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THE GRAND STAIRCASE -
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4403

January 27, 1997

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the people of my district, congratulations on your inauguration to a second term.

I am the Congressman representing Utah's Third District, the area that includes the recently designated Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. The designation of this monument has posed many important questions. In order to best answer these questions, I am writing to invite you to visit southern Utah to tour the monument.

As you eloquently said in Monday's inaugural, "Today we can declare government is not the problem, and government is not the solution. We, the American people, we are the solution." It is in this spirit I am asking you to visit Utah to meet with the local residents in making this monument a winning situation, for the people of our state and for all the people of the United States.

Over the next three years, major decisions will be made concerning long-term management of the Monument, including resolution of the following:

- Within the bounds of the Monument are 176,000 acres of school trust lands, property given to Utah at statehood for the sole purpose of generating education funds. You have promised to provide adequate compensation to Utah's school children for the value of minerals, particularly coal, oil and gas located under the school trust lands.
- Currently, the Bureau of Land Management is struggling to create a management plan to accommodate the varying interests: local residents, environmentalists, tourists, cattlemen, hunters and others.
- Major decisions have yet to be made about establishing a monument headquarters, visitors center, campgrounds, access roads and other appropriate facilities.

- The Monument is crisscrossed by roads. Major decisions need to be made regarding ownership and maintenance.
- The Monument is replete with leases for mining coal and, potentially, drilling oil and gas. These interests must be accommodated or compensated.
- These decisions will greatly affect the future of the people of Kane and Garfield Counties. The residents of Kanab, Escalante, Tropic, Boulder, Henrieville, Cannonville and Big Water have deep concerns over the ability of their children and grandchildren to stay in the area. The federal government now has an obligation to assist these counties in the transition they face.

Visiting the area will help you better understand these interests. The three year period you have established to develop the management plan for the monument can work with sincere effort. I am greatly convinced that this will better happen with your personal involvement.

A visit to the monument area will allow you to have a clearer understanding of all interests as you and your administration plan for the future of this important and vital area. If you decide to come, I will be happy to personally guide you through the monument and introduce you to the people of the affected communities.

The Monument presents a compelling opportunity for your involvement. Creating it was your exclusive prerogative as President. That same prerogative gives you unique authority to make its management fair and beneficial.

I know that your busy schedule may prevent you from accepting my offer. If this proves to be the case, I would like to extend the same invitation to Vice-President Gore.

Sincerely yours,



Christopher B. Cannon
Member of Congress

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President Clinton

Dear President Clinton:

I am writing to express my support for the study which has been proposed for the Grand Staircase-Escalante Canyons National Monument, and our interest in participating in that study. The Town of Big Water is at the foot of the Kaiparowits Plateau and adjoins the Glen Canyon National Recreation area. We live in the area which will be the most directly affected by the decisions which will be made. This is the town which will stand to loose the most from curtailing of the Andalex coal mine, but we are also the town which stands to gain the most from being the gateway to the new monument as well as Lake Powell. Regardless of the final outcome, I feel that the best interest of Big Water and our citizens will be served by participating in the study process.

Various proposals place part or all of our town either within the new monument or immediately adjacent to it. The new monument can be a great thing for a small town as long as our planning concerns are taken into account. We are asking to become a part of the formal planning process, as we will be greatly impacted by it. I feel that there is more to be gained from mutual cooperation than from the confrontation you have experienced. We would like to work with the Department of the Interior on this plan for a monument.

We have been trying to work with Interior over the issue of small parcels and islands of federal land currently within the town. We previously submitted public use land grant requests to Interior for some of this land to be used for parks, recreation, and a community college, but we have had little response to these. I think a community college at the foot of the Grand Staircase-Escalante Canyons National Monument would be a wonderful center for the study of the environment, natural history, and earth science. This area is the world's largest natural history museum. As a teacher in the local public school, I am particularly sensitive to the educator's needs of the area, as well as to the opportunity it presents.

// I am attaching copies of these community land grant requests. I am also attaching the Lake Powell, Utah, Gateway Community Resolution passed by the Utah legislature unanimously. In naming Big Water the official gateway community for Lake Powell, it requests the help of Interior in dealing with the need created by having one of the nations largest national recreation areas on the door step of one of the smallest towns in the state. The impacts have been tremendous. The addition of the new monument may make these impacts overwhelming.

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We want to be involved in a positive way in the planning of the new monument and need your help and support for the gateway community project. I am attaching some background information about this. This resolution, which passed our legislature without dissent, was authorized by one of the few Democratic members of our state senate. Upon review, I believe you will find our gateway Community Project to be in both the local and national interests, and worthy of support.

Please let me know if our town will be permitted a formal position in the on-going study of this new monument, as we may find ourselves living within its borders. We would appreciate any action you could take to see that the Gateway Community and public purpose land grant proposals are at least acknowledged by the Department of Interior, or even acted upon, should it be possible.

We are looking forward to working toward a great new monument for this nation, state, and town.

Sincerely,


Geraldine Rankin
Mayor

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SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF MONTANA

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Mike Cooney
Secretary of State



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May 27, 1997

The Honorable Bill Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

C O P Y
from ORM

Dear President Clinton:

On behalf of the State of Montana it is my honor and duty to send you the attached copy of House Joint Resolution 13 for your information.

House Joint Resolution 13 is urging congress to amend President Clinton's unilateral action in designating the grand staircase--escalante national monument.

On behalf of the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, and all of the members of these esteemed bodies, I thank you for your consideration of this resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mike Cooney".

