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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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March 10, 1994

Mr. Frank Muller  
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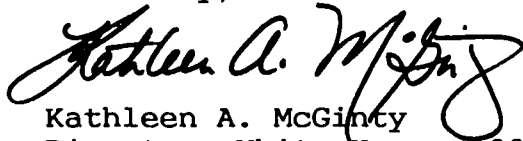
Dear Mr. Muller:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your thoughts about chlorine study and the Clean Water Act reauthorization. It was good to hear from you.

Rest assured that neither EPA nor this Administration has made any decision in the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act that would restrict or ban the use of chlorine or chlorinated compounds. Because of the continuing rigorous public debate on this matter, EPA has proposed a thorough and careful review of the issues. I assure you that the proposed EPA study will be conducted in a fair, objective and balanced fashion, using the best available information and with the participation of all interested parties.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty  
Director, White House Office on  
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**TURCO PRODUCTS, INC.**  
SUBSIDIARY OF ELF ATOCHEM NORTH AMERICA, INC.

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Office Environmental Policy  
Deputy Assistant to the President,  
Kathleen McGinty  
Old Executive Office Bldg Rm 360  
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Washington, D.C. 20501

SUBJECT: U.S. EPA Proposal To Phaseout Chlorine

Dear Ms. McGinty:

As a Research Chemist of Elf Atochem North America's Turco Products division producing speciality chemicals for the Aviation and Metal Finishing industry, I am writing to express to you my opposition to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Browner's recent proposal for development of a plan to "prohibit, reduce or substitute (for) the use of chlorine" over the next 3 years.

What is especially disturbing about the Administrator Browner's announcement is that it reflects a continuing pattern that has excluded industry's input into the Agency's public policy-making process. In the case of chlorine, the Administrator has sought to prejudice the public policy debate in advance of sound scientific assessment and in the absence of input by all stakeholders.

By way of background, Elf Atochem North America is a diversified process chemical manufacturer employing more than 5,200 people nationwide with 33 manufacturing facilities in 17 U.S. states. The Company is headquartered in Philadelphia, PA and reports annual sales of just under \$2 billion. Major product/market segments include: commodity organic and inorganic chemicals and chemical intermediates; specialty chemicals; agricultural chemicals, and polymers.

Chlorine and chlorinated compounds are essential to society

The EPA proposal makes no sense. The proposed ban represents an unscientific approach to regulating chemicals because it proposes prohibiting or reducing the use of chlorine and chlorinated compounds without regard to whether such a significant burden on society is warranted.

Chlorine and chlorinated compounds are used to meet some of the most essential and vital needs of modern society, including: protecting our public water supply, and in 85% of all medicines, 96% of all crop protection chemicals, all vinyl plastics and thousands of other products (manufactured in the US and marketed globally) that are the basis of modern life.

Approximately 1.3 million US jobs depend on the chlorine industry. Wages and salaries total more than \$30 billion a year. Further, almost 40% of all US jobs and income depend in some way on chlorine and products of the chlorine industry. Two hundred and twelve industries use chlorine and related compounds, generating 45 million jobs and \$1.6 trillion in economic activity - including a \$3 billion net trade surplus.

What would Californian's have done during the January 17th earthquake had it not been for chlorine? For every gallon of water you use between 8 - 16 drops of chlorine bleach to purify the water, depending on how the water looked. Our generating stations were damaged and the water was unfit to drink.

2% of the ocean is made up of chlorine.

Process for Evaluating & Minimizing Risk is Already Underway

Scientific experts have concluded that chlorinated compounds span a wide range and should not be considered as a single group for purposes of risk assessment. The EPA proposal would short-circuit such initiatives based on scientific risk assessment, including current projects relating to a reassessment of dioxin and chlorine's use in the pulp and paper industry.

With the exception of a few persistent, biocumulative chlorinated organic chemicals (e.g. DDT) in localized areas resulting from historical uses, current concentrations of chlorine and chlorinated compounds have not been shown to cause adverse effects on humans or the environment. Continuing technological improvements are expected to lower the already low risks of adverse effects related to chlorine in the environment.

Thank you for your considering the points raised in this letter. I hope that, upon a careful review of the implications of the EPA proposal, that this administration will adopt a policy based on (1) credible science that weighs all the evidence in an even-handed manner, including an evaluation of potential alternatives; (2) a fair and balanced process that involves all stakeholders; and (3) weighs social and economic factors.

Respectfully yours,



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March 10, 1994

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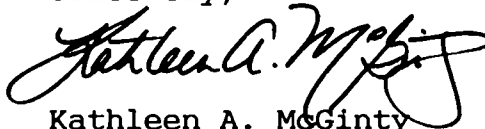
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Kathleen McInty,  
deputy Asst. to the President & Director  
Office of Environmental Policy  
Old Executive Office Bldg, Room 360  
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Washington, DC 20501

February 13, 1994

Dear Ms. McInty:

I am writing to you to express my concern regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's request for a study to develop a strategy to "prohibit, reduce or substitute for the use of Chlorine and chlorinated compounds". The recommendation to ban chlorine is scientifically unfounded.

Banning Chlorine and chlorinated compounds would cause irreversible damage to the economy of the U.S. and would severely diminish U.S. global competitiveness. More than 13 million people are employed by chlorine dependent industries with salaries totaling more than \$30 billion.

Nearly all U.S. industries use chlorine and the products of the chlorine industry. 98% of our drinking water systems rely on chlorine for disinfection. Chlorine is found in 85% of all medicines and plays an

It is unfair that the EPA included activists such as Greenpeace and the U.S. Public Interest Research Group and did not include the people most affected - the chemical industry.

There are many Federal laws and regulations in place to insure environmental protection from chemicals, including Chlorine. I endorse the enforcement of these regulations.

I feel this recommendation on chlorine does not belong in the Clean Water Act - this Act is designed to prevent pollution not prohibit the use of chemicals.

Sincerely,  
Jerylann Mancuso

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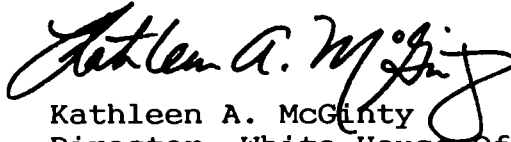
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Kathleen A. McGinty  
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Ron Marston  
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Kathleen M<sup>c</sup>Ginty  
Office of Environmental Policy

Dear Ms M<sup>c</sup>Ginty

I have worked in the chemical industry for thirty five years, and have been a registered democrat the same amount of time.

I'm appalled by the EPA's call to prohibit the use of chlorine and chlorine compounds. Such a prohibition threatens hundreds of thousands of jobs, and is based on hysteria not science.

The EPA's proposal does not even belong in the clean water act and should not be a part of the administration proposals on that act.

This action is a cheap form of politics concocted by Green Peace and Vice President Gore to begin to pave his way into the White House as the savior of the environment.

Yours Truly

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Mr. L'Jean McKneely, Sr.  
3913 Jefferson Street  
Baker, LA 70714

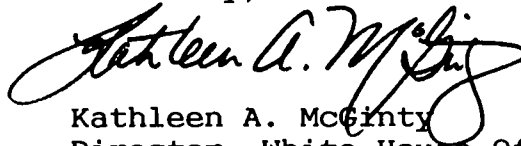
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February 16, 1994

Ms. Kathleen McGinty  
Office of Environmental Policy  
Deputy Asst. to the President & Director  
Washington , D.C.

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I oppose the U.S. Environmental Protection agency's recommendation for a study to develop a strategy to " prohibit , reduce or substitute the use of chlorine and chlorinated compounds " as part of the clean water act reauthorization.

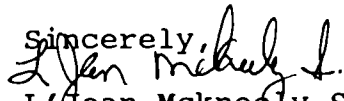
Chlorine chemistry contributes more than \$90 billion per year in saving to consumer and adds \$3 billion toward the net trade surplus of the U. S. chemical industry. More than 1.3 million people are employed by chlorine - dependent industries , with salaries that total more than \$30 billion.

About 85 percent of all pharmaceuticals are manufactured using chlorine chemistry , ninety - eight percent of the U. S. drinking water use chlorine and chlorine base products. Ninety - six percent of all crop - protection chemicals are based on chlorine. Chlorine has improved our lives.

I and my fellow workers will be out of a job and forced to go on welfare , with the unemployment of Louisiana going into the double digits. I and many of my fellow countrymen need your help.

More than a dozen federal laws and hundreds of individuals regulations already are in place to ensure the environmental protection from chemicals ,including chlorine. Lets enforce those laws.

I recommend that anytime E.P.A. propose to "prohibit" the use of any chemical , that the scientific community , users , producers also be involved in the decision. I also suggest that the economical and social impact be determined.

Sincerely,  
  
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Ms. Debra Matens  
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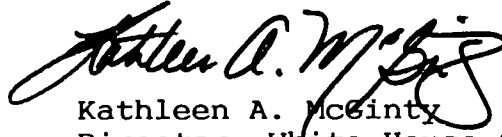
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February 12, 1994

Ms. Kathleen McGinty  
Deputy Assistant to the  
President and Director  
Office of Environmental Policy  
Old Executive Office Bldg., Room 360  
17th St. and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

You and I and everyone else worldwide use products such as windows, doors, toys, automotive parts, shampoo bottles and food packaging, just to name a few, everyday of our lives. In fact, many of us would not survive without those items which play a critical role in health care, such as blood bags and medical tubing.

Aside from bringing a multitude of benefits to everyone, these and numbers of other items with which we come into daily contact all have one simple, but important, feature in common - they are all produced from chlorine.

I am writing to express how deeply troubled I am with the recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) request

for Congressional authorization to conduct a study to develop a strategy to "prohibit, reduce, or substitute [for] the use of chlorine." This proposal was manipulatively tacked on to the Administration's recommendations for Clean Water Act reauthorization sent to Congress last week.

Why would such a study trouble me? Because the aforementioned products and THOUSANDS of others could no longer be available. That means 85% of all medicines—GONE. That means 96% of all crop protection products—GONE. That means our protected water supply—GONE. That means fresh, non-contaminated food—GONE. That means clean and disinfected hospitals and homes—GONE; That means over 100,000 jobs paying more than \$2.5 billion in annual wages in my state alone—GONE.

Furthermore, what I find even more frightening is, as a result of banning chlorine and chlorine-related compounds without just cause, which, by the way, contribute to more than \$90

billion per year in savings to the consumer (you and me) and add \$3 billion toward the net trade surplus of the U. S. chemical industry, our country is destined to suffer (nationally and globally) enormous, irreversable, economical destruction.

As I am sure you are aware, not only is this recommendation on banning chlorine scientifically unfounded, but directly conflicts with the EPA's reply to the International Joint Commission which specifically rejected sunseting chlorine and chlorine-containing compounds!

I want you to know how very strongly opposed I am to the Clean Water Act including prohibiting the use of chlorine and chlorine-related compounds along the lines of EPA's concepts. I urge you to oppose as well.

Sincerely,

Debra Matens

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March 10, 1994

Dr. R.R. Miller  
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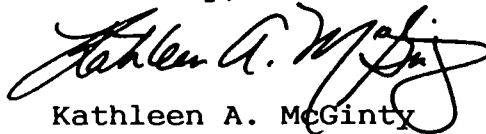
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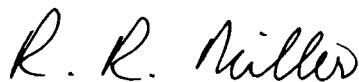
Office of Environmental Policy  
Deputy Asst. to the Pres. and Dir.  
Kathleen McGinty  
Old Executive Office Building  
Room 360  
17th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Deputy Assistant and Director McGinty:

The purpose of this letter is to voice my strong objection to the recent proposal by EPA administrator Carol Browner for a study to identify ways "to prohibit, reduce or substitute the use of chlorine" within the next three years. It is particularly significant to note that this was not a proposal for a study to determine *whether* a chlorine phase-out is actually necessary, but *how* a phase out strategy is to be developed. This outrageous proposal is not scientifically sound, and is basically a "throw the baby out with the bath water" approach that could have extremely severe negative consequences on the quality of life in our country, while providing no measurable protection or benefit for human health or the environment. On the contrary, we could in fact experience a dramatic increase in the threat from infectious diseases if chlorination of drinking water were to be curtailed. Likewise, there could be a dramatic impact on the availability of hundreds of pharmaceuticals and crop protection chemicals since chlorine and chlorinated compounds are used extensively in those applications. Chlorinated substances are also used in an array of plastics and other products that make our lives more safe, convenient and comfortable. At the present time, more than one million U.S. jobs are directly dependent on the chlorine industry, with annual wages and salaries totaling more than \$30 billion annually. It is, therefore, quite tragic that our EPA administrator has somehow leaped to the false conclusion that the overall demonstrated benefits of thousands of chlorinated products are totally outweighed by hazards associated with relatively few substances. The basis for that illogical conclusion has not been explained by the administrator, but the influence of at least one leading environmental advocacy group is unmistakable. The process by which the administrator was persuaded to make the chlorine chemistry proposal was obviously unbalanced, as evidenced by the fact that environmental activist groups were included while industry, as well as even most of the top EPA career scientists were excluded. This was not only unfair, but also naive and unwise in view of the tremendous ramifications of the proposal.

