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THE WHITE HOUSE

RE: CITIZENS MEDAL

Assistant to the President and
Staff Secretary

JOHN -

TO CLARIFY: DO YOU
WANT ME TO INCLUDE
LIST OF 6 ADMINISTRATION
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CHUCK RUFF ET AL)?

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11/13/00

John/Melanne --

Attached is a revised Citizens Medal list, based on our conversation. Once you're OK w/it, I'll finalize for the President. A couple of outstanding issues:

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1) I deleted Henri Landwirth and Dr. Lazlo Tauber; both are Holocaust survivors and philanthropists, Landwirth in Florida; neither had noteworthy achievements beyond generous philanthropy.

2) *delete* Mary Frances Berry -- out of 26 on list, there are 7 other women; we discussed possibly deleting; OK to delete, or keep?

3) Marian Wiesel -- on list in brackets; Melanne was to discuss with First Lady; OK to keep? *yes*

Human Rights award?

4) Walter Mondale -- discussed deleting; concern about giving Citizens Medal not Medal of Freedom. Delete? *yes*

5) Added Michel Oksenberg, nominated by President Carter, supported by Sandy. OK to keep? *delete*

6) *ok* The last page includes a few people who served the Administration in various capacities - for your review. My impression from our discussion of Administration officials/Cabinet Secretaries is that we will not recommend awarding a large number of medal to this group (as Reagan did; Carter awarded no Citizens Medals). These names come from a running list we had (not comprehensive). Please let me know if you'd like to include any of these and/or whether you wish to revisit this issue or drop.

7) *ok* Finally, as we discussed, I will also do a short decision memo to the President on Mandela, Tutu and Suu Kyi, who were on our earlier list, to determine if he wishes to make those Medal of Freedom awards in December, in conjunction with a Human Rights Event. (I believe Tutu is coming for a World AIDS day event; Melanne do you know? If yes, do you wish to consider that event for Tutu award?)

Thanks.

2000 Clinton Administration Citizens Medal Candidates

Eli Segal

From his tenure as Assistant to the President for National and Community Service and later as both a member of the board and Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National Service, Eli Segal played an important role in launching and maintaining your national service program. As President and Chief Executive Officer of the Welfare to Work Partnership, he is helping to move people from welfare to work by educating businesses about the benefits of hiring individuals on welfare and assisting them with the hiring process.

Robert Rubin, 62.

Robert Rubin's accomplishments are legendary in the worlds of domestic and international finance. Rubin spent the bulk of his career on Wall Street, where he worked in virtually every financial market from bonds to commodities. As Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, he presided over the Administration's economic policy that has led to the nation's longest peacetime economic expansion. Rubin is credited with promoting initiatives to respond to five international crises: the Mexican peso crisis in 1995; the Asian crises from 1997 to 1998; and the Russian ruble crisis in July of 1998.

Charles Ruff, 61.

Chuck Ruff has a long and distinguished career of service to the D.C. government, the D.C. bar association, and the nation. He has served as a law professor at the University of Liberia and the Georgetown Law Center, Watergate special prosecutor, a high-ranking member of the Carter Justice Department, and U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia. In 1995, he left his practice to serve as District of Columbia Corporation Counsel in order to promote programs he cared deeply about, including juvenile delinquency and abuse. Charles Ruff served as White House Counsel from 1997 to 1999.

James Lee Witt, 56.

As Director of the Federal Emergency Management Association since the earliest days of your Administration, James Lee Witt has transformed FEMA into one of the most responsive and effective agencies in the federal government. He brought his experience as Yell County judge and Arkansas' director of emergency services to Washington, and his direction, FEMA has become a valuable resource for state and local governments in times of natural disasters.

Ron Brown (posthumous; died in 1996).

Ron Brown, through his many lifetime achievements, continually raised the bar for African-Americans around the country. Brown broke the race barrier as the first African-American partner in his law firm, Patton, Boggs & Blow, as the first African-American chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and as the first African-American Secretary of Commerce. After Brown accepted the chairmanship of the DNC in 1989, he immediately began bridging the rift in the Democratic Party. He coordinated the 1992 national convention and played a crucial role in electing a Democrat to the presidency for the first time in twelve years. As Secretary of Commerce, he used the Commerce Department as a vehicle for opening international markets for U.S. businesses and bringing billions of dollars into the U.S. economy. Brown pushed for "commercial diplomacy" and played an important role in saving the Commerce Department from spending cutbacks in 1995. Upon his death in 1996, Ron Brown was in Bosnia on a trade mission, this time selling peace and hoping to promote cooperation and understanding throughout the world.

Warren Christopher, 75.

Warren Christopher, Secretary of State during the first four years of your Administration, served as our country's "elder-statesman". Christopher worked under three previous Democratic administrations as a trade negotiator. In addition, he served as Deputy Attorney General under President Lyndon Johnson and as Deputy Secretary of State under President Jimmy Carter, where he successfully negotiated the release of 52 American hostages being held in Iran. Christopher's accomplishments as Secretary of State include brokering the Israeli-Palestine peace agreement and the Dayton, Ohio peace accords in Bosnia-Herzegovina, pushing for the expansion of NATO, helping to usher democracy into Haiti, stabilizing America's post-Cold War relations with Russia, and opening the markets in Asia. Christopher foresaw future threats to our national security, including terrorism and the spread of weapons of mass destruction, and took steps to contain them.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Assistant to the President and
Staff Secretary

LL -

As we discussed on
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Pres may demand resignation.

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Carl -
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11-21-00

Adam -
Please call Mike Malone (x50320) with questions
on this memo. Please call Kelli McClure or Brooks
Seaville (x62861) with questions on the 1st. Thanks.
November 13, 2000
DRAFT
Wilhelmina Malone

MEMORANDUM FOR WHITE HOUSE OFFICE STAFF
OFFICE OF POLICY DEVELOPMENT STAFF

FROM: JOHN D. PODESTA
CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Letters of Resignation

In order to give the next President maximum flexibility in assembling staff and organizing the White House in the manner that he wishes, traditionally, White House Office and Office of Policy Development staff are asked to submit letters of resignation soon after election day. 11/13 PM 4:41

Following this precedent, all White House Office and Office of Policy Development staff (excluding those staff in offices with positions that have historically been carried over from administration to administration) should submit letters of resignation to be *effective no later than noon, Inauguration Day, January 20, 2001*.

Resignation letters should be addressed to President Clinton and include the language:

"I hereby tender my resignation as (insert your title) and my last day of service is expected to be (insert your anticipated last day of service; this date should be no later than 1/20/01). I understand that you will act on this offer to resign no later than January 20, 2001." (sample attached)

Please send the original, signed letter to the Office of Management and Administration in Room 145, EEOB no later than November 30, 2000.

Separate guidance is being issued to appointees at other Federal agencies and departments.

As a reminder, the Human Resources Division of the Office of Administration (x51088) can be consulted on post-employment benefit issues. David Apol (x67903) from the White House Counsel's Office should be consulted on post-employment restrictions required by federal ethics laws. Later in November we will provide you with more details on a transition resource center in the EEOB that will offer these and other transition-related services.

Finally, on behalf of the President, I want to thank you for your service to this administration and the American people. The Clinton Administration has accomplished a great deal over the past eight years of which we can all be very proud. Your efforts were vital to that success.

SAMPLE

DRAFT

Date

President William J. Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC

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Sincerely,

(insert your name)

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Lisel - PLS. see attached letters supporting the idea of honoring Ruby Bridges with the Citizens Medal. We are still waiting to hear from the Civil Rights division at Justice regarding it. What, if anything, DOJ has already done to honor Ruby Bridges.

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+ 2) their recommendation on awarding the Citizens medal to her.

Please let us know if there are any meetings coming up to discuss possible recipients. Thanks!

Anne (x6-7072)

By DIANE CARDWELL

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Nicole Bengiveno/The New York Times
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Girl's Courage Long Ago Inspires Children Today

By DIANE CARDWELL

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"I like to share my story with children, and they are amazed by the story," said Ms. Bridges, who travels the country talking about her experiences and has formed a foundation to promote tolerance.

"I think they are able to put themselves in this little girl's place, and to relate to that child and to think about how they would feel going to an empty school and having no friends."

Inside the classroom, the walls were festooned with the children's work, much of it dedicated to Ms. Bridges. Drawings inspired by the children's reading of "The Story of Ruby Bridges," by Dr. Coles, who met her shortly after she entered William Frantz Elementary, hung from a cord across the room like Christmas lights.

The captions, written by the students, read: "I learned to make friends with my teacher," or "I learned to be brave" or "I learned that you have to believe in yourself."

The names of some of the students tell the story of how far things have come since Ms. Bridges was a first grader: Francisco, Jasmeen, Chloe, Megan. The neighborhood is ethnically mixed, predominantly Irish, Hispanic and black, and the school reflects that, said Sheri Donovan, the principal.

Waiting for Ms. Bridges to arrive about 1 p.m. and dwarfed by the presence of about a dozen journalists, the children at first sat neatly on the floor, in "movie theater rows," well back from the chair reserved for the guest of honor.

"She's not used to people touching her feet like I am," the teacher, Jennifer Klingher, told the class.

But as soon as Ms. Bridges entered, the rows were abandoned and a happy pandemonium erupted, with a few of the children questioning whether she was really the girl in the story.

"I am Ruby, but I'm Ruby all grown up," Ms. Bridges said good-naturedly. "Watch. When you get older, you're going to look different, too."

After shaking each child's hand, she proceeded to read "The Story of Ruby Bridges," again and again emphasizing that it is about a little girl changing the law, "so all you guys could go to school together."

"Isn't that great?" she said.

Throughout the reading, students pointed out their favorite pages in the book or sang out answers to Ms. Bridges questions.

"Why are they yelling at Ruby?" a girl named Jasmeen asked when

Ms. Bridges paused on an illustration depicting her, escorted by federal marshals, braving a screaming crowd outside her school.

"Why are they yelling at Ruby?" Ms. Bridges asked the class.

"Because they don't want a black kid in their school," another girl, Jasmin, answered.

Later, when Ms. Bridges stopped on a page depicting her class alone with her teacher, one student asked what the teacher was doing.

"Teaching me my numbers," she responded before asking, "Do you do that in this class?"

As the children clamored to answer "Yes," one boy began counting, rapidly and under his breath, without pause until he passed 30.

After finishing the story, Ms. Bridges asked the students if they could have done what she did.

"Yes," they cried.

"You wouldn't have been lonely?"

"No," came the chorus, as one girl explained, "I have my teddy bear in my backpack."

When it was the students' turn to ask questions, they wanted to know more about Ms. Bridges. Does she have children (yes, four sons) and where does she live (New Orleans).

At the end, after showing the children her own book, "Through My Eyes," published by Scholastic last year, and talking about how she came to write it, one boy, Ashanti, sat quietly with his hand stretched high, waiting patiently to be called on by Ms. Bridges.

Ashanti had spent most of the session on the periphery of the group, sitting on Ms. Donovan's lap or with his head on a pillow, but now he had something to say: "Thanks for changing the law."

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JIMMY CARTER

October 30, 2000

To President Bill Clinton

I am pleased to endorse the nomination of Ruby Bridges for the Presidential Citizens Medal. Her entrance in the all-white William Frantz School in 1960 marked the beginnings of her life of service to her country and fellow citizens. Among her numerous credits, Ms. Bridges is an inspiring spokesperson to schoolchildren and their parents and teachers, sharing with them the many rewards that come from respect and tolerance for all our neighbors. The Presidential Citizens Medal is a well deserved recognition of Ruby Bridges' extraordinary life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jimmy Carter".

The Honorable Bill Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500



U.S. Department of Justice

United States Marshals Service

Office of the Director

Arlington, Virginia 22202-4210
October 25, 2000

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

Dear Mr. President:

I whole-heartedly support the Scholastic Incorporated's nomination of Ms. Ruby Bridges as a recipient of the Presidential Citizens Medal.

As you know, in 1960 Ms. Bridges attended her first day of school in the all-white New Orleans' William Frantz school – alone. She had to be escorted by United States Marshals in order for her to attend school. This event initiated the integration of the New Orleans public schools and was the first courageous act by this six-year-old girl.

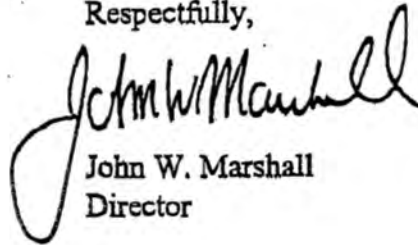
Since then, Ms. Bridges has dedicated her life to ending segregation and has become a champion of children's education. She continues to speak to thousands of schoolchildren, parents, and teachers each year about the importance of tolerance and respect for all cultures. She continually emphasizes that schools can be a place to bring people from all races and backgrounds together.