Enclosure

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING CONGRESS TO AMEND PRESIDENT CLINTON'S UNILATERAL ACTION IN DESIGNATING THE GRAND STAIRCASE--ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT; URGING CONGRESS TO REQUIRE NEGOTIATION WITH THE STATES AND A STRONGER CONSIDERATION OF THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES IN THE DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND WILDERNESS AREAS; AND REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO TRANSMIT COPIES OF THE GRAND STAIRCASE--ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, on September 18, 1996, President Clinton declared 1.7 million acres in southern Utah as the Grand Staircase--Escalante National Monument; and

WHEREAS, the President abused the purpose of the 90-year-old Antiquities Act of 1906, which allows the President to act without Congressional approval, by significantly overreaching in the number of acres designated; and

WHEREAS, the President ignored repeated requests to work through the legislative processes already in place under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to determine areas appropriate for designation as wilderness and national areas and national monuments; and

WHEREAS, the President ignored repeated requests from Utah's leaders to negotiate a compromise; and

WHEREAS, the President failed to adequately consider the social implications of national monument designation, including the fact that 200,000 acres of Utah's school trust lands lie within the designated areas and will be rendered useless, resulting in a potential loss of billions of dollars for the education of Utah's schoolchildren; and

WHEREAS, the President failed to consider the social implications of substantial numbers of citizens

unilateral action to require negotiation with the states and a stronger consideration of the social and economic consequences, including takings, in whole or in part, in the designation of national monuments and wilderness areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be referred to as the Grand Staircase--Escalante National Monument Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, the Governor of the State of Utah, the Council of State Governments-West, and to each member of Montana's Congressional Delegation and state Legislature.

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

INTRODUCED BY CURTISS, REHBEIN, FELAND, SLITER, BAER, BENEDICT, SIMPKINS, KEENAN, ELLIS,
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STATE OF MONTANA
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Subject: Would like specific information pursuant to Freedom of Information Act concerning ~~National~~ Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument

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April 14, 1997

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. President:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, on behalf of Garfield County, a political subdivision of the State of Utah, I hereby request that you provide me with the following:

1. All documents, including various versions of reports, drafts, memoranda and all other related documents produced by or for the White House, White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), Department of the Interior (DOI) or Department of Justice (DOJ) which discuss, analyze, implement, or relate in any manner, to the creation of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.
2. Draft and final versions of all documents which analyze, discuss, implement or relate to the formal Proclamation by the President of the United States of America, entitled *Establishment of the Grand Staircase--Escalante National Monument*.
3. All notes, correspondence, telephone logs, memoranda, and all other written communications of any kind which pertain to the establishment of the Grand Staircase--Escalante National Monument between any employee or official of the White House, Department of the Interior, Council on Environmental Quality, or the Department of Justice, and any interest group, lobbyist or private citizen.
4. All notes, correspondence, telephone logs, memoranda, and other communications of any kind which pertain to the establishment of the Grand Staircase--Escalante National Monument, between any employee or official of the White House, Department of the Interior, Council on Environmental Quality, or the Department of Justice and any representative of the electronic or print media.
5. All draft and final documents generated or used in the preparation of the Proclamation by the President of the United States of America entitled *Establishment of the Grand Staircase--Escalante National Monument*.
6. All draft and final versions of reports, notes, memoranda, correspondence, and all other written documentation of any kind which relates to the decision to use the 1906 Antiquities Act to create the Grand Staircase--Escalante National Monument.
7. A list of the names of every person who participated in the decision to use the Antiquities Act to create the Grand Staircase--Escalante National Monument.

April 14, 1997

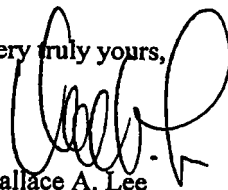
Garfield County is primarily interested in documents generated during the last five (5) years. If documents conforming with this request exist in your files which were generated or prepared prior to this time, please identify such documents in your response, and the County may wish to supplement its request with the documents you identify.

Garfield County, as a political subdivision of the State of Utah, and a local government entity directly impacted by the creation of the new national monument is entitled to, and hereby requests a waiver of any fees related to this request, pursuant to 5 USCS Section 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). Awaiver of fees in this case is appropriate because this request will likely contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of Garfield County.

As you know, the people of Garfield County have been directly and materially affected and burdened by the creation of the new national monument. However, because of the surprise use of the Antiquities Act, this new national monument was literally forced on the people of this county by the executive branch of the federal government without the benefit of any feasibility studies, advance legislative hearings or discussions, input from state and local elected leaders, public hearings, written or oral information, explanation or any input from the public whatsoever. The people of Garfield County, who will now be forced to shoulder the burdens incident to the creation of this monument, are entitled to know and deserve to receive the requested information regarding the people and processes behind its inception.

Finally, Garfield County has no commercial motive in this request whatsoever, and no profit will be derived from the information requested. Our entire purpose in making this request is to foster public understanding of the operations and activities of you and the executive branch of our government. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,



Wallace A. Lee
Garfield County Attorney

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cc: Commission Chair, Louise Liston
Commissioner Clare M. Ramsay
Commissioner D. Maloy Dodds
Senator Robert F. Bennett
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 7, 1996

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from ORM

The Honorable Bruce Babbitt
Secretary of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Bruce:

As I said in conversation with you some weeks ago, it has come to my attention that there may be public lands in the general area of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in Utah that contain significant historic or scientific values that may be appropriate for protection through National Monument status under the Antiquities Act of 1906.

I would like you to provide me any information available to your Department on lands owned or controlled by the United States in the general area of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in Utah that contain historic landmarks, historic or prehistoric structures, or other objects of historic or scientific interest.

