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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 21, 1994

Dear Senator Helms:

I would like to invite you to attend the White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Central and Eastern Europe to be held in Cleveland on January 12 and 13, 1995. The Conference will initiate a series of U.S. government activities aimed at sustaining U.S. commercial engagement in the region.

Central and Eastern Europe, with its dynamic emerging democracies, represents one of the best new opportunities for American commercial interests in the world today. Many American firms are already doing business in the region. This conference will support even more progress by helping identify and reduce remaining obstacles to private investment and trade. It also will promote direct contacts and dialogue between American exporters and investors and entrepreneurs from Central and Eastern Europe.

We are inviting business and government leaders from Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia, as well as senior U.S. business executives.

During my recent visits to Central and Eastern Europe, I witnessed firsthand the impressive progress these nations have made in just a few years since 1989. As Central and Eastern European economies restructure and adapt new technologies, products, and services, U.S. firms will be presented with numerous opportunities to develop business partnerships and capitalize on their strengths in dozens of industrial sectors. Increased U.S. business involvement in this emerging marketplace of over 100 million people will expand our exports, create jobs at home, and help further the process of economic transformation in Central and Eastern Europe.

I hope you will be able to join me in Cleveland in January for this exciting conference. Please contact David Martin (482-3663) at the Department of Commerce for more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

The Honorable Jesse Helms
Ranking Member
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1994

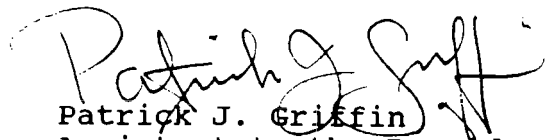
Dear Senator Helms:

As we look forward to a new year, I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the upcoming Congress.

The challenges that lay ahead for all of us are great and I welcome the chance to work together with you to accomplish our common goals for the American people.

Please have your staff contact Erin O'Connor (456-2230) of my office to arrange a convenient meeting. I look forward to seeing you and offer best wishes for a happy holiday season.

Sincerely,



Patrick J. Griffin
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

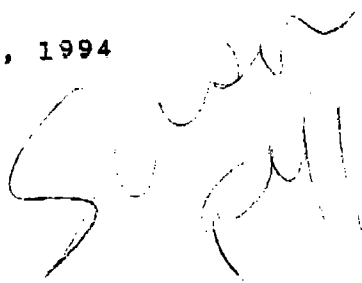
The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

JESSE HELMS
NORTH CAROLINA

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3301

November 14, 1994



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

Dear Mr. President:

I am both pleased and grateful to note your several public assurances since November 8 that you intend to consult and work with those of us whose assessments of various foreign policy issues may from time to time differ from yours and those of your Administration.

I extend to you, as I did by telephone and letter on November 9 to Secretary Christopher, my hope that we together can and will evaluate all foreign policy matters--especially those on which disagreements exists--in a spirit of friendship and cooperation.

One such matter is pending--the GATT implementation bill (S.2467, The Uruguay Round Agreement Act) which, as matters now stand, is scheduled to be raced through a lame-duck session of the U.S. Senate on a very unwise "fast-track" schedule allowing no amendments and no motions of any kind, and with an up-or-down vote automatically occurring at the conclusion of only 20 hours of debate.

Mr. President, I implore you to inform the Senate that you are willing for consideration of the GATT implementation bill to be delayed until very early in 1995 thereby permitting meaningful public hearings at which significant witnesses on both sides can be heard.

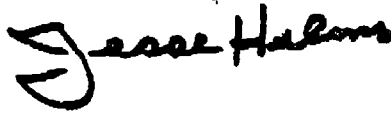
If you will agree to this, Mr. President, I can

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500
November 14, 1994
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assure that it will have an exceedingly positive effect on my making certain that The Administration's positions on all foreign policy matters during the 104th Congress will be considered fairly and fully.

As incoming chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, I will be true to my word that I intend to work with you and your Administration in the best interests of the American people. I am confident that you will assure reciprocity in that regard, and agree that the Senate's consideration of the GATT implementation can and should be delayed until early 1995.

Sincerely,



JESSE HELMS:fj

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 11, 1994

Dear Senator Helms:

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the Summit of the Americas, to be held in Miami, Florida from December 9 - 11, 1994.

This meeting is the first hemispheric summit ever hosted by the United States. For the first time in a generation, the leaders of the Western Hemisphere will gather to discuss issues that are critical to all our citizens. I have invited the 33 democratically-elected leaders of the nations of North America, the Caribbean, and Central and South America to participate. We will focus our discussion on trade and economic issues, democratization and sustainable development.

I hope you will be able to attend this historic gathering. Various events, including briefings, meetings and receptions have been planned for your participation.

If you are able to attend or would like more information, please contact the White House Office of Legislative Affairs at 456-6620.

I look forward to seeing you in Miami.

Sincerely,

Ric Clinton

The Honorable Jesse Helms
Ranking Member
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 18, 1994

Dear Senator Helms:

Hillary and I want to join with your family and friends in wishing you a very happy birthday.

Birthdays are a time to remember the past and to look ahead to the future. We hope this special day is filled with much joy and the coming year with much happiness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

August 26, 1994

Mr. Wayne A. Taylor
Post Office Box 98
Horse Shoe, North Carolina 28742-0098

Dear Wayne:

Thanks so much for the stamp mailed from the
USS ARKANSAS, which Senator Helms forwarded to me.
It reminds me of home.

I am deeply grateful for your thoughtfulness
and generosity.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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cc: WH Gifts
cc: Legislative Affairs

WMcc:
The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 5, 1994

Senator Jesse Helms
403 Dirksen
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Helms:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your letter of February 1, 1994 providing me with your thoughts on the nation's high-level waste disposal program. This is an important national issue receiving attention by the Administration.

The Nuclear Waste Policy Act, as amended, directs the Department of Energy (DOE) to determine whether Yucca Mountain, Nevada would be suitable for use as a site for a permanent repository for high-level nuclear waste. Accordingly, DOE's Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management is characterizing this site so that this determination can be made on the basis of sound scientific and technical information.

The Administration strongly supports continued progress toward a solution to our nation's high-level waste disposal requirements. As part of this effort, the DOE has initiated a financial management review of the Yucca Mountain project and has invited greater public participation in this program.

