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President William J. Clinton
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

I know you have a lot of other things on your mind, but on January 20, 1997, I sent a letter to Charles Duncan in the Personnel Department for the position of United States Ambassador to Argentina, copy enclosed. I also spoke to Senator Hollings who sent in a letter of recommendation, and I enclose letters from two former ambassadors to Argentina, one of whom is Raul Castro, the former Governor of Arizona and an old friend of mine.

I do not want to be repetitious, but I think I would do a terrific job for the country, for you and for the future relations of our two countries because I have been involved for 38 years as lawyer for the state airline, Aerolineas Argentinas, and I set up the state bank and several other institutions private and state-owned. I was also President of the Argentine American Chamber of Commerce from 1985-1988 and as a Director since the 1960's.

Politically, I was Office Manager for the New York Citizens for Stevenson Kefauver and Wagner; I was Treasurer of Citizens for Eugene McCarthy, and Treasurer of the New York Committee for Democratic Voters in addition to a lot of other positions. I also enclose a letter from Jesse Helms which shows I could get his approval in the Senate.

I began to support you in your first term at a party given at the home of William Poorvu in Cambridge, Massachusetts during the New Hampshire Primary, and I worked with Terry Dornbush who is now U.S. Ambassador to Holland. I told Dornbush before the convention that the ticket would be Clinton-Gore. Lastly, I enclose a copy of a letter that I wrote to you back in 1994.

My best wishes to you and your wife.

Very truly yours,

Laurence W. Levine

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Enclosures

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January 20, 1997

Mr. Charles Duncan
Associate Director
White House Personnel
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Duncan:

I am sending you copies of letters from Frank Ortiz, former U.S. Ambassador to Argentina and foreign service officer; from Raul Castro, also a former U.S. Ambassador to Argentina and Governor of Arizona; and from Senator Hollings.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

Very truly yours,

Laurence W. Levine

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P.S. This pertains to my application for consideration as the United States Ambassador to Argentina.

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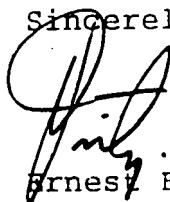
Dear Larry:

I'm just back from the holidays to see your correspondence about your continuing interest in becoming our Ambassador to Argentina.

There's no question as to your qualification and I've been pleased to add my endorsement of you to President Clinton. I hope things work out better this time around.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,



Ernest F. Hollings

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December 30, 1996

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

Dear Mr. President:

Mr. Laurence W. Levine, prominent New York City attorney, is seeking appointment as American Ambassador to Argentina. I recommend him highly.

I have known Mr. Levine for over 30 years. We have worked together on legal matters for several years. This has accorded me the opportunity to discuss Latin American affairs with emphasis on Argentina. In my opinion I consider Mr. Levine the foremost American authority on Argentine economic and political affairs.

I feel qualified to make this statement inasmuch as I spent almost four years as the American Ambassador to Argentina, under the Carter administration. All together I have spent 14 years in the U.S. Foreign Service, serving in El Salvador, Bolivia and Argentina. I had previously served five years in the American Consular Service in Mexico.

I know for a fact that several Ambassadors, prior to and subsequent to my posting in that country, consulted Laurence Levine for his views on how to approach Argentine problems.

During my lifetime, I have always maintained a keen interest on Latin American affairs. Having been born in Mexico but American educated, I have managed to stay current with Latin American affairs. When it comes to economic or political affairs pertaining to Argentina, I still counsel with Mr. Laurence Levine. His common sense approach to resolving problems is most unique.

In the hope that my comments about Laurence Levine can be bolstered, I am a former Governor Arizona, resigning the Governorship of Arizona in 1977 when President Carter appointed me as Ambassador to Argentina. Prior to my departure to Argentina, I consulted with Mr. Laurence Levine regarding the general panorama in that country. He proved to be most useful.

In the legal profession, Mr. Levine specializes in Banking, Aviation and International Trade. He has a good command of the Spanish language. I say that inasmuch as Spanish is my first language. He meets:

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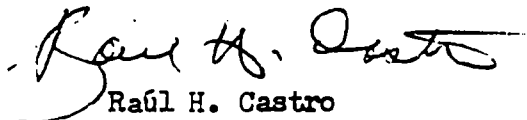
people easily. He is thoroughly knowledgeable on Latin American culture. Also as a former Superior Court Judge and District Attorney, my evaluation of Mr. Laurence Levine is that he is a solid person. He is an outstanding attorney, blessed with common sense and good judgment.

Mr. Levine has been one of the most outstanding Presidents of the Argentine-American Chamber of Commerce, headquartered in New York City. Mr. Levine's accomplishments are numerous. For the sake of brevity and avoid redundancy, I am sure that these accomplishments have been brought to your attention through other sources.

Again, Mr. President, as one who has been there, I assure you that Mr. Levine meets and has all the qualifications to serve as the American Ambassador to Argentina with the highest of distinction.

Your consideration of Mr. Levine's application is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours


Raúl H. Castro

PHC/s

663 García St.
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23 December 1991

The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

You have my cordial good wishes for the holidays and the New Year.
As a career Foreign Service Officer of the United States now retired to my home town I have a very special interest in U.S. relations with Argentina.