Please respond to this request as soon as possible. If there are land areas that you have already reviewed and that may be appropriate for immediate consideration, please provide that information separately and as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton*

Rm:

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John D. Leshy
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August 7, 1996

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Sincerely,

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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August 6, 1996

Okay for Signature by
Staff Secretary Todd Stern
Date 8-8-96

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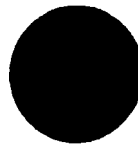
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Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

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Staff Secretary Todd Stern
Date 8-8-96

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

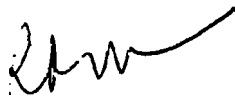
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July 25, 1996

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: KATHLEEN A. MCGINTY 
RE: ATTACHED LETTER TO SECRETARY BABBITT

We have prepared for your signature the attached letter to Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt. The letter will serve as a critical piece of the administrative record if, as we have discussed, you decide to designate certain lands in southern Utah as national monuments under the Antiquities Act of 1906.

The Antiquities Act provides you with executive authority to set aside federal lands as national monuments in order to protect objects of scientific or historic interest. The authority has been used numerous times in the last ninety years, and served as the basis for creation of many of the Nation's most important protected areas. Many national parks in the West, including most in Utah, were originally set aside under the Antiquities Act. For example, Grand Canyon, Grand Teton, Arches, Capitol Reef, Cedar Breaks, Dinosaur, Natural Bridges, and Zion were originally protected by presidential orders issued under the Antiquities Act.

The purpose of the attached letter is to request from Secretary Babbitt information on federal lands in southern Utah that are suitable for monument designation. The lands in question represent a unique combination of archaeological, paleontological, geologic, and biologic resources in a relatively unspoiled natural ecosystem. Three general areas lying to the west of the Colorado River and to the east of Bryce Canyon National Park will be studied: the Grand Staircase, Kaiparowits Plateau, and Escalante Canyon region.

The Grand Staircase spans six major life zones, from lower Sonoran desert to Arctic-Alpine forest, and its outstanding rock formations present some four billion years of geology. The area includes numerous relict plant areas -- rare examples of pristine plant ecosystems that represent the natural vegetative cover that existed in the region before domestic livestock grazing.

The Kaiparowits Plateau includes world class paleontological sites, including the best and most continuous record of Late Cretaceous terrestrial life in the world. The area includes thousands of significant archaeological sites, including the remnants of at least three prehistoric Indian cultures. The Kaiparowits includes the most remote site in the lower 48 states.

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The Escalante Canyon region includes some of the most scenic country in the West, significant archaeological resources, unique riparian ecosystems, and numerous historic sites and trails.

These lands were at the heart of the recent legislative battle over Utah wilderness. They are, in sum, much of what the parties were fighting over. Environmentalists value the area for its astonishing beauty, remoteness, and ecological integrity. Development interests want to tap the coal resources of the Kaiparowits Plateau and, through road construction, open now wild areas to commercial use.

The Kaiparowits Plateau lies in the center of the area. Two companies hold leases to mine federal coal there. One company is working with Interior to surrender its Kaiparowits leases in exchange for rights to coal elsewhere in Utah. The other lease holder, a Dutch-owned coal company with plans to ship coal to Asia, has rebuffed Interior's offers to pursue a trade. Coal development on the Kaiparowits would damage the natural, cultural, and historic values of the entire area. Monument designations would not block the proposed coal mine, per se, but would help in a variety of ways to pressure the Dutch company to surrender its leases in exchange for coal elsewhere.

Should you decide, based on the Secretary's recommendations, to designate one or more national monuments in the area, your action will be widely and vigorously supported by national environmental groups and advocates. They will be stunned and delighted by the boldness and scope of the action. There will be significant public support in those areas in which most visitors to southern Utah reside, including California, Colorado, Arizona and the Salt Lake City area. National print media strongly supported the Administration's pro-Utah wilderness stance and can be expected to support monument designations.

Utah's congressional delegation and governor will be angered by the action. CEQ is in consultation with the Counsel's office to identify measures to reduce adverse effects on matters within the control of the Senate Judiciary Committee, chaired by Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT). Republicans are likely to characterize the action as an aspect of the so-called "War on the West."

The text of the attached letter is modeled after the letter sent by President Carter to the Department of the Interior seeking information on lands in Alaska suitable for monument designation. Based on the department's response and recommendations, President Carter set aside approximately 26 million acres as national monuments. The legality of the President's action was challenged by monument opponents, but was upheld by the federal courts. The letter to Interior was specifically cited by the courts as a principal basis for their finding of legality.

We recommend that you sign the letter seeking information and advice from Secretary Babbitt.

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National Parks
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PAUL C. PRITCHARD
President

December 26, 1996

The Honorable William J. Clinton
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Best regards,

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February 3, 1997

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I agree that the Antiquities Act represents a significant presidential power; my Administration will do everything it can to preserve its lasting authority.

Thanks again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON *A*

BC/JPD/TFS/RSM/emu-ckb (Corres. #3335011)
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cc: Peter Umhofer, 360 OE0B

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January 30, 1997

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Draft for clearance for Paul C. Pritchard, President of the National Parks and Conservation Association.
Please return to Tracy Sisser, Presidential Letters, OEOB 93 65426 (fax)

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To: Peter Umhofer

Letter Name: Paul C. Pritchard, President, National Parks & Conservation Association

