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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 9, 1993

The Honorable Clifford R. Popkey
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Dear Mr. Popkey:

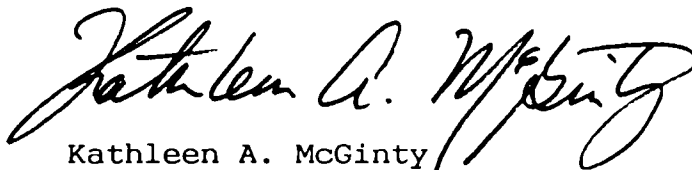
Thank you for contacting me regarding your concerns about liability of toxic waste cleanup under Superfund.

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.

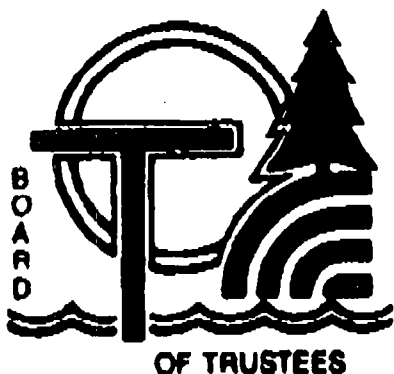
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Sincerely,

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Kathleen A. McGinty
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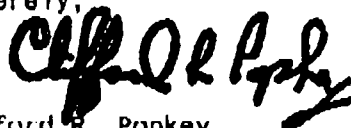
Dear Katie McGinty, Environmental Advisor:

In his first State of the Union address, President Clinton recognized the importance of the nation's toxic waste clean up 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 county, 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 sit 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, township, small businesses, and citizens.

Sincerely,


Clifford R. Popkey
Supervisor

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1993

Ms. Felice Pace
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Dear Ms. Pace:

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.

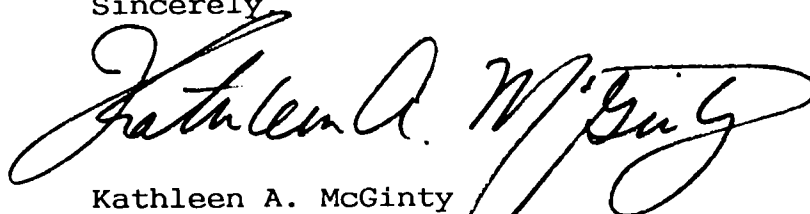
The President and I believe that the Forest Conference was a significant step toward the resolution of the problems facing the Pacific Northwest. I certainly appreciate your continued interest in the Cabinet's development of the Forest Management Plan.

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 cooperation of all parties involved. 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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June 4, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty, Director
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VIA FAX
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Dear Ms. McGinty:

In Portland all parties to the long controversy concerning management of West Coast Ancient Forests took hope from the President's statements that people would not be forgotten in crafting a solution which would be "scientifically sound, ecologically credible, and legally responsible." Like many residents of forest communities, I returned home and began working with folks from the timber industry and their supporters to gain a common understanding of what "ecosystem management", "community stability", "economic transition", and "partnership" means to those of us who live and work here in Siskiyou County. To be honest, I was skeptical about working with local timber industry leaders and their political supporters. Gradually, however, my skepticism has waned and hope has grown. The most hopeful thing for me has been seeing people like Nadine Bailey and Frank Tallerico move beyond denial to realize that we can work together for a future that will produce more (albeit different) benefits for our children than we ourselves have enjoyed as residents of forest communities. When Nadine and grassroots environmentalists sent me a copy of their May 19th proposal to President Clinton with the endorsement of Trinity County's Board of Supervisors, that hope grew significantly. While the Applegate Partnership has been characterized by "process", agreement on principles, and public relations, Trinity County's "Committee for Healthy Communities in Healthy Forests" has quickly produced concrete agreement on what needs to be done on the ground. While budget realities may dictate a longer term approach to forest and watershed rehabilitation than suggested by that "Committee", the shared recognition by those who live and make their living in the forest that we must change from an emphasis on taking to an emphasis on putting back is extremely significant. I don't think you can appreciate the bitterness that has characterized the polarization of neighbors in Trinity County. To see these "sides" uniting behind a common, substantive proposal simply amazes me.

There have also been signs that small and medium size forest products firms, the most innovative firms in the Northwest's timber economy, and even a few of the giant timber corporations are ready to support (or at least to go along with) preservation of the remaining Ancient Forests. The Western Forest Industry Association is an example of a timber industry organization giving clear signals that it is ready to change and adapt.

Along with other environmentalists, however, I have been disappointed by the intransigent position which Big Labor has assumed. While earlier they had responded to our attempts to reach out, since the Forest Conference Big Labor has been lockstep with Big Timber in advocating a return to the failed policies of the past. Changing forest regulations and the "language" of liquidation will not solve the forest crisis, it will simply make it deeper and further nationalize forest issues. Now we have learned that because preliminary options coming from the work of the scientific committees do not fit their narrow notion of what is acceptable, Big Labor and Big Timber are attacking the scientists.

I and the entire Ancient Forest Alliance realize that we must address the issue of timber volume for a transition period. I and other members of the Alliance have been working on that issue in good faith with Mr. Tuchmann, Mr. Lyons, other Administration officials and with members of Congress. While options that preserve scientific credibility are limited, there are options. I believe the time has come not to impose numbers on the scientists and managers but to bring together all elements and interests to discuss the specific options.

Unfortunately, it appears that Labor and Big Timber have interpreted Mr. Clinton's willingness to compromise as an indication that their narrow interest can prevail if they only remain intransigent. If we are to move forward, they must receive a clear message that there will be no return to the days when they could dictate public forest. Refusing to tamper with the work of the scientists is the means to deliver that message.

For almost two decades our communities have been torn by dissention and bitterness. Now, for the first time in my memory there is a chance to work together for a common goal. This light is so fragile that it can be easily shattered. If President Clinton accedes to the demands of Big Timber and Big Labor, and tells the scientists they must compromise scientifically sound judgement on the altar of political expediency, the fragile beginnings will wither and we will return to the path of polarization.

On behalf of the activists, directors and supporters of the Klamath Forest Alliance, I urge you to advise President Clinton not to abandon the commitments he made in Portland. In Portland the seeds of a new consensus on management of public forests were sown. Those seeds have begun to sprout in our rural forest communities. Please encourage President Clinton not to cut off the light.

Sincerely yours,

(Transmitted Via FAX Modem)

Felice Pace, Forest Conference Participant

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 4, 1993

Mr. Carl Pope
c/o Sierra Club
730 Polk Street
San Francisco, CA 94109

Dear Carl:

I wanted to thank you for your input at our retreat several weeks ago. It certainly was good to see you.

Cathy and I believe that the session was extremely helpful as we begin to forge new directives for the Office on Environmental Policy. I was impressed by the thoughtful feedback you presented at the retreat and hope to continue these discussions in the future.

Thanks again for the time you took out of your busy schedule to meet with me. I look forward to working with you on these and other matters. Let me know if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, Office on
Environmental Policy

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON

June 16, 1993

The Honorable L. F. Payne
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Payne: *L.F.*

Thank you for your letter and the information you enclosed regarding your constituents' concerns about the Ground Wave Emergency Network (GWEN). It was good to hear from you, and I sincerely apologize for the delay in my response.

As you know, I share President Clinton's commitment to the preservation of our environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. I have heard from others like you who are concerned that electromagnetic fields, such as those generated by the proposed GWEN tower, can prove to be potentially harmful. I am forwarding your information to the Office of Air and Radiation at the U.S. EPA for their comment.

Please keep me apprised of any developments in this arena. Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Al Gore".

Al Gore

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Congress of the United States
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February 22, 1993

President Bill Clinton
c/o Howard Paster
Assistant to the President
Director of Legislative Affairs
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I have consistently opposed the GWEN program as strategically unnecessary and wasteful. With this in mind, I wish to forward the attached letter on behalf of my constituents.

I would appreciate your serious consideration of their views and an appropriate reply.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


L. F. Payne

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February 12, 1993

Albert Gore, Jr., Vice President
Office of the Vice President
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Gore,

We, the undersigned citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia, have been educating ourselves concerning the Ground Wave Emergency Network (GWEN) since August of 1989 when representatives of the USAF first revealed their plan to erect a GWEN tower in Nelson County. We are proud to be represented by Congressman L. F. Payne who has taken our concerns and information and successfully worked to remove the tower scheduled for our area from the GWEN system.

Our opposition to the GWEN system has from day one been an opposition to the entire GWEN program. It has focused on the following points:

1. The lack of need for the system based upon the fact that the single scenario for which the system was devised has ceased to be a possibility.
2. The waste of resources that the rest of the system necessitates at a cost of approximately \$60 million.
3. The environmental and health hazards to which a nationwide EMF system would subject the entire population of the United States.
4. The possibility that the system could be used for other more insidious possibilities than merely the stated purposes.¹

In light of the current and future situation that eliminates the purpose of the system, and with the desire of the current administration to make prudent and effective cuts in the military budget that might both realistically and symbolically help to alleviate the financial burden that directly affects all Americans, we propose that further expansion of this system be stopped. We appeal to you to act in whatever capacity possible to see that no more GWEN towers be erected. Even the USAF has recommended that the project be halted.² The GWEN is the perfect first step to intelligent trimming of useless and harmful excess from an inflated military budget.

Please keep us informed on this matter and our thanks for the opportunity to work with you on this important matter.

Sincerely,

E. Reed

Ernie Reed, Coordinator
Virginians for a Healthy Environment

cc. President Bill Clinton
Les Aspin
Ron Dellums

1. "The Electromagnetic Spectrum in Low-Intensity Conflict," by Capt. Paul E. Tyler, MC, USN, from Low Intensity Conflict and Modern Technology, Lt. Col. David J. Dean, USAF, ed., Air University Press, Center for Aerospace Doctrine, Research, and Education, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, June 1986, pp. 249-251.