I strongly urge you to oppose any initiative that would prohibit or reduce the use of chlorine chemistry as a general class. There are certain chlorinated chemicals (e.g., dioxins, furans, polychlorinated biphenyls) which are recognized as potentially dangerous to human health or the environment, and we need to continue to vigorously and relentlessly work to control them. Restrictions on other beneficial chlorinated products which do not threaten human health or the environment would be unwise, unwarranted and counter productive. Our regulatory bodies must recognize that there are vast differences in the properties of chlorinated substances, and that there are adequate scientific methodologies currently available to distinguish between those that pose risks and those that do not. We must use these methods to focus on the real problems, rather than squandering our precious resources on imagined ones. This approach will result in regulations that are cost effective and based on the best available scientific information. It will also meet the very important objectives of protecting the environment while at the same time maintaining a strong economy.

Sincerely,

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R. R. Miller, Ph.D.

Diplomate American Board of Toxicology

THE WHITE HOUSE  
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March 10, 1994

Mr. Lawrence A. Mann  
1137 Elmcrest Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Dear Mr. Mann:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your thoughts about chlorine study and the Clean Water Act reauthorization. It was good to hear from you.

Rest assured that neither EPA nor this Administration has made any decision in the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act that would restrict or ban the use of chlorine or chlorinated compounds. Because of the continuing rigorous public debate on this matter, EPA has proposed a thorough and careful review of the issues. I assure you that the proposed EPA study will be conducted in a fair, objective and balanced fashion, using the best available information and with the participation of all interested parties.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

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February 14, 1994

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Depty Asst. to the President and Director  
Kathleen McGinty  
Washington DC

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I have not sent any letters to you regarding issues until now. I would appreciate your consideration of my concerns on the issue of a proposed EPA study.

I have learned of an EPA request for Congressional authorization to conduct a study to develop a strategy to "prohibit, reduce or substitute (for) the use of chlorine." This proposal is part of the Administration's recommendation for Clean Water Act re-authorization sent to Congress this week. I vigorously oppose it.

My opposition to this EPA request originates in two areas, economic reasons and impact on our daily lives.

Economic reasons:

- The products of chlorine chemistry contribute more than \$90 billion per year in savings to the consumer and add \$3 billion toward the new trade surplus of the U.S. chemical industry.
- More than 1.3 million people are employed by chlorine-dependant industries with salaries that total more than \$30 billion.
- Nearly all U.S. industries use chlorine and the products of chlorine chemistry.

Impact on our daily lives:

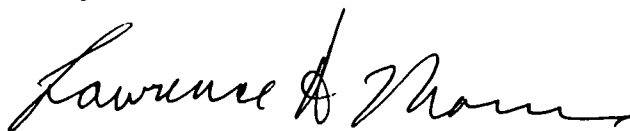
- In the United States we have 3,248 plants directly employing 366,739 workers in chlorine-dependent Industries with total salaries of \$1.3 Billion.
- Ninety-eight (98) percent of drinking water in the United States is purified using chlorine and chlorine-based products.
- Chlorine disinfectants are crucial for home, hospital and food-handling cleanliness.
- Eighty-five (85) percent of all pharmaceutical are manufactured using chlorine chemistry. Almost one third of all central nervous system drugs actually contain chlorine and 98 percent of gastrointestinal medications use chlorine in their manufacture.
- Ninety-six (96) percent of all crop-protection chemicals are based on chlorine chemistry. A study by Charles River Associates (Boston, Mass) shows that a ban on crop-protection chemicals would affect 90 percent of all grain farms and could result in an average annual cost of more than \$350 per family of four.

More than a dozen federal laws and hundreds of individual regulations already are in place to ensure environmental protection from chemicals, including chlorine. I endorse the rigorous enforcement of those regulations.

This recommendation on chlorine does not belong in the Clean Water Act because the Act is designed to prevent pollution, not "prohibit" the use of chemicals. If the Act contains a chlorine recommendation long the lines of EPA's concepts, I oppose it and urge you to do likewise.

Thank you for any attention you give this matter.

Sincerely,

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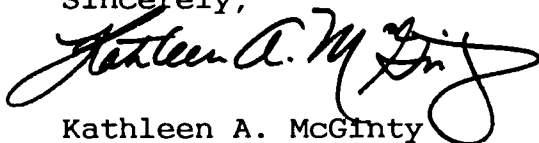
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Washington D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty,

Just this past week I have learned of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's recommendation for a study to develop a "strategy to prohibit, reduce, or substitute the use of chlorine and chlorinated compounds" as part of the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act. This recommendation on chlorine is not based on any scientific facts. The fact is chlorine and chlorine containing compounds are essential to society.

The process used to arrive at the chlorine recommendation was unbalanced. While the E.P.A. included activists like Greenpeace and U.S. Public Interest Research Group in the process, it excluded the most affected - the key industry representatives. This unbalanced process is inconsistent with the President's pledge to run an open, inclusive Administration.

Finally I would like to say that it is my belief that prohibiting chlorine and chlorinated compounds without

justification would cause irreparable damage to the U.S. economy. This would certainly diminish the U.S. global competitiveness. The products of chlorine chemistry contribute more than \$90 billion per year in savings to the consumer and add \$3 billion toward the net trade surplus of the U.S. chemical industry. More than 1.3 million people are employed by chlorine-dependant industries with salaries that total more than \$30 billion. Nearly all U.S. industries use chlorine and the products of chlorine chemistry.

Beyond the unfounded recommendation and unbalanced process, this recommendation on chlorine does not belong in the Clean Water Act because that Act is designed to prevent pollution, not "prohibit" the use of chemicals. If the Act contains a chlorine recommendation along the lines of E.P.A.'s concepts, I will oppose it vigorously and I urge you to do likewise. I also ask you to advise the White House and E.P.A. about your concerns. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,  
Charles A. Monhart

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March 10, 1994

Mr. H. L. Mobley  
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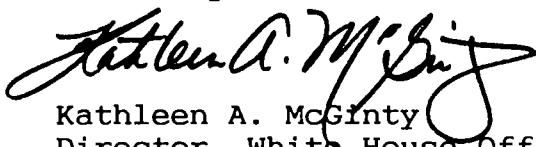
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Dear Ms. McGinty:

This is to express my strong opposition to a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) request for Congressional authorization to consider a strategy to "prohibit, reduce or substitute the use of chlorine". This recommendation is in direct conflict with EPA's response to the International Joint Commission specifically rejecting sunseting all uses of chlorine and chlorine containing compounds. The chlorine proposal does not belong in the Clean Water Act.

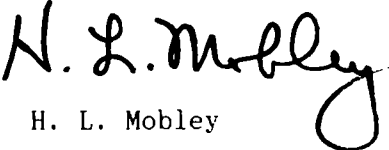
Prohibiting chlorine and chlorinated compounds without justification would cause irreparable damage to the U.S. economy and would severely diminish U.S. global competitiveness. Banning the use of chlorine and chlorinated compounds will cost tens of thousands of jobs, including mine. Some 370,000 jobs (\$10 billion in wages each year) at 3,200 facilities in the United States depend directly on chlorine. An additional 950,000 jobs depend indirectly on chlorine through secondary employment (another \$21 billion annually). Furthermore, the products of chlorine chemistry contribute \$91 billion per year in savings to the consumer and \$3 billion toward the net trade surplus of the U.S. chemical industry.

Chlorine and chlorinated compounds are used to meet the vital needs of everyday life. They are found in 85 percent of all medicines and 96 percent of all crop protection products. They are used to protect our water supply, to keep food fresh and free from contamination, and to clean and disinfect hospitals and homes. In calling for the ban, the EPA has neither completed a detailed evaluation of the risk-benefit of potential alternatives nor addressed the tremendous risks associated with not having chlorine available to society. Adequate federal laws and regulations are already in place to ensure environmental protection from chemicals, including chlorine.

The process by which EPA added this section on chlorine to its Clean Water "Green Book" is unbalanced and unsupportable from a scientific standpoint. Additionally, the inclusion of this provision in the proposal violates the very concept of due process. The groups most affected -- the chemical industry, industry suppliers and customers, industry employees, and the public at large -- were excluded from the process by which EPA added this proposal, while activists such as Greenpeace and U.S. Public Interest Research (PIRG) actively participated.

The chlorine proposal does not belong in the Clean Water Act and should not be part of the Administration's proposal on that Act. If the Act contains any provision to ban or further restrict the use of chlorine, I strongly urge that you oppose it.

Respectfully,

  
H. L. Mobley

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1994

Mr. Joseph Melanson  
44382 Braud Street  
Sorrento, LA 70778

Dear Mr. Melanson:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your thoughts about chlorine study and the Clean Water Act reauthorization. It was good to hear from you.

Rest assured that neither EPA nor this Administration has made any decision in the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act that would restrict or ban the use of chlorine or chlorinated compounds. Because of the continuing rigorous public debate on this matter, EPA has proposed a thorough and careful review of the issues. I assure you that the proposed EPA study will be conducted in a fair, objective and balanced fashion, using the best available information and with the participation of all interested parties.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,



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

KAM/avl

February 14, 1994

Deputy Asst. to the Pres. and Dir.  
Kathleen McGinty  
Office of Environmental Policy  
Old Executive Office Building  
Room 360  
17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20501

FAX: (202/456-2710)

Dear Ms. McGinty:

As a chemical worker in Louisiana, we are opposed to the proposal to prohibit, reduce or substitute the use of chlorine.

Chlorine or chlorinated compounds are used in almost every aspect of our every day lives.

The loss of this industry will face grave consequences, including the loss of many jobs.

We are confident that once you are aware of the vital contribution that chlorine and its products provide to public health and the U.S. economy, you will reconsider this proposal.

Sincerely,

*Joseph K. Melancon*  
44382 BRAND ST.  
SORRENTO, LA. 70778

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Deborah McCutchen  
P.O. Box 84  
Heath, MA 01346

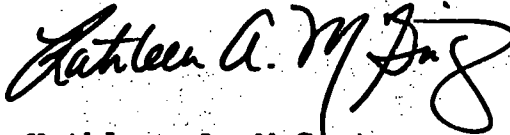
Dear Ms. McCutchen:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about the potentially harmful effects of high noise levels on fish and cetaceans. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, Vice President Gore and I are committed to the protection of the diverse plant and animal life found on our planet. I certainly appreciate learning of your concerns about the effects of the operation of loudspeakers off the coast of Hawaii and California on animal life in the vicinity. I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for review and response to the specific issues you raise.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,



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

KAM/jdm

Deborah McCutchen  
PO Box 84  
Heath, MA, 01346  
( temporarily: PO Box 56  
Dept. Zoology, Otago University  
Dunedin, New Zealand)

Katy McGinty  
Director of White House Office of Environmental Policy  
Old Executive Office Bldg.  
Rm. 360  
Washington, D.C. 20501 USA

February 8, 1994

I am writing in protest of the extremely loud ATOC sound source to be placed off Pt. Sur, Calif., and Kauai, Hawaii.

I am a graduate student of Zoology and Wildlife Management, currently studying Cetaceans in New Zealand but a tax paying citizen of the United States.

I am extremely displeased to find my families tax money going to a possibly billion dollar project which could cause irreparable harm to marine life and probably yield questionable results at best in regards to global warming. There are other, less damaging ways to study global warming which would no doubt give results that would not be a decade out of date by the time they were measurable.

It does not surprise me that this is being funded by the military, an entity which is often shortsighted and unnecessarily destructive in its manner of 'protecting' its citizens. The days of using civilians as guinea pigs for nuclear and pesticide testing are not so far in the past that one automatically trusts military policy towards humans, much less our one and only environment.

Global warming is supposedly a human-generated threat to the environment. We already know that it probably occurs and many of the causes. Our tax money would be far better spent towards educating people on how to improve the situation and refitting industry for less destructive methods of production.

As a Wildlife Manager I too often see money spent towards trying to prove something so strenuously that by the time the facts are clear the species or environment is far too damaged to save.

Scientific method is valuable but should not cause more damage in its investigation.

According to many professional cetologists and oceanographers, the ATOC project carries with it an unreasonable risk to marine mammal welfare, as well as to other marine organisms (esp. those with swim bladders). Sperm whales, for example, use sonar to echolocate, navigate and feed. They are thought to use sound to stun giant squid at depths at or below the 800m where the ATOC sound will be generated. Not only could the projected sound disrupt their hearing, feeding and mobility, it could do the same to their food animals, which, it should be noted, are also human targeted food species. How can this disruption of our own food chain be justified? Especially when results are at least a decade away and will be highly questionable even then. The project is likely to cause more damage than the global warming itself.

It is against logic to destroy an ecosystem on the vague chance that you might be able to measure whether something else is harming it. Put the money and effort instead into clearer action. Use it to change the things that are causing global warming and to combat ignorance.

Fishing is a multibillion dollar industry, whale-watching is becoming one as well, the many uses and abuses to which we subject our ocean are all going to be giantly affected by this new and massive experiment. Why add this noise to the many ways in which we are already polluting the world? Ocean noise pollution may already be responsible for the inability of the giant blue whales to find each other and propagate, for pilot whales stranding, for stress and unhealthy populations of many species.

