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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

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October 15, 1999

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am pleased that Dr. Michael Haltzel is being considered for the position of United States Ambassador to Norway.

Dr. Haltzel has served on the staff of the Foreign Relations Committee since 1994 and has provided substantial support to both Republican and Democratic Members of the Committee. For example, during Senate consideration of NATO enlargement, he worked assiduously to forge a bipartisan consensus in support of that foreign policy goal.

His academic background and expertise on United States - European relations and his first-hand knowledge of Scandinavia make him an ideal candidate for the position of Ambassador to Norway. Furthermore, he has a keen understanding of the issues at the forefront of our relationship with that important NATO ally.

As you know Mr. President, moving nominees through the Senate often becomes more difficult as we approach the conclusion of each session of Congress. I am prepared to support Dr. Haltzel as our Ambassador to Norway and will seek expeditious consideration by the Foreign Relations Committee if and when your nomination of him is received.

Sincerely,



JESSE HELMS

cc: Mr. Bob Nash, Director of Presidential Personnel

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 15, 1999

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
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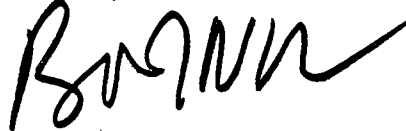
Dear Senator Helms:

On behalf of President Clinton, let me thank you for your recent letter recommending Michael Haltzel to the position of United States Ambassador to Norway. Our administration appreciates your help in identifying quality candidates.

You speak highly of Dr. Haltzel's qualifications and I have carefully noted your insights and support. I have shared your letter with Marsha Scott, my Deputy Director, and would like you to know that your comments will receive full consideration.

We welcome your suggestions in the future regarding appointments and look forward to working with you during the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

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

Bob J. Nash
Assistant to the President and
Director of Presidential Personnel

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cc: Marsha Scott