2. "Attack Warning Status of Survivable Communication Integration System," Briefing Report to Chairman, Subcommittee on Defense, Committee of Appropriations, House of Representatives, USGAO Report #GAO/IMTC-92-61BR, July 1992.



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON

June 16, 1993

The Honorable Claiborne Pell
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Pell:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claiborne".

Thank you for contacting me regarding the work of Ecological Engineering Associates of Marion, Massachusetts on solar aquatic systems. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, President Clinton and I are committed to the preservation of our environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. I appreciate learning of the Ecological Engineering Associates' efforts to establish an experimental solar aquatic waste treatment facility in Providence, Rhode Island. I wholeheartedly agree that the protection of our natural heritage depends upon the study and cost-effective implementation of innovative, new technologies.

Again, thank you for bringing this to my attention. Please keep me apprised of any developments in this regard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Al".

Al Gore

AGJ/avl

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3901

June 1, 1993

The Honorable Albert Gore, Jr.
Vice President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Vice President Gore:

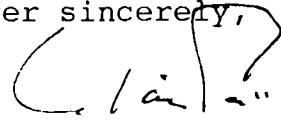
I have been asked to write to you in support of the effort by Ecological Engineering Associates of Marion, Massachusetts, to gain fuller Federal consideration of solar aquatic systems as an alternative to standard municipal waste water treatment systems. I am pleased indeed to honor that request.

Ecological Engineering Associates has a successful experimental facility in Providence, Rhode Island, associated with the largest waste water treatment plant in the State. The contrast between the two facilities is striking,-- the solar aquatic facility truly has the look and feel of a greenhouse. In it, it is fascinating to see the processes of nature at work producing clean water.

Many water bodies in Rhode Island are adversely affected by failing septic systems, yet extending sewers is often prohibitively expensive. Alternative technologies and approaches would seem to have great promise.

Federal support for the diffusion of innovations is often vital. It is a means of our country's maintaining and advancing technological leadership.

Warm regards.

Ever sincerely,


Claiborne Pell

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 17, 1993

The Honorable Bob Packwood
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Packwood:

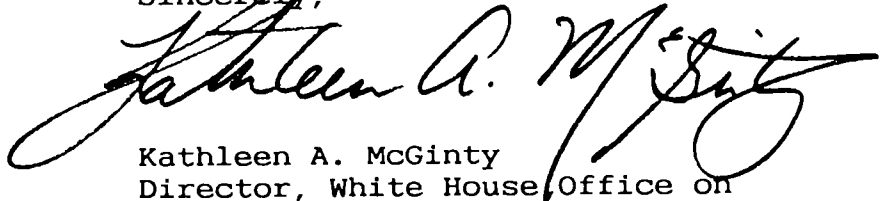
On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for contacting me regarding your concerns about the issues surrounding wetlands regulation. It was good to hear from you, and I sincerely apologize for the delay in my response.

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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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 John Breaux 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.

The stated purpose of the group is to provide a forum to allow appropriate agency heads to work together with members of Congress to develop a consensus on wetlands policy issues.

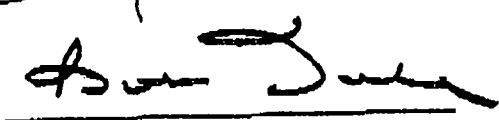
The wetlands issue is a complex one in which regional differences, such as those identified by the Lower Mississippi Delta Development Commission which you chaired, require different approaches which should be addressed by the new working group.

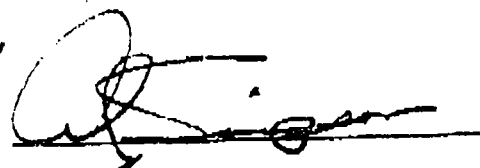
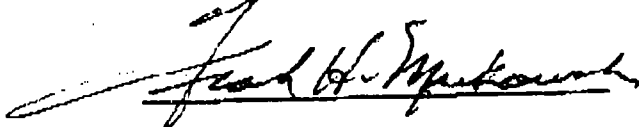
The current Section 404 program needs to be modified. We believe that if changes recommended by the working group are to have bipartisan support necessary to move through the Senate, Senate Republicans should join our Democratic colleagues in assisting the group to develop a consensus. Members of both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

John W. Damer

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The President
May 25, 1993
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 17, 1993

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

Dear Congresswoman Pelosi:

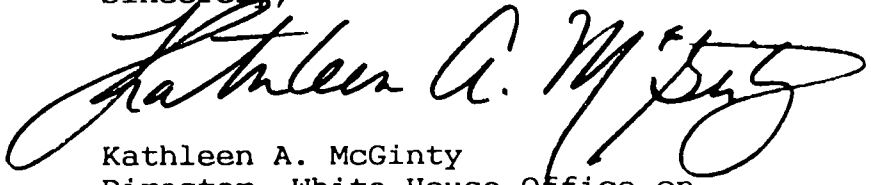
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March 31, 1993

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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

Don Edwards, M.C.

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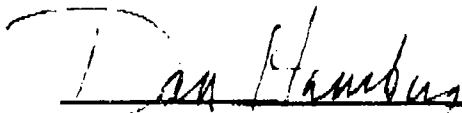
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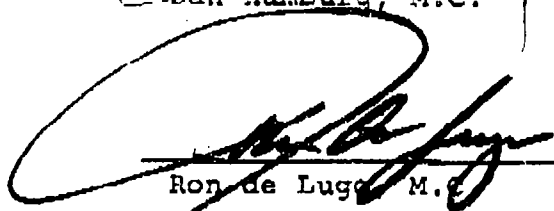
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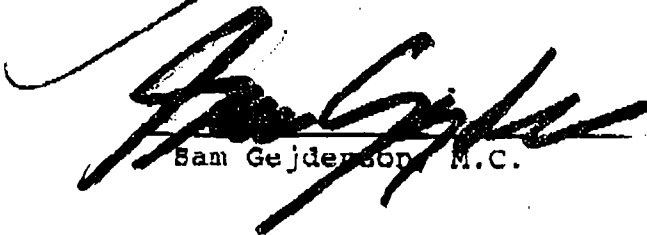
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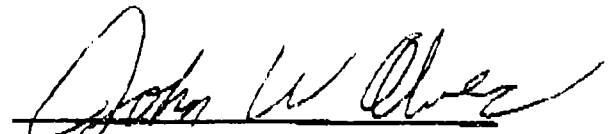
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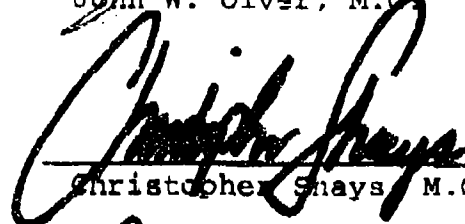
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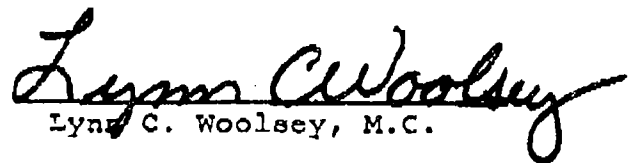
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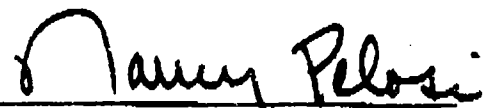
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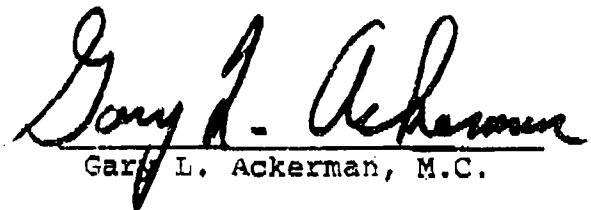
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June 17, 1993

The Honorable David Pryor
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Pryor:

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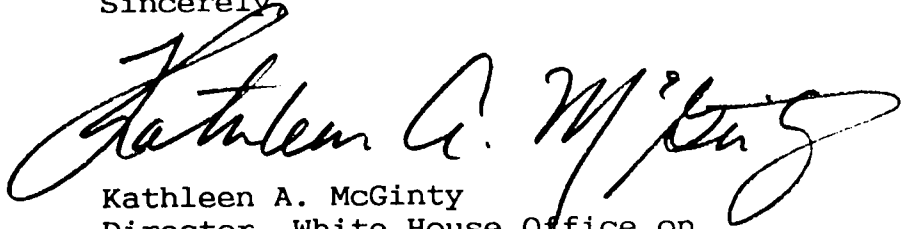
Your office has been invited to participate in the following meetings of this Interagency task force:

June 22	2:00 - 5:00	Presenters: Environmentalists
June 29	2:00 - 5:00	Presenters: Senator Breaux
July 1	2:00 - 5:00	Presenters: Others

The meetings will take place in the CEQ conference room at 722 Jackson Place.

I certainly appreciate learning your thoughts in this regard, and I look forward to working with you on this matter in the future.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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April 28, 1993

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

Dear Mr. President:

Among the most controversial and difficult unresolved issues currently facing us is the future of Federal wetlands policy. Last year, both the Congress and the Administration were unable to break the political gridlock that continues to threaten the effectiveness of and public support for the wetlands regulatory program. We now have the opportunity to resolve this issue fairly as we move forward with reauthorization of the Clean Water Act. We ask you to join us in an effort to seek a reasonable compromise on this important issue.

You may remember that the Lower Mississippi River Delta Development Commission, which you chaired, filed a report with President Bush and the Congress in May of 1990 that found that the nation's wetlands policy was the source of "significant problems for agriculture, aquaculture and commercial and industrial development" in the Delta Region. The Commission's report contained realistic and progressive recommendations regarding improvements to Federal wetlands policy. These recommendations included a clear and fair jurisdictional definition, recognition of the differences in functions and values of wetlands, incentives for landowner conservation, reduction of regulatory duplication, regulation of activities that drain wetlands and expanding the role of the states in the Federal regulatory program.

