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I've made a few comments on the Kosovo material and forwarded it separately to Greg for consideration.

New items include on on
Russia's nuclear force and the Taiwan problem, including discussion
of the Taiwan Relations Act, arms sales, etc.

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Message-----
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NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS GUIDANCE

July 21, 1999

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Sarajevo Conference
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Northern Ireland (updated)

Kosovo (updated)
China Compensation
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ASIA

China/Taiwan / One China Policy (updated)
WTO Accession

INTERAMERICAN

Cuba / Coast Guard/Immigration

SARAJEVO CONFERENCE

July 20, 1999

CONTEXT: The President will attend a Summit in Sarajevo on July 30, accompanied by Secretary Albright and other senior Administration officials. The President and German Chancellor Schroeder announced on June 21 at the U.S.-EU Summit their desire to convene such a conference to give "strong dynamism" to the Stability Pact and to "get the people of the region to work together to define their own future." The conference is scheduled to begin July 29 with preliminary sessions for the countries of the region.

What do you hope to accomplish next week in Sarajevo?

- * The Sarajevo Summit should:
- * launch Stability Pact in highly visible and symbolic way;
- * promote vision of region founded on cooperation and integration with Europe;
- * encourage SEE countries to cooperate in developing shared strategy for stability and growth;
- * demonstrate Serbia's isolation under Milosevic;

* advance Dayton implementation.

* The nations of southeast Europe have expressed their commitment to leave behind a century filled with violence and division to join a stable, democratic Europe with the hope of enduring peace and prosperity in the new millennium. Last month, the European Union adopted a Stability Pact for Southeast Europe to assist them with that commitment. Along with the leaders of the European Union and the G-8, the President will meet with regional leaders in Sarajevo later this month to show concrete support for these initiatives.

* We have emphasized that NATO's success in Kosovo is a first step towards creating a Europe that is undivided and at peace, one that is founded on democracy and cooperation and that rejects nationalism and strife. The President is going to encourage this shared vision of Europe united and free.

* The Balkans conferences of Europe's past led to "Balkanization". By contrast, this conference will respond to the climate of cooperation and to the initiatives the countries of the region themselves bring to the table. For that reason, the U.S., EU and G-8 leaders will come to the table to hear what the countries of southeast Europe plan in order to improve the climate for outside investment, strengthen democracy, and bring about true cooperation in the region.

* Milosevic shares none of these goals and for that reason Serbia cannot participate.
Are you still determined that Serbia won't get a dime of aid until Milosevic resigns?

* No aid for reconstruction.

* We have always said that Serbia will receive humanitarian aid but not "one red cent" for reconstruction.

* Looking at ways to support democratic opposition, including at the local level.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release July 19, 1999

STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

President Clinton's Trip to Southeast Europe

President Clinton will travel to Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina on Friday, July 30 to participate in the Southeast Europe Stability Pact Summit. The Summit, sponsored by the European Union and hosted by the Bosnian Presidency, will gather over thirty heads of state and government from Europe and North America committed to southeast Europe's political and economic recovery and integration into the Euro-Atlantic mainstream.

The leaders will discuss ways to strengthen peace and stability, deepen democracy and civil society, and promote economic reforms throughout southeast Europe. Spreading democracy and encouraging trade and investment in the region will be two important points of discussion. The meeting will also provide an opportunity to assess progress in Bosnia's peaceful transformation to a democratic, multi-ethnic state through implementation of the Dayton Peace Accords.

All the leaders of southeast Europe will be invited to participate, with the exception of President Slobodan Milosevic of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY). The United States is committed to assist in the FRY's reintegration into Europe, but only after there is a government in Belgrade that is committed to democracy, human rights and international cooperation.

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NORTHERN IRELAND

July 21, 1999

CONTEXT: Prime Ministers Blair and Ahern met with Senator Mitchell in London yesterday to decide the timing and structure of a review of implementation of the Good Friday Agreement, following last week's impasse over IRA decommissioning. The review is expected to take place in early fall.

What was the outcome of yesterday's summit in London?

* Yesterday, the Irish and British PM's formally commenced their review of implementation of the Good Friday Agreement.

What role will Senator Mitchell play?

* Sen. Mitchell will serve as "facilitator" for a "tightly-focused" review. He has begun meeting with the parties (Trimble in London last night, other parties including Sinn Fein in Belfast today).

* The review will tackle the two issues of:
(1) setting up an inclusive power-sharing Executive in NI, and
(2) addressing the issue of decommissioning illegal arms by May 2000 in a manner determined by the International Commission.

* There will be a break (for rest and reflection) in August, then he will resume the review in early September with the aim of bringing it to a "speedy conclusion" (steer away from speculation on whether it will last 2-3 weeks or longer).

Isn't it unrealistic to think that the IRA will complete the disarmament (decommissioning) process by May 2000, as spelled out in the Agreement?

* Decommissioning is one of many key components of the Good Friday Agreement, along with power sharing, constitutional reform, human rights, policing, etc. We

urge all the parties to implement the Agreement in all its aspects within the timeframe spelled out in the accord.

IF ASKED: Why should a "review" hold out any greater prospect of the Agreement being implemented than was the case before last week?

* Recent events have demonstrated more clearly than ever that the Good Friday Agreement is the only way forward and that all parties should now move swiftly to fulfill their obligations under the Agreement in all its aspects.

* The people of Northern Ireland will never forgive their leaders if the Agreement is allowed to founder.

Who do you expect to replace Mo Mowlam as Northern Secretary in the cabinet reshuffle expected late this month?

* Refer to British government. Mowlam has done excellent job.

KOSOVO
July 21, 1999

CONTEXT: According to today's Washington Post, General Shelton and Secretary Cohen expressed irritation yesterday before the Senate Armed Services Committee about the speed of UNMIK deployment.

How is KFOR deployment going?

* KFOR deployment is over 34000 from 21 nations.

* It includes: 8000 British

5300 American

5000 French

4700 Italians

4300 Germans

1500 Russians

1500 Dutch

900 Spanish

720 Polish (in U.S. sector)

1000 Turkish (in German sector)

530 Canadians (in U.K. sector)

525 Greek (in U.S. sector)

and others.

* There are an additional 8000 other troops in FYROM under General Jackson's command.

* In recent days troops from the United Arab Emirates, Belgium, Finland, Hungary, Portugal, and Denmark have arrived.

* Now that U.S. Army forces have relieved them, the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit is beginning to withdrawal from Kosovo.

Are we worried about UN foot-dragging in Kosovo?

* No. The establishment of UNMIK is a complex operation with the kind of authority the UN has never had to exercise. [this answer seems a bit too categorical. We are concerned. Also, it runs completely counter to apparent statements by Cohen/Shelton. Is that the intent?]

* Nonetheless, UNMIK planning and deployment is progressing rapidly.

* KFOR's rapid deployment and success in returning security and normality to the

province provide the foundation on which the UN is building long-term institutions for governing Kosovo.

* The Special Representative of the Secretary General in Kosovo, Bernard Kouchner, arrived last week, accompanied by his principal deputy, American Jock Covey, and other personnel. Kouchner announced a comprehensive agenda on arrival which prioritized humanitarian needs and the restoration of public functions and law and order.

