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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 28, 1994

Dear Senator Helms:

Thank you for your letter regarding Courtney Mann's request for the President to speak at Manteo High School's graduation exercises. I have forwarded a copy of the letter to the Office of Scheduling. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Steve Ricchetti

Steve Ricchetti
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 17, 1993

TO: HOWARD PASTER
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

FROM: JOHN DWYER
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC PLAN

Dr. Stepp sent the attached letter which
he received from Sen. Jesse Helms to the
President. I thought you'd like to see it.

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

April 28, 1993

Dr. Hestley D. Stepp
Thomasville Pediatrics
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*I asked him to
vote against the
energy tax -*
*Not made
see your
info*

Dear Dr. Stepp:

I very much appreciate hearing from the thousands of people who are writing and otherwise contacting me about the President's "economic plan."

I must confess that I am bewildered that the President and his "advisors" apparently know so little about economics, not to mention arithmetic. It appears that the President and/or his advisors don't realize that last year's campaign is over. He talks a pretty good game, but that's about the extent of it--thus far.

Once you sort out the backing-and-filling by the President and his advisors--retreating on this, acknowledging that he exaggerated on that, etc.--the conclusion is inescapable that what he proposed in his State of the Union address was a rhetorical advocacy of the same old tax-and-spend policies that made America's economy sick in the first place.

When his tax-and-spend recommendations for the next five years were totaled up, President Clinton proposed to increase taxes \$3.76 dollars for every one dollar that he proposed to cut in federal spending.

I voted against the Clinton plan because it increases taxes by \$284 billion, and it increases spending programs by \$188 billion. And after all these taxes, the Clinton plan still leaves us with a deficit of \$200 billion in 1988.

So, you perhaps are asking, what does Jesse Helms recommend? Good question. Let me identify a few things, just for openers:

1. No new spending until the deficit is brought under control: Mr. Clinton proposes \$124 billion in new spending. Asking Congress to spend more in order to bring down the deficit is like telling an alcoholic to take a big drink to kick the habit.

2. No new taxes: Mr. Clinton proposes the largest tax increase in history--\$359 billion dollars. The American people are not under-taxed, the Congress overspends. Congress often increases taxes but when was the last time that you recall Congress having cut federal spending? (since World War II, for every dollar in new taxes, Congress has found a way to spend \$1.59. Hence the \$4 trillion-plus federal debt.)

3. Cut wasteful spending: There are countless federal programs that should be eliminated--or at least reduced in cost. For example, the \$15 billion foreign aid program should be eliminated. Most if not all of the 5,408 Federal Advisory Boards should be eliminated, continuing only those which Congress can clearly justify. Also, the taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the National Endowment for the Arts, and other similar programs. And Congress ought to be ashamed of the way Congress spends, on itself, the taxpayers' money.

4. It's time for the Line-Item Veto and a Balanced Budget Amendment: Both of these are absolutely essential to discipline--to the greatest extent possible--the pork-barrel hand-outs of the Congress.

5. Downsize the Federal Government: The federal government employs too many people performing unnecessary functions. Many of America's largest companies are addressing the same problem--and if corporations can downsize, so, too, can the federal government.

6. Consider a Flat-rate Tax: A recent study estimated that the present U.S. tax system costs the U.S. economy \$600 billion a year. A flat tax could save Americans much of this \$600 billion because it is straightforward and easy to comply with.

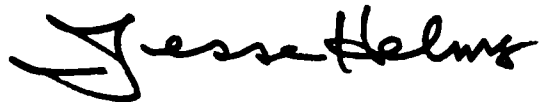
7. Leave Social Security Alone: Social Security recipients must be assured the benefits that politicians have promised them--and these benefits should not be subject to additional taxes.

This response is far longer than I intended, so let me close with this thought: Our Founding Fathers, in their divinely-inspired wisdom, endowed all of us with the miracle of the Free Enterprise system -- and the sound principles of limited government, personal responsibility, hard work and honesty. If this nation is to maintain its greatness for our children, it is incumbent upon us to make sure that we abide by these very same principles.

President Clinton's proposals move us in precisely the opposite direction.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jesse Helms". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font. The first letter "J" is large and loops around the rest of the name.

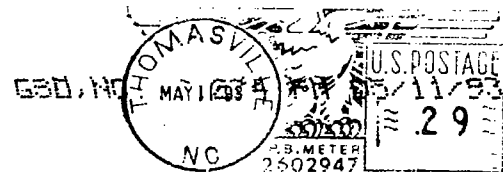
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February 2, 1993

The Honorable Steve Ricchetti
Deputy Assistant to the President
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Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Ricchetti:

I respectfully request that an anniversary greeting from the President be sent to the following constituents:

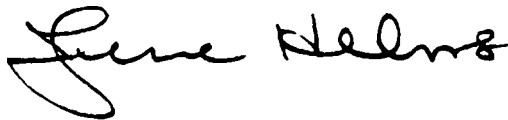
Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jarrell
1307 Maryland Avenue
Durham, NC 27705

60th anniversary on February 26, 1993

Many thanks for your assistance in handling this request.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,



JESSE HELMS:mhd