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James & Gaye Cypert
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Dear Jim & Gaye,

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OCT 27 2000

Mike Soucek
P.O. Box 8943
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This is in reply to your September 5, 2000 letter. In your letter you again voice concerns about the way Halcion (Triazolam) has been prescribed in the Department of Defense (DoD) clinics and hospitals.

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November 20, 2000

John F. Mazzuchi

John F. Mazzuchi, Ph.D.
Deputy Assistant Secretary

→ Dear Mr. President:

Please read these six (6) pages carefully. Know us, our research and the product of our ongoing criminal investigation (now in its tenth year). Then, tell us if, in your opinion, the current DOD Health Affairs Deputy Assistant Secretary, Dr. John F. Mazzuchi, Ph.D., comes even remotely close to addressing and answering our "concerns"; or, saying it another way, if the heinous Halcion Crimes confirmed by retired Rear Admiral Harold Koenig are being covered up. How could DOD continue to purchase Halcion in the 0.5 mg. tablet strength for 10 years after FDA ordered that strength removed from all domestic markets as unsafe? On May 18, 1992, FDA quartered the authorized strength of Halcion and limited its prescription to not more than 10 consecutive days? How could DOD around the World vend the 0.5 mg. tablets for an initial 30 days with three refills before a revisit? Did the VA allow Halcion experimentation on patients without their knowledge and consent? Should our most serious charges and allegations, claims and complaints be stonewalled by? Please weigh in on this and all related subjects. We'd like to hear from you soon.

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As you are aware from our previous replies to your questions and concerns, it is DoD policy to follow the prescription recommendations of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for all approved medicines. Halcion has not been an exception to this policy.

In reviewing Halcion's usage, I find that it is rarely prescribed today in our military medical system. However, since Halcion is an FDA approved medication, we are required by law to ensure its availability to our patients when prescribed by their physician. Halcion has been dropped from the DoD Core Drug Formulary. For this reason it is no longer routinely stocked in our pharmacies. But, when it is specifically prescribed by a physician, it must be made available to our patients.

I appreciate your concern for the welfare of our service members and their families. I too share that concern and our goal is to ensure the health and welfare of every member of our military family. Thank you for your letter.

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September 5, 2000 (November 20, 2000)

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Dr. John F. Mazzuchi, Ph.D.
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Washington, D. C. 20301-1200

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MARKING INITIALS: JS **DATE:** 8/21/00

2019-0680-5

Dear Assistant Secretary Mazzuchi:

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We apologize profusely for not leading you and the Assistant Secretaries, Under Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries and Secretaries past and present to a better understanding of the continuing urgent reasons for our communications. Perhaps you and they will better understand them after carefully reviewing the contents of this mailing.

Our evidence is easily confirmed and validated. The charges and allegations, claims and complaints are as serious as a Pentagon complaint can be. The fact that underlings there apparently have "deep-sixed" our communications to the key officials who run The Pentagon would appear to make these charges even more serious.

If GIs were, in fact, the victims of pharmaceutical conglomerate experimentation in VA hospitals without their knowledge or consent, that's bloody awful. Equally awful is the thought that DOD dispensed the 0.5 mg. triazolam tablet for at least eight (8) years after the manufacturer "voluntarily" withdrew that strength from all domestic markets under pressure from FDA. How could DOD purchase this banned substance? How could DOD prescribe it for 30 days (with three refills before a physician revisit)? How many fighting men and women around the World including those in Operation Dessert Storm were seriously injured, maimed or killed (even murdered) because "Admiral Koenig did not get the message".

First, under Secretary Perry and, now, under Secretary Cohen, we cannot get answers to these and all related questions. With former Secretary Carlucci, long an active Upjohn Board member-Halcion advocate and still highly influential inside your five-sided complex there along the Banks of the Potomac, the suggestion of impropriety plainly exists. Factor in the highly paid "Halcion commercials" former Secretary Baker and President Bush did on national television and there exists a strong basis for an immediate IG investigation and, possibly, the multi-Department criminal investigation we have long been requested on the subject of **"The Halcion® Crimes"**.

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Dear Mr. Soucek:

This is in reply to your July 31, 2000 letter to Dr. Sue Bailey, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, regarding the Department of Defense's experience with Halcion (triazolam). Since this Office responded to your previous letter (dated May 25, 1999) to Mr. Gary Christopherson, former Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Halcion has been available in the 0.125 and 0.25 mg. strengths for short-term use by our beneficiaries for the treatment of insomnia.

Currently, Halcion is not among even the top 200 medications dispensed in DoD pharmacies by either cost or volume. Halcion remains on the DoD formulary because it still has valid clinical uses and, contrary to your claim, has never been banned in the United States since it became FDA approved on November 15, 1982. Pressing the FDA to provide answers to your questions about the research and marketing decisions involved in that approval 18 years ago is beyond the scope of my authority.

Sincerely,

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July 31, 2000 (11/20/00)

Via Facsimile & Certified Mail ☆ Receipt Acknowledgment Requested

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Washington, D. C. 20301-1200

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MARKING INITIALS: MM DATE: 8/21/19
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Dear DOD Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs Bailey:

While the depth and breadth of DOD's involvement in "The Halcion® Crimes" will soon be determined by others, it is somewhat astonishing and more than a little shocking that the apparent present mentality there within The Pentagon and beyond appears to steadfastly deny, defend and tighten the circle of "defense wagons" when the easily validated and confirmed evidence of its criminal involvements which we continue to place before you and Secretaries deLeon, Hamre and Cohen would appear irrefutable.

We did not imagine the repeated statements of Admiral Harold Koenig. They resonate throughout Defense. We long ago verified that what he said is (unfortunately) true. It seems sheer folly for you or any other DOD official to attempt to deny these statements now. The Admiral was being honest and honorable. The same cannot be said for Colonel Camouflage, your PR spokesman today. There are just too many irrefutable facts which DOD would be hard-pressed to deny. Frank Carlucci is an extremely powerful and influential "Washington insider". He is a former Secretary of Defense. Since he left government service in the mid '80s, Carlucci has been an extremely active and important member of the Upjohn board of directors and the MP-owner of the powerful Washington-based lobbyist group, Carlyle, (with partner James A. Baker, III, a former "Upjohn pitchman" who, by his own admission on National television, "could go no where in the World without Halcion, those tiny blue bombs". Baker also served in key executive positions as Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of State and as President Bush's last Chief of Staff).

As a point of well-documented historical fact directly attributable to serious safety and efficacy defects noted during TRZ monitoring, in late 1986, despite the protestations of a former FDA Deputy Commissioner-turned-Upjohn Vice Chairman and the active board member shown above, the U. S. drugs and devices regulatory agency gave Upjohn this Halcion ultimatum: voluntarily remove the 0.5 mg. tablet strength from all domestic markets immediately or have all FDA-issued Halcion product licenses (covering the 0.125 mg., 0.25 mg and 0.5 mg tablet strengths) immediately rescinded. Upjohn wisely chose to "voluntarily" immediately remove the 0.5 mg. tablet.

On May 18, 1992, an FDA advisory panel provisionally OK'D toxic and addictive Halcion in the least strong tablet strength for prescription not more than 10 consecutive days. Remember, Dr. Bailey, FDA researchers studied and rejected this drug for seven years before it was "miraculously" approved by "higher authority" as a December quota drug in 1982. The senior medical officer had demanded this disclaimer: **"WARNING: May Potentiate Bizarre Behavior and Suicidal Tendencies."**

Dr. Bailey, no one in the World has bought more Halcion since its domestic release than the United States Department of Defense. Even at substantially discounted contract wholesale rates, DOD has contributed mightily to the \$10 billion Upjohn has grossed on its benzodiazepines since 1980. Of the three triazolam tablet strengths initially authorized by FDA, the DOD wholesale per unit cost of the 0.5 mg. tablet was almost twice that of the two lower strengths. The "DOD account" was Upjohn's by far Upjohn's most valuable. As the drug came under fire and was being banned throughout Europe and South America, Health Affairs actually increased its purchase of the drug and eliminated what prescription limitations it had previously imposed.

This would suggest that DOD (and VA) were playing "fast and loose" with the lives of the patients it serves. It might further suggest that "higher authority" instructed Health Affairs to disregard the safety and efficacy issues

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Tricare Health Management Activity and
Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs
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July 31, 2000 (11/20/00)

which had surfaced worldwide and to ignore the new guidelines initiated by FDA on May 18, 1992. It remains to be determined how many DOD (and VA) patients were seriously injured, maimed and/or killed (even murdered) because of your organization's apparent "higher authority edict".

That is what makes Admiral Koenig's November '95 revelation all the more troublesome if not criminal. To simply state: "We did not get the FDA memo" to explain why DOD dispensed the 0.5 mg. tablet strength worldwide with no restriction on prescription duration does not adequately explain how DOD could purchase and dispense a dangerous drug so much in the news for so long which had been removed from all domestic markets some 10 years prior.

How could DOD purchase a drug "voluntarily removed from all domestic markets" by its manufacturer? FDA's Spontaneous reporting System had long ago identified the 0.5 mg. Halcion tablet to be guilty of seriously injuring, maiming and killing hundreds of thousands worldwide. Factor in the partially substantiated charges that DOD and VA officials and certain physicians personally received payments to conduct TRZ trials and manufacturer-requested experiments on DOD and VA patients without their knowledge and consent, a most serious charge which, if true, is reprehensible.

The DOD response, to date, has been evasive, pathetic, immature and childish. It appears that your Tricare Management/Health Affairs team is in a state of denial even though the evidence is abundantly clear that the United States Department of Defense knowingly purchased and dispensed a banned, extremely dangerous, addictive, toxic, seriously-flawed and unstable drug 10 years after its U. S. market removal. Significantly if one were to look solely at TUC bottom line economics, but for the substantial DOD receipts it received when it was struggling financially, Upjohn would have failed, been acquired or gone under. DOD payments to Upjohn are reported to be some fifty times the payments of its next best triazolam customer.