Don't let our own military be responsible for another gigantic environmental disaster. We know more than we ever have about how some 'experiments' can affect our world and eventually human lives. The quality of those lives are important too. Please help us maintain it. Don't let the ATOC project continue without at least giving more time to assess the possibility of irreparable damage to our oceans and marine life. Isn't the protection of these --and us--the long term goal after all?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah A. Cohen", with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Mr. William McGill  
White-Sided Research Group  
2764, Fairview Cr.  
Vancouver, BC  
CANADA V6T 2B9

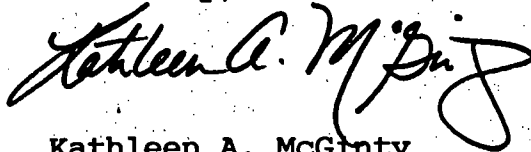
Dear Mr. McGill:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about the potentially harmful effects of high noise levels on fish and cetaceans. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, Vice President Gore and I are committed to the protection of the diverse plant and animal life found on our planet. I certainly appreciate learning of your concerns about the effects of the operation of loudspeakers off the coast of Hawaii and California on animal life in the vicinity. I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for review and response to the specific issues you raise.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,



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

KAM/jdm

Vancouver, Feb. 9th, 1994

Katy McGinty  
Director of the White House Office of Environmental Policy  
Old Executive Building  
Room 360  
Washington, DC 20501

Madam,

I am writing to express my opposition to the ATOC projects as planned for Hawaii and Pt. Sur, California.

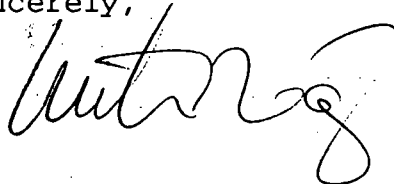
While the information expected to come out of the project would no doubt be useful to our understanding of global warming, I feel, as do many of my colleagues, that it does not justify the potential harm the project might do to the marine acoustic environment. The background noise levels of the oceans have increased drastically since the advent of propeller-driven ships. The ATOC project would only add to this noise, and in my opinion, unnecessarily.

The ATOC project, as I understand it, intends to project ca. 200dB sounds - this is several times louder than even the largest super-tankers, and for 20 minutes every 4 hours. I feel this duty cycle is excessive. If the ATOC project must go ahead, then surely the same information could be obtained with a much lower duty cycle?

If the aim of the project is to prove conclusively that global warming is occurring so that the politicians in the world's capitals can introduce legislation to reduce the production of greenhouse gases, then the experiment is an unnecessary waste of time and effort - we don't need more experimental evidence, we need legislative action. Anyone who has ever lived in any city can attest to the reduction of pollution being a good idea. Any more experimentation is simply procrastination.

I urge you to consider the ATOC project very carefully, and to keep in mind its global repercussions. I think I am not alone in saying that the money could be much better spent elsewhere, perhaps to fund more smaller marine research projects, or to push for some legislative action on global warming.

Sincerely,



William McGill  
White-Sided Research Group  
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Vancouver, BC, Canada V6T 2B9  
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email: megill@unixg.ubc.ca

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*Pat Shorne*  
NOAA 482-3436

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Jim Moore. Ph.D.  
Department of Anthropology, 0101  
University of California, San Diego  
9500 Gilman Drive  
La Jolla, CA 92093-0101

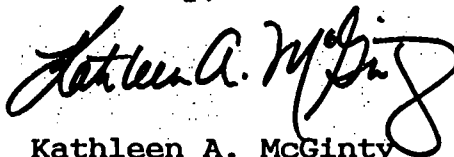
Dear Dr. Moore:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about the potentially harmful effects of high noise levels on fish and cetaceans. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, Vice President Gore and I are committed to the protection of the diverse plant and animal life found on our planet. I certainly appreciate learning of your concerns about the effects of the operation of loudspeakers off the coast of Hawaii and California on animal life in the vicinity. I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for review and response to the specific issues you raise.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,



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

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DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY, 0101

FAX: (619) 534-5946

Katy McGinty

Director of White House Office of Environmental Policy  
Old Executive Office Bldg.  
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Washington, DC 20501

9500 GILMAN DRIVE

LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA 92093-0101

11 Feb 1994

Dear Dr. McGinty,

I am writing concerning the proposed Acoustic Thermography of Global Ocean Climate (ATOC) Project, which will involve periodic 195dB sound bursts from deepwater locations off Pt. Sur (CA) and Kauai (HI).

As you know there is substantial concern for the impact such broadcasts might have on marine animals, cetaceans in particular. The lack of detailed baseline studies of marine mammals in the areas affected means that it will be difficult if not impossible to document behavioral effects of the ATOC sounds\*; physiological effects will be detectable only insofar as morbidity and mortality of free-ranging animals are observable. In other words, while many researchers *think* that the ATOC sounds will have negligible impact on marine mammals, nobody really knows and it isn't clear how much damage might be done before we find out.

The ATOC Project is essentially *applied* science. We are not abstractly curious about deep ocean temperatures; instead, we need to know whether global warming is occurring so that we can determine appropriate federal and global policy responses.

*IF* global warming sceptics will agree *a priori* that the ATOC design will produce meaningful results in a timely manner, then the risk to marine animals is justified--they'll be far worse off if we blow it. Experience suggests though that after 5-10 years of the Project, as data accumulate, researchers sceptical of initial results [whatever they are] will quibble with nuances and this process will continue for years\*\*. If ATOC is *not* definitive within the next ca. 20 years, the risk to marine life is not justified; surface measurements will have done the job.

I urge that every effort be made to get all the major research players in the global warming field onboard ahead of time, agreeing to something along the lines of "If ATOC finds an increase of X° after 5 years, then the following policies will be enacted; if not, we conclude global warming is not occurring." If such consensus cannot be arrived at *before* the experiment, there is little reason to think that the experiment is a useful tool and it should not be implemented.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

  
Jim Moore, PhD  
jjmoore@ucsd.edu

\*cf. debate as to whether grey whale migration patterns off California, and humpback whale distribution in Hawaii, have been affected by small vessel traffic--comparatively "simple" questions.

\*\*cf. smoking and health, for one.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Dear Marilyn -  
Thank you for all of  
your efforts to prepare  
our lovely evening at the  
VP's Residence last  
week. I think that  
the event was a great  
success. All felt very  
welcome and enjoyed themselves  
very much.  
Thanks again for helping to  
make that happen! Sincerely -  
Laura McArthur

Marilyn Montgomery  
Mrs. Gore's Office  
Room 200  
OEBK.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 4, 1994

Mr. Thomas F. Malone  
Director, The Sigma Xi Center  
Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Center  
99 Alexander Drive  
P.O. Box 13975  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

Dear Mr. Malone:

Thank you for your letter and the information you enclosed regarding "International Networks for Addressing Issues of Global Change." It was good to hear from you.

As you know, the preservation of the environment continues to be one of my highest priorities. I appreciate learning about new developments at Sigma Xi and how they could be used to improve environmental quality.

Again, thank you for sharing this information with me.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. McGinty  
Director, Office on  
Environmental Policy

KAM/jdm



## Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society

February 11, 1994

Ms. Kathleen McGinty, Director  
Office of Environmental Policy  
OEOB, Rm 3260  
17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. McGinty:

In light of the reexamination underway of environmental programs in the context of their relation to development, the Summary Report of an international group that met in North Carolina last August may be of interest. A copy is enclosed. It represents views based on several decades of involvement with national and international programs.

The concept of global change is reformulated in terms of the consequences of exponential and asymmetrical demographic and economic trajectories. Research (discovery) is placed in the context of the discovery, integration, dissemination, and application of knowledge that drives human progress.

This cascade of knowledge is identified as the dimension that needs to be added to the economic measures that have failed to reduce the widening demographic and economic gaps between industrialized and developing countries over recent decades.

Networking that employs emerging computer/communications technologies, and innovative modes of partnership, are proposed to pursue a new vision of society during the 21st century.

Some of the ideas may be useful for the studies underway in your office.

With every good wish,

Thomas F. Malone  
Director, The Sigma Xi Center

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Enc: International Networks for Addressing Issues of Global Change

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 22, 1994

Mr. George Mellor  
400 Groveland Ave. #709  
Minneapolis, MN 55403

Dear Mr. Mellor:

Thank you for your letter about Option 9, the President's Forest Plan. This Administration shares your desire that the adopted Forest Plan be both legally and biologically sound and defensible. I assure you that it will be both. Thank you again for your concern, and for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'William Stelle', followed by a large checkmark.

William Stelle  
Associate Director for Natural Resources  
White House Office on Environmental Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 24, 1994

Ms. Margaret Mayer  
Rural Route 1, Box 639  
Brownfield, ME 04010

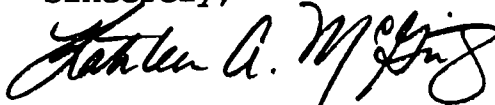
Dear Ms. Mayer:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about legislation to protect the Arctic wilderness areas. It was good to hear from you.

The preservation of the environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth continues to be one of President Clinton's and Vice President Gore's top priorities. I certainly appreciate learning your views on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and specifically your thoughts about this legislation. This Administration remains committed to protecting the diversity and natural resources found in the coastal regions of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,



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

KAM/avl

I would add my support for the Arctic  
Wilderness Bill (H.R. 39 + S. 52) to keep  
the Arctic National Refuge a wilderness forever.  
I have traveled there & know the caribou migration  
does not need additional disturbance. We as  
a society need to seek ways to reduce our consumption  
of energy, ~~to~~ not seek new sources which harm  
fragile ecosystems such as the tundra.

Margaret Mayle  
Rt 1 Box 639  
Browfield, ME 04810  
college instructor / ecologist

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 25, 1994

Mr. Edgar Miller  
Director of Policy and Programs  
National Recycling Coalition  
Recycling Advisory Council  
1101 30th Street, N.W.  
Suite 305  
Washington, D.C. 20007

Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for your recent letter and the information you enclosed regarding your work at the Recycling Advisory Council (RAC). It was good to hear from you, and I enjoyed the opportunity to meet with you on my recent visit to Seattle.

President Clinton and I understand the important need to encourage recycling practices at all levels of government, as well as in the private sector. This Administration supports efforts such as yours which promote innovative market development initiatives.

I certainly appreciate your kind invitation to join the RAC as a representative of the federal government. Unfortunately, the constraints of my office prohibit me from accepting your gracious offer.

Again, thank you for thinking of me. Please keep me apprised of your progress in this arena.

Sincerely,



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

KAM/avl

*If there only were more time. Keep up  
the great work!*



# RAC

Recycling Advisory Council  
1101 30th Street, NW Suite 305  
Washington, DC 20007  
202 • 625 • 6410  
202 • 625 • 6409 (FAX)

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February 4, 1994

how do we handle?  
Do you want to do this?

Clifford Case III, Chair  
Founder and Past President  
National Recycling Coalition

Katie McGinty  
Director and Deputy Assistant  
to the President

Jan Beyea  
Chief Scientist & Vice President  
National Audubon Society

Office on Environmental Policy  
Old Executive Office Building  
Room 360

Becky Cain  
President  
League of Women Voters of the U.S.

Washington, DC 20501

Don DeMase  
Chairman of the Board/CEO  
Fort Howard Corporation

Dear Katie: Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule in Seattle to meet with representatives of the Recycling Advisory Council and members of the Chicago Board of Trade. It was good seeing you again and catching up. We were all impressed with the leadership role you are playing with the President's Council on Sustainable Development and appreciate your efforts.

David Dougherty  
Director  
Clean Washington Center

Don Graham  
Founder, Owner and CEO  
Graham Packaging Co.

Sandra Jerabek  
Executive Director  
Californians Against Waste Foundation

Karpatkin  
ive Director  
Consumers Union

Bob McCoach  
Vice President, Manufacturing  
Time Inc.

David Muchnick  
President and CEO  
Bronx 2000

The Honorable Norm Rice  
Mayor  
City of Seattle, WA

David Serls  
President  
Colonial Metals

Cynthia Conklin  
(ex officio, nonvoting)  
President's Designee  
National Recycling Coalition

The RAC/CBOT project is gaining momentum and support within the recycling community. We plan to select the initial materials to be traded on the exchange this spring. Product specifications, trading procedures, dispute resolution mechanisms and other implementation activities should be completed this summer in order to commence trading later this year. We will keep you informed of the project's status and progress.

As David Dougherty and I discussed with you in Seattle, we are interested in the possibility of you serving on the RAC to increase our leadership profile and to assist the RAC in promoting policy development and public/private partnerships, like the CBOT demonstration project, to increase recovered materials utilization. Consequently, on behalf of the National Recycling Coalition's Board of Directors I would like to formally invite you to join the RAC as the federal-level elected/appointed official in the public sector category. In fact, the vacancy you would fill is the slot originally held by then-Senator Gore and later Senator Chafee.

We are very excited about the possibility of bringing someone of your caliber and stature onto the RAC. We also realize the time constraints and competing priorities you face. As you may recall, the RAC meets three times a year, with RAC members required to attend at least one meeting a year to remain in good standing. Your time commitment would not be significant, but I know you want to be sure that if you agree to serve you will have the time to be an active participant.

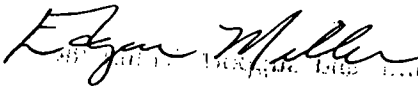
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McGinty Letter  
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I have attached a summary of the RAC's activities for your review. The RAC's work is taking on a renewed focus based on many of the concepts promoted by you and the Vice President during his tenure on the RAC. We welcome the opportunity to work with you to turn these concepts into reality and ensure that recovered materials utilization becomes an integral component of our nation's sustainable environmental and economic future.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss any specific projects or ideas. In order to be prepared for the next RAG meeting, which will probably be held in late April in Seattle, we would like to have new members on board in early March. If possible, please advise us by the end of this month if you are interested in serving on the RAC. Thank you for your considerations.