In 1994, Ms. Bridges founded the Ruby Bridges Educational Foundation which assists needy students, improves school facilities, and encourages parental involvement. She championed the slogan of her foundation – "Racism is a grown-up disease . . . let's stop using kids to spread it."

Recently, the Deputy Attorney General of the United States bestowed Ms. Bridges with the title of Honorary United States Marshal. It was a personal honor for me to participate in this historic ceremony. We are proud that Ms. Bridges is now officially a member of the United States Marshals Service family.

Ms. Bridges is a United States citizen who has performed exemplary deeds of service to the United States and her fellow citizens. It is for these, and the many other accomplishments of Ms. Bridges, that I believe she is most deserved of the Presidential Citizens Medal.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Marshall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "M".

John W. Marshall
Director



United States Department of the Interior
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site
450 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30312

IN REPLY REFER TO

October 26, 2000

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Ruby Bridges as a recipient for the Presidential Citizens Medal, as sponsored by Scholastic Inc.

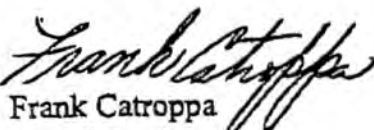
Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site unveiled a new exhibit, "Children of Courage," in January 2000. The exhibit, designed for children, explores the effects of segregation and the Civil Rights Movement upon young people in the past and challenges them to continue the struggle for equality today.

In the "Young Soldiers of Freedom" section, the exhibit profiles six young people who were involved in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 60s. Additional students will be highlighted in the future. Ruby Bridges was selected to be included in the first six profiles because of her courageous actions in 1960 that integrated New Orleans' William Frantz School and ultimately all New Orleans' schools.

Ms. Bridges was a featured speaker at the dedication of the exhibit in January. She also shared memories and insights into her experiences with elementary students who attended the dedication. She was a gracious and eloquent spokesperson for the young participants in the Civil Rights Movement.

Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site enthusiastically supports the nomination of Ruby Bridges as a recipient of the Presidential Citizens Medal.

Sincerely,


Frank Catroppa
Superintendent

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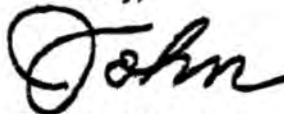
I write in support of Ruby Bridges' nomination for the Presidential Citizens Award.

When Ruby Bridges was just six years old, she became a foot soldier in the most insidious battle in America's history -- the struggle for equality among the races. A young African-American, she was ordered to enter the all-white William Frantz public school in New Orleans on the morning of November 14, 1960. Federal Marshals escorted the little girl inside past a screaming mob of protesters. That day and for months after, little Ruby faced the clamorous jeering segregationists as she made her way to class.

The inner strength and courage that Ruby displayed back then are still evident today in her ongoing quest to promote tolerance and respect for all people and cultures. She travels the country as an advocate for improving education for all students. She is the author of a children's book and the subject of other books, as well as a Disney feature film, that attempt to tell her story. She remains an inspiration to all of us as we continue to deal with aftermath of years of segregation.

You have had great success in maintaining an administration that includes capable professionals from every background. Your attention to the ongoing struggle for civil rights has made us a stronger nation. Ruby Bridges has spent her life promoting ideals such as these. This November marks the 40th anniversary of Ruby's first entrance to the school. I can think of no better way to commemorate the occasion than by honoring Ms. Bridges with a Presidential Citizens Award. I hope you agree.

Sincerely,

JOHN BREAUX
United States Senator

JB/mem

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1804

October 25, 2000

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

The purpose of this letter is to recommend Ruby Bridges for the Presidential Citizens Award.

Ruby Bridges is a monumental figure in New Orleans civil rights history as the first student to integrate our schools at the William Frantz School in November of 1960. The image of her first day is captured by Norman Rockwell and her story is told through books and movies thus passing on her tale of bravery to our children.

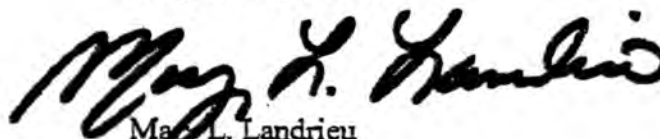
She has gone on in her adult life to continue to advocate those beliefs that gave her the courage she needed that day. Ruby is a prominent speaker on improving schools and education all over the country. Her foundation, The Ruby Bridges Educational Foundation, assists needy students, improves school facilities, and encourages empowerment through meaningful parental involvement.

I am proud to say that Ruby Bridges is not only someone whose story I find inspiring, but she is also my constituent and someone who continues to dedicate herself to the highest ideals of citizenship. Ruby's four decades of service and dedication to equal opportunity and education improvement make her a deserving nominee for the Presidential Citizens Award.

Please give her your most careful consideration.

With my kindest regards, I am

Respectfully yours,



Max L. Landrieu
United States Senate

MLL: jk

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
MARC H. MORIAL
MAYOR

October 27, 2000

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Ms. Ruby Bridges for the Presidential Citizens Award.

Ms. Bridges has been an inspiration to many by showing extraordinary courage and strength throughout her life. As a young six year old child, she faced adversity head on by being the first African American to attend an all white school in New Orleans.

As captured by Norman Rockwell's painting, "The Problem We All Live With," we see a young child full of grace and dignity being escorted by U.S. Marshals through a mob of screaming segregationists on her first day of school at William Frantz School in New Orleans on November 14, 1960.

Decades later, Ruby continues to speak to thousands of schoolchildren, parents and teachers each year about the importance of tolerance and respect for all cultures. She has founded the Ruby Bridges Educational Foundation, which assists needy students, improves school facilities and encourages parental involvement.

In 1995, Ruby and her story became the subject of the best-selling children's book by Dr. Robert Coles entitled "The Story of Ruby Bridges." She herself has written a book entitled "Through My Eyes". It has earned numerous awards, including the 2000 Jane Addams Children's Book Award and a 1999 National Parenting Publication Award. The book is nationally acclaimed by publishers, educators and parents alike.

It is therefore without reservation that I humbly recommend Ms. Ruby Bridges for the Presidential Citizens Award. Please give her your fullest consideration.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

With warmest regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,


Marc H. Morial
Mayor

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October 31, 2000

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Subject: Recommendation of Ruby Bridges for a Presidential Citizen's Award

Dear President Clinton:

As Principal of William Frantz School, the school Ruby Bridges integrated in New Orleans on November 14, 2000, I write to heartily second the nomination of Ruby Bridges for a Presidential Citizen's Award.

Miss Bridges was a tiny child of six years when she bravely, calmly, and with a touchingly Christian spirit, walked through a mob of screaming, jeering segregationists for the first of many times on November 14th, 1960. Her acts of bravery initiated the end of legal segregation in New Orleans, yet her goal each day was to get to school so that she could learn.

However, this was not simply the poignant, moving beginning of an amazingly brave little girl's school career, it was the beginning of Ruby Bridges' courageous ongoing journey in behalf of tolerance and respect for all people and cultures.

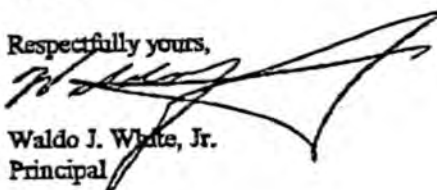
We, at Frantz School, are deeply proud to be part of Ruby Bridges' journey, and proud of her many accomplishments as an education advocate, a speaker on the national stage, and a best-selling author. Her foundation works to assist needy students, improve school facilities and promote the empowerment of families through meaningful parental involvement.

I am proud to say that as Principal of William Frantz School, where integration was inaugurated in New Orleans, I find Ruby Bridges' story an inspiring one for all Americans. She stood for the right thing and she walked through a kind of hell every day for months to accomplish an important change.

Ruby's four decades of effort for equal educational opportunity and for tolerance and appreciation of differences between cultures, make her a perfect candidate for the Presidential Citizen's Award. I believe she symbolizes the very ideals for which the award was created.

With my appreciation for your great work as President, I am

Respectfully yours,



Waldo J. White, Jr.
Principal



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November 1, 2000

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
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Dear President Clinton,

I'm so delighted to have this opportunity to nominate Ruby Bridges for the Presidential Citizens Medal. Ruby's courageous actions as a 6 year old integrating Franz School in New Orleans have been inspiring children and adults for forty years. Her bravery continues to impact thousands of children across North America through her Educational Foundation, her book "Through My Eyes", the Disney movie of her life, and perhaps most importantly, through the presentations that she gives at schools and cultural institutions like the Chicago Historical Society.

Ruby's selfless dedication to public service is evidenced in the fact that for the past five years, she has spent two and half weeks of every month on the road; giving presentations, signing books, encouraging teachers, parents and students to end racism. Ruby's work is heartfelt and touches so many American's lives. At her work's core is a passion to heal the past and make the United States a fairer, more just place in which to live. With all this in mind, I strongly recommend that you consider Ruby Bridges for the Presidential Citizen's Medal. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marie Scatena Haugh
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Dear President Clinton:

When I think of a citizen of the United States of America who has performed exemplary deeds of service for their country or fellow citizen, Ruby Bridges come to mind unhesitatingly or with little or no thought. Ruby's bravery and choices make her an ideal candidate for the prestigious Presidential Citizens Medal.

Ruby began taking extraordinary risks in choices in 1960 when she attended her first day of school at the then all-white New Orleans 'William Franz School' alone. Surrounded by U. S. Marshals, Ruby was escorted through a mob of screaming angry segregationists. This choice of action initiated segregation in the New Orleans Public Schools. This choice was also the beginning of Ruby's courageous ongoing journey, sharing her experience in 1960 at the age of six at the William Franz School and her message of tolerance and respect for all cultures throughout the country. Ruby speaks to thousands of school children, parents, and teachers. She is now a parent volunteer at the William Franz School.

In 1995, Ruby and her story became the subject of a best-selling children's book entitled, the *Story of Ruby Bridges*, written by Dr. Robert Coles and Published by Scholastic. Her own 199 book, *Through My Eyes*, was named a Publisher's Weekly Best Book of the Year. It garnered numerous awards, including the 2000 Jane Addams Children's Book Award and a 1999 National Parenting Publication Award. This book is nationally acclaimed by publishers, educators, and parents. Ruby's story has been captured on film and featured on ABC's *The Wonderful World of Disney*. Norman Rockwell portrayed the chilling moments of Ruby's first day at William Franz School in his painting *The Problem We All Live With*.

Ruby's central theme is "Racism is a grown-up disease...let's stop using kinds to spread it!" The response of school children educator's and other adults to Ruby's recent talk at the Chicago Historical Society was overwhelmingly enthusiastic.

Mr. President, I nominate Ruby Bridges for the prestigious Presidential Citizens Medal.

Respectfully,

Mary Foote-Davis
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The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
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"And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea."

Dear President Clinton,

How stunningly [redacted] treasured words became on a recent Cape Cod morning [redacted] from the home of Katherine Lee Bates, who gifted our nation with America, The Beautiful, stood Ruby Bridges imparting the same [redacted] to yet another rapt audience of hero-adoring children and adults. The scene this day was the Eight Cousins Book Store on Main Street in Falmouth, by its idyllic Town Green. But, be the setting a quiet little New England town on the Atlantic shore or a bustling city scene on the Pacific coast, the response of her audiences is universally the same. Through her historic story and her inspiring message Ruby leaves her listeners with a deeper and a heightened sense of brotherhood, its riches for us as individuals and for us, as a nation.

How special it was that this historic spot could claim the presence of two great American women: Katherine Lee Bates, a native New Englander of European heritage and a Wellesley college graduate; Ruby Bridges, a daughter of the deep South, of share-copper parentage and a high school graduate, yet each able to move a nation with a shared vision of an America ennobled by the gifts of true brotherhood.

Such is the magic of America!

Thrilled as I was that August day by the pervasive excitement and enthusiasm that had engulfed the usually casual atmosphere of my summer-vacationing town in anticipation of Ruby's visit, I was little surprised, for my past experiences appearing with her before national and international conferences of educators in major cities across our country and my telling of our story to students in schools throughout New England had well taught me about such outpourings of feelings: admiration, appreciation, respect, honor that ever surround her.

So wonderful and so gratifying is the fullness of recognition given Ruby Bridges, today. So different it was 40 years ago - on a day designated "D-day" by New Orleaners - November 14, 1960, when from the protective arms of the Federal Marshals I greeted a beautiful little black girl, and taking her accepting hand in mine, Ruby Bridges and I began our year-long, solitary journey at the William Frantz school; a school quickly emptied of its students by their prodigious, protesting parents; themselves, then, unknowing victims of the evils of segregation and racism, intent on denying Ruby and all black children of New Orleans for whom she was the symbol, the full rights and privileges our Constitution granted to all of America's citizens.