Subject: Antiquities Act of 1906

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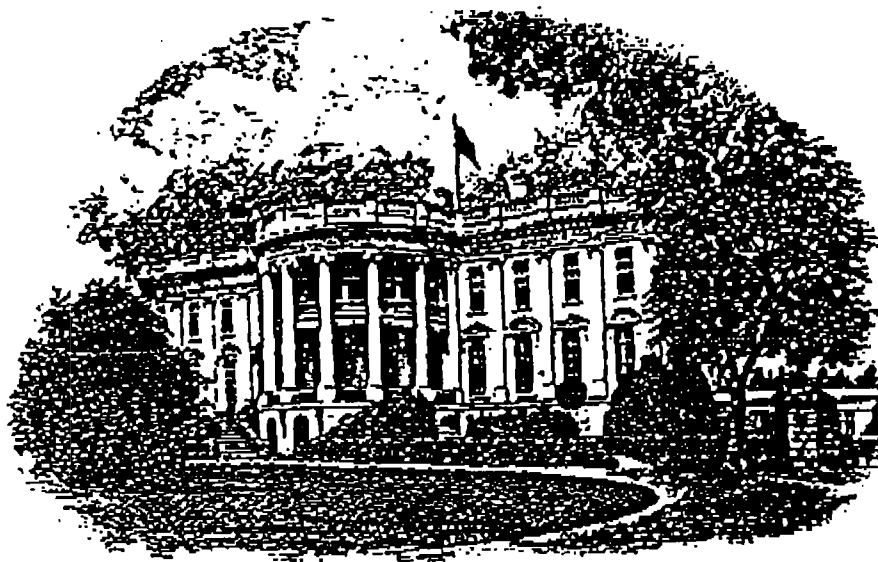
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If attempts are made to overturn or weaken the existing authority, this Administration will take whatever actions are necessary to preserve this very significant presidential power.

Sincerely,

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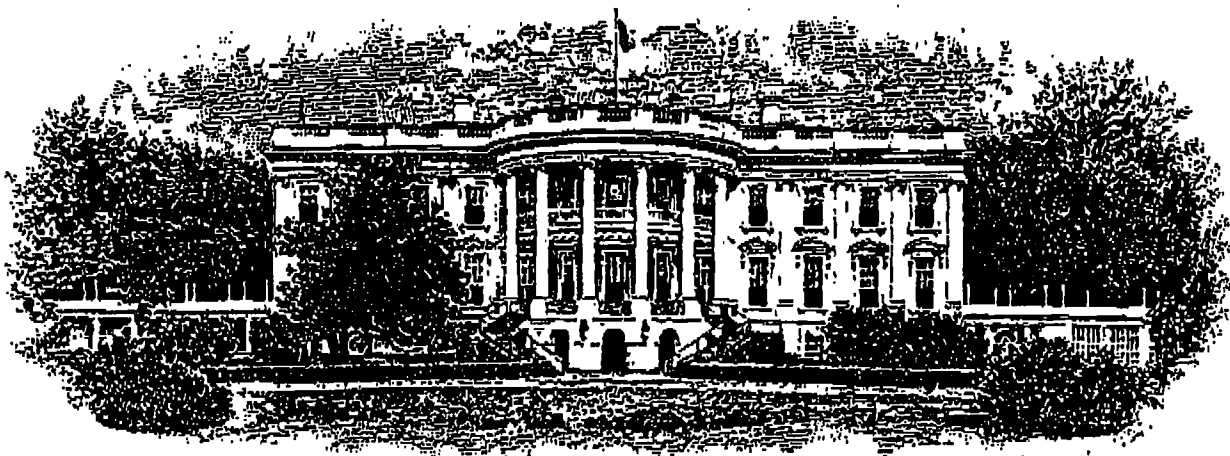
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Signature as soon as possibleThanks--
Jeff



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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To: Jeff Dailey
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From: Julie Falkner *Julie Falkner*
Director, Office of Executive Secretariat

Subject: Presidential Correspondence from Mr. Paul C. Pritchard
dated December 26, 1996, regarding the Antiquities Act
of 1996.

Attached is a draft response for the President's signature to Mr. Paul C. Pritchard urging President Clinton to oppose any attempts to overturn the Antiquities Act of 1906. If you need further information, please contact Kitty Roberts, Assistant Director, Legislative and Congressional Affairs at 202/208-5656.