Sincerely,



Edgar Miller  
Director of Policy and Programs  
National Recycling Coalition

cc: Cliff Case, RAC Chair  
David Dougherty, RAC Market Development Committee Chair  
Mark Lichtenstein, NRC President  
Cynthia Conklin, NRC RAC Liaison  
Marsha Rhea, NRC Executive Director

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 25, 1994

Mr. Peter A McGrath  
President  
American Power Corporation  
33 Rock Hill Road  
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004-2010

Dear Mr. McGrath:

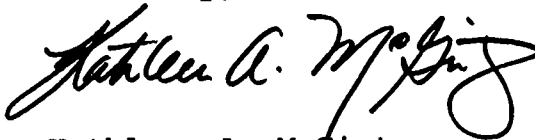
Thank you for your letter and the press release you enclosed. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, I share the President's dedication to environmental protection and sustainable economic development. I appreciate learning about your plans to perform important efforts at American Power Corporation.

You may be interested to learn that the Environmental Protection Agency is planning an effort to look at its regulatory system so as to reduce unintended barriers to technological innovation. Innovative recycling can, and is improving the environment daily.

Again, thank you for writing. I wish you the best in your efforts at American Power Corporation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kathleen A. McGinty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kathleen" and last name "McGinty" clearly legible.

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

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**AMERICAN POWER CORP.**

33 Rock Hill Road  
Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania 19004-2010  
(215) 668-8143 Fax (215) 668-0719

January 10, 1994

*Via U.S. Mail*

Ms. Katie McGinty  
Director  
Office of Environmental Policy  
Old Executive Office Building  
Room 360  
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

Enclosed is a copy of a news release announcing the start of construction for American Power Recyclers, L.P.'s office paper recycling mill in West Virginia. Thank you for your interest in our project. Please feel free to contact me if you desire any additional information.

Sincerely,

  
Peter A. McGrath  
President

PAMcG:lrt  
Enclosure



Recycled Paper

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1994

Mr. Mike Medberry  
Box 2480  
Ketchum, ID 83340

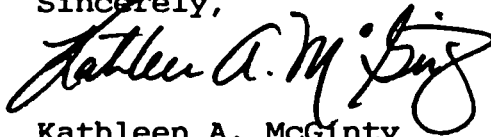
Dear Mr. Medberry:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding your thoughts about the U.S. Air Force's proposed bombing range in Owyhee County, Idaho. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, the protection of our nation's valuable natural resources continues to be one of the Administration's highest priorities. I appreciate learning your views about the potential environmental impacts of the proposed bombing range. I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Environmental Security for review of the specific issues that you raise. I am sure that your concerns will be given the appropriate consideration.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,

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

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

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1/24/94  
Box 2480  
Ketchum ID 83340  
(208) 726-3461

Dear Mr. McInty and staff:

I've enclosed to you a letter I wrote to Secretary of Interior Babbitt concerning the proposed bombing range on Idaho BLM land. The land would be exchanged to the State of Idaho and leased to the Air Force for bombing & fighter training.

The bomb range is supported by Governor Andrus, which makes the proposal difficult for the Clinton Administration. And it is why I am appealing to you for help. Please consider supporting the procedural and substantive positions I suggest to Mr. Babbitt.

Your involvement in this matter is absolutely, unequivocally essential to assure that a scientifically defensible, natural resource based decision is made. The OEP has been invisible out here yet I know of your work. Please feel free to contact me if you would like. Thanks!

Sincerely,  
Paula Medberry  
(208) 726-3461

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 17, 1994

Mr. Frank Mack  
234 157 Street  
Calumet City, IL 60409

Dear Mr. Mack:

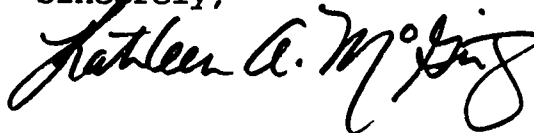
Thank you for writing to me about pollution from laundry dryers. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, I am dedicated to the preservation of the natural environment. I appreciate your bringing to my attention the health problems clothes dryer exhausts may pose.

I understand your concerns in this regard and am forwarding your information to the Environmental Protection Agency for their review and response. I am sure that your concerns will be given every consideration.

Again, thank you for sharing this information with me.

Sincerely,

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

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Dear Ms. McInty:

I wrote about pollution from laundry dryers to V.P. Al Gore when the Mississippi flood was raging. I guess he was pretty busy and did not see my letter.

My gripe is anybody's next-door-neighbor's basement clothes dryer where everyone uses the anti-static

cling-stuff that they put perfume in to mask the bad smell. In the summer you get it right in your window and choke,

The reason is that steam from the dryers rises from vents at ground level. Vents should be high, vented as

plastic pipes to roof level. Then steam can rise above the roof and no one has to breathe the anti-static chemical.

Your news photo was very attractive. I hope you can refer this note to the proper agency. Best of luck on your new job!

Sincerely, Frank Mack

(Address, over)

Frank Mack

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 10, 1994

The Honorable Constance Morella  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

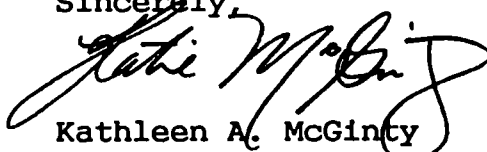
Dear Congresswoman Morella:

Thank you for your recent letter and the information you enclosed regarding Mr. Dave Deppner's work as Director of Trees for the Future. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, President Clinton and I support new and innovative approaches to addressing today's pressing environmental challenges. Thank you for calling to my attention the efforts of Mr. Deppner and Trees for the Future in promoting environmentally sustainable programs in developing countries. I certainly appreciate learning your thoughts about the possibility of incorporating Mr. Deppner's efforts in implementing efforts of the Climate Change Action Plan. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter and the information you enclosed to the group handling the implementation of the Action Plan at the Department of Energy.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,



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

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CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

8TH DISTRICT, MARYLAND

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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

January 13, 1994

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Ms. Kathleen A. McGinty  
Director  
Office of Environmental Policy  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Katie:

I am forwarding a proposal from a constituent, Dave Deppner of Silver Spring, Maryland, who is Director of a tax-exempt 501 (c) (3) organization named TREES FOR THE FUTURE.

As you see from the attached summary, Mr. Deppner proposes that businesses, most probably the electric power industry, provide financial support to expand his successful tree-planting projects in developing countries. The sponsoring utility would receive a "carbon offsetting credit" from these trees and regular updates for public-relations purposes. And the earth would receive fewer tons of carbon dioxide.

In the President's Climate Change Action Plan there is a provision for joint implementation between countries. It seems to me that Mr. Deppner's proposal fits well into this section. TREES FOR THE FUTURE offers a cost-effective way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Would it be possible to include TREES FOR THE FUTURE in a pilot project? The company has a proven history of success using cost-effective methods. Or are there other ways to link up a company like TREES FOR THE FUTURE, developing countries, and U.S. electric utilities in order to reduce carbon dioxide emissions? It seems to me that Mr. Deppner's proposal makes sense.

Thank you for considering Mr. Deppner's proposal. I would appreciate your comments on his plan and direction as to how Mr. Deppner can begin implementation of this good idea.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Constance A. Morella  
Member of Congress

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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February 17, 1994

Mr. Charles E. MacArthur  
5 High Street, Box 355  
Sangerville, ME 04479

Dear Mr. MacArthur:

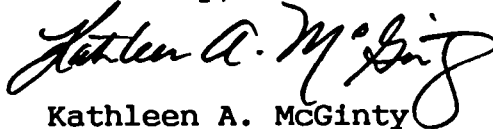
Thank you for contacting the White House regarding your recycling and energy recovery system. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, I am dedicated to the preservation of our natural resources and environmentally sustainable economic development. I appreciate learning about your efforts in this regard. Recycling is important to maintaining the integrity of natural resources.

On your behalf, I am forwarding your letter to the State of Maine's DEP. I hope that they will give it the consideration it merits, and work towards a resolution of your dilemma.

Again, thank you for sharing your proposals with me.

Sincerely,



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

KAM/jdm

CHARLES E. MAC ARTHUR  
5 High Street, Box 355  
Sangerville, Maine 04479, USA  
(207) 876-4585, 4:00-9:00PM Daily

December 27, 1993

~~Marla Romash~~  
~~Vice President's Press Office~~  
~~Old Executive Office Building~~  
~~Washington, DC~~

*Needs response  
from DEP.  
Thanks. H. 12/30*

Dear Ms. Romash,

Last winter we sent a first cucumber of the season to your boss, proud that it had come from a recycling fueled greenhouse. No cucumbers this year!

In the aggregate, "Government" in the United States comes across as opposed to techno-diversity and maybe displays behavior similar to that of a terrorist organization. Environmental developments are largely restricted to major corporations who have the capital and administrative staffs to balance off against their regulatory counterparts in Government. If the Wright Brothers tried to produce their airplane out of a 1994 bicycle shop, it would never be allowed to fly.

~~A recycling and energy recovery system I have devised and patented four years ago still languished in the outer office.~~ Asking our State DEP for fees and license costs on April 7th, 1993, 37 weeks have passed and I have yet to receive a direct answer, in spite of repeated letters, phone calls, and a meeting set up so that I would learn their regulatory technology, but, too busy, they refused to examine the process they will regulate.

Vice President Gore's conduct suggests that at least in his office there is a chance that Government might LEAD rather than SUPPRESS. As to suppression, I enclose a few pages from my business mail which shows that "ruler-on-the-knuckles" regulation has spawned an entire industry of parasitic trainers, who will for a hefty price warn about compliance....and how to stay out of jail.

The price of Regulatory terrorism is too high for the small inventor or business, but to major corporations, is less than a mosquito bite. If I paid \$1400 to recycle the newspapers in my back hall, I wouldn't live long enough to recoup the "investment", but GE would pay the same \$1400, petty cash.

"Find a need, and fill it", Henry J. Kaiser's World War II business motto has been converted to "Make a need, and fill it", the means by which the Fortune 500 shape a profitable world.

The 500 gain easy access to the Regulators, while those of us who would solve problems through local self-reliance, are kept out by prejudicial fees, dreary time and convoluted procedures.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
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February 17, 1994

Ms. Carrie A. Meyer  
World Resources Institute  
1709 New York Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20006

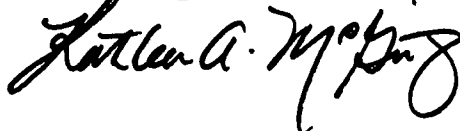
Dear Ms. Meyer:

Thank you for your letter and the information you enclosed regarding "Environmental and Natural Resource Accounting: Where to Begin." It was good to hear from you.

As you know, I agree that this topic is an important one, and I have forwarded your information to members of my staff for their reference.

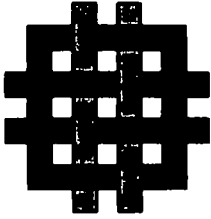
Again, thank you for sharing this information with me.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen A. McGinty  
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December 15, 1993

Ms. Katy McGinty  
Environmental Policy Office  
Old Executive Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty,

I'm pleased to send you the enclosed addition to the Issues in Development Series of WRI's Center for International Development and Environment: "Environmental and Natural Resource Accounting: Where to Begin?"

As WRI's latest release on environmental accounting, this paper presents no new results or methodological breakthroughs. Rather, it attempts to orient interested laymen--be they policymakers, environmentalists, or new-to-the-field researchers--and to diffuse some of the confusion and controversy which surrounds green accounting. We hope that this effort can further progress toward incorporating environmental information into planning processes for sustainable development.

I'd appreciate those comments that you'd like to pass along and I can be reached at the Department of Economics, George Mason University, or you can forward comments to Tom Fox or Walter Arensberg at WRI's Center.

Sincerely,

*Carrie A. Meyer*  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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February 15, 1994

Mr. Scott McGee  
P.O. Box 188  
Driggs, ID 83422

Dear Mr. McGee:

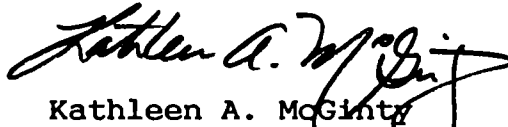
Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about President Clinton's Forest Management Plan. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, President Clinton announced his Forest Plan for a Sustainable Economy and a Sustainable Environment, based on the analytical work of three working groups established at the Forest Conference. This Administration believes 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.