* UNMIK has now appointed a total of 19 judicial officials.

* Judges in an "itinerant court" have so far heard a total of 90 cases involving 198 detained persons; it has recommended the release of 95 of these people.

* Kosovo police applications are now being distributed. OSCE expects to have 80 police instructors and the director of the police academy in place within the coming week. The first 350 recruits are expected to be selected and begin training in mid-August.

CHINA COMPENSATION (July 20, 1999)

How did talks on payments to Chinese victims of the accidental bombing go?

* We have had discussions with the Chinese on this subject and anticipate further and more detailed discussions. We hope to reach agreement very soon on payments to the injured individuals and the families of those killed as a humanitarian gesture.

* Other, more complex, property-related payments issues, either to the U.S. or to the Chinese, are being addressed.

UNEXPLODED ORDNANCES (July 20, 1999)

Context: A Washington Post story appeared July 19 highlighting the problem of the unexploded ordnance from the air campaign, particularly cluster bomblets.

- * The U.S. government believes unexploded ordnance and land mines are a serious threat in Kosovo, and is contributing to a vigorous public information campaign to warn Kosovars to take precautions. It is also working with contractors and NGOs to provide for mine and ordnance clearance.

- * Before the conflict in Kosovo ended, the U.S. awarded a grant of almost \$350000 to UNICEF for mine awareness education in the refugee camps in Albania and Macedonia, so that refugees would fully understand the danger landmines and UXO present.

- * On specifics, we refer you to the Department of Defense.

"WHO'S RUNNING KOSOVO?" (July 20, 1999)

A Washington Post article of July 16 asks "who's running Kosovo?" It alleges a power vacuum as KFOR defers to UNMIK which the KLA and local populace do not take seriously.

- * In accordance with UNSCR 1244, UNMIK is in charge.

- * KFOR is providing interim security as UNMIK is fully established. The reasoning behind KFOR's immediate entry into Kosovo concurrent with Serb departure was to fill the power vacuum. KFOR will continue to serve this purpose until UNMIK is fully established. [not sure this is an accurate characterization. It suggests KFOR's security role lasts only till UNMIK is fully staffed.]

- * The Special Representative of the Secretary General in Kosovo, Bernard Kouchner, arrived last week, accompanied by his principal deputy, American Jock Covey, and other personnel. Kouchner announced a comprehensive agenda on arrival which prioritized humanitarian needs and the restoration of public functions and law and order.

- * Interim SRSG de Mello has continued to meet with prominent Albanians and Serbs, most recently Ibrahim Rugova on his return to Kosovo and Serbian Orthodox

leaders.

* There are now 172 UN police in Kosovo. The plan is for 1000 to be deployed by the end of July. Almost 2500 civil police have already been pledged by nations to the UN, of a target of 3100, and deployment will begin next week.

* These UN police have begun to join patrols.

* The OSCE is beginning to recruit members of new Kosovo Police Force and is planning first intake of recruits to the police academy at Vucitrn in mid-August. The first five-week course will comprise 150 students. OSCE has started to select trainers.

* On June 28, the UN interim SRSG de Mello took significant steps towards establishing interim police and justice systems, appointing legal experts to select judges and deploying the first international police. These judges have begun addressing whether to continue the detention of those KFOR has detained.

* Meanwhile, the KLA is showing signs of full compliance with its undertaking to demilitarize. For example, few KLA members wear their uniforms or insignia anymore though they allowed to do so until September.

* We are confident that the UN, NATO, the OSCE, the EU and the international community, working with the people of Kosovo, will work through many of the difficult issues raised in the article. It is noteworthy that this was an article about implementation of peace, not the continuation of Mr. Milosevic's campaign of ethnic terror.

DISSENT (July 19, 1999)

CONTEXT: In the first protest organized by his Serbian Renewal Party, Vuk Draskovic led a rally in Kragujevac in central Serbia attended by 20,000. He called for Milosevic to step down and for a transitional government to end Western sanctions and prepare free elections. He also counseled against violent

change. "Civil-war wounds last the longest and heal the hardest," Draskovic warned. "Serbia must avoid the danger of civil war."

There is mounting criticism of Milosevic within Serbia as demonstrations increase and opposition leaders speak out. Are you encouraged by this? Do you think Milosevic will be forced to step down? What are you doing to promote this movement?

* We are heartened that the Serb people are coming to grips with what happened in Kosovo.

* As the full extent of Milosevic's self-destructive policies come to light, the Serb people are beginning to express their wish for an end to nationalist agitation. As a result, Milosevic has promised the integration into the European mainstream. Unfortunately this can only happen with Milosevic out of office.

* We have always opposed the cynical manipulation of nationalist sentiment and stated many times our support for Serbia's democratization.

* It is too early to predict how long Milosevic can maintain his control.

* We are taking many steps to encourage democratization in Serbia but no one has provided more incentives for political change in Serbia than President Milosevic himself. Serbia will receive no reconstruction aid from the United States with Milosevic in power.

* NATO's airstrikes implied no quarrel with the Serbian people.

* The goal of our policy is a Europe that is undivided, democratic, and at peace.

INCIDENTS (July 19, 1999)

How were the U.S. servicemen killed?

* Two U.S. KFOR members were killed and three injured as the result of an

accident near Domorovce. The injured were evacuated to Camp Bondsteel for treatment. The accident was tragic. It occurred when the armed personnel carrier in which the soldiers were travelling overturned. The incident is under investigation.

* We offer heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased.

Do these events signal an absence of security?

* We continue to receive reports of some incidents but they are exceptional. As KFOR deployments have risen their coverage is more complete and their response is more comprehensive.

* On June 28, the UN Acting SRSG de Mello took significant steps towards establishing interim police and justice systems, appointing legal experts to select judges and deploying first international police.

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KLA ACTIVITIES (July 12, 1999)

What is the status on KLA demilitarization?

* The KLA committed that as of the midnight deadline Monday its members would not carry automatic small arms outside authorized assembly areas and would establish verifiable and secure weapons storage sites.

* Leadership and the great bulk of the KLA continue to show broad compliance with the terms of the undertaking.

- * The wearing of military uniforms and insignia (due to end in September) has already generally ceased.
- * We see no signs of intentional non-compliance among leadership.
- * We recognize that the KLA may have problems transmitting instructions to all its members dispersed throughout Kosovo. Even so, many KLA personnel have vacated fighting positions, and have moved to assembly areas, dropped weapons and uniforms, and left.
- * The KLA is also assisting KFOR with mine clearance.
- * KFOR will be as rigorous in its enforcement of the KLA undertaking as it was in enforcing Serb forces' withdrawal from Kosovo.
- * The KLA's next deadline is July 20.

The military has said very clearly that they need to accelerate the KFOR deployment. Have you pushed the deployment timetable forward so that more resources get to Kosovo to avoid a vacuum on the ground?

- * US deployment is on track.
- * KFOR numbers continue to rise everyday and are approaching 25000 in Kosovo.
- * As KFOR coverage becomes more comprehensive, we are not seeing violence and reprisals of the kind we saw in the first days after the air strikes ended.
- * Additional American forces from Germany are currently arriving.
- * NATO is looking at ways to accelerate allied deployments.