Attachment



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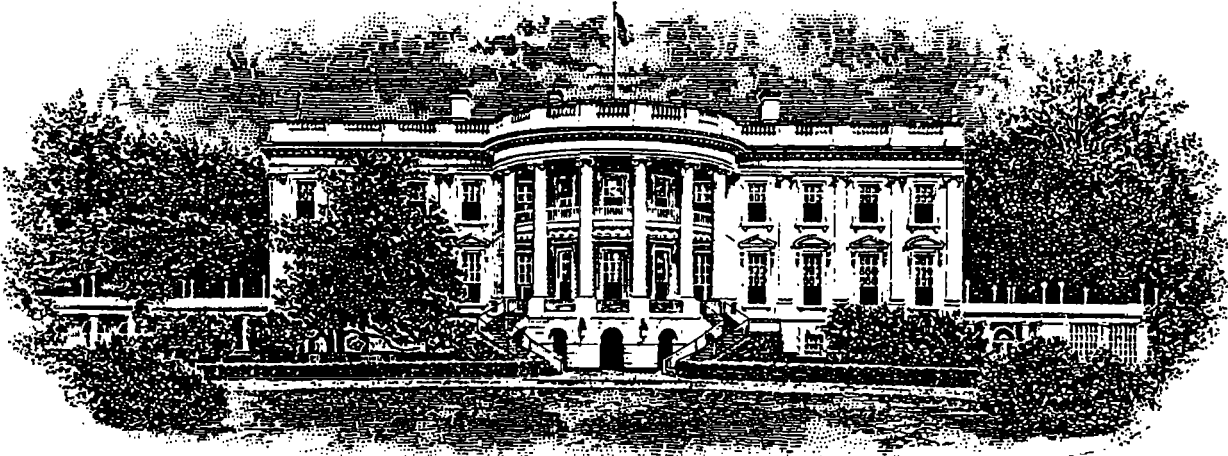
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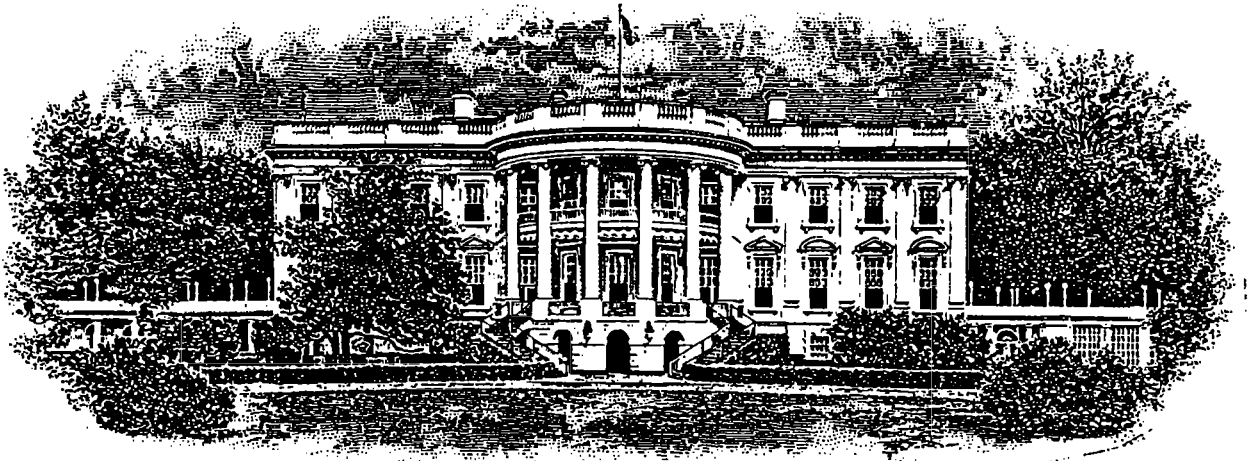
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Thank you for your kind letter. I'm grateful for your words of support and encouragement about my recent designation of the Escalante National Monument in Utah. This plan safeguards our country's natural resources in the same way that previous Presidents preserved the Grand Canyon, Glacier Bay, Bryce, and Zion National Parks. Each of these areas holds a special place in our national landscape, and I was proud to guarantee that all Americans can enjoy the abiding beauty and benefits of the Escalante area for years to come.

I appreciate your involvement. Keep up the good work in Utah.

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The Utah Public Education Coalition

September 11, 1996

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

C O P Y
from ORM

Dear Mr. President:

The Utah Public Education Coalition is adamantly opposed to the proposed designation of the Kaiparowits Coal Basin and other lands in Utah as the Escalante National Monument. We oppose this designation as currently proposed for a variety of reasons.

First of all, there has been so little discussion and review of the proposal that it is not clear what the boundaries are. Potentially 200,000 acres of school trust lands granted to support our schools are within the boundaries of the proposed designation. If this much land is taken from the school children of Utah, the state and board of education would have no choice but to file a lawsuit as trustees for the beneficiaries for taking over a billion dollars of school resources without fair and timely compensation.

One of our major concerns is over the designation of the Kaiparowits Coal Basin as part of this national monument. This land is separate from the Kaiparowits Plateau which is known for its scenic beauty and unique land formations. The Kaiparowits Coal Basin is composed of considerably less scenic terrain and is interlaced with many miles of country roads, an airstrip, an old coal mine, drill sites, and abandoned mine sites.

The designation would frustrate environmentally sound recovery of an important national resource. The coal resources in the Kaiparowits Coal Basin represent the largest untapped energy reserve in the United States, and this coal is among the least polluting in the world. Development of this underground coal will be important to our nation and will return \$6- to \$9 billion to the national treasury in royalties plus additional funds through the multiplier effect.

We further believe that there is no reason to declare this a national monument to protect the canyons of the Escalante as they are already protected. At this time, 90 percent of the canyons of the Escalante are already in the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. The remaining 10 percent are near the town of Escalante and are in current wilderness study areas.

On behalf of the children and our schools, we ask that you not designate any further lands in Utah as a national monument without full consideration of the impacts on education in Utah and full compensation for any restrictions placed upon Utah's school trust lands.

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Sincerely,

Linda M. Jackson
Utah PTA

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The Utah Public Education Coalition

Position Statement in Opposition to the Proposed Declaration of THE CANYONS OF THE ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT

September 10, 1996

The position of the Utah Public Education Coalition is in support of careful consideration of the environment. Additionally, our position is in defense of educational opportunities for our children, a strong adherence to issues of integrity, and a position that the best decisions are made in an environment of information, communication, balance, and knowledge.

The following educational issues are important:

- Within the boundaries of the proposed 1.8 million acres under consideration are approximately 200,000 acres of **SCHOOL TRUST LANDS** that do not belong to the federal government.
- At statehood, the federal government entered into a compact with the state of Utah in which it was agreed not to tax the federal lands in exchange for 5.8 million acres being granted to **support education**. Utah is bound by the fiduciary duty to show undivided loyalty to the schools of Utah, who are the beneficiaries of the trust created by the Enabling Act. **The federal government is also bound, as grantor, by the terms of the grant.** We expect our President to show integrity in abiding by its compacts with its own people.
- Any attempt to deny the schools of Utah full fair market value for the lands so granted would initiate a takings procedure by the education family and the state as trustee for the full value plus interest. Governor Mike Leavitt's office and the Utah Geological Survey has estimated that the net present value of the coal underlying the Kaiparowits Coal Basin on the school lands alone is between **\$640 million and \$1.1 billion**.
- **The National Education Association Legislative Platform** has a plank to protect land set aside to support schools. There are **22 states** that have trust lands (Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Louisiana, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming).
- The energy in the Kaiparowits Coal Basin represents the **largest untapped energy reserve in the continental United States**. This is not just a Utah issue; this issue is a national issue, especially with the recent power outages on the west coast.