After receiving over 100,000 comments on the proposed plan, we are now working to refine it further and expect to submit it to the court by the end of March. I appreciate learning your views on this very important issue.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,



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

KAM/avl

January 20, 1994

Kathleen McGinty  
President's Assistant to Ancient Forest Issue  
Office of Environmental Policy  
Old Executive Office Building, Room 358  
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Kathleen,

I am writing to ask that you please adopt Forest Plan Option 1 of the Spotted Owl Environmental Impact Statement. This would create a true Ancient Forest Reserve System, protected from all logging. The final forest plan should also provide the highest probability of survival for aquatic species and their ecosystems. This means the key watersheds must be removed from the timber base and completely protected from all logging, including salvage and thinning. No road building should occur in these areas, or any other roadless area. Following are the reasons why such protection is necessary:

1. Less than 10% of the old growth forests that covered the Pacific Northwest remain. This is a global treasure, a genetic Noah's Ark containing the most diverse coniferous forest in the world. Scientists have recognized this region as one of the biologically most valuable areas in all of North America. These ancient forests provide irreplaceable habitat for owls, salmon and scores of rare plants.
2. Excessive logging has contributed to a salmon crisis in the Northwest. 106 salmonid populations are already extinct. 210 are currently at risk. The Northwest fishing industry is an enormous economic resource for the region, providing 1 billion dollars in personal income each year and tens of thousands of jobs. The Administration's present plan is too weak for fish and their habitat; it gives them only a 65% chance of survival. Additionally, the quality of our drinking water is in danger from logging erosion in watersheds that supply our reservoirs.
3. The timber industry has displayed a history of greed and consumption. There are hundreds of thousands of board feet of lumber in the form of raw logs waiting at the mouth of the Columbia River for export to Asia. This is where many of the lost mill jobs are going. My tax dollars build the roads into wild areas on which timber companies make profits. From what I have observed, read, and discussed with timber representatives, their companies have invested in their future by tree farming and managing their private forests. They do not need to take for their own profit public land and irreplaceable forest that belong to all of us citizens of the United States.

Once again, please preserve our ancient forests and watersheds. The survival and quality of life for hundreds of species, including humans depends on this.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and act responsibly in our best long term interests.

Sincerely,



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 16, 1994

Mr. W.G. McGlasson  
Director, Environmental Services  
Olin Chemicals Corporation  
P.O. Box 248  
1186 Lower River Road  
Charleston, TN 37310

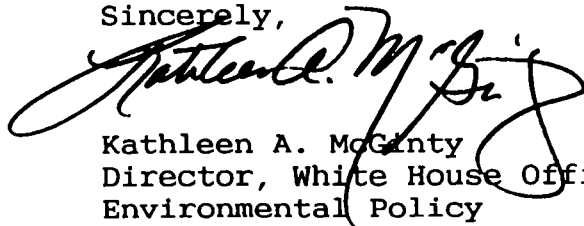
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Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with us.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen A. McGinty  
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Phone: (615) 336-4000

February 16, 1994

Special Asst. to the President for Policy  
Coordination, Robert O. Boorstin  
Executive Office of the President  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Boorstin:

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On February 2, during a news conference on the Clean Water Act Reauthorization, Carol Browner outlined a policy based on the supposition that, as a class of chemicals, chlorine and all chlorine-based compounds are harmful to human health and the environment - a sentiment long held by some in the environmental community and one which lacks scientific basis.

Olin will oppose any efforts to prohibit or reduce chlorine use in our products and processes where such efforts are not supported by sound science. Olin believes that the EPA should base its policies on science, not supposition. We encourage aggressive, peer-reviewed scientific study of chlorine and its compounds in a process that includes participation by all vital constituencies. We support the use of risk assessment and risk management to identify unacceptable risks and prioritize actions to reduce or eliminate the use of harmful compounds.

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Sincerely,

OLIN CORPORATION

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W. G. McGlasson  
Director, Environmental Services

THE WHITE HOUSE  
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March 16, 1994

Mr. Richard McClure  
Environmental Technical Specialist II  
Olin Chemicals Corporation  
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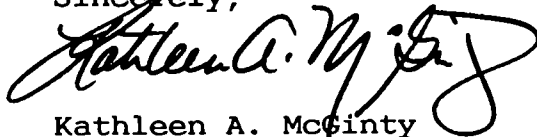
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Richard W. McClure  
Environmental Technical Specialist II

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March 16, 1994

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Director of Manufacturing,  
Engineering and Purchasing  
Olin Chemicals Corporation  
P.O. Box 248  
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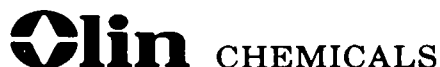
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John McIntosh  
Director of Manufacturing,  
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O L I N C O R P O R A T I O N

THE WHITE HOUSE  
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March 15, 1994

Mr. William B. Marx  
President  
Council of Industrial Boiler Owners  
6035 Burke Centre Parkway  
Suite 360  
Burke, VA 22015

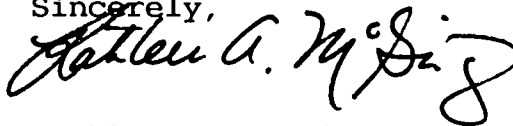
Dear Mr. Marx:

Thank you for your recent letter and the information you enclosed regarding your thoughts about the implementation of the Clean Air Act.

As you know, I share Vice President Gore's commitment to the protection of our natural resources in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. I certainly appreciate learning your views about the EPA's efforts with respect to the implementation of the Clean Air Act. President Clinton and Vice President Gore support the development of new and innovative approaches to address today's difficult environmental challenges. Specifically, you may be interested in the Technology Innovation strategy prepared by the EPA.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,

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

KAM/avl



January 13, 1994

Kathleen McGinty  
Director, White House Office of Environmental Policy  
Old Executive Office Building - Room 360  
17th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20503

Re: EPA's Implementation of the Clean Air Act May  
Be Inconsistent With "Re-Inventing Government"

Dear Ms. McGinty:

The Council of Industrial Boiler Owners was pleased to see that vice president Gore's National Performance Review (NPR) recommended both an expanded role for cogeneration of electricity and acceleration of innovative technologies. This could yield effective reforms in the energy area with positive environmental benefits as well.

Despite these good intentions, CIBO believes that the government may miss a chance to take advantage of these opportunities. As the enclosed amicus brief before the Environmental Appeals Board indicates, there is the danger that "best available control technology" may be interpreted so restrictively as to severely hamper innovation and development of energy efficient cogeneration. In this case it is the threat that both scrubbers (as BACT) and low-sulfur coal will be required. This "belts-and-suspenders" approach will undermine incentives to use innovative boiler technologies, restrict fuel choice, and greatly expand the regulatory burden imposed by BACT --- all with no additional environmental protection.

As someone interested in the growing burdens imposed by environmental compliance, CIBO thought this new twist in the implementation of the Clean Air Act would be of great interest. Please call if you have questions or if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

William B. Marx, President

WBM/bjo  
Enclosure

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March 15, 1994

Dr. Norman Myers  
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United Kingdom

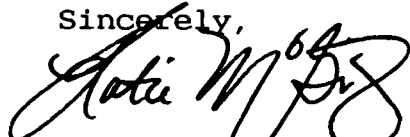
Dear Dr. Myers:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your efforts on various environmental issues. I appreciate the information you enclosed on your work, and I am looking forward to reading it.

Please keep me apprised in advance of any time you plan to be in the Washington, D.C. area, and we can try to coordinate a breakfast meeting with your visit.

Again, thanks for letting me hear from you.

Sincerely,

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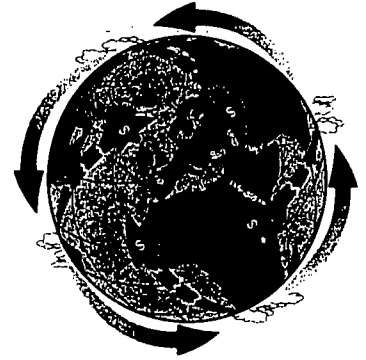
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"Our Earth is one, our world is not"

*Should I  
invite him?*

Ms. Katie McGinty,  
Office of Environmental Policy,  
The White House,  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue,  
Washington DC 20501, USA

1st February, 1994

*Katie*

I was glad to see you in your office last week. A super-splendid office, if I might say so, despite the Sununu-esque ghosts. I trust we can have more such get-togethers on one or other of my visits to Washington, usually half a dozen a year.

I warmly welcome your thought that I should join one of your breakfast sessions too. An agreeable prospect. The last time I saw Vice-President Gore was behind a pile of waffles in the Senator dining room.

I think you know that with my interdisciplinary background I cover a range of issues. Not only biodiversity and forests, but agriculture, population, poverty, grand-scale pollution, climate change, environmental refugees, and environmental security. I tackle these various issues from the standpoint of both the natural sciences and the social sciences; and my preferred focus lies with the interface between scientific research and policy responses.

To give you a better idea of my professional background and so that you can better judge how far we could make common cause, I enclose a couple of sheets listing my recent activities. I also enclose a selection of recent reprints. Knowing your reading time is limited (and then some), I have side-lined the sections that are probably of most interest to you. As you will see, the recommendations focus on pressure points in the policy-making system, especially those with highest leverage and offering multiplier effects.

With kind regards.

*Norman Myers*

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Mr. Wesley McNeil  
1293 NW Wall #1436  
Bend, OR 97701

Dear Mr. McNeil:

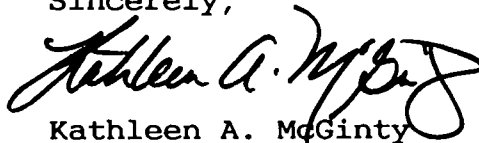
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Sincerely,



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

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Wes McNeil  
1293 NW. WALL #1436  
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January 20, 1994

Kathleen McGinty  
President's Assistant to Ancient Forest Issue  
Office of Environmental Policy  
Old Executive Office Building, Room 358  
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Kathleen,

I am writing to ask that you please adopt Forest Plan Option 1 of the Spotted Owl Environmental Impact Statement. This would create a true Ancient Forest Reserve System, protected from all logging. The final forest plan should also provide the highest probability of survival for aquatic species and their ecosystems. This means the key watersheds must be removed from the timber base and completely protected from all logging, including salvage and thinning. No road building should occur in these areas, or any other roadless area. Following are the reasons why such protection is necessary:

1. Less than 10% of the old growth forests that covered the Pacific Northwest remain. This is a global treasure, a genetic Noah's Ark containing the most diverse coniferous forest in the world. Scientists have recognized this region as one of the biologically most valuable areas in all of North America. These ancient forests provide irreplaceable habitat for owls, salmon and scores of rare plants.
2. Excessive logging has contributed to a salmon crisis in the Northwest. 106 salmonid populations are already extinct. 210 are currently at risk. The Northwest fishing industry is an enormous economic resource for the region, providing 1 billion dollars in personal income each year and tens of thousands of jobs. The Administration's present plan is too weak for fish and their habitat; it gives them only a 65% chance of survival. Additionally, the quality of our drinking water is in danger from logging erosion in watersheds that supply our reservoirs.
3. The timber industry has displayed a history of greed and consumption. There are hundreds of thousands of board feet of lumber in the form of raw logs waiting at the mouth of the Columbia River for export to Asia. This is where many of the lost mill jobs are going. My tax dollars build the roads into wild areas on which timber companies make profits. From what I have observed, read, and discussed with timber representatives, their companies have invested in their future by tree farming and managing their private forests. They do not need to take for their own profit public land and irreplaceable forest that belong to all of us citizens of the United States.

Once again, please preserve our ancient forests and watersheds. The survival and quality of life for hundreds of species, including humans depends on this.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and act responsibly in our best long term interests.

Sincerely,

WES MCNEIL

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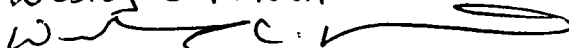
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Chris Matera  
5201 Erskine Way  
Seattle, WA 98136