It appears that the refugees refused to wait for UN help and went home anyway. Has this caused any problems on the ground and is this a sign that, like Bosnia,

those responsible for civilian implementation will fail to act quickly enough, causing civilian implementation to lag behind what is needed?

* Albanians have returned rapidly and against the advice of UNHCR and NATO. As a result, there have been some injuries due to landmines and booby-traps because areas were not secured in advance.

* There were some traffic jams and road congestion in the first days of return but these problems have dissipated.

* Daily returns are proceeding now at a manageable level.

* Civil implementation for Kosovo is a large task; there is a big job ahead. However, we are encouraged at the speedy response that we have seen thus far from the UN, the EU, and the OSCE.

* We expect steady progress to be made over the next several months as these organizations expand their capacity within Kosovo.

* US is doing its part. Secretary Albright has announced commitment of 450 police to the UN civil police force.

* Even with the rapid returns into Kosovo, there are no people starving and we are doing everything we can to ensure that the returnees will have adequate shelter this winter.

RUSSIA'S NUCLEAR FORCE

July 21, 199

BACKGROUND: Today's Washington Post reported that electricity was cut off to some Russian military units, including some missile units and air defense units. The report stated that the cutoff only affected support facilities, not combat units; but it still raised doubts about Russia's control over its nuclear weapons

arsenal.

What is your reaction to today's story in the Washington Post describing how the power supply to Russian military units was cut off? Is Russia's control over its nuclear forces eroding?

* On the general question of the security of Russia's nuclear stockpile, we believe that Russian government authorities remain in firm control of Russia's nuclear weapons. We continue to monitor this issue very closely.

* A productive series of exchanges and cooperative programs -- including exchanges involving U.S. and Russian strategic force commanders -- has helped increase our confidence in the safety and security of the Russian nuclear arsenal.

* The safety and security of Russian nuclear weapons is obviously a matter of the highest national security interest to the United States and to this Administration.

* That is why President Clinton has given priority to expanding our Threat Reduction programs, which help Russia dismantle strategic nuclear weapons systems and safeguard nuclear warheads and materials. Have requested \$4.5 billion over five years - a 60% increase.

* Last fall, President Clinton and Yeltsin agreed on a new initiative to exchange of information on missile launches and early warning, designed to reduce the danger that ballistic missiles could be launched inadvertently on the basis of false warning of attack and strengthen regional and strategic stability. Have made getting this program going a top post-Kosovo priority with Russia.

* Clearly, Russian economic situation is worrisome. Workers in key sectors, including the military, are not being paid on time. Encouraged that Stepashin government has taken firm steps, including new revenue measures and tough action to collect taxes, to get Russian budget on track and meet the government's obligations.

INDIA-PAKISTAN

July 21, 1999

CONTEXT: Pakistani-supported infiltrators have departed the Indian side of the Line of Control and India has declared the crisis in Kargil to be over. Artillery fire continues along the Line in Kashmir, as has been normal over the last several years. The President has written to the Pakistani prime minister and called Indian Prime Minister Vajpayee Tuesday, urging both to return to the Lahore Process. .

Has Prime Minister Sharif fulfilled his commitment to President Clinton to restore the Line of Control in Kashmir?

* It appears that the Line of Control in the Kargil region has been basically restored, with all or virtually all of the infiltrators gone from the Indian side. We welcome this development. Both India and Pakistan deserve credit for their cooperation in ending this crisis.

Is the U.S. now prepared to mediate the Kashmir dispute?

* The United States is not mediating this issue. The President committed to Prime Minister Sharif to take a personal interest in encouraging a resumption and intensification of the Indo-Pakistani bilateral dialogue. In that context, we would hope for an early return to the Lahore process in which both countries would discuss all issues dividing them, including Kashmir.

Is there a Presidential trip to South Asia in the works?

* In his July 4 joint statement with Prime Minister Sharif, the President stated his intent to travel to South Asia, but a date for a visit has not been set.

KILLINGS IN KASHMIR

Context: Attention in Kashmir has shifted from the Line of Control to other areas of the province, where over the past few weeks, close to forty Muslim and Hindu villagers, most of them civilians, have been killed in attacks by gunmen.

While we are not assessing responsibility, it appears that militant groups based in Pakistan are among those connected with some of the killings.

How can India restore dialogue with Pakistan when militants are killing civilians in Kashmir?

- * These attacks are reprehensible and should be stopped immediately. Not only do they offend human decency, but they also make the Kashmir conflict more, not less, difficult to resolve.

- * The continuing violence in Kashmir underlines the pressing need for India and Pakistan to resolve the differences that separate them.

POTUS CALL TO PM VAJPA YEE

- * The President called the Indian Prime Minister July 20th in order to offer his appreciation for India's restraint during the crisis in Kargil, and to express his pleasure that respect for the Line of Control had been restored in the Kargil area.

- * He stressed his view that a strong bilateral dialogue (the Lahore process) between India and Pakistan was important for long-term peace in the region. The President also reaffirmed his intention to visit South Asia.

- * At the end of the cordial, 15-minute conversation, PM Vajpayee offered his condolences for the death of JFK Jr. which he described as a loss to his many friends around the world, including in India.

Will there be a corresponding call to Prime Minister Sharif?

- * We remain in close touch with Islamabad.

IRAN: UNREST AND CLAIMS OF US INVOLVEMENT

July 20, 1999

CONTEXT: Iranian Press are reporting that at least one of those arrested in last week's crackdown on pro-democracy protests has confessed to links with US and

Israeli intelligence.

Do you have any comment on the Iranian claims that the US incited the pro-democracy protests in Iran last week?

- * The assertion is ludicrous and we reject such accusations.
- * We have made clear that we are concerned by any use of violence to put down demonstrations in support of freedom of expression and the rule of law anywhere in the world, including Iran.
- * We call on Iran to respect international human rights standards, including the rights of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly.

What about the charge that at least one of those arrested has admitted to ties to the US government? Isn't it true that some of those arrested have traveled to the United States to promote their political agendas?

- * I don't know where these individuals traveled or whom they met.
- * All I can tell you is that the US government had nothing whatsoever to do with these demonstrations.

CHINA/TAIWAN: ONE CHINA POLICY
July 21, 1999

Are we punishing Taiwan by cutting off military assistance?

- * No change in our policy to provide defensive arms to Taiwan to enable it to maintain self-defense capability.
- * We continue to adhere to the three U.S.-China communiques and the Taiwan Relations Act. These have been the solid foundation for two decades of productive development in the region. We are firmly committed to this "one

China" framework.

Have you canceled delegations' travel to Taipei and delayed arms sales to Taiwan?

- * We do not comment publicly about the details of our deliberations over arms sales to Taiwan.

- * We have not postponed any arms sales decisions. We will continue to review these on a case-by-case basis.

- * I do not want to comment on the schedule of consultations with Taiwan about our arms sales. I would only note that we are concerned about the prospect of rising tension in the Strait and would like to see Taipei and Beijing take positive steps to prevent that.

- * Direct dialogue between Taipei and Beijing remains the key to resolving differences and preventing misunderstanding.

Is the U.S. contemplating augmenting U.S. forces in the area?

