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To: President Clinton, Mrs. Clinton and Chelsea

The World On Time

Bettie -
This is the
family in
Skaneateles, NY
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stayed last 2
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thru

Stutts Elementary School
Skaneateles New York
13152
December 5, 2000

Dear President Clinton, Mrs Clinton
and Chelsea

Thank you for answering
our teachers questions we really
appreciate it. It's an honor
that you came to Skaneateles for
a vacation. Did you ever play any
Sports when you were little?
I'm in to 3rd grade and my
teacher is very nice. I'm also
loving my reading books. We are
learning about Western Europe.
Well, I enjoy talking to you.

YOUR friend,
Kelly McDonald

P.S. Merry Christmas
I also wanted to say I like
the book Wizard of Oz
It's a great book

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FOR DEPLY-
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December 14, 2000

Dear President and Mrs. Clinton,

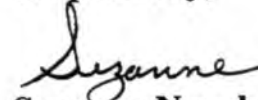
Enclosed you will find letters from my fourth grade students. Billie stopped by my classroom the other day and informed my students that if they wrote to you, she would hand-deliver them to you this weekend. Boy, did that ever spark their interest!

What a thrill it has been to meet you at the functions that Billie and Duke have given in your honor. My students look at the pictures you have signed for me on a daily basis. As I have them displayed in my classroom. If you're ever in Marcellus, please stop by our school. That would be an experience that the students, myself, and other adults would never forget.

Congratulations Mrs. Clinton for becoming our state senator. You are the best person for that extremely difficult position!

Our best to your family over the holidays.

Respectfully,


Suzanne Novak

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Holiday reception

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To Cohen?



Betty -
Things I
collected for
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December 15, 2000
Bevis Elementary
10133 Pottinger Road
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Dear Mr. President,

Kaleigh is very excited about spending time at the White House for your yearly Christmas party. It's too bad this is the last year for it. Of course, there is always 2004!!! We, her teacher and classmates, are also pretty impressed that she actually gets to be around the President.

Since you will probably have some free time on your hands, we are cordially inviting you to visit our school if you are ever in the area. In fact, we are including a Bevis Visitors Button just in case!!

My three classes of fourth graders have been extremely interested in the history making election this year. Even though the results may have been different than some wished, it has been a unique teaching experience. They have learned a great deal.

We all wish you the very best in your future endeavors. I'm sure whatever you do, you will be very successful!

We do hope you will consider a trip down our way.

Sincerely,

Emmy O'Mahony-Higgins
& the Fourth Graders

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Dec 17, 00

Dear Mr. President,

Merry Christmas
and
Best Wishes
for a
Happy New Year

Darlan C. Afkhami

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cc: M. Cole

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President of the United States of America

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December 20, 2000

William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States of America

Dear Mr. President,

You have much to be congratulated for as you leave office after 8 of the most prosperous and productive years this nation has ever known. Personally, I'm most grateful for your heartfelt efforts to heal the racial divide in this country. As Spike Lee's producer, I can tell you that your formal apology to African Americans for the institution of slavery, struck a chord that resonated.

I also want to thank you for being the first president to consider clemency for Leonard Peltier. Having thoroughly examined Leonard's case, and been active in his support, I've learned not to underestimate the F.B.I.'s passion in denying his freedom. Has anyone seeking clemency ever had to weather an F.B.I. media campaign before? And yet, for all their power, Leonard is weathering it very well. Their anti-clemency petition has 9 thousand signatures, while Leonard's supporters have gathered 20 million signatures worldwide.

But of course, this isn't settled by a vote, and ultimately the only thing to stand by are the facts. Let me share with you two statements from Leonard's appeal in 1985, which sum up the facts of the case:

Appeals Court Judge Heaney points out the lack of evidence to the prosecution: "There is no evidence of First Degree Murder in the transcripts."

In response, prosecuting attorney, Lynn Crooks admits, "we have no idea who killed the agents, nor do we know what actual participation Peltier may have had in the shooting."

Judge Heaney did not reverse the findings of the case, he says, because he could only consider the specific evidence presented in the appeal. He states that Leonard Peltier is in jail today, based on a technicality. Judge Heaney also publicly calls for Presidential Clemency, and sites the following reasons:

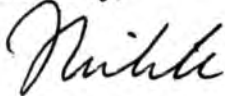
1. The U.S. Government created a war zone at Pine Ridge by overreacting during Wounded Knee II.
2. The U.S. Government escalated a "rein of terror" on Pine Ridge during the two years between Wounded Knee II and the June 26 firefight, and must share responsibility for the firefight.

3. The other two defendants in this case were found not guilty based on self-defense. Leonard, however, was wrongfully denied his right to present evidence of self-defense.
4. The F.B.I. was guilty of misconduct in investigating, extraditing and in trying Peltier's case, including the withholding of exculpatory ballistics evidence, and the intimidation of key witnesses.

In prison for a quarter century, Leonard has been the symbol of the injustice to Native Americans at the hands of our government. Your visits to Pine Ridge, and you genuine concern for Native Americans has given them real hope for change. And just as your apology to African Americans has been a foundation for healing, so too would Leonard's freedom be for our Indian community. Your grant of clemency would begin healing the wounds.

Our legal system has certainly failed Leonard Peltier, but our hearts must not. Thank you for examining the facts of this case and for changing the face of government during your administration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jon Kilik".

Jon Kilik

Howdy pal,

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This is my belated but heartfelt and enthusiastic thank-you for the really wonderful evening at the 200th Anniversary White House Dinner. Honestly, it was a thrill to be there, get some perspective via history, anecdote and presidential wisdom. You were v about ' would everytl really, *To EB for only*

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Any chance you would be willing to write a short foreword? Two paragraphs would do, and I've enclosed a rough copy of the manuscript for you to skim and decide if you have time and are willing to put your imprimatur on it. Publication is early April, so

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Today is Fri. Dec. 8, and I still, stubbornly have my Gore-Lieberman sign in the yard. It's not over at my house 'til it's over on Mass. Ave and in Austin. I still believe it should be you who brings these two lug heads together, and I still believe Gore really did win. But what does "really win" really mean? What lessons we are learning. Some kind of sausage we make here in America, huh? Next up, the Congress! Let the games begin.

I have thought so much about how you will spend the next some months and years and would happily lend a hand with any project you cook up that you think I could be some help with. I am especially good at keeping people from going crazy with self-doubt and confusion until they get some footing, so holler if you find yourself staring into space too much of the day.

There's a lot of space to stare into in Oklahoma and a lot of changes going on in my house, all of which make up my plans for the near-term. Joey (post-Lieberman advance staff) may look for a job with the 2002 Olympics, turning "political crowd-building experience" into "sports crowd-building work." Emily, as you know, is awaiting word from colleges and threatens to leave us and actually go to one of these damn colleges come fall, 2001. (When we hear from Georgetown, we'll let you know pronto and thanks, thanks to you for helping her.) David is working himself into the ground, looking for oil and now, methane gas in coal beds. Guess the Baca Ranch didn't happen for him - John Podesta told us there were scads of people interested, all of whom knew Bingaman better than David -- but maybe an opening will occur.

Empty nest in Oklahoma will not cut it for me, so I plan to ease on outta here once Emily is launched. We're going to try to rent an apt. in D.C. to spend more (as much as possible) time there beginning next fall; keep our house in Santa Fe and keep the house and business here for a while anyway. David will commute. My timing, politically and Clinton-wise is ridiculous, I know; but I love D.C. and am really enjoying the Holocaust Museum work. I can do more of that there, and bet I see you more often, too, even out of the White House. I hear your wife will be spending more time there, too.

I'm also writing (have written) a book - really, a kind of "slim volume" of about 50 of my columns, which is being published by an independent bookstore owner here. It's mostly about family and what matters most and my crazy observations; some of it's about Oklahoma politics, a little about national politics. So far, it has everything it needs except a title and a foreword. The title is my problem and I hope to have it come to me, with the muse, in the night soon!

Any chance you would be willing to write a short foreword? Two paragraphs would do, and I've enclosed a rough copy of the manuscript for you to skim and decide if you have time and are willing to put your imprimatur on it. Publication is early April, so

you would have until Feb. 1. You probably have a thousand requests like this, but none, I'll bet, as nice as mine. (Kidding, actually; just my way of letting you off the hook, if you feel overwhelmed).

My book is not going to make peace in the Middle East or begin the next new thing in technology. But it is the best of my 10+ years of writing a weekly column and making it work here for myself and my family as a liberal, feminist, Jewish activist in flat, red, dirty, conservative Oklahoma! Nor is it likely to be much, if any, of a money-maker. We'll probably market it throughout the state and maybe in a few select cities where I know people, but not widely.

I'd love your touch on it. You know me; you know this part of America. Let me know what you think.

We will spend Chanukah, Xmas and New Year in Santa Fe with family and friends, and I will be in D.C. late Jan.

How will you wind up this 8-year job? Parties? 3-day drunks? Lots of card games? Lots of running? Lessons in letting go? No tears, I hope; but drop them my way if they come.

Enjoy your beautiful daughter and your happy (I hope) wife; your faithful staff and friends; your strength, your extraordinary accomplishments, good looks, good mind, good health and the incomparable contribution you have made to all of us for all of our lives.

Miss - love you,

Tom

12/08/00

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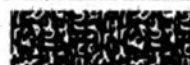
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with our deepest admiration,
appreciation and support.

Barbaree and Carl



Season's Greetings
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Barbaralee and Carl Spielvogel



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December 18, 2000

President William Jefferson Clinton
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

I have spoken to you about my friend Rachel George before, but to refresh your memory, I am sending you copies of my previous letters. Most of the relevant information is in the letter, dated October 6, 2000. I know that I am being extraordinarily persistent but I am convinced that although you are incredibly busy at this time, with the winding down of your administration, you still have the proverbial soft heart, for those in need. Can something be done for her using the fact that she has now worked for three years with the disadvantaged, under the aegis of a non-profit agency and in a purely voluntary capacity? Or, perhaps the solution comes through the Amnesty bill?

Thank you for giving this matter your consideration.. As always you remain in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely
Your Friend always,



Hezekiah D. Stewart, Jr.

PERSONAL

WATERSHED, INC.
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William Jefferson Clinton,
The President,
United States of America,
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Washington, DC 20500.



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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October 6, 2000

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 any where 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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October 6, 2000

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

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For H.D. Stewart

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1600 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Washington, DC 20500.

October 6, 2000

Dear Mr. President,

It was so good to see you in Washington, last week! I wanted to thank you for so graciously accepting the letter {regarding my friend Rachel George} personally, when I met with you. I am sure that there are many weighty matters requiring your attention at the moment but at the cost of being importunate, I would like to ask you again to please do whatever you can to facilitate this matter. I do believe that this is of the utmost urgency and I do not speak lightly when I say that, God will really be able to use her now, that He has put her through the school of "hard knocks" in the Holy Spirit. I was very glad to have an opportunity to visit with you last week and look forward to seeing you again, next week, when you come back to visit the old hunting grounds.

Thanks again, for the time you spent with Mr. James Leewitt and me.

Sincerely, Your friend always,

Hezekiah D. Stewart Jr.

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Attention: Ms Betty Cunniff

November 7, 2000

William Jefferson Clinton,

The President,
United States of America,
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Washington, DC 20500.