Indeed how special it is for me to see that the nation now knows what only I knew so well in 1960, that Ruby Bridges was a child of extraordinary gifts of character. Each day began at school with what seemed a miracle, for after her making her way to the front door along a walk edged with all the cutting cruelties of a racist mob, she would appear in our room as if some guardian angel had just placed her there, and she would greet me with her gentle smile and those big beautiful brown eyes filled with a gleam of wonder for whatever discovery our trip for two would hold for us. With a courage of heroic proportion and strengthened in faith and trust by a loving family, Ruby was able to accomplish with quiet dignity every goal of her historic mission - to successfully initiate the desegregation of the New Orleans school system and to secure for all its children an equality of opportunity in education, long denied.

Through her personal attributes of character and her public victory over racism, Ruby Bridges has justly become a seminal figure in our history of the struggle for Civil Rights. But, to America's children, Ruby will forever be the exquisite little black girl of Norman Rockwell's design, with all of its evocative reflections.

Ruby is every child's hero and ideal, one with whom each child loves to identify, and for whom there is endless empathy. She is an active, powerful force for social justice in our children's lives. For adults: some still owned by the indelible, ugly public images, broadcast world-wide, of New Orleans, 1960; others informed by their studies of our Civil Rights history, Ruby Bridges is an ever present reminder of our obligation to grow in our understanding and our appreciation of our differences.

Through Ruby's charismatic presence we are strengthened in our commitment to social justice; and by her empowering faith and vision challenged to make Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream a reality, and ready to joyfully sing from our hearts, "This land was made for you and me."

I offer you, President Clinton, my former student and now America's pre-eminent teacher for social justice as an outstanding nominee for the 2000 Presidential Citizens Medal.

With high hopes for Ruby, and with deep appreciation for all you have done to promote social justice during your presidency, I extend good wishes for your future.

Sincerely,
Barbara Henry



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The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
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10/27/00

Dear President Clinton,

I write with as strong as possible enthusiasm and conviction on behalf of a consideration of Ruby Bridges Hall as a candidate for the Presidential Citizens Medal. Through chance and circumstance I became a witness to what Ruby (as I came to call her) endured in an effort to get an education as an African American girl in an all white New Orleans school, The Frantz School, starting in the Fall of 1960. I watched her as she braved heckling mobs every day, and nevertheless maintained an extraordinary dignity—even praying for those who wanted to kill her! I've described her and her travails and her enormous compassion (again, even for those who wanted to hurt her) in much of my writing and most especially in Children of Crisis: A Study of Courage and Fear, and also in The Moral Life of Children and The Spiritual Life of Children. For so many of us Ruby was an inspiring American hero—a six year-old African American girl of humble background, who persevered: for a while she attended a completely boycotted school surrounded by threatening mobs every day, and nevertheless prevailed morally and psychologically. She always told me how much she loved this country, even as she was escorted by Federal Marshals just to get to school. I think she deserves the enthusiastic gratitude of all of us Americans for what she so gracefully accomplished—the onset of school desegregation. If I may quote Federal Judge J. Skelly Wright, who ordered the desegregation of New Orleans' schools, and with that order Ruby's entrance into a previously all-white school: "She helped this country become a better country—no matter the constant threats to her life. She was a brave child who did so much for so many".

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Robert Coles'.

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James Agee Professor of Social Ethics, Harvard University

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October 27, 2000

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
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Dear President Clinton:

I am writing to lend my strong personal support for the nomination of Ruby Bridges as a recipient of the Presidential Citizens Medal.

As the publisher of both Robert Coles', *The Story of Ruby Bridges* and Ruby's own book, *Through My Eyes*, I have had the benefit of getting to know Ruby and her many contributions personally. Given Ruby's role in history and her continuing efforts in the area of race relations, I believe Ruby embodies the meaning behind the Presidential Citizens Medal.

As you know, 40 years ago, on November 14, 1960, six-year-old Ruby Bridges made history when she walked into a formerly all-white school, the William Frantz Elementary School. Surrounded by U.S. Marshals, Bridges was escorted through a mob of screaming segregationists and initiated the integration of the New Orleans public schools. This milestone in Civil Rights history was so powerful that it moved Norman Rockwell to portray that historic moment in his painting *The Problem We All Live With*. To commemorate the 40th anniversary of that day, Ruby was recently made an Honorary U.S. Marshal.

Ruby's courage and strength, from forty years ago to today, is truly inspiring for children and adults of every race. When she speaks all across the country about her personal experience, she focuses on the importance of tolerance and respect for all cultures and helps to broaden the minds and hearts of her audiences. She emphasizes that schools *can* be a place to bring together children and young people of all races and backgrounds. Ruby now spends her time speaking to children in their schools.

Her dedication and life-long work to eliminate racism and prejudice in our society has been unyielding. To that end, Ruby started the Ruby Bridges Educational Foundation in

1994 to assist needy students, improve school facilities and get more parents involved in their children's education. Through education and educational programs, the Foundation serves as a national vehicle to emphasize and promote the values of tolerance, respect and appreciation for cultures other than one's own.

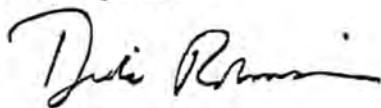
In fact, Ruby has spearheaded the effort to designate the neglected William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans as a "Save Americas Treasures" project in hopes of preserving it for the many more children to come. In volunteering at the school, she has developed close personal ties with the principal of Frantz Elementary, Waldo White and with the Superintendent of New Orleans, Colonel Al Davis.

In addition to the many awards and honors she has personally received, her book, *Through My Eyes*, has been nationally acclaimed as a book that, "advances humanitarian ideals and serves as an inspiration to young readers". Published in 1999, it has won multiple highly acclaimed awards. (see attached list)

As you can see, similar to the Little Rock Nine, Ruby's actions as a young child have had a powerful effect on our society. It seems more than appropriate to honor the 40th anniversary and Ruby for her heroic behavior in 1960 and her tireless work with children today. As Robert Coles, a Pulitzer Prize-winning Harvard professor of social relations and psychiatry who spent three years with Ruby as her counselor during that time, has said, "Ruby had enormous dignity and courage. Now she's trying to help a new generation who face different struggles."

If I can provide you with any additional information in this matter, please let me know.

Best regards,



Dick Robinson

Through My Eyes Awards and Recognition

- 2000 Children's Book Council Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People
- 2000 Riverbank Review Children's Book of Distinction
- 1999 *Publishers Weekly* Cuffies books of the Year-Best Autobiography
- *School Library Journal* Best Books of the Year
- Booklist Editors' Choice
- *Bulletin for the Center of Children's Books* Blue Ribbon Books
- *Publishers Weekly* Best Books of the Year
- The Smithsonian's Notable Books for Children
- 2000 Orbis Pictus Award
- 1999 Flora Stieglitz Book Award
- 1999 National Parenting Publication Award
- Spring 2000 Children's Books of Distinction
- Winter 1999 National Association of Parenting Publications Gold Award
- 2000 National Council of Social Studies/Carter G. Woodson Book Award
- 2000-2001 William Allen White Children's Book Award
- 2000 Jane Addams Children's Book Award

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The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
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Dear President Clinton:

I am writing on behalf of the National Urban League to express the organization's support of Ms. Ruby Bridges as a nominee for this year's Presidential Citizens Medal.

When Ms. Bridges took her historic walk into the William Frantz School some 40 years ago, she helped this nation to begin tearing down the walls of segregation that separated our society.

Since then, her many and varied accomplishments have helped to further the creation of a society based on equality of opportunity, and free from prejudice.

Please accept this letter of support into your process of consideration.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

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October 24, 2000

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
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The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

I am writing on behalf of the nomination of Ruby Bridges to receive the prestigious Presidential Citizens Medal.

As you probably know, forty years ago, on November 14, 1960, six-year old Ruby Bridges walked tall into a New Orleans all-white school accompanied by Federal Marshals. The Marshals cleared her way through an angry mob. She attended school alone – that day, and for months afterward. This was not just the beginning of a young child's school career; this was the beginning of Ruby Bridges' extraordinarily courageous, ongoing journey.

Decades later, Ruby began sharing her message of courage and strength throughout the country. She continues to speak to thousands of school children, parents and teachers each year about the importance of tolerance and respect for all cultures. She emphasizes that schools *can* be a place to bring people together – kids of all races and backgrounds. In 1994, Ruby founded the Ruby Bridges Educational Foundation. It assists needy students, improves school facilities and encourages parental involvement. In addition, Ruby has become an award-winning author with her *Publisher's Weekly* Best Book of the Year winner, Through My Eyes.

There are few Americans, indeed, who can claim to advance humanitarian ideals and serve as an inspiration for generations to come. That is why I wholeheartedly endorse Ruby Bridges' nomination as a recipient of the Presidential Citizens Medal.

Sincerely, yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike'.

Michael D. Eisner

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ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table

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October 24, 2000

*The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
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"Dear President Clinton"

I am writing to you as Chair of the Coretta Scott King (CSK) Task Force in support of the petition to nominate Ruby Bridges as a recipient of the prestigious Presidential Citizens Medal. For the past thirty years the CSK Task Force has presented an *Award of Excellence* to the writer and illustrator of a book for youth. The CSK Award seeks to recognize the depiction of positive black experiences in children's literature that commemorate the ideas and dreams for America envisioned by the late Martin Luther King Jr., husband of the award's namesake.

The CSK Task Force has been especially interested in Ruby Bridges through the inspiration her life has given to young readers of literature for children. The Task Force has viewed with praise several titles chronicling her life. The Awards Committee has welcomed to the body of quality literature the best-selling children's book by Dr. Robert Coles (*The Story of Ruby Bridges*) and her autobiography, *Through My Eyes* (Scholastic, 1999). *Through My Eyes* has received several notable recognitions. It has been named a Publisher's Weekly Best Book of the Year; given the 2000 Jane Addams Children's Book Award, and awarded the 1999 National Parenting Publication Award.

Ruby Bridges' courage and bravery initiated the integration of the New Orleans public schools. This memorable event, captured by Norman Rockwell on canvas, and published as a *Life Magazine* cover, remains to this day etched in the memory of people of all racial denominations and cultures throughout the world. Decades later, Ms. Bridges' advocacy behavior demonstrates the respect, integrity, and commitment to service to her fellow citizens, particularly youth. To this end Ruby Bridges has personally delivered

messages of strength and courage to youth audiences throughout the country. Her belief in the power of tolerance and respect of all cultures has been the singular message she has brought to thousands of school children. Her advocacy activities bring focus to the elimination of the scourge of racism.

Ms. Bridges believes that education is key to respectful cultural coexistence in America. Evidence of her passionate conviction to this principle is the founding of the Ruby Bridges Educational Foundation in 1994. The foundation provides needed assistance to low income families so children in these families can attend school every day. The Foundation supports improvements in school facilities and works to empower parents to become involved in their children's education. Additionally, Ms. Bridges has returned to the *William Franz Elementary School* as a volunteer and activist working to preserve and renovate the school as a historical treasure.

November 14, 2000 marks the 40th anniversary of that memorable day when six-year-old Ruby Bridges, escorted by U.S. Marshals, walked tall through the taunts of an angry all-white crowd. The extraordinary journey begun on that fateful day has been a model to hundreds of thousands of children and adults alike. As the Chair of the Coretta Scott King Award Task Force I believe the most fitting tribute to the exemplary lifetime service and humanitarian commitment of Ruby Bridges is the Presidential Citizens Medal. I heartily endorse the nomination of Ruby Bridges for this award.

Sincerely,



Carole J. McCollough, Ph.D., Chair
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October 25, 2000

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
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Dear President Clinton:

I write to you today to support the nomination of Ruby Bridges as a recipient of the prestigious Presidential Citizens Medal. Ms. Bridges has been a tireless champion of children's literacy for many years, starting as a child when Federal Marshals escorted her into the William Frantz School in New Orleans, Louisiana and continuing throughout her life she has made the education of children a personal crusade. She has served as a national spokesperson for education, founded the Ruby Bridges Educational Foundation to assist needy children, and garnered numerous awards for her wonderful book, "Through My Eyes."

As comfortable as she is with business leaders, Ruby is equally at home with children. She is a great team player and a wonderful and gracious combination of workhorse and showhorse! Ruby is as personally generous on kids' behalf as she is dedicated and committed to advancing a national agenda for literacy. Several years later it was Ruby's commitment to education that led her to return to the William Frantz Elementary School where she spearheaded an effort to designate the neglected school as a "Save America's Treasures" project in hopes of preserving it for many children to come. Forty years of her time, talent, and treasure should not be overlooked, but rather become a national model to ensure that all America's children are literate.