We ask that you establish a working group of all appropriate members of your Cabinet, including the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, Defense, Transportation, Energy and Housing and Urban Development, to work with us, other Congressional leaders and the public during Congressional consideration of the Clean Water Act to forge a consensus on this difficult policy issue.

President Bill Clinton
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We look forward to working constructively with you on this vital environmental issue which is of such great importance not only to our region but to our entire nation.

Sincerely,

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June 17, 1993

Ms. Michele Perrault
President
Sierra Club
730 Polk Street
San Francisco, CA 94109

Dear Ms. Perrault:

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,

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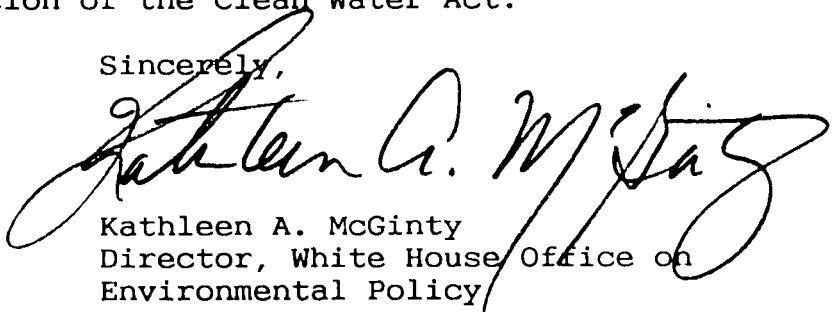
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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

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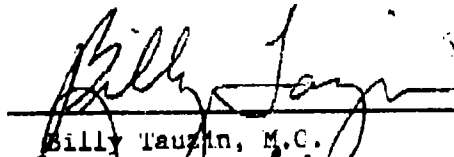
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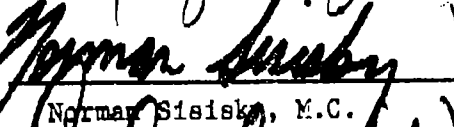
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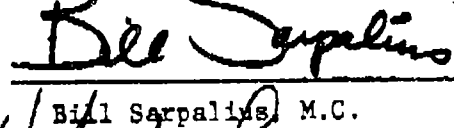
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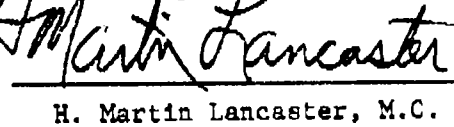
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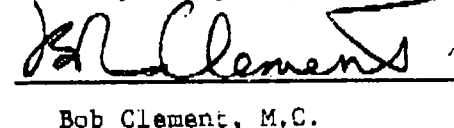

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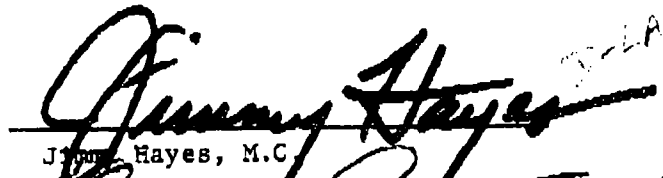

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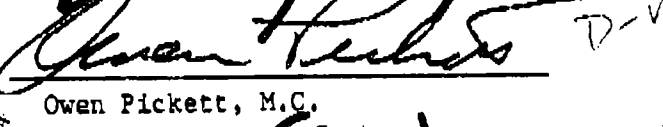

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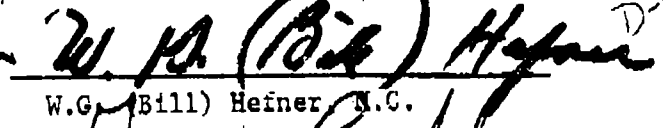

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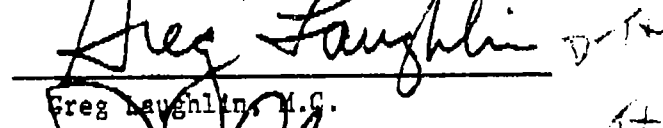

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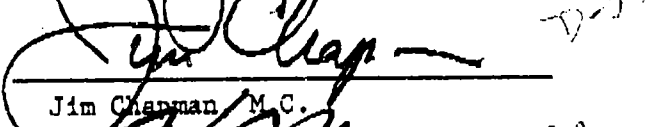

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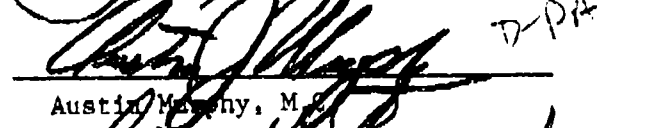

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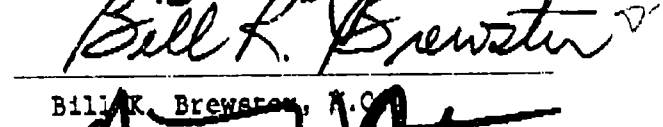

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Katie McGinty

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Melissa Banks

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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1321

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The POTUS

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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.

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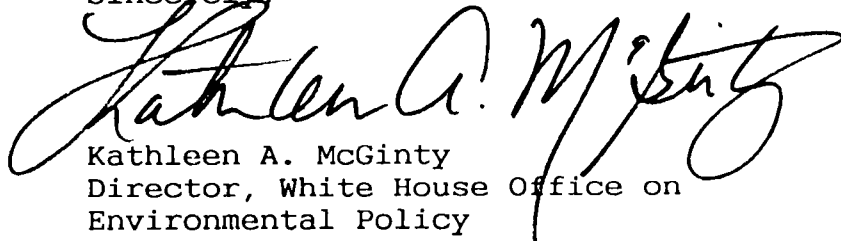
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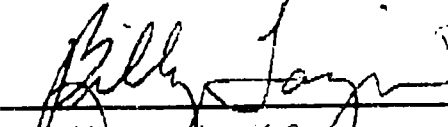
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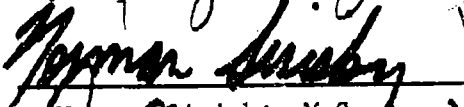
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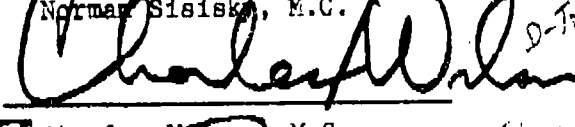
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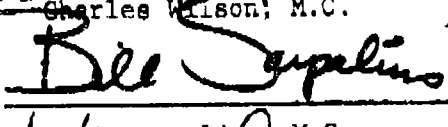
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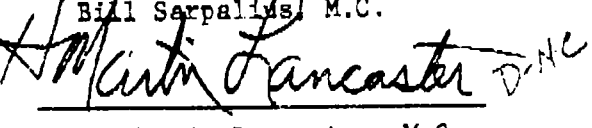
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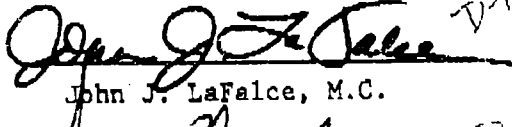

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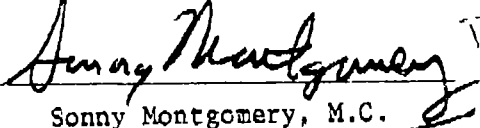

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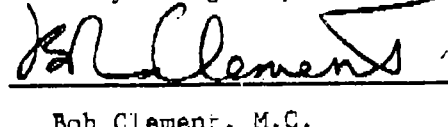

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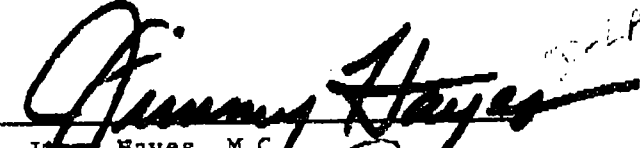

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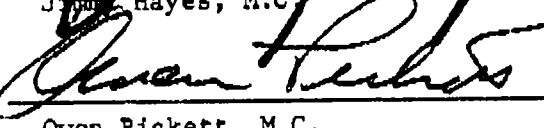

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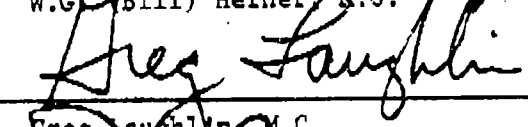

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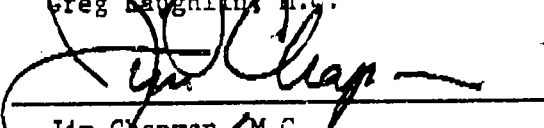

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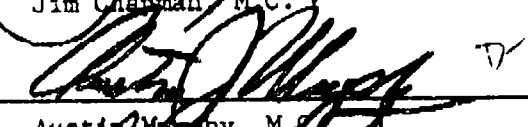

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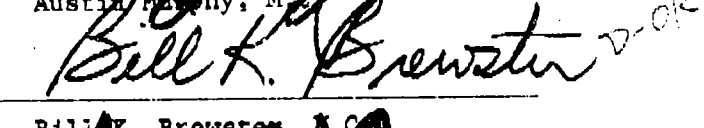

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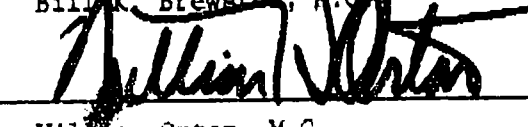

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The POTUS

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 as seriously flawed~~ *as your letter indicates, and believe that most of these regulations and* ~~are constructive~~ *procedures lack only great 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 person
Why we don't
want to do a summit
at this time*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 24, 1993

Mr. Arnold Parzer
Agricultural Counselor
Royal Netherlands Embassy
4200 Linnean Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

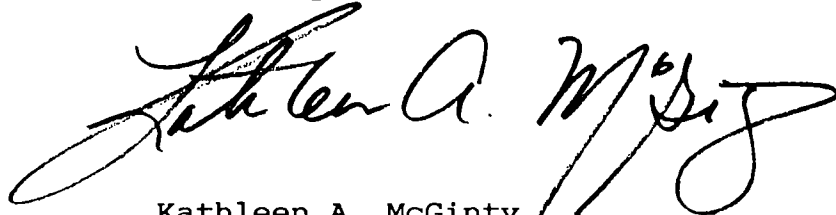
Dear Mr. Parzer:

Thank you for your letter and the information you enclosed regarding the Government of the Kingdom of Netherlands' policy paper on tropical rainforests. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, I share President Clinton's and Vice President Gore's commitment to the preservation of our global environment. I believe that all nations of the world should work together toward the goal of environmental sustainability. I appreciate learning of your efforts to prevent the further destruction of our planet's rainforests. Please keep me apprised of any developments in this arena.