Furthermore, I share your concern that the money paid into the Nuclear Waste Fund be used to provide a timely solution for high-level waste disposal. In response to this need, the DOE has worked with the Office of Management and Budget to formulate a plan that will allow adequate funding of the Yucca Mountain project. As part of this plan, the Administration has proposed significantly increasing funding for this program to \$532 million for fiscal year 1995.

Thank you again for writing me on this important matter. I look forward to working with you as we continue to move forward with policies designed to achieve a safe and permanent solution to high-level waste disposal.

Sincerely,



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

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 10, 1994

Dear Senator Helms:

Thank you for forwarding Wayne Taylor's gift for the President. The stamp has been sent to the Presidential Gift Office, and Mr. Taylor will receive a thank you note in the near future.

I appreciate your sending this gift to the President and look forward to hearing from you on other issues of importance to your constituents.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Susan Brophy
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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For President/First Lady

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Melissa Banks

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8/10/94

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Staff Assistant - Legislative Affairs

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Washington, DC 20510

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 15, 1994

Dear Senator Helms:

I am delighted to provide you with the enclosed photographs taken with the President. These photos were taken during the 1994 Congressional Picnic on June 23, 1994.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick J. Griffin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "J".

Patrick J. Griffin
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

United States Senate

Washington, D. C., July 14, 19⁹⁴

Respectfully referred to

Office of Congressional Liaison
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Acknowledged and Referred

Senator Jesse Helms

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1994 JUL -8 AM 10:00

Saturday, 7-2-94
7321 Stinery Lane
Charlotte, N.C. 28227

Senator Jesse Helms
Wash. D.C.

Dear Senator,

I am a 74 year old World War II
veteran, U.S. Army, active duty from 6-16-39 thru
1-18-46. Overseas, Pacific Theater of operations.

Since Jan. of 1994 I have written
three letters to President Clinton regarding the
cost of living form Social Security Admin 4926
S M (1/93) received by me in early Jan 94. I
enclosed this form in my first letter. The
other two letters were follow ups. I did request
my S.S.A. 4926 S M (1/93) be returned to me. As
of this date I have received only a form letter
acknowledging receipt of mail, nothing else. I
sought help from chief of staff Mr. Larty but he
ignored my letter completely.

Would you please request the
White House staff to return my S.S.A form 4926
S M (1/93) to me.

Thanking you for your past & present
attention to matters and hope to hear from you soon
I remain,

Yours Truly
Francis A. Sexton

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

94 JUL 7 9:45

Dear Senator Helms:

Thank you for writing to me about the human rights situation in Kashmir.

I discussed our human rights concerns with Prime Minister Rao when he visited the White House in May and urged him to work to improve the performance of Indian security forces in Kashmir and to find ways to bring Kashmiri leaders back into the political process. In addition, we have raised with Indian authorities the question of the imprisoned Kashmiri leaders. We also continue to urge the government of Pakistan to do all it can to stop material support for the militants from its territory.

We believe a lasting solution to the Kashmir dispute will require direct negotiations between India and Pakistan, taking into account the views of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

I appreciate your interest in this issue and thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: THE EXECUTIVE CLERK

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE *AL*
SUSAN BROPHY *SB*

SUBJECT: Correspondence with Senator Helms on Kashmir

Purpose

To respond to Senator Helms' letter on Kashmir and human rights violations.

Background

The Senator has asked you to raise with Prime Minister Rao the issue of Kashmir. He is troubled that India is not living up to its own constitution in its treatment of Kashmiri political activists, in particular three Kashmiri leaders who have been imprisoned since last year. Your response states our policy on Kashmir and our efforts to urge proper treatment of the jailed Kashmiri leaders.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached letter to Senator Helms.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Senator Helms
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 1, 1994

Dear Senator Helms:

Please be assured that the Department of Labor (DOL) is not instituting any arbitrary changes in the administration and enforcement of the H-2A program as it affects North Carolina tobacco growers. The Immigration and Nationality Act requires that employers who seek temporary foreign workers under the program give first hiring priority to U.S. workers who are qualified and who express an interest in available job openings.

Since the inception of the North Carolina program a few years ago, the number of foreign workers certified by DOL has increased from 900 to over 3,000 a year. This year, in accordance with existing law, a concerted attempt was made to attract U.S. workers in Puerto Rico to the jobs in North Carolina. The recruitment effort resulted in over 200 Puerto Rican workers being placed in job openings with the North Carolina Growers Association (NCGA). Apparently, the arrival of the U.S. workers created some questions among individual growers who were not totally aware of their legal obligations under the H-2A program to absorb available U.S. citizens into their workforce.

These problems are being addressed by staff of DOL and the North Carolina Employment Security Commission, which is affiliated with DOL. Representatives of the growers participated in meetings in Washington on April 28 and in Raleigh on May 11 which were convened by DOL in an effort to bring together the growers and representatives of farmworker advocate organizations to work on resolving their differences, and to iron out problems being encountered by the growers and

workers in incorporating the Puerto Rican workers into the workforce. The Secretary of Labor has assured me that DOL staff will continue to exert every effort to resolve problems that arise.

Even with the arrival of the domestic workers, virtually all of the additional temporary foreign workers requested by NCGA to harvest its crops have been approved by DOL. Temporary foreign H-2A workers have been and will continue to be permitted into North Carolina this year in accordance with legal and regulatory requirements. If crop losses should occur, it will not be as a result of an insufficient supply of agricultural workers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bill Clinton" with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 21, 1994

Dear Senator Helms:

I am writing to urge speedy consideration and passage of S. 55, the Workplace Fairness Act.

I am deeply concerned over reports that some Senators will seek to block Senate action on this important legislation by filibustering the motion to proceed to its consideration. The American people do not support such extraordinary measures to prevent healthy debate on the important issues facing our nation.

I intend to sign the Workplace Fairness Act into law should it reach my desk. This is an issue of fundamental fairness for the American worker. S. 55 restores critical balance between labor and management to the collective bargaining system. I urge you to support my efforts to secure timely enactment of this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3301

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April 26, 1994

Mr. Howard Paster
Assistant To The President For Legislative Affairs
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Paster:

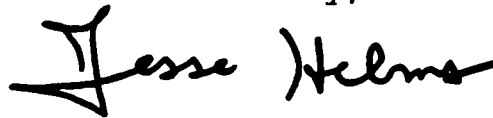
Enclosed you will find a letter from Mr. Norbert Auerbach regarding correspondence he received from the White House.

I thought you might like the opportunity to respond to the concerns that Mr. Auerbach addresses in his letter.