I am honored to support and endorse the work and life achievements of Ms. Ruby Bridges. I personally know the spirit in which this prestigious award was created, and I respectfully ask you for another memory—a memory of Ruby Bridges as a recipient of the Presidential Citizens Medal!

Respectfully yours,

Lynda J. Robb

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October 26, 2000

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
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Dear President Clinton:

It is an honor to write to you to recommend that you formally honor Ms. Ruby Bridges by awarding her a Presidential Citizens Medal this year.

As chair of the 2000 Jane Addams Children's Book Award Committee, it was my honor to present Ms. Ruby Bridges with this year's award for her book "Through My Eyes," an outstandingly written book effectively promoting the cause of peace, social justice and world community. Anyone interested in finding out more about this award is invited to visit <http://www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/public/jaddams.htm> where there is more information about this annual children's book award sponsored by the Jane Addams Peace Association. Although confidentiality keeps me from reporting about the balloting and other background details about the committee's decision-making process, I can assure you that "Through My Eyes" was a hands-down favorite choice of the national committee making this selection after evaluating many other strong contenders.

In meeting Ms. Bridges personally and hearing her respond to questions from the young members of the audience during the Jane Addams Awards event in New York City on October 20, I was struck with how articulate she is, and how clearly she can respond to questions about racism in general and about her experiences with racism in particular. I was also struck by the fact that in her formal acceptance remarks and informal conversations that day, Ruby Bridges conveyed the demeanor of a role model, a mentor, a woman who miraculously was not so damaged by her harsh experiences as a child that today she cannot give back with love to children in America. She herself seems to be a miracle as a human being, as she invites children to think about how they can each make a difference, and how it isn't necessary to aspire to becoming a famous entertainer or athlete in order to be a good citizen and to have a productive, happy adult life in America.

It is very inspiring to be in the company and presence of Ms. Ruby Bridges. Her impact can become for this generation and those in the future somewhat like what Ms. Rosa Parks became for all of us - young and adult - during the 20th century. Having the great honor of being a recipient of the Presidential Citizens Medal can help to make that happen and to make Ruby

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Bridges, this great citizen, have an even greater impact upon Americans during the 21st century.

The citizens of our nation are of all ages, as well as being diverse in many ways. It's rare to consider the actions of a six-year-old child as deserving of an honor as great as what this medal stands for, but little Ruby Bridges' courage deserves it. She steadfastly walked past adults shouting hateful epithets at her every school day throughout a full school year, and she did this with necessary federal escorts in order that the New Orleans public schools would become integrated according to federal law. She attended school in a classroom where she was the only child - and a very lonely one who ached for child companions and did not understand why there were no children with whom to learn and play. Fortunately this child had a teacher who wanted to teach her, and because of that, young Ruby learned firsthand that all white people did not hate her. And she learned. Her grades that year were exemplary, even though in the future others attempted to lower her official record to show differently. Children usually do not have to fulfill what adults are intended to accomplish. Ruby Bridges did what was asked of her. She made a difference.

Robert Coles and others wrote and talked about Ruby Bridges and other "children of courage;" millions of adults have read his works citing her courage, and countless young people see and read and see his children's book "The Story of Ruby Bridges" published in 1995. Norman Rockwell's painting of Ruby's "long walk" into school daily is embedded into the memory of millions today. In writing her own account of her experience as a child and her growing understanding of the significance of what she accomplished on behalf of all African Americans - indeed, on behalf of all Americans - during the year she was six, she is already making an enormous difference. Her efforts to make certain that the William Frantz Elementary School is designated as an important national treasure demonstrate her understanding of the larger import of her place in American history. By establishing the Ruby Bridges Educational Foundation six years ago, she has found a formal way to assist children, their parents, and school communities requiring help in achieving and/or providing the opportunity for education all children in our nation can expect to have as their right. What she is doing as an adult with the "celebrity" of her childhood also makes her deserving of the Presidential Citizens Medal.

I commend Ruby Bridges - the former child and today's adult - a very courageous citizen - to your attention, Mr. President.

Sincerely,



Ginny Moore Kruse, Director
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and
Chair, 2000 Jane Addams Children's Book Award Committee



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Dear Mr. Podesta:

I write to bring your attention to the nomination of Ms. Patricia McBride for the National Medal of Arts.

In a career that spanned more than three decades, Ms. McBride established herself as the consummate professional ballerina. During her career, she danced before many dignitaries and heads of state, including H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, H.R.H. Princess Margaret as well as former presidents Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Carter and Reagan.

Ms. McBride, along with her husband, Jean-Pierre Bonnefoux, reside in Charlotte. Ms. McBride is the Associate Artistic Director for the North Carolina Dance Theatre. She is truly one of our state's treasures. I wholeheartedly endorse Ms. McBride for the National Medal of Arts.

Yours sincerely,


John Edwards

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 20, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM ROGER BALLENTINE

RE: COP 6 UPDATE

Today marked the first day of the Ministerial stage of the climate negotiations in The Hague. It also marked the arrival and first participation of our congressional delegation, headed by House Science Committee Chairman Sensenbrenner (R-WI) and including Senators Hagel (R-NB) and Craig (R-ID). Citing our recent expression of willingness to negotiate in good faith on the issue of whether nuclear power should be an eligible technology for developed countries to deploy in developing countries in exchange for emissions credits, the Republican House members of the delegation accused our negotiators of taking direction from the Gore Campaign.

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On a more positive note, Senators Craig and Hagel – two strong Kyoto opponents – have been very supportive both publicly and privately of our overall objectives in the negotiations. Both publicly stated a new-found belief in the science of climate change and that they were reserving judgment on the Protocol.

The major development of the day was the announcement by the Head of the U.S. delegation, Undersecretary of State Frank Loy, that the United States was willing to discount the amount of sinks that it could claim in the first budget period to an amount of approximately 125 million metric tons. The Europeans and the environmental community have harshly criticized the U.S. desire to count sinks, which could total more than 300 MMT. This opening bid by the U.S. is meant to be a good faith effort to begin serious negotiations with the European Union.

That effort, however, was complicated by the speech to the Conference by French President Chirac this morning. President Chirac harshly criticized the United States. "While acknowledging President Clinton's personal commitment," Chirac complained that each American emits three times more greenhouse gases than the average Frenchman, but that we have come to these negotiations with "doubts and hesitations". In a subsequent luncheon, President Chirac was even more harsh in his words for the United States.

Cc: John Podesta
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THURGOOD MARSHALL, JR. *T.M.*
KRIS M. BALDERSTON

SUBJECT: Summary of Cabinet Weekly Reports
November 11 - 17, 2000

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

- **Foreign Sales Corporation:** On November 14, the House approved, by a vote of 316-72, the Foreign Sales Corporation (FSC) replacement tax legislation, which you signed on November 15. On November 17, the European Union, as expected, sought permission from the WTO to preserve its rights to retaliate in the future at a level of \$4B annually across a broad spectrum of products. However, no retaliation will occur prior to WTO review of the new law. The EU stated that even though it does not believe the FSC replacement legislation solves the problem, it will leave it to the WTO to rule on the question. The House and Senate delayed further action on the remaining appropriation and tax measures until after they return in December.
- **Southeast Europe:** On November 14, Assistant Secretary for International Affairs Truman represented Treasury at a meeting of the High Level Steering Group (HLSG) in Paris, France. A key topic of discussion was the reintegration of the Former Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY) into international economic institutions. HLSG members called on the IMF and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development to work with FRY authorities to complete the membership process by year-end and on the World Bank to work on membership as expeditiously as possible, which will mean addressing large FRY arrears to the World Bank. They also agreed on a two-stage process for donor pledging for FRY assistance, consisting of a donor conference in early December to address urgent humanitarian needs and a second donor conference as early as feasible in 2001 to address recovery and transition issues.
- **Southwest Border:** On November 28-30, your Task Force on the Economic Development of the Southwest Border will meet in San Diego, CA, with Federal government officials located on the border and with representatives of the four border

pilot communities. The purpose of the meeting is to review the status of the pilot community efforts and to provide to the communities in-depth information on Task Force initiatives.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- **AL Voter Fraud Conspiracy:** On November 6, six of 11 indicted individuals pleaded guilty to voter fraud conspiracy in a precedent-setting case in which a pre-election undercover operation in AL exposed rampant absentee vote buying. Those charged with voter fraud during the Republican primary on June 6 included the county sheriff, a district judge up for re-election, the judge's husband, a county commission chairman candidate, the circuit clerk up for re-election, two board of education candidates, and the spouse of one board candidate. The case was prosecuted jointly with the AL Attorney General's office. The six pleading guilty admitted that they conspired to buy votes, in the form of absentee ballots, with cash, beer, and liquor. Four also agreed to plead guilty to a state felony election law violation.
- **Crisis Negotiating Training Seminar:** DOJ and the FBI recently sponsored a seminar in AL on crisis negotiating. The course was taught by two members of the FBI's Crisis Management Unit Negotiations Program. Topics included negotiation concepts, crisis and suicide intervention, and negotiations in a correctional setting.
- **Technology Seminar:** On October 19, the U.S. Attorney for the District of NM, DOI's Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Southwest Border Research and Technology Center, and Sandia National Laboratories held a seminar to showcase the latest technology to enhance law enforcement activities in tribal and rural environments.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

- **Montrose Case:** By December 15, the terms of a consent decree in the Montrose Natural Resource Damage case are to be filed and made public. The case involves damages for ocean dumping of DDT off CA. The consent decree will reflect a settlement reached with Montrose by CA, NOAA, and DOI. The exact amount of the settlement is under a gag order, but could range up to \$150M.
- **Matilija Dam Study:** The CA Coastal Conservancy Board recently approved and authorized funds to further investigate removing Matilija Dam, located on a tributary of the Ventura River. In an effort to continue the investigation, CA authorized disbursement of funds through the board to DOI's Bureau of Reclamation to proceed with the study. A contractual agreement is expected to be completed by the end of December.

- **TX Lighthouse Title Transfer:** National Environmental Protection Act compliance has been completed and DOI's Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) expects the U.S. Coast Guard to transfer title to a historic lighthouse and 15.29 acres of associated property to FWS sometime in November. The lighthouse is located on Matagorda Island within Aransas National Wildlife Refuge on the Gulf coast of TX. The 92-foot-tall brick-and-steel lighthouse was first built in 1852 on the east end of Matagorda Island and was moved to its present location in 1866 where it remained operational until 1995. The lighthouse, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, will be restored, maintained, and open to the public under an FWS agreement with Calhoun County, TX. Under a permit from the Coast Guard, county officials have already re-lit the historic lighthouse as an aid to navigation.
- **Surface Mining Oversight:** DOI's Office of Surface Mining (OSM) recently announced an initiative to address concerns about coal mine impoundments in the Appalachian region. Based in part on the recent coal slurry breakthrough into underground mine works near Inez, KY, the effort will include an assessment of the potential for impounded water, slurry, or other materials to drain in an uncontrolled manner into adjacent underground mines at surface mines throughout the region. In addition to the efforts ongoing in KY, OSM will coordinate with other states to prevent further impoundment breakthroughs.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- **Smithsonian Agricultural Exhibit:** On November 18, Secretary Glickman will attend the opening of a new multi-panel exhibition about the North American prairie at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. The exhibit describes the evolution of the vast grasslands region as well as the progressive prairie farmers and ranchers who have found ways to earn profits without harming their sensitive environment and in tune with the needs of their communities. The exhibit was co-sponsored by USDA and partially conceived and planned by USDA's Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program. Beginning in May, the exhibition will travel to 20 libraries throughout the country.
- **USDA Awaits Acceptable Offer from VT Sheep Owners:** November 17 is the due date for the owners of two flocks of TSE-infected sheep to submit a reasonable compensation request to USDA for the destruction of the sheep. USDA has advised the owners of the \$2.4M appropriated by Congress for VT sheep compensation. In response, the owner's of one flock requested approximately \$11M, USDA's indemnification for any claims filed against them due to the sheep, and for the sheep to be returned to Belgium. Similarly, the other owner has requested \$3M and for the sheep to be returned to Belgium.