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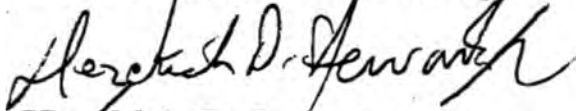
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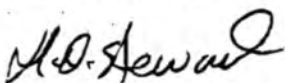
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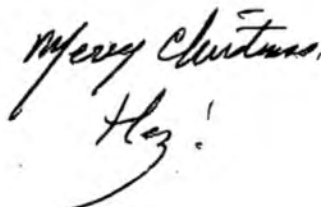
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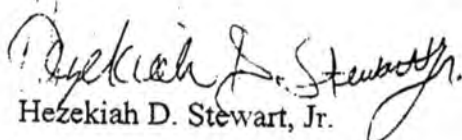
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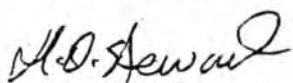
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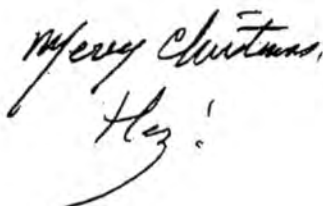
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I have spoken to you about my friend Rachel George before, but to refresh your memory, I am sending you copies of my previous letters. Most of the relevant information is in the letter, dated October 5, 2000. I know that I am being extraordinarily persistent but I am convinced that although you are incredibly busy at this time, with the winding down of your administration, you still have the proverbial soft heart, for those in need. Can something be done for her using the fact that she has now worked for three years with the disadvantaged, under the aegis of a non-profit agency and in a purely voluntary capacity,? Or, perhaps the solution comes through the Amnesty bill?

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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 re-entered 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 any where 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.

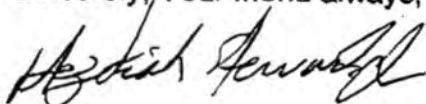
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Dear Mr. President, you have done many good things during your presidency and I want you to please do one more [good thing], before you leave office by helping my friend Rachel to become legal. Do you recall, that I told you right at the start, that 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.

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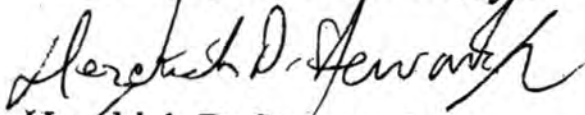
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In re: Advisory Board on Radiation and Health

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to request my appointment to the Advisory Board on Radiation and Health that was created pursuant to Executive Order on December 7, 2000. The Executive Order provides that the "Advisory Board shall consist of no more than 20 members to be appointed by the President. Members shall include affected workers and **their representatives...**" (emphasis added)

Our firm began representing individuals who were adversely impacted by the government's nuclear weapons facilities in January 1985, when we filed a class action complaint for the residents who lived in the vicinity of the Feed Materials Production Center ("FMPC") at Fernald, Ohio. That litigation resulted in a \$78 million settlement for persons living within five miles of the FMPC.

We then represented the workers at the FMPC in an employment intentional tort case, which resulted in a \$20 million settlement in July 1994 and an additional provision that provided for the independent review of FMPC workers' compensation claims before a three doctor panel. If the panel determines that the illness was caused by employment at Fernald, then the government contractor will not contest the worker's compensation claim. This review procedure has now been in place for several years and many claims have been reviewed. We believe that the current legislation is modeled, in part, on the procedure set forth in the Fernald workers' settlement, which was the first time that this procedure had ever been implemented.

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action settlement that we found to be unfair to the absent class members. The court agreed with our analysis and the class settlement was not approved. That litigation is continuing, although we have no formal role in it at this time.

We also have represented the heirs of two individual workers and one other worker who have litigated against Fernald and the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant ("Piketon"). One worker, Larry Hicks, was 33 years old when he died shortly after being exposed to uranium at Fernald. His family sought workers' compensation, which the contractor opposed. After all court proceedings were resolved, we were unable to obtain the workers' compensation for the family. In the second case, Richard McGee worked at Piketon where he developed liver disease. We litigated this employment intentional tort case for several years and ultimately obtained a settlement for the family. In the third case, the individual filed an intentional tort claim and the jury awarded \$100,000 in damages. What we learned from these cases is that a worker claiming to have suffered a radiation injury at a government-owned facility, has an almost insurmountable uphill battle due to the unlimited resources of the federal government.

During the last few years, we have undertaken the representation of a number of workers at the Brush Wellman, Inc. facilities in Ohio. Brush Wellman has provided beryllium for the nuclear weapons program for decades. These individuals have developed chronic beryllium disease as a direct result of working at these facilities. We are also representing the plaintiffs in a proposed class action to obtain medical surveillance for the contractors at the Elmore Plant, one of the Brush Wellman plants which produced beryllium for the government, who were members of the Northwestern Ohio Building and Trades Council.

We also represent residents in litigation against the DOE contractors at Piketon, Mound, Rocky Flats and Hanford. All four of these cases are several years old and none of them has a trial date.

We believe that our experience in these cases is unique. For the past fifteen years, we have committed our time and resources to helping the real victims of the cold war secure some measure of justice. I would bring an exceptional perspective to the Advisory Board because I understand both the legal and medical issues involved in these matters.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

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With sincere best wishes,



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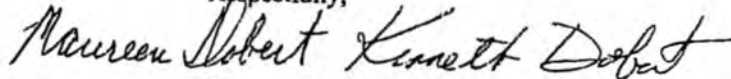
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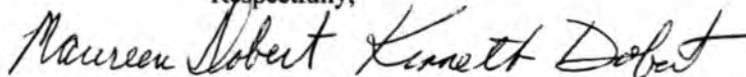
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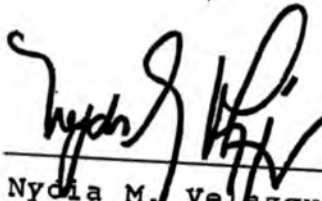
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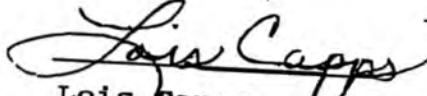
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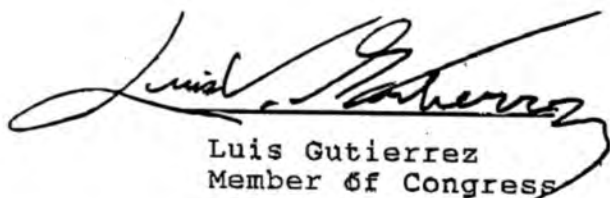

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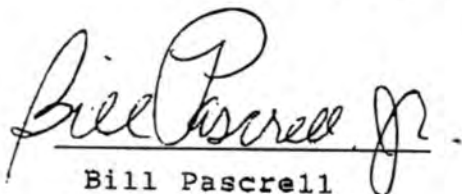
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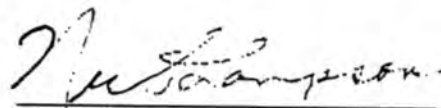
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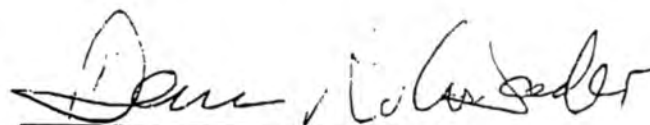
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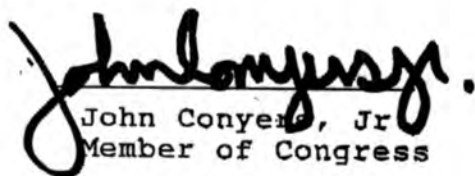
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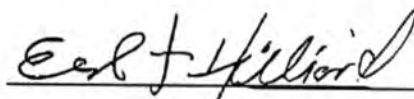
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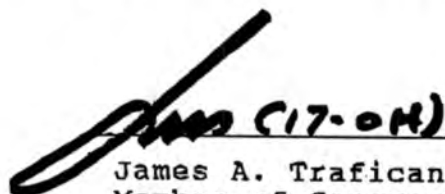
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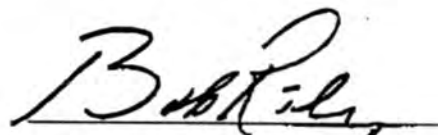
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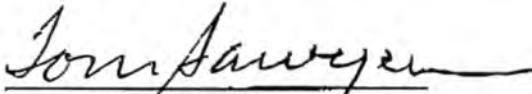
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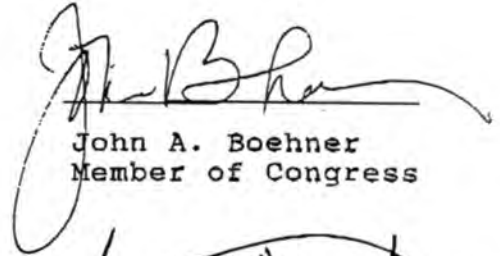
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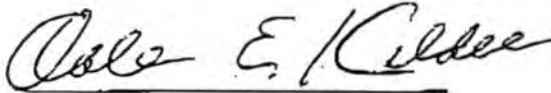
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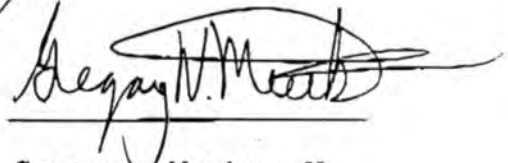
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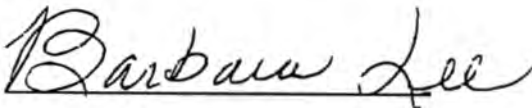
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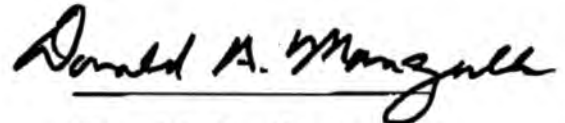
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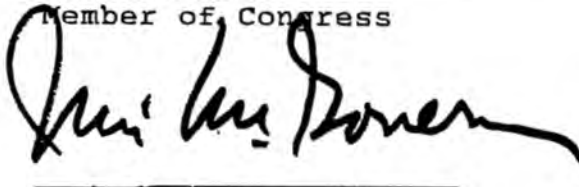
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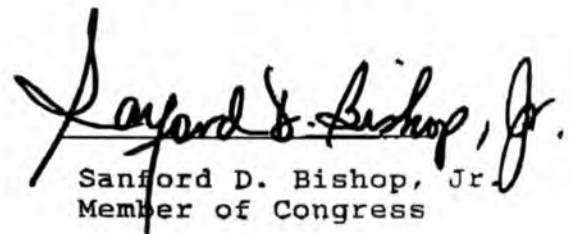
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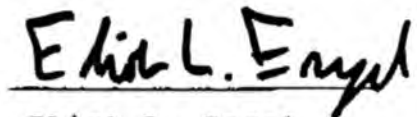
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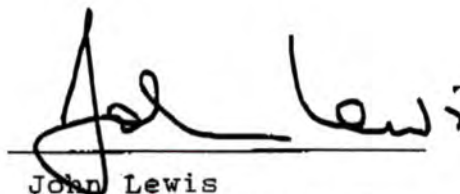
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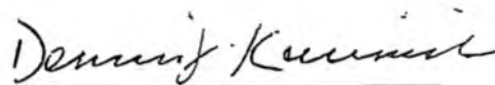
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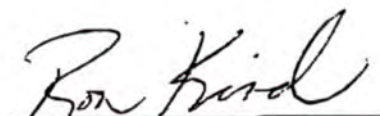
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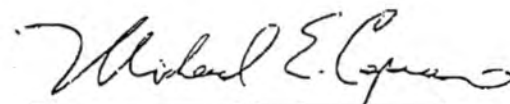
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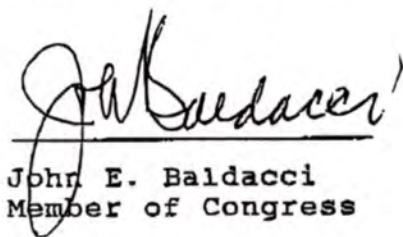
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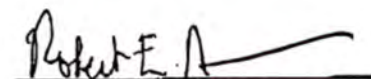
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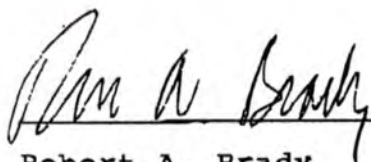
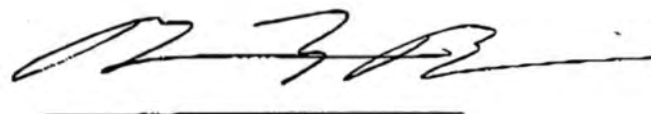
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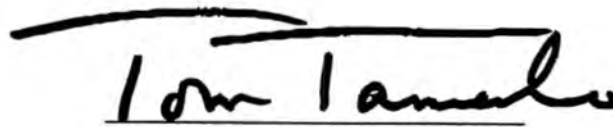
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Betty Currie
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The White House
Washington D.C.