- * We have no plans to do so.

What is our military obligation to Taiwan under the Taiwan Relations Act?

- * The TRA obligates the United States to make available to Taiwan defensive articles and services to enable Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability. The TRA declares our policy that peace and stability in the area of the Taiwan Strait are in the political, security, and economic interests of the United States.

- * The TRA also states clearly that it is U.S. policy to consider any effort to determine the future of Taiwan by other than peaceful means as a threat to the peace and security of the area and of grave concern to the United States.

Does Lee Teng-hui's statement yesterday resolve the cross-Strait situation?

* Have seen press reports; refer you to Taiwan for authoritative statement.

* Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui reportedly explained that he was not seeking independence by calling for state-to-state relations in cross-Strait dialogue. He reportedly said "one China" is still possible, but only one that has a democratic system of government. Until then, he indicates there are two Chinese states that should have equal status.

* American policy is clear: we have a one-China policy, we expect a peaceful resolution of the cross-Strait issues, and we strongly encourage dialogue across the Taiwan Strait.

WTO ACCESSION

CONTEXT: The NYT ran an article (p.A6) Tuesday entitled: "U.S. to Resume Trade Talks with Beijing"

Is China ready to re-engage in negotiations on its WTO accession?

* There is no change in China's position. We remain prepared to resume our talks with the Chinese when they are prepared to do so. We believe China's entry into the WTO on strong commercial terms is in both countries' interest.

Is Commerce Under Secretary Aaron going to Beijing this week to resume WTO talks?

* No. The purpose of this visit is to prepare for an annual meeting between our Secretary of Commerce and China's Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation (MOFTEC) that focuses on our commercial relationship. This meeting usually occurs in the fall. (There is no date set yet).

Do you take this as a good sign?

- * We support resumption of normal contacts between our officials.

CUBA: COAST GUARD/IMMIGRATION

July 21, 1999

In Miami last week, there was tough criticism of the Coast Guard's handling of a migrant interdiction on June 29. Was it because migration policy is fraying?

- * Strongly support Coast Guard, which has very difficult mission and performs it with professionalism.

- * Coast Guard saves thousands of lives every year, including many illegal migrants.

- * Expressed concern about one incident - particularly use of "pepper spray" against people in the water.

- * Coast Guard immediately started an investigation and, based on preliminary findings, adjusted policy on pepper spray. Final results of the investigation are due early next week.

- * Challenge for Coast Guard is increase in alien-smuggling - exploitation of human misery for profit - and aggressiveness by migrants.

Given increased flow of illegal migrants, why aren't you reviewing policy?

- * Migration policy, including implementation of accords reached with Cuba in 1994 and 1995, is working, and remains unchanged.

- * We must enforce our laws; we must protect our borders.

- * Objective remains to channel migration into safe, orderly and legal channels and to discourage irregular departures by boat.

* We have programs that provide visas to at least 20,000 Cubans a year.

Don't you care about the plight of the Cuban migrants?

* Hearts go out to Cuban people - who lack human rights and suffer from government's failed economic policies.

* Have taken steps over past 18 months to reach out to Cuban people on the island
- to help relieve their plight and to help prepare for democratic future.

* Dangerous, illegal migration is not the answer - harmful to all. Deaths at sea
- two in recent weeks - underscore danger.

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DATE-TIME 7/25/99 4:42:33 PM
FROM Benjamin, Daniel (TNT)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT Kennedy [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Blinken, Antony J. (EUR)

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-----Original Message-----

From: Blinken, Antony J. (EUR)

Sent: Friday, July 23, 1999 8:22 PM

To: Benjamin, Daniel (TNT)

Subject:

Kennedy [UNCLASSIFIED]

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Benjamin, Daniel (TNT)

Sent: Friday, July 23, 1999 2:59 PM

To:

Blinken, Antony J. (EUR)

Subject: Kennedy [UNCLASSIFIED]

God,

Ted Kennedy writes just like Bob Shrum...amazing....

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Message-----

From: WHSR

Sent: Friday, July 23, 1999 2:34 PM

To:

Hot News

Subject: Kennedy

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^PM-Kennedy, 7th Ld-1st

Add, a0602-638,0199<

^URGENT<

^NEW YORK: Bessette Kennedy.<

Dr. Richard Freeman and his wife, Ann, the stepfather and mother of

Kennedy's wife and sister-in-law Lauren Bessette, were among the first

to arrive, walking quietly into the church about 90 minutes before

the 11 a.m. memorial. Kennedy's sister, Caroline, and the senator arrived later.

Other mourners included the Bessette sisters' father, William;

JFK Jr.'s hero Muhammad Ali; hip-hop artist Wyclef Jean; cousins

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Maria Shriver; and Shriver's husband,

Arnold Schwarzenegger. And on nearby sidewalks, ordinary people who

couldn't get into the memorial gathered to see a bit of history and

be with the families in spirit.

The Mass was

private but the senator's office in Washington released a text of

his eloquent, sometimes humorous eulogy.

``He was lost on that troubled night," the senator said. ``But

we will always wake for

him, so that his time, which was not doubled but cut in half, will

live forever in our memory, and in our beguiled and broken hearts."

``He drove his own car and flew his own plane, which is how he wanted

it."

^MORE

APE- 07/23/99 14:10:00

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 7/26/99 6:52:09 PM
FROM Kerrick, Donald L. (NSA)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT RE: Pending SP for Coast Guard Event [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Clarke, Richard A. (TNT)

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got it.

-----Original Message-----

From: Clarke, Richard A.
(TNT)

Sent: Monday, July 26, 1999 6:52 PM

To: @KERRICK

Subject: FW:

Pending SP for Coast Guard Event [UNCLASSIFIED]

Cabinet Affairs
is pushing it.

-----Original Message-----

From: Clarke, Richard
A. (TNT)

Sent: Monday, July 26, 1999 6:47 PM

To: Kerrick, Donald
L. (NSA)

Subject: RE: Pending SP for Coast Guard Event [UNCLASSIFIED]

thanx

-----Original
Message-----

From: Kerrick, Donald L. (NSA)

Sent: Monday, July
26, 1999 6:41 PM

To: Clarke, Richard A. (TNT)

Subject: RE: Pending
SP for Coast Guard Event [UNCLASSIFIED]

Can do. Do you know if
they sent it through Cabinet Affairs or the military office? Will
be a hard sell because it is first working day after trip to Sarajevo

and POTUS has accepted the CJCS invite to attend 50th Anniversary of CJCS on Aug. 9. But, will put in good word.

-----Original

Message-----

From: Clarke, Richard A. (TNT)

Sent: Monday, July

26, 1999 6:36 PM

To: @KERRICK

Subject: Pending SP for Coast Guard

Event [UNCLASSIFIED]

Don - Transportation has submitted an SP for 2 AUG Fort McNair ceremony: honoring CG's birthday; presenting a Battle Streamer (first such streamer unique to CG - recognizes their Revenue Cutter Service contributions); and awarding a DSM to RADM Larrabee for his role in the recent JFK Jr. SAR effort. Given CG's high-profile efforts during the JFK evolution, and the President's prior comments on the CG's handling of the unfortunate Cuban migrant interdiction case, it would be great if the President could do this event. Are you in a position to put in a good word? Thanks, Dick

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Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 8/3/99 10:03:02 AM
FROM Harris, Cody S. (RUE/INTERN)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT JFK memo Part II [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Leary, William H. (RECORDS)

CARBON_COPY

TEXT_BODY Here we go again....I need your clearence on this second memo to the President. This one's a thank you letter from POTUS to Yeltsin. Carlos has cleared already.