Again, thank you for sharing this information with me.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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Subject: Policy paper on
Tropical Rainforests

Ms. Kathleen McGinty,
Director for Intergovernmental
Policy,
Room 360 OEOB
17th Street & Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.,
Washington D.C. 20500.

Washington D.C., June 3rd, 1993

Dear Ms. McGinty:

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands issued recently a Policy paper on Tropical Rainforests.

The document commences with a description of the character and the many values and interests involved in the conservation of tropical rainforests. This is followed by an outline of the policy measures that the government intends to take during the coming years. The policy is divided into nine basic strategies, covering inter alia the protection of remaining virgin forests, the prevention of harmful activities, the promotion of land-use planning and the control of timber production and trade.

It is my pleasure to present to you, also on behalf of the Counselor of Health and Environment, Mr. Hans van Zijst, a copy of this Policy paper and I certainly would appreciate to hear about your views of the outlined Policy.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Parzer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Arnold Parzer,
Agricultural Counselor

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1993

Ms. Madeleine Potter
1227 Grant Street
Lake Geneva, WI 53147

Dear Ms. Potter:

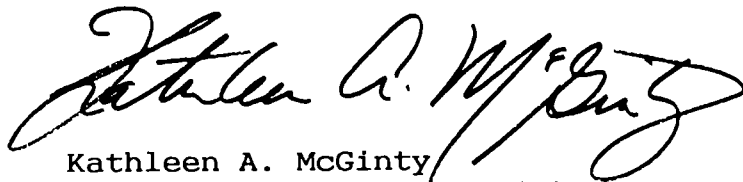
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Director, White House Office on
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1993

Mr. Carlos Portela
P.O. Box 9
Talent, OR 97540

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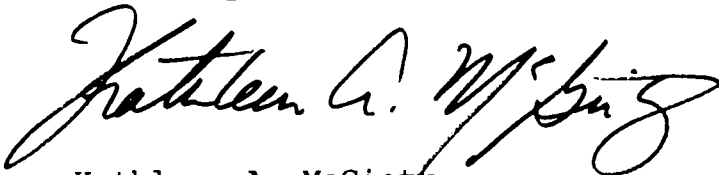
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

KAM/avl

May 27, 1993

Dear Katie McGinty,

I am writing this letter to ask that the Clinton Administration ban the export of raw logs from public lands and discourage the export of raw logs from private lands.

All major timber producing nations, including Canada and Indonesia, have banned the exporting of raw logs, and require that wood must be processed domestically, such as made into plywood or cut into dimension lumber, before being exported.

The U.S. government has every right to ban the export of raw logs from government owned land, including BLM and Forest Service land.

I believe in private property rights, and if you decide to allow logs from private property to be exported, then the companies that do that should not be allowed to harvest any wood on government lands. Only logging companies that do not export raw logs from private land should be allowed to cut and use logs from public lands such as BLM or Forest Service lands.

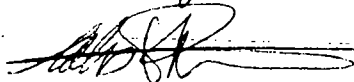
I believe such a restriction would fit in well with private property rights, and is similar to having a house listed in an

historic registry. For example, let's say I own a nice old house in Talent, Oregon and I decide to have it listed in an ~~the~~ historic ~~so~~ registry - then I would get tax breaks in exchange for agreeing to certain ~~not~~ restrictions, such as only painting the house certain colors, etc. On the other hand, I could decide not to have the house listed in an historic registry, and then I could paint it any color, use any kind of building material, etc., but I would also then not qualify for tax breaks that are awarded to homeowners that list their homes in the historic registry. The choice would be mine.

Similarly, it is fair to give the logging companies this choice: Don't export raw logs, or don't use public forests.

After years of timber workers and environmentalists sacrificing while logging and timber corporations do whatever they want, it's about time these corporations begin to do their part, and not exporting raw logs is the least they can do.

Sincerely,



CARLOS PORTELA, P.O. BOX 9, TALENT, OR
97540

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1993

Mr. Larry A. Phelan
1768 N.E. Todd Street
Roseburg, OR 97470

Dear Mr. Phelan:

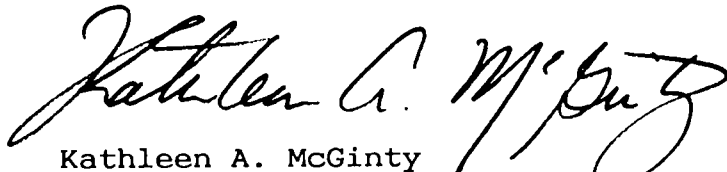
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JUNE 3, 1993

KATIE MCGINTY
MARLA ROMASH
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

I WILL TRY TO MAKE THIS SHORT AND TO THE POINT. I HAVE LIVED IN ROSEBURG, OREGON FOR FOURTEEN YEARS, WAS IN BUSINESS FOR TEN WHEN I SOLD IT AND RETIRED. I HAVE HEARD ENOUGH ABOUT HOW THIS COUNTY (DOUGLAS) HAS TO HAVE TIMBER RECEIPTS AND TIMBER JOBS TO SURVIVE.

TIMBER COMPANIES AND WORKERS, FOR YEARS, HAVE RECEIVED BENEFITS BEYOND WHAT OUR NATIONAL FORESTS SHOULD BE PROVIDING. THE STATE AND COUNTIES COLLECT THE 2ND OR 3RD HIGHEST TAXES IN THE NATION, NOT COUNTING TIMBER RECEIPTS.

INCLUDED WITH THIS LETTER ARE ARTICLES FROM OUR OWN NEWS PAPER (THE NEWS REVIEW). BUSINESSES (EXCLUDING THE TIMBER INDUSTRY) ARE DOING BETTER THAN EVER. RESTAURANTS, HOME BUILDING AND SALES, RETAIL SALES ARE ALL UP. OUR TRAVEL AGENT SAYS HER BUSINESS IS WAY UP. THE BUSINESS I SOLD FOUR YEARS AGO WAS GROWING EVERY YEAR. IT IS BICYCLE SALES AND REPAIR AND HAS GROWN BY ~~25~~ 30% OVER YEARS 1990 ~~to~~ 1992.

PLEASE STOP ALL LOGGING IN THE ANCIENT

FORESTS. TELL THE COUNTY AND STATE TO CHANGE
THEIR SPENDING HABITS, RETRAIN THE LOGGERS,
TELL THE TIMBER INDUSTRY TO USE SECOND GROWTH
TIMBER AND TO DIVERSIFY INTO SECONDARY WOOD
PRODUCTS. USE THE TIMBER SUBSIDIES (PRESENTLY
USED TO CUT NEW ROADS IN ROADLESS AREAS) TO
BRING OUR RIVERS AND FOREST DIVERSITY BACK —
A GOOD JOB FOR DISPLACED TIMBER WORKERS.

THANKS FOR
LISTENING

Larry A. Phelan

LARRY A. PHELAN
1768 NE TODD ST.
ROSEBURG, OR 97470

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1993

Mr. Wayne Persons
RFD 1 Box 348
Bradford, ME 04410

Dear Mr. Persons:

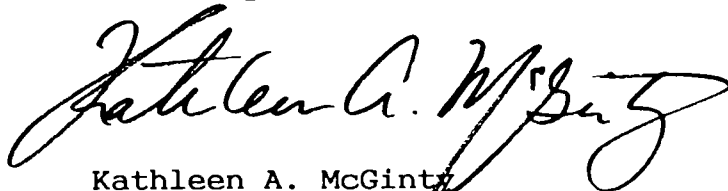
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Kathleen A. McGinty
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Environmental Policy

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June 4, 1993

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 advisor to President Clinton, I strongly urge you to advocate that he keep his pledge to implement a forest plan for the ancient forests of the Pacific Northwest which is scientifically sound and ecologically credible.

Permanent reserves of old-growth forests should be established on both the east and west sides of the Cascade Mountains, since many wildlife species which depend on old-growth have critical habitat on both sides of the Cascades.

A good forest protection plan must also include recognition of the importance of old-growth forests to the watersheds of the Pacific Northwest. Healthy old-growth forests provide cool, forest-shaded rivers with clean water, essential to salmon and steelhead. Ancient forest watersheds mean sustainable jobs in the very important fisheries industries in the Pacific Northwest, and they should not only be protected, but also restored to ecological health where they have been damaged.

Another key element of a successful forest protection plan is that it must permit access by citizens to the courts to contest any illegal mismanagement that may occur in the future. Permanent protection is not possible if federal agencies like the Forest Service are allowed to violate environmental laws with impunity.

Also very important is that the economic impact associated with the end of old-growth logging must be softened as much as possible. No one wants to see people put out of work. Export of raw unprocessed logs should be severely limited. Mills need to be retooled to handle second growth timber. Job retraining programs need to be established, and whatever immediate economic relief is required must be provided. In the long run, solutions need to be found which make the economy of the Pacific Northwest more diverse and less dependent on timber.

The ancient forests of the Pacific Northwest are a national treasure, "cathedral forests", a heritage to be passed on intact to future generations of Americans. Please do your utmost to urge President Clinton to achieve that goal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wayne Persons".