- Inclusion of the Kaiparowits Coal Basin in the proposal has an enormous fiscal impact on the taxpayers of approximately **\$6 billion to \$9 billion in lost royalty.**
- Designation of 1.8 million acres is not necessarily a pro-environmental position as the coal from the Kaiparowits is among the cleanest coal with the lowest sulfur content. **At this time, 90% of the canyons of the Escalante are already in the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. The remaining 10% are near the town of Escalante and are in current wilderness study areas.**
- The coal resources are **NOT** located on the Kaiparowits Plateau. The coal resources are located in the Kaiparowits Coal Basin to the west of the plateau.
- The Kaiparowits Coal Basin is not pristine. Within 2 miles radius there are **36 miles of publicly maintained roads, an air strip, drill holes, a previously mined coal site, numerous other mining sites, fences and cattle watering holes.**
- The Kaiparowits Plateau is composed of towering cliffs and spectacular, stark scenery. On the other hand, **the Kaiparowits Coal Basin has been described as undulating grey terrain.** Parts of "Planet of the Apes" were filmed there.
- There is a middle ground. Development of the coal resources can occur under the ground with **the mine portal occupying only 40 acres of the surface, about .004% of the Kaiparowits Coal Basin.** Citizens can continue to enjoy the Canyons of the Escalante and the Kaiparowits Plateau under the protection of a National Recreation Area and wilderness study areas. Improvement of the existing road would eliminate the need for additional road construction.

The Utah Public Education Coalition

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN EXCHANGE OF UTAH SCHOOL TRUST LANDS FOR FEDERAL LANDS IN THE SMOKY HOLLOW AREA OF KANE COUNTY, UTAH.

- WHEREAS, Under the Utah Enabling Act the federal government granted to the state certain sections of the public domain, now known as School Trust lands, to be used exclusively for generating revenue to support Utah's public education system; and
- WHEREAS, These School Trust lands are scattered and isolated parcels which are now totally surrounded within a larger matrix of federal lands, and management of the surrounding federal lands by the federal government for non-economic purposes is in direct conflict with the state's fiduciary responsibility to create revenue from these trust lands for the state's public education system, and that such federal land management conflicts are in direct violation of the grant made by the United States government to the State of Utah; and
- WHEREAS, Utah School Trust lands located within the Kaiparowits and Alton coalfields of southern Utah contain hundreds of millions of recoverable tons of high-grade bituminous coal, enough to supply all the electrical power requirements for the entire state of Utah for the next 100 years at present rates of consumption; and
- WHEREAS, This coal reserve constitutes one of the most important sources of future revenue for Utah's School Trust and shall be protected by the State now and forever in the future; and
- WHEREAS, Most of these School Trust coal reserves are scattered throughout federally designated wilderness study areas in the interior of the Kaiparowits coalfield or in areas of the Alton coalfield designated by the federal government as "unsuitable for mining" because of proximity to the viewshed from Bryce Canyon National Park; and
- WHEREAS, These federal non-use designations prevent the development of the inheld School Trust resources for the support of the schools within these areas; and
- WHEREAS, The development of underground coal deposits by modern underground mining methods requires large blocks of contiguous acreage; and
- WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the State of Utah to assure the beneficiaries of the Utah school trust that in the future the federal government will be required to provide just and adequate compensation for any defacto takings of any and all School Trust assets within the Kaiparowits/Alton coalfields resulting from any federal action or land designation which effectively renders inheld trust lands incapable of providing revenue to Utah's education system as mandated by the Utah Enabling Act; and

WHEREAS, Present and future management conflicts between the Utah School Trust and the federal government could be quickly, easily and permanently resolved to the mutual benefit of all parties by simply trading School Trust coal resources within federal wilderness study areas/unsuitability areas for federal coal resources of equal value located outside of these designated areas; and

WHEREAS, Such an exchange would allow the Utah School Trust to provide long term economic benefits to the state's education system as required by law while allowing the federal government the ability to manage its land in accordance with non-economic objectives (wilderness values, national park viewsheds, etc.) and thereby avoid serious, and inevitable, future land use conflicts between the federal government and the Utah School Trust involving the Kaiparowits/Alton areas; and

WHEREAS, Andalex Resources is now proposing an underground coal mine on existing federal and school trust leases located in the Smoky Hollow area at the southern tip of the Kaiparowits coalfield, and the federal government has formally and officially determined that this area clearly and obviously does not qualify for wilderness designation; and

WHEREAS, The state of Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining has approved the Smoky Hollow Mine Permit Application Package and has determined that the mine can be constructed, operated and reclaimed in accordance with all necessary state and federal environmental protection laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, The Utah Public Education Coalition, the Utah School Trust Administration, the Utah Association of Counties, and the Utah State Legislature have gone on record in support of responsible development of the Smoky Hollow coal reserves as is now being proposed by Andalex; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Utah Public Education Coalition hereby reaffirms its strong support for responsible development of the Smoky Hollow coal resources as proposed by Andalex; and be it further

Resolved, That the Utah Public Education Coalition supports and advocates an exchange of scattered School Trust coal lands located within the Kaiparowits wilderness study areas and the Alton unsuitability area for a block of land located in the Smoky Hollow area which could be developed as part of the Smoky Hollow underground coal mining operation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Utah Public Education Coalition urges the Board of Trustees of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, the Utah Governor's office, and Utah's congressional delegation to jointly petition the US Department of Interior to expedite this exchange on an equal-value basis, subject to valid existing rights, as being in the best and highest interest of Utah's public education system and the people of the state of Utah and the United States.