I would appreciate it if you would advise both Mr. Auerbach and myself with your response.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

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Prague
March 8 1994

The Honorable Jesse Helms
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Helms,

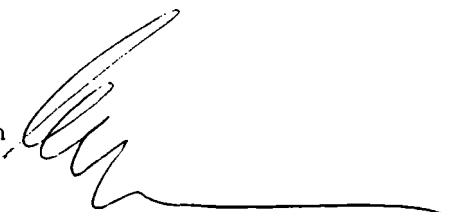
attached copy of a letter which I recently addressed to President Clinton, copy of the acknowledgement from the White House AND COPY OF THE ENVELOPE in which the acknowledgement was received.

While I fully understand the enourmous task of acknowledging or replying to letters addressed to the White House I cannot accept the sloppy ,unattractive and unrepresentative manner in which the envelope was handled by the WHITE HOUSE.

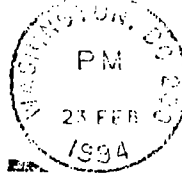
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Sincerely yours,

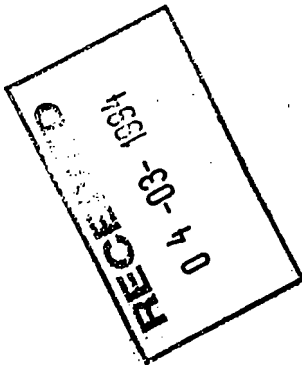
Norbert T Auerbach
Doubecka 23
19800 Prague 9
Czech Republic



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



AIR MAIL



Robert T. Amerbach
Czech Republic
Karlštejn 24
110 00 Prague 1



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Thanks so much for writing. I welcome your thoughts and promise they will be carefully considered. I appreciate your taking the time to let me know how you feel.

Bill Clinton

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President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC
USA

Prague
January 13 1994

Sir,

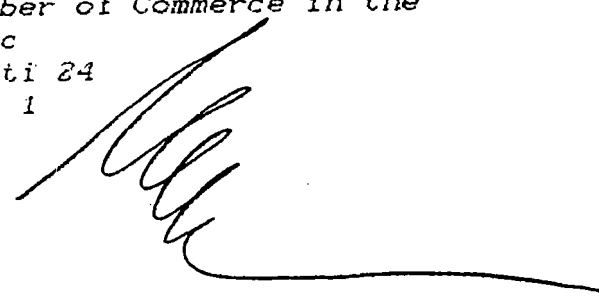
yesterday I had the pleasure and privilege of being present at the K-Mart meeting and even had the honor of shaking your hand when the meeting ended.

I only regret that when our Czech guests cited FREEDOM as the number ONE improvement in their lives since the Velvet Revolution, no one mentioned that the communist era law enabling the government and the government officials to take to court anyone who "insults" them or the institutions, is still very much in force and has recently been reconfirmed by the parliament.

Too little was also said about the stifling, unfriendly and largely unreformed bureaucracy, which as a Civil Service is neither "civil" nor does it render "service".

(The story circulates that recently someone told Prime Minister Klaus that he has problems with the bureaucracy and Klaus's reply was "Me too!!!".)

Norbert T Auerbach
Member of the Board of Directors
American Chamber of Commerce in the
Czech Republic
Karlovo Namesti 24
110 00 Prague 1



April 15, 1994

It is a pleasure to send greetings and congratulations to all who are celebrating the 200th anniversary of Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Since its beginnings, your city has provided a home for people to raise their families and develop the strong bonds that define a community. This anniversary is a testament to Chapel Hill's appeal to those seeking a peaceful place with a rich and diverse heritage. Right now, Americans are embracing a season of renewal, dedicating themselves to improving their communities. Your celebration presents a wonderful chance to highlight the achievements of the citizens of your city, reflecting on all that has been accomplished and all that can still be achieved in the future.

Best wishes for an enjoyable event.

BILL CLINTON

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SENT TO:
Ms. Eunice Brock
Publicity Chairman
Chapel Hill Bicentennial
306 North Columbia Street
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27516

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3301

March 22, 1994

Steve Ricchetti
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

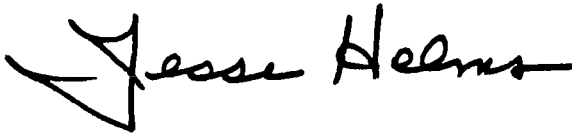
Dear Mr. Ricchetti:

I write on behalf of Eunice Brock of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Chapel Hill will be celebrating their Bicentennial through April 24th.

Ms. Brock is interested in having you send a statement or proclamation that they can read for this special occasion. Any consideration that you can give this request is appreciated.

I know that a special greeting from you would make their event a memorable time. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

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JESSE HELMS:km

CHAPEL HILL
NORTH CAROLINA
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February 18, 1994

Senator Jesse Helms
403 Dirksen Bldg
Washington, DC 20510

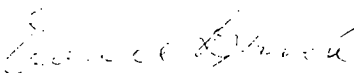
Dear Senator Helms:

As I am sure all of you are aware, the Town of Chapel Hill, as well as UNC, has been celebrating the Bicentennial. We are continuing that celebration through April 24, the all-day affair in downtown Chapel Hill.

The Bicentennial Committee thought it might be appropriate for the legislature to note this Bicentennial in some manner -- a statement in the U.S. Congressional Record, greeting from President Clinton, and salutes from our Senators.

We would appreciate any of your thoughts on our Bicentennial.

Sincerely,


Eunice Brock
Publicity Chairman

EMB/rdp

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

94 APR 14 09:43

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LARR 
SUSAN BROPHY 
SUBJECT: IAEA Assistance to North Korea

Purpose

To respond to Senator Helms' letter on IAEA technical cooperation with North Korea.

Background

Senator Helms complains that the current IAEA technical assistance budget contains a project to assist North Korea on uranium ore exploration and asks you to take steps to halt this project. The IAEA has approved such a project, along with other technical cooperation with North Korea, but all of these assistance activities were halted by the IAEA following North Korea's refusal to comply with IAEA inspection requests last year.

Last November, the IAEA Board of Governors discussed IAEA technical assistance programs for North Korea. The U.S. did not then press for formal suspension of technical cooperation with North Korea because all assistance had in fact been stopped, while additional punitive action by the IAEA could have disrupted IAEA efforts to resume inspections in North Korea. Termination of all nuclear cooperation, including formal suspension of IAEA technical assistance programs, remains under consideration as a possible sanction that could be imposed on North Korea.