Thanks. CH

TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT

5824SRB.doc

August 3, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL BERGER

THROUGH: CARLOS PASCUAL

FROM: CODY HARRIS

SUBJECT: Presidential Thank You Letter to President Yeltsin for Kennedy Assassination Documents

The memorandum to the President at Tab I recommends a letter to President Yeltsin thanking him for the documents on the JFK assassination and Oswald that Yeltsin gave to the President at Cologne.

Concurrence by: Bill Leary

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum for the President

Tab A Letter of Thanks to President Yeltsin

Tab B Memorandum for the President #5456

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TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT 5824Potus.doc

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER

SUBJECT: Thank You Letter to President Yeltsin for Kennedy
Assassination
Documents

Purpose

To thank President Yeltsin for the documents on the Kennedy
Assassination that he
gave to you at the Cologne summit.

Background

I recently sent you a memo that summarized the highlights of the
Kennedy
documents that President Yeltsin gave you at Cologne (Tab B).

Your letter thanks President Yeltsin for this unanticipated gift and
indicates
that you were particularly impressed by documents regarding Jackie
Kennedy's
remarkable composure at her husband's funeral reception. The letter

also informs
President Yeltsin that the documents are being released to the
American public
and that his gift will be appreciated by all Americans.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to President Yeltsin

Tab B Memorandum for the President #5456

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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT YeltsinLetter.doc

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Kennedy's assassination that you gave me at the Cologne summit. I
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reception. Her
appeal to Khrushchev regarding the importance of relations between
our two
countries is an emotional reminder of how far we've come, and how

important it is
to continue our joint efforts.

You should know that these documents are being released to a special collection in our National Archives where they will be made available to the American public and scholars. It is not surprising that, given the great interest in the Kennedy assassination in the United States, these documents have already been the focus of considerable attention from the public and the media. In effect, your gift was not just to me, but to all Americans.

In the wake of the tragedy surrounding John F. Kennedy Jr., I believe that the insights generated by these documents will resonate strongly in the hearts of the American people. Again, I thank you for this most thoughtful and touching gift.

Sincerely,

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Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 8/3/99 11:14:25 AM
FROM Harris, Cody S. (RUE/INTERN)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT JFK memo [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Pascual, Carlos E. (RUE)

CARBON_COPY

TEXT_BODY Carlos: Bill Leary cleared with only a few technical changes to language that had to do with the release of the documents. no content was changed. unless you object, i'll begin assembling the package and should have it ready for you to initial today.

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TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT

YeltsinLetter.doc

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We recently completed the English translation of the documents regarding President Kennedy's assassination that you gave me at the Cologne summit. I want to thank you for this unanticipated and important gift.

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Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 8/17/99 5:10:49 PM
FROM Crocker, Bathsheba N. (NSA)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT RE: Coast Guard Commendation - Package #6194 [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Peterman, David (Brian) (DEFENSE)

CARBON_COPY Andreassen, Steven P. (DEFENSE)
Bell, Robert G. (DEFENSE)
Binnendijk, Johannes A. (Hans) (DEFENSE)
Bouchard, Joseph F. (DEFENSE)
Brackman, Stella S. (DEFENSE)
Kelly, Sandra L. (DEFENSE)
Mitchell, Rebecca (Julie) J. (NSA)
Mulligan, George D. (DEFENSE)
Peterman, David (Brian) (DEFENSE)
Pimentel, Betsy J. (DEFENSE)
Witkowsky, Anne A.
Bartlett, L. June (EXSEC)
Bradtke, Robert A. (EXSEC)
Dejban, Donna D. (NSA)
Gire, Cynthia L. (EXSEC)
Hilliard, Brenda I. (EXSEC)
Jacobson, Tracey A. (ADMIN)
Joshi, M. Kay (EXSEC)
Kerrick, Donald L. (NSA)
Millison, Cathy L. (EXSEC)
Powell, Elliott (WHSR/EXSEC)
Rudman, Mara E. (NSA)
Sargeant, Stephen T. (EXSEC)
Snip, Sarah E. (EXSEC/INTERN)
Wasserman, Elaine P. (EXSEC)

TEXT_BODY That sounds like a good plan. Thanks. Sheba

-----Original Message-----

From: Peterman,
David (Brian) (DEFENSE)
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 1999 5:09 PM
To: Crocker,
Bathsheba N. (NSA)
Cc: @DEFENSE - Defense Policy; @EXECSEC - Executive
Secretary

Subject: Coast Guard Commendation - Package #6194 [UNCLASSIFIED]

Sheba-

This package is titled "Coast Guard Personnel to be Commended for Effort to Recover Remains of JFK JR & Wife & Sister-in-law". Although the writer, a citizen from Missouri, sincerely commends the Coast Guard, he is actually using the JFKJR recovery operation as an argument to urge SRB to take action to search for the remains of a pilot downed in the South China Sea during the Vietnam War.

You tasked @Defense

to prepare a reply for SRB. I'd like to suggest that, instead, I prepare an ExecSec memo transferring this letter for action to DOD and a short note from Hans Binnendijk to the writer informing him that DOD will reply to his request.

Thanks.

Brian

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 8/17/99 6:21:29 PM
FROM Kelly, Sandra L. (DEFENSE)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT Hans' Signature Block [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Peterman, David (Brian) (DEFENSE)

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TEXT_BODY

TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT 6194 Ltr_.doc
August 18, 1999

Dear Mr. Goodwin:

Thank you for your letter commending the Coast Guard for their work in the recovery of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife and sister-in-law. On behalf of Mr.

Berger, I have forwarded your request to conduct a search for Major Rosenbach to the Department of Defense for appropriate action.

Sincerely,

Hans Binnendijk
Special Assistant to the President
and Senior Director for Defense
Policy and Arms Control

Mr. Dwayne M. Goodwin
110 W. New Street
Palmyra, MO 63461

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 08/25/2000 5:57:52 PM
FROM Mclean, Matthew K. (MULTI)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT RE: Liberian ad on late night TV [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)

CARBON_COPY Banbury, Anthony "Tony" N. (MULTI)
Feldman, Daniel F. (MULTI)
Mclean, Matthew K. (MULTI)
Naplan, Steven J. (MULTI)
Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)
Peterson-Becker, Augustine "Gusti" (ADMIN)
Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)
Shea, Dorothy C. (MULTILAT)
Smith, Peter D. R. (MULTI)
Tierney, Mary "Theresa" T. (MULTI)
Wilcox, Richard M. (MULTI)

TEXT_BODY yes, i have seen that before too. gotta love them west african scams.
wonder if the coin is chrome-colored-covered plastic like in those
kiddie money packs.