Please. No more letters from your PR underlings. What does Frances Cumberland know about medicine? Perhaps, at the very minimum, you might involve The Pentagon's Office of the Inspector General, the Office of the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness and the heads of medical services for each branch. Nothing on your plate today could be more serious than the charges and allegations, claims and complaints contained in this and all previous letters. Even though you have elected to ignore us in the past, it would seem imprudent for you to do so in the future. Significant and substantial wrongdoing involving American lives have been reported to you. Please do not further denigrate and dishonor DOD by attempting covering up these heinous crimes of apparent personal greed and avarice.

Cordially,

Mike Soucek

cc. The Honorable William Cohen
Secretary of Defense

The Honorable John J. Hamre
Deputy Secretary of Defense

The Honorable Rudy deLeon
Under Secretary of Defense
(Personnel & Readiness)

Inspector General Eleanor Hill (or Successor)
Department of Defense

Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera
Secretary of the Navy Richard Danzig
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Chairman Henry R. Shelton, USA
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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INGRID G. SOUCEK

October 24, 2000 (11/20-00)

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The Honorable Colin L. Powell
Retired Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff
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MARKING INITIALS: MI **DATE:** 8/21/14
2019-0680-3

Dear General Powell:

Thank you so much for Colonel F. William Smullen's prompt response to us on your behalf. You may never know just how much Mike and I appreciate your expressions of concern and interest.

I apologize to you for not doing a better job of articulating my true reasons for involving you in our findings and conclusions. If I had, you would undoubtedly be as outraged as are we because individuals under your command were exposed to unnecessary and preventable risk and harm by corrupt personally enriching Federal officials. How many military- and civilian personnel-victims serviced by DOD were seriously injured, maimed and/or killed (even murdered) as a result of these crimes and the corresponding (admitted) "DOD mistake" remains to be seen.

It is beyond our ability to comprehend that patients in select Veterans Administration Medical Centers across America may have been "experimented upon" without their knowledge and consent by equally bad personally enriching public- and private-sector criminal elements.

How could DOD purchase a drug strength found too dangerous to be safely used in any domestic market 10 years after its manufacturer "voluntarily" removed that strength under threat of product license revocations by FDA? When the authorized strength for this dangerous drug was quartered on May 18, 1992 by FDA and its prescription limited to not more than 10 days, how could DOD continue to prescribe to U. S. Forces and those it services a banned 0.5 mg. tablet strength Halcion for initial periods of 30 days with three refills authorized before the necessity of a medical revisit? Somehow, General Powell, Admiral Koenig's "We didn't get the memo" is not a very satisfactory Defense Department response, especially when viewed with the fact that former Secretary of Defense Frank C. Carlucci was, then, and is, now, an Upjohn (and, then, in its various incarnations Pharmacia & Upjohn and Pharmacia Corporation) board member. The drug was and is Halcion (triazolam), a killer, as you no doubt know. Halcion was Jeffrey Dahmer's drug of choice. The FBI would tell you that it is also known to them as America's first date rape drug.

I have provided some additional "light reading" to you on this subject. That The president made some important promises and commitments to us cannot be disputed. Secretary Cohen, as a Senator, showed a remarkable command of this subject matter. I know that he knows. The forces you commanded all over the World were sabotaged by DOD personnel who seem to have been bribed to place a banned substance on the DOD pharmacopeia. Know, too, that no one in the World purchased more Halcion than the U. S. Department of Defense. How many GI's were killed, maimed or injured because of this "mistake" is one of DOD's most closely guarded secrets.

I thought you should know. Please rethink Bill Smullen's answer to us to see if a way can yet be found for you to help us cause full and complete disclosure while helping Mr. Clinton to keep his promises and commitments to us. Unquestionably, "The Halcion® Crimes" will eventually become known as America's most heinous pharmaceutical crimes. They are already known inside the Parklawn complex as "FDA's most tragic mistake". Please help us.

Sincerely,

Ingrid Soucek

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To Delia for reply?

Yes No

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Dear President Clinton,

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to work and develop policies for children and poor working families across this country. With your support we have made remarkable progress in 3 short years. This has been the most rewarding of my professional career. I will always be grateful for this opportunity.

Sincerely,
Shirley Watkins

USDA
Food, Nutrition & Consumer Service

President William J. Clinton

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WASHINGTON

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November 13, 2000

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER *ml for*
SUBJECT: Letter to Veronica Guerin's Mother

Purpose

Pay tribute to slain Irish journalist Veronica Guerin.

Background

Veronica Guerin, a courageous and hard-hitting Irish investigative journalist, was murdered by organized crime figures four years ago. Ambassador Sullivan recently received a letter from Veronica's mother expressing gratitude for your work on behalf of peace around the world. A letter from you to Mrs. Guerin would be an appropriate way to pay tribute to her daughter.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter to Mrs. Guerin at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Bernie Guerin
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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of letter
in pen for*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

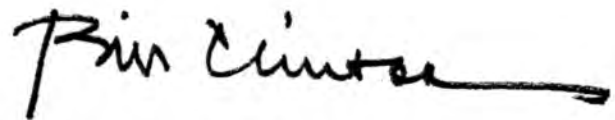
Dear Mrs. Guerin:

Ambassador Sullivan sent me a copy of your letter, and I am grateful for your sentiments concerning our work for peace in Northern Ireland and elsewhere around the globe.

Your words are especially meaningful given the tragedy of Veronica's murder. Her courage and determination in the pursuit of truth and justice are an inspiration, not just to her colleagues in journalism, but to all of us who are committed to root out the evil that leads to conflict and violence in today's world.

Again, thank you for writing, and please accept best wishes from Hillary and me as you carry forward your own message of peace.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mrs. Bernie Guerin
26 Brookwood Avenue
Artane
Dublin 5, Ireland

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system.*

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*Embassy of the United States of America
Dublin, Ireland*

November 1, 2000

Mr. Dick Norland
NSC/EUR
Old Executive Office Building
Room 368
Washington, DC 10504

VIA FACSIMILE: 202-456-9151

Dear Dick:

I enclose a letter I received the day you left Dublin and a cover letter. I would appreciate it if you would see the President receives them.

I think we all viewed your visit to be both enlightening and productive. I hope you felt the same. Thank you for coming.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Sullivan".

Michael J. Sullivan
Ambassador

Attachment



Embassy of the United States of America

Dublin, Ireland

November 1, 2000

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The enclosed letter comes to me from the mother of Veronica Guerin, an award-winning journalist savagely murdered in Dublin for pursuing truth and justice. Because of the profile and courage of Veronica Guerin I wanted to transmit this letter to you directly. I think it speaks volumes of the feelings of so many Irish people. Veronica Guerin gave her life in the pursuit of truth and I know you will be moved by and appreciate the sincere expressions of her Mother for your efforts as the "President of Peace."

Jane joins me in sending our very best to you, Hillary and Chelsea

Very truly yours,

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Michael J. Sullivan
Ambassador

Enclosure

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Bernie Guerin
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Dublin 5.
Telephone: 831 1732

25th October '00.

Your Excellency, President Clinton's time in his great work is getting shorter & before then I would like him to know how grateful our people & indeed people across the world are to him for his great work as a "President of Peace". I speak as the mother of the International Journalist Amanda Guerin Veronica Guerin who was assassinated on 26 June 1996.

I know Mr. Clinton's grief, this grief will go with me to my grave, your President has spared so many nations feeling as I do, he will go down in History as the man who gave his all to bring Peace to the World. I was one of the thousands in College Green when he & his wife came here, I only ever went to see the Pope & President Clinton, my late daughter gave a speech in Washington in 1995, she was in New York to get an Award for her work, she regretted never meeting the President, I know she want me to say "Thank you & God Bless" to this man of Peace. I hope you are enjoying your stay in Ireland & I know you will convey my good wishes some time to President Clinton, Yours Sincerely,
Bernie Guerin

11-22-00

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 15, 2000

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MARIA ECHAVESTE 
SUBJECT: IRMA SIMPSON NATURALIZATION APPLICATION

As you requested, I followed up on the naturalization application of Irma Simpson (see attached letter). The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has contacted Ms. Simpson and has scheduled a naturalization interview for her in December and she is very pleased with this. Please let me know if you have any further questions.



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BILLY E. SIMPSON

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To: Ann McCoy
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Re: Information

From: Billy E. Simpson
Pages: 2
Date: October 23, 2000
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Let me know if you have any questions.

Dear Anne,

Please find enclosed Application for Naturalization
for Irma.

We appreciate your help.

Sincerely,

Billy & Irma Simpson

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U.S. Department of Justice
Immigration and Naturalization Service

Notice of Action

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Receipt		NOTICE DATE	
CASE TYPE		May 12, 2000	
N400 Application For Naturalization		INS AP	
APPLICATION NUMBER		A 074 918 566	
SSC#000239739	RECEIVED DATE	PRIORITY DATE	PAGE
	April 27, 2000	April 27, 2000	1 of 1
APPLICANT NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS		PAYMENT INFORMATION	
IRMA G SIMPSON		Single Application Fee: \$250.00	
POB 816		Total Amount Received: \$250.00	
STUTTGART AR 72160		Total Balance Due: \$0.00	

The above application has been received by our office and is in process. Our records indicate your personal information is as follows:

Date of Birth: (b)(6)
Address Where You Live: 16213 HWY 165 WEST
STUTTGART AR 72160

Please verify your personal information listed above and immediately notify our office at the address or phone number listed below if there are any changes.

You will be notified of the date and place of your interview when you have been scheduled by the local INS office. You should expect to be notified within 365 days of this notice.