We propose that your response to Senator Helms make clear that the IAEA has stopped all technical assistance to North Korea and that the IAEA is highly unlikely to resume this program unless North Korea returns to compliance with its international safeguards obligations.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Proposed Response
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Senator Helms:

Thank you for your letter concerning IAEA technical assistance to North Korea. As you have noted, all such assistance has been halted by the IAEA because of North Korea's failure to comply with its international nonproliferation obligations.

IAEA Director General Blix has stood firm in insisting that North Korea allow a complete inspection of its nuclear facilities. I am confident he will not go forward with any cooperative programs so long as North Korea refuses to comply with the requirements that have been set forth by the IAEA Board of Governors and the UN Security Council, and I assure you that the United States will strongly support this position.

I look forward to working with you and your colleagues on this important matter.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Dear Senator Helms:

Thank you for sharing your views on the relationship between the missile sanctions law and satellite exports to China.

As you know, the missile sanctions law requires the denial of licenses to transfer MTCR Annex items to sanctioned Chinese entities and government activities. It does not, however, address whether satellites that contain MTCR components but which are not themselves MTCR Annex items may be exported.

After extensive legal analysis, we determined that licenses for satellites controlled by the State Department are covered by the sanctions and must be denied, while licenses for satellites controlled by the Commerce Department are not covered by the sanctions and may be processed. This approach reflects longstanding differences in the licensing policies applicable to munitions list items and dual-use items.

The State Department applies a rigorous "see-through" policy to the munitions list items it controls, while the Commerce Department applies an "end-product" policy to the less militarily-sensitive dual-use items it controls. This means that a munitions list satellite containing an MTCR component is treated as the MTCR component itself, while a dual-use list satellite containing an MTCR component is treated as an integral unit without reference to its embedded component.

My Administration is committed to enforcing our nonproliferation laws faithfully. Our successful efforts under the missile sanctions law to persuade Russia to terminate the transfer of dangerous missile technology and to abide by the MTCR Guidelines attests to that fact. In the case of China, the missile sanctions have been enforced since their imposition last August. This determination does not mean that the sanctions have been waived but simply clarifies how the sanctions will be implemented as they relate to satellite exports.

Encouraging China to formalize its commitment to the MTCR Guidelines remains a top U.S. priority. Under Secretary of State Lynn Davis held nonproliferation talks with Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Liu Huaqiu at the end of January; further talks took place this month. I hope that we can count on your support for these efforts to secure China's commitment to the MTCR Guidelines.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

United States Senate

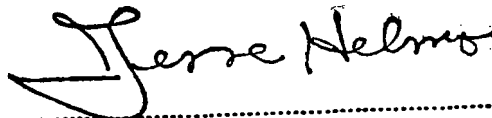
February 28, 1994

Respectfully referred to:

Patrick Griffin
Assistant to the President for
Legislative Affairs
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Weidong Fan

Because of the desire of this office to be
responsive to all inquiries and communications,
your consideration of the attached is
requested. Your findings and views, in
duplicate form, ~~along with return of the~~
~~enclosure~~, will be appreciated by


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Form #2

Mary Lynn Qurnell
Attention: Mary Lynn Qurnell
Senator Jesse Helms
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Washington, D.C. 20510
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Weidong Fan
Department of Materials Science and Engineering
North Carolina State University
Raleigh, NC-27695-7916
Jan. 29, 1994

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Senator Jesse Helms
403 Darksem Building
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Helms,

Thanks for the help of your secretaries. Now I send you two copies of the letters I wrote on Dec.16 and Jan.11. I hope that you can help me to find my passport and I-94 form. They are very important to me. With this letter, I send a copy of the first letter's receipt because I registered it. It may help you to find them.

After you read the first letter, you will know our difficulty. We have been here for one and half year. We learned much after we came because American culture is very different from ours. For example, it is very difficult to foresee what will happen next year although you may know what will happen tomorrow. That makes you do anything as better as possible. We like this country and the university. It makes you work hard and gives you a lot of choices of your life. That is why we decided to purchase a degree here. We are sure that after getting a degree in this country, we will learn much about not only our major but also this society. But I have some trouble with my visa. I have a J-1 visiting scholar visa now. It will expire this May. Therefore, we have three choices.

First, after this May, we will go back to China. No one can get a degree here. My wife has to stop her study.

Second, I will go back to China and my wife continues studying here. But we have to separate for at least five years because after I go back to China, I have to work there for at least five years. After five years, I have a chance to apply to come here and visit my wife. We can not imagine how to deal with this case.

Third, I can change my visa from J-1 visiting scholar to student. We can study here together.

The third case is best. We try to get it. Therefore, we wrote the first letter. If you have any suggestion, or you need any further information about me, and then you can help in a way, please let me know. My wife and I will greatly appreciate your help.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely yours

Weidong Fan
Weidong Fan

P.S. My telephone number is 919-8323561.

Weidong Fan¹
Department of Materials Science and Engineering
North Carolina State University
Raleigh, NC-27695-7916
Jan. 11, 1994

President Clinton
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington DC 20500

Dear President Clinton,

I have written you a letter on Dec. 16 in order to ask you to help for changing my visa. If you have any news about changing the visa, please let me know.

The last day to register is Jan. 25. If you are too busy with your work, please return my passport and I-94. These material are very important to me. I also wonder if you receive these or not.

Sincerely yours



Weidong Fan

P.S. My E-mail dress is wfan@mat.mte.ncsu.edu

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Weidong Fan
Department of Materials Science and Engineering
North Carolina State University
Raleigh, NC-27695-7916
Dec. 16, 1992

President Clinton
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington DC 20500

Dear President Clinton,

I have to ask your help for changing my visa.

I came from China in June, 1992 as a visiting scholar in North Carolina State University. Because there is little chance for anyone to change a J-1 visiting scholar visa to J-1 student, our international student advisor suggest me to go aboard. On Nov.1, I went to Canada to visit and change my visa. An officer in an American embassy of Canada almost accepted my application. He needed a cable response from the Washington agency. And he asked me to call back latter. But up to now, they have not got any response. Next semester is coming. Therefore, I can not wait any longer. If you can help me, I will appreciate very much. I have the following reasons to change the J-1 visiting scholar visa to J-1 student visa.