- **Mail Order Foods Safety:** On November 16, and again on November 30, USDA will re-release a video news release giving tips on mail order food safety, including for perishable foods such as meat and poultry, and providing the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline number. Consumers will spend nearly \$6M this year on food items purchased from catalogues and the Internet. The video was previously released on October 19 and 26, and November 2 and 9, and was shown on ten television stations, including eight CBS affiliates with 1.2 million viewers. Mail order press kits have been mailed to over 3,500 newspaper food editors.
- **Commodity Markets:** Dry conditions in the Central Plains and reduced production prospects for the Australian crop sent wheat prices higher for the week. Corn prices also advanced, supported by the rise in wheat and bullish supply and demand projections issued by USDA. Harvest pressure sent soybean prices tumbling. Rice cash prices held steady, but futures advanced on reports of flooding in South and Southeast Asia. In a volatile week, cotton prices wound up little changed, on average. Firming beef prices helped boost cattle. Hog prices dropped despite heavy buying activity as the weekend approached. Broiler prices were up slightly on good retail and food service demand. Cheese prices continued to trade below support in a very light market. Butter prices fell modestly as cream supplies are readily available.
- **President Carter's Boyhood Farm:** On November 16, Secretary Glickman dedicated the Boyhood Farm of Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in Plains, GA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- **TransAtlantic Business Dialogue:** On November 16-18, Deputy Secretary Mallett will lead a delegation consisting of over 50 officials to the sixth annual CEO Conference of the TransAtlantic Business Dialogue in Cincinnati, OH. Topics to be discussed during working group sessions include standards and regulatory issues. The conference also includes plenary sessions on the digital economy and globalization.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- **Starlink Corn:** As of November 15, FDA received hundreds of letters from consumers expressing concern that EPA is considering approval of genetically engineered Starlink corn in food products. These letters, addressed to EPA and copied to FDA, are in response to an October 25 EPA *Federal Register* notice that announced that Aventis has requested that EPA permit Starlink's use as human food for a limited time until the corn already in distribution works its way through the system. FDA is investigating all reports it receives concerning adverse health events associated with food products that possibly contain Starlink corn. FDA, USDA, and EPA are working together on this issue.

- **U.S.-Mexico Border Health:** On November 26-27, Secretary Shalala will attend the first official meeting of the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission in El Paso, TX. In October 1994, you signed the legislation that authorizes you to conclude an agreement with Mexico to establish the commission.
- **Prescription Drug Assistance:** On November 15, HHS's Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) issued a press release unveiling "Prescription Drug Assistance Program Compare," a new Internet feature that will help consumers get information on programs providing prescription drug assistance to individuals in need. HCFA also announced other additions to the consumer information website, including a participating physician directory, Spanish-language "Medicare Health Plan Compare" and an expanded "Nursing Home Compare."
- **Adoption 2002 Excellence Awards:** On November 20, Secretary Shalala will issue a press release announcing this year's recipients of the HHS "Adoption 2002" Excellence Awards. This year, twelve winners were selected in eight categories. Given annually since 1997, the awards honor states, organizations, businesses, individuals and families for giving abandoned, neglected or abused children a loving family and a safe and nurturing home. Earlier this month, you issued your annual proclamation designating November as National Adoption Month. "Adoption 2002" is the HHS response to your initiative to double by that year the number of children in foster care who are adopted or otherwise permanently placed.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- **International Urban Policy Project:** HUD has convened an international panel of urban planning experts who will collaborate on a research project, using state-of-the-art analytical tools to improve urban decision-making. Joining HUD in the venture, called the "Global Urban Indicators" project, will be the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science, a joint venture between a number of U.S. and foreign universities. HUD recently awarded the consortium a \$240,000 grant to help establish and develop the collaborative venture. The grant is expected to leverage more than \$2.6M in additional funding. The goal of the project is to increase use of geographic information system research as the basis for making informed policy decisions the research will use such key indicators as poverty rates, housing starts, rents, and access to safe water in helping make informed decisions. To reach the project's goal, the researchers will develop training materials and data sets for a select number of urban indicators available on the Internet by the end of the project's first year.
- **Neighborhood Networks in Louisville, KY:** HUD and Louisville's Shawnee Gardens Apartments hosted the first Neighborhood Networks Week on October 19, with an open house for volunteers, staff, and students from the neighborhood. The Shawnee Gardens Neighborhood Networks Computerized Learning Center is located in an old elementary

school that was rehabilitated into apartments in 1989. The center's operator, the Shawnee Tenants Association, was created in 1990 to serve as a liaison between the community and apartment management. The learning center currently has 35 children enrolled from the complex and surrounding community.

- **Gun Buyback in Rome, GA:** The Housing Authority of the City of Rome, GA, will reprogram \$2500 of its FY1999 Public and Indian Housing Drug Elimination Program grant funding and will receive \$1,075 in matching funds from HUD for a total of \$3,575 for its Gun Buyback Initiative. The Authority's goal is to take approximately 75 guns off the street, each in exchange for \$50.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- **Books for Disadvantaged Children:** On November 20, Secretary Slater will participate in the signing of a memorandum of agreement between the Coast Guard and First Book, a national nonprofit organization founded to give disadvantaged children the opportunity to read and own new books. First Book will provide the books to the Coast Guard, which will then use its existing national school partnership and community outreach network to distribute the books.
- **Rail Merger Guidelines:** On November 17, DOT will file comments concerning the new proposed rail merger regulations issued by the Surface Transportation Board (STB). DOT's Rail Merger Team has been holding outreach meetings seeking the views of outside parties concerning the new proposed regulations. DOT's comments will commend STB for establishing tougher standards for mergers, express support for STB's proposal to require enhanced competitive access in a merger, and continue to urge STB to restrict its involvement in labor-management implementation agreements significantly and allow the parties to negotiate the terms of such agreements.
- **Child Safety Mobilization:** On November 20, Secretary Slater will participate in a news conference to announce the kickoff of the November 2000 Operation ABC (America Buckles Up Children) Mobilization. The event is part of the ongoing effort to reach your goals of increasing seat belt use nationwide to 85 percent by 2000 and reducing child passenger fatalities by 25 percent by 2005, as compared to 1996. This seventh national mobilization will emphasize high-profile enforcement of all occupant protection laws, with special attention to child passenger safety. Mothers Against Drunk Driving will be a partner in this year's mobilization, joining approximately 8,200 law enforcement agencies from around the nation, NTSB, and DOT's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The mobilization period is November 20-26.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

- **Russian Ecological Biotrade Center:** On November 14, DOE's Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and four Russian biological institutes announced plans to work with Diversa Corporation to establish a Russian Ecological Biotrade Center to explore that country's biodiversity potential for developing important new commercial products. This effort is part of DOE's Initiatives for Proliferation Prevention program, which hires former Soviet research organizations and scientists to ensure that weapons-of-mass-destruction expertise does not leak to countries of proliferation concern. The center, the first of its kind in Russia, will employ former Soviet weapons scientists who will partner with DOE laboratories and U.S. private industry to work on new non-weapons-related research projects that seek to commercialize biomolecular products.
- **Industries of the Future (IOF):** On December 5, NH Governor Shaheen will launch the state's IOF activities at a summit with representatives of NH industries. CEOs for metals and forest products are expected to form an industry advisory committee to evaluate common industry needs throughout the state.
- **Gasoline Prices Mixed, Stocks Up:** Gasoline spot price movements were mixed last week, despite moderate increases in crude oil and NYMEX gasoline futures. A brief interruption in Iraqi exports through Turkey, along with OPEC's decision not to raise production further at this time, lifted WTI crude oil prices back over \$34 per barrel for the first time in almost three weeks. Gasoline prices were mostly lower on the East and Gulf Coasts, while plunging on the West Coast as one refinery returned to normal and another prepared to restart. The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline decreased for the third straight week, dropping 0.3 cent to 152.3 cents per gallon as of November 13, 27.2 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. Prices declined slightly for most regions and formulations.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- **Student Loan Lawsuit:** In a November 3 lawsuit against DOE, a number of student loan lenders under the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) program, and associations of such lenders, challenge various reductions in costs to borrowers, and repayment incentives for borrowers, that DOE instituted under the Direct Loan program in 1999 and 2000. The plaintiffs allege that these benefits to borrowers are unlawful in substance and in the manner in which they were adopted. They further allege that these benefits under the Direct Loan program place them at a competitive disadvantage in marketing participation in the FFEL program.

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- **Early Learning Program:** On November 15, DOEd will participate in a live teleconference, "Creating High-Quality Preschool: Ideas for Supporting Early Learning Programs." This teleconference will suggest ways that schools and districts can use existing Federal funds to make a substantial investment in preschool programs. Using real examples, the program will explore ways to combine these funds with state and local monies and develop partnerships to serve young children.
- **Chicago Public Schools Audit:** On November 16, DOEd's Inspector General will have an entrance conference with applicable Chicago, IL, public schools to begin an audit of selected aspects of Chicago Public Schools' administration of Title I funds for private school students. The primary objectives of this audit are to determine whether Chicago Public Schools: generated and provided funds for Title I services to private school children in proportion to the number of low-income private school children in participating school attendance areas; and provided adequate oversight to ensure that Title I funds used to provide services for eligible children attending private schools were expended for their intended purposes and in compliance with Federal law.
- **National Charter Schools Conference:** On December 7-9, DOEd will hold the Third National Charter Schools Conference in Washington, DC, for charter school operators, groups planning new charters, chartering entities, as well as policymakers and staff from state and district offices.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS



Agent Orange: On November 9, Acting Secretary Gober announced his decision to regard Vietnam veterans with adult-onset (Type II) diabetes as having "service-connected" disabilities. VA officials estimate the decision may lead to 200,000 veterans qualifying for VA disability compensation within five years at a cost of \$3.3B over five years and \$10.3B over ten years. Acting Secretary Gober's decision was based upon an October report by the National Academy of Sciences that found "limited/suggestive evidence" that the herbicide Agent Orange causes diabetes.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

- **Waste Technologies Industries (WTI) Incinerator:** In response to concerns expressed by the East Liverpool, OH, community and the recent preliminary report by EPA's Ombudsman, EPA sent a team of national air quality experts on October 25 to investigate the WTI facility in East Liverpool. EPA is conducting the investigation to ensure that the public health and environment of the East Liverpool community is protected. On November 9, EPA released the results of the air quality monitoring and soil analysis for the WTI facility. Two rounds of ambient air monitoring are completed to date. Analysis of the first round of ambient air monitoring, conducted October 25-27, indicated that all compounds of concern detected were within typical urban ambient air quality levels,

✓ except the two chemicals chromium and manganese. On November 1-2, EPA's team of air quality experts conducted a second round of ambient air sampling around the WTI facility. EPA's analysis of the second round of samples indicated that all compounds detected were within typical ambient air quality levels, except manganese. Chromium was not detected during the second round of testing.

- **Utility Air Pollution Reduction:** On November 16, EPA, DOJ, and NY announced an agreement in principle with Virginia Electric and Power Company (VEPCO) that requires the company to significantly reduce harmful air pollution from eight coal-fired power plants and pay a \$5.3M fine. This agreement signals the single greatest air pollution reduction ever achieved from a utility. The agreement will be included in a consent decree to be filed in several weeks. Under today's agreement, VEPCO will install permanent emissions-control equipment to meet stringent pollution limits, implement a series of interim pollution-reduction measures to reduce emissions, and retire pollution emission allowances that VEPCO or others could use, or sell to others, to emit additional pollution into the environment.
- ✓ • **Electric Utility Mercury Regulation:** EPA is preparing to make a decision regarding whether to regulate mercury from electric utilities. EPA must make this decision by December 15 in order to meet the court-ordered deadline. If it finds a regulation is appropriate, EPA will issue final regulations by 2003. Mercury is one of the four pollutants that could be part of a multi-pollutant approach to reducing pollution from power plants that you mentioned in your recent webcast address to the nation.
- **Starlink Corn Evaluation:** On November 13, EPA released its preliminary evaluation of information submitted by Aventis regarding the potential allergenicity of Starlink corn. EPA provided this preliminary evaluation in preparation for the November 28 meeting of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rotenticide Act Scientific Advisory Panel to solicit public and scientific review. This preliminary assessment does not draw final conclusions about the potential allergenicity of Starlink corn, and is part of EPA's process to ensure a thorough, scientific evaluation of the available information. EPA also released questions posed to the panel regarding potential allergenicity, sensitization, and possible exposure to Starlink corn.

UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

- **Kosovo:** On November 16, the Security Council held an Open Briefing on Kosovo and received a report from Special Representative Bernard Kouchner, the head of the UN Mission in Kosovo. This is the first time that Kouchner met with the Council since the October 28 municipal elections and the democratic changes in the former Yugoslavia.