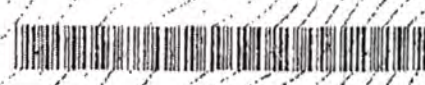
IMPORTANT NOTICE: All naturalization applicants who were between the ages of 14-75 at the time of filing must have their fingerprints taken at an INS Application Support Center (ASC) so they can be submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a criminal history check. If we received your application without a fingerprint card (FD-258), or your fingerprint card was received on or after December 3, 1997, you will need to go to an ASC to be fingerprinted. Do not have your fingerprints taken anywhere else. You will receive a notice that will provide you with information about when and where to go to have your fingerprints taken, and what you will need to bring with you. Please inform the office listed below immediately of any address changes.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this notice or the status of your case, please contact our office at the below address or customer service number. You will be notified separately about any other cases you may have filed.

INS Office Address: US IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE P.O. BOX 851488 MESQUITE, TX 78185-1488	INS Customer Service Number: (214) 381-1423
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 22, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MELANNE VERVEER
LISEL LOY
DELIA COHEN

SUBJECT: AWARD OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CITIZENS MEDAL

The Presidential Citizens Medal was established on November 13, 1969, by Executive Order 11494. The medal is awarded by you to U.S. citizens who have performed exemplary deeds of service for our nation -- but of a slightly lesser impact or scope than those performed by Presidential Medal of Freedom recipients. To date, 90 medals have been awarded overall: 2 by President Nixon, 57 by President Reagan, 16 by President Bush, and 15 by you. No medals were awarded by President Ford or President Carter.

We are working with Scheduling to set up a Citizens Medal event.

Civil Rights

Irene Morgan, 83.

In Gloucester, Virginia, in 1944, Irene Morgan refused to relinquish her seat in the back of a Greyhound bus to a white couple. Knowing that she had not violated any segregation law, she resisted arrest and was thrown in jail. Two NAACP lawyers, Thurgood Marshall and William Hastie, appealed her arrest and \$10 fine to the U.S. Supreme Court. Their appeal resulted in a landmark decision in 1946 that struck down Jim Crow segregation in interstate transportation.

Approve ☒ Disapprove ☐ Discuss ☐

Ruby Bridges, 46.

On November 14, 1960, six-year-old Ruby Bridges, escorted by 75 federal marshals, became the first African American student to attend William Frantz Elementary School. Today, she represents the Ruby Bridges Foundation, a nonprofit group created in 1995 to improve education, visiting schools across the country to share her story with young people. To commemorate her courage, she was made an Honorary U.S. Marshal in August 2000.

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John Sengstacke (posthumous; died in 1997).

As publisher and editor of the *Chicago Defender*--a newspaper his uncle founded in 1905--Sengstacke provided an important outlet for the African American voice for 57 years. W.E.B. DuBois and Langston Hughes were among those whose work appeared in Sengstacke's paper. Sengstacke was also instrumental in the integration of the U.S. Armed Forces--as a member of the Fahey Commission (one of 10 Presidential appointments he received) and through his newspaper, he argued that President Truman should integrate U.S. troops. Sengstacke also persuaded President Franklin Roosevelt to include the first black reporter in a White House news conference, and he organized the meeting with Branch Rickey that led to Jackie Robinson joining major league baseball. Under his leadership, the National Newspaper Publishers Association, an organization of African American newspaper publishers, was formed in 1940. Among Sengstacke's other publications were the *Michigan Chronicle* in Detroit, the *Pittsburgh Courier*, and the *Tri-State Defender* in Memphis.

Approve ☒

Disapprove ☐

Discuss ☐

Constance Baker Motley, 78.

A key participant in virtually every important case brought to enforce *Brown v. Board of Education*, Motley began her career as an attorney with the NAACP and won nine out of ten civil rights cases she argued before the United States Supreme Court. One of her most renowned victories was on behalf of James Meredith, making it possible for him to enroll in the University of Mississippi. Motley left the NAACP in 1964 and was elected New York State's first black woman senator. In 1966, President Johnson appointed her U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of New York, making Motley the first African American female federal judge. She became Chief Judge of the Southern District in 1982 and assumed senior status in 1986.

Approve ☒

Disapprove ☐

Discuss ☐

Jack Greenberg, 75.

Jack Greenberg served as Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund from 1961 to 1984 and was an assistant counsel for the group from 1949 to 1961. He argued 40 cases before the United States Supreme Court, including *Brown v. Board of Education*. He is a founding member of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund and is a member of the executive committee of Human Rights Watch. Greenberg served as dean of Columbia College from 1989 to 1998 and currently is a professor at Columbia Law School.

Approve ☒

Disapprove ☐

Discuss ☐

The Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth, 78.

A native of Alabama, Shuttlesworth went on to become one of the leaders of the non-violent civil rights movement of the 1950s and 60s, leading efforts to integrate Birmingham's schools, buses, and recreational facilities. He established the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights after Alabama banned the NAACP. A confidant of Martin Luther King, Jr.,

Shuttlesworth helped organize the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and was its first secretary.

Approve ☒

Disapprove ☐

Discuss ☐

Morris Dees, 63.

Co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, he also founded Klanwatch, a system designed to catch the KKK in acts that violate others' rights.

Approve ☐

Disapprove ☐

Discuss ☐

Culture/Entertainment

Pete Seeger, 81.

The son of two musicians, Seeger studied Sociology at Harvard University but left to pursue his interest in singing. In 1941, he and Woody Guthrie formed the Almanac Singers, one of the first groups to give a voice to social issues. Mr. Seeger was inducted into the Army in 1942, serving in the Special Services entertaining troops in the United States and South Pacific. In 1948, he joined the folk group called The Weavers and during the 50s and 60s, he performed for the civil rights and antiwar movements. In 1955, Seeger was called before the House Un-American Activities Committee during its investigation of possible subversive influences in the entertainment field. He was found guilty of 10 counts of contempt of Congress for refusing to answer several questions, but the Supreme Court reversed that judgment in 1962. Seeger is an active environmentalist and has long campaigned for peace, equality, and civil rights, while never compromising his ideals.

Approve ☒

Disapprove ☐

Discuss ☐

Elizabeth Taylor, 68.

A multiple Academy Award winner, Taylor is regarded as one of the great actresses of the 20th century. She is also the co-founder of and spokesperson for the American Foundation for AIDS Research. Taylor has donated and raised millions of dollars to fight HIV/AIDS.

Approve ☒

Disapprove ☐

Discuss ☐

Paul Newman, 75.

Leading Hollywood actor and director for four decades, Newman received eight nominations for the Best Actor Academy Award and won for his role in 1987's *The Color of Money*. He has used his fame and his food product line, Newman's Own, to raise millions of dollars for charity. He also founded the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp for children suffering from potentially fatal diseases.

Approve ☒

Disapprove ☐

Discuss ☐

Health

David Ho, 47.

Dr. David Ho, a distinguished AIDS researcher, was named *TIME* magazine's 1996 Man of the Year for his groundbreaking work in HIV research. He is the Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center and has served on numerous councils and boards -- advising the Scientific Advisory Board of the National Cancer Institute and the Office of AIDS Research at the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Ho also serves on the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Approve ☒

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Discuss ☐

Dr. Helen Rodriguez-Trias, 71.

A pediatrician for more than 30 years and a nationally recognized health care advocate, Dr. Rodriguez-Trias has served in several leadership positions in academic and clinical medicine, including as President of the American Public Health Association. Throughout her career, she has promoted women's, children's, and reproductive rights, community involvement, personal responsibility, and guidelines on sterilization procedures. A founder of the New York Latino Commission on AIDA and a charter member and former board member of the National Women's Health Network from 1996 to 1999, she was co-director of the Pacific Institute for Women, a Los Angeles-based non-profit organization dedicated to improving women's well-being locally and globally since its founding in 1993. Currently, Dr. Rodriguez-Trias works as a consultant to agencies and foundations, addressing the health needs of various populations, including women, children, adolescents, and HIV-infected individuals. She is focusing on the development of effective programs to serve those limited in access: members of minority communities, the uninsured, and low-income persons and families.

Approve ☒

Disapprove ☐

Discuss ☐

Sports

Hank Aaron, 66.

Aaron began his remarkable career on the baseball field as a minor league player on a segregated team in the South, where he suffered the humiliation of eating and living separately from his teammates. He is best known for breaking Babe Ruth's home run record -- ultimately hitting 755 home runs over the course of his career and reaching this milestone in the face of death threats against himself and his family. After he retired from play, he joined the front office of the Atlanta Braves, a position from which he called for more African Americans in baseball management and decried racist comments by baseball club owners. Aaron has also been active in Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Boy Scouts of America. In 1995, he established the Chasing the Dream Foundation, a fund to help underprivileged children in Atlanta pursue advanced study in music, art, writing, dance, and sports.

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Discuss ☐

Muhammad Ali, 58.

Regarded by many to be the greatest boxer of all time, Ali won the world heavyweight title for the first time in 1964. In 1967, he refused induction into the U.S. Army, was found guilty of draft evasion, and was stripped of his title. In 1971, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned his conviction, and in 1974, Ali regained the world championship. He later lost the title and regained it for a record third time in 1978. In 1980, he retired from boxing. Now suffering from the advanced stages of Parkinson's disease, he serves as the spokesperson for the National Parkinson's Foundation and performs charity work for UNICEF and Best Buddies.

Approve ☒

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Discuss ☐

Scholars

Anthony Lewis, 73.

The winner of two Pulitzer Prizes, Lewis is well known for his newspaper column, which he began in 1969, and his work for the *New York Times*. His career began in 1952 with the *Washington Daily News*, and he joined the *Times* in 1955, where he worked in both the Washington and London bureaus.

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Discuss ☐

Human Rights

Rabbi Arthur Schneier, 70.

Founder and current president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, Schneier has used the Foundation to advocate mutual understanding, tolerance, and peace. He has served as an envoy for the last four presidents. In recent years, he has done extensive work to help prevent ethnic conflict and promote healing in the Balkans.

Approve ☒

Disapprove ☐

Discuss ☐

Marion Wiesel, 68.

A strong advocate for advancing human rights and peace, Marion Wiesel helped her husband to establish the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity, and she has translated most of his books. In addition, she wrote and narrated *Children of the Night*-- a documentary about the 1.3 million children killed in the Holocaust -- and edited *To Give Them Light*--a collection of Roman Vishniac's photography. She works on behalf of the world's children and is helping 800 Ethiopian children in Israel to adjust to life in their new country.