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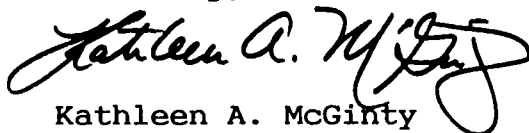
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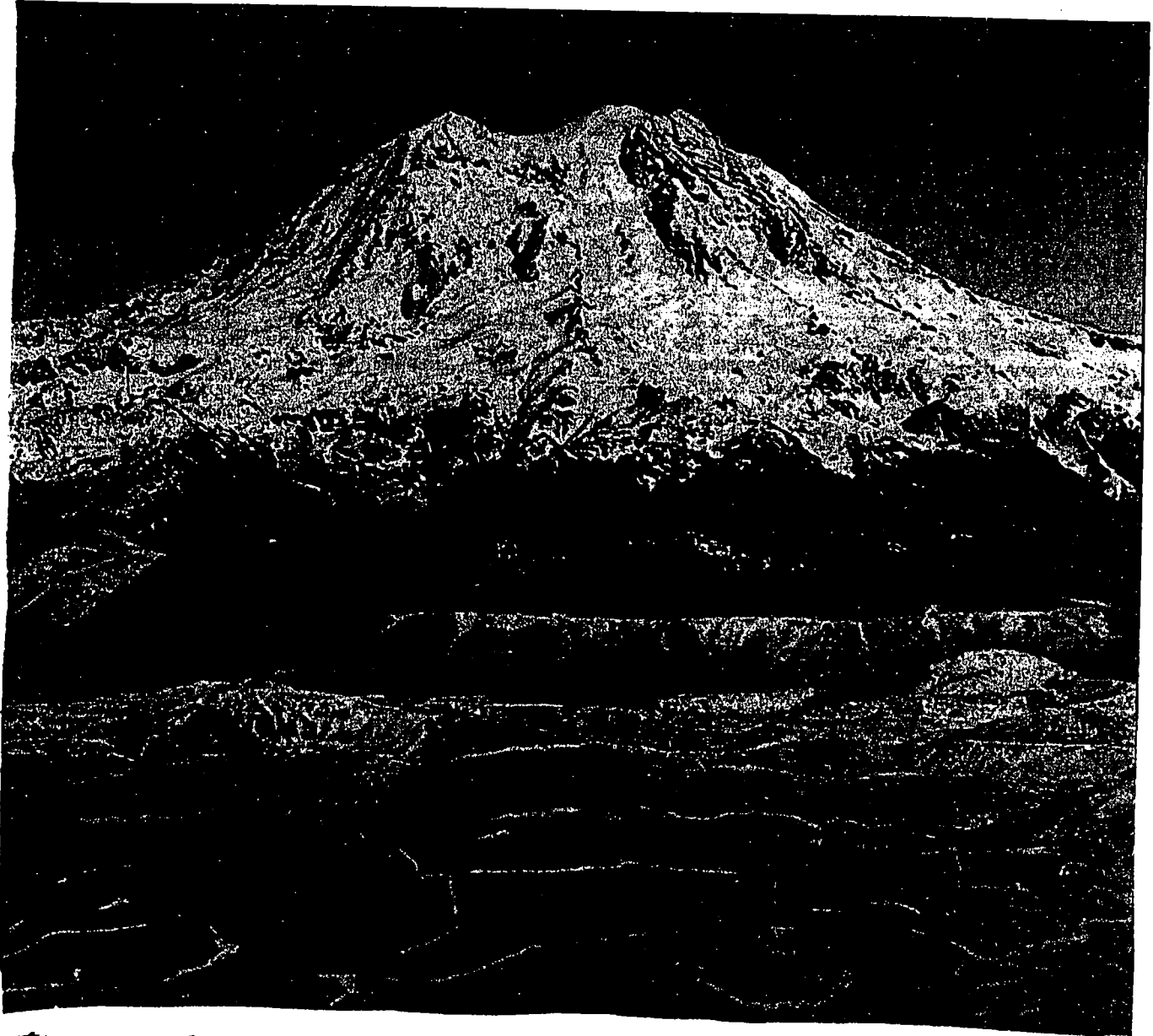
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DEAR KATIE MCGINTY:

- ONLY 10% OF THE VIRGIN FOREST IN THE NORTHWEST REMAINS
- ONLY 2% OF THE VIRGIN UNITED STATES FOREST REMAINS
- ONLY 2% IN WASHINGTON AND 6% IN OREGON ARE EMPLOYED BY THE TIMBER INDUSTRY
- THESE JOBS WILL BE GONE ANYWAY.
- THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OPTION 1 AND OPTION 9 IS ONLY 500 JOBS!

THIS IS  
MT RAINIER  
NATIONAL  
PARK

## High and dry



THIS CLEARCUT AREA IS TYPICAL OF THE REST OF THE NORTHWEST, THEY CLEARCUT EVERYWHERE INCLUDING RIGHT UP TO THE PARK BOUNDARIES,

PLEASE, ENCOURAGE FULL PROTECTION OF OUR FORESTS.

- No More Logging Any Old-Growth - Inviolate Reserves
- No Clearcutting
- No Matrix or Adaptive Management Areas.

CHOOSE OPTION 1 PLEASE!

From Chris Matera  
5201 Erskine Way  
Seattle, WA 98131

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1994

Mr. Gerald K. Myers  
1430 Rimrock Court  
Boise, ID 83712

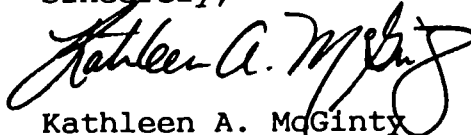
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Kathleen A. McGinty  
Director, White House Office on  
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January 31, 1994

Ms. Kathleen McGinty  
Director of Enviromental Policy  
Rm 358  
Old Executive Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

Let me start out by saying that like most Americans, I usually rely on our elected officials to act in the best interests of all Americans. With only a few exceptions, we still have the system that is the envy of the entire world.

I live in a rural state, (Idaho) that is made up mostly of people, like myself, who have escaped the concrete wastelands of big cities. I came here 20+ years ago so that I could raise my daughters in clean and peaceful surroundings, relatively free from the crime, noise and other pollutants in the big cities. One of our favorite places to explore and recreate is the pristine desert canyons of Owyhee County in Southern Idaho. My family and I also enjoy taking our friends who are still trapped in the big cities to these unique and ancient surroundings.

If those of us who live here do nothing to protect these few remaining areas which are being pursued by various special interest groups, we are surely guilty of neglect.

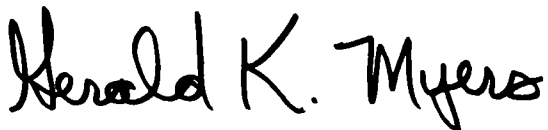
I have listened intently to the arguments for the Air Force's requested new bombing range. the following questions repeatedly come up:

1. Why is Governor Andrus supporting such an unpopular move by the Air Force?

2. Why not just expand the size of the existing Saylor Creek Range as suggested in the BLM study, if the range is really needed?
3. Why not expand either the existing ranges in Utah or Eastern Oregon which are only minutes away at 600 MPH.
4. Finally, the size of the proposed area would not be nearly large enough to carry out the type of training the Air Force wants to conduct at this site.

If those of you in public office do nothing to protect the public interest in these remaining wild places, you are guilty of much more. You are guilty of serving the few special interest groups at the expense of all those Americans who still want to believe in the system.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerald K. Myers". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Gerald K. Myers  
1430 Rimrock Court  
Boise, ID 83712

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1994

Mr. and Ms. Greg and Cynthia Mann  
P.O. Box 269  
Bellevue, ID 83313

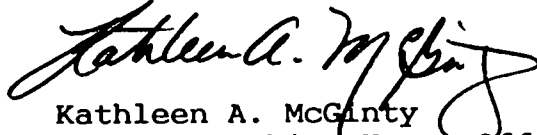
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TRIANGLE M HAY  
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Box 269  
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President Bill Clinton  
c/o Kathleen McGinty  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
Director of Office on Environmental Policy  
Old Executive Office Building - Room 358  
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Kathleen McGinty,

My wife, Cindy, and myself have lived in the state for over twenty years. We are property owners and taxpayers of Blaine County, living near Bellevue.

***We are vigorously opposed to the expansion of the Mountain Home Air Force Base "Training Range" into the Owyhee Desert area.***

We feel that the greater value of the proposed area will be to leave this area as it is. The areas' open space, the watershed, the clean air, and the wildlife will prove to be of greater and greater value as we move into the future.

My wife and myself are members of a Resource Management Team in Glens Ferry. The Team is comprised of ranchers, farmers, BLM and Fish & Game members, and concerned community members both in business and private sectors.

Our Resource Management Team has identified our overall goals through three parts;

- 1) Quality of Life
- 2) Forms of Production to attain quality of life.
- 3) Future Resource Base for quality of life.

We, as community members of this Management Team, have evaluated the "proposed training range" against our team goals and found that it does not fit into our goals of quality of life. The "proposed training range" is not any form of production to attain this quality of life. And, the "proposed training range" is only going to be a negative impact on our future resource base, and therefore will not help us attain our ***quality of life.***

Sincerely,

Greg A. Mann  
Cynthia Mann

THE WHITE HOUSE  
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March 10, 1994

Mr. David N. Meyer  
P.O. Box 3204  
1307 Warm Springs Road  
Ketchum, ID 83340

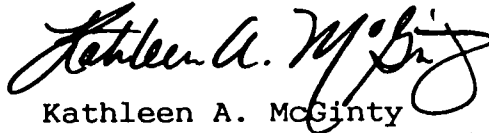
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Ketchum  
ID 83340

President Clinton  
c/o  
Cathleen McGinty  
Office of Environmental Policy  
Old Executive Office Building, Rm 358  
Washington DC 2050

2/9/94

Dear Ms. McGinty,

I am writing to request in the most strenuous terms that you do not move forward with the bombing range in the Owyhee Canyonlands. I urge you to instead protect this region.

I am a homeowner and permanent resident of Idaho. It is clear to me that the economic future of Idaho is dependent on tourism, and that to provide a stable economic base for our state we must protect those areas that will draw tourists. The economic trade-off between the income produced by making Owyhee Canyonlands a bombing range and the income produced by drawing tourists/recreational users to the Canyonlands does not favor the bombing range.

The environmental impact of such a bombing range is likewise unacceptable; as a national source of bighorn sheep transplant stock, as home to pronghorn antelope, as a sacred ground for Idaho's Native Americans, this region must be protected.

Further, ranchers in the region will have their lives disrupted by noise pollution and overflights. Finally, there is a perfectly feasible bombing range already in use in Utah a brief flying distance from the Mountain Home base. There will also be a massive outcry and concerted legal action against such a range should this proposed land swap go forward. All this will cost even more taxpayer money in addition to that spent on hearings, etc. And why, when an acceptable bombing range already exists?

So, in closing, I again urge you to protect the Owyhee Canyonlands. Thank you very much for your time and attention.

Sincerely,



David N. Meyer

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Mr. Jack E. Morris  
Law Offices  
Benson, Pantello, Morris & James  
3505 Lake Avenue  
Fort Wayne, IN 46805-5533

Dear Mr. Morris:

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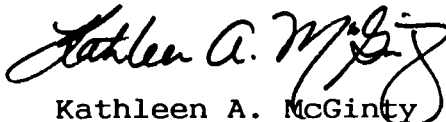
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March 1, 1994

Ms. Kathleen McGinty  
Deputy Assistant to the  
President for Environmental Policy  
17th Street and Pennsylvania Ave., Northwest  
Washington, DC 20500

*Done*  
*Try - General response  
whale letter*

RE: Protection of the whales

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am writing to protest the Clinton Administration's movements towards weakening the United States' stand against Commercial Whaling. Through the United States' previous strong stand against whaling, we have been able to slowly reverse the past devastating destruction of these mammals that occurred from Commercial Whaling. Unfortunately, the fight is not over and now it appears that the Clinton Administration is waffling and showing a weakened position in its stand against countries that wish to exploit the whale. I find this particularly offensive from an Administration that was elected partly because of its pro environmental provisions. I admired much of Vice President Gore's writings with regard to our need to protect our environment and his understanding of our need to protect living things other than simply human beings. It was my belief that Vice President Gore understood that when we permit the destruction of any natural occurring living things, we upset the balance and create implications that do not stop with the loss of one species.

I am aware of many major concerns that are occurring for the Clinton Administration however, I do not believe that those other concerns justify the weak approach that this Administration is taking with regard to the Whaling Policy. I protest the current course of the Administration and urge strenuously that the Clinton Administration issue a strong statement against Commercial Whaling and to use its clout to assure that the moratorium against Commercial Whaling be continued at the upcoming Whaling Commission meeting in Mexico.

I appreciate your attention to my concerns and hope that the President listens.

Sincerely,

  
Jack E. Morris

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WASHINGTON

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Ms. Gretchen Moffett  
100 Promenade Drive  
Swanton, OH 43558

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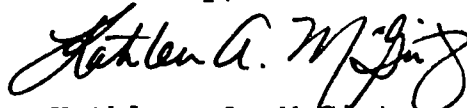
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apart on a corner, 100 Promenade de  
Swanton, NH 03558  
March 4, 1994

Dear Mr. McPhee,  
I'm writing to express my  
honor and disgust at the idea  
of ~~permitting~~ scientific commercial  
whaling. I understood Bill Clinton  
to claim he would be the  
"environmental" President. So far,  
he has waffled on <sup>many</sup> every  
environmental issue he's faced.

Whaling is wrong. Many  
species of whales are on the  
endangered list. This list will  
grow if this is permitted. The  
scientific community can computer  
generate anything they want to now.

the living specimen is no longer  
necessary.

Please advise the  
environmental <sup>group</sup> ~~Executive~~ <sup>that</sup> ~~this~~  
is <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>worst</sup> ~~idea~~ <sup>yet</sup>.

Yours truly  
J. P. Cretcher

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 the progress of  
 the war  
 and hope to  
 see it soon  
 over.

Spencer & Co. 1000

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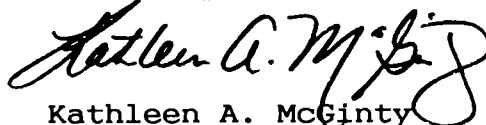
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Dear Mrs. McKinley,

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the President's position to  
support commercial whaling  
it is cruel and unnecessary;  
the President should sanction  
countries such as Norway, that  
protect whales. Please put an  
end to the needless slaughter  
of innocent whales. Thank you,

Heather Moore

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Nikki Mantarro  
1111 Central Avenue  
Highland Park, NJ 08904

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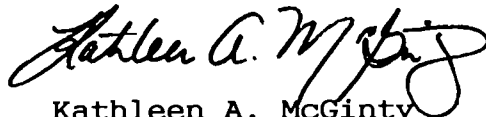
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Highland Park, N.J. 08904

February 23, 1994

Environmental Policy Board  
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N.W., Washington, D.C. 20500

To: Kathleen McGinty, Deputy Assistant to the President

Re: International Whaling Commission

Dear Ms. McGinty,

Perhaps being only fifteen years old, adults try to mute my voice when it comes to politics, but that certainly does not mean I will take what is dealt to me with out any attempt of protest.