- **Yugoslavia/Rwanda International Tribunals:** On November 17, the Security Council will hold an Open Briefing on the International Criminal Tribunals in Yugoslavia (ICTY) and Rwanda (ICTR). ICTY Presiding Judge Jorda and Chief Prosecutor Del Ponte and ICTR Tribunal President Pillary will brief on the status of their investigations and proposed next steps. The Council could consider Jorda's reform proposal for the ICTY, which have been reviewed favorably by a Security Council Working Group over the last several months.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

- **Travel to Colombia:** On November 19-21, Director McCaffrey will lead an interagency delegation to Colombia. The group will discuss proposals to assist in implementing Colombia's counter-drug strategy, with particular attention to security and strategic planning issues. They also plan to meet with Colombian President Pastrana to review his challenges in fully implementing Plan Colombia as well as to update the delegation's understanding of Colombia's political, social, and security situation. In addition to these meetings, members of the delegation will meet with their Colombian counterparts, members of the diplomatic community in Bogota, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the private sector to discuss human rights, Colombia's economy, and the judicial system.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- **Medal of Hope Dinner:** The Organization for a New Equality (O-N-E), an SBA partner, has invited SBA to participate in the Medal of Hope Dinner 2000 on November 29. The Medal of Hope is awarded every year to an outstanding individual who, through his or her work, has been a source of hope and inspiration in the advancement of equal economic opportunity. This year's recipient will be Cathy E. Minehan, the first female President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, who will be recognized for her dedication to areas of structural economic development in New England, including community development, public education, and training.

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

- **Plum Book:** On November 8, the publication *U.S. Government Policy and Supporting Positions*, commonly known as the Plum Book, was released and posted on the Internet. OPM and the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee created the document by electronically pulling data from current data management systems, using the Internet to facilitate agency verification of the data, and designing systems which provided a camera ready copy for the Government Printing Office. For the first time ever, the Plum Book was available immediately after the election.

Cabinet Affairs Travel

Monday, November 20 - Sunday, December 3, 2000

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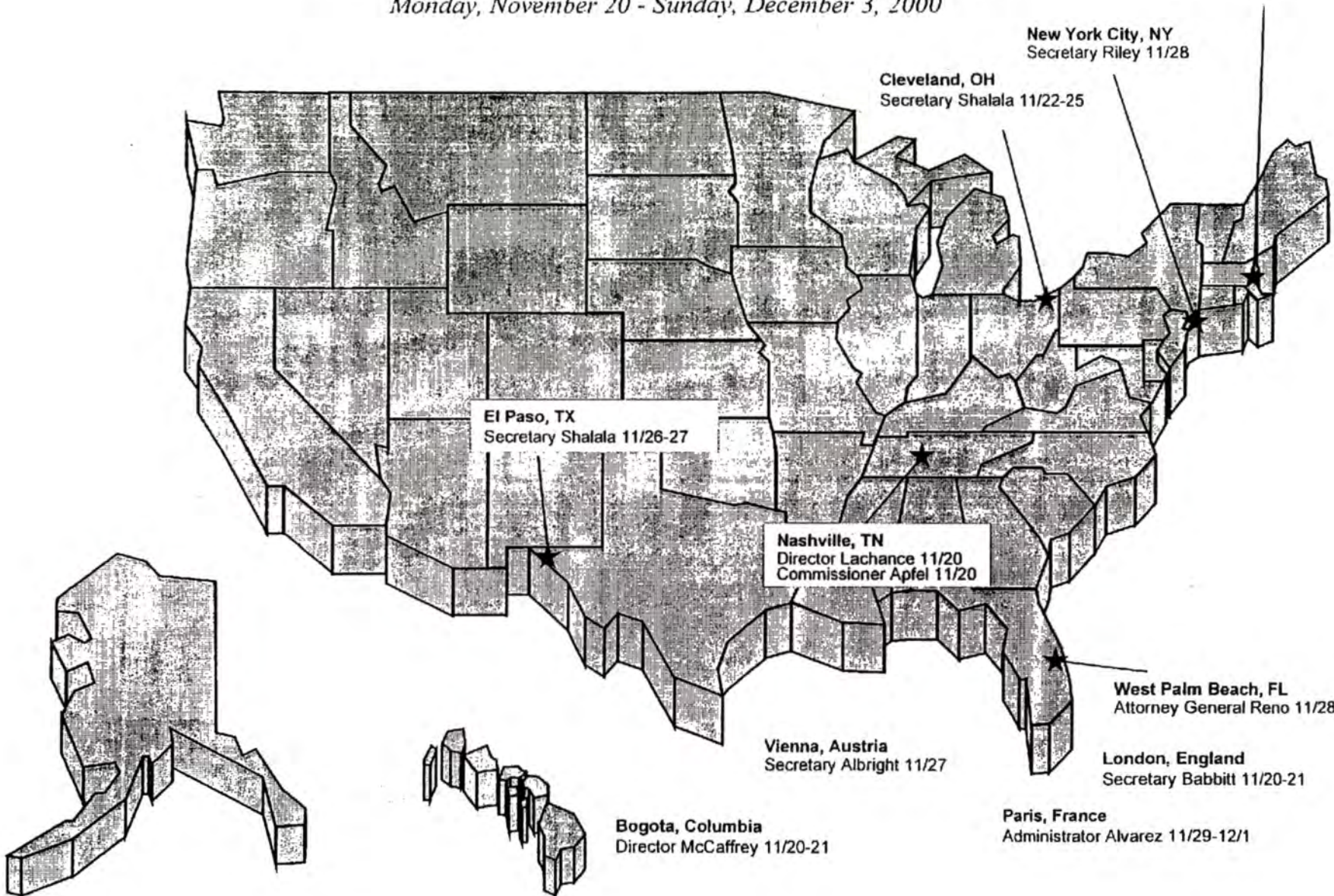
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Dear Bill,

I am writing to ask you to give your support to the Pain Relief Promotion Act (the Hyde-Stupak bill), which may come before you very soon. I am grateful for the conviction you have expressed in the past, both before and throughout your presidency, that assisted suicide is wrong. Despite sometimes intense pressure, you have held firm in advising our nation that we must continue to be willing to distinguish – in our hearts and by our laws – between *assisting in death* and *allowing death to occur*. The Pain Relief Promotion Act will assist physicians and patients in safely and correctly making this very distinction. The Act will protect under federal law the important moral principle of “double effect” – that is, it will allow doctors to provide prescriptions even when they may *increase the risk* of death, so long as they are not prescribed *with the purpose* of causing death. Every respected national group of physician pain specialists, including the A.M.A. and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, has endorsed this legislation as being entirely positive in its impact on pain control and hospice care. In addition, recent polls reveal overwhelming voter support across all party lines for candidates who oppose assisted suicide and euthanasia. Of special note, the nation’s Catholic bishops and Catholic Charities USA consider this legislation to be of urgent and top priority.

Just yesterday, I came upon the following quote on the Internet: “A study published October 3 in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* found that support for assisting suicide and euthanasia among oncologists declined by more than half between 1994 and 1998, a drop that the study attributed primarily to ‘expanding knowledge about how to facilitate a “good death,” making euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide no longer seem necessary or desirable.’”

Bill, I am writing to you, perhaps for the last time on the pro-life front, to confirm that in the matter of assisted suicide we stand together. Let us continue to agree in our commitment to laws which provide for the fullest range of palliative care, without making the error of giving approval to medical interventions which will deliberately hasten death. Your support for the Pain Relief Promotion Act will be a noble defense of the dignity of human life.

I am exquisitely aware of the special privilege I have to make this appeal in a direct and personal way, friend to friend. As in every communication, I pray that in this I serve you and Christ. “Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together and encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” Hebrews 10:24,25

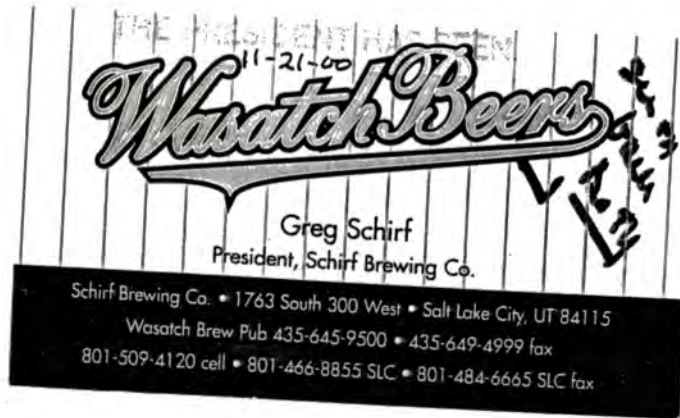
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November 12, 2000

William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House, Washington

Dear President Clinton,

I would like to congratulate Senator Elect Hillary and especially you on our BIG VICTORY and to wish you and your family a very healthy and Happy Thanksgiving!

These cigars are a very special gift from me, Harry "Enrico" Barone and my family, for you to relax and enjoy on this Thanksgiving. As you already know, the Fuente Fuente OpusX are the best of the best and I know you like them.

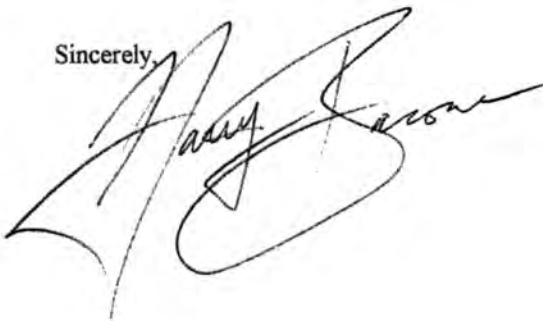
Once again, I want you to know that when you and the First Lady move to New York next year, that if I can be of any service to you at all please don't hesitate to ask. I would like to continue supporting you in any way I can for all that you have done to make America a great country!

As I have mentioned before, as a result of my working on both of your campaigns I have established a very close relationship with the Secret Service in Washington (Agent Patrick Bush and others) and especially in New York (Agents Ed Nasiatka and Mick Chandrani). So whenever you or any of your friends need Arturo Fuente cigars it will be my honor to help you in any way for as long as you continue to enjoy them.

I also have a small cigar store called ENRICO'S Cigar Hideaway in Wyckoff, N.J. that my family runs and is only 45 minutes from your new home.

May God bless you and your family with a healthy, happy and holy long life!

Sincerely,



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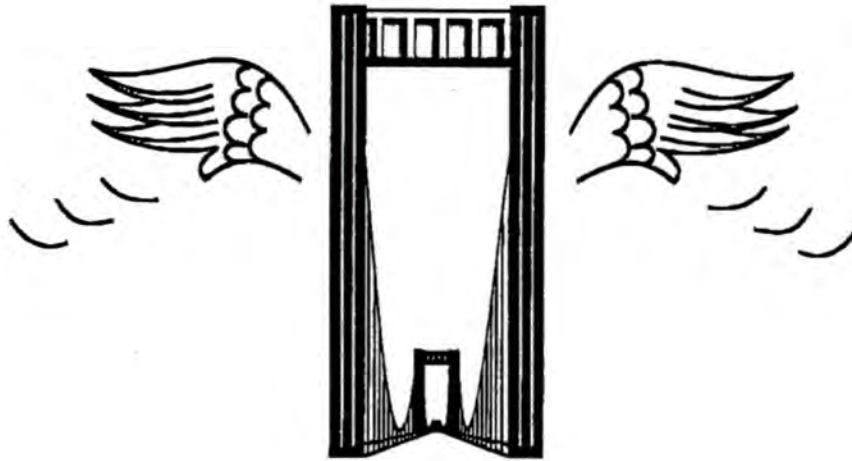
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Dear Lisel Loy,

Every year the Youth for Understanding Foundation sponsors an "Enchanted Holiday Evening" Gala in New York City to raise money for one-year scholarships between East German and American minority high school students. Since our first gala back in 1991, both the President of the United States and the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany have supported this worthy cause. Their patronage has enabled some 2,300 American and German students to spend a year in each other's country. President Clinton has long since agreed to lend us his support again this year. We would greatly appreciate it if, as in previous years, we could get a "greeting letter" from him for the Gala on December 13 in New York City at the Metropolitan Club.

In the past, Ms. Nancy McEldowney, who I know from her job in Bonn, helped us to obtain such a letter. Unfortunately, she is no longer with the White House. Since I know your husband and your father, I thought that you might be able to help us get a letter from President Clinton in this most turbulent of times.

In addition, it would be a pleasure if you and your husband were able to attend the Gala as our personal guests. I will call you in the next few days to discuss all of this with you. In the meantime, I am enclosing a copy of the greeting letter from last year, this year's invitation and some brief information on the Youth for Understanding Foundation for your reference.

With best regards,

also to Marty,
Beate Lindemann

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 14, 1999

Warm greetings to everyone gathered in New York City for the Atlantik-Brücke Gala in honor of the Youth for Understanding Foundation.

As we look to a new century of partnership between the United States and Germany, the efforts of organizations like the Youth for Understanding Foundation will continue to broaden the horizons of citizens on both sides of the Atlantic and serve as a strong foundation for future peace and prosperity. By promoting continued dialogue, we can ensure that tomorrow's leaders have a clear understanding of one another and the opportunity to develop the personal friendships that are such an important part of that understanding.

Now, more than ever, your efforts are vital to the transatlantic community -- focusing on specific links between the United States and Germany, but affecting the broadest possible ties of American and European culture, politics, education, and daily life. I commend each of you for your commitment to building a brighter future for our young people, our nations, and our world.