Wayne Persons
RFD 1 Box 348
Bradford, Maine 04410

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 9, 1993

The Honorable Lynn F. Pett
Mayor
Murray City
Murray City Municipal Building
5025 South State
P.O. Box 57520
Murray, Utah 84157

Dear Mayor Pett:

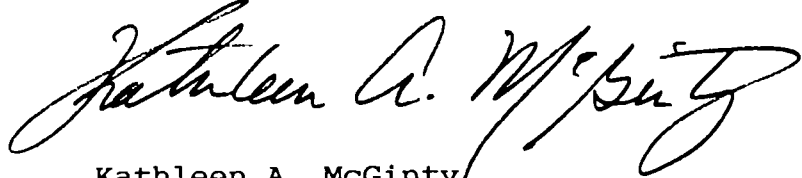
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MURRAY CITY CORPORATION

MAYOR LYNN F. PETT

(801) 264-2600

June 3, 1993

Katie McGinty,
Environmental Advisor to the President
Washington D.C. 20460

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) direction 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, civic groups, as well as individual citizens. The theory 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.

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Sincerely,

Lynn F. Pett, Mayor

THE WHITE HOUSE

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June 9, 1993

The Honorable Raul Pardo
Mayor
City of South El Monte
1415 N. Santa Anita Avenue
South El Monte, CA 91733

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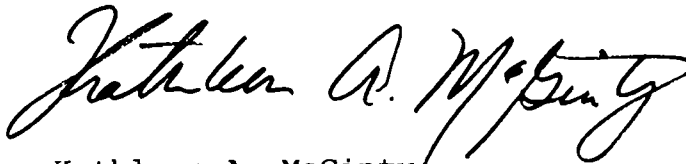
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May 27, 1993

Katie McGinty
Environmental Advisor

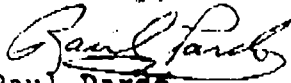
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June 17, 1993

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United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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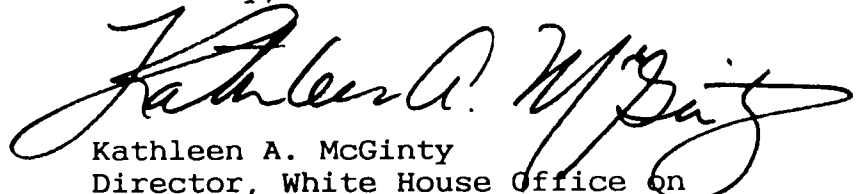
On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for contacting me regarding your concerns about the issues surrounding wetlands regulation. It was good to hear from you, and I sincerely apologize for the delay in my response.

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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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 Breaux 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.

The stated purpose of the group is to provide a forum to allow appropriate agency heads to work together with members of Congress to develop a consensus on wetlands policy issues.

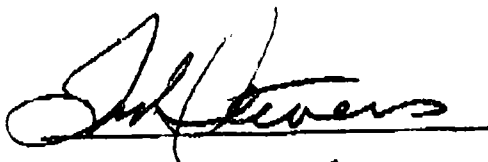
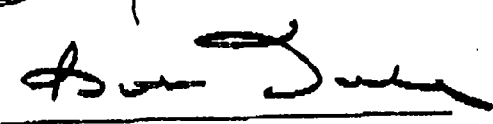
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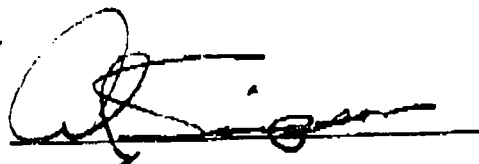
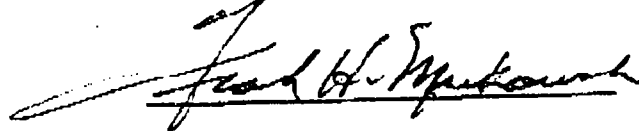
The current Section 404 program needs to be modified. We believe that if changes recommended by the working group are to have bipartisan support necessary to move through the Senate, Senate Republicans should join our Democratic colleagues in assisting the group to develop a consensus. Members of both 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
May 25, 1993
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 28, 1993

Mr. Randal Pair
352 Laurel
Broomfield, CO 80020

Dear Mr. Pair:

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

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

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen A. McGinty
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Randal Pair
352 Laurel
Broomfield, CO 80020

home: 303-465-4511
office: 303-844-5659

May 20, 1993

Vice President Al Gore
Attention: Katie McGinty

Re: Office of Surface Mining (Interior)

Dear Mr. Gore:

I am writing to you as a concerned employee of the Office of Surface Mining (OSM). In particular, I am concerned about the appointment of a new Director for OSM.

I have worked for OSM for almost seven years. OSM is currently barely functioning, serving as little more than a scarecrow to industry and as a funnel for money to states that are not enforcing SMCRA in good faith. OSM, and SMCRA, may as well be discarded if we are not provided with a strong Director who is dedicated to enforcing the law (as opposed to placating the industry and the states).

The new OSM Director must be dedicated to enforcing the letter of the law, a person with the integrity to ignore all political pressures and who will not "cut deals" with either side.

Because of OSM's bad history and inertia, and bad functional organization, the new Director must also be a good administrator and motivator. Since the only rational way to plot a course between two conflicting sets of constituents and goals is to follow the dictates of science, the new Director should also be someone who believes in science and technology, rather than political compromise, for resolving disputes.

And it is critical that the new Director be placed as soon as possible. There are very critical policy developments currently taking place within OSM, including the handling of acidic materials and revegetation requirements. Outside events, such as the current debates over the reform of the 1872 Mining Law, also make it critical that OSM have the guidance of a new Director.

I am in general in favor of the Clinton administration's emphasis on "consensus" (I am, e.g., involved in OSM's TQM efforts). But I am concerned over what I perceive as the administration's recent tendencies toward compromise. In the

history of SMCRA, "compromise" has always meant compromising between the law and the complaints of industry. Since the law is itself a compromise between the opposing needs of energy and environmental protection, between opposed environmentalists and resource developers, such compromises by OSM has continually shifted the balance further and further toward industry.

Such "compromise" has been the watchword of the Reagan and Bush administrations, and has reduced OSM to the totally ineffective organization it has lately been shown to be. OSM has lost sight of the fact that the law is the nation's consensus; we have continually given the industry a veto power over it.

I exhort the Clinton administration to eschew such compromises with the coal mining industry. In particular, I hope that you will have the courage and forthrightness to repudiate the notion that the new Director must have the "approval" of the industry or the states. Why ask the foxes who they want to guard the henhouse?

I live in the hope that the Clinton administration, in this as in so many other aspects of the nation's life, will provide us with the leadership we need to be great.

Sincerely,

Randall

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1993

Mr. Henry K. Pitts
609 Summer Glenn Drive
College Station, TX 77840

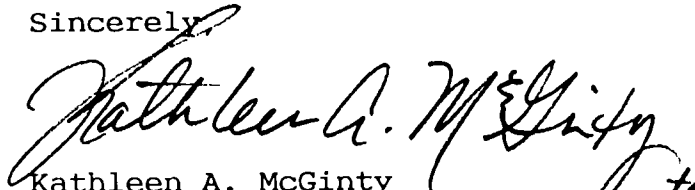
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We are in the process of reviewing our policy with the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior on this very important matter. I agree that further study of the options involved is necessary for an informed and balanced decision 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,


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

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HENRY K. PITTS
609 Summer Glenn Dr.
College Station, Texas
U.S.A. 77840

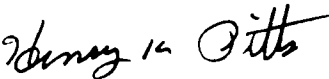
March 16, 1993

Dear Ms. McGinty,

Please support legislation to end the Animal Damage Control program of the USDA now. It is not cost effective and it is no solution to the problem it is supposed to address.

Why should US taxpayers subsidize inefficient livestock operations and kill wildlife on public lands at the same time?

Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.


Henry K. Pitts

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1993

Ms. Sue Petersen
Box 393
Sun Valley, Idaho 83353

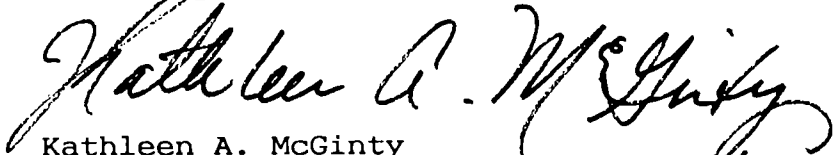
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Environmental Policy

KAM/avl

Box 393
Sun Valley,
Idaho 83353
May 18, 1993

Dear Ms. McGinty,

I'm writing to protest the ongoing slaughter of wildlife by the Animal Damage Control Agency.

Taxpayers should not be required to provide a risk free environment for the livestock industry. The use of guard dogs would cut down on losses to predators considerably.

The methods used by the ADC are indiscriminate and inhumane. Animals and birds are killed by mistake.

Please put a stop to this wasteful practice now!

Sincerely yours,
Sue Petersen

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 24, 1993

Mr. John F. Pamperin
3329 West Bloomfield Road
Phoenix, AZ 85029

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

Ms. Susan Prichard
1119 Brawne Avenue, N.W.
Olympia, WA 98502

Dear Ms. Prichard:

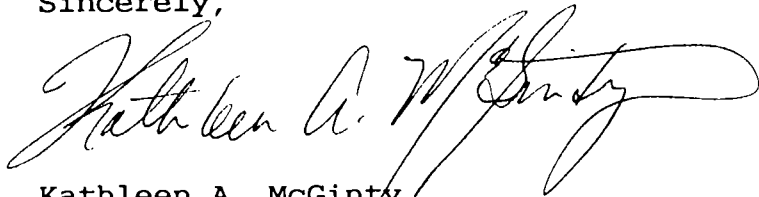
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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1119 Brawne Ave NW
Olympia, WA 98502

May 9, 1993

President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore
c/o Katie McGinty
Office of Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Bldg., Rm 358
Washington, DC 20501

Dear President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Katie McGinty,

I am writing to remind you of the crucial need to preserve forest ecosystems in the Pacific Northwest and California. As was often stressed in the Forest Conference, West Coast ancient forests *must* be protected, preserved and learned from for future forest management to be a success. Drs. Jerry Franklin and John Gordon, both experts in forest ecology, agree on this issue.