I am sincerely concerned with the welfare of all marine animals, especially whales. With this in mind, you can imagine how deeply upset, how irate I was when it was brought to my attention that President Clinton's administration staff announced that the United States now supports the implemenetation of science-based commercial whaling! What influenced you to completely change your stand since last year's meeting of the International Whaling Commission?

I'm writing this letter because I realize that the IWC members will be meeting again soon and I beg you not to overturn the moratorium against commercial whaling. It will be a great loss to us all if it is, especially the future.

Sincerely,

Nikki Mantarro

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Jessica Mumfort  
P.O. Box 121  
Sutton, VT 05867

Dear Ms. Mumfort:

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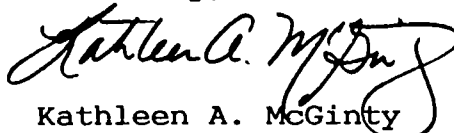
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Sincerely,



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

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Feb, 22

Ms. McGinty,

I believe in the protection of all dolphins and whales throughout the world and <sup>am</sup> a member of the Whale Adoption Project. I learned that the U.S. now supports the implementation of science-based commercial whaling. This **concerns** me very much! The slogan "Save The Whales" may be old but it is not any less important. Please help find a way ~~to~~ change President Clinton's stand on this issue. I support the reauthorization of the U.S. Marine Mammal Protection Act! Please help! Thank you for your time.

Concerned Student  
Jessica Mumford

If you wish to reply:

Jessica Mumford

Box 121

Sutton, VT

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Paula Moscariello  
22 Tremont Street  
Maynard, MA 01754

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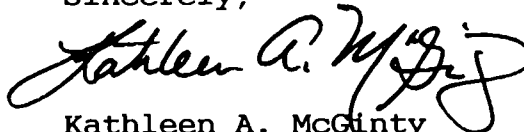
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Dear Kathleen McGinty;

I just wanted to let you know I am strongly against the Clinton administration's newly announced policy that the United States now supports the implementation of science-based commercial whaling. There is absolutely no reason why a prosperous nation like the U.S.A. has to resort to this. I voted for the Clinton administration because at last I thought we would have someone who cares about the delicate environment and animals. The U.S.A. needs to lead the way with an anti-whaling position. There is enough countries who still whale. If we become pro-whaling everyone will and the beautiful mammals of the sea will be lost forever.

Mrs. Paula Moscarillo  
22 Tremont Street  
Maynard MA 01754

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WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Christine L. Moraczewski  
3701 North 49th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68504

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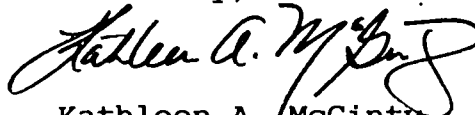
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23 February 1994

Kathleen McGinty  
Deputy Assistant to the President for Environmental Policy  
17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

I am writing in response to a **DEVASTATING BLOW** dealt by President Clinton to not only myself and the environmental/conservation community, but to **ALL THE WHALES OF THE WORLD**, and the laws enacted in the past which were **INTENDED** to **PROTECT** them!

I can't even begin to express how utterly appalled and disgusted I was when I read that President Clinton announced "the United States now supports the implementation of science-based commercial whaling"! For one, **THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS COMMERCIAL WHALING!** There is not enough "**documented evidence**" on whale biology, reproductive rates, etc. to establish ANY type of guideline for so-called "scientific whaling". Whaling of any *type* is abominable - it must never again be allowed to decimate populations of innocent marine-mammals!

The Clinton/Gore administration is beginning to strongly resemble both the Bush and Reagan administrations. For example, Ex-president Bush *promised* "No Net Loss of Wetlands"...and then once elected, he turned around and gave the "green light" to developing (filling in, draining, etc.) the pathetic percentages of the remaining wetlands in the United States! The result: a **significant decline** in the numbers of migratory waterfowl!

President Clinton and vice-president Al Gore...the long-awaited, supposed "*environmental team*" are, in a sense, following in the footsteps of their predecessors; promising anything to anyone BEFORE the election - and doing just the opposite after the election. And of course, letting their constituents down in the process!

I **STRONGLY PROTEST** the recent announcement by the Clinton administration! It is unheard of that commercial (*scientific*) whaling **EVER** be allowed to resume!! Just take a look at the past history of commercial (*scientific*) whaling - the greedy, inhumane extermination of innocent victims - not unlike the Jews in Hitler's Germany!

I ask that you do **ALL** within your power to convince the Clinton administration to immediately **REVERSE** its decision, they must instead speak out IN DEFENSE of the whales, IN FAVOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL BAN ON COMMERCIAL

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Mr. Jake Musser  
306 Mason Avenue  
Hancock, MI 49930

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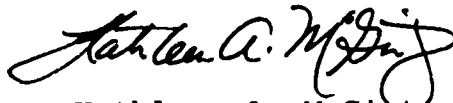
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Ms. Kathleen McGinty  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
for Environmental Policy  
17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am a member of the International Wildlife Coalition's Whale Adoption Project.

Their recent newsletter indicates President Clinton supports commercial whaling. I do not think commercial whaling is good for the earth. Whales and dolphins are mostly in the same family. They are almost as smart as humans and have families just like we do.

It is like going and breaking up their family. That would be like someone coming in and taking one of our family members and slicing them up just for food. There are many other sources of food. Whales and dolphins are too important to be killed for food.

If you have ever seen the movie Free Willie, you will know what I mean. In the movie, the boy has a great friendship with a whale named Willie. It's like they can communicate with each other.

Have you ever gone to an amusement park and seen a whale show? You would have noticed that whales can do many tricks. What would it be like if there were not any whales? Even commercial whalers would be sad because there there would be no whales left to hunt. Right now, they are on the endangered species list.

I hope this letter has made you believe whales should be protected. I would like you to advise Bill Clinton about my thoughts and many other people's thoughts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jake Musser".

Jake Musser, 10 Years Old  
306 Mason Avenue  
Hancock, MI 49930

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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1189 Pleasant Street  
East Weymouth, MA 02189

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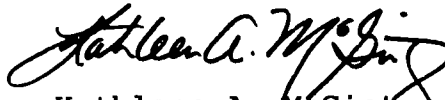
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Susan Morse

Dear Ms. McHealy -

I am writing to strongly protest President Clinton's position for the resumption of commercial whaling. If he does not act quickly I feel the Whaling Commission will overturn the moratorium on whaling. This all stems from this administration's sanctions over resumption of Norway's commercial whaling. I have written to Norway & boycotted all Norway products, cruises, etc.

Please... I am thinking of my children's children and all generations to

Come. You are educated  
adults yet my children  
ask why you are so  
stupid. What answers  
do I give them? Please  
think of the future. We  
are slowly destroying our-  
selves. I am asking you  
to use your influence  
with Clinton's administra-  
tion. I am truly disappoint-  
ed in V. P. Gore. He is not  
accomplishing all I had  
hoped for. Was it a  
mistake on my part in  
voting for the young &  
environmental administration?  
Thank you.

Susan Morse  
1189 Pleasant St.  
E. Weymouth, Ma.  
02189

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Mr. and Ms. John and Catherine Miller  
710 South Henry Street  
Williamsburg, VA 23185-4113

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JOHN F. MILLAR  
NEWPORT HOUSE  
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WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA 23185-4113  
USA tel 804-229-1775

24 February 1994

Dear Ms. McGinty,

My wife Cathy and I are writing to protest against this Administration's disastrous policy about whaling. Specifically, it is very important to invoke the Pelly Amendment against Norway for resuming whaling (even if you have to wait until after the Olympics to do so).

We have two reasons for standing up for whales:

- ① They are creatures we'd like to have around so our grandchildren and their grandchildren can have the experience of seeing them, which won't happen unless our government takes a stand
- ② With the exception of the primitive California Gray whale and a few of the smallest whales, most cetaceans are believed to have brains comparable to or more powerful than our own. We don't kill and eat any of the Great Apes for roughly that reason, so we shouldn't allow anyone to kill and eat Cetaceans either.

I know there are lots of people — voters — who feel strongly about this. Please do not disappoint us.

Please let me know what you plan to do about this.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

  
Catherine Millar

THE WHITE HOUSE  
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Ms. Kathleen McFarland  
McFarland Communications  
1035 Lassen Drive  
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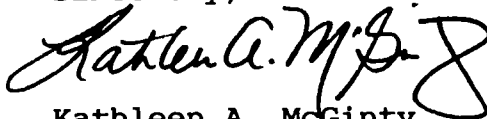
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Kathleen McGinty  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
~~Andreas of the United States~~  
team

17th St + Pennsylvania Ave  
Washington DC 20500

Ms McGinty;

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U.S. to support any  
commercial whaling, under  
any guise, anywhere.

Thank you  
Kathleen McFarland

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Lindsey Marshall  
5190 Jamaca Blvd. North  
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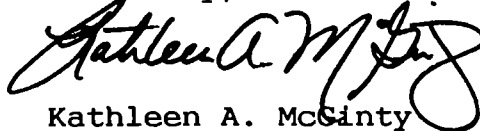
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Please  
Help!

Please Read  
thoroughly

Dear Kathleen McGinty,

My name is Lindsay Marshall. I'm  
Urgent/ 13 years old and attend Oak-land Jr High  
in MN. I just recieved a letter from  
Urgent/ The Whale Adaption Project, and I am  
very outraged at Pres. Clinton's decision  
Urgent/ to support science-based commercial  
whaling. That was definately not the  
United States decision. Some of us may  
Urgent/ say differently. Right now I feel  
very mad at Pres Clinton and all  
Urgent/ of the assistants that helped establish  
this cruel choice.

Urgent/ I just wish my prayers ~~would~~ come  
true. Every night I pray for the  
Urgent/ whales to be saved along with the  
rainforests. This is because I adopted  
Urgent/ a whale named Mirror 3 years ago.  
Ever since I was 6 I have cherished  
Urgent/ whales and all the earth. If only  
we could stop this manslaughter of  
Urgent/ precious treasures such as whales and  
rainforests. Many other people, along  
Urgent/ with me would rather see whales  
on whalewatching vessels jumping  
Urgent/ happily out of the water instead of  
in a lab or on a menu. Lots of

benefits will come of whales alive + thriving instead of laying in bloody chunks aboard harpooning vessels. You would be shocked at how many people disagree with you and the Pres. Most of them are children of tomorrow! I know this because I ran a booth at the High School on Earth Day. A petition was laying out and around 300 people signed it, high schoolers alone!

It's our world too! Adults are making decisions for us, ruining our world. Children and teens have a right to be heard. If only we could speak out our opinions and our ideas. You could learn alot from us. If only we could try!

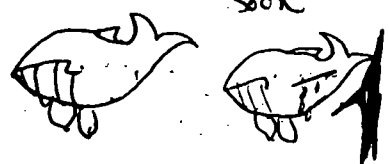
I'm just very concerned for the whales of today. PLEASE GIVE THIS CHOICE MORE CONSIDERATION!!

or 777-9207  
(612)

PS Please  
write back

A.S.A.P. It would  
be greatly appreciated.

Concerned citizen,  
Lindsay B Marshall



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

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3881 Bordeaux  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60195

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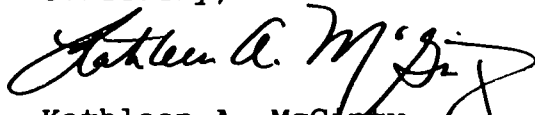
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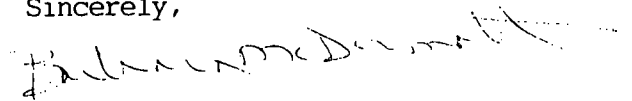
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Dear Ms McGinty,

I am writing to protest in the strongest of terms to President Clinton's position for the resumption of commercial whaling. Instead of taking this gigantic step backwards, I would urge the Clinton administration to economically sanction Norway over their recent resumption of commercial whaling. The Clinton pro-whaling position is a complete reversal of the strong U.S. stand taken at last year's meeting of the International Whaling Commission.

Please, I urge you and the Clinton administration to re-think this important issue. Just when we've made some pains-taking progress toward the safety of these magnificent, important creatures, let's not declare open season on them again.

Sincerely,

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

Barbara McDermott

THE WHITE HOUSE  
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March 11, 1994

Ms. Anganette McLamb  
2671-I Nelda Drive  
Monroe, N.C. 28110

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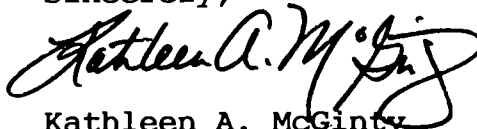
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February 28, 1994

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17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Kathleen McGinty:

It has just been brought to my attention that the National Marine Fisheries Service, with specific instructions from President Clinton's administration staff, has just announced that the United States now supports the implementation of science-base commercial whaling! I must say this is absolutely shocking news to me for serveral reasons. The first reason is, by the killing of whales the government will be teaching the next generation that it is alright to kill off an endangered animal as long as you say it is all in the name of science. The killing of whales has about as much scientific merit as the killing of a small child and timing it's death. Science plays no part in commerical whaling! Scientist have claimed and proven they can learn more from a living animal than a dead one. In other words, people in this country are not going to believe you are killing whales for scientific studies! We know President Clinton wants to get his World Trade Agreement passed and the Japanese don't really want it but, they do want the Whaling Ban lifted. In others words, President Clinton is saying to the Japanese and Norway I will help lift the ban on whaling if you will agree with my World Trade Agreement. I think this type of blackmail should be outlawed!

