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November 28, 2000

Leon and Judy Ritzenthaler
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Dear Leon and Judy:

Thank you for your thoughtful note. It was good to hear from you. Hillary and I very much appreciate your kind words of support, and we wish you all the best for the holiday season.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

Dear Mr. President,

Nov 21, 2000
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This is just a note to let you know how proud Leon & I are of the job you have done in the last 8 years. We're going to miss your leadership.

Please let Hilary know how happy we are for her in her win. I know she will be great at her job!

also, please let Mr. Gore know we are on his side, and like everyone else, we hope this whole voters ends in his favor.

anyway, we just wanted to let you know we will miss you. Have a wonderful life, and be happy!

God Bless you & yours.

Leon & Judy
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Tuesday, November 21, 2000

Clinton's Vietnam Visit Called 'Home Run'

Policy: Popular enthusiasm in face of Communist officials' reticence is testament to president's impact.

By ROBIN WRIGHT, Times Staff Writer

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam--While his own constituents were caught up in a frenetic domestic drama over his successor, Bill Clinton returned Monday almost unnoticed from scoring one of the most important--and unexpected--successes of his presidency halfway around the world, in Vietnam.



Vietnam's government provided limited advance notice of his visit and terse coverage by state-controlled media after he arrived, yet Clinton received the kind of public adulation from tens of thousands normally associated with pop idols. On signs and in shouts for his attention, the Vietnamese clamored in ever growing numbers to get close to a man they called simply "Bill."

The president and his senior aides were openly taken aback by the public reaction, with Clinton describing various aspects of his visit as "overwhelming," "profoundly moving" and "astonishing."

In the process, the president set an important precedent for his successor in 21st century diplomacy: Constructive engagement with long-standing enemies works.

"Sanctions and trade and investment embargoes--all of those things have not delivered much in places like Cuba, Iran and Iraq. But as we saw in Vietnam, engagement has delivered. And it certainly costs less to American taxpayers than an embargo," said Moises Naim, editor of Foreign Policy magazine.

Over the past eight years--and despite the controversy over the president's position on the Vietnam War three decades earlier--the Clinton administration gradually but deliberately lifted the trade embargo in 1994, opened diplomatic relations in 1995 and negotiated a U.S.-Vietnamese trade agreement in 1999.

The thaw led Vietnam to approach Clinton exactly a year ago about becoming the first American president to visit Vietnam in the postwar era.

North Korea Could Be Next

"It would have been easy for him to say, 'Vietnam is just one of those issues I don't want to deal with.' But instead, he picked up the bat and swung--and hit a

home run right out of the park," said Thomas Vallely, a Vietnam veteran and former Massachusetts legislator who now heads a Harvard University development project in Vietnam.

The administration may be on the verge of reaping similar rewards in North Korea, arguably the most feared of what until recently the U.S. called "rogue states." Again, it has been a phased effort beginning with an agreement to dismantle a nuclear energy program in 1994 that might have been used to produce nuclear weapons.

Last month, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright became the first ranking U.S. official to visit Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, to discuss terms that would limit the North's ballistic missile program. Clinton is now considering a trip before he leaves office to negotiate a formal agreement.

"Even after such a short time and such limited engagement, there's been a diffusion of the threat. We're now less jittery about the dangers North Korea presents," said Naim, the editor.

Engagement is especially effective with a twist: going around the government directly to the people.

"Clinton had such an impact because, in the new age of global communications, it's easier to constructively engage society rather than its leadership," said Thomas Carothers, vice president for studies at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington.

"And that has implications for how a president uses the new global pulpit in the future, not only in Vietnam. It shows that there's great value when a president stands firmly for certain values and speaks out purposefully but is available for dialogue."

The second effect of Clinton's visit appears to be an intensified debate inside Vietnam about the pace and direction of change. The president left in his wake a Communist leadership scrambling to counter both his message and popularity.

Just hours after the president departed, an official paper published a front-page article Monday by Lt. Gen. Le Van Dung, chief of staff of the Vietnam People's Army, pledging to "crush" the threat posed by "peaceful evolution," code words for pro-democracy political reforms.

"Nowadays, hostile forces are fighting against us actively to sabotage socialism and the leading role of the Communist Party of Vietnam," he wrote in the Vietnamese-language People's Army.

He also warned that the military has a special duty "to give constant direction to the entire army and the entire people to struggle to make sure the peaceful evolution plots of the hostile forces fail."

Blunt Talk From Communist Officials

As the public turnout to see Clinton mushroomed almost by the hour, the leadership also took what U.S. officials considered the unusual and undiplomatic step of publishing a blunt admonition to the American president by Le Kha Phieu, secretary-general of the Communist Party, delivered in a private meeting Saturday.