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news report, a petition to pardon billionaire financier Michael Milken (who was convicted of massive securities fraud and who has already been released from prison) will likely be acted upon by the President even though it was filed a few months ago. If this report is true, and if Mr. Yildirim's petition fails to receive any serious consideration by the President, I would be deeply disappointed, even though I am a long-time supporter of President Clinton and the humanitarianism he has always seemed to stand for.

In any case, if you have any questions or comments regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James R. Nichols, Jr.", written in dark ink.

James R. Nichols, Jr.

Cc: Uta Schmitt
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December 19, 2000

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

After spending the day in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, I have been able to see first hand the ramifications of the ice storms, which devastated so much of South Arkansas last week.

Five of the six areas hardest hit by the ice storm are in Arkansas' Fourth Congressional District, the poorest district in the state. Today, seven days after the storm first struck, many still find themselves without electricity or heat in their homes and temperatures have remained well below freezing.

Arkansas families need your help and I urge you to act rapidly in bringing aid to South Arkansas.

Sincerely,

Mike

Mike Ross

cc: James Lee Witt, Director of FEMA

12-19-00

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Yes ☒ No ☐

Coordinate with Cabinet Affairs?
Yes ☒ No ☐

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MEMORANDUM

TO: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Capricia Penavic Marshall *CPM*

DATE: December 4, 2000

RE: *Decorations on the Oval Office Tree*

I thought you might like to know who created the paper ornaments for your tree in the Oval Office. Homeless and foster care children along with children living in government housing again constructed them. They are involved in a tutorial project with *Project Northstar* – an organization of young multi-racial community leaders from the DC Chapters of the Coalition of 100 Black Women and Concerned Black Men along with lawyers from three local law firms concerned with addressing the needs of homelessness in the community.

Project Northstar links racially diverse volunteers with Washington's homeless and formerly homeless children in one-on-one tutoring sessions, designed to promote literacy and strengthen basic academic skills to children. This worthy project serves over one hundred children between the ages of six and fifteen. The goal of *Project Northstar* is to prepare children to perform better in school by providing them with consistent educational assistance, positive role models and extracurricular activities that broaden their horizons.

Project Northstar celebrated its eleventh anniversary as one of twenty-one organizations that received the 1999 Presidents Service Awards through the Points of Light Foundation.

Sorry so late.

U.S. Protests 2 Actions by Beijing

It Cites Razing of Churches and Sentencing of Falun Gong Baker

By Philip P. Pan
Washington Post Service

BEIJING — Less than a month after China agreed to resume human rights talks with the United States, a senior U.S. diplomat on Tuesday protested two new actions by the Chinese authorities: the apparent destruction of scores of underground Christian churches in southern China just weeks before Christmas and the sentencing of a prominent Falun Gong practitioner to prison for a year.

The U.S. diplomat said the actions were "a clear violation of the 1989 U.S.-China Joint Declaration on Human Rights" and "a serious setback to the human rights dialogue between the two countries." The diplomat also said the actions were "a clear violation of the 1989 U.S.-China Joint Declaration on Human Rights" and "a serious setback to the human rights dialogue between the two countries."

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"Razing churches before Christmas?" the diplomat said. "I'm incredulous. It doesn't sound like a very good situation, and when we find out more facts, we'll try to take the appropriate action. It's certainly disappointing."

He said U.S. officials would also take up Ms. Teng's case with the Chinese government again, but noted that the chances of success were limited now because Chinese officials often say they cannot intervene after sentencing. "It doesn't look good," he said. "This isn't the result we were looking for."

On Monday, Chinese officials also confirmed that a prominent Falun Gong practitioner had been sentenced to prison for a year. The Falun Gong movement, which is active in the Xinjiang region who is serving eight years in prison for mailing Chinese newspaper articles to her husband in the United States. Both the U.S. Senate and the House had passed resolutions demanding her release.

The holiday-season crackdown on religious activity centers on the coastal city of Wenzhou. Since early November, according to articles in local state-run newspapers, more than 1,000 temples, churches and ancestral halls in the area have been shut down, demolished or converted to recreation centers.

One article said local officials destroyed a 400-square-meter (43,000-

square-foot) church with explosive charges on Dec. 1. Another newspaper published a photo of workers taking a sledgehammer to one of 16 "religious centers" in a nearby county.

China says it guarantees freedom of religion, but the government quires people to worship in one of "patriotic" or "government-recognized" churches. The country is in the midst of a crackdown on a range of underground groups that are prospering as the Communist Party's ideological appeal is undergoing rapid change.

The government has singled out Falun Gong, particularly harsh, in part because 10,000 practitioners are breathing and meditation exercises. The leadership last year had surrounded Communist Party headquarters in protest. As many as 72 adherents have died in police custody and an estimated 3,000 have been sent to labor camps.

But Falun Gong members continue to resist. At least two dozen were arrested on Sunday in Tiananmen Square after unfurling banners in protest, and in recent weeks, people have been putting up posters on lampposts and walls and distributing flyers in Beijing apartment complexes and universities to counter the government campaign to vilify their movement as an "evil cult."

The flyers represent an unusually bold challenge because many of them attack President Jiang Zemin by name, portraying him as a short-tempered "autocrat" who is pressing the campaign against the sect despite reservations among his Politburo colleagues. Informal verbal criticism of Chinese officials by name is common today, but written, public attacks on specific leaders remain taboo.

Ms. Teng is the first U.S. permanent resident to be sentenced to prison for Falun Gong activities, according to the Information Center for Human Rights and Democracy in Hong Kong. She has lived in New York for eight years, is married to an American citizen and was convicted of disclosing national security information to foreigners.

Before her arrest in March, she tipped off foreign reporters about Falun Gong protests, arranged interviews for them and gathered evidence on the detention of sect members in Chinese mental hospitals. Prosecutors charged her with e-mailing photos of members who were detained inside one Beijing hospital to reporters and providing the digital camera used to take the pictures, the center said.

China broke off bilateral human rights talks with the United States after the NATO bombing of its embassy in Yugoslavia last year. It is not expected to restart the dialogue until a new administration is in place in Washington.



Relatives of missing Lebanese and Palestinians watching a televised press conference Tuesday as Syria freed 50 Lebanese political prisoners.

Syria Frees 50 Lebanese

Political Prisoners Had Been Held in Secret

By Susan Sachs
New York Times Service

BEIRUT — After refusing for years to tell their families or their government whether they were dead or alive, Syria has freed some 50 Lebanese political prisoners in a gesture intended to placate an increasingly vocal anti-Syria movement in Lebanon.

The exact number of men released, and their identities, was not made public immediately, according to Lebanese officials who were summoned to Damascus on Monday to take custody of the prisoners.

The group arrived in two Lebanese military buses at the Ministry of Defense near Beirut late in the evening after being assembled in the Syrian capital from several jails around Syria.

Most of the released prisoners were believed to be Christians seized toward the end of the 1975-1990 Lebanese civil war, when Syrian forces crushed a Christian-led revolt and quelled other Lebanese and Palestinian political movements hostile to Damascus.

The Lebanese prosecutor, General Adnan Addoum, has said that the authorities will interview each of the released prisoners before deciding whether they can go home. Those whose alleged crimes took place before a postwar amnesty in 1992 probably will be freed, he said.

Human rights groups have put the number of Lebanese political prisoners in Syrian jails at anywhere from several hundred to several thousand. Most, they said, have never stood trial.

The Syrians have never acknowledged those reports or provided any information about their prisoners.

Pro-Syrian politicians in Beirut described the release as an act of generosity on the part of the Syrian president, Bashar Assad. Others, led by Lebanese Christian leaders who have been pleading for information about detainees in Syrian jails for years, said Mr. Assad should follow up by withdrawing the estimated 30,000 Syrian soldiers who have operated in Lebanon for 24 years.

Syria sent its troops into Lebanon during the civil war, ostensibly as a peacekeeping force. Under a 1989 Arab-brokered accord that soon ended the war, Syria was supposed to redeploy its troops to the Bekaa, and then withdraw them altogether, once the Lebanese formed a national reconciliation government.

With the country a virtual satellite of Syria, no Lebanese government since the war's end has broached the subject of a Syrian troop withdrawal.

Since Israel withdrew its forces from southern Lebanon in May, several Lebanese political leaders have called openly for a review of Syrian influence in Lebanon. The most pointed criticism has come from the patriarch of the Maronite Christians of Lebanon, Cardinal Nasrallah Pierre Sfeir. He broke a political taboo recently by demanding that Syria begin the process of leaving Lebanon by redeploying its troops to the Bekaa.

The Druze leader, Walid Jumblatt, who forged a political alliance with the Christians in parliamentary elections in October, also openly called for creating an equal partnership between Syria and Lebanon. That is tantamount, in Lebanese political parlance, to calling into question the longtime Syrian dominance of Lebanon's political, economic and diplomatic life.

BRIEFLY

Putin to Visit Cuba To Strengthen Ties

HAVANA — President Vladimir Putin of Russia will fly to Havana on Wednesday for a highly symbolic visit to Moscow's former Cold War ally, Cuba, where President Fidel Castro is defiantly maintaining communism on his island.

Mr. Putin's trip to the Caribbean nation 145 kilometers (90 miles) from the United States is intended to revive political and economic ties with Havana that disintegrated along with the Soviet Union more than a decade ago.

The visit, the first to Cuba or anywhere else in Latin America by a Russian leader in the post-Soviet era, is also seen as part of Moscow's bid to rebuild a global role, particularly in the Third World.

Russian officials have been eager, however, to counter any impression that the visit is a challenge to Washington, which maintains sanctions on Cuba. (Reuters)

Havana-U.S. Talks On Immigration

HAVANA — Cuban and U.S. officials have wrapped up immigration talks, establishing that legal migrations from Cuba to the United States now outpace the number of illegal journeys, according to William Brownfield, a State Department undersecretary who headed the U.S. delegation.

Since 1995, 133,800 Cubans have emigrated legally to the United States, he said Monday. He did not have a figure for the number of Cubans who entered the United States illegally, but both sides agreed it was significantly lower.

Ricardo Alarcon, president of Cuba's National Assembly, said that in the past five years, a "much lower" number of Cubans had reached the United States illegally than legally. (AP)

For the Record

The Ivorian Popular Front of President Laurent Gbagbo increased its lead in Ivory Coast's parliamentary election Tuesday, but the Democratic Party, the former governing party, accused it of fraud in some constituencies. Mr. Gbagbo's party had won 91 seats but not a majority. (Reuters)

U.S. Tries to Placate Americans Over World War Crimes Court

By Barbara Crossette
New York Times Service

UNITED NATIONS, New York — When the Clinton administration's special envoy on war crimes wrapped up his last negotiating session on the formation of an International Criminal Court last week, he left on the table a new proposal intended to assuage fears of Americans opposed to the court.

The envoy, David Scheffer, has been negotiating for five years to bridge a widening gap between Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, a supporter of the court, and the Pentagon and Republican congressional leaders who either reject the court on principle or want guarantees that no American will ever be tried by it.