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The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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the federal government identified in 1896, flows to the school children of Utah to improve our state's educational system. The State of Utah is bound by this fiduciary responsibility to show complete and undivided loyalty to the school children of Utah -- the sole beneficiaries of the trust created at statehood -- and properly manage these lands to enhance our schools. That is the reason for their existence. Placing these lands within the proposed Monument's boundaries will create state inholdings within a national monument, which severely limits the proper management of these lands by the trustee, the Utah State Schools and Institutional Trust Lands Board.

Understandably, the Board is very concerned about the future of the billions of tons of clean, low sulfur coal that is located on these school trust lands. The Utah Geological Survey has estimated the net present value of the coal in this area at over \$1 billion. This revenue flow is vital to Utah, as the Utah Public Education Coalition has stated. If this much land is taken from the school children of Utah, the state and board of education would have no choice but to file a lawsuit as trustees for the beneficiaries for taking over a billion dollars of school resources without fair and timely compensation.

- Those who support the Monument proposal have spoken of the need to protect the land for generations to come; we would argue for support of a better and more responsible proposal that protects the beauty of our land while enhancing the educational component of our society for these future generations. As we understand the proposal, it would not achieve both results.
- Acceptance of the Monument proposal would send the message to every public lands state in the nation that at anytime the Executive Branch could withdraw millions of acres of lands within that state from multiple use purposes without the benefit of a single comment from the affected state. In fact, it may occur without any notification.
- The Monument proposal will basically withdraw from future development the largest untapped energy reserve in the United States, valued by the State of Utah to be more than \$1 trillion. The energy in the Kaiparowits Coal Basin is comparable to 20 to 30 billion barrels of OPEC oil, and would satisfy the energy needs of Utah for many generations to come. The inclusion of this resource within the Monument proposal will have an enormous fiscal impact on all taxpayers of approximately \$6 to \$9 billion in lost federal royalties. Under the Monument proposal, this resource will never be available for future generations. We question whether these economic and national security issues have been thoroughly discussed by the administration prior to the formulation of this proposal.

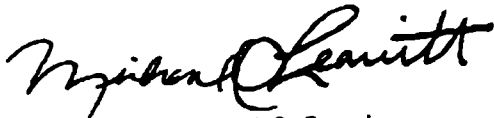
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Mr. President, for these and many other compelling reasons, we have very serious reservations about the Monument proposal. We have been provided with no details on this proposal. That is why we strongly encourage you to resist any temptation or campaign advice to issue a proclamation designating a new national monument in Utah this week or in the coming weeks, until a complete analysis conducted through a public process can be undertaken with us and the citizens of our state. It is only through such an open process that these and the many other issues related to the establishment of a national monument can be properly addressed.

We would appreciate your serious consideration of these issues.

Sincerely,



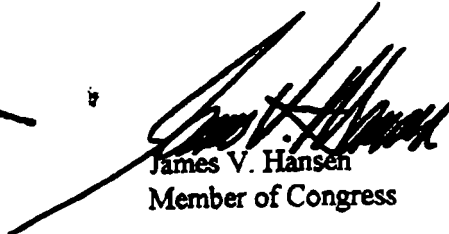
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September 27, 1996

The Honorable William J. Clinton
Office of the President
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton,

On behalf of the Grand Canyon Trust's Board of Trustees and staff, I offer my most sincere appreciation for your efforts to protect one of the wildest and most beautiful places in America. Last Wednesday, before you spoke at the Grand Canyon, author Terry Tempest Williams stood before the silent crowd and read this list of names:

Kaiparowits, Grand Staircase, Phipps-Death Hollow, Twenty-mile Wash, Coyote Gulch, Calf Creek, King Bench, Steep Creek, Little Egypt, Little Death Hollow, Brimstone Gulch, Spooky Gulch, Scorpion Canyon, Hurricane Wash, Missing Canyon, Carcass Canyon, Mud Spring Canyon, Mamie Creek, Sand Creek, Cave Point, Cockscomb, Paria, Hackberry, Wahweep, Burning Hills, Last Chance Creek, Paradise Canyon, Sit Down Bench, No Man's Mesa.

These are names few people know, but now these places will be preserved for all to see. Every American can be proud that these places are protected. The Grand Staircase - Escalante National Monument now occupies a special place in the conservation history of the United States and we are proud to have played a small role in its creation.

Thank you for your courage and perseverance in establishing this monument. I know I speak for many who were present last Wednesday when I offer our gratitude to you and Vice President Gore.

Sincerely,



Geoffrey S. Barnard
President

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THE WHITE HOUSE

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 13, 1995

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: WILLIAM KOE

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR MONUMENT ACT SOON AND DELAY THE
RECORDING OF A NATIONAL MONUMENT VIA THE
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William Jefferson Clinton, President
United States of America
Washington, DC

Fax (202) 456-2461 and 2710

05 October 1995

RE: Declare ANWR a National Monument

Dear President:

Fort McPherson is one of 15 Gwich'in Communities heavily dependent on the Porcupine Caribou Herd. As you know, the Republican Majority in the two Houses are in favour of developing the area for oil and gas.

We have recently learned that you are considering declaring the Arctic Refuge as a "National Monument". This would be a good for United States and Canada: it is pristine, calving grounds, and destination for millions of migrating birds.

The Gwich'in Nations in Northern Alaska and Northern Canada heavily depend on the Porcupine Caribou Herd for survival. We are therefore writing this letter hoping that you would act soon and declare the area as a National Monument via the 1906 Antiquities Act which was once used by President Roosevelt.

