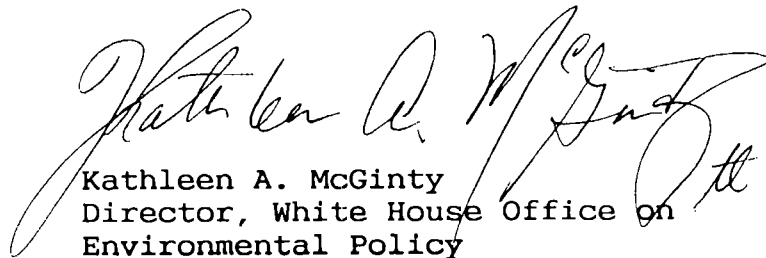
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Sincerely,



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

KAM/avl

May 10, 1993

Dear Ms. McGinty,

In your ancient forest plan, I urge you to do the following:

- ✓ Save all remaining ancient forests in the Pacific N.W.
- ✓ protect the ancient forests east of the Cascades - they are vital to fish species & fish industries
- ✓ re-set strict standards for adherence to environmental laws & court orders
- ✓ reduce the export of raw logs

With these actions we can save both the forests & the jobs.

Sincerely,
Michael Karp

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 10, 1993

Mr. William Keiry
President
Upper Missouri Water Users
Association
1104 Westwood Drive
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Mr. Keiry:

This is to notify you that the President forwarded to me your materials regarding your work on water policy issues facing the upper basin states. 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,

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

KAM/avl

April 22, 1993

Mr. William Keiry
President
Upper Missouri Water Users Association
1104 Westwood Drive
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear William:

Thanks so much for writing and for sending your statement on water issues in the upper basin states. I have forwarded your materials to the Office of Environmental Policy.

I appreciate your keeping me informed of your efforts. Your input is important as my Administration considers crucial environmental issues in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

BC/MAK/RPR/mjb

(Corres. #500578)

cc: w/incoming to Office of Environmental
Policy

Upper Missouri
WATER USERS ASSOCIATION

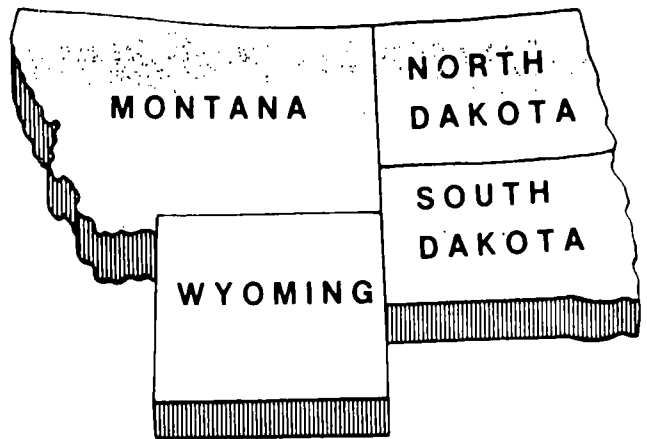
1104 Westwood Dr., Pierre, SD 57501

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Delvin D. Brosz, PE, Sec.-Treas.



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January 30, 1993

President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

Enclosed, please find the Upper Missouri Water Users Association's Goals, Policy and Resolutions as adopted by the Association membership. We hope they will guide you as deliberations regarding important water issues evolve.

Our association is the only water development group involving membership from the upper basin states of South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming, and Montana. Traditionally, we have focused largely on agricultural water development and have strongly supported the Bureau of Reclamation program in the four upper basin states. We feel strongly that the promises made to the upper basin in the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Plan must be honored. Although we feel that irrigation is a primary economic stimulator for the region, we recognize the shift in popular opinion to other forms of water development. As such, we are becoming increasingly involved in other forms of water issues, including recreation, municipal and rural water, fish and wildlife, out-of-basin transfers, and power production.