Approve ☒

Disapprove ☐

Discuss ☐

Juan Andrade, Jr., 53.

Co-founder, president, and executive director of the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute, formerly the Midwest-Northeast Voter Registration Education Project, Juan Andrade has led his organization in conducting and organizing over 900 nonpartisan voter registration campaigns, registering over one million new voters. He has worked tirelessly on behalf of the Hispanic community, voicing its concerns to the media, striving to increase Latino political representation,

and preparing Hispanic youth for leadership roles. Through numerous meetings with Latin American leaders, he has promoted democratic principles in Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama, and Colombia. He has authored or co-authored more than 150 articles, and a scholarship award has been established in his name.

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Education/Labor

Don Cameron, 62.

A former teacher, Cameron has devoted much of his life to American education, having worked as the executive director of the Birmingham Education Association, the director of communication at the Michigan Education Association, and the executive director of the Florida Teaching Profession National Education Association. He currently serves as the director of the National Education Association. During his 20-year tenure at the NEA, Cameron has been a driving force behind the CEO Forum on Education and Technology, a group created in 1997 to follow up on work done by your National Information Infrastructure Advisory Council. By serving as Co-Chairman of the Forum during its first year, Cameron advanced the organization's goal of integrating technology in classrooms. In your digital divide speech at Comdex, you announced that the deans of more than 200 colleges of education had agreed to measure their progress on training teachers to use technology -- using a tool developed by the CEO Forum.

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Religious Leaders

Sister Carol Coston, 65.

Sr. Carol Coston has devoted her life to creative and innovative ways to serve the poor and achieve economic justice for all. She founded NETWORK, a highly effective Catholic social justice lobby, and she served there for 10 years. As the founding member of the Adrian Dominican Portfolio she used social criteria to make 93 "alternative" investments, totaling over 3.6 million dollars. Coston has done extensive work with farmer cooperatives around both new farming and environmentally sound methods. She now serves as director of Partners for the Common Good where she also uses social criteria for investments, as well as evaluating the potential leverage loans could offer the borrowing partner and their involvement in shaping public policy. The first Partners for the Common Good Loan Fund (1989 - 1994) made 49 loans and deposits to benefit low-income communities in 29 states as well as in Central and South America and American Samoa. The overall rate of repayment was 99.7%. Currently, Partners for the Common Good 2000 (PCG 2000) has a lending pool of \$7,902,668 from its 99 religious institutions' investors. She has been a role model for and defender of women both in this country and around the world.

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Environment

Former Representative John F. Seiberling (D-OH), 81.

Seiberling's record of accomplishment on environmental issues is astonishing. A Member of Congress from 1970-1987, he authored legislation that established the 30,000-acre Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, tripled the size of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and prohibited mining in public parks. He also co-authored key amendments to the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 and helped manage passage of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, which preserved more than 100 million acres in Alaska. He is credited with saving more than 69 million acres of wilderness in 27 states, and he authored amendments to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.

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Discuss ☐

Disability Advocates

Patrisha Wright, 51.

Ms. Wright earned the nickname "The General" during passage of the ADA for her role in the overall strategic effort on behalf of the legislation. She has served as Director of Washington Affairs for the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF) since the early 1980s. Her single greatest contribution has been to establish disability issues as civil rights issues. She is the only disability community representative on the Board of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, and she was instrumental in obtaining LCCR's crucial support of the ADA.

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Disapprove ☐

Discuss ☐

Dr. I. King Jordan, 57.

Dr. Jordan is the first deaf president of Gallaudet University. His selection in 1988 was the result of a major alumni and student protest in support of a "Deaf President Now." The student victory was a huge symbolic boost to the ADA, demonstrating how people with disabilities could be empowered to take charge of their own lives and be fully integrated into society. Dr. Jordan, who has an academic background in psychology, is known and respected across the world not only for deaf and disability issues, but as a proponent of quality higher education. He is also an elite marathon runner who won the 1996 Grand Slam of ultramarathons.

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Discuss ☐

Government Service

Warren B. Rudman, 70.

U.S. Senator from New Hampshire from 1981 to 1993, he co-authored the landmark Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit reduction law and served as a member of the Appropriations Committee. He was also the chair of the Ethics Committee and active on the Subcommittees on Defense and Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary. As founding co-chairman of the Concord Coalition, he has continued to advocate for fiscal discipline in the federal government. Appointed as a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board in 1993, he now

serves as Vice Chairman. In 1998, he was appointed as chair of the Special Oversight Board for Department of Defense Investigations of Gulf War Chemical and Biological Incidents. During the Korean War, he was a platoon and company commander. He was discharged with the rank of captain.

Approve ☒ Disapprove ☐ Discuss ☐

Archibald Cox, 88.

Cox was Special Prosecutor during the Watergate scandal and was fired by then-Solicitor General Robert Bork, after both Attorney General Elliot Richardson and Deputy Attorney General William French Smith resigned in protest when President Nixon asked each of them to fire Cox. An attorney and professor, Cox also served as Solicitor General from 1961 to 1965 under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. From 1980 to 1992, he was chairman of Common Cause, a non-profit lobbying organization dedicated to campaign finance reform.

Approve ☒ Disapprove ☐ Discuss ☐

Charles DeLisi, 59.

Director of the Office of Health and Environmental Research in the Department of Energy from 1985 to 1987, he set aside the first funding for human genome research and conceived of a project to sequence the human genome, which eventually led to the current revolution in genetic knowledge. As Professor of Biomedical Engineering at Boston University, he has advanced computational research on molecular structure and neural networks. He has served as a scientific advisor to both federal government agencies and private corporations, published over 180 publications, and received several awards, including DOE's Exceptional Service Award.

Approve ☒ Disapprove ☐ Discuss ☐

Representative Edward R. Roybal, 84.

Elected to the House of Representatives in 1962, Edward Roybal served his congressional district in California for 30 years, overcoming the initial prejudice of his colleagues to become a powerful member of several important House committees, including the Appropriations Committee. In 1967, he authored the first bilingual education bill, and in 1968, he worked to establish a Cabinet Committee on opportunities for Spanish-speaking people. Throughout his political career, he introduced and sponsored legislation to protect the rights of Hispanics, senior citizens, the poor, and people with disabilities. During the 97th Congress, Roybal chaired the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, where he led the opposition against the Simpson-Mazzoli immigration bill. In his last two terms, he worked to expand rural mental health care programs, establish a national mental health education program, halt age-based discrimination in employee benefits, and provide medical service to people with Alzheimer's disease.

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Administration Officials

Eli Segal, 57.

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.

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Disapprove ___

Discuss ___

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.

Approve ☒ ___

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Discuss ___

Charles Ruff (posthumous; died in 2000).

Chuck Ruff had a long and distinguished career of service to the D.C. government, the D.C. bar association, and the nation. He 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 address problems he cared deeply about, including juvenile delinquency and abuse. Charles Ruff served as White House Counsel from 1997 to 1999.

Approve ☒ ___

Disapprove ___

Discuss ___

James Lee Witt, 56.

As Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency 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 under his direction, FEMA has become a valuable resource for state and local governments in times of disaster.

Approve ☒ ___

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Discuss ___

Ron Brown (posthumous; died in 1996).

Throughout his lifetime, Ron Brown broke down barriers for African-Americans around the country. He was the first African-American partner in his law firm, the first African-American chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and the first African-American Secretary of Commerce. As Secretary of Commerce, he worked to open international markets for U.S. businesses and bring billions of dollars into the U.S. economy. Brown was a strong advocate for "commercial diplomacy." At the time of his death in 1996, Ron Brown was in Bosnia on a trade mission to promote prosperity and free enterprise.

Approve ☒

Disapprove ☐

Discuss ☐

Warren Christopher, 75.

Warren Christopher, Secretary of State during the first four years of your Administration, has become one of America's most highly respected elder statesmen. 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. Christopher's accomplishments as Secretary of State include promoting peace in the Middle East, the Korean Peninsula, and Eastern Europe; pushing for the expansion of NATO; helping to usher democracy into Haiti; stabilizing America's post-Cold War relations with Russia; and opening markets in Asia. Christopher anticipated growing threats to our national security, including terrorism and the spread of weapons of mass destruction, and he took steps to contain them.

Approve ☐

Disapprove ☐

Discuss ☐

Success in Indochina

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S three-day trip to Vietnam had two objectives, and it succeeded handsomely in both of them. It helped open a new chapter in U.S. relations with the nation's former enemy, partly through the arresting images of the president reviewing a Vietnamese honor guard and speaking under a huge bust of Ho Chi Minh, and partly through the promise of practical cooperation on the unfinished business of the war, such as the search for missing persons and the defanging of land mines that still cause more than 2,000 casualties annually. More than that, however, the trip was a model example of how engagement with authoritarian governments should work: Talk politely but firmly with the official hosts, then deliver the American message of freedom directly to ordinary people.

Mr. Clinton got several chances to address that wider audience, and he made the most of them. He gave a televised speech at Vietnam National University, held a roundtable discussion with six representatives of Vietnam's young generation, spoke to an audience of businessmen and dock workers and paid an unscheduled visit to a Roman Catholic archbishop to emphasize his concern for religious freedom. All along the way, the president urged Vietnam to accelerate its intellectual and economic opening to the world, citing the success of Vietnamese Americans as proof of what Vietnam itself could do if it embraced freedom. Thousands cheered him in the streets, suggesting that American ideals are as attractive in Vietnam as anywhere. Indeed, the 60 percent of the population born since the war seems less inclined to view the United States as an enemy

than as a role model.