1. I can not finish the project which I am doing now. I have done research on diamond and diamondlike films for more than one year. We have got good results. Some of them are really a breakthrough. For example, we found that after coating diamond films on tool steel, wear resistance and hardness of tool steels can be improved significantly. But a lot of other properties of the tool steels need investigating. Therefore my continuing to work will greatly help to finish the project.

2. After I came to the US, I found that there is a totally different way to do research. American people are more open in their thinking. They like to use very new methods. The reason is that they are educated under a different system and their background of the culture. I like to be educated under it and get Ph.D here.

3. I have a J-1 visa. I should go back to China to use what I learn here. If I have a student visa, I just postpone the time to go back to China. But at that time I will contribute more to my motherland.

4. Chinese government pay little attention to people even if they got their Ph.D in China. That is why many Chinese go aboard to study for a Ph.D.

5. My wife has a F-1 student visa. If I can study, we can stay here together. We do not like to separate in future.

I hope that you will consider my request.

Sincerely yours

Weidong Fan
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PHONE

President Clinton
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1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington DC 20500
USA

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 25, 1994

Dear Senator Helms:

Thank you for your letter regarding EPA's implementation of the Worker Protection Standards for Agricultural Pesticides.

The Worker Protection Standard is a regulation intended to ensure adequate and effective protection for farm workers and handlers exposed to pesticides. The EPA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) have been working with the states and other parties for years to prepare for implementation of this program. Many of the needed materials have been produced and distributed, and more soon will be available. It is important to maintain the progress toward protecting farm workers and employers alike from the avoidable risks associated with pesticide use.

However, EPA does recognize that implementation has been affected by delays, since the development of training and compliance materials has taken longer than originally anticipated, partly to provide for state and public comment on these materials.

Thus, it is imperative that all parties make every effort to work together to help minimize the inevitable start up problems for a new program of this magnitude. EPA is committed to working at accelerating the outreach and training efforts to help make up for some of the delays. EPA will conduct a meeting in early February with all affected parties, including states, to discuss whether there are other ways to find flexibility. Initial implementation needs to be viewed as a time of transition toward the fully effective protective program we all want, with a goal toward cooperation and compliance in the field.

Thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 17, 1994

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Helms:

Thank you for your letter supporting the suggestion that the Society of Decorative Painters and their Gastonia, North Carolina, chapter decorate a Christmas tree at the White House next December.

A theme for the Christmas tree will not be selected until September. Be assured we will be in touch with the groups then to solicit their proposal. With best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Stock". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ann" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Stock".

Ann Stock
Social Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE
SUSAN BROPHY

SUBJECT: Response to Senator Helms et al. on Syria

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Purpose

To respond to Congressional concerns about U.S. policy towards Syria.

Background

Senators Helms, D'Amato, Mack and Inouye have written you to express concern over U.S. policy toward Syria. The Senators urge that U.S. bilateral interests not be "subordinated to the peace process" and that Syria not be taken off the lists of states supporting terrorism and narcotics trafficking. The Senators also note their concern over Syrian failure to comply with the Taif Accord provisions on troop redeployment.

Your response emphasizes that the Geneva meeting came in the context of efforts to achieve a comprehensive peace in the Middle East. It notes that you reviewed all issues of concern to the Senators with Asad and that a bilateral mechanism has been established to discuss the differences which continue to exist between us. On the terrorism list, there will be no change in our position until Syria ceases support for terrorist groups. With respect to narcotics, Syria is aware that it must improve its cooperation with the U.S. and performance on narcotics production and trafficking controls before our position can alter. Regarding Syrian withdrawal from Lebanon, the response notes that you made clear to Asad our support for full implementation of the Taif Accord and for establishment of a sovereign and independent Lebanon free of all foreign forces.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached response to Senator Helms.

Attachments

Tab A Response to Senator Helms et al.
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Senator Helms:

I appreciated receiving the letter from you and your colleagues on policy toward Syria.

I do not view relations with Syria solely through the prism of the peace process. However, I am committed to doing everything possible to achieve a comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East. Such a peace can bolster Israel's security, grant it normalized relations with all its neighbors and offer a new future of hope and prosperity for all the peoples of the region. Peace between Israel and Syria will also assist our efforts to strike a blow at terrorist organizations because a Syrian commitment to peace with Israel will require an end to support for organizations committed to Israel's destruction. My decision to meet with President Asad was intended to help advance these goals. Our private discussions in Geneva and President Asad's public expression of Syria's "strategic decision" for "normal peaceful relations" with Israel helped lay the groundwork for substantive progress in direct Syrian-Israeli negotiations now underway in Washington.

I remain determined to bring about an end to state supported terrorism. There is no intention of removing Syria from the list of states which support terrorism until such time as it ends its support for terrorist organizations. Similarly, further progress must be made by Syria in addressing our narcotics production and trafficking concerns before any change in our present position can be made. I made clear our concern regarding these and other issues, including human rights and the Arab

boycott, in my meeting with President Asad. We have agreed to establish a bilateral exchange under the direction of Foreign Minister Shara and Secretary Christopher to ensure that there is a detailed and sustained effort to have Syria address these issues.

With respect to the presence of Syrian forces in Lebanon, I reaffirmed to President Asad our support for full implementation of the Taif Accord and for a sovereign and independent Lebanon free of all foreign forces. It is my belief that progress in the peace process is also the best means of achieving this goal.

I appreciate receiving your views on this issue. With best wishes,

Sincerely,

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

January 6, 1994

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Jesse:

Thank you for sending me the copy of your letter to Senator Biden. I agree that some good choices were made for the three North Carolina U.S. Attorney nominations, but then again, we had a lot of qualified individuals to choose from in your great state.

It was good to hear from you, and please keep in touch.

Personally,

Mack McLarty
Chief of Staff to the President

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3301

December 1, 1993

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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
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United States Senate
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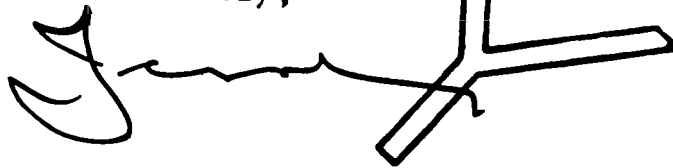
Dear Joe:

The President made some good choices
for North Carolina's three U.S. Attorneys'
nominations.

I hope I don't harm their chances by
telling you this.

Seriously, they are fine.

