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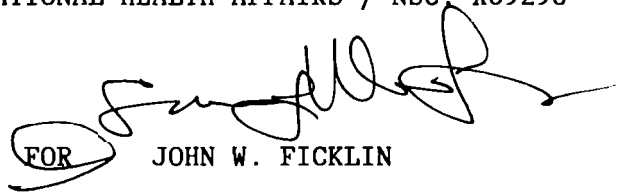
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SUBJ: URGES POTUS ACTION RE US FUNDED ABORTIONS

REQUIRED ACTION: DIRECT REPLY

DUE DATE: 07 NOV 00

COMMENT: POC: KENNETH BERNARD OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AFFAIRS / NSC X69298


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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6225

September 27, 2000



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

Dear Mr. President:

I have been reliably informed that (pursuant to section 599D of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act 2000) at least ten foreign, privately run so-called population control advocacy groups and international organizations have, so far, refused to certify to the Agency for International Development that they did not perform or promote abortions with their own funds.

Two of these groups (the International Planned Parenthood Federation in London and the World Health Organization) have made their position public.

We received the findings of the General Accounting Office report called "USAID Compliance With Family Planning Restrictions" which we find disturbing, to say the least. The Committee then sought the names of the eight other organizations that are refusing to comply with U.S. law. We were arrogantly informed that the information would not be provided unless unprecedented and illegitimate restrictions were implemented.

Mr. President, it may be subject to legitimate question whether your administration is using taxpayers' dollars in violation of U.S. law to finance covert abortion clinics in foreign countries, although the behavior of your staff -- not to mention their highly creative excuses to deny Congressional request for information -- does make one wonder.

The number of frivolous excuses employed by your staff in efforts to keep Congress and the American people in the dark on this matter is breathtaking and would ordinarily defy imagination. I certainly shall not dignify a response to any of them.

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I am sure you agree that U.S. taxpayers have every right to know which groups (domestic or foreign) use taxpayer funds to carry out foreign aid projects. There has never been any question about this.

A.I.D. does not now, nor has it ever, operated covert foreign aid programs. For your people to suggest otherwise could permanently damage A.I.D.'s credibility in the field as well as to cause friend and foe alike to question the U.S. Government's stated intentions to help poor people.

Mr. President, providing this information without further delay will put an end to this charade.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jesse Helms". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font. The first name "Jesse" is written in a larger, more prominent script, and "Helms" is written in a slightly smaller, more compact script to its right.

JESSE HELMS:ggg

**THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET**

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DATE RECEIVED: 09/29/2000

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JESSE HELMS

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN REGARDING PRIVATELY RUN POPULATION CONTROL ADVOCACY GROUPS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE REFUSED TO CERTIFY TO AID THAT THEY DID NOT PERFORM OR PROMOTE ABORTIONS WITH THEIR OWN FUNDS

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cc: NSC Leg Affairs

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KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS MANAGEMENT.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 2, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT A. BRADTKE
NSC Executive Secretariat

FROM: KAY CASSTEVENS
Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Attached are copies of letters sent to the President by various Members of Congress. Since these letters address national security issues, we would appreciate your assistance in drafting the responses.

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions, please call Courtney Crouch at x67500.

The following is a brief description of the letters:

- 1) Sen. Max Cleland (D-GA), forwarding a proposal to create a Congressional Commission on National Strategic Policy;
- 2) Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID), recommending that the President visit the National Economics University in Hanoi, Vietnam, during his upcoming trip to Vietnam;
- 3) Sen. Jesse Helms (D-SC), concerning the possible inappropriate use of U.S. foreign aid funds;
- 4) Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI), concerning the current situation in Congo;
- 5) Rep. Doug Bereuter (R-NE) and Rep. Tom Lantos (D-CA), recommending that the President visit Singapore en route to the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting in Brunei Darussalam; and,
- 6) Rep. Robert A. Weygand (D-RI), concerning the expiration of the Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) status for the 10,000 Liberian immigrants currently residing in the United States.

Enclosures