Perhaps the best tribute to Mr. Clinton's public diplomacy came from Le Kha Phieu, the hard-line boss of Vietnam's Communist Party. Evidently rattled by his guest's open advocacy of political and economic reform, Mr. Phieu sounded defensive. "We have a private economy but we do not privatize the economy," he huffed, adding that his government's survival after the collapse of the Soviet Union constituted a reaffirmation of socialism. Mr. Phieu also trotted out that most hollow of dictators' lines: "We respect the choice, the lifestyle and political systems of other nations," he said; "We in turn demand that other nations respect our people's choices." But the enthusiasm that greeted Mr. Clinton in the streets belied the claim that Vietnam's people have gladly chosen authoritarianism.

The challenge for the next administration is to build on Mr. Clinton's success without getting carried away by it. The Clinton team, justifiably pleased with the trip, is tempted to make light of communist opposition to reform, arguing that the pragmatism of younger Vietnamese will determine the future of the country. In the long run, this may be true. But China shows that authoritarian elders can hold on to power for years after they embark on economic reform, and indeed that reform can be accompanied by much anti-American nationalism. The right course now is to expand student exchanges, encourage the spread of the Internet and generally support the forces of change—but never to lose sight of the fact that Vietnam's government remains a brutal dictatorship.

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Can we do
the Kennedy
program then
Congress return?

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Charles Frederick Carson Ruff

TO MOST Americans he will be remembered as the brilliant, highly regarded power lawyer who investigated one president and defended another, with many high-profile clients in between. But to the disenfranchised Americans of this city that he loved and passionately served, Charles F. C. Ruff, who died yesterday at the age of 61, will be remembered as an exceptional friend and most effective advocate. Throughout his distinguished career, he never hesitated to take on missions for the District, though he could have reaped even more fame and fortune had he not done so.

To the city's surprise, in 1995 Mr. Ruff—by then nationally known as a former U.S. attorney, Watergate special prosecutor and partner at Covington & Burling—accepted the job of D.C. corporation counsel. "I've been a resident of this city for 28 years," he explained, "and I can think of no greater honor than ... to help the District try to address some of the problems that it faces." Asked how his colleagues in the legal world were taking the news that he had accepted an offer from Mayor Marion Barry to head an understaffed, over-

whelmed city office, he replied, "I've sort of been picking up the phone with some trepidation because I'm worried the person is going to say, 'You're crazy.' Not even my wife said that."

Mr. Ruff tackled the mission with high energy and expectations to match. His efforts improved the perception of the office both downtown and on Capitol Hill. He recruited good lawyers and expanded the duties of the office to include efforts to strengthen community services. His staff teamed up with federal offices on consumer protection projects, secured money from the Justice Department to start a juvenile crime initiative in the 5th District and worked with then-U.S. Attorney Eric F. Holder Jr. on a jobs and recreation program for city children.

Even during his service for President Clinton on the impeachment legal team, Mr. Ruff found occasion during the trial to remind the Senate that the District was without a vote. D.C. Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton said yesterday that "no one mourns this brilliant lawyer and children's advocate more than the residents of the District of Columbia."

bipartisanship is easiest and most expected. To appoint former Democratic Sen. Sam Nunn as secretary of Defense, as Bushies openly discuss, wouldn't say much.

This situation demands more creative approaches. After a campaign in which Bush repeatedly praised the innovative centrist thinking at the Democratic Leadership Council, he might be well-advised to offer some of its brighter lights high-profile domestic-policy jobs; Bush aides are intrigued with Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist, a dedicated education reformer.

A President Gore could summon a prominent Bush supporter such as former Indianapolis Mayor Steve Goldsmith to implement his pledge to give religiously based charities a larger role in delivering social services (a top Bush priority as well). More ambitiously, some around him think Gore would consider former Republican Sen. Warren Rudman as attorney general. That would signal a welcome commitment not only to bipartisanship but also to political reform and independence at the Justice Department.

^Offer the loser a job: It's probably unrealistic to expect the loser to accept a full-time position in the winner's administration (although it would send a good signal if a President Bush at least offered Gore the U.N. ambassadorship or a President Gore asked Bush to become ambassador to Mexico). But the winner could offer his rival a high-profile special assignment; Gore, for instance, might ask Bush to lead the now-stalled negotiations to construct a hemisphere-wide free-trade zone. There's precedent: after the 1940 election, Franklin D. Roosevelt sent the man he defeated, Republican Wendell Willkie, on a round-the-world goodwill tour that drew rave reviews at home and abroad.

^Adopt some of the loser's ideas: The nation would surely respond well if the winner said that during the hard-fought campaign he had been impressed by some of his opponent's ideas and, in the spirit of compromise, now planned to adopt them.

A President Gore could embrace Bush's proposal to sweeten tax incentives for contributions to religiously based charities. More boldly, Gore could integrate into his education-reform agenda the trade at the heart of Bush's education plan: offering states greater flexibility in spending federal money if they test students in math and reading from third through eighth grade.

If Bush wins, he could comfortably fit into his agenda the two cornerstones of Gore's plan to expand health care for the uninsured: making more children eligible for the Children's Health Insurance Program, and opening the program to low-income working parents. Bush would face more GOP opposition if he endorsed some of Gore's ideas for bolstering the working poor such as raising the minimum wage and increasing subsidies for child care but such initiatives would help Bush both reach out to Democrats and flesh out his compassionate conservatism.

^Pursue confidence-building measures: Ever since FDR, the model for a successful presidency has been the 100-day blitzkrieg, where the new administration uses the momentum of its election victory to rush its top priorities through Congress. But a victory this tenuous won't produce much momentum; instead the next president may be better advised to start small, with ideas (such as expanding the Children's Health Insurance Program) popular in both parties. That would allow the next president to build trust and work toward the final key.

^Constructing the grand compromise: At some point, the next president and Congress will need to reach the agreement that's eluded President Clinton and this Congress a comprehensive deal on how to allocate the anticipated federal budget surplus. In return for his top priority, a prescription-drug benefit under Medicare, a President Gore might junk his targeted tax cuts and offer Republicans reductions in all income-tax rates except the top bracket. A President Bush could build support among Congressional Democrats by scaling back his tax cut and using the savings to increase spending on health care and education.

Since Election Day, both parties have proved themselves adept at waging war. Neither has shown nearly as much aptitude for making peace. But that may be the skill most critical to the next president's survival, after an election that is fast deteriorating into a civil war of its own.

West Should Give Up on Mugabe

The following editorial appeared in Monday's Los Angeles Times:

Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe is no longer even

pretending to govern by law. Defying a supreme court injunction issued earlier this month, his government is speeding up the wholesale seizure of white-owned farms. He has ignored appeals from the United Nations and widespread warnings that the land grab will spell economic ruin for the country.

Popular discontent is growing and so is Mugabe's campaign to suppress it. Yet opposition led by Morgan Tsvangirai of the Movement for Democratic Change carries on. Washington and its Western allies should give up on Mugabe and throw their weight behind those who seek to oust him.

Tsvangirai may be too optimistic in predicting Mugabe will be out by Christmas. True, against all odds he rallied enough support in last June's election to win 57 of the 120 contested seats in parliament, and he shows great personal courage in defying Mugabe's threats. But as long as the military sides with the president, the opposition has little chance of forcing him out of office.

Twenty years ago Mugabe was the hero of Zimbabwe's struggle for independence from Britain. Today he is a corrupt autocrat leading the country to certain ruin. His illegal land expropriation program, enforced by soldiers and thugs acting in the name of the ruling ZANU-PF party, is undermining Zimbabwean agriculture, the mainstay of the economy. The nation is bankrupt, unable to pay its creditors or even salaries of government employees; inflation hovers at 70 percent. The 2,000 farmers whose land is being seized are to be paid in worthless government IOUs.

As in Ivory Coast, where a popular uprising last month ousted a military dictator, Tsvangirai's movement in Zimbabwe finds inspiration in the peaceful overthrow of Slobodan Milosevic in Yugoslavia. He pins his hope for a quick ouster of Mugabe on a series of planned demonstrations and strikes.

The United States and other governments unhappy with Mugabe's disastrous policies should stop paying friendly visits to Harare, the capital. Clearly, it is up to the people of Zimbabwe to rid themselves of their discredited leader, but they will need the same backing, moral and financial, the West gave to Milosevic's opponents.

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November 22, 2000

Leslie Singer
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Dear Leslie:

Your letter meant a great deal to me -- thanks.

You and Connie have been wonderful friends to us, and Hillary and I will always cherish you both.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Barack



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November 7, 2000

Dear Mr. President;

It is the morning of November 7th— such an important day, and there's so much I'd like to say, but I'll summarize.

You have done a magnificent job as president. You have kept so many of your bold promises in spite of immense and unprecedented opposition. The people of America and the leaders of the world respect your abilities and accomplishments. You have truly made our country and our world, a better, safer place to live.

Your heart has always been in the right place. You have given so many people hope and the encouragement to go after their dreams through the example of your own strength and tenacity. You have given so many the opportunity to build a better life. This is what you were elected to do... and you have done it very, very well.

You have made mistakes of a personal nature, but you have been made to suffer publicly for them. It is wrong to inspect people's private lives like that. No one knows where, or if, this practice will ever end, but I'm sorry it happened to you.

In spite of this, it is generally agreed that if you could run for president again, you'd be elected again. After all is said and done, that's how America really feels about you.

And finally, you and Hillary have been fantastic friends. Connie and I have always felt welcomed and loved in your home, even when the world was swirling outside. You have honored us immensely time after time, in so many ways. Each is a treasure we will always cherish.

And now what? I urge you to A) take a rest. B) get involved in the world stage, perhaps through the United Nations or some other world body. Your talents are a gift from God and should be used for helping our world. Anything less would be wasteful, in my opinion.

So thank, Mr. President, for your contributions and your sacrifices. Almost eight years ago, as you were packing up the Governor's Mansion for your move to the White House, I remember saying to you, "do the right thing." You replied, "I'll sure try." You *have* tried, and at great personal cost, but thankfully you have succeeded in so many ways.

You have been a remarkable president. History will remember you as perhaps the most politically gifted and successful of the 20th century. Not bad for a kid from Hot Springs, Arkansas. Not bad at all.