Best wishes for a memorable evening and continued success in the years to come.

Bill Clinton

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YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING FOUNDATION

Directly following the fall of the Berlin Wall in the winter of 1989, the Atlantik-Brücke (Atlantic Bridge) — a private, non-partisan organization founded in 1952 to promote German-American relations — initiated the Youth for Understanding Foundation with the goal of providing financial support for an extended program emphasizing exchanges between Eastern Germany and the United States. The first 35 high school students were sent to the United States within months.

In 1994, the Foundation enhanced its program by extending the one-year exchange scholarship to American minority high school students to study in Germany.

Today, in close cooperation with the Youth for Understanding International Exchange Inc. in Washington D.C. and the Youth for Understanding Committee in Hamburg, over 1,800 Eastern Germans and 500 American minority high school students have benefited from the unique and valuable experiences of a year abroad. It cannot go without mentioning that the annual Kluge Fellowships are a vital part of the Foundation's program. The Fellowship supports student exchanges between Saxony and America and was made possible through generous donations from John W. Kluge, an American who came to the United States from Germany as a child.

The exchange program between Western Germany and America has much older beginnings. The Youth for Understanding Inc. began supporting exchanges in 1951 and has seen over eighteen thousand Germans and over eleven thousand Americans travel to the respective foreign countries.

Today, the Youth for Understanding Inc. promotes exchanges with over thirty participating countries. Since 1990, as a result of the fall of communism, the program has been successfully extended to Russia and other former Soviet block countries.

In spite of the strength and numerity of the past German-American exchanges, Americans still know very little about Germany, let alone the new Eastern German states. In addition, there is even less understanding between minority Americans and Germans. The Foundation sets out, therefore, to expand the understanding and lifetime bonds that forty years of exchange has accomplished to include Eastern Germans and minority Americans, who in the past had been excluded from exchange programs.

The Foundation hosts an annual benefit gala dinner which has received the patronage of the President of the United States and the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany. In his welcoming message for the gala dinner in 1994, President Bill Clinton expressed strong support for such exchanges:

"As a young student of foreign studies, I gained an invaluable perspective on our diverse world....Through the years the Youth for Understanding Foundation has offered that same kind of insight for countless German and American students.... Extending the international bridges of friendship that are so important to the future of the world, Youth for Understanding is helping to build a brighter tomorrow for all people."

And former German chancellor Helmut Kohl, in his acceptance speech of the Eric M. Warburg Award of the Atlantik-Brücke in Berlin on June 18, 1996, also emphasized the importance of student exchanges:

"The cultural ties between the old and the new world will require even more attention than in the past...The more young Americans and young Germans have an intimate knowledge of each other's countries, the more energetically we combat the provincialism occasionally encountered in Germany today, the greater will be our opportunities in the next century."

One particular aspect of the Youth for Understanding Foundation's unique program is the great amount of dedication which goes into realizing the high school student exchanges. All the money raised by the Foundation is spent exclusively on scholarships. There are no personnel or administrative costs thanks to the dedicated service of its supporters. It is a team effort from all sides, with administration volunteers, generous donations by corporations and host families who so warmly welcome students as their very own without receiving any financial assistance.

The positive impact that high school student exchanges have had on German-American relations cannot be underestimated. Student exchanges play an even more significant role today since the partnership between Germany and the United States must assume a new dimension. It is therefore important to strengthen the existing connection on the human front between the younger German and American generations. The young exchange students will carry the legacy of German-American friendship and cooperation into the next generation.

The words of a seventeen year old participant from Texas are perhaps the most striking on the value of this program: "There would never be another war — either hot or cold — if everyone could spend a year of his life in another country."

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Dear Mr President:

It has been a very long since I've written a fan letter, actually I was eight years old & it was to Elvis, so please forgive me, if I'm a bit rusty. But I felt very strongly about writing you & hope others do the same & that you actually get them. Because I feel it is very important that we the people have opportunity to let you know just how much we respect & appreciate what you have accomplished as President, because I hear it several times a day. & My first impression of you years ago was that you would either be a truly Great or a Horrible President. there would be no middle of the road for you. Despite everything that has happened during your administration I truly convinced that

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Mr President Thank you
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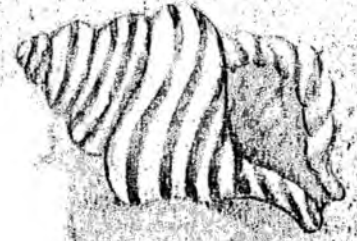
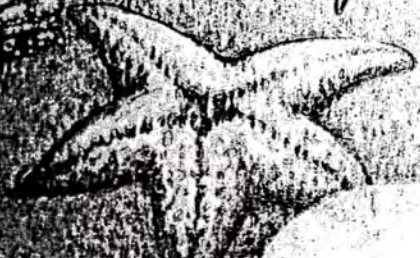
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It takes a lot of caring
To make a dream come true...

And now
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May you go on from here
To more success and happiness
With every future year!



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ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE

finding the ways that work

The Hague, November 21, 2000

Hon. William J. Clinton
 President of the United States
 The White House
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BY FAX - URGENT

Dear Mr. President:

As the executive director of Environmental Defense, an organization whose 300,000 members are deeply concerned about tackling the climate change issue in an environmentally sound, economically sensible way, I am appealing to you to take a bold step to ensure a successful outcome for the Sixth Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework on Climate Change now underway. I am convinced that only your personal presence and leadership here in The Hague this week will safeguard one of the landmark achievements of your Administration - the market-based framework of the Kyoto accord.

Needless to say, I realize that your schedule may not allow you to arrive here in time. Even if that is the case, your personal engagement is essential nevertheless. If you cannot attend the Conference, a major communiqué from you to the Conference of the Parties, followed by substantive phone conversations with the leaders of other nations would have the galvanizing effect needed to bring about the crucial results of these negotiations.

The negotiations taking place in The Hague this week could determine whether or not your global vision, as exemplified in the Kyoto Protocol, prevails - or whether it is denied. Many here in The Hague seem to view as merely technical, or otherwise appropriate for the random give and take of negotiations, the very issues whose precise and correct resolution will determine whether both the environmental integrity of the Protocol and the new market for greenhouse gas reductions the Protocol has created will survive and thrive. Others, moved by either a resistance to markets or an indifference to environmental protection, are actively seeking to undermine the resolution of these issues.

I do not believe I am exaggerating when I observe that the supremely able U.S. delegation and the Protocol itself are literally besieged by other delegations' demands that include:

- a cost "safety valve" that would defeat the Protocol's environmentally crucial cap on industrialized nations' greenhouse gas emissions,
- a "concrete ceiling" and other restrictions on the Protocol's emissions trading mechanisms,
- complex but ultimately ineffectual schemes for addressing non-compliance, and
- a ban on crediting for crucial forest conservation activities in the Clean Development Mechanism.

These demands strike at the vital heart of the Protocol's environmental robustness, its economic dynamism, and its global appeal. The gravity of these demands by the European Union, for example, was dramatized yesterday by the remarks, delivered in person to the Conference, by French President Chirac. At the moment, little, aside from their own extraordinary talents, stands between U.S. negotiators and the inexorable pressure of these demands.

Instead, the negotiations here will be successful only if they result in

- a reaffirmation of industrialized nations' absolute obligations – without exception – to reduce and cap their greenhouse gas emissions,
- complete rejection of quantitative limits on the use of the flexibility mechanisms,
- full accountability, in the form of automatic assigned amount deductions, for nations that fail to comply with their greenhouse gas emissions limit obligations, and
- complete symmetry between Clean Development Mechanism crediting for reforestation and forest conservation to secure the opportunity to save the world's vast store of biodiversity.

In Kyoto in December, 1997, the arrival of Vice-President Al Gore at the Third Conference of the Parties, and his strong declaration of your and the U.S. commitment to reach agreement on a strong climate treaty, were truly the signal events that broke open the negotiations leading to the Kyoto Protocol. The Protocol, aimed at tackling the greatest global environmental and economic challenge of the 21st century, bears almost all of the hallmarks of your own profound vision of global progress.

As pioneered both in concept and in salient detail by your administration in 1996 and 1997, the Protocol stands with NAFTA and PNTR for China as one of the pillars of your legacy. The treaty calls on the industrialized nations to meet binding greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets, while simultaneously creating a new, global market in the critical commodity of greenhouse gas reductions.

The Protocol's forging of the vital, inextricable link between a global market and shared social and environmental progress clearly exemplifies the guiding light of the Clinton vision. That very same link is, in our view, absolutely indispensable to the success of the Protocol in delivering the key environmental results: the creation of a long-lasting and durable framework for producing the greenhouse gas emissions reductions needed to protect human society and nature from unsustainable climate change.

It is for these reasons that the unique power of Presidential leadership is so urgently needed. Your active presence here in The Hague would imbue these negotiations with the power of your vision for environmental and economic progress on a global scale – and help ensure that the single most promising path to solving the problem of climate change remained open and clear.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


Fred Krupp
Executive Director

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Betty -
Thank you in advance
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My best wishes for
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Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to request a meeting with you to explore the possibility of your becoming personally involved in the global work of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative after you leave the Presidency.

As I said when I attended your summit on vaccine development at the White House in March, you and your Administration have demonstrated extraordinary leadership on vaccines. Your May 1997 declaration of a ten-year goal to develop an AIDS vaccine truly galvanized the field. We can now say with confidence that the goal is within sight.

But leadership is needed to keep AIDS vaccines high on the world's agenda. Diplomacy is needed to continue to build an international coalition and to negotiate the difficult shoals posed by clinical trials in developing countries. Compassion is needed to ensure that a vaccine, once developed, is made available simultaneously in industrialized and developing countries. Your personal involvement would bring all these qualities, and more, to the Initiative and allow you to see one of your Administration's most noble initiatives through to fruition.

Mr. President, I can only imagine how many claims there are on your time as you prepare to leave office. Having worked personally with former President Jimmy Carter at the Carter Center from 1987 to 1990, I know first hand the power of a former president to make a difference in the world. And what a difference a universally accessible AIDS vaccine would make—especially in developing countries where 95% of new infections occur, and where the treatments we accept as a given in industrialized countries are not available.

The International AIDS Vaccine Initiative was created by the Rockefeller Foundation in 1996 after it became clear that no single organization or government had the resources, drive, and mandate to address the scientific, economic, and political challenges alone. We are not only working to accelerate the development of a vaccine, but also to make it available to all who need it.

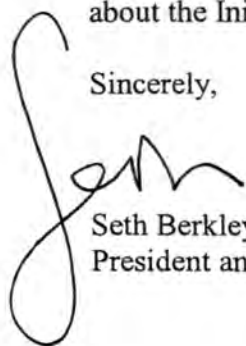
Hailed by many as a model public-private partnership, IAVI has raised over US\$225 million and has launched the development of the first five AIDS vaccine candidates targeted specifically at African strains of the virus. We will soon launch collaborations in India and China. A collaborating center of UNAIDS, we have secured multi-year, multi-million dollar support from the World Bank; the governments of the United States, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Ireland, and Canada; as well as the Gates, Rockefeller, Sloan, and Starr Foundations. We are now working to bring Japan, Germany, and France on board.

Please be assured that you would be in very good company at IAVI. Beyond his role as a funder, Bill Gates is deeply interested and involved in our work. Our international Scientific Advisory Committee includes some of the world's greatest experts on basic and applied research, and our Board of Directors includes such prominent individuals as Sir Richard Sykes, chairman of Glaxo-SmithKline; Michel Barzach, former minister of health of France; Geoff Lamb, director of resource mobilization at the World Bank; and Malegapuru William Makgoba, the first black South African head of that country's Medical Research Council.

Our New York headquarters is also filled with exceptional talent. Our roster of staff and consultants include senior policy adviser Michael Isbell, who served on your own Council on HIV/AIDS, and vice president for communications Victor Zonana, who for the first five years of your administration was deputy assistant secretary for public affairs at the Department of Health and Human Services. Additionally, our offices would be convenient to your new home.

I have deliberately refrained in this letter from suggesting a specific position. IAVI is a relatively young organization, and, should we determine to move forward on this, you and I would have the luxury to create a role to accommodate whatever time you could give us. If this idea appeals to you, I look forward to sitting down and telling you more about the Initiative and our bold ambition to end AIDS for all time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Seth Berkley', with a large, stylized initial 'S'.