The court would be the first permanent international tribunal set up to try individuals on charges of genocide, war crimes and other crimes against humanity. But U.S. opponents fear that Americans on duty abroad would be vulnerable to frivolous or ideologically motivated prosecutions.

believed that the safeguards against such cases already existed, because the court would reserve the rights of nations to conduct their own trials of military personnel accused of crimes abroad, as the United States does in courts-martial. But for good measure, the U.S. delegation last week proposed two tests of admissibility before a citizen of any country could be surrendered for trial.

Mr. Scheffer called his proposal, to be discussed further in February, an "insurance policy" that should calm fears by doubling a procedure already in the treaty, which was adopted in June 1998 in Rome. More than 100 nations have signed and 25 have ratified the treaty. The United States has done neither, as President Bill Clinton deferred to the Pentagon and Congress.

Mr. Scheffer said U.S. plan would provide assurances to contributors to peace and security operations "that if any of their personnel are charged with crimes, that the court will undertake a rigorous review of the admissibility of the case before any individual is in fact

NICARAGUAN TRADITION: Andres Pérez gets ready to celebrate 'La Purísima' at Yambo restaurant in downtown Miami.

BY DANIEL CHANG
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In South Florida's cultural melange, it can be hard for any subgroup to forge a strong identity.

That might explain why immigrants from Central and South America cling to custom as a way of remembering their homelands and asserting their individuality amid a patchwork of Hispanic communities.

Not surprisingly, given the region's Catholic heritage, religious celebrations are among the most venerated and widely recognized of those home-grown Latin American holidays. Few, however, are linked more closely to one country than *La Purísima*, which will be celebrated tonight by many of the tens of thousands of Nicaraguans in South Florida.

Each Dec. 7, just after sunset, Nicaraguan communities in Sweetwater, Little Havana and else-

where finish a nine-day celebration of *La Purísima* — which translates roughly to The Purest — with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Prayer, song, processions and gifts — a celebration known as *la gritería*, or the scream — mark the festive occasion.

To be sure, *La Purísima* is not the only December holiday distinct to Latin America. For instance *La Posada*, widely celebrated in Mexico and El Salvador, re-creates Joseph and Mary's trip through the Biblical Bethlehem in search of lodging for the birth of Christ.

And like *La Posada*, Nicaragua's *La Purísima* began as a religious holiday. But over time, it also became a secular celebration as well as a symbol of identity.

"It's an expression of my Nicaraguan self," said Rodrigo Espinosa, a Nicaraguan native living in Miami. "It's a cultural thing."

▶ PLEASE SEE CELEBRATION, 5E

THE PRESIDENT
12-17-00

COMMENTARY

Clinton still has time to be voice of reason for hero



LEONARD
PITTS JR.

Dear President Clinton:
I'm writing on behalf of a dead and forgotten man. A black soldier, actually. As is often the case with black soldiers, he was forced to come to grips with a hard and painful question:

Why should I believe in America when America doesn't believe in me?

Henry Johnson was a railroad porter from Albany, N.Y., joined the Army in 1917, actually shipping off to the

Great War in France as part of the 369th Infantry.

Just after midnight on May 15, 1918, Johnson and another soldier, Needham Roberts, were set upon by a force of 20-odd Germans while on duty at a listening post. Roberts was wounded and captured. But Johnson simply refused to go down.

Though wounded 21 times, he fought his way through the German squad like a fury. When his rifle jammed, he

didn't miss a beat, wielding it like a baseball bat against enemy skulls. With his knife, he disemboweled one man, stabbed another in the head. Finally the surviving Germans dropped their captive and ran. There were approximately two dozen of them, but they were outnumbered by one man — who stood about five feet, four inches and weighed maybe 130 pounds.

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FOOD

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know whether to be... them," said Calhoun, 37, who lives in Pembroke Pines.
Finally, five months after the

▶ MORE ON HEALTH, 3E

It's politics as good TV: America's watching, for once

BY STEPHEN SMITH
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America loves a good drama. Now showing: *As the Chad Turns*, an action who-won-it tailor-made for the media.

Indecision 2000 has produced record audiences for cable news channels and a bumper crop of stories on the nightly news about government and politics. In fact, a nonpartisan monitor of media determined that Brokaw, Jennings and Rather devoted more time to the election imbroglio than they

did to Lewinsky, Princess Di or JFK Jr.

So what does it all mean for the republic? Has our taste for the tabloid been supplanted by a purer palate?

"The lesson is this: Despite conventional wisdom, vote counts can be just as alluring as body counts," said Matthew Felling, an analyst with the Center for Media and Public Affairs, which performed the newscast story count. "And this year we have a story

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MEDIA MAGNET: Battery of microphones catch Vice President Gore.

DOUG MILLS/AP/WIDE

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spells or exulting in nature's fertility. The sequence of female prototypes — indigenous virgin,

struggling peasant — Reyes embodies seems to be a racial memory offered up by the old crone, that iconic figure of

at 6 p.m. Sunday at Hoyos Ayer, 2212 Southwest Eighth St., Miami; admission is \$10. Information: 305-541-2631. jlevin@herald.com



Members of the media converge at the Florida Supreme Court recently as spokesman Craig Waters makes an announcement.

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OPINION

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6 MAJOR STORIES

The early evening newscasts on ABC, CBS and NBC devoted more time to the ongoing election story during the first week after the vote than they did to other major stories of the past five years. Here's the tally for first-week coverage of six major news stories:

- ▶ Election deadlock: 183 stories
- ▶ John F. Kennedy Jr. death: 148 stories
- ▶ Oklahoma City bombing: 146 stories
- ▶ Monica Lewinsky allegations: 142
- ▶ Columbine High School shooting: 142
- ▶ Princess Diana's death: 103

Source: Center for Media and Public Affairs

Channel, for instance, recorded a 225 percent increase in prime-time ratings in November compared with the year before. CNN's ratings soared 164 percent, while MSNBC posted a 203 percent gain.

And even though the saga has drifted into its fourth week, executives at the NBC cable channel have seen little erosion in the audience as the saturation coverage continues.

"So that's telling us people are still interested," MSNBC spokesman Mark O'Connor said. "To be honest with you, this story is changing every hour, and people are glued to it."

By comparison, broadcast networks that saw viewing levels spike in the days after the election have seen ratings return to terra firma in more recent days.

VOTERS DISAPPROVE

A survey of voters by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press the week-end after the election showed no burst of affection for the media — especially not after The Flub of election night. In fact, nearly four out of 10 people questioned by Pew researchers gave the media a grade of D or F on election coverage. Their antipathy was

tions.

"When you get these very high-profile miscalls, it does fuel those doubts," Patterson said. "You can't hide from something like this. There are those big mistakes that sadly end up coloring public perceptions of the entire news system, so that it winds up dragging down the good, as well as the ones who make the mistake."

Singed by the firestorm of criticism, the television networks established internal review panels to examine why the mistakes happened and what measures should be embraced to prevent them from recurring. For example, after a preliminary review, ABC issued a laundry list of steps designed to staunch similar miscalls in the future.

The network promised never to project a winner in a state until the last scheduled poll closing time and vowed to insulate the election night soothsayers from competitive pressures.

"The first thing you can do is remove all the televisions from that room where the decision desk is so that they won't be seeing what other networks are doing," ABC News spokesman Jeffrey W. Schneider said.

With Congress promising January hearings into the elec-

CBS News President Andrew Heyward wrote in a letter to Congress. "In this case, that information was not good, and neither were we."

RETURN TO POLITICS?

During the past two decades, the daily diet of TV news has turned increasingly from the staple of government and public affairs to a regimen heavy on entertainment and disaster. While that shift has been most prominent on local newscasts, it is evident on the signature nightly newscasts of the networks, too.

That is why media analysts are not sanguine about prospects for rejuvenated coverage of public policy in the wake of the extensive — and ratings successful — coverage of the 2000 election.

"The media people will judge these stories on their own merits and not make some global decision. 'Oh, politics is back,'" said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center. "If they were making some decision about how to cover Campaign 2004, they would be guided by their gut as to what people want — because this is a once in a lifetime experience, hopefully."

KEY LESSONS

And from this experience news organizations have mined valuable lessons about how they should build their operations for the future.

While news organizations won't say how much they're spending on coverage of the post-election battle, they acknowledge that the demands of the story — particularly in the same year when the story of Elián González reached its zenith — are melting newsroom budgets.

"The most important thing to us is to get the news to the

Clinton may be last voice who could right a wrong

▶ AT LARGE, FROM 1E

The French went crazy over Johnson's act of phenomenal courage. They promptly awarded him their highest military honor, the *Croix de Guerre* with Gold Palm. But his own country — our country — awarded him nothing. Oh, he was written up in newspapers, his bravery praised by Teddy Roosevelt, but at the official level his greatness was greeted by a silence that persists to this day.

HONOR THEIR SUPPORT

Mr. President, somewhere between the Secretary of the Army and the Department of Defense is a petition that is wending its way toward your desk. It would posthumously bestow upon Johnson his nation's highest military award, the Medal of Honor. The petition is supported by a coalition of black and white businessmen, soldiers and politicians, including Democratic Sen. Charles Schumer, former Republican Sen. Alfonse D'Amato and New York Air National Guard Maj. Gen. John H. Fenimore V, who calls Johnson's actions "the clearest endorsement for a Medal of Honor that I've ever seen."

For whatever it's worth, I add my name to the list of those exhorting you to give Henry Johnson what he earned.

There is urgency here because, well . . . you won't be president much longer. And frankly, I find it hard to believe your likely successor, George W. Bush, will give a rip for some black soldier who got the shaft a lifetime ago. On the other hand, you — more than any president since Lyndon Johnson — have demonstrated empathy toward African-American passages. Your defense of affirmative action, your town hall meetings on race, your visit to Africa and your general ease with black culture have created that impression. I believe you might be willing and able to

place Johnson's valor in context, to appreciate the enduring conundrum of the African-American soldier, so often called to risk his life for rights he did not himself enjoy. So often asked to answer the unanswerable:

Why should I believe in America when America doesn't believe in me?

'ALL' NOT INCLUSIVE

The miracle, Mr. President, is that black soldiers — and black people — have always chosen to believe anyway. Not as an endorsement of what the country was, but in faith of what it could be. In the expectation that the "all" in "liberty and justice for all" would someday include them. It's an expectation that has been frequently disappointed through the years.

As you surely know, Johnson's generation returned from war to find that news of their overseas exploits did not sit well with some in this country. Many white Americans feared the French had "spoiled" Negroes with equality. The summer after the war, there were bloody race riots across the land; a number of black soldiers, some still in uniform, were murdered by mobs.

Henry Johnson went back to Albany but was unable to work because of his injuries. His wife left him and he became a drunk. In 1937 he died at about 40 years of age. Now Johnson lies in an unmarked grave somewhere in his hometown, waiting to be remembered.

I implore you to end his wait. Because, Mr. President, that question still comes to African-American soldiers. And they still answer the unanswerable with faith.

You have a chance to remind us why.

Leonard Pitts Jr.'s column runs in *Living & Arts* every Thursday and Saturday. Call him toll-free at 888-251-4407.

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Buying books online is easy

BY ASHLEY DUNN
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Buying books online is pretty much where the whole idea of e-commerce got started. Amazon.com (www.amazon.com) opened for business in 1995 and has since been joined by hundreds of new, used- and rare-book dealers. Prices are not necessarily better than bricks-and-mortar bookstores, especially when you consider the price of shipping. But the selection and convenience of buying books online cannot be beat.

Best site to shop: Amazon remains the best and most entertaining of the bunch.

Best sites to buy: Amazon, Barnes & Noble (www.barnesandnoble.com), Borders (www.borders.com) and Buy.com (www.buy.com) are all good choices. Buy.com tends to be cheaper, but the company's service has been spotty

good customer service, and its e-mail responses are generally prompt. One shortfall is the difficulty in finding its customer service telephone number.