With friendship and gratitude,

Leslie Singer

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November 22, 2000

Michael Shea
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Boulder, Colorado 80303

Dear Michael:

Thanks for your kind note. It was good to hear
from you, and I loved the photo you sent.

I look forward to visiting with you soon. It's
been too long.

Sincerely,

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Dear Bill -

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I received your kind note following my Mother's death. I took special comfort in the fact that, despite the enormous pressures of your schedule and your responsibilities, you still make the time to remember your friends.

I deeply regret that I will be out of town during what may be your last trip to Colorado as President, but LaDonna had already arranged to take me for a much needed week of ocean kayaking in Baja.

I am quite flexible in December, so if there is any opportunity, I should be able to fly to D.C. More importantly, I hope that we will have the opportunity to renew our friendship on a more leisurely basis after you leave office.

I also appreciate your help for the Colorado party. I am sure that Tim has explained how important this election is for the future, including keeping Mark in the 2nd CD seat. I'm sure that many of your friends from Boulder will be able to make it, including Mike Driscoll + Mark Udall, but for those of us who can't, LaDonna, Masako the Dog and I send our best wishes from Shear Ranch - which Tim will tell you is the official party house of the Boulder Democratic Party.

Very truly yours, your friend
Mabel Shea

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October 6, 2000

Mr. Tim Knaus, Chairman
Colorado Democratic Party
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Dear Tim:

As we discussed, I would greatly appreciate it if you could extend my apologies to Bill and give him this note.

Thank you. Keep up the good work.

Very truly yours,



Michael A. Shea

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November 22, 2000

Joseph H. Purvis
3001 Ozark Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72205

Dear Joe:

It was good to hear from you. Thank you for
your kind words about Hillary. She's going to
be a wonderful Senator.

I'm not sure about the dates of the holiday
receptions or how many people will be invited,
but I'll let the Social Office know of your
interest. I do look forward to seeing you and
am sorry we didn't get a chance to visit with
you in May when we were in Little Rock

Happy Thanksgiving to you and Susan.

Sincerely,

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November 10, 2000

President Bill Clinton
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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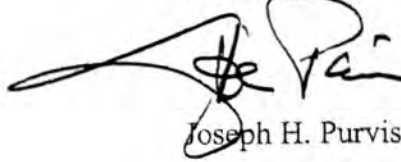
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Unfortunately, I have to go now because, even though it's 4:00 on a Friday afternoon, I'm getting some calls from some clients. I will write again soon. Wishing you and Hillary and Chelsea the very best.

Sincerely,

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Joseph H. Purvis

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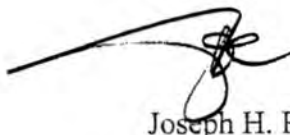
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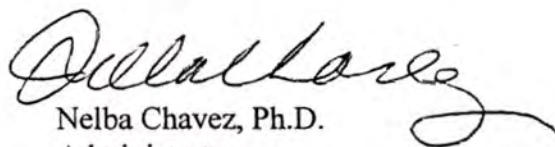
I am writing to inform you of my decision to resign from the position of Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services effective December 9, 2000.

Only in America could the daughter of undocumented immigrants from Mexico have the opportunity to have her dream actually exceed her imagination. Only a President such as you and a Secretary of Health and Human Services such as Donna Shalala would have had the courage and the conviction to name an individual with deep community roots as the first-ever Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and the vision and the faith to name a woman for whom English is a second language as the first Latina to head a public health agency in the 200 year history of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). For all of this I am so very grateful and so very proud to have been able to serve our country.

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November 21, 2000

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Dear President Clinton:

I had some difficult moments with my feelings during the recent trip to Vietnam. Hershel Gober, your friend and mine, and my boss, kindly took me along and I was lucky enough to be present at some of the public events during the trip. But, I almost lost my composure when the Vietnamese Peoples Army band played our National Anthem at the arrival ceremony. I lost a lot of good men as an Infantry Commander during the war and the tears began to run for them. I almost lost it again at the excavation site. When you shook my hand, emotions were running so high I didn't know what to say except that after 35 years of war we could finally find peace. Now on the plane ride home I found a voice for those feelings.

When the Peoples Army Band, my former enemy, played the anthem for you and our nation it also played for our national heroes, those good men -- even though they were just kids, who died in our longest war. By your going to Vietnam when the Vietnamese played our national anthem in your honor it also symbolically honored those men too. And, when you went to the crash site, where one of them fell in battle, it was as if you were symbolically visiting all the other battle sites. You honored not only Captain Evert but Andre Rodarte and Eddie Pleasants and Phil Tabb and Joe Yatsko. ("Let's go Yatsko" was also a friend of General Hugh Shelton from our Ranger training days.) You were honoring all those who fell in all those nameless places as well as those who served and sacrificed and survived.

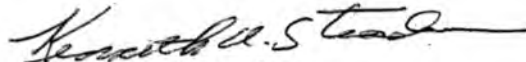
I have seen and admire courage. That trip was a courageous thing you did. I'm sure some will criticize you, but those of us who have smelled gunsmoke know in our hearts it was a noble and courageous thing you did. It brought our honor back. I hope you will keep this in your heart too so it will fortify you from those who would be critical in the days ahead.

But above all, that trip, as emotionally difficult as it was, had to be made. Thirty-five years was long enough. You went there because it was time, time for our country to finally and fully put the war behind us; time for the country to get over all the grief and guilt and the survivors guilt I have endured for thirty five years. It was time for the ghosts to be put behind us.

You went there also because it insured the future well-being of this great nation. You did an extraordinary and courageous thing. Now the nation will be better for it. For my generation the past is now closed with honor. For the new generation the way to the future is no longer cluttered with the past. Your trip has affected so many generations, both older and younger, that it has had and will always have profound significance.

I am a lucky man. In almost the same instant in time I witnessed history made and the future remade. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Kenneth A. Steadman



Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 10, 2000

The Honorable William J. Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Your upcoming trip to Vietnam represents an excellent opportunity to move our bilateral relationship forward. As the first visit by an American president to Hanoi, this trip will help remove a symbolic barrier between the U.S. and Vietnam. Through the messages you deliver, this visit can also help to remove many substantive barriers between our two countries. A fruitful long-term U.S.-Vietnam relationship requires openness, free exchange and reciprocity. These are also aims of the Bilateral Trade Agreement which is pending before Congress.

There are several issues of concern to us which we hope you will convey in discussions with Vietnamese government leaders as well as in conversations with the Vietnamese people. We believe it is important to advocate the following:

The Vietnamese media should be opened to private investment, including from Americans. Just as a Vietnamese national could purchase or operate a news outlet in the United States, an American should be able to do the same in Vietnam.

To guarantee a level playing field, the Vietnamese legal system needs to be reformed. It's virtually impossible for American investors to have confidence in the Vietnamese economy without a transparent, reliable, and independent legal system.

The area of labor rights is of particular concern. Improving labor rights in Vietnam--including the rights to collective bargaining and to form independent labor organizations--will help foster the mutual benefits of trade by ensuring that Vietnamese workers benefit from the fruits of trade while at the same time American workers do not compete under unfair conditions.

The Vietnamese government should be more tolerant of the activities of NGOs and international religious organizations in Vietnam. These are healthy exchanges integral to any bilateral relationship.

The Vietnamese government should also stop jamming Radio Free Asia and all other Vietnamese-language broadcasts into Vietnam. To become integrated into the international community, Hanoi ought to respect the free exchange of ideas. After all, the Vietnamese government currently beams television programs via satellite to U.S. audiences unimpeded.

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Finally, basic human rights and religious freedom must be respected. As documented by the State Department, many Vietnamese citizens are jailed or placed under house arrest for their peaceful expression. Human rights and religious freedom are principles dear to Americans, but are also a burning desire of Vietnamese citizens.

This past year Members of Congress contacted Prime Minister Phan Van Khai and U.S. Ambassador Douglass "Pete" Peterson regarding the increased persecution and harassment of dissident writer and biologist, Dr. Nguyen Xuan Tu (commonly referred to by his pen name, Ha Si Phu).

According to reports, the Vietnamese police had threatened to charge Ha Si Phu with treason under Vietnam's criminal code without any proof or evidence. On May 12, 2000, police searched Ha Si Phu's house in Dalat and confiscated his work materials including his personal computer. We have yet to receive a status report of his condition and urge you to address Mr. Phu's case with the Vietnamese officials.

We are also concerned about the recent detainment of the Venerable Thich Quang Do, the secretary-general of the banned Unified Buddhist Church of Vietnam. Reports showed that on Saturday, October 7, 2000, Thich Quang Do and his rescue team were detained by the Security police in the An Giang Province for attempting to make an independent aid distribution to the Mekong Delta flood victims.

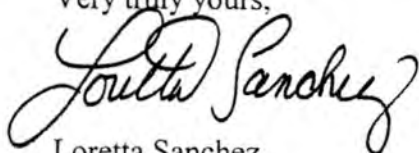
The floods have covered large parts of the Mekong Delta region. An estimated 4 million residents are affected by the rising water level. Over 250,000 residents were forced to relocate to higher grounds. 308 deaths were reported, 232 of them children. We urge you to denounce the government's continuing refusal to allow church-sponsored flood assistance be distributed to the flood victims.

In addition, we urge you to discuss with the Vietnamese government the recent incarceration of five leaders from the banned Hoa Hao Buddhist Church of Vietnam. As you are aware, Vietnam confirmed the detention and trial of five Hoa Hao Buddhists. The individuals were sentenced from 1 to 3 years in prison for "defaming the government and "abusing democratic rights." The prisoners were originally arrested after submitting a formal complaint about the provincial authorities.

Each of these issues is crucial to promoting an open and reciprocal US-Vietnam relationship. They are fundamental elements for a democratic society, which Vietnam must move toward in order to realize the full potential of its industrious people and to become a responsible member of the international community.

We wish you a successful trip.

