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Mr. Bob Nash
Director
Office of White House Personnel
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. Nash:

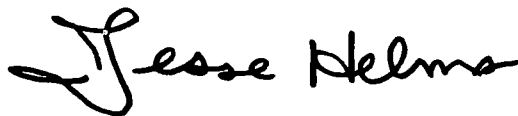
I am pleased that Michelle Maynard is being considered for the responsibility of Senior Advisor in the State Department's Bureau of South Asian Affairs. She is well qualified for this responsibility and I hope you will consider strongly her candidacy.

Michelle served on the staff of the Foreign Relations Committee from 1989 to 1996 providing substantial support to Committee members on foreign policy issues related to United States interests in Europe. She worked closely with my staff on a range of issues, including those that have an important bearing on South Asia, such as Russia, Central Asia, and Iran. She consistently demonstrated a high degree of competence, professionalism, and bipartisanship, and I know that my former colleague, Senator Claiborne Pell, valued her counsel.

I believe Michelle would bring experience and perspective to the South Asia Bureau and I urge you to consider her for the position of Senior Advisor.

Sincerely,

JESSE HELMS



cc: The Honorable Madeleine Albright
The Honorable Karl Inderfurth

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 27, 1999

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

Dear Senator Helms:

On behalf of President Clinton, let me thank you for your recent letter recommending Michelle Maynard to the position of Senior Advisor in the State Department's Bureau of South Asian Affairs. Our administration appreciates your help in identifying quality candidates.

You speak highly of Ms. Maynard's qualifications and I have carefully noted your insights and support. I have shared your letter with Vanessa Weaver, 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 many months ahead.

Thank
you.

Sincerely,


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

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cc: Vanessa Weaver