Sincerely,



JESSE HELMS:mhd

Enclosures

bc: The Honorable Thomas F. McLarty, III

Mark - Thanks again
Jesse

December 27, 1993

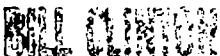
Mr. Gary R. Weart
Students Against Violence Everywhere
West Charlotte High School
2219 Senior Drive
Charlotte, North Carolina 28216

Dear Gary:

Thank you for your letter and the packet of information describing the Students Against Violence Everywhere (S.A.V.E.) program, which Senator Helms forwarded to me. I appreciate hearing your ideas about encouraging nonviolence in our schools and communities.

I have always been impressed by Americans' strong commitment to community service. The overwhelming response to my National Service Program has reinforced this conviction, particularly when I hear of the personal dedication of people like you. I have forwarded your letter and materials to the Corporation for National and Community Service, which is implementing the National Service program.

As my Administration works to ensure that all our citizens are safe in their schools and homes, I will keep your suggestions in mind. Best wishes to you and your students for every future success.

Sincerely, 

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whcc: Senator Jesse Helms

cc: Legislative Affairs

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UNITED STATES SENATE
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Date: 1/6/94

To: Pat Griffin

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From: Senator Helms (Danielle Pletka)

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 6, 1994

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Congressional leaders were informed recently that, upon the recommendation of the State Department, the Commerce Department had decided to license the transfer of three Boeing 727 jets from Kuwait to Syria. We subsequently were advised of your intent to meet with President Hafez Assad, the leader of a State Department certified terrorist and drug trafficking state.

In support of licensing the jet transfer, the State Department contended that Syria would view the transfer as a symbol of "improving" relations with the United States and therefore would have an incentive to get "over the hump" in the peace process.

As it turned out, in return for this gesture, Syria offered to grant exit visas to its remaining Jewish citizens *by the end* of 1993 and assist in locating several Israeli MIAs. In what was later revealed to be a package deal, President Assad was also granted a meeting with you, and in return agreed to reopen peace talks with Israel.

This diplomatic minuet has caused grave concern to several of us in Congress. The legislative loophole through which this jet transfer was made -- without Congressional oversight or debate -- begs Congressional review. Moreover, the message which your meeting with Assad may send -- that U.S. bilateral interests can be subordinated to the peace process -- is a message that must not be sent.

Congress does not view U.S. relations with Syria solely through the prism of the "peace process". It must be noted that Syria joined the process without inducement, and will likely stay in the process for its obvious rewards.

Insofar as the peace process is concerned, though Syria has been somewhat restrained in its criticism of Arab states' decisions to approach Israel, it has been considerably less than cooperative on other aspects of the process. Since September 13, (1) Syria has hosted the so-called "Group of Ten" rejectionist Palestinian groups and has not restricted their activities, (2) Syria has continued to enforce the Arab boycott, and indeed, tried to expand it, and (3) Syria has actively continued to arm and support Hezbollah.

Furthermore, the United States must seriously question a nation's commitment to "peace" in light of media reports detailing recent deliveries of Scud missile components to Syria by North Korea (with Russia's help).

Thus, were the peace process to be the sole U.S. foreign policy aim, Syria's value and cooperation would still be in question. However, Congress emphatically does not view the brutal, terrorist regime in Damascus through "peace process glasses," but sees U.S. relations from a bilateral viewpoint. And from that viewpoint, President Assad's regime gets failing marks.

Syria harbors innumerable terrorist groups, continues to occupy Lebanon in contravention of the U.S.-approved Taif Accords and is heavily involved in drug trafficking. For the President of the United States to meet with the leader of such a country is a decision that many responsible Americans question.

Finally, with all due candor, we acknowledge a growing apprehension: if, in the name of the "peace process" some in the United States foreign policy establishment are willing to ratchet up the level of intimacy with a terrorist state, can the day be far behind when someone will suggest another token gesture toward "peace", namely that Syria should be removed from the terrorist and drug lists?

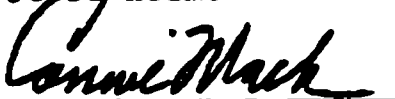
In light of the recent developments in our bilateral relationship, we feel obliged to advise that we are considering offering legislation to close the legal loophole that apparently allows the transfer of jets and other such items to a terrorist state. Also on the table is the possibility of codifying Syria's place on the terrorism and drug lists.

We would appreciate your assurance that Syria will not be removed from the U.S. government's terrorism and drug trafficking lists unless Syria has demonstrably ceased such activities over a reasonable period of time. We would oppose any lifting of restrictions based on Syria's commitments rather than concrete actions. Additionally, any improvement in our bilateral relations would be unconscionable prior to Syrian compliance with the Taif Accords. Your firm assurances would assist in assuaging our concerns.

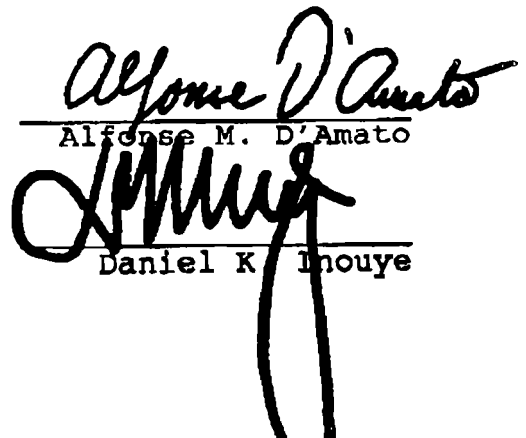
Sincerely,



Jesse Helms



Connie Mack



Alfonse M. D'Amato

Daniel K. Inouye

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE Jan. 5, 1994

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MEMBER Senator Jesse Helms

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RETURN TO: **Malissa Banks**
Office of Legislative Affairs
The White House
102 East Wing
Washington, D.C. 20500

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Senator Helms:

I appreciate your letting me know me of your concerns about the issue of missile proliferation in our relations with China in connection with my meeting with President Jiang in Seattle.

I am committed to a strong and effective non-proliferation policy. We will not lift sanctions on China unless and until we receive firm and credible assurances from the Chinese they will adhere to international standards on missile transfer, notably the Missile Technology Control Regime. I made this point firmly to President Jiang.

Thanks again for taking the time to share your thoughts with me on this important issue.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKK *AKK*
HOWARD PASTER *HP for AKK*

SUBJECT: Response to Letter from Senator Helms

Purpose

To respond to a letter from Senator Helms expressing concern about Chinese missile proliferation.