Thank you for your strong efforts for water development in the Upper Missouri River Basin. If we can be of assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

William Keiry

William Keiry
President

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 17, 1993

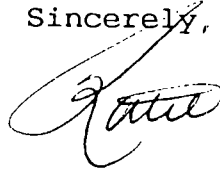
Dr. Paul S. Komor
Congress of the United States
Office of Technology Assessment
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Dr. Komor:

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

*Would love to see you
some time. Let me know when you're
free for lunch. Thanks again for
your note!*



PAUL S. KOMOR, Ph.D.
Analyst/Project Director

Congress of the United States
Office of Technology Assessment
Washington, DC 20510

Energy and Materials Program
(202) 228-6286

1/22/93

Dear Katy:

Congratulations on your new position!
It sounds tremendously exciting. Please
feel free to call if I can be of
any help -

Paul Komor
228-6286

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 18, 1993

Dr. Larry Kruse-Susser
Emory River Coalition
Tri-County Sportsman Club
P.O. Box 1112
Kingston, TN 37763

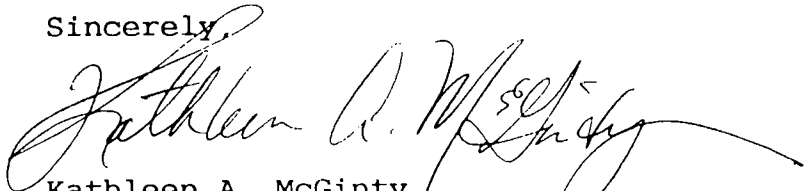
Dr. Kruse-Susser:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your concerns about the dredging and shoreline development on the Emory River.

As you know, I share the Vice President's commitment to the preservation of our natural heritage. I appreciate your notifying me of the status of the Emory River in Roane County. I am forwarding your information to Mr. Patrick Tobin, Region IV Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. I am confident that he will give your concerns every consideration and will respond accordingly.

Again, thank you for sharing this information with me.

Sincerely,



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

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EMORY RIVER COALITION
TRI-COUNTY SPORTSMAN CLUB
P.O. BOX 1112
KINGSTON, TN. 37763

April 22, 1993

MS. KATY MCGINTY
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANT TO
VICE-PRES. OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

RE: SANDPIPER SHORES a.k.a SWAN HARBOUR
RT. 6 BOX 732
HARRIMAN, TN. 37748

Dear Ms. McGinty,

Thank you very much for responding to our communication regarding dredging and shoreline development on the Emory River in Roane County, TN.

The reasons for our inquiry are:

1. The developers, Jina & Joe Alexander, Harriman, TN., have not been forthright in their presentation of the project.
2. That inquiries to the appropriate federal agencies: TVA, Lee Carter, 615-745-1783 and US Army Corp. of Engineers, Travis Claud, 615-736-5181, have resulted in less than satisfactory response regarding responsibilities, procedure, and current status of the project.
3. That there are indications that the best interest of the public and the environment may be abused in an attempt to privatize a public use area. The location of the proposed development is about 3.5 miles north of the confluence of the Clinch and Emory Rivers in Roane County, TN. It is the western shoreline opposite an area known as Dickey Springs. It is about 9 miles south of the City of Harriman.

The area is an inside bend in the river; over the years the resulting eddy has caused natural sand to deposit forming a chain of small islands. These islands have smooth sloping sand beaches that provide excellent picnic, swimming, and water sports locations. The islands also protect a shallow sandy area to the west that is a renowned bass, crappie and bluegill breeding location. Also, Canadian Geese, Mallard Ducks, and Wood Ducks breed on the islands and shoreline each spring. The shallow water provides a feeding ground for the great Blue Heron. There is a breeding pair of Osprey's living about 1000 yds. downstream.