"We respect the choice, the lifestyle and political systems of other nations. We in turn demand that other nations respect our people's choices," Phieu told Clinton, according to the party's official newspaper. Phieu is the hardest-line Communist in Vietnam's troika of leaders, which also includes the president and prime minister.

Phieu also challenged Clinton's allusion to the war era as the "painful past." Phieu reportedly countered: "For us, the past was the root, the foundation, the strength of the present and future. The result of our anti-aggression resistance was

that we gained independence, reunified our country and brought our country to socialism. Therefore, for us, the past was not a dark, sorrowful and unhappy past."

Senior members of Clinton's entourage conceded that the United States and Vietnam still have serious differences over both politics and economics. Yet they say they are convinced that Hanoi can't back away from the relationship--nor avoid the consequences of inviting American business and aid organizations to visit and of globalization.

"Only the United States can help Vietnam evolve from a developing country over the next 15 years," said a ranking administration official in the entourage. "Not France, not Japan, not China--only the United States."

The only issues are how this Southeast Asian nation makes the required compromises and when, he said.

'He Got All Parties to Sit Down'

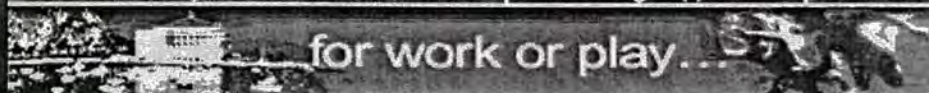
The final effect of the president's historic three-day visit was on his legacy. It was more than a feel-good trip for the first president to visit Vietnam since 1969, when Richard Nixon stopped for six hours to rally troops at the height of the war. It may also have closed the chapter over his own initial attempt to avoid the draft.

"Clinton has always had Vietnam somewhere in his psyche," said Vallely, the Vietnam vet and development project chief.

"Despite his past, he never gave up the idea that at the end of his term he was going to do something big with Vietnam. He did it: He got all parties to sit down, and he made Vietnam more comfortable with dealing with the United States. In the end, that will probably shape his legacy even more than his position on the war."

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Dear Mr. President:

I want to thank you for your personal support of Boeing's F-15 fighter during your recent meeting with Korean President Kim Dae-Jung. Winning the fighter competition currently under way in Korea is very important to the Boeing Company and, I believe, very important to the strength of the relationship with this key Asian ally.

Your active support of the F-15 demonstrates once again your strong commitment to U.S. industry. On behalf of all of the companies who are a part of our F-15 campaign effort in Korea, please accept our sincerest thanks. You have been an outstanding supporter of the aerospace industry during your term of office and we are most grateful for your efforts.

With best wishes,



P. M. Condit

November 18, 2000

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The White House
1600 Pennsylvania A
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We therefore write to urge you as strongly as we can to acknowledge the glaring inconsistency between your opposition to homophobic prejudice and your position as Honorary President of one of the most explicitly homophobic groups in our country, and to resign the post. Please do not let one of your last opportunities as President to strike a blow against prejudice go unfulfilled.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. President:

At a meeting of gay, lesbian, bisexual, & transgendered officials held this weekend in Arizona, those in attendance expressed their sorrow at your decision to continue to serve as Honorary President of the Boy Scouts despite their organization's blatant and deeply hurtful discrimination against us and others like us.

By refusing to step down as Honorary President of an organization that perpetuates homophobia, you lend your personal prestige and that of your office to this hateful prejudice. Indeed, it is particularly disappointing to us that you are unwilling to separate yourself from the Boy Scouts because the bigotry embodied in this position flagrantly contradicts the support you have expressed for respecting the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people to be treated fairly.

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Dear President Clinton:

I have enjoyed my appointment as a member of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities. On behalf of the Committee, I want to express to you how proud we are of the strong commitment you have made to the arts and humanities during your administration.

With this in mind, I would like to meet with you November 28 to present an idea that would reflect your significant involvement and would propel your successful efforts into the future. I will be attending the White House Conference on Culture and Diplomacy in the East Room at 10:30 a.m. on November 28.

Since I know your time is limited, I would like to spend just a few minutes with you discussing a National Arts and Humanities Day. I envision that this Day would fall within the designated Arts and Humanities Month of October each year. A National Arts and Humanities Day would more intensely focus the attention of the country on the importance of the arts and humanities within both large and under-served communities. To begin with the Millennium Communities and to model this Day after Earth Day would highlight what you and Mrs. Clinton have worked so hard to accomplish for the arts and humanities in America.

I look forward to being able to discuss this idea with you.

Sincerely,



Raymond D. Nasher
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cc: Dr. John Brademas, Chairman,
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Mr. Clinton,

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I'D DO IT THE SAME WAY,

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