Background

Senator Helms has written to you encouraging U.S. leadership in APEC and urging that in your bilateral meeting with President Jiang in Seattle, you maintain a tough line with China on nonproliferation issues, including maintenance of U.S. sanctions on China.

Helms argues that if we lift sanctions now, they will have amounted to no more than a slap on the wrist for the Chinese. He stresses that the PRC flouted its promises to the Bush Administration by transferring missile-related equipment to Pakistan and would do so again.

We have prepared a letter of response.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter of response to Senator Helms attached at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter of Response to Senator Helms
Tab B Incoming Correspondence from Senator Helms

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 16, 1993

Dear Senator Helms:

Thank you for your letter to the President urging an extension of the Export Enhancement Program (EEP) initiative to facilitate sales of U.S. pork to buyers in Russia.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) is very much aware of your concerns. The potential of the Russian market for imported pork and the European Community's efforts to gain this market by increasing its export subsidies present a situation in which the EEP can be most useful. The Administration has drafted a proposal to extend the EEP initiative for pork to Russia, and this proposal is currently in the interagency review process.

Once again, we appreciate your viewpoint. Be assured that USDA will use the EEP whenever possible to enable exporters of U.S. farm commodities to compete on a fair basis.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Howard G. Paster
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 18, 1993

Dear Senator Helms:

Yesterday, as the House of Representatives convened to vote on approval of the North American Free Trade Agreement, it faced an historic choice between expanding our national horizons and retreating inward. I am pleased and gratified that the House, following the tradition that has made this nation great, chose the path of economic confidence and leadership rather than a no-win road to retreat and protectionism.

Now, as NAFTA comes before the Senate and you consider your vote, I want to share with you my reasons for believing that approval of this agreement is essential to our national interest.

We share a commitment to ensuring that our country has the world's strongest and most competitive economy, to maintaining and creating jobs for our workers, and to making sure that opportunities are there for our children as they join the workforce of the future. That is why I am fighting for the approval of NAFTA. I am convinced that it will help strengthen our economy -- in the near term and in the long run.

Our nation's prosperity depends on our ability to compete and win in the global economy. It is an illusion to believe that we can prosper by retreating behind protectionist walls. We will succeed only by ensuring that we have the world's most competitive companies, productive workers, and open markets in which to sell our manufactured goods, services, and agricultural products.

I understand that NAFTA is, for many, a reminder of the economic hardships and insecurities that have grown over the past 20 years. Obviously, NAFTA did not cause those problems. In fact, it is part of the solution. We are world-class producers of everything from computers and automobiles to financial services and soybeans. We can compete anywhere, but we need to ensure that markets around the world are open to our products.

Mexico represents an enormous opportunity for our businesses, our workers, and our farmers. Exports there have already soared since 1986, when Mexico began to open its market and lower trade barriers. But Mexico's trade barriers are still far higher than ours and that is unacceptable. NAFTA represents both free and fair trade. It changes the status quo by wiping away the Mexican barriers.

NAFTA provides us preferential access to the Mexican market: 90 million people, in one of the most dynamic economies in the world, who look to us for consumer goods, agricultural products and the infrastructure needed to build a modern economy. It is the gateway to the fast growing markets of Latin America, where, as in Mexico, we have a natural advantage over Japan and the European Community. Turning away from this opportunity would cause a serious, self-inflicted wound to our economy. It would cost us jobs -- in the short and long term.

Many opponents of NAFTA say that they don't oppose a trade agreement with Mexico. They say they just oppose this NAFTA, and suggest that it be renegotiated. We should be under no illusions. This is a far-reaching and fair agreement, negotiated painstakingly over three years. It includes unprecedented protections for the environment and workers rights. It was negotiated by a Republican President, and endorsed and strengthened by a Democratic President. If it were defeated, no government of Mexico could or would return to the negotiating table for years to come. Mexico would turn to others -- like Japan and the European Community -- for help in building a modern state, and American workers, farmers, and businesses would be the losers.

Of course, NAFTA is not a magic bullet for all our economic problems. But there is no question that the agreement will benefit every region of our country. That is why more than two-thirds of the nation's governors as well as members of Congress from every part of the nation support it.

My main reason for supporting NAFTA is that it will be good for the competitive U.S. economy that we are trying to build. But there is another critical issue that I ask you to consider. After World War I, the United States chose the path of isolation and protectionism. That path led directly to the Depression, and helped set the world on the path to World War II. After World War II, we chose to engage with the world, through collective security and expanded trade. We helped our allies rebuild, ushered in a period of unprecedented global economic growth, and prevailed over communism.

Now we face another defining moment. The rejection of NAFTA would set back our relationship with Mexico, and Latin America beyond, for years to come. It would send a signal that the world's leading power has chosen the path of pessimism and protectionism. It would gravely undermine our ability to convince other countries to join us in completing the Uruguay Round, which is essential to expand trade and enhance global growth.

Rejecting NAFTA would, quite simply, put us on the wrong side of history. That is not our destiny. I ask you to join me in choosing the path of expanded trade, to make the decision to compete in the world, rather than to retreat behind our borders. We are a great country, and we cannot shrink from this test.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 22, 1993

Dear Senator Helms:

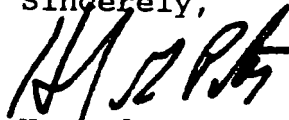
Thank you for your letter concerning the Executive Order on Federal Acquisition, Recycling, and Waste Reduction. By signing this Executive Order, the President again demonstrated his commitment toward protection of the environment and savings for the federal government.

I appreciate you sharing your concern over the inclusion of provisions regarding totally chlorine-free (TCF) products. You will be happy to know this requirement was eliminated from the final draft of the Order.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Howard G. Paster
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Jesse Helms
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 18, 1993

Dear Senator Helms:

Hillary and I want to personally extend our wishes to you on your birthday.

Birthdays are a time of celebration. As you gather with your family and friends, we want to join with them in wishing you all the best for the coming year.

Happy Birthday.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE
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The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 12, 1993

Dear Senator Helms:

Thank you for your letter concerning a proposed tax increase on tobacco products as a means to support health care reform.

I want to assure you and the tobacco growers in your state that I am sensitive to the economic burdens that they will confront when faced with additional taxation. However, even though I want to be sensitive and supportive to the growers, tobacco is the only product that even if used as directed, can have such damaging health consequences and related health care costs.