We have the following specific questions and concerns regarding the proposed project:

1. Destruction of wildlife, waterfowl, and fish habitat and breeding areas.
2. The impact on nearby natural recreation areas.
3. The lack of financial guarantees, that once commenced, funds will be available to complete the project.
4. The wisdom of dredging and area that is natural sand and historically changes contours based on the performance of a free flowing river.
5. The allowance of radical shoreline development in an area adjoining a scenic river designation.
6. Is there data (demographic, census, or survey), to warrant a project of this density and type in this area?
7. That there has been a failure to request and collect adequate public comment from groups and individuals, that have an interest in the area.
8. Has TVA Land Use destination been changed and, if so is that not violation of TVA Land Use policies ?
9. What is the potential hazard for displacing embedded contaminants from past up stream mining and industrial activities ?
10. That the approval process has been circumvented.

Needless to say, we have great affection for this area and consider it a key element to the quality of life we enjoy in East Tn. It is our hope that you will take an interest in this project and assist us in protecting this natural area from what we consider a selfish and fool-hardy undertaking.

Enclosed are copies of all the printed material we've been able to obtain.

Thanks for your interest.

For more information write or call:

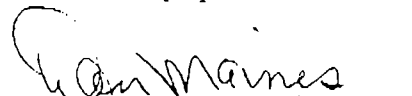
Larry Guilliams 615-483-5852 (H)

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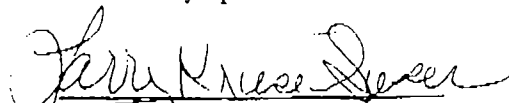
Sincerely,



Larry Guilliams President
Tri-County Sportsman Club



Dan Maines Vice-Pres.
Tri-County Sportsman Club



Larry Kruse-Susser
Emory River Coalition

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 26, 1993

Mr. Abraham Katz
President
United States Council for
International Business
1212 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10036

Dear Mr. Katz:

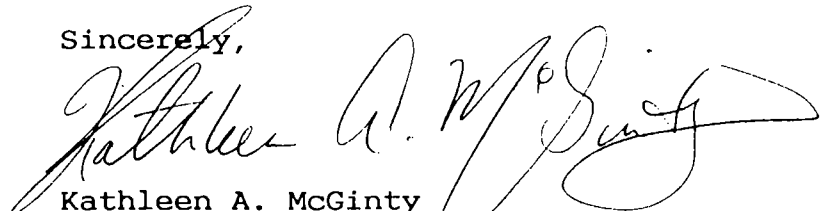
Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts on the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

As you know, the President and I are committed to the preservation of the global environment. Be assured that this Administration remains firm in its resolve to negotiate a solid agreement to improve environmental protection in North America. A successful agreement must promote greater cooperation among the three North American countries on programs to benefit the environment and provide mechanisms to bolster enforcement of environmental protection laws. I believe we can achieve these goals without re-opening the text of the NAFTA.

Negotiations have just begun in this regard. Though we do not yet have agreement on particulars, I can assure you that all three delegations share the same commitment to conclude an agreement which substantively addresses our environmental concerns. I appreciate learning of your work in conjunction with the Mexican business community to address the environmental and labor standard issues involved in the NAFTA. Be assured that we will keep your thoughts in mind as we move forward on this important issue.

Again, thank you letting me hear from you.

Sincerely,



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

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ABRAHAM KATZ, President

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The AIA Carnet System

April 14, 1993

Ms. Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Assistant and Director
White House Office on Environmental Policy
Executive Office Building, Room 358
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I enclose a copy of my letter to the President of April 14 transmitting the United States Council's statement on Cooperative Efforts of the U.S. and Mexican Business Communities to Address Labor and Environment Issues in the NAFTA.

As stated in the letter, we believe that the statement demonstrates that a cooperative approach under NAFTA will lead to improvement of labor and environmental conditions on both sides of the border. We recommend that the trilateral commissions to be set up under the supplemental agreements support such private sector efforts.