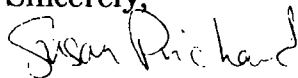
An ancient forest and watershed reserve system must be introduced and based on the best science possible. Future salmon, secondary forest products, and timber industries depend on the resiliency of modern forests. Biodiversity is the key to sustainable ecosystems. Without diversity, forests and the lives dependent on forests will not withstand impacts of acid rain, air pollution, global climate change, increased ultraviolet light, and encroaching urban development. Let us save and protect the following areas:

- Riparian zones; especially those watersheds that accommodate native salmon, steelhead and trout.
- Habitat of endangered and threatened species.
- Roadless areas--any rare tracts of continuous forest land, for they are now precious in their scarcity.

Our National Forests have been managed as if they were privately owned, and it is time for the public to realize that state and federal forests are *ours*; ours to use sustainably. Timber companies in the Pacific Northwest have been trying to convince the public that we need to cut everything now. We don't. The timber industry has gotten itself into its own trouble by increased efficiency and insatiable greed. We must now slow down, firmly decide to explore sustainable forestry options (no more new roads and fewer clearcuts), and put the displaced timber workers back to work--rehabilitating riparian areas, working on *local* mills, and producing *locally* manufactured wood products.

Forest management must go beyond national forests to privately owned and state-owned lands. I hope that the federal government will start the trend toward sustainable forestry and careful land management, and set an example for all forest land managers to follow. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Susan Prichard

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May 24, 1993

Mr. Jo Podvin
P.O. Box 411
Orleans, CA 95556

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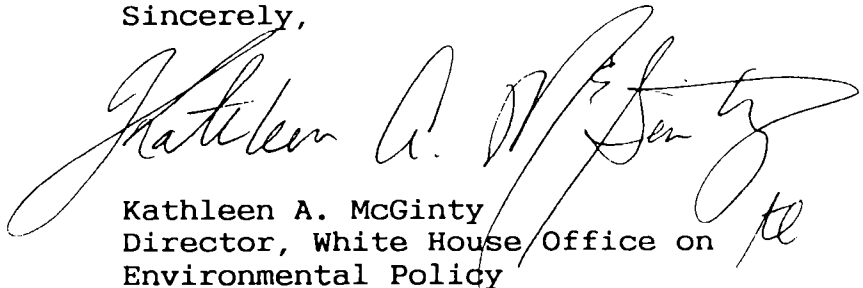
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Sincerely,



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

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5/11/93

Kathleen McGinty

I am furious about the Forest Service's latest maneuver to decrease public involvement in decisions affecting our National Forests. I am speaking of the set of proposed rules on new timber sales procedures - 36 CFR 215. Though ostensibly put forward in order to insure public involvement, the elimination of the 'mail box rule' and the notice requirement, as well as the new 'emergency' exemptions, will serve to lessen the weight of public input. We need more, not less, involvement in our forests.

Cancel the proposed rules!

Sincerely,

Jo Rodwin

Box 411

Orleans, CA 95556

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May 24, 1993

Ms. Kathryn Pearce
115 E. Hillcrest
Eugene, OR 97404

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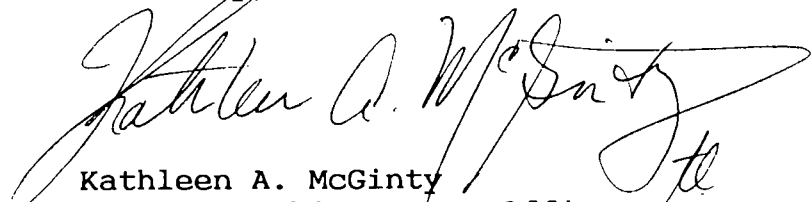
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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Dear Mr. Clinton, Mr. Gore, and Policy Committee

I am currently living in the city of Eugene, Oregon; where I have a job producing to Su. I can pay my bills, see live music. Sometimes, play in the garden and birdwatch. The best part of my life is when I get out of town, to visit the forests, streams, and roadless areas. Even though I have to drive through clearcuts and tree farms there are still some ancient forests. I would love to see them remain unadulterated.

The past two seasons, I was a wildlife technician for the Forest Service (Diamond Lake '91) and BLM (Yamhill '92). Our Public lands NEED to be managed for species diversity of flora and fauna. If it's impossible for large blocks of forest to be kept intact, we need corridors where genetic material can be exchanged. Keeping riparian zones thick (80 meters seems slim) dense and continual would be a good start.

It seems like jobs could be created with persons monitoring the actual cutting more carefully and in creative reforestation (more than just Doug Fir)

THE WHITE HOUSE

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May 24, 1993

Mr. Mike Petersen
Kettle Range Conservation Group
P.O. Box 150
Republic, WA 99166

Dear Mr. Petersen:

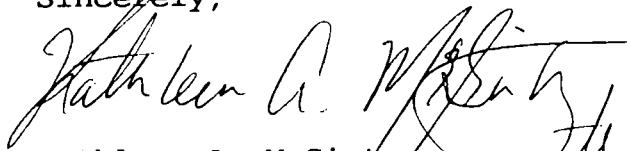
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Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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Director, Office of Environmental Policy
Room 360
Old Executive Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20501

May 10, 1993

Dear Kathleen McGinty,

As the decisions are made regarding the forests of the Northwest, a few final thoughts come to mind. Here is the perspective of an environmentalist who lives in a community of loggers, miners, and ranchers.

1. While the idea of helping out-of-work timber workers is a good one, don't forget all the rest of us in the rural Northwest who struggle to survive without destroying natural diversity and beauty. Many of us have chosen to live lightly on the land because we realize that future generations must share the planet with us.

RECOMMENDATION #1 Help for rural communities should focus on all members, not just those who have to adjust from a high paying resource job. If you choose to send money to these communities to help displaced workers, subsidize the volunteer wilderness ranger and the organic farmer, too - End subsidies, such as the raw log export handouts to Weyerhaeuser and Louisiana Pacific. The record of such larger companies is clear - they will close mills, automate and layoff workers if it means a greater profit.

There are millions of Americans in urban centers who have never had the opportunity to earn the "highly paid, family wage" that timber workers seem to think is their right - is the administration taking special steps to help them out?

2. Never, in reading dozens of Forest Service plans, EIS'S or EA'S, have I seen the impacts of flooding the market with publicly subsidized timber addressed. As timber harvests on public lands have declined, prices have gone up. One effect is that private timber owners now realize a better value for their trees. Substitution of wood construction materials will also help producers of brick, concrete and all manufacturers who have had to compete with below market value wood products.

RECOMMENDATION #2

The company/individual who is bidding to extract resources from public lands for a profit should not be given special treatment. If trees are to be logged from public lands the logs should be processed in the community they came from, or nearest mill. The processing mill should not be guaranteed a given supply unless the companies employment per thousand board feet is guaranteed.

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3. The process of planning projects on public lands has left out most of the affected parties from the decision making role. We began appealing timber sales after we saw extensive damage on the Colville National Forest and yet our comments and pleas for decent management were ignored.

RECOMMENDATION #3 Set up community forestry boards that work with the US Forest Service to plan timber sales, by consensus of those who choose to participate. Our experience has been that input will not be taken seriously unless those providing input have a say in the final decision.

4. The conservation biologists are telling us that wide-ranging animals such as wolf, wolverine, lynx, etc. need large core areas for security and wide corridors to travel within their range. Populations must be able to mix for long term genetic health. Species should be restored to their former range whenever possible. In many areas public lands are the only chance to provide adequate corridors.

RECOMMENDATION #4 We must err on the side of safety for the remaining wild populations of plants and animals. All remaining roadless areas must remain unentered by logging, mining or roadbuilding. Corridors must be established that will provide the best chance of survival and recovery of native species. We have maps for the Colville and Okanogan National Forest that begin this core habitat/corridor delineation - other National Forests have been mapped in the same way - and the best work has been done by volunteers, not Forest Service employees.

5. Many creeks and rivers have been degraded by overcutting in the past. Salmon, trout, and other fish runs have been depleted, and are in desperate need of restoration. Roadbuilding, logging, and grazing have compacted soils, which has added stress to the ecosystem. In virtually every National Forest from the Rocky Mountains to eastern Washington and Oregon the natural cycle of the forest has been dramatically altered. Logging the biggest, best trees, and suppression of forest fires has left a preponderance of smaller trees that are susceptible to insects and pathogens.

RECOMMENDATION #5 Restoration projects should receive funding, with a priority to rebuilding salmon and trout fisheries. Natural fire cycles must be reintroduced.

6. The effects of cattle grazing were not discussed at the Forest Summit - most Pacific Northwest Forests don't have grazing, but east of the Cascades to the east side of the Rocky Mountains are heavily impacted by these non-native animals. Soil compaction, water degradation, noxious weeds, root rot and seedling survival are all negatively impacted by livestock grazing.

RECOMMENDATION #6 Cattle must be removed from riparian and forested areas. It would be more cost effective to send the ranchers a monthly check than to continue to degrade the public forests and streams.

7. The county I live in, Ferry County, used to have 45 mills, now 2 are left - one is small, the other medium sized. Unsustainable logging of private and federal lands and automation have closed the others. If trees are to be cut in our county it makes sense to mill and add secondary value right here.

RECOMMENDATION #7 The Forest Service currently has a small-business set aside program - but this doesn't seem to work to keep locally owned and operated mills supplied first. We have a proposal to prioritize where public lands timber sales go to, but it must be part of a comprehensive package that brings all interested components of the community together to decide on restoration of ecosystems as well as resource allocations.

8. The processing of trees away from their source, especially during periods of high timber prices, can be costly in terms of human and economic impacts. The economic activity associated with processing raw logs in Japan vs. Republic, WA is measurable and substantial. The export of unprocessed logs from our community, to other regions, also shifts the flow of dollars away from our community.