Shipping and return policy: Shipping costs and times are similar for most of the major booksellers. As a yardstick, Barnesandnoble.com charges \$3.49 per order plus 99 cents for each book. Standard shipping takes about five to nine business days. As for returns, Amazon will give a full refund on returned items up to 30 days, even if you did not enjoy a book recommended by its website. Some sites allow returns to be made at their retail stores.

How it compares with offline: If you need a book right away, online buying is just too slow. Otherwise, it is one of the easiest and most convenient options. Do not assume that buying online is cheaper. *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 18, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BETH NOLAN
BRUCE LINDSEY
MEREDITH CABE

SUBJECT: Pardons Recommended by DOJ that Were Denied Earlier in Your Administration

Below are cases in which you have previously denied pardons, but which the Department of Justice recommended favorably. You indicated you would like to review those cases. We have identified the following as cases you may wish to reconsider. We listed these same cases in a memo we sent you last week. In this memorandum, we are submitting them to you for decision.

If you would like to grant pardons to these petitioners, we will confirm they are both still alive and still wish to be pardoned. We will then communicate your decision to the Department of Justice for those cases in which you have decided to grant a pardon and the petitioner still will accept it.

I. The following are pardon cases denied on December 21, 1998, for which the Department of Justice submitted recommendations in favor of granting pardons.

NAME/DISTRICT	OFFENSE	RATIONALE
Harlan Richard Billings D. Maine (1985) Age: 56	Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute in excess of 1,000 pounds of marijuana (agreed to serve as lookout for offloading of shipment of marijuana; withdrew his participation before any drugs arrived). Sentenced to 3 years' probation with \$200 hours of community service (terminated one year early) and fined \$5000.	Agreed to minor role in offense, which he abandoned before any illegal activity took place; offense aberration in otherwise law-abiding life; favorable character and professional references; involvement in community; seeks pardon to restore self-esteem, to acquire Coast Guard captain's license, and to restore his federal firearms privileges; demonstrates remorse and rehabilitation; U.S. Attorney and sentencing judge recommend pardon.

William Robert Carpenter N.D. California (1991) Age: 40	Possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, distribution of marijuana and aiding and abetting (helped several individuals offload a shipment of marijuana from a boat in return for \$5,000). Sentenced to one year's probation.	Relatively minor role in offense, committed when young (24); petitioner has since overcome drug and alcohol addiction; favorable character and employment references; seeks pardon to become correctional officer; cooperated with the prosecution of wider conspiracy; U.S. Attorney recommends pardon.
Rickey Lee Cunningham S.D. Texas (1973) Age: 46	Possession with intent to distribute marijuana (stopped at U.S. and Mexico border with 18 pounds of marijuana). Sentenced to 5 years' probation (under Youth Corrections Act).	Remoteness of offense, committed when young (20); since offense has led law-abiding, productive life, remaining steadily employed; leadership in his labor union; favorable employment and character references; requests pardon to enhance employment opportunities.
Peter Welling Dionis N.D. New York (1976) Age: 49	Conspiracy to import, importation, and possession with intent to distribute controlled substances (conspired to import 38 pounds of hashish from Canada to U.S.; succeeded in importing 20 pounds). Sentenced to two years' imprisonment and two years' special parole.	Remoteness of offense, which has been aberration in otherwise law-abiding life; favorable character and employment references; involvement in church and community; honorable service in Marine Corps in Vietnam; expresses sincere remorse; recommendation of U.S. Probation Officer.

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Joe Robert Grist W.D. Texas (1990) Age: 33	Misapplication of funds by a bank employee (as a 23-year-old teller, on four separate occasions embezzled a total of \$11,700 from his cash drawer). Sentenced to five years' probation (terminated early).	Involved in church and community; since offense has been treated for alcohol and drug addiction and has become licensed chemical dependency counselor; has received bachelor's degree and has continued education; favorable character references; seeks pardon to obtain social work license; sentencing judge, probation officer recommend pardon; U.S. Attorney does not object.
Leroy Kenneth Hartung, Jr. D. Nevada (1986) Age: 48	Unlawful interception of wire communications (as DEA agent, illegally recorded conversations of suspected cocaine distributor).	Since offense, has led law-abiding, productive life; involved in church and community; favorable character and employment references; seeks pardon to enhance employment opportunities, to remove stigma of conviction, to remove federal firearms disabilities, and for family's sake; sentencing judge, U.S. Attorney do not object; probation officer recommends pardon.
Robert Quinn Houston S.D. Mississippi (1986) Age: 51	Conspiracy to obstruct commerce by extortion (on behalf of a Mississippi State Senator, sought payments to secure Senator's support of pending legislation that would legalize pari-mutuel betting on horse racing). Sentenced to five years' probation (terminated early), 416 hours of community service, and fined \$10,000.	Cooperated extensively with investigation; offense an aberration in otherwise law-abiding, productive life; extensive involvement in community; very favorable character references; seeks pardon to restore his civil rights, for his family's sake, and to facilitate international travel in connection with his business; probation officer, criminal division chief of U.S. Attorney's Office recommend pardon; sentencing judge does not object.

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Michael Thomas Johnson S.D. Mississippi (1987) Age: 47	Filing false income tax returns (as a veterinarian in his early thirties, underreported his income by \$111,000, resulting in nonpayment of approx. \$22,000 in taxes). Sentenced to three years' probation (terminated early) and 360 hours of community service.	Involvement in church and community; very favorable character and professional references; IRS reports petitioner has satisfied his tax obligation for years of offense, as well as penalties and interest; shows sincere remorse; probation officer recommends pardon; U.S. Attorney, sentencing judge do not object.
Richard Tabor Johnson E.D. Virginia (1983) Age: 67	Conspiracy to defraud the U.S. (as an authorized vendor to the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, billed the shipyard approx. \$1,842 for products that he never delivered, and then provided free products from his store to shipyard employees). Sentenced to 60 days in jail, three years' probation, and fined \$5,000.	Cooperated immediately when discovered; offense involved relatively minor sum and is an isolated event in otherwise law-abiding life; involvement in community; very favorable character and professional references; honorable service in Navy; probation officer recommends pardon; sentencing judge does not object.
Daniel Wayne Keys S.D. Texas (1977) Age: 43	Possession with intent to distribute marijuana (stopped at Mexican border with 132 pounds of marijuana in his van). Sentenced to two years' imprisonment and three years' parole.	Remoteness of offense, committed at age 21; favorable character and employment references; seeks pardon to remove his federal firearms disabilities and to facilitate travel abroad; honorable service in Army; probation officer recommends pardon, U.S. Attorney does not object.
Jack Kligman E.D. Pennsylvania (1985) Age: 65	Conspiracy to defraud the U.S. and mail fraud (provided confidential contract pricing information on government contracts to a bidder in exchange for payment). Sentenced to five years' probation (with psychological counseling and 200 hours community service) and fined \$11,000.	Petitioner voluntarily ceased his criminal activity prior to the commencement of the government investigation; offense an aberration in otherwise law-abiding life; favorable character and professional references; seeks pardon to restore his civil rights, to remove stigma of conviction, and to enhance employment opportunities; sincerely remorseful.

Hector Osvaldo Labagnara D. New Jersey (1976) Age: 61	Conspiracy to transport stolen motor vehicles in interstate commerce, receipt and sale of stolen motor vehicles, and transport and disposition of falsely made vehicle registrations (sold stolen cars that had been delivered to petitioner's restaurant, receiving \$200 per car). Sentenced to three months' imprisonment and five years' probation.	Isolated offense in otherwise law-abiding life; relatively minor role in conspiracy; remoteness of offense; favorable character and professional references, community involvement; seeks pardon to ease the stigma of conviction and for family's sake; expresses remorse; U.S. Attorney does not object; probation officer highly recommends.
Leon Lee Liebscher W.D. Oklahoma (1982) Age: 66	Conspiracy to defraud the U.S. (tax evasion) (as an elected county commissioner, accepted \$30,183 in cash kickbacks he failed to report as income on his tax returns). Sentenced to two years' imprisonment and fined \$5,000.	Remoteness of offense; involvement in community and church; very favorable character and professional references; honorable service in Army; expresses genuine remorse; seeks pardon to restore his civil rights, for his family's sake, and to restore his right to carry a firearm; probation officer, sentencing judge recommend pardon.
Pierluigi Mancini N.D. Georgia (1985) Age: 37	Possession of cocaine with intent to distribute (arrested in possession of 577 grams of cocaine at the Atlanta International Airport). Sentenced to five years' probation with 500 hours community service and fined \$6,000 (as reduced).	Extensive involvement in community including volunteering for rehab center and substance abuse prevention and recovery groups; has since recovered from drug addiction, which motivated offense; academic advancement since conviction; very favorable character and professional references; seeks pardon as a sign of forgiveness and to facilitate international travel; probation officer, Prosecuting Asst. U.S. Attorney recommend pardon; U.S. Attorney, sentencing judge do not object.

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 Edward Francis McKenna III S.D. Mississippi (1993) Age: 33	Possession with intent to distribute anabolic steroids (purchased Sustanon 250 from an undercover agent on behalf of co-worker). Sentenced to one year's probation and fined \$750.	Isolated offense in otherwise law-abiding life; seeks pardon to enable him to remain enlisted in the Army National Guard and be reinstated to his civil service position in the Mississippi Army National Guard; favorable character and professional references; U.S. Attorney, sentencing judge recommend pardon.
 Andrew Kirkpatrick Mearns, III D. Delaware (1978) Age: 45	Possession of cocaine with intent to distribute and distribution of cocaine (served as an intermediary in the sale of cocaine; arrested in possession of 7 oz.). Sentenced to six months in jail.	Cooperated immediately when discovered; very involved in community; favorable character and employment references; seeks pardon to restore his self-esteem, for his children's sake, and as a sign of forgiveness; co-defendant pardoned in March, 2000; sentencing judge recommends pardon.
 Philip James Morin W.D. Texas (1984) Age: 53	Distribution of cocaine (on three occasions, sold a total of approx. five and one-third ounces of cocaine to undercover law enforcement agents for \$12,700). Sentenced to six years in jail (as reduced) and four years' special parole (terminated early).	Involvement in community activities; very favorable character and professional references; honorable service in Army; seeks pardon to enhance employment opportunities, to remove stigma of conviction, and as a sign of forgiveness; expresses sincere remorse; sentencing judge recommends pardon; U.S. Attorney does not object.
 Daryl Edward Nelson D. Minnesota (1974) Age: 56	Possession of an unregistered firearm (possession of a .22 Armalite rifle he had purchased from a friend for \$50, but had not registered as required by law). Sentenced to one year's probation.	Remoteness and minor nature of offense; after several youthful offenses (none since this offense), has led law-abiding life; favorable character and professional references; seeks pardon to restore peace of mind, in recognition of his rehabilitation, and to facilitate starting locksmith business; U.S. Attorney does not object.

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 Roger Lee Nelson D. Nebraska (1981) Age: 50	Mail fraud (submitted a false proof-of-loss insurance claim after he deliberately set fire to his own home). Sentenced to two year's probation (terminated early).	Remoteness of offense; offense isolated incident in otherwise law-abiding life; involvement in community; seeks pardon to restore firearms rights; honorable service in Air Force; expresses remorse; probation officer, U.S. Attorney do not object.
 John Russell Raup U.S. Air Force (1984) Age: 37	Larceny of government property (stole a variety of items from an FB-111 aircraft) and wrongful possession of marijuana. Sentenced to two years' confinement, forfeiture of pay of \$300/month for 24 months, reduction in grade, and bad-conduct discharge.	Since offense has led law-abiding, productive life; expresses remorse and believes conviction "redirected" his life; involvement in community; favorable character and professional references; seeks pardon for forgiveness, to restore civil rights, and to remove the stigma of conviction.
 Lloyd Edward Rickey N.D. Indiana (1983) Age: 59	Interstate transportation of a stolen motor vehicle (two counts) (stole tow cars and drove them across state lines). Sentenced to four years' imprisonment and five years' probation.	Remoteness of offense which appears to be isolated event in otherwise law-abiding life; favorable character and professional references; seeks pardon as a sign of forgiveness and to enhance employment opportunities; expresses remorse; probation officer recommends pardon; U.S. Attorney does not object.