-----Original Message-----

From: Patten,
Wendy L. (MULTI)
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2000 5:31 PM
To: Mclean,
Matthew K. (MULTI)
Cc: @MULTILAT - Multilateral and Humanitarian
Affairs
Subject: Liberian ad on late night TV [UNCLASSIFIED]

Matt

-- I was flipping the stations late the night before last (around
midnight) and ran across one of those ads, like for a CD collection
or something, but it was for a JFK Jr. commemorative \$10 coin issued
by "the sovereign nation of Liberia." On the back it says Republic
of Liberia and has the GOL's seal. There was, at one point, flashed
on the screen a disclaimer about connections to the JFK Jr. estate
(there are none) and then, at the end, an 800 # to call to order.
Hmmm...

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 12/6/99 8:22:55 PM

FROM Wozniak, Natalie S. (PRESS)

CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT INTERNAL: December 3 Interview of the President by People Magazine [UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Fallin, James (PRESS)
Gobush, Matthew N. (PRESS)
Hammer, Michael A. (PRESS)
Hoelzer, Jennifer I. (PRESS/INTERN)
Huff, Lindsey E. (PRESS)
Leavy, David C. (PRESS)
Williams, Mary C. (ADMIN)
Wozniak, Natalie S. (PRESS)

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TEXT_BODY

TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT INTERNAL - December 3 Interview of the President with People Magazine.doc
THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

Internal Transcript December 3, 1999

INTERVIEW OF THE PRESIDENT
BY PEOPLE MAGAZINE

The Oval Office

6:34 P.M. EST

Q I appreciate you doing this. We have really limited time so I am going to try to -- I'd like to have a conversation, but I'm just going to motor through.

PRESIDENT CLINTON: Well, maybe it will be a conversation.

Q I was going to tell you about the great night I had last night at the Sports Illustrated event. It was the greatest.

PRESIDENT CLINTON: Did they have all their -- the athletes of the century?

Q Athletes of the century. Saw everybody there. Michael Jordan, Mohammed Ali, Tiger Woods.

PRESIDENT CLINTON: Where was it?

Q Madison Square Garden.

PRESIDENT CLINTON: Is that the 100?

Q No. This is the 100 best movies. Mohammed Ali was sportsman of the century. Jack Nicklaus was individual male sportsman. Babe --

PRESIDENT CLINTON: Zaharias.

Q Yes, individual female sportsman of the century.

PRESIDENT CLINTON: She should have been. She was a stunning woman. If she hadn't died of cancer at 45, she would have been winning golf tournaments in her 50s.

Q Jim Brown won best football, and I can't remember the rest. And I'm eating into my time, so I'll send you -- I'll fax you the list.

PRESIDENT CLINTON: Babe Zaharias, I'm a big fan.

Q They showed clips. It was a great evening. Michael Jordan was there, he was basketball. Seeing Kareem talking to Bill Russell, it was just a wonderful, wonderful evening. Red Auerbach was there and the hockey team from 1980, the Olympic team. It was just a wonderful evening.

PRESIDENT CLINTON: I'll tell you what, that women's team that won the World Cup this year should have been up there.

Q They had some of them, I think. I think they had a couple of the

members up
there.

PRESIDENT CLINTON: They were fabulous.

Q Okay. Each year when we do this, we've always asked an oddball question. I think my predecessor asked President Bush what was in his wallet and he showed an expired drivers' license. So I might ask you, can you show me the pictures you have in your wallet?

PRESIDENT CLINTON: I could, but I don't have a wallet with me. I never carry a wallet, I just carry a little money clip with my credit cards and money in it.

Q Okay, all right. Fair enough. Fair enough. We also asked one year how much money did he have, but I won't ask.

I want to talk a little bit --

PRESIDENT CLINTON: I've got about \$50. (Laughter.)

Q Ahead of most of us. A little bit about the millennium. You're privy to information more than most of us get and except we're not hearing from Mars yet, I understand today, no signal.

THE PRESIDENT: We got our knocking, but we haven't heard from them.

Q Can you tell me -- give us a glimpse of what you think the next hundred years are going to be like in terms of three scientific discoveries or great breakthroughs we'll see in the next 100 years.

PRESIDENT CLINTON: Okay, I'll tell you three that I think will happen. I believe that there will be biomedical discoveries which will enable people with spinal cord injuries to walk again. And I think it will come in one of two ways. There will either be nerve transplants, which we did on a laboratory animal last year. Or we will do it with digital technology.

In other words, when the human genome gets mapped, from Christopher Reeve, they will be able to take a picture of the spinal cord and figure out exactly how it's severed and what functions have been interrupted and design a chip that can be inserted and that will replicate the nervous reactions. That's one thing.

I believe there will be a complete revolution in energy technology, which will enable us to turn around global warming. I just hope it happens in time to avoid melting the polar ice cap or some other disastrous thing. But I think you will see either car -- transportation either move totally away from oil-powered engines or you will see biomass fuel or some other fuel that will give 100 miles a gallon and no pollution. I think that will happen.

And I think we will find out what's in the black holes in the universe. I think those three things will happen.

Q You don't see -- do you see a cure for cancer?

PRESIDENT CLINTON: Yes. I think what will happen there is I think you will have -- although I think we'll soon -- when the human genome project is completed, I think within a matter of a few years it will be -- a young mother will take a baby home from the hospital with a genetic map, and it will be scary in some ways. It will say, your daughter carries one of the two genes which gives a high propensity for breast cancer between the ages of 35 and 45. Now, that will be the bad news. And the good news will be, if you follow the following regime and take the following medicine, you will cut the danger from 50 percent to 5 percent.

So I believe that the children will -- pretty soon, children born sometime early in the next century in advanced countries will have a life expectancy right at 100 years, because our bodies are built to last about 120 years.

So I
think that will happen. Which will mean more cancer, because the
older you get
the more -- the less you have of everything else to worry about, the
more you
have that.

But then I think what will happen is I think we will learn a great deal
about
all the various kinds of cancers and I think that there will be much
more likely
to -- first of all, we'll know more about how to avoid a lot of them and,

secondly, I think there will be cures for more and more. I think the
survival
rate for almost every kind of cancer will go way, way up.

Q Shifting gears, though staying on the millennium, what are you
doing New
Year's Eve?

PRESIDENT CLINTON: We're going to be here. You know, we're
having this big
millennial event that Hillary has organized on the Mall and it's going
to be --
unlike a lot of those fancy ones, it's going to be free. It's going to be
open
for anybody in America who wants to come. We're going to have this
huge screen
and we're going to start at least at noon -- I'm pushing to start earlier,
but
we will start at least at noon. And anybody who wants to come up will
be able
to see the millennial arrive in time zones ahead of us.

Q That's interesting.

PRESIDENT CLINTON: So you will be able to watch the millennium
arrive, you
know, sequentially until we get to our time, at midnight, and then
we'll be able
to see what's happening around here. And then we'll have a great
show, great
entertainment. And I'm going to have some family and friends here.
But it's
really going to be a gift to America, part of Hillary's whole millennial
emphasis.

Q I've been told that the entire Cabinet has been asked to stay in
Washington

over New Year's and I think that's not a usual thing. Are you expecting any Y2K trouble?