RECOMMENDATION #8

- a. Complete ban of unprocessed logs from the United States Forest Service land.
- b. Tariffs at least as great as the loss of economic activity that would have been created by processing the tree in the U.S, on logs originating on private and State land.

Thank you for your consideration,



Mike Petersen

Kettle Range Conservation Group

cc: Vice President Al Gore, Special Assistant Tom Tuchmann, Director Kathleen McGinty, Office of Environmental Policy, and Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 10, 1993

Ms. Penny L. Parkin
Manager
Government Affairs, Legal Issues
The Dow Chemical Company
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Washington, D.C. 20006

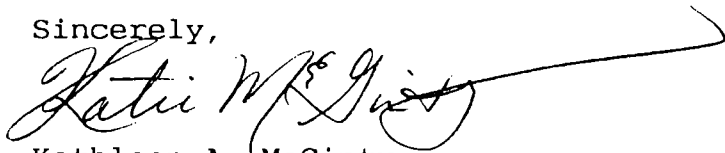
Dear Ms. Parkin:

This is to notify you that the President forwarded to me your materials regarding the article on full-cost accounting written by Frank Popoff and Dave Buzzelli. 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

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 9, 1993

Ms. Penny L. Parkin
Manager
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The Dow Chemical Company
1776 I Street, N.W., Suite 575
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Penny:

Thanks for sending the article by Frank Popoff and David Buzzelli on full-cost accounting.

I've forwarded it to Katie McGinty, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the White House on Environmental Policy for her review.

Again, thanks for your kindness in sending this article.

Sincerely,

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John D. Podesta
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary

cc: Katie McGinty

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 17, 1993

Ms. Teresa Papola
6416 Overbrook Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19151

Dear Ms. Papola:

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

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It was so nice of you to write. Many fond memories of our days in St. Mary's. I hope you are well. All the best!

January 14, 1993
My dear Katie:

Congratulations! I was thrilled to hear of your appointment with the new administration. I heard your name and saw your parents on TV.

I spoke to your father last night and he, as well as your mother, are so proud of you. I, too, am proud of your accomplishments.

I often think of you and all "my girls" at St. Mary's. They are happy memories. Some of the girls have kept in touch.

I retired from St. Mary's and St. Joe's because my sister died two years ago and I am taking care of my mother who

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 19, 1993

Ms. Kathryn Cameron Porter
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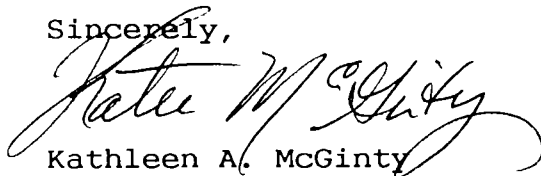
Dear Friends:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your work ar WorldWIDE Network. It was good to hear from you, and I apologize for the delay in my response.

I certainly appreciate learning of your efforts in bringing women to the forefront of environmental awareness and policy-making. I hope you will keep me informed of your important work. Let me know how I can be of assistance.

Again, thank you for letting me hear from you.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen A. McGinty
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February 4, 1993

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Ms. Katie McGinty
Environment Advisor
Office of the Vice President
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1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20050

Dear Ms. McGinty:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, staff and members of WorldWIDE Network, we congratulate you on your recent appointment as Environment Advisor to the President and convey our very best wishes to you for this important and challenging assignment. WorldWIDE is a global network of women dedicated to environmental protection. We therefore applaud the choice of a woman, and such a highly qualified woman as yourself, in such a critical position at a watershed moment for our planet. We are sure that following your advice the Clinton Administration will work to identify innovative and workable solutions to protect the earth.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to WorldWIDE Network. WorldWIDE was formed in 1981 to create a global network of women dedicated to environmental protection. Our goals are to:

- Mobilize and support women, both individually and in organizations, in environmental and natural resource programs;
- Promote the inclusion of women and their environmental perceptions in designing and implementing policies;
- Educate the public and policy makers about the vital links between women, natural resources, and sustainable development; and
- Expand our global network of women concerned with environmental management and protection.

We enclose a folder containing some background material on WorldWIDE as well as copies of our recent publications, namely: *Volumes I and II of the Proceedings of the Global Assembly of Women and the Environment*, the *1992 WorldWIDE Directory of Women in Environment* and our newsletter, *WorldWIDE News*.

During the last few years, women from all over the world with expertise in various environmental fields have joined our network. Our *Directory of Women in Environment* includes women from 115 countries and grew 70 percent between 1991 and 1992. This impressive increase results largely from effective networking both during and after our very successful *Global Assembly of Women and the Environment*

in Miami in 1991. At this landmark Assembly, we brought together 218 "success stories" -- leaders of projects being implemented by women practitioners involved in gender, environment and development issues. Thirty-nine of these success stories were from the United States.

In the coming months, we plan to expand our global network by strengthening WorldWIDE FORUMs and Affiliates and by convening national assemblies of women and environment. Members of WorldWIDE FORUMs and affiliates are organizing in Barbados, Colombia, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, South Africa, here in the US, and in many other countries.

We would be pleased to provide any additional information on WorldWIDE Network and to answer any questions you may have. We hope you will join our organization as a member and that you will be able to participate in some of our activities in the near future.

We also hope that on issues of gender and environment, you will not hesitate to call on us for input. We look forward to our future collaboration.

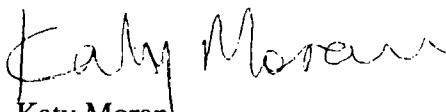
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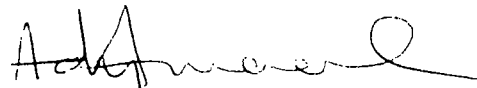
Kathryn Cameron Porter
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Co-Chairperson



Katy Moran
Regional Director, North America



Waafas Ofofu-Amaah
Managing Director

**It was great to share that special time on the podium during the Swearing In. Thanks for helping John Powers and the Council on Foundations!*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 21, 1993

Dr. Darrell A. Posey
Institute of Anthropology
51 Banbury Road
Oxford OX2 6PE
England

Dear Darrell:

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

I passed along the information from
the Schumacher Society to the Vice
President. I appreciate your invitation
to do a "pub crawl" the next time I'm
overseas. Sounds great!

Things are extremely hectic here with
my new duties. I'd like to see a copy of
your book on intellectual property rights
for indigenous peoples when you finish it.

I hope all is well with you.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, Office on
Environmental Policy

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*Glad to see you're still fighting
the good fight (even from the proxy
tower!). Best!*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 12, 1993

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Cannon House Office Building
Room 240
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Pelosi:

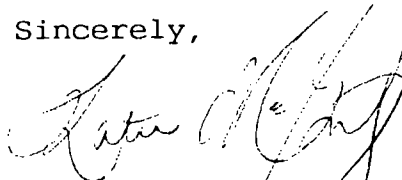
Thank you for contacting me regarding the Joint Resolution on sustainable development. It was good to hear from you, and I sincerely apologize for the delay in my response.

As you know, I share the President's commitment to the preservation of the global environment. I was pleased to learn of your efforts toward implementing Agenda 21 by introducing your Joint Resolution again. The President is in the process of reviewing options for an initiative in the area of sustainable development. I understand that Ms. Judy Lemons of your staff has been extremely helpful in discussions with Mr. John Shafer of my staff in this regard. We look forward to working with Ms. Lemons as we explore the possibility of establishing a showcase for sustainable development at the Presidio Military Base.

Additionally, the President announced in his Earth Day speech our nation's intention to sign the Biodiversity Treaty and commit to greenhouse gas stabilization. I was pleased you were able to join us for that speech. We hope to have more exciting initiatives in international environmental policy in the future.

Again, thank you for sharing this information with me. I look forward to working with you on this and other issues in the future. Your help is important to us.

Sincerely,



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

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

Dear Ms. *Katie* McGinty:

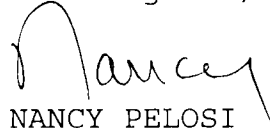
Congratulations on your new position. I have heard many great things about you and look forward to working with you on the important issues confronting our global environment.

During the last Congress, I introduced the Earth Summit Environmental Leadership Act which passed the House and came very close to Senate consideration during the final days of the session. I will introduce a revised version of the legislation, as a Joint Resolution with Senator Pell, in the near future. A copy of the draft resolution is enclosed for your review.

The resolution would encourage the President to implement Agenda 21 by adopting a national strategy for environmentally sustainable development and by assisting developing countries in accomplishing the same. It also calls on the United States to actively support the Commission on Sustainable Development and for the President to report to the Congress on steps taken to implement Agenda 21. If you have any comments on the draft, or would like to offer any suggestions, please feel free to contact my office.

Again, my warmest congratulations to you in your new position. I hope you will call on my office if you should ever need assistance in the Congress.

best regards,



NANCY PELOSI
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 5, 1993

Ms. Polly Parks
Program Associate
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Service Committee
130 Prospect Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Ms. Parks:

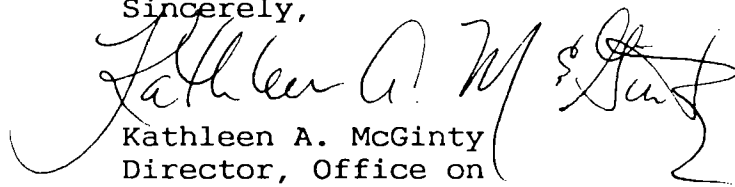
Thank you for the information you sent regarding environmental cleanup at former U.S. military facilities in the Philippines.

As you know, I share the President's concern for the global environment. I appreciate learning of your efforts in the arena of sustainable development.

I regret not being able to meet with you on your last visit to Washington, but will be more than happy to arrange a meeting the next time you are in town.

Again, thank you for contacting me regarding this matter.