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Stanley Sirote E.D. New York (1974) Age: 65	Bribery of a public official (as the owner and president of a mortgage company, paid more than \$55,000 in bribes to several employees of the Hempstead, New York office of the Federal Housing Administration for the purpose of obtaining and expediting mortgage insurance on mortgages issued and sold by his company). Sentenced to three years' probation and fined \$40,000.	Voluntarily came forward and cooperated with investigation; active contributor to charitable organizations; very favorable character and professional references; seeks pardon to restore his civil rights and to clear his name for his family's sake; probation officer recommends pardon; U.S. Attorney does not object.
Dent Elwood Snider, Jr. D. Colorado (1981) Age: 53	Using a telephone to facilitate the distribution of cocaine (discussed sale of cocaine on telephone and then sold cocaine to undercover agent.) Sentenced to three years' probation (terminated early) with condition of mental health/alcohol treatment counseling.	Remoteness of offense; favorable character and professional references; seeks pardon to enhance employment opportunities; has overcome a long-standing drug and alcohol abuse problem; U.S. Attorney recommends pardon; sentencing judge does not object.
Stephanie Marie Vetter D. New Mexico (1979) Age: 44	Possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine (sold 12 grams of amphetamine for \$600 and 1.6 grams of methamphetamine for \$100 to undercover DEA agents and 286 morphine sulfate tablets to an undercover state narcotics officer for \$5,000). Sentenced to five years' probation.	Remote and isolated offense (committed at age 22) in otherwise law-abiding life; very favorable character and professional references; expresses genuine remorse and seeks pardon as a sign of forgiveness; probation officer, U.S. Attorney do not object to pardon.

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Michael Lynn Weatherford E.D. North Carolina (1986) Age: 38	Interstate travel in aid of racketeering and aiding and abetting (picked up a bag containing \$30,000 and two pistols for a neighbor and drove neighbor from South Carolina to North Carolina). Sentenced to two years' supervised probation.	Relatively minor role in larger offense; offense appears a youthful mistake (committed at 23) in otherwise law-abiding life; involvement in community and charitable activities; seeks pardon as a sign of forgiveness; probation officer recommends pardon.
Charles Elvin Witherspoon E.D. Texas (1977) Age: 50	Embezzlement of bank funds (as a cashier and auditor for a bank, embezzled \$141,500 over an 18- month period). Sentenced to 10 months' imprisonment (as reduced).	Remoteness of offense; made full restitution to bank; favorable character and professional references; seeks pardon as a sign of forgiveness, for his family's sake, to enhance employment opportunities, and to remove firearms disabilities; former U.S. Attorney recommended pardon in 1991, and sentencing judge concurred; current U.S. Attorney does not object.
Charles Z. Yonce, Jr. D. South Carolina (1988) Age: 50	Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine and aiding and abetting (bought cocaine for personal use and sold 7 grams to friends). Sentenced to 6 months' imprisonment followed by 5 years' probation (as reduced).	Cooperated fully when contacted by FBI; relatively minor role in conspiracy; has since overcome drug addiction that motivated offense; involvement in community; favorable character and professional references; expresses remorse; seeks pardon to restore his civil rights, for forgiveness, to remove his federal firearms disabilities, and for family's sake; probation officer, U.S. Attorney, prosecuting attorney, and sentencing judge all recommend pardon.

- II. The three cases in this group were also ones in which DOJ recommended pardon. These were denied on December 23, 1997.

<u>NAME/DISTRICT</u>	<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>RATIONALE</u>
 Alberto Britton S.D. Florida (1987) Age: 32	Possession with intent to distribute cocaine (at the age of 20, worked as a courier for a drug smuggling organization). Sentenced to time served (about five months in jail) and five years' probation (terminated early).	Offense an aberration, committed as youth, in otherwise law-abiding life; cooperated with authorities, despite death threats, providing substantial assistance in large drug investigation; favorable character and professional recommendations; seeks pardon to help him become a U.S. citizen (believes his life would be in jeopardy if he is deported to Colombia); DEA special agent recommends pardon, sentencing judge has no objection.
 Darrin Dean Dorn S.D. Iowa (1981) Age: 37	Conspiracy to destroy by means of explosives a building used in interstate commerce (as part of a late-night prank, ignited a homemade pipe bomb at the front door of the city hall). Sentenced to six months in jail, three years' probation, and ordered to pay \$109 restitution.	Relatively minor nature of offense, attributable to teenage immaturity; very favorable character and professional recommendations; expresses genuine remorse; commendable service in U.S. Army; seeks pardon to facilitate employment as a commercial airline pilot; U.S. Attorney, sentencing judge recommend pardon.
 Irma Ann Hendrix S.D. California (1976) Age: 48	Conspiracy to distribute and dispense heroin (introduced undercover agents to her source of heroin, who offered to sell agents 1lb. of heroin for \$17,600). Sentenced to four months in jail, three years' probation, and three years' special parole.	Has since overcome drug abuse problem which motivated offense; involved in community; expresses sincere remorse; very favorable character and professional recommendations; seeks pardon to obtain teaching certificate; U.S. Attorney recommends pardon.

- III. In the four cases listed below, the Pardon Attorney submitted recommendations in favor of granting pardons, but noted the Deputy Attorney General did not concur. The petitions for Andrews and Hardiman were denied on July 17, 1996; the petition for Nash was denied on December 23, 1997; and the petition for Murphy was denied on December 21, 1998.

<u>NAME/DISTRICT</u>	<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>RATIONALE</u>
 Michael Robert Andrews D. Colorado (1977) Age: 53	Aiding and abetting the distribution of cocaine (with another person, sold four ounces of cocaine for \$7,000 to an undercover DEA agent). Sentenced to three years' imprisonment (reduced to confinement for 67 days and 4.5 years' probation with the special condition that he perform voluntary service for the National Park Service two days per month for 1 year) and three years' special parole.	Remoteness of offense; has overcome drug abuse problem which motivated offense; has become a law-abiding and productive citizen, earning both undergraduate and masters degrees; involved in community; favorable character and professional recommendations; U.S. Attorney supports pardon.
 Michael Joseph Hardiman S.D. California (1975) Age: 53	Possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute (participated in a conspiracy to smuggle 681 pounds of marijuana into the United States from Mexico). Sentenced to two years' imprisonment and three years' special parole.	Remoteness of offense; petitioner played relatively minor role in smuggling scheme; involved in community; favorable character and professional recommendations; seeks pardon to obtain permanent teaching position; probation officer recommends pardon; sentencing judge does not object.
 John Edward Murphy N.D. California (1962) Age: 64	Forging a U.S. Treasury check (\$78.00). Sentenced to three years' probation and ordered to pay \$78 in restitution.	Remoteness and minor nature of offense; despite troubled youth, petitioner has led law-abiding life for 29 years; involvement in community and church; very favorable character and professional references; pardon would enhance qualifications for a bartender's license.

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Thomas Edward Nash, Jr. W.D. North Carolina (1988) Age: 58 <i>OK</i>	Conspiracy to restrain interstate trade and commerce in violation of the Sherman Act (while employed at Coca-Cola Bottling Co., engaged in conspiracy to suppress and eliminate competition in the soft drink distribution industry by fixing the wholesale and discount prices of soft drinks in North and South Carolina). Sentenced to three years' probation (terminated early) and fined \$100,000.	Upon learning of government investigation, voluntarily ceased activity and approached authorities with offer of cooperation; involved in community, including substantial financial contributions to charities; expresses sincere remorse; favorable character and professional recommendations; seeks pardon out of concern his conviction is a source of embarrassment to charities he is involved with, and because he and his grown children have experienced difficulty obtaining loans; probation officer recommends pardon, sentencing judge has no objection.
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December 18, 2000

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They are, and I am,**International Criminal**

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himself and Nelson Mandela, that you sign the agreement for the International Criminal
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As you know, the US is on an extremely short list of seven countries, including Iraq,
Libya, and China, in not supporting the court. The fact is the U.S. delegation to the ICC
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Your signature will not make the United States a party to the treaty; Senate ratification
will still be required. But your support would be an important signal. Or shall I say, your
not signing would be an even stronger one. The deadline is December 31st. If you do not
sign, the US will have no voice in the discussion of the details of the development of the
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Dear Mr. President,

Greetings at this holiday time. I'm sorry I will miss your White House dinner. I will be in Belgrade, leading a meeting of 70 politically active women from all over Yugoslavia—their first time to gather in nine years. Many of these women were integral to the campaign to overthrow Milosevic. You are the reason they can meet. They are, and I am, deeply grateful.

International Criminal Court

En route, I stopped in Bonn for a meeting on ethnic conflict. There I had long talks with Justice Richard Goldstone of the South African Constitutional Court, whom you know well from The Hague Tribunal. I am passing on to you his strong urging, on behalf of himself and Nelson Mandela, that you sign the agreement for the International Criminal Court. The *New York Times*, as you're no doubt aware, ran a strong editorial this past week, urging the same. The *Times* calls the Pentagon's resistance to the court "misplaced," and says there are ample protections to ensure that those accused of genocide, crimes against humanity, or war crimes will come before the court only if national governments are unable or unwilling to bring them to justice. Surely that is adequate security for innocent American soldiers.

As you know, the US is on an extremely short list of seven countries, including Iraq, Libya, and China, in not supporting the court. The fact is the U.S. delegation to the ICC talks has achieved an impressive array of safeguards for the U.S. in the treaty regime. Your signature will not make the United States a party to the treaty; Senate ratification will still be required. But your support would be an important signal. Or shall I say, your not signing would be an even stronger one. The deadline is December 31st. If you do not sign, the US will have no voice in the discussion of the details of the development of the court. More important, our role as a champion of human rights will be seriously undermined. This gesture will be antithetical to your values and your policies of the past eight years.

Indicted War Criminals in Bosnia

On a second subject, Justice Goldstone and I also spoke of Karadzic, against whom Goldstone issued the indictment for war crimes. I urge you once again to act decisively to bring about his arrest. I am in Bosnia as I send this. Tonight I had dinner with one of the highest officials in the Bosnian government. He told me Karadzic's whereabouts are commonly known. He lives within a few miles of Sarajevo. How long would bodyguards hold out against a ring of NATO troops? Are we really saying NATO does not have the wherewithal, with tens of thousands of troops, to pick up the most infamous indicted war criminal, who is still the heart and soul of the nationalist Serb political party?

I asked my Bosnian official friend why Karadzic is still on the loose. He said he understands it is because of your choice. I don't believe that. That is not what you said to me when we spoke of this earlier in the year.

Mr. President, I have little to lose, and I will be even more straightforward than in the past. In the course of my four years in your administration from 1993-1997, I made a dozen trips to the Pentagon and CIA, many times meeting with officials at the highest levels, but also receiving briefings from those several layers down who were preparing the reports that circulated throughout your foreign policy/military/intelligence circles. I also received many visitors in Vienna from those two organizations. I had numerous opportunities to compare their information with that of the State Department, and with reports I gathered from people on the ground on a score of trips to the Balkans.