Seth Berkley, MD
President and Chief Executive Officer

The Washington Post

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

Mr. Clinton's AIDS Challenge

AT A COMMENCEMENT address in 1997, President Clinton set a target of creating an AIDS vaccine within the space of a decade. Three years later, there is encouraging progress toward that objective. Preliminary trials on human beings have begun for more than 20 potential vaccines. The president is supporting legislation in Congress to speed vaccine development with tax credits and to create an incentive to market vaccines in poor countries that profit-seeking firms would otherwise overlook. Thanks to presidential pressure, the budget for AIDS vaccine research at the National Institutes of Health has more than doubled since 1997. Yet Mr. Clinton's efforts remain incomplete in one respect. One of the most promising approaches to vaccine development is not getting his support.

That approach is led by the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, a small group that works with biotech start-ups to do fast-track vaccine development. The Initiative's theory is that high-tech innovation often comes from small, flexible companies but that these can't attract private venture capital to make products for developing countries. The group corrects that market failure by providing capital. Rather than demanding a stake in the profits it asks only that a successful vaccine be distributed in developing countries cheaply.

The Initiative's "social-venture capitalism" shows some signs of working. The British authorities have approved human trials of one potential vaccine the group backed; the go-ahead for a second one was announced last week, and a third may get the green light in the United

States early next year. All three research projects have progressed quickly. And unlike most other potential vaccines, they are targeted at the strain of the virus prevalent in Africa, the region that accounts for over two-thirds of people with HIV.

The group has received grants ranging from \$3 million to \$25 million from the governments of Britain, the Netherlands, Canada and Ireland, as well as millions of dollars from the World Bank and the Gates Foundation. Yet it has received a grand total of \$188,000 from the U.S. government. Last month Mr. Clinton signed a law authorizing \$20 million over two years for the Initiative; now the challenge is to persuade Congress to appropriate the money. But the administration is unclear which part of the budget to get the money from.

AIDS has already killed 16 million people, considerably more than live in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia combined. More than 34 million live with the HIV virus; new infections are occurring at an estimated rate of 15,000 a day. Campaigns to urge safe behavior plus treatment of those who are infected are indispensable. But vaccine research and development is also crucial, and right now it commands only about 2 percent of the \$20 billion that the world spends annually fighting the pandemic. The long history of other viral epidemics, from measles to smallpox to polio, shows that vaccines—and only vaccines—hold out the hope of victory. And the short history of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative suggests that America would be foolish not to back its efforts.

"The short history of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) suggests that America would be foolish not to back its efforts."

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Human AIDS-vaccine tests are to start this summer in a bid to fight a strain of HIV that is spreading fast in Africa, researchers are expected to announce today at a big South Africa conference. The experimental treatment was designed to mimic the immune systems of a few Kenyan women born with a rare resistance. (Article on Page B1)

Vaccine Targeting HIV in Africa to Begin Human Tests This Summer

By MICHAEL WALDHOLZ

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

DURBAN, South Africa—Later this summer, researchers plan to begin the first human tests of an experimental vaccine developed to fight a strain of the AIDS virus that is spreading swiftly in Africa.

Scientists developing the new vaccine say they are cautiously hopeful about its prospects. It was specially designed to mimic the immune systems of a small number of women in Kenya who seem to carry a rare, inborn resistance to HIV, the AIDS virus. The women are prostitutes who have been repeatedly exposed to HIV by their clients but don't get infected with HIV or develop AIDS.

"If it winds up the vaccine is partially protective—that is if it can protect 50% or so of the people vaccinated—then we may have a vaccine that's useful in Africa, where the infection rates

It mimics immune systems of some Kenyan women who seem to carry inborn resistance to the disease.

are so very high," says Andrew McMichael, an Oxford University immunologist who has spent the past few years trying to understand the biological reasons that the women appear to have a natural protection against HIV infection.

Dr. McMichael and his colleagues at the University of Nairobi in Kenya are expected to reveal details of the vaccine experiment today at the 13th International AIDS Conference here, which has drawn an estimated 10,000 people from

all over the world.

The first test, to begin in August in Britain in 18 healthy volunteers, is designed to see only if the newly created vaccine is safe and whether it can spark the kind of immune-system reaction the scientists believe is responsible for helping shield the Kenyan women.

Development of an effective AIDS vaccine is considered especially critical in Africa, where few experts believe preventive measures—such as encouraging changes in high-risk behavior—will do much to slow the spread of the deadly HIV virus. In addition, even if prices of powerful AIDS drugs come down, they will still be beyond the economic reach of most of the Africans expected to be stricken with the disease.

But even if initial tests prove successful, it is likely to be several years before researchers know how effective the new vaccine can be or whether it has the potential to be a useful tool

against the virus in Africa.

While several other vaccines have been tested in people over the past few years, the one being developed by the Oxford and Nairobi scientists is expected to attract interest here because it is designed to thwart a strain of the virus that is common in many parts of Africa but not widely seen elsewhere. The most promising other attempt to develop a vaccine is being undertaken by VaxGen Inc., Brisbane, Calif., which now has vaccines for two different strains of HIV in late-stage human tests, one in North America and the other in Thailand. No other AIDS vaccines are this far along in development.

The new vaccine has been developed with unusual swiftness, thanks in part to funds provided by the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, a small, New York-based nonprofit organization largely supported by about \$26 million from the

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation of Seattle.

The two universities and the British government's Medical Research Council, Britain's medical research funding agency, have sought to patent the vaccine's design, but IAVI owns the rights to market the vaccine—if it ever proves successful—in Africa and other parts of the developing world. IAVI's president, Seth Berkley, says the organization has supported the vaccine's development to date with \$5 million and has provided technical help to design the trials and gain regulatory approval, the kind of support "normally provided by the big pharmaceutical companies that normally develop new vaccines."

Dr. Berkley says if the vaccine proves useful, his organization would probably sublicense it to a vaccine maker that agreed to sell it at an affordable price in Africa and other developing countries. He says IAVI is talking to several large vaccine companies that have expressed interest in eventually acquiring development and marketing rights to the vaccine, as well as several other experimental vaccines IAVI is backing.

The new vaccine was designed by Dr. McMichael and his colleagues to trigger a robust army of the immune system's white blood cells. When examining the blood of the Kenyan prostitutes, the researchers found that the women carried an unusually large amount of the cells, often called killer T-cells. The scientists believe the cells seek out HIV when it has entered the bloodstream and are able to neutralize it and eliminate it from the body.

Dr. McMichael's research has been followed closely because AIDS scientists have become increasingly convinced that if a vaccine is ever to be protective against

HIV, it will have to stimulate killer T-cells. Some earlier vaccines that have been tried in people didn't have this ability to spark HIV-killing blood cells.

The researchers say the new vaccine is composed of genetic material that sparked the desired T-cell response in tests involving mice and laboratory monkeys. The genetic material is stitched into a weakened version of an animal virus and includes a gene removed from HIV that is also believed to be responsible for spurring a killer T-cell response.

In order to gain regulatory approval in Britain and Nairobi, the scientists will first test the safety of the part of the vaccine containing just the genetic material and then, soon afterward, the part containing the weakened animal virus. If tests in Britain and other tests expected to begin in Kenya later this year, prove safe, the researchers will begin human testing of the combined vaccine.

"The goal of this test is simply to see if the concept is safe and we have figured out how to elicit a strong killer T-cell response," Dr. McMichael says. "If we can't get the response we want, we may have to go back and work on the design some more."

But Dr. McMichael says that if the vaccine does unleash the HIV-targeting T-cells, results of the real test of the vaccine—determining whether it can protect high-risk people against HIV infection—won't come for several years.

IAVI, which has raised about \$100 million in donations to spur AIDS vaccine research, is also supporting the development of a vaccine being developed by closely held AlphaVax Human Vaccines Inc., Durham, N.C. Dr. Berkley says that vaccine, based on a different design than Dr. McMichael's, may be ready for a small human study beginning early next year.

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A Call for Fair Access to Future AIDS Vaccine

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DURBAN, South Africa, July 6 — Though a vaccine to prevent AIDS is years away, steps should be taken now to enable a vaccine to be distributed widely in the third world as soon as it becomes available, a leading group in the vaccine effort said here today.

As the 13th International AIDS Conference prepared to open here on Sunday, the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, a research consortium supported by government and private grants, issued a blueprint to provide simultaneous access to an AIDS vaccine in rich and poor countries.

The public and private sectors need to learn new ways of doing business, the research group said in recommending sweeping changes in the way vaccines are produced, licensed, priced, bought and distributed.

The group argued that economics alone fails to fully explain the long delays that often ensue before vaccines become available in developing countries, and urged steps to harmonize the hodgepodge of national regulations and international guidelines that govern vaccine approval and use. The blueprint also calls for creation of an international group to monitor and assess experimental vaccines.

"It is not too soon to plan for an AIDS vaccine because failure to act promptly would repeat the tragedy of the widespread lack of availability to anti-H.I.V. drugs," said Dr. Seth Berkley, the president of the Vaccine Initiative, which collaborates with Unaid, the United Nations' joint program on AIDS.

The United Nations has concluded that AIDS threatens to severely damage the economies of sub-Saharan countries like South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana and Swaziland where H.I.V., the virus that causes AIDS, has infected at least 20 percent of adults.

Most health officials believe a vaccine would be the most effective weapon in stopping the epidemic. However, the most severely affected countries would be the least able to afford a vaccine, just as they cannot pay for anti-H.I.V. drugs that are helping extend the lives of many infected people in developed countries. Also, many developing countries do not have the network of health systems needed to deliver a vaccine.

Rarely, if ever, have health officials introduced vaccines into developed and developing countries simul-

taneously. Vaccine manufacturers usually limit their initial production capacity for markets in developed countries. Only with time and after production capacity increases do prices fall to a level that poor countries can afford.

Thus, a delay of about 15 years has usually occurred between the time when vaccines for infections like hepatitis B were widely introduced into developed and developing countries. The first hepatitis B vaccine was developed in the early 1980's.

The United States and other developed countries quickly organized systems to deliver polio vaccines in the 1950's. But it took decades to conduct similar programs in countries with less effective health care systems and polio was eradicated from the Western Hemisphere only

Developing countries have often had to wait years to get life-saving drugs.

in the 1990's. The World Health Organization's goal of eradicating polio in the rest of the world by 2000 has been set back a few years.

The delay in introducing vaccines to the third world is "a colossal public health failure" that should not be repeated with AIDS, Dr. Berkley said. He also said that with more than five million new H.I.V. infections occurring each year, a delay of five years in delivering an AIDS vaccine could cost 20 million or more lives.

Scientists are challenged in developing an AIDS vaccine largely because of the virus's ability to mutate. Two years ago, the pipeline for AIDS vaccines was nearly empty. But today, the Vaccine Initiative said, there are promising products in early development, although there is still no plan to get any to the most affected communities in the world.

In 1985, Margaret Heckler, then Secretary of Health and Human Services, promised an AIDS vaccine within a year. In the intervening years, however, only 3 of 25 vaccines that have been injected into humans have advanced to the second stage of the three-stage testing system. Two are still in the second stage. One is known as an Alvac canary pox vaccine and is made by Aventis Pasteur

of France. A second combines the Alvac vaccine and one prepared from a molecular component of the surface of H.I.V., known as gp120.

A vaccine made by VaxGen of Brisbane, Calif., is the only one to reach the third stage. VaxGen's product is being tested in the United States and Thailand, and findings are not expected until at least 2002.

New techniques are needed to estimate demand for an AIDS vaccine in developing countries and to assure sufficient production capacity because it takes five years to design, build and bring to full capacity facilities to produce vaccines.

An AIDS vaccine would be unlike most immunizations because it would be accompanied by counseling to promote safe sex practices and reduce risky behavior. Moreover, in the developed world, an unknown number of people might decline an AIDS vaccine out of concern that it might produce side effects that would not appear until years after the immunization. Also, some may shun an AIDS vaccine because it would make the standard H.I.V. blood test for a recipient positive. Additional tests would then be needed to document that the blood findings were from an AIDS vaccine, not from infection with the virus.

In the third world, there seems to be less concern about side effects because of the epidemic's severity.

Even if coordination with the World Health Organization's existing international vaccine programs produces maximum use of a vaccine for AIDS, the Vaccine Initiative said, new delivery systems will be needed to reach adolescents and adults at high risk of infection. And the work to create delivery systems could cost more than the vaccine itself.

The Vaccine Initiative urged the World Trade Organization and the major industrialized nations to create a tiered pricing structure to help poor countries pay what they can afford and allow companies to obtain a satisfactory return on investment.

The research group cited support for the blueprint from Sean Lance, chairman and chief executive officer of Chiron, a biotechnology company in Emeryville, Calif., that seeks to develop an AIDS vaccine.

Although Chiron collaborates with researchers in South Africa and has distribution agreements for other products with South Africa, the company has vastly reduced its representation at the AIDS conference because of concerns of personal safety in Durban, a spokeswoman for Chiron said. Mr. Lance, a native South African, is not attending.

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