Very truly yours,



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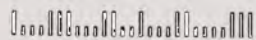
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Attention: Ms Betty Currie

November 7, 2000

William Jefferson Clinton,
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Dear Mr. President,

I am sorry that I did not get a chance to see you this last Sunday. I waited as long as I could but then had to perform to return to our annual A. M. E. conference, which was being held concurrently. I am writing to remind you again of the matter regarding my friend Rachel George, who has the visa problem. I am also enclosing the first letter, which gives all the details, so as to refresh your memory.

I was pleased to read in the papers, that the White House was endorsing the Kennedy and Reid Amnesty bill. I know that, I am being incredibly persistent, or perhaps the right word is pesky, here but you know me well enough to know, I can get like a bulldog --- tenacious. I put the matter up for your kind consideration, again. Can something be done for her personally, using the fact that she has now worked for three years with the disadvantaged, through the aegis of a non-profit

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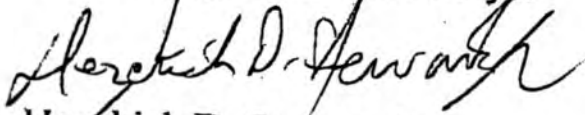
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agency in a purely voluntary capacity, or will the solution come through the Amnesty bill?

Mr. President, your eight-year administration is drawing to a close and I do not believe that, I will find such a sympathetic ear or such a kind heart in the next President, whoever he is. The matter therefore is of the utmost urgency and I ask you to please expedite it. Someone from your office was supposed to liaison with me about this and so I ask again that you will gently nudge this matter on to a successful conclusion.

In closing, I would like to reiterate, that I truly cherish our friendship and that I continue to pray for you as always.

Sincerely, your friend always.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Hezekiah D. Stewart, Jr.", written in dark ink.

Hezekiah D. Stewart, Jr,

Pastor, Mt Nebo A.M.E. Church

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William Jefferson Clinton,
The President,
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See you soon

October 6, 2000

Dear Mr. President,

I wanted to bring your attention to a certain matter or rather to a certain person, whom the Lord has brought our way. She is a neurologist who has been in this country, nigh on fourteen years. She did her basic medical training in India, where she also did residencies in Internal Medicine and Neurology. She is board certified in both these disciplines. She then did her Neurology residency [three years] and one year of Internal Medicine at the University of Chicago Hospitals in Chicago and followed this with a three-year research fellowship at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. Here, she did bench-top laboratory research on nerve degeneration and on macrophages. [Macrophages are the scavenger cells or garbage collectors of the body and learning how to modulate their activity will have far-reaching effects on the treatment of disease. They would need to be up regulated and targeted in cancer and AIDS, while in diseases like Multiple Sclerosis they would have to be down regulated.] She is licensed to practice medicine in the states of Arkansas and Illinois and is just one credit short of being board certified in Neurology.

She visited this country first in 1985. She then reentered the United States in July of 86 and has remained here, except for a brief period [2-16-87--6-3-87, approximately 108 days]. She was originally on a visitor's visa but on 10-9-87 transferred to a J-1 visa, which expired in June of 1994. The J-1 visa is an exchange visitor visa, which requires a two-year home country return, which can be waived in

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many ways. She came to Arkansas in July of 1994. The J-1 waiver was to have been done through the veteran's hospital at U.A.M.S. but through a series of accidents, which in retrospect seem fortuitous in God's evaluation, this did not

She has not worked for remuneration since then and it is marvelous to see how God has provided for her in these last six to seven years. She has been working or rather volunteering at a religious non-profit institution for close to three years now. She is there full time, working with homeless women [most of whom are pregnant] and children. I think that God has used this time in the desert to temper and to change her. She was the quintessential ivory tower intellectual but now God has made her like unto the ones she ministers to. You and I both know, that we can affect change especially that of the heart filled with hatred and bitterness and the welfare mentality of petulant entitlement only through Christ and that Christ can be made alive only through wounded healers, who are willing to live as one with those whom they reach out to. You cannot give from a position of superiority, from a height, but rather you must give from the same level.

The only goal of our lives is to achieve what St. Paul called the glorious liberty of the children of God, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory and this can be achieved only when we allow the Lord to put us to death, our pride, our self-effort, and those strongholds in us, which continuously plague us. We come to the end when we acknowledge that we, our intrinsic selves, are not worth salvaging but that we must needs exchange our nature for that of Christ. This may seem paradoxical, for are we not precious in His sight? Yes we are, but He loves us so much, that He will have us no less than perfect or Christ like. I am not saying that she is anywhere close to perfection but she surely is in the crucible of transformation. I believe that she has a heart for the under privileged and the hurting and will be used by God to help them. She also has a vision of holistic medicine, the corner stone of which is Christ, for are we not all healed by his stripes?

Most of the J-1 waivers entail working for three years in a rural or underprivileged area and it seems to me that she has more than paid her dues. Even though she has not been working as a doctor in the strictest sense, she certainly has been a physician of the heart and of the mind. I know that she would be labeled as an illegal alien but in some sense, are we not all aliens as we await our true citizenship in heaven? I have a sense that it is time for this embargo to lift and for her to work productively and fruitfully in the United States. I wonder Mr President if there are anything you can do to facilitate this?

At this point, I would like to bring to your attention to, something you are probably already well aware of. Senators Kennedy and Reid have introduced a bill, the S 2407 or the change of registry date bill. This, if approved would allow all aliens who entered the country before January of 1986 to automatically become legal in January 2001.

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This also has a rolling date of registry for those who entered the country after this date. It seems to me that this is a very valid bill and that it would allow for the mainstreaming of many who are even now contributing to our economy, but are in the shadows. To move from the general to the specific of Rachel's case, she entered the country in July of 1986. Perhaps people who have professional qualifications can have a shorter lag time? She did leave the country for a space of 108 days, so can this time of documented and uninterrupted residence have a break of perhaps 120 days? She does have the two-year return to the home country requirement but perhaps this bill can override this? Dear Mr President, I ask you to look into this matter as a personal favour to us, my wife and I.

Dear Mr. President, you have done many good things during your presidency and I want you to please do one more [good thing], before you leave office by helping my friend Rachel to become legal. Do you recall, that I told you right at the start, that it was God who had ordained you and that you would prevail, no matter what the enemy threw at you. Remember, that it was Christ who anointed you, who sustained you, and He it is, who will now uphold you as you prepare to leave office and enter into the next phase of your life. The battle will wage fiercer but by the same token, you will do greater exploits for the Lord. I continue to uphold you in my prayers, as always. It was a pleasure to serve on the Library Find Committee and I look forward to walking into the Presidential Library with you, one day soon.

Sincerely, Your friend always,



Hezekiah Stewart, Jr,
Pastor, Mt. Nebo A.M.E. Church

Hanoi, 18 November 2000

The Honorable President Bill Clinton

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Vietnamese who favor freedom and democracy, I would like to warmly welcome you, the first American President who has paid a visit to Vietnam. I believe that this event will be a brilliant landmark in the history which opens a new era of the Vietnam - American relationship, an era full of mutual and fruitful achievements.

In fact, our two countries relationship began since former centuries. Just after the Independence Day, the representative of the first American Government in France named T. Jefferson considered import rice from Vietnam. In 1832, seventh American President Andrew Jackson sent an official letter requesting trade relation with Vietnam Minh Mang royal court. In response, in 1873, our diplomat Bui Vien was sent by Tu Duc emperor to meet president Ulysses Grant to ask for help against French colonialists. In the day before the August Revolution, even Mr. Ho Chi Minh went together with American pilot Show to meet American General Shannon to discuss about an anti- Japan fascist joint force . . .

The fruitful era opened is not only followed by a long cultivation, but also by relying on a prior affection of you a man who annually celebrates himself birth day on the same day of our August Revolution anniversary, a man who led an anti- Vietnam- American war demonstration in London in 1969.

If there were also millions of Americans and Vietnamese doing the same with you at that time, this senseless war did not break out or very soon stop. Although, let us leave that dolorous and regrettable aspect for our following generations with their objective to discern and just judge. Now, in sight of you, there is an injured and poor country which resulted in some degree from that war. Therefore, there could not be any merciful and charitable heart which did not call itself for help to eliminate those miseries. Dioxin victims are asking for help, disarming mines project has developed, and I think that the rich and tolerant United States of America will be able and should give more help to my unfortunate compatriots.

Leaving the planned economy for the market one, my country has prospered well. Knowledge economy potentiality of my nation promises that my country will become a most necessary and meritorious associate of the United States of America, in this SouthEast Asia area. Hope that the Vietnam American Agreement, while officially operated, will take an important part in the realization of this expectation in the field of economy.

However, everyone who often pay much attention to country fortune like me also feel very uneasy about necessary conditions that assurant an enduring and healthy social development . Those are freedom, democracy and human rights. The history of a country of more than 200 years that steadily moves from a level lower than many other European countries, becoming a superpower one with a highest position in the world, demonstrates that the USA has gotten many good experiences of the struggle for the sacred conditions mentioned above. Meanwhile, in our country, the democracy that corresponds to the new economy and model society is also very incomplete. Here, because of lacking freedom of speech, corruption is spreading over, right or wrong does not be just decided. Due to absence of real democratic election, great talents which have been admired by the people do not be selected. Brave men who even suggest moderately good political views are also mal treated, suppressed, haphazardly arrested or, at least, isolated. Their properties are confiscated, their private letters are stealthily open, their phone is taped or cut off ... in illegality.

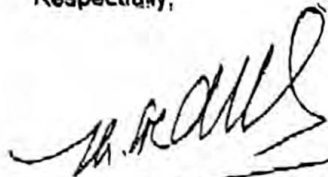
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The renovation process is advancing and our people soon or late will surely settle all problems required for our country themselves. However, the concern and support of international friends are indispensable and useful. That's why, like you, I believe that the normalization and strengthening of American-Vietnamese contacts will promote freedom in Vietnam. Your idea of the agreement for freedom was announced when president Ho used a famous sentence of Thomas Jefferson in American Independence Declaration to preface Vietnam Independence Declaration: "All Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness".