Tobacco use amongst young people is especially harmful, and I hope price sensitivity about tobacco products will discourage young people from using them. For these reasons I feel tobacco taxes are a fair way to support health care.

Once again, thank you for informing me of your concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton", with a stylized, cursive script.

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 19, 1993

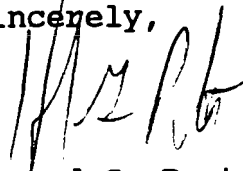
Dear Senator Helms:

Thank you for your letter recommending that Reverend John Abernethy receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

I have forwarded your letter to the Office of the Staff Secretary and requested that your recommendation be considered with the utmost attention.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Howard G. Paster
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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June 17, 1993

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Helms:

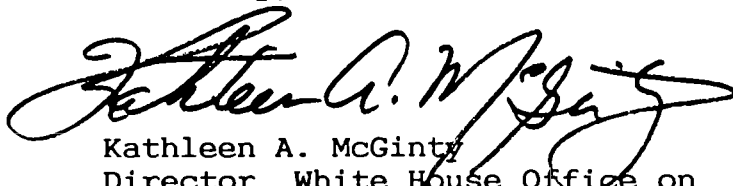
On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for contacting me regarding your concerns about the issues surrounding wetlands regulation. It was good to hear from you, and I sincerely apologize for the delay in my response.

As you know, President Clinton and Vice President Gore are committed to the preservation of our natural resources in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. The President shares your concerns about the uncertainties surrounding wetlands policies of the past.

As you may be aware, an Interagency Working Group on Federal Wetlands Policy was convened on June 4 to review and seek to clarify the issues surrounding federal wetlands policy in anticipation of the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act. It includes representatives of all federal agencies involved in, or impacted by, the protection of wetlands. In addition, the working group will solicit a broad range of views, including those of the Congress; state and local government; environmentalists; developers and homebuilders; agricultural interests; and others. It is possible that the House Committee on Public Works could mark up the Clean Water Act in late July. Therefore, the working group is tentatively scheduled to produce draft policy papers on major wetlands issues for internal review by July 1.

I certainly appreciate learning your thoughts in this regard, and I look forward to working with you as we move forward with the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act.

Sincerely,



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

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Dear Senator Helms:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the possible sale of jet aircraft to Iran.

As you know, the question of removing civil aircraft from dual-use export controls is under active review. Your letter touches on many of the factors -- military, economic, and political -- that bear on this important decision.

In developing our overall policy toward Iran, and especially as we evaluate the role export controls will play in that policy, you can be assured that your views will be fully taken into account.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 29, 1993

Dear Senator Helms,

Thank you very much for the excellent manner in which you approached the confirmation of both Secretary Christopher and Ambassador Albright.

I look forward to working with you in the future, and I hope we can build on the strong foundation laid down during the rapid confirmation of my Cabinet.

I am deeply grateful for your consideration in helping me get off to a quick start with my Cabinet.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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WASHINGTON

March 1, 1993

Dear Senator Helms:

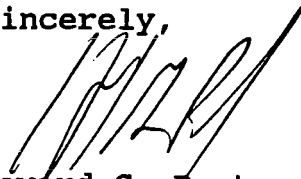
Thank you very much for your letter to President Clinton concerning international sanctions against Libya.

The President will be responding personally in the near future, but I wanted to provide this interim reply to acknowledge receipt of your letter and to assure you it would be brought to the President's personal attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is additional information you require.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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WASHINGTON

February 8, 1993

Dear Senator Helms:

Thank you for your letter of January 25, 1993, in which you expressed concern about a decision made by a binational panel formed under the dispute settlement procedures of the U.S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

We believe that the panel -- established to resolve a dispute involving the application by the United States of countervailing duties on live hogs imported from Canada -- erred in determining that certain Canadian subsidies cannot be subject to countervailing duties. We agree with you that -- if allowed to stand -- the panel's decision in this case could have serious consequences for pending and future cases. Accordingly, under the extraordinary challenge procedures of the FTA, the United States has requested the establishment of an "Extraordinary Challenge Committee" (ECC) to review the panel's findings.

A copy of the letter which requested the formation of the ECC and outlined the basis for our appeal is enclosed. We expect the committee to complete its review and issue its findings some time in April.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 27, 1993

Dear Senator Helms:

Thank you for your letter regarding the sugar provisions contained in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

I understand your concern that domestic sugar producers not be harmed by Mexican sugar exports, and am sure that that will not occur. I have asked Howard Paster to more fully respond to your letter.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 27, 1993

Dear Senator Helms:

President Clinton has asked that I provide additional background on the issue of sugar and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Currently, both the United States and Mexico are net importers of sugar. Under the NAFTA, Mexico must be a "net surplus producer" of sugar in order to increase its access to the United States market. It is unlikely that Mexico can achieve that status in the foreseeable future.

In recent years, Mexican sugar consumption has grown much faster than production. Mexico's production of sugar now falls short of demand by more than 25 percent. In the future, increased demand resulting from growth in Mexico's population and per capita income make it highly unlikely that Mexico will be able to satisfy its own demands, much less become a net sugar exporter.

In addition, NAFTA will not encourage Mexican producers to produce for export to the U.S. market because prices for raw sugar in Mexico and the United States are roughly the same. Mexican wholesale and retail refined sugar prices are now kept significantly lower than U.S. prices through price controls. A rise in wholesale and retail sugar prices in Mexico sufficient to attract corn sweeteners into the soft drink industry would also narrow or eliminate the differential between U.S. and Mexican sugar prices, thereby eliminating the incentive for Mexican refined sugar to move to the U.S. market.

Finally, the quality of Mexican refined sugar generally does not meet the standards of the larger U.S. sugar users. These quality deficiencies would also have to be overcome before Mexico could become a major supplier to the U.S. market.

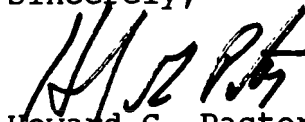
As a practical matter, there will be no significant change in the status quo during the first six years of the 15-year transition period for sugar. By harmonizing its external tariff on sugar imported from countries other than the United States, Mexico will essentially form a "common market" with the United States on sugar by the beginning of the seventh year of the Agreement. The formation of a "common market" will tend to equalize sugar prices between the United States and Mexico and

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offset the incentive for Mexican growers to produce for, and ship to, the U.S. market.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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