I served as U.S. Ambassador to Argentina from 1983 to 1988. The intense efforts of many Americans and Argentines who with foresight and dedication brought about a drawing together of the two countries to the point where for the past decade the two nations enjoy the best relations in their history. The two countries now receive a commonality of interests not recognized before. It is important that this favorable development continue and be strengthened.

It is therefore of importance that the Ambassador you select to represent you in Buenos Aires be someone who will assure that our interests in Argentina and Latin America are well served.

I have personal knowledge of the extraordinary qualifications of Mr. Lawrence W. Levine of New York and Florida. There are few Americans having a more profound knowledge of Argentina than Mr. Levine.

I first met him in 1973 when I was Country Director for Argentina.

the Department of State. He helped prepare a new US Ambassador
his mission in Argentina. Since that time I maintained with Mr.
a close professional and personal relationship that relied on
his extensive knowledge of Argentina. His direct contact with
Argentina goes back 40 years. He became a member of the Ameri-
caine Chamber of Commerce, was elected Trustee in 1960 and
served as President of that entity from 1985 to 1988. He is personally
acquainted with many figures of the Argentine leadership who for
years have come to him for personal as well as legal assistance.

I strongly urge that you give favorable consideration to having
Mr. Levine represent you in Argentina. In my considered judgment
no one could do no better.

Sincerely,
Amb. (ret.) Frank V. Ortiz
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January 10, 1994

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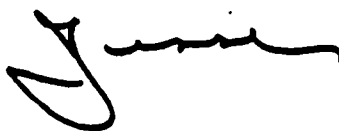
Dear Larry:

Your assessment of the political situation in Argentina is superb. I hope to see the day, and soon when you will represent the U. S. there.

I hope your holiday season was enjoyable and that this New Year will be a good 'un for you.

Hang in there and keep in touch!

Sincerely,



JESSE HELMS:mhd

P.S.: I had dinner with President Menem sometime back when he was in Washington. I share your optimism that he will run again next year--and win.

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April 19, 1994

President William Clinton
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Dear Mr. President:

I don't know if you will get this letter - considering that thousands come in every day - but perhaps since I contributed \$1,000 to you early in the primaries at a dinner at William Poorvu's house in Cambridge, Mass. - and later gave \$60,000 legally through solicitations from Terry Dornbush - who is now U.S. Ambassador to Holland - to assist your campaign, perhaps this will be directed to you.

The advice in it is meant to assist you since I think you are doing a very fine job - but you need some advice - not from me - but from some much older, wiser men than me. I'm here in England where 20 years ago I represented, among others, as a lawyer, two of the most successful entrepreneurs of my Father's generation. Both came from immigrant families that left Germany for England. One built up the most successful international trading house in England with offices all over the world, including the U.S. They were at one time the prime growers of cecil, hemp, cocoa, coffee and sugar in the world. He is now 88 years old (knighted), but still sharp as ever - and he was for many years Treasurer of the Labor Party and in my opinion - the best informed man I ever knew.

Therefore, I value his comments. I sat with him at his home today and we discussed world events but particularly your Presidency. I have no access to you so perhaps someone on your staff will pass on this information. This man used Lloyd Cutler once as his lawyer so maybe that's the route to go.

This man said what I've been thinking:

1. You are perceived as a very, very smart man and
2. You are doing a very, very good job as President - far better than he thought you would ever do.

3. The world is a mess because there are no good politicians in Italy, England, Japan or Germany - and the only stable nation is the U.S. - and you are good.

4. But you have a terrible problem now and that is the perception of Whitewater which is tarnishing your image and will continue to do so unless you change your approach to how it is handled by you.

4. At the present time, this man thinks you are too abrasive and not reacting properly. It's right that you should be angry and frustrated, but you are showing it, according to him, too much.

6. He thinks as I do - that your reaction should be in a very calm manner to all questions - as follows:

"I understand your concern about these allegations. I cannot take on 5000 newspaper and T.V. reporters and I won't. The matter has to run its course the way President Carter's peanut farm problem ran its course, the way all other political matters have run their course - and while it's happening, I'd just like to remind you that I have a job to do and I'd like to tell you about that job and what I've done. I've been in office just over a year. In that year -

a. consumer confidence has risen to the highest level in 15 years. Those are not my figures. Those are figures from the University of Minnesota.

b. The biggest business in this country - the auto business is up enormously. One out of eight people in this country are employed directly or indirectly in this auto industry so that means more jobs. For the first time in 20 years, we will probably sell more U.S. cars than foreign made. Auto profits are up - the steel and other associated industries are booming.

c. The housing market is the best it's been in 12 years. People are building and buying.

d. The banks in this country are recovering and profits are the highest in five years. Mortgages are available.

e. Interest rates are the lowest they have been in 10 years.

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In doing my job, this country is on the move again - so much that our Federal Reserve is concerned about inflation which we don't have.

So let the Public Prosecutor look into Whitewater. I'm sure he won't find a thing. Maybe we did a few things incorrectly - and if we did - it was misfeasance not malfeasance - and let's not sidetrack this wonderful feeling and recovery in this country - which has not yet filtered down to everyone but will - if you let me!!"

And then he said - get all of your cabinet people to begin their speeches all over the country - with a preface on what's happened in a year so their audience knows what a good job you have done - and sidetrack Whitewater.

Kill it with kindness.

Very truly yours,

Laurence W. Levine