Sincerely,

Abraham Katz

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 26, 1993

The Honorable Ros Kelly
Minister for the Arts,
Sport, the Environment
and Territories
Parliament House
Canberra, A.C.T. 2600
Australia

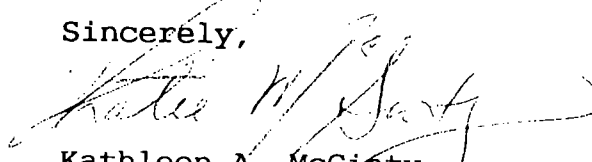
Dear Ambassador Kelly:

Thank you for the note and kind words of support. I also appreciated the ozone poster and reports you enclosed. It was good to hear from you.

I really enjoyed the opportunity to meet with you and to learn about your work in protecting our environment. We face many challenges, and I look forward to the continued cooperation between our countries on these issues. I was pleased you were able to join us for the President's Earth Day speech.

Please keep in touch and let me know of your future initiatives.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, Office on
Environmental Policy

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MINISTER FOR THE ARTS, SPORT, THE ENVIRONMENT
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Hon. Ros Kelly M.P.

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Ms Katie McGinty
Director
White House Office on
Environmental Policy
Room No. 360
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
WASHINGTON DC
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dear Ms McGinty *Katie,*

Good luck with your work in the President's Office. Thanks
for giving me your time during an especially busy day.

I enclose an ozone poster, National Forest Policy Statement
and will forward later, copies of the nine working group
reports on Ecological Sustainable Development for your
information and to ensure you don't forget Australia.

Regards,

*Keep up your important
work.*

ROS KELLY

Living in Life

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 30, 1993

The Honorable Michael Kopetski
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Kopetski:

Thank you for the note of
congratulations and your kind words of
support. It was good to hear from you.

The President and I believe that the
Forest Conference was a successful first
step toward the resolution of the problems
facing the Pacific Northwest.

I certainly appreciate your vote of
confidence.

Sincerely,



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

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*Thanks for spending time
with us on Friday. Your advice
and insights are much appreciated.*



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

MICHAEL J. KOPETSKI
FIFTH DISTRICT
OREGON

April 15, 1993

Dear Katie: *Katie*

Congratulations on a job extremely well-done! All the comments in my District are very positive about the Forest Conference. I hope you were able to take a few days off afterward.

I have sung your praises about the tremendous organization of this historic event. The President is in your good hands.

Sincerely,

Katie McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
for the Environment
358 Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20501

*Jaeg - please
prepare a note
for performance.*



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON

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Dear Congressman Tietze -

Please accept my apologies
for missing your calls last
week. He wound up in an office
shuffle that resulted in many
things falling through the cracks.

With regard to your
recommendation of Jim Jones I
couldn't agree more. I've strongly
supported his candidacy. Sincerely,
E. A. Tamm

MICHAEL J. KOPETSKI
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Ms. Katie McGinty
Special Assistant to the President
For Environmental Policy
Office of the Vice President
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Room 280
Washington, D.C. 20501

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Dear Ms. McGinty:

I have tried several times to reach you by phone to discuss Jim Lyons' candidacy for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Assistant Secretary of Natural Resources. This is a very important appointment to me and the rest of the Northwest delegation, and I highly recommend Jim for the job.

In lieu of a conversation, I think the enclosed article highlights the complex nature of the job and its importance for us in the Pacific Northwest. I especially would like to emphasize the last paragraph.

I have worked most closely with Jim in the Agriculture Committee's efforts to resolve the old growth timber crisis in the Pacific Northwest. Jim demonstrated a great capacity to develop and recommend creative policy options and deal in a politically sensitive manner with the multitude of interest groups involved in this contentious debate. His patience and creativity in midst of a complex and antagonistic policy dispute may be the most important reason to make him a part of the Clinton Administration as Assistant Secretary of Natural Resources.

Sincerely,


Mike Kopetski
Member of Congress

Enclosure

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Except on paper, Crowell was largely thwarted, first by the recession in the early 1980s, then by the timber industry bailout, in which companies were allowed to return high-priced timber they had bought earlier.