In short, while leaders within these organizations are talented, loyal, and generally well-intended, I have seen you often very poorly served by advisors whose first priority is not the implementation of your intent, but their own agendas, particularly risk aversion. As a result, I have seen the State Department repeatedly stymied in attempts to stabilize the Balkans. It may be helpful if I am more concrete. Here are a few examples:

- In December of 1995 I was in Sarajevo for a week, just after the Dayton accords were signed in Paris. According to his political advisor, the US admiral who set our original post-war course in Bosnia said upon arriving in Sarajevo that if General Mladic walked into a café in which he was sitting, he would walk out the back door; apprehension of indicted war criminals was not in the US military mandate.
- On subsequent trips, I was told personally by US generals in Bosnia that our troops would not go after indicted war criminals because we must be "even handed," and the number of Serbs in the Hague is already too large.
- The NATO Commander (obviously not Wes) assigned accountability for inaction on indicted war criminals to not having a signal from you. To quote him verbatim, "We could pick them up any time, but there's not the political will in the Oval Office."

- The week before the massacre of Srebrenica, the highest ranking Air Force commander in Europe told me I should be spending more time with Serbs, and that I didn't understand how badly they'd been treated.
- I listened to a briefing by his intelligence team, who warned of "Muslim extremists"—specifically people I had known personally for several years, whom I knew to be loyal to multi-party and multi-cultural ideals.
- In 1998, I listened to our former CIA director advocate forcefully at a private dinner party, after leaving his post at Langley, that partition of Bosnia on ethnic lines is the only lasting solution for that country.
- Former high-level Pentagon officials now at Harvard have told me directly that "force protection" was the dominant concern for US troops in Bosnia. I believe that bias explains why our troops in Bosnia were given very narrow mandates that prevented them from doing the job that needed to be done. British troops, on the other hand, have had much broader latitude, and their activity has resulted in significantly higher return of refugees in their sector. I was told this summer by former OSCE staff that the US attempted to quash a report documenting this discrepancy.
- This evening I was shown recent snapshots of three indicted war criminals in the town of Prijedor, site of some of the worst atrocities of the war, now in Republika Srpska. The photographer was a woman I know well, an NGO leader of high repute, who escaped from the infamous Omarska concentration camp near Prijedor during the war. These three men are well-known and active in the community.

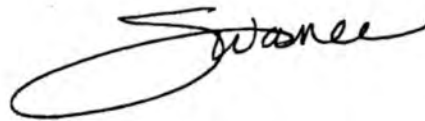
I give you these concrete, first-hand accounts not to frustrate you, but to stress that the reports you receive now about the impossibility of apprehending Karadzic and others may not be accurate. I believe you could turn that situation around, if your deputies got the signal that this is a high priority. Time is of the essence. I share others' concerns that your commitment to stability in this region will not be reflected in U.S. policies after January. After all, Senator Hutchison (with whom I met when she accompanied General Clark to Bosnia) has long been advocating the withdrawal of US troops from Bosnia. There is every reason to think she will have the ear of her former governor, the next president.

The notion that Karadzic will remain free because he is in the French sector is an egregious miscarriage of justice, and the blind eye we turn to the man who orchestrated the deaths of 250,000 and displacement of two million is a shame. Please, Mr. President, push through the resistance to make this critical gesture on behalf of global human rights. I am, after all, not asking for a change in policy, but rather the fulfillment of your past clear commitment to these values. After the huge investment you've made in the Balkans, you deserve to have Karadzic delivered to the court during your tenure.

As for General Mladic, his being in Serbia (writing his memoirs, I'm told) complicates the situation for now. But for Karadzic, there is simply no excuse. In 1996, I wrote you a letter after making several trips to the area. I urged two actions: help elevate the voice of women, and pick up the indicted war criminals. We have all worked together well on the first. At the G-7 in Lyons, you announced the Bosnian Women's Initiative, which has funded hundreds of economic development projects in the area. I have led three large conferences on women in politics: in Sarajevo (with 40% attendance from Republika Srpska), Kosovo (this past September), and now Belgrade (this coming week). Women have been guaranteed one in three places on the party lists in Bosnia, Kosovo, and their numbers have increased tenfold.

But on war crimes, our relative inaction has led to stymied refugee returns, unhealthy political structures, economic stagnation, flourishing corruption, and continued bloodshed. We can do much, much better. Our current American Ambassador told me today that picking up Karadzic is his highest priority, not for reasons of justice, but because we will not see political stability in the region while he remains at large and pulling the strings. I know that your war crimes ambassador, David Scheffer, has worked hard to achieve this since Karadzic was first indicted in 1995. In short, we need to finish the job in the Balkans. Leading the charge on a final round up of the indicted war criminals in Bosnia would have ripple effects at the municipal level, where the society either does or does not knit together, but also around the globe, where terror mongers take their cue by what they think they can get away with.

You have been extremely patient with me over the past eight years, as I've pounded away on these matters. Thank you for listening in the past, and again now. Meanwhile, as always, you know that I remain your devoted friend and ally.



Swanee

P.S. In Belgrade, Charles will be conducting a Beethoven 9th, with two Russian and two American soloists. As you know, the 9th has a particular theme of reconciliation: Beethoven included a Turkish march in the middle of the Schiller ode in the last movement proclaiming "All men shall be brothers." To introduce an Ottoman theme to a Hapsburg was undoubtedly bolder than anything being proposed in this letter!

Ambassador Swanee Hunt

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RE: letter to the President that we spoke about yesterday

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THANK YOU!

Thank you SO much!
Happy Holidays!!



12-19-00

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Honorable William Jefferson Clinton.
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue

12-19-00
To Cohen for
Reply
cc: Peter O'Keefe

Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
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Washington D.C

Dear President Clinton,

It is an honor for me to be in your presence with your family. Thank you for the excellent job you have done running our country. I am now about to graduate 8th grade at Incarnate Word Academy, which is located in Parma Heights, Ohio. I plan to attend St. Ignatius High School and want to look into attending college after. I want to wish your family my blessings so they will have good health and prosperity in the upcoming years. I would like to donate \$10 as a Christmas gift to your presidential library, which I have earned through my paper route. Hopefully, I will be able to visit it sometime. Have a safe and happy holiday.

\$ 10



Sincerely,
Mike Mitchell
Mike Mitchell
6874 Maplewood Rd,
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P.S.- I would like to congratulate Mrs. Clinton for her achievement in being, the first women elected.

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To Eugene
for Reply?

12-19-00

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Do try to turn

MEMORANDUM

TO: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: Capricia Penavic Marshall *CPM*
DATE: December 4, 2000
RE: *Decorations on the Oval Office Tree*

I thought you might like to know who created the paper ornaments for your tree in the Oval Office. Homeless and foster care children along with children living in government housing again constructed them. They are involved in a tutorial project with *Project Northstar* – an organization of young multi-racial community leaders from the DC Chapters of the Coalition of 100 Black Women and Concerned Black Men along with lawyers from three local law firms concerned with addressing the needs of homelessness in the community.

Project Northstar links racially diverse volunteers with Washington's homeless and formerly homeless children in one-on-one tutoring sessions, designed to promote literacy and strengthen basic academic skills to children. This worthy project serves over one hundred children between the ages of six and fifteen. The goal of *Project Northstar* is to prepare children to perform better in school by providing them with consistent educational assistance, positive role models and extracurricular activities that broaden their horizons.

Project Northstar celebrated its eleventh anniversary as one of twenty-one organizations that received the 1999 Presidents Service Awards through the Points of Light Foundation.

Sorry so late.



Douglas J. Band

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can we get a ty for these guys? long story but they are the ones who at the last minute pulled everything together at chequers in london to have all of the info for the pres to write his speech all night last week.

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Doug,

Thanks a million for the accolades. The troops really do feel great about themselves when they know that what they're doing in high-vis places at austere times is appreciated. Certainly, this was the case.

Scott was the focal point but as you know the audiovisual technician is always key. I have taken the liberty to include his name as well. The address provided is the Commander's. She will be thrilled knowing and presenting kudos to her troops on behalf of the staff and President.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Very Respectfully,
Win Rawls

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C/O Commander
White House Communications Agency
Naval District Washington

12-19-00

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Yes ☒ No ☐

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pls send me scott's last name who did the site at chequers and an address
for hi - he and his team did a magnificent job that evening as i/the
president taxed them quite heavily.



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December 18, 2000

Mr. William J. Clinton, President
United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20001
ATTN: Mr. Justin Coopler & Ms. Betty Curry, President's Personal Secretary

Dear President Clinton:

Season Greeting!

My name is Josephine Wade I'm a friend of John Stroger and Rodney Slater.

On Thursday December 14, 2000 approximately 6:45 p.m. I spoke to Justin Coppler he directed me to send you an updated letter regarding the brochure We Women Empowered which is attached. This letter is in regards to Revs. Claude and Addie Wyatt. Rev. Addie Wyatt is a heroin in the city of Chicago, she played such a major role in labor throughout the civil rights days. It would be remissed if you left Washington and did not honor her at the White House. Jan Schakowsky, Richard Durbin, Jessie Jackson, Jr. and Bobby Rush we have their support in honoring her, along with President Stroger.

Rev. Addie Wyatt is the first African American to be on the cover of Times Magazine.

On December 6, 2000 a certified package was mailed to you concerning this matter and can be found in your mailroom. It has been my pleasure to meet the 1st Lady on several occasions with Carolyn Mosley Braun. I'm asking to be placed on the mailing list to attend one of your last functions before leaving the White House.

I Look forward to hearing from you soon. My spirit will be broken if I do not hear from you.

Your Sister,

Josephine Wade
Josephine Wade

12-19-00

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*Committed to Inform,
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In the Beginning . . .

In March, 1999, a group of women from the Chicago area toured the White House in Washington, DC, and to their discovery and disappointment found that out of a number of portraits on display, there was not a single portrait of an African American. African Americans have made numerous and significant contributions to the growth, development and maintenance of this country -- and to find out that they are consistently overlooked, down-played and left out, is unconscionable.

With this realization, these women vowed that upon their return home to Chicago, they would organize and recommend that a fair and proportionate amount of representation of African American images should be on permanent display in the public areas of White House.

Therefore, the call was made for women everywhere to join them in an effort to ensure that all Americans will receive equality and justice -- civically, politically, socially, economically and culturally. Thus, Women Empowered was born -- women who are on the move to make things happen -- women who will get behind issues that affect individuals and our communities.

Women Empowered (WE)

... is an organization of concerned women of all ages, backgrounds, social and economic status. The membership is composed of mothers, homemakers, administrators, educators, professionals, entrepreneurs and entertainers.

Women Empowered (WE)

... is an organization of humanitarians who are dedicated to inform, educate and assist individuals and communities. Our membership boasts of a circle of women committed to civic, social, political, cultural and economic justice and equality for all people.

Women Empowered (WE)

... is an organization that acknowledges the need to build and maintain strong allegiance with all political, social and religious groups.

Women Empowered (WE)

... welcomes the support of any individual, group, foundation or organization that embraces our mission, our goals and our efforts.

• Mission Statement •

Women Empowered (WE)

... is a community activist non-profit organization of inspired women dedicated to ensure that justice and equality prevails for all Americans -- civically, socially, politically, culturally and economically.

• Purpose •

Women Empowered (WE)

... is committed to addressing issues that affect our children, our families and our communities.

• Goals •

Women Empowered (WE)

... recommends that the Administration place on permanent display in the White House portraits of African Americans who have made significant contributions to the growth and development of this country.

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... will select issues/projects that affect individuals and our communities as they arise on a case per case basis and support as deemed necessary.

RICHARD J. DURBIN
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July 21, 1999

Josephine Wade
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Dear Ms. Wade:

I am writing to offer you my enthusiastic endorsement of Women Empowered's initiative to have portraits of Benjamin Banneker and Mary McLeod Bethune, two prominent and accomplished African-Americans, publicly displayed in the White House. I also support your efforts to seek a commissioned portrait of Reverend Addie Wyatt to be displayed in the U.S. Department of Labor building.