Thank You,

William R. Koe

William Koe, Chief

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Pam Horesay, Mayor

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THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: OCTOBER 13, 1995

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: WILLIAM KOE

SUBJECT: HOPES THE PRESIDENT ACT SOON AND DECLARE THE
ARCTIC REPORT AS A NATIONAL MONUMENT VIA THE
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January 31, 1996

The Honorable Pam Horesay
Mr. William Koe
Fort McPherson Joint Council
Post Office Box 57
Fort McPherson, NWT X0E 0J0
CANADA

Dear Pam and William:

Thank you for sharing your concerns about the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. I am glad to have your perspective on this important issue.

I am firmly committed to preserving America's precious natural resources. As you may know, I vetoed the Republican majority's Budget Reconciliation bill that would have exposed the Refuge to oil and gas exploration. I have long opposed opening this fragile and unique area to drilling. The Refuge is one of America's great natural areas. It includes the core calving grounds of the Porcupine Caribou Herd, is home to a wide diversity of other wildlife, and is critically important to many indigenous peoples in the region.

My Administration supports the development of oil and gas resources in other areas of the Arctic where it can proceed without damage to the environment. Recent assessments by the scientific community confirm that such development is not safe in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

As we continue working to ensure the integrity of the earth's environment, I appreciate your involvement.

Sincerely, **BILL CLINTON**

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**THE WHITE HOUSE
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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: OCTOBER 19, 1995

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE FRANK MURKOWSKI

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN REGARDING PRESIDENT'S
CONSIDERING ACTION TO WITHDRAW THE ARCTIC
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AS A NATIONAL
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Congress of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20515

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September 14, 1995

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We have read accounts in magazines and newspapers that you are considering action to withdraw the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as a National Monument pursuant to the Antiquities Act of 1906. We urge you in the strongest possible terms not to take such action. It would violate the spirit and intent of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) and the agreement we struck with President Carter in 1980, and could lead to serious and lasting repercussions.

Congress first considered legislation to designate national interest lands in Alaska as National Parks, National Wildlife Refuges, National Forests, Wild and Scenic Rivers, and as wilderness in 1977. In 1978 then Senator Mike Gravel (D-Alaska) killed the bill. In angry response, President Carter administratively withdrew over 100 million acres -- an area three times the size of Arkansas -- locking up vast tracts of timber lands, minerals, oil and gas prospects, and thwarting tourism development.

The State of Alaska opposed the action in the most strenuous terms possible, believing that the President had subverted Congressional authority. Work began immediately to craft a new bill. Seven consensus points were developed which embodied the view of the Governor, the State Legislature, the Alaska Congressional Delegation, and most major interest groups in the State. The most critical point was what became known as the "no more forever" clause. That provision, now found in Section 1326 of ANILCA, prohibits the President from using the Antiquities Act or any other law to withdraw additional lands from use in Alaska without the approval of Congress.

The rationale was that because Congress designated so much land legislatively, further administrative withdrawals were unwarranted. Under ANILCA, which President Carter signed into law, Alaska has 85 percent of the nation's Wildlife Refuge lands, 70 percent of all National Park lands, nearly a quarter of the National Forest lands, and one-third of all public lands. In addition, Alaska has two-thirds of the country's wilderness -- 56 million acres -- which is an area roughly double the size of Arkansas. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge alone is 19 million acres, an area the size of South Carolina, and already includes 9 million acres of wilderness.

William J. Clinton
September 14, 1995

We are advised that Leon Panetta is currently reviewing this proposal and may have been informed that an action to make the Arctic Coastal Plain a National Monument under the Antiquities Act would not violate section 1326 of ANILCA -- the "no more forever" clause. That is just plain wrong. Section 1326(a) states:

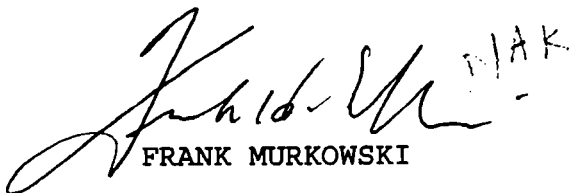
No future executive branch action which withdraws more than five thousand acres, in the aggregate, of public lands within the State of Alaska shall be effective except by compliance with this subsection. To the extent authorized by existing law, the President or the Secretary may withdraw public lands in the State of Alaska exceeding five thousand acres in the aggregate, which withdrawal shall not become effective until notice is provided in the Federal Register and to both Houses of Congress. Such withdrawal shall terminate unless Congress passes a joint resolution of approval within one year after the notice of such withdrawal has been submitted to Congress. 16 U.S.C. 3213.

The term "withdrawal" is not defined in ANILCA because it is already defined under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. That definition at 43 U.S.C. 1702(j) clearly includes any action which limits activities in order to maintain other public values or for a particular public purpose.

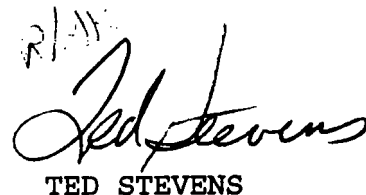
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With best wishes,

Cordially,


FRANK MURKOWSKI


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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 12, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR JULIE FAULKNER

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY *SB*
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter which was sent to the President from Sen. Frank Murkowski (R-AK), Sen. Ted Stevens (R-AK) and Rep. Don Young (R-AK) regarding the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act.

I do not believe this letter requires a White House response at this time and would appreciate your looking into these matters. Please respond directly to the member's specific concerns and forward a copy of the response to Jocelyn Jolley in room 102E of the White House.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Jocelyn at 6-7500.

Enclosure