PRESIDENT CLINTON: No, I am not expecting any Y2K trouble. I believe that we are actually in pretty good shape. You know, the United States started working on this in a more systematic and thorough way before anyone else. I remember three years ago or four or something, Al Gore and I were talking about this in one of our weekly lunches. And I said, now, explain to me exactly what this Y2K is. (Laughter.)

Q And what it means.

PRESIDENT CLINTON: And we went through the whole thing about how, you know, more primitive digital chips have limited space and nobody made allowances for four numbers turning at the end of a year. And so we went through it all. And then we set up this system and we got a man, John Koskinen, to come and hit it. And, of course, a lot of things were being done in America anyway with the big banks, the big utilities, the big finance houses and all that. So we worked very hard, we drove the government very hard and most all of our systems are compliant now.

What we can't know for sure is, you know, that every small business and every governmental entity, local governmental entity, everybody in America is compliant. So there may be some glitches. But I think, basically, the big systems in America will work.

We've also worked very hard with other countries to help them and to be supportive of them and to try to make sure that especially those things where there's interconnection, like international air travel, that all that was okay.

Q Good plan.

PRESIDENT CLINTON: So I would say we're in pretty good shape. If I were you, I wouldn't horde any gold or go out in the country and hide or do any of that.

Q Keeping the Cabinet here is just kind of a symbolic thing?

PRESIDENT CLINTON: I think it will be fine.

Q Okay.

PRESIDENT CLINTON: I'm not worried. I'll be very surprised if anything too bad happens.

Q You're not buying bottled water in droves?

PRESIDENT CLINTON: No.

Q Okay. Last time I was here, you were just learning your way onto e-mail, you told me. And that was two years ago in '97. So now I'm asking, are you surfing the net? Do you have bookmarks? Have you bought anything on e-Bay? How proficient are you?

PRESIDENT CLINTON: I haven't. But I'm going to buy this year, for the first time, I'm going to buy something for Christmas. I'm going to do a little Christmas shopping on the net. And, actually, what I'm working on now is trying to figure out -- looking at what other people are doing, I'm trying to figure out exactly when I leave office what I want to do with, you know, what kind of portal I want to have, what kind of message I want to send out to the world. And how quickly we can get the library up, the presidential library on the net. It's going to change everything, so I'm very excited about that.

I'm determined that, by the time I leave here, I will be as computer efficient as my daughter is. That's my big goal.

Q And she's computer -- she's one of those --

PRESIDENT CLINTON: Oh, yes, she whizzes through it all. But she doesn't want me to e-mail her. She likes -- it's very funny, you know. She loves -- she does her E-mail, she does all this stuff. She likes me to call her. It's really neat. It's wonderful.

Q That's nice. What perk will you miss most? I'm switching into life after the White House. What perk will you miss most? You've said before, Air Force One. But let's talk about in the house.

PRESIDENT CLINTON: All my friends who travel, they say I'll miss Air Force One the most. They say, wait until you get out there. (Laughter.)

Q Wait until you're back in steerage. (Laughter.)

PRESIDENT CLINTON: They say it will be a nightmare. And so --

Q In the house, though.

PRESIDENT CLINTON: In the house, probably the theater. I'm a great movie fan.

Q I know that.

PRESIDENT CLINTON: I love the movies, and I've always been a great -- although, I enjoy going out the movies. But I'll miss the theater. I love the swimming pool, I use it a lot. And I'll miss Camp David. It's a wonderful place. It's really wonderful.

Q In the Chappaqua house, have you requested any -- like a putting green in the back yard or a little movie theater or anything?

PRESIDENT CLINTON: No, no. We've got to think about all that. We've got a place, though, where we can put a pretty big screen. So we're working on it. I'm working on it.

Q Name something you won't miss about being President.

PRESIDENT CLINTON: That's pretty hard. I won't miss being told I can't go out

and run when I want to run, wherever I want to run.

Q Are you still running?

PRESIDENT CLINTON: Usually, I'm mostly working on my Stairmaster. I do the Stairmaster. Because after the guy shot up the White House with the assault weapon a few years ago, he took a dim view of me banning assault weapons and came up here and splattered the press room, shot it up.

They asked me to start going to Fort McNair, which I did for some time. But it's about a 15-minute drive and it can be more in the morning traffic. So I most -- that's when I started doing Stairmaster. I never did Stairmaster before in my life. But you can burn more calories in less time. But it's not as much fun, to me, as running.

Q How long do you go at a time?

THE PRESIDENT: Usually 20 minutes.

Q What do you watch on TV? When you're doing the Stairmaster do you watch something on TV?

THE PRESIDENT: I watch CNN or ESPN or movies. (Laughter.) That's about the extent of my TV watching. I never get -- I don't even know what series are on now.

Q Have you ever watched "Who Wants to be a Millionaire"?

THE PRESIDENT: No, I hear it's a rave deal. As a matter of fact -- it's funny, my whole family was talking about it over Thanksgiving, my brothers-in-law, their wives, my brother, his wife, they were all -- they've all watched it, they were all talking about. They all had a little different take on why it was so successful. It was really interesting.

Q So I can't say, "so that's your final answer" -- you won't know what I mean if I say that?

THE PRESIDENT: No, I won't. I won't.

Q There goes my punch line. Okay. You've been out of everyday life for quite a while, so I'm going to give you a little pop quiz, if it works --

THE PRESIDENT: I used to have a life. (Laughter.) And I enjoyed it.

Q Was that a true quote, that you called the White House the crown jewel of America's penal system? (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: I did say that once.

Q I know. I know. (Laughter.) I prepared for this.

THE PRESIDENT: But I like living here. And I do -- you know, we've re-done the -- the third floor is where all the guest rooms are and where we've got most of our furniture, we spend a lot of time. We've actually done more remodeling in the White House, I think, than anybody ever has. Hillary has done a terrific job on that. And then we put the sculpture garden in, too.

Q And you changed the Oval Office, as well.

THE PRESIDENT: No, I just put a new rug in and changed the furniture here. But it's a wonderful place to live -- big rooms, high ceilings, lots of light -- I like that. That's one reason I like that house we bought in New York, lots of light, and that's important to me.

Q You've been out of every day life for a while, as I started to say, so I'm going to give you a little pop quiz. Not who's head of Chechnya or anything like that, I won't do that to you.

THE PRESIDENT: I know who is.

Q Tell what a gallon of gas goes for.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, it's gone up now, because oil has gone from \$12 to \$27 a barrel.

Q Right. So take a guess.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, it depends on where it is in the world.

Q We'll say Chappaqua, New York.

THE PRESIDENT: What, is it \$1.58 -- too high?

Q Half a gallon of milk?

MR. TOIV: Depends on where you are. It's higher than here, but it's lower than

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THE PRESIDENT: It's about \$1.58 out there. I was just out there. It's about \$1.38 around here.

Q So you still read the signs, even though you're not --

THE PRESIDENT: About \$1.38, \$1.58, something like that.

Q Half a gallon of milk?

THE PRESIDENT: I don't know.

Q A Quarter-Pounder?

THE PRESIDENT: I really don't know. I haven't been to McDonalds in a long time. What does a half gallon of milk cost now, \$1.20?

MR. TOIV: I buy them all the time, and I don't pay attention.

