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MEMORANDUM FOR PATTI SOLIS

FROM: Mike Lux

SUBJECT: National Farmers Union

Attached is a request from the National Farmers Union (NFU). They would love to have Mrs. Clinton speak to them, and are willing to pay for a satellite feed. I strongly recommend her doing it if the schedule permits.

NFU has been very supportive since the campaign; in fact they were the only farm group to endorse during the campaign. At this point it is the only farm group that I know of going on the road and speaking positively about our plan. They really need encouragement from us because they feel isolated in their support. Thanks for your consideration.

**NATIONAL
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To Mike Luy	From Clay Pedersen
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October 11, 1993

Mrs. Hillary Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

The National Farmers Union is in the process of planning its 1994 annual convention in Fargo, North Dakota, March 6-7. This convention will mark the 92nd anniversary of our diverse organization.

While the convention is still five months away, I want to personally invite you at this early date to speak to our members, delegates and guests during one of the four days of our meeting.

As you know, the National Farmers Union was the only farm organization to endorse the Clinton/Gore candidacy for the Presidency in 1992. Our members are great admirers of you and the President and will be very grateful to hear from you.

It may come as some surprise that in recent years the number one priority voiced by our members has not been farm or economic policy. It has been the need for health care reform! Your leadership in this area has been greatly appreciated by our members. An appearance in the heartland to discuss these issues with real, working farmers would help to maintain a positive perception of your very important work.

During our 1993 convention, we were grateful to host U.S. Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy and to view a videotaped message from the President. While we continue to work to maintain a cooperative and close relationship with this administration, your appearance in 1994 would be very timely indeed.

My staff and I will assist you in any way if you can schedule this appearance.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Leland Swenson, President
National Farmers Union

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March 5, 1993

To: Dave Anderson, White House Media Division

Fm: Marilyn Wentz, National Farmers Union

Re: President Client's message to National Farmers Union delegation and guests

Below are a few points we would appreciate the President covering in his address:

- * Thank group for support in rural states, which was unprecedented for a Democratic president.

- * Overview of how the President's economic plan will affect agriculture. (Agriculture willing to share burden in the interest of reducing the deficit and stimulating the U.S. economy, but is concerned about agriculture having a disproportionate share of the burden. i.e. BTU tax)

- * Specifics on the economic plan in regard to rural America.

- * Specifics and substance appreciated, though we recognize it is difficult in such a short time.

Please phone if you need anything (605-338-2585). We are finalizing arrangements to pick up the VHS (1/2 inch) tape; will arrange details with Ashley. Thanks.

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
NATIONAL FARMERS UNION
3/5/93

Hello. I'm honored to join the National Farmers Union in Sioux Falls at your ninety-first anniversary convention.

I regret I can't be with you in person. But I want every person there to know how much I appreciate your support. I'm a son of America's heartland. I know what our farmers and ranchers have done to build America and to feed America, and the world. It's a proud legacy -- one I'm proud to be associated with it.

You won't find anyone more devoted to the future of family farm agriculture and strong rural communities than Mike Espy. I am extremely proud to have him in my Administration working on these issues. His door and the door of every senior official in my Administration will be open to you, to hear your concerns and to listen to your ideas.

I want to thank Lee Swenson, your President and the former President of the South Dakota Farmers Union. Our campaign didn't have a more tireless friend than Lee, whose good counsel I hope to continue to draw on in the months ahead. Mike Dunn, your Vice President and Co-Chair of our Agriculture and Rural America Working Group worked incredibly hard to bring the Farmers Union voice into our daily deliberations, and he did, as did your tireless Director Of Public Affairs, Clay Peterson.

The Farmers Union was the only major farm organization to endorse our program for change. You worked hard and from the heart to bring back the American promise. I will work my heart out for you and all Americans until that change happens and the promise is fulfilled.

We know it won't happen unless rural America prospers again.

Until our children stay on the land. Until incomes rise and health care improves.

Until we expand agricultural trade and enforce fair trade for farmers. Until we stop pitting farmers against environmentalists. An until credit eases so that small businesses in rural communities can grow.

Frankly, none of this will happen until we put a Democratic stamp on farm programs and get back to family farm agriculture, and that is my pledge to you tonight.

I'm working very hard to take all of us in a new direction.

I've asked for cuts in one hundred and fifty government programs.

I've requested that every sector and every community contribute

to reducing the deficit, which has so weakened our capacity to invest and grow.

I have asked the most from those who gained the most under the old failed policies, and I have tried to set the best example I can by dramatically reducing my staff and by beginning one of the most extensive audits in history of every federal program. And I will not raise taxes until we cut spending.

Beyond reducing the deficit, I want to use the savings we achieve to stimulate the economy in the short term -- to put our youth to work this summer and people back to work building and repairing roads and bridges and creating the technological infrastructure of the next century.

And I also want to use the savings to invest in the future, by making sure our kids are healthy and ready for school; by letting all those who are qualified for college attend college and if they choose pay for it by serving their nation; by rewarding work

instead of welfare; by giving small businesses including farms a permanent tax break for new investments; and by investing in new and promising technologies.

The special interests don't like this plan because it isn't in their interest. It's not a "me" initiative, it's a "we" initiative.

Under our plan, we gain a more efficient and less expensive government, we create more high wage high skill jobs, and we build a durable, lasting recovery that will allow our children to live the free and full life that should be the birthright of every American child.

One thing you know about me: I'm going to be straight with you.

I've asked agriculture to make a contribution toward reducing the deficit. But because agriculture made such a big sacrifice in

the 1990 budget, my plan postpones most of your cuts until 1996 -
- after I've had a chance to sit down with Congress and hammer
out a 1995 farm bill that contains a sound family farm policy.
Every contribution you make will be honored and recognized, not
squandered. And the contributions you make will be more than
made up for as interest rates continue to go down and farm
incomes go up, which I believe they will under my Administration.

I also told you last fall that it was time for the promise of
America to be felt everywhere in America - in the rural areas and
not just the places that are already doing well.

In my plan for a New American Direction I have asked for major
new investments in rural development: in water and waste water;
in community development grants; in housing and in
transportation; and in community development banks and community
business assistance. And I've increased funds for education and
telecommunications.

I've also kept another promise I made to many of you this fall. We have published a proposed rule which the Corn Growers Association estimates will triple the amount of corn used to make ethanol by the end of this decade.

And finally, you know I have a solemn commitment to restore the health care system to health, to cover all Americans and to contain health care costs. If we do not control the costs of health care we cannot grow, compete in the global economy, or close the deficit. Reforming health care is an integral part of my plan for national economic recovery and is getting my fullest attention.

It's an exciting, hopeful time in America. The American people feel like their government is listening again, that it cares again about every American and that it is taking responsibility for building a better tomorrow.

You helped make it happen. You should be proud.

We may differ from time to time on some issues, but we share a fundamental desire to bring people together and to include every sector of the economy and every community in the American dream. Together, that is exactly what we are going to do in the years ahead.

Thank you.

Dan Wogsland, Hannaford, North Dakota

Family farmer

Age: 38

✓ Mr. Wogsland has run his family farm full time since 1977. He also is serving his third term as state senator and majority leader for the North Dakota State Legislature. Mr. Wogsland farms small grains and row crops, no livestock. While he is able to get his insurance through the state, he has witnessed many of his neighbors' troubles in obtaining insurance or being priced out of the market.

Married with 3 children.

Native of North Dakota.

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