The second reason is, if we don't stop killing animals to extintion children in classrooms instead of studying about all the different types of living animals they will be studying about how our government carelessly destroyed every single creature on earth. Haven't we destroyed the earth enough already? If we don't stop and change our ways soon there isn't going to be anything left for our grandchildren to enjoy and we won't have anyone to blame except ourselves. We need to take responsiblity and stop destroying the earth's natural rsources. We also need to correct what we have already destroyed.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Mercedes Martinez  
110 Seaman Avenue  
Apartment 4L  
New York, N.Y. 10034-2808

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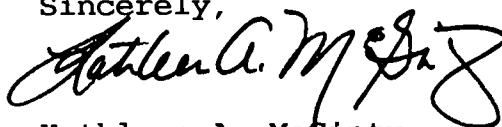
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Kathleen A. McInty  
Director, White House Office on  
Environmental Policy

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March 2, 1994

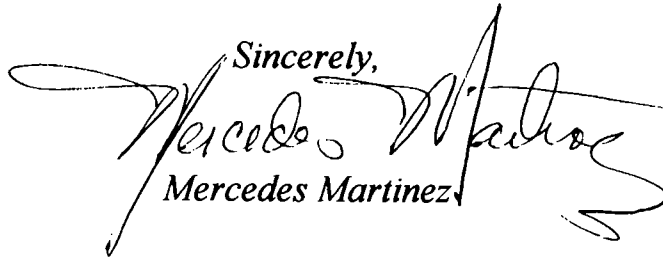
Dear McGinty:

*I am writing to let you know of my concern about the announcement by **The National Marine Fisheries Service**, (with specific instructions from President Clinton's Administrative staff) that states the changes to the **U.S Marine Mammal Protection Act**, with the support of the United States, that will allow the implementation of science-based commercial whaling. This is shocking news. I sincerely believe that it reflects on the Clinton Administration's attempts to keep from having to economically sanction Norway over their recent resumption of commercial whaling. This pro-whaling position constitutes a complete reversal of the strong U.S. stand taken at last year's meeting of the **International whaling commission**.*

*Since the Clinton Administration has taken office, I have seen too many changes in the positions and policies than the ones held prior to taking office and in the commencement of the term that makes me question the backbone of the Clinton Administration and to ask myself what is the message that the administration is really trying to send to the people of the United States and the World. What is your position, and what does the Clinton Administration truly stand for? I still believe that President Clinton can make a difference. Not only in National issues but in our Environmental issues as well. He must earn our support and trust, and that will not be accomplished if we continue to view our President as indecisive and afraid to take a stand, and fail to provide a clear picture to us, the citizens of the United States of America, on what he truly stands for. If we continue to place our environment, wildlife, and oceans in the greedy hands of individuals and corporations that only seek the almighty dollar and have little regard or respect for life on this planet, we will have failed miserably in our attempt to be a nation that sets the standards and shows strength of conviction, integrity, and principles. We owe this to the future generations. If we continue to allow the raping and pillaging of our planet, of our seas, and of our lands, what will **America the Beautiful** come to mean to our future generations and the nations across the world?*

*I hope that you will do everything within your power to stop this from happening. You are our voices, and you are our hopes for a better tomorrow. Please do not allow the efforts we have made to make a difference be*

*inconsequential. Let's take the stand that will show the world that we are tired of the destruction and pollution of our natural world and we will not stand idly by while they continue to relentlessly massacre and jeopardize our world in the name of profits.*

Sincerely,  
  
Mercedes Martinez

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Mr. and Ms. Gustavo and Roberta Marquez  
5346 Huddart Avenue  
Arcadia, CA 91006-5953

Dear Mr. and Ms. Marquz:

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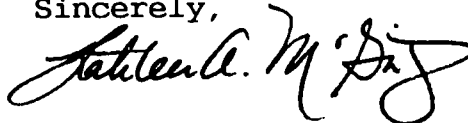
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2-20-94

Dear Ms. McGinty;

We would like to protest the Clinton Administration's position for the resumption of commercial whaling. There is absolutely no excuse for our country to sit back and allow Norway to continue its business of killing off whales for "scientific" purposes. HOW CAN YOU ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN??? We are appalled and demand an explanation. -Roberta E.   
Eustavo Marquez

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Jenifer J. McCleary  
300 Ash Circle  
Grimesland, NC 27837

Dear Ms. McCleary:

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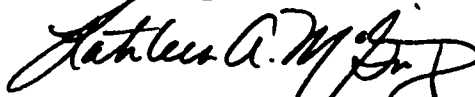
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Dear Ms. McGinty,

I am writing about the presidents' decision to keep commercial whaling.

To start off with I would like to address that the whales do have rights and by that he is violating them to the highest degree. Murder. The rights are not written down in a constitution like ours because they can not write. Like us they are mammals and do have the right to live. They physically cannot protect themselves from the danger of the whaling vessels. That is where it is that we should protect them from death. We have weapons to protect us against others that put our lives in danger, but what do they have? Nothing, absolutely nothing.

In the beginning of time all of nature got along fine. In time we started killing anything

and everything. For what? No reason at all! Did they harm us in any way? No! Who was here first? They were! We came into their world and took over. They just let us without struggle. Now we are killing them. They can not defend themselves from the vessels, nor from us. At least we can do is try to thank them by helping to keep them alive instead of capturing and killing them. Just this one little thing could help the whales, or is the United States' ego to big to do that?

I recently adopted a humpback whale. At least I could have had some assurance that my whale and others would not be killed by humans. Help me to keep my whale and others alive, please.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer McClean

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1994

Mr. James P. McAliney  
Market Manager  
Regeneration & Services  
Elf Atochem North America, Inc.  
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Philadelphia, PA 19103

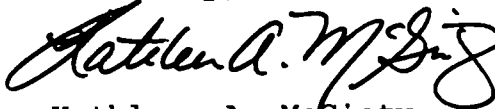
Dear Mr. McAliney:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your thoughts about chlorine study and the Clean Water Act reauthorization. It was good to hear from you.

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Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty  
Director, White House Office on  
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February 23, 1994

Office Environmental Policy  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
Kathleen McGinty  
Old Executive Office Building, Room 360  
17th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20501

SUBJECT: U.S. EPA Proposal to Phaseout Chlorine

Dear Deputy Assistant McGinty:

As Market Manager, Regeneration & Services for Elf Atochem North America's Performance Products Group, I am writing to express to you my opposition to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Browner's recent proposal for development of a plan to "prohibit, reduce or substitute (for) the use of chlorine" over the next 3 years.

What is especially disturbing about the announcement from Administrator Browner is that it reflects a continuing pattern that has excluded industry's input into the Agency public policy-making process. In the case of chlorine, the Administrator has sought to prejudice the public policy debate in advance of sound scientific assessment and in the absence of input by all stakeholders.

By way of background, Elf Atochem North America is a diversified process chemical manufacturer employing more than 5,200 people nationwide with 33 manufacturing facilities in 17 U.S. states. The company is headquartered in Philadelphia, PA and reports annual sales of just under \$2 billion. Major product/market segments include: commodity organic and inorganic chemicals and chemical intermediates; specialty chemicals, agricultural chemicals and polymers.

**Chlorine and chlorinated compounds are essential to society**

The EPA proposal makes no sense. The proposed ban represents an unscientific approach to regulating the chemicals because it proposes prohibiting or reducing the use of chlorine and chlorinated compounds without regard to whether such a significant burden on society is warranted.

Chlorine and chlorinated compounds are used to meet some of the most essential and vital needs of modern society, including: protecting our public water supply, and in 85% of all medicines, 96% of all crop protection chemicals, all vinyl plastics and thousands of other products (manufactured in the U.S. and marketed globally) that are the basis of modern life.

Approximately 1.3 million U.S. jobs depend on the chlorine industry. Wages and salaries total more than \$30 billion a year. Further, almost 40% of all U.S. jobs and income depend in some way on chlorine and products of the chlorine industry. Two hundred and twelve industries use chlorine and related compounds, generating 45 million jobs and \$1.6 trillion in economic activity -- including a \$3 billion net trade surplus.

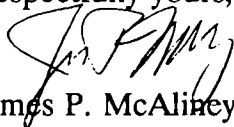
**Process for Evaluating and Minimizing Risk is Already Underway**

Scientific experts have concluded that chlorinated compounds span a wide range and should not be considered as a single group for purposes of risk assessment. The EPA proposal would short-circuit such initiatives based on scientific risk assessment, including current projects relating to a reassessment of dioxin and chlorine's use in the pulp and paper industry.

With the exception of a few persistent, biocumulative chlorinated organic chemicals (e.g. DDT) in localized areas resulting from historical uses, current concentrations of chlorine and chlorinated compounds have not been shown to cause adverse effects on humans or the environment. Continuing technological improvements are expected to lower the already low risks of adverse effects related to chlorine in the environment.

Thank you for your consideration of the points raised in this letter. I hope that, upon a careful review of the implications of the EPA proposal, that this administration will adopt a policy based on (1) credible science that weighs all the evidence in an even-handed manner, including an evaluation of potential alternatives; (2) a fair and balanced process that involves all stakeholders; and (3) weighs social and economic factors.

Respectfully yours,



James P. McAliney  
Market Manager, Regeneration & Services

JPM/jrd

cc: Mr. Charles A. Kitchen  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1994

Mr. John Merfee, Jr.  
P.O. Box 113  
White Castle, LA 70788

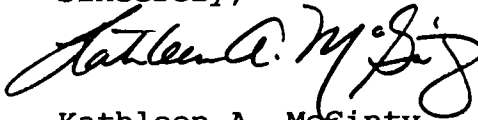
Dear Mr. Merfee:

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Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,



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

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February 14, 1994

Deputy Asst. to the Pres. and Dir.  
Kathleen McGinty  
Office of Environmental Policy  
Old Executive Office Building  
Room 360  
17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20501

FAX: (202/456-2710)

Dear Ms. McGinty:

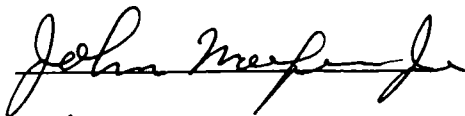
As a chemical worker in Louisiana, we are opposed to the proposal to prohibit, reduce or substitute the use of chlorine.

Chlorine or chlorinated compounds are used in almost every aspect of our every day lives.

The loss of this industry will face grave consequences, including the loss of many jobs.

We are confident that once you are aware of the vital contribution that chlorine and its products provide to public health and the U.S. economy, you will reconsider this proposal.

Sincerely,



P.O. Box 113  
WHITE CASTLE LA 70788

THE WHITE HOUSE<sup>U</sup>  
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1994

Ms. Leslie May  
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Lake Jackson, TX 77566

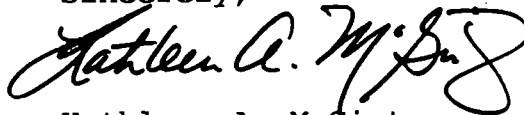
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Kathleen A. McGinty  
Director, White House Office on  
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318 Banyan Drive  
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February 22, 1994

Office of Environmental Policy  
Deputy Assistant to the President and Director  
Kathleen McGinty  
Old Executive Office Building  
Room 360  
17th St & Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I read in the newspaper, listened to the radio, and watched television with horror as the mainstream media informed we, the taxpayers, of the Clinton Administration's whimsical, ill-informed, immature and ignorant statements which, in effect, propose to BAN an ELEMENT from the periodic table. The chlorine atom is as fundamental a part of our natural world as is carbon, the building block of human life. In fact, without the chlorine atom, each of us would cease to live: the chloride ion is a vital link in neurotransmission.

Chlorine chemistry is fundamental to the high standard of living enjoyed by we of the United States. The chlorine atom is part of the herbicides which rid our crops of harmful insects. These herbicides are in large part responsible for the small portion of the American consumer's income which goes toward foodstuffs. Chlorine is responsible for the near-demise of deadly cholera and other life-threatening diseases. Almost no drug produced to treat disease or otherwise lengthen human life could be produced without chlorine.

Shame on yourself, Ms. McGinty. I grew up in the 1960s when the United States put a man on the moon. During that time, technology was admired and appreciated; scientists were men to be respected and honored. Now our educational system's failures and our society's decadence have led us to a point where truth no longer matters, just political correctness as espoused by ill-advised members of the environmental Nazi movement. The truth is this: without chlorine chemistry, our lifestyles would not be nearly so pleasant; indeed, our lives would not be nearly so long. Certain chlorine-containing molecules are indeed carcinogenic, but this fact does not bear causal relation to the other molecules which have been tested and found to be safe and effective. I suggest that you dig up your chemistry textbooks and learn a little about science before you blithely attempt to gainsay the natural laws of the universe based upon pathetic political pandering to special interests.

Your leader should take a lesson from a GREAT Democratic president, John F. Kennedy, who realized that the key to America's future greatness was NOT in socialistic programs to reward those who do nothing, but rather in the vision of a better nation based on the educational attainments of every citizen. Kennedy gave us the space program, which launched a commitment to science education and to individual excellence. For those of us who grew up with Kennedy's