Q I don't know. I don't buy half gallons.

Q \$1.20 is about right, actually.

Q Ever used an ATM?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, I did.

Q Recently?

THE PRESIDENT: No, no, not in forever. But I did when -- you know, we had ATMs before I became President.

Q The big issue is the \$1.50 surcharge. Somebody at my office said,

ask him
what he thinks of the \$1.50 surcharge.

THE PRESIDENT: I'm against it. (Laughter.)

Q All right. I want to move ahead because, again, I'm sorry, I usually like to chat a little but -- we'll talk about Mrs. Clinton's run for the Senate, briefly.

When Bryant Gumble asked you what role you would play in Mrs. Clinton's campaign, you said you would do, "what I'm asked to do." What have you been asked to do?

THE PRESIDENT: Give advice, so far.

Q And what kind of advice?

THE PRESIDENT: Oh, we just talk about it. We've always talked about everything. It's just funny, it's sort of reversing roles now. We've always talked about everything; we've always done things together. I'm very excited for her. I think it's a very brave thing to do.

But she really -- she's like me, we've always loved public service. That's what we love. I'm thrilled for her.

Q When you were in Kosovo a couple weeks ago your daughter, I'm told, got a great reaction from the troops. And you told the commander out there that you thought you'd be introduced as Chelsea's father. Would you encourage Chelsea to go into politics?

THE PRESIDENT: Oh, I certainly would if she wanted to. Only if she wanted to. You know, you've got to want it, because it's a high pain threshold business. But it has been a wonderful life and immensely rewarding and I think she's had a lot of -- she knows what it is. She knows what the ups and the downs are. I have no idea that she would ever want to do such a thing. But if she did want to

do it, I would be as supportive as I could. I certainly wouldn't discourage her.

Q I want to move on just a little bit to the bad year and some reflection on that, just a couple of things. I wrote down, sometimes it takes a crisis to find out who your friends are. Do you have the same friends you had two years ago?

THE PRESIDENT: By and large, I do. I was really quite moved. And I have some friends that are even stronger now than I had two years ago. And the amazing thing to me is some of the mail I got, including a lot of the mail I got from very young people. f

Q Like what?

THE PRESIDENT: Just supportive letters, conversation letters, frank letters, very interesting stuff. But by and large, I have the friends that I had two years ago.

And the interesting thing is -- you know, I'm not sure, I think more than any other person, at least that I know of, I became President because of my friends. I mean, I came from a small state. I wasn't well known. I didn't come from a family with wealth or position or history in politics. I was, in large measure, carried through the difficulties of '91 and '92 campaign by my friends. So it means a lot to me that virtually every one of them stayed with me.

Q That says a lot.

THE PRESIDENT: Not uncritically, I might add. (Laughter.) But they did stay with me -- which is what friendship is all about.

Q Well, absolutely. Just a couple more. Should Pete Rose be in the Hall of Fame?

THE PRESIDENT: Let me just say this.

Q Sure.

THE PRESIDENT: He's a very great baseball player. And I believe who am I, of all people, to say -- I think everybody ought to get, just about, ought to get a second chance. I do not know the facts. You know, there is this big dispute about whether, yes, we'll forget it -- yes, we'll give him a second chance; yes, we'll let him back into baseball if he'll acknowledge that he gambled. And he says, I won't acknowledge that I gambled.

I don't know the facts so I can't -- therefore, I can't comment on that because I really have never looked into it. I just don't know enough about that. But I hope somehow I'd like to see it worked out, because he brought a lot of joy to the game and he gave a lot of joy to people and he's paid a price -- God knows, he's paid a price. And I'd like to see what he did right and what he did well somehow accepted. And I'd like it if it happened while he was still alive.

Q I have two final questions, if I can squeeze them in. They're not meant with any disrespect, I'm just a direct person and I want to look back just a little bit on a couple of things that are going on in the media today.

Gailly Sheehy's book on Mrs. Clinton -- I'm sure you've heard about it or read about it. There's a headline today in the National Enquirer, "Hillary Demands Divorce." There seems to be, not like Charles and Diana, but it's this insatiable appetite. Why? Why do you see it? What is going on that the people aren't getting? Why is this constant looking into your marriage? What is it, from your point of view?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I don't know. I think the people that write about it may think it's commercially viable. You know, people may be -- I think there has been a lot of interest in us which has not been unhealthy, it hasn't all been

bad. But a lot of things are just not -- a lot of what has been said is not true, including the headline in the Enquirer.

Q A last one, and this is just kind of a personal thing as we wrap up, my last question. I voted for you twice. I think you've been a terrific president. I know you're concerned about your legacy and all of that; but, as you know from the bad times, there are times you exasperated the public -- you know, during that tough year we all had and the impeachment process.

How do you feel or how does it make you feel -- do you feel any differently now than you might have a year ago, about people who say, good president, not so great a guy?

THE PRESIDENT: They have to make that judgment. But if they really think that, they should say if that's true why are his friends still with him; and is that really the only way to measure a character?

I think I made a terrible mistake; I paid a very high price for it. And I've done my best to atone for it. So people's judgment about me personally is something for them to make. But there's nothing I can do except try to be a good person and be grateful for the people who don't think I'm a bad guy.
(Laughter.)

Q Favorite movie of the century?

THE PRESIDENT: High Noon.

Q High Noon?

THE PRESIDENT: Best western ever made.

Q Favorite actor?

THE PRESIDENT: That's hard.

Q Okay. Maybe I can fax these and you can give them some thought.

THE PRESIDENT: I'll give you an answer, I'll give all this.

Q Fine, I'd be happy to do that.

THE PRESIDENT: What else, what other --

Q JFK, Jr. What's your best remembrance of JFK, Jr.?

THE PRESIDENT: When I took him upstairs to my office, with his wife, and I showed him some of the old pictures I have of his father. And we talked about that. Then I sent him the pictures of himself and his wife, and then he sent me back a picture, which I know have in my office upstairs, of his father campaigning in Charlottesville, Virginia, 1960 -- that was his favorite picture of his father and he inscribed it to me.

Q Wow, that's really great.

THE PRESIDENT: It's wonderful. He was a terrific young man, I liked him so much.

Q Big loss.

THE PRESIDENT: I first met him when he was a law student interning at Mickey Kantor's law firm in L.A., when I was a governor.

If you send me all those things, I'll answer them.

Q Would you? Okay. I'd love to, because I want to get into the cultural stuff and we didn't have time.

THE PRESIDENT: I'm very interested in all that.

Q Okay.

THE PRESIDENT: But I've got the whole American Film Institute's - - I've got the whole list.

Q I brought it. We did a poll of our readers, too, of their favorite movie of the year, of the century; their favorite book; most important event of the century -- landing on the moon.

THE PRESIDENT: That's what won?

Q Yes, that's what won. It's a very interesting poll. I'll send you the questions on the movie stuff, because we'd love to have that.

THE PRESIDENT: I've always been an ardent movie-goer.

Q You've got to catch, "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire," though. It's coming back on. It has given Regis Philbin a new life. It starts in January.

THE PRESIDENT: I like Regis Philbin. He's a nice man. I've just never seen the show. Somebody told me I could make some money, though. (Laughter.)

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