Wishing you fulfil all of your purposes eminently in this historical mission. Wishing Mrs Hillary Clinton becomes a honorable Senator and has good chance to test your good idea that "change politics into an art of making the impossibles into the possibles". Wishing our two countries and every other ones in the world enjoy prosperity, happiness, justice, democracy and liberty.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'N. Giang', written over a horizontal line.

Nguyen Thanh Giang
A Vietnamese Citizen

Nguyen Thanh Giang

Carson

President Bill Clinton

Jeff
Embassy of Austria
Washington, D.C.

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The Ambassador

Ms. Nancy Hernreich
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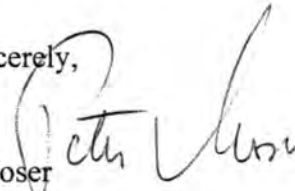
Dear Ms. Hernreich,

I wanted to draw your attention to the enclosed invitation that I received to an „open house“ at the residence of President and Mrs. Clinton and which seems to me a „fraud“.

Wishing you all the best for the upcoming holidays, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Peter Moser



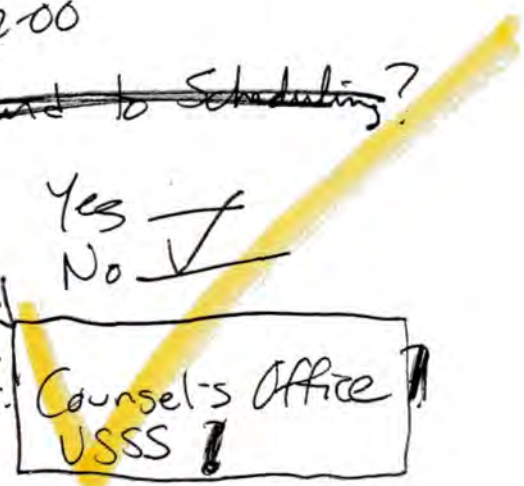
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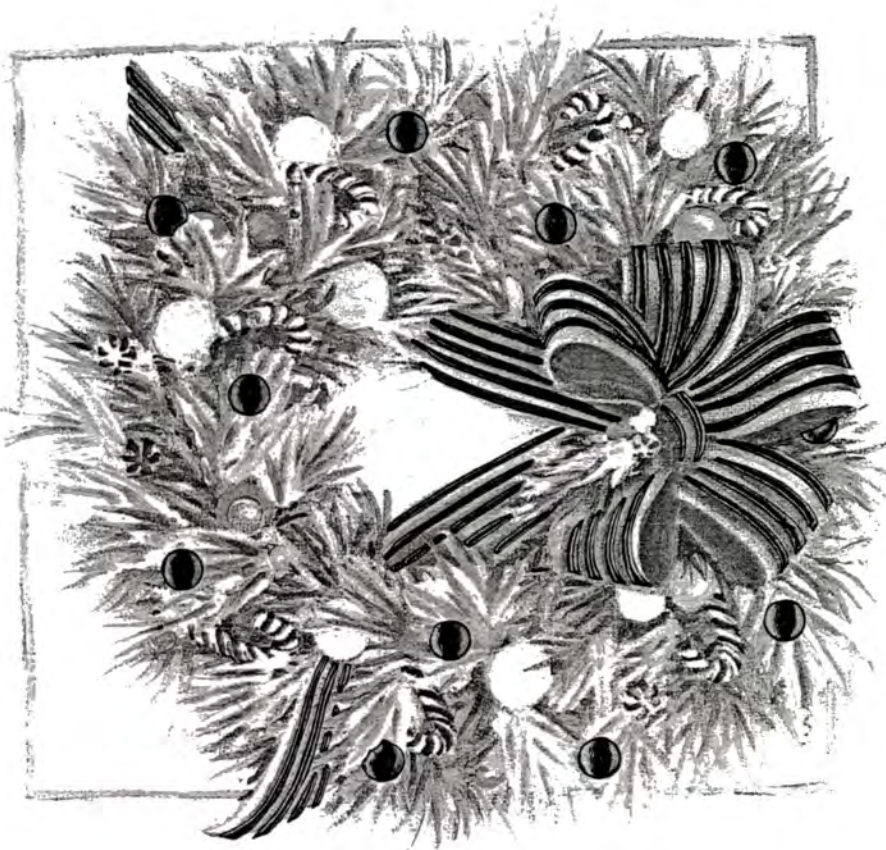
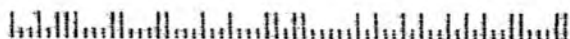
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We are very proud of you
and the job you have
done for our country.

Good luck Mr. President.

Deane
Hester

FRIDAY 11-3-00

Dear Mr. President,

This is the third letter I've written to you - I hope I don't get put on the Secret Service list as some nut or stalker. I assure you I'm just a big fan of both you and Mrs. Clinton.

I'm writing because on January 6th, 2000, my mom, Maggie Boals, turns 70. She has loved and supported you since you were Attorney General. My mother is truly one of the greatest people I have ever known. She is my hero. She works hard, two jobs (one of which is assistant racing secretary at Southland Dog Track that you appointed her to).

I remember when she first met you, she came home and said, "That kid (you were a kid to her) is going to be President some day. You use to tell her that if you ever became President, that she could come stay the night at the White House. Ron Owens was one of mother's best friends. She helped take care of him until he died. I know you loved Ron also.

My sister and I want to make this birthday very special. I was wondering if you could send her a note or letter (not one of those file letters). It would mean so much to her and of course to all of us. We came to Washington for your first inauguration but were unable to get a ticket to tour the White House. If there is some special tour you could arrange for her to take, I would drive her to Washington. I know

that all people do is ask you for things. I apologize for now becoming one of them. I wouldn't ask for myself but there isn't anything I wouldn't do or ask for my mom.

I am a Captain on the West Memphis Police Department. I am retiring in the next few weeks after 22 yrs. In 1995, my health got bad. In 1997, I became completely deaf. I have a Cochlear Implant which helps. My mom, husband and kids, sisters and friends have been with me through everything. That along with my faith has kept me strong. I know you understand that. I've even been allowed to continue working. I'm probably the only deaf police officer anyway.

Thank you, Mr. President for your time and consideration in this matter. Again, I just can't tell you how much it would mean to mom and all of us.

I would just like to add how extremely proud we all are of you and always have been. We're also very proud of Mrs. Clinton (although disappointed that she didn't come back to Ar. to run) and believe that one day soon she will be our first female President. We will get buses and travel for her the way mom and others did for you.

Thank you again,
Deane Hester

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October 6, 2000

The Honorable William J. Clinton
The President of The United States
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Vietnamese American are very concerned with your trip to Vietnam in November. An official of the Vietnamese Foreign Ministry stated that your visit will be the "the first to Vietnam by an American president," probably a deliberate omission of other presidential visits in 1966, 1967, and 1969 which Hanoi ignores as an indication of their contempt and intolerance for the US former ally, the Republic of (South) Vietnam.

You have stated several times that trade should not be linked to human rights in your policy with China and Vietnam. Your administration may believe that trade could serve as an instrument of democratization, however, past experiences have proven that trade by itself would only reinforce totalitarian regimes, China being a palpable illustration.

Vietnamese Communist Party Secretary General Le Kha Phieu has often declared his emphasis on socialism as the only just path for Vietnam to pursue. A draft report prepared for the 9th Party Congress to be convened next March 2001 strongly indicates that Vietnam is determined to uphold socialism based on Marxist-Leninist doctrine and Ho Chi Minh's thoughts.

Meanwhile, dozens of political and religious leaders are in jail without due process of law, their only crime being their advocacy for liberty and democracy. Even the much-restrained latest US State Department annual report on human rights is critical of Vietnam for holding prisoners of conscience and restricting religious activities.

Last May, by a vote of 415 to 3, the US House of Representatives had passed Resolution HR-295 in which a request was made to the President that you will make it clear to the Hanoi leaders that the American people fully support the Vietnamese in their quest for political, religious, and economic freedom. It also called on Hanoi to cease violations of religious freedom, release all prisoners of conscience, terminate harassment of democracy advocates, allow freedom of expression, and accept the principles of a free and open election.

Lest your trip to Vietnam appears to be an endorsement of a repressive regime, the Vietnam Human Rights Network would appreciate very much

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your reference to the Vietnamese people's plight and your support for their aspiration during your presence in Vietnam.

Communists are masters at manipulating events in their favor. You should not allow Hanoi to turn your historical trip into a historical farce, as such would only harm the Vietnamese people already too long suffered in their long struggle for human rights and democracy.

Respectfully Yours,

Ngth Trang

Nguyen Thanh Trang
President

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Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to let you know how much I have been thinking about you during this terribly troubling time in the Middle East. I can imagine how difficult it must be for you to watch this awful escalation of violence, particularly as your term in office ends. Frankly my concern is that you may sometimes wonder if all your efforts to achieve peace between Israelis and Palestinians have come to naught.

As someone who has been involved in Israel's struggle for my entire life, let me assure you that nothing that is happening now, in any way, erases or reduces the magnitude of your accomplishments since you took office. During your eight years as President, you have done more to build peace in the region than all your predecessors.

I believe that there will be no turning back, despite today's "troubles". (I like using the Irish term because it recognizes that setbacks are to be expected.) Mr. President, peace between Israelis and Palestinians will be achieved - this year or next or five years from now - and when that treaty is signed, it will largely be thanks to you.

All this makes me even more pleased that Israel Policy Forum will have the privilege of honoring you at our upcoming dinner. Nothing could be more appropriate than to remind our people, especially now, that - despite appearances - we are closer to peace than ever before. It will also give our people, some of the most active supporters of Israel and of Middle East peace in this country, the opportunity they want and need to express their thanks to you.

In the meantime, let me say, "thank you, Mr. President." All my best for the holiday season.

Sincerely,

Jack Bendheim