But Crowell's policies set the stage for a get-out-the-cut mindset in the 1980s, resulting in successful environmental lawsuits to protect the spotted owl that shut down old growth logging in Oregon, Washington and northern California.

Previously, President Jimmy Carter's man tried to steer a pro-environment course. But Rupert Cutler, a former professor of natural resource policy in Michigan, was a disappointment to environmental groups. In hindsight, an academic proved ineffective in dealing with bureaucrats and politicians.

"The problem every assistant secretary — secretary — has had is becoming a captive, in effect, of the agency," the government analyst said. "What you need is a person who can maintain an arm's length relationship: helping where they need help and shifting policy where they need it. If you have a good chief, between the two of them they ought to be able to figure out what is technically feasible and politically sound."

Generally, the ideal appointee should have both political savvy and experience with forestry issues, while not being a bureaucrat or technocrat, and should be able to work with the various interest groups and political leaders.

The assistant secretary is likely to be the Agriculture Department's point man for the Northwest forest summit, which Clinton has promised to convene, and for dealing with Congress, including passage of any compromise old growth bill. Vice President Al Gore is slated to head the summit, but his exact role is unclear.

Among those reportedly being considered for assistant agriculture secretary are Jim Lyons, a House Agriculture Committee staffer who worked on old growth legislation last year; Brock Evans, vice president of the Audubon Society; and Jim Cubie, chief counsel of the Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee. Others who have been mentioned are defeated Reps. Jim Jontz, D-Ind., the author of the environmentalists' ancient forest bill, and Richard Stallings, D-Idaho, a moderate, and academics such as retired Yale University forestry dean John Gordon, an author of the so-called "Gang of Four" report to Congress on old growth.

Lyons has been the focus of speculation and would probably be acceptable to both the timber industry and moderate environmentalists. That kind of agreement in itself would be a step forward.

Larry Swisher is The Register-Guard's Washington, D.C., correspondent.

Assistant post in Agriculture seen as a key to timber issue

WASHINGTON — With President Bill Clinton and his Cabinet set to take power, Northwest attention has shifted to the changing of the guard in other key posts.

Members of Congress and governors have been pushing candidates for assistant secretaries of energy, transportation and interior.

But no sub-Cabinet position is more important than the assistant secretary of agriculture for natural resources and environment. This appointee will oversee the Forest Service, which is actually run by the chief, a career civil servant.

Since being created in the late 1970s, the assistant secretary has tended to exert the most influence of any official over national forest and federal timber policy.

For that reason, industry and environmentalists focus attention on this position, one of seven assistant agriculture secretaries.

"It's going to be important who they pick for assistant secretary and whether the chief (Dale Robertson) is able to shift gears sufficiently to be a viable chief and stay in the job," a government analyst said.

Also, the nominee has to pass muster with key members of Congress. For example, President George Bush's first choice, James Cason, originally of Oregon, was forced to withdraw after being criticized by Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., for being biased toward industry.

Eventually, James Moseley, an Indiana hog farmer, was named. He concentrated on other duties, while his deputy, former Oregon State University forestry professor John Beuter, handled timber duties.

But Beuter was considered a technician and administrator, not a major policy-maker. It was Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan who led development of the administration's so-called extinction plan for the spotted owl, which called for overriding the Endangered Species Act to save timber jobs.

During the 18-month delay preceding Moseley's appointment, Forest Service officials took political heat for the spotted owl problems, a situation that led to calls for the removal of Chief Dale Robertson.

Recently, Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus urged Clinton to replace Robertson. But such a move would break precedent. Traditionally, chiefs have not come and gone with changes in administration. Rather, they have been eased out through retirement, as was the case with Max Peterson in the early 1980s.

Cason, who previously worked at the Interior Department, was tagged as a clone of President Reagan's notorious assistant agriculture secretary, John Crowell. A Louisiana Pacific Corp. executive, Crowell came into office determined to raise the timber cut and stirred almost as much controversy as then-interior Secretary James Watt.

LARRY SWISHER