Sincerely,


Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, Office on
Environmental Policy

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March 25, 1993

Katie McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director of the Office on Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building, Room No. 358
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty,

Last Sunday, March 21, I gave a sermon at the Summit, N.J. Unitarian Church on U.S.-Philippine relations and U.S. responsibility for environmental cleanup at former U.S. military facilities in the Philippines. Your future father-in-law, Arthur Hausker, came up to me after the sermon and said, "I was moved by what you said and agree there are broader policy issues that need to be addressed. So, it never hurts to have a few more names when you go to Washington." He graciously gave me your fiance's name and your own.

Ms. McGinty, I have been working on Philippine and Filipino-American issues for twenty years, most recently in my capacity as Philippine Program Associate at the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, where I am engaged in education, advocacy, and policy work. I visit the Philippines frequently and am quite familiar with the areas where the former base facilities were located. I also know first hand the concern of Philippine government officials and residents in the areas over this matter, as well as the concern of many in the Filipino-American community here.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to President Clinton which represents the viewpoint of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and forty-three other organizational representatives, including William Schulz, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Special Assistant to the President, Anthony Lake, has responded and I am meeting today at 2:00 p.m. with Ms. Sandra Kristoff who handles the Philippines in the National Security Council (I enclose a copy of the correspondence). I have already had cordial, but inconclusive, meetings at the Department of State with Philippine desk representatives and with Alfonse La Porta, currently the Executive Assistant to the Special Representative of the President for the MAI.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 10, 1993

Mr. Rafe Pomerance
Senior Associate, Policy Affairs
World Resources Institute
1709 New York Avenue, N.W.
Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Rafe:

Congratulations on your appointment
as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for
Environment, Health and Natural Resources!

I am sure that you will do a terrific
job with all of your new responsibilities.
I can't think of a better person for the
job!

Things are extremely hectic, as
usual. I hope all is well with you.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, Office on
Environmental Policy

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*Good to have you on board.
I'm anxious to begin our
work together!*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 29, 1993

Mr. Arnold L. Punaro
Staff Director
Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Punaro:

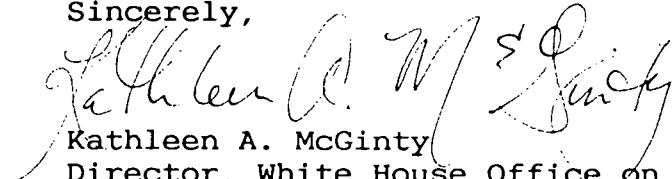
Thank you for contacting me regarding Save Our Rivers, Inc. Mr. Leon Fuerth passed along to me the material you sent on the Cullasaja River near Highlands, North Carolina.

As you know, the Vice President and I are committed to the preservation of our natural heritage. Be assured that we will continue to work toward the goal of a cleaner environment. I certainly appreciate learning of Ms. Margaret R. Jones' work in this regard.

I am forwarding this information to Mr. Patrick Tobin, the Acting Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency in Region IV in Atlanta, for his review.

Again, thank you for contacting me regarding tis matter.

Sincerely,



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

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cc: Mr. Patrick Tobin
Acting Administrator
EPA Region IV

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6050

January 26, 1993

Mr. Leon Fuerth
Assistant to the Vice President for
National Security Affairs
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

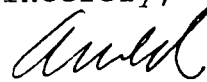
Dear Leon:

Congratulations on your new post in the White House. Your position is vital to the security of the United States especially as events in the world today are ever changing.

On another matter, I would appreciate your help in a matter relating to an environmental issue. I received the enclosed material on the Cullasaja River from a personal friend in North Carolina and would appreciate your efforts in forwarding it to the appropriate personnel who handles environmental issues such as this river project.

Good luck to you in your new position, and I thank you for your assistance with this material.

Sincerely,



Arnold Punaro

Enclosure

*Con -
We all appreciate the work
you did during the campaign + look
forward to helping any way we can -
Since I didn't know who V-P Gore's
environmental person was - hope you can pass
this material to the right person*



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 12, 1993

Mr. Paul F. Pickard
Director
Corporate Communications
Mr. Bernard M. Fox
President and Chief Operating
Officer
Northeast Utilities
P.O. Box 270
Hartford, CT 06141

Mr. Lee B. Reichman, M.D.
President
American Lung Association
1740 Broadway
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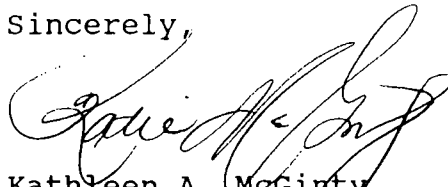
Dear Mr. Pickard, Mr. Fox and Mr. Reichman: --

Thank you for contacting me regarding your efforts to improve air quality by donating emission allowances to the American Lung Association. I share your beliefs that pollution prevention is an important step in the preservation of the global environment. Your leadership in this regard is truly exemplary.

I support your work in reducing air pollution through permanently retiring emission allowances, and I certainly appreciate your help in passing the Clean Air Act Amendments. By working together, the environmental and health communities have accomplished a great deal. I look forward to the possibility of working with you in the future.

Again, thank you for letting me hear from you.

Sincerely,



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

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March 30, 1993

Mr. Trey Lindseth
White House Office of Environmental Policy
350 Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Mr. Lindseth:

I thought that you and Ms. McGinty would be interested in seeing this example of how private industry can work constructively to help improve the quality of the air we all breathe. I know Northeast Utilities' president, Bernie Fox, and I would be very interested in any thoughts you may have regarding this unique venture.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please feel free to call. I'd be happy to provide it.

Sincerely,

Paul F. Pickard, Director
Corporate Communications

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March 24, 1993

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

Dear Ms. McGinty:

This letter is sent to you jointly by Bernie Fox, president and chief operating officer of Northeast Utilities and by Lee Reichman, M.D., president of the American Lung Association. We're writing because we want to make sure that you're aware of what we believe is an exciting, first-of-a-kind approach to improving air quality in New England and, potentially, throughout the United States.

Northeast Utilities, which provides electric service to more than 1.5 million people through subsidiaries in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, joined with Senator Joseph Lieberman in announcing the donation of emission allowances for 10,000 tons of sulfur dioxide over a five-year period to the American Lung Association. In accordance with this donation, the American Lung Association has agreed to permanently retire these allowances so that they will never be used to emit sulfur dioxide into the air we all breathe.

While the donation provides fund raising opportunities for the American Lung Association chapters in three New England states as they seek to encourage environmentally-conscious people to purchase retirement certificates known as "Atmosphere Savings Bonds," this joint effort has national implications. The American Lung Association also has agreed to establish a countrywide repository for allowances through its chapters in all 50 states. Thus utilities and other businesses that have stationary emissions sources will be able to follow Northeast Utilities' example and donate to the Lung Association allowances they do not need for their operations.

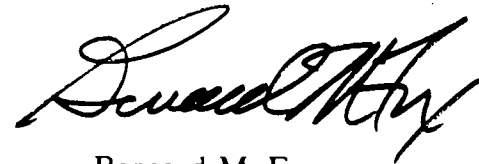
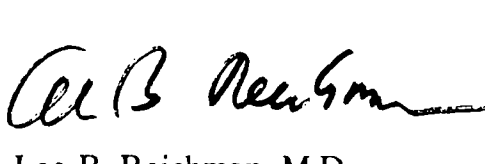
**When You Can't
Breathe,
Nothing Else
Matters™**

Founded in 1904, the American Lung Association includes affiliated associations throughout the U.S., and a medical section, the American Thoracic Society.

It is the strong belief of both Northeast Utilities and the American Lung Association that effective environmental planning and responsible corporate citizenship, as demonstrated by our initiative, will lead to a future in which healthy and sustainable air to breathe will support and nurture strong and sustainable economic growth.

We invite your endorsement of this effort and your encouragement of others to join with us in helping to provide a more healthy environment for all Americans -- now and for generations to follow.

Sincerely,



Lee B. Reichman, M.D.
President
American Lung Association

Bernard M. Fox
President and Chief
Operating Officer
Northeast Utilities

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 13, 1993

Mr. Denny Quirk
10432 41st Avenue, S.W.
Seattle, WA 98146

Dear Mr. Quirk:

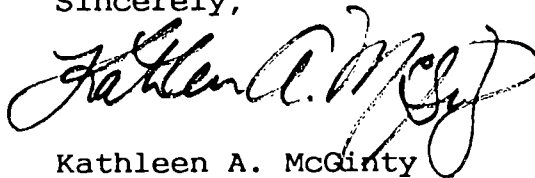
Thank you for contacting me regarding your concerns about the problems facing the Pacific Northwest.

President Clinton and I are committed to the preservation of the environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. The President and I believe that the Forest Conference was a significant step toward the resolution of the problems facing the Pacific Northwest. After the conference, three working groups were established to work on developing a Forest Management Plan. These working groups included a team working on ecosystem management assessment, a team focusing on labor and community assistance, and a team working to improve the relationships among federal and state agencies in the region and to eliminate impediments that block coordinated action.

As you know, President Clinton recently announced his Forest Plan for a Sustainable Economy and a Sustainable Environment, based on the analytical work of the three working groups. I believe that the Forest Plan is scientifically-sound and legally responsible and will provide a sustainable harvest. This plan also includes a new economic assistance program that helps local workers, businesses and communities in strengthening the region's economy by creating family-wage jobs, offering new economic opportunities, and ensuring the region's long-term economic health.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen A. McGinty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name "McGinty" being particularly prominent.

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

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TO:

Ms. Katie McGinty:
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director, Office of Environmental Policy
202/456-6225 (phone) 202/456-2710 (fax)

PLEASE CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING!

- * Discard Option Number Nine.
- * We want a plan that creates permanent ancient forest reserves, not reserves in which logging is permitted.
- * The President's plan must obey existing environmental laws; there should be no "sufficiency" language in the President's proposal.
- * We want President Clinton to live up to the promises he made at the Forest Conference.

FROM: DENNY QUIRK
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FAX 206-682-6683