Benjamin Banneker is known for his contributions to mathematics and science, as well as for being a tireless advocate for the liberation of slaves. He made critical headway in the fields of astronomy and mechanical invention. Mary McLeod Bethune was the President of Bethune College and served as a key member of President Franklin Roosevelt's administration, as the Director of the Negro Affairs Division of the National Youth Administration. Reverend Wyatt is a renowned labor advocate, working to eliminate wage differentials between men and women. These three exemplify the diverse interests and accomplishments of African-Americans.

The White House houses an impressive collection of art, heralded for its diverse outlook, taste and purpose. The addition of the portraits of these notable Americans would serve to complement and expand the scope of this collection, while better reflecting our country's rich history.

Again, I commend your efforts and wish you much success in this project. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to be of further assistance to you in this regard.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin
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Ms. Josephine Wade
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Dear Ms. Wade:

I am writing in support of your initiatives to prominently display portraits of Benjamin Bannker, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune and Justice Thurgood Marshall in the White House and those of Rev. Addie Wyatt and the late Congressman Charles Hayes in the U.S. Department of Labor. For people from all across the United States, our Capitol embodies a sense of pride in our government and its accomplishments as well as in our own accomplishments as a people and a nation. The White House, especially, is a central symbol that knits together fifty states representing a vast array of climates, culture, geographies, and histories. In reverence to that symbolic unity, people who otherwise would have very little in common are able to share the bond of calling themselves Americans.

The White House thus holds a special place in so many hearts, and the portraits that line its walls represent the very best in our nation's human potential. It is of real concern, then, that portraits of African Americans, who richly deserve our appreciation and gratitude, are conspicuously missing from the White House walls. The African American community, today, is a thriving and vibrant one, a strong fiber interwoven in the fabric of this nation. Its members make immense contributions and positively impact our lives on all levels and in all arenas.

Therefore, it is my sincere hope that portraits of distinguished and deserving African Americans will soon take their rightful place alongside the other figures who have made and continue to make this country great.

Sincerely,



Jan Schakowsky,
Member of Congress

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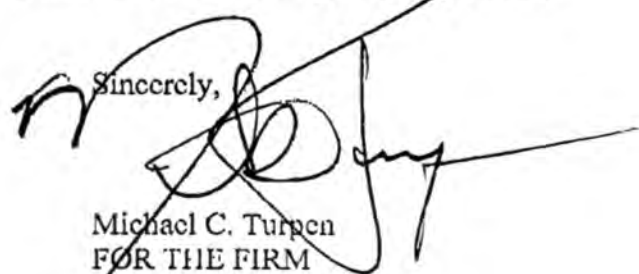
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VIA FACSIMILE (202) 456-2883

Dear Betty:

It was nice visiting with you last night. Could you please help me with this project to get the University of Oklahoma Women's Softball Team into the White House to see the President anytime between January 5th - 17th? Your assistance on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


Michael C. Turpen
FOR THE FIRM

cc: (HFW)
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Betty - This would mean so much to the State of Oklahoma. We have the President & the First Lady/Senator. w



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Anytime!
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Dear Mike:

As you know, the University of Oklahoma Women's Softball Team won the NCAA National Championship this year. This is the first National Championship in O.U.'s history for any women's sport. It is a very exciting team to watch and includes 4 all-America players and the National Coach of the Year, Patty Gasso.

We want to honor the team for its historic achievement, in a very special way. What the team wants more than anything else is to receive an invitation to the White House and the opportunity to be greeted by the President and First Lady.

I would appreciate anything you can do to help make this dream a reality. Some time in November (after the election) would be ideal for the players' schedule.

Thank you so much for your assistance.

Yours very truly,

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being business friendly in their legislative voting for the past three

recognition," Morgan said Monday. "I will continue to cast my votes in

and Oklahoma as advocates for better business, jobs, and economic Rep. Leonas Rep. Odilia I



First Lady in Fridayland

HILLARY CLINTON poses with Sarah Turpen and her dad, Mike, after Mrs. Clinton's fundraiser in the Turpens' Crown Heights home. The Sept. 27 event was a benefit for the First Lady's New York U.S. Senate campaign.

Photo By Cheryl Lovelady

St. Eugene mocks general election

By JACKIE RILEY

OKC FRIDAY

Forget living vicariously through television. St. Eugene School is conducting its own political year mock election to help students better grasp the issues and complexities that

complex enterprise and that every facet of being a human being is involved. I want them to understand that candidates have to appeal to all levels and all classes of society to try to promote yourself and to try to convince them that you do have the answers to their

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By JULIE ROS
OKC FRIDAY

The Village city recently welcomed council member after in residence forced the tion of a sitting council

Bob Austin accepted as city councilman for and was sworn in during regular meeting on Todd Beasley, former councilman for W resigned after more year's service to The V move closer to his job ambulance driver in Sh

"I'm looking forward challenge," Austin said. a complete surprise. I r a call from Mayor Schooley. He said they and came to the conclusion they would ask me if I to fill out the term. I about it for a few days talking with my wife family, decided to accept

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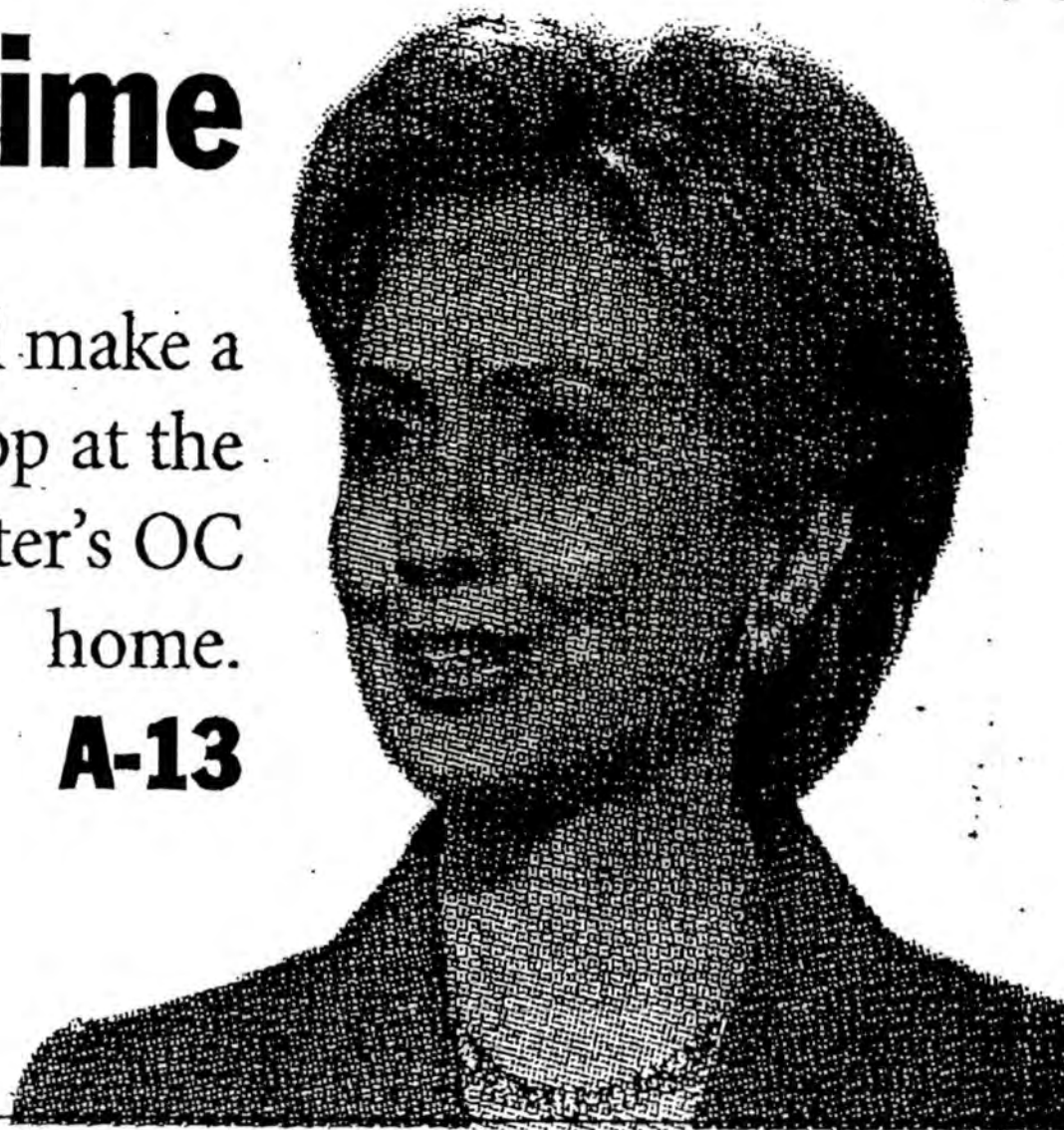
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Hillary Clinton will make a
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Hillary Clinton

There are no public events planned for the first lady during her stopover in Oklahoma City.

By **CHUCK ERVIN**
World Capitol Bureau

OKLAHOMA CITY — Hillary Rodham Clinton will bring her U.S. Senate campaign to Oklahoma on Sept. 27.

But only a select group of Democratic Party officials, activists, contributors and fund-raisers will get any personal exposure.

The first lady, who easily won the Democratic nomination for the Senate in New York earlier this week, will attend a private, invitation-only,

fund-raising luncheon at the Oklahoma City home of former Attorney General Mike Turpen.

Turpen also is a former state Democratic Party chairman and a long-time supporter of President Bill Clinton.

Turpen and his wife, Susan, have been overnight guests of the Clintons at the White House.

Now in private legal practice, Turpen also was in charge of both of Clinton's presidential campaigns in Oklahoma and has been Vice President Al Gore's primary Oklahoma

contact in his presidential campaign. The goal is at least \$50,000, small potatoes in a Senate campaign where the two candidates are expected to spend tens of millions.

There are no public events planned for the first lady during her brief stopover in Oklahoma City.

Immediately after the event here, she will leave for a fund-raising stop in Las Vegas.

She will not be accompanied on the trip by the president.

"I believe there are a lot of folks right here in the great state of Okla-

homa, who respect and support Hillary Clinton," Turpen said. "We're going to do our part to help elect her.

"I think she would answer some of our calls quicker than the two (Republican) senators from Oklahoma," he said.

Turpen said he and other Oklahomans, including Stuart Price of Tulsa, previously raised \$35,000 for her campaign.

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POLITICS2000

Hillary reaches 50% in latest voter survey

By JOEL SIEGEL
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DAILY NEWS STAFF WRITERS

Hillary Rodham Clinton reached the long-elusive 50% mark in a new Senate race poll yesterday, despite a week in which Rick Lazio had her on the defensive over campaign financing.

The Quinnipiac University poll, taken Wednesday through Monday, showed Clinton beating Lazio 50% to 43% among likely voters.

Two weeks earlier, the First Lady led 49% to 44%. But the one-point gain crossed an important psychological threshold.

"Forty-nine is not just one point different than 50," said poll director Maurice Carroll. "If you've got 50, you can't lose."

Some of her biggest gains came with independents, who favored her 49% to 42%, and in normally Republican upstate, where she trailed by just 2 points — 46% to 44%.

Lazio, campaigning in Newburgh, Orange County, said, "I know that I am the underdog in this race." But he professed to be "not concerned" by the poll. "What's important is that we've seen an energy and enthusiasm of the people at the grass-roots level," the Long Island GOP congressman said.

The poll was taken as a controversy was building over White House sleepovers by Clinton contributors and a standoff over a Lazio offensive on banning soft-money ads in the Senate race, which culminated in a deal Saturday.

The Quinnipiac results reinforced confidence in the First Lady's camp that while Lazio seemed to hold the upper hand in that battle, it did not move voters much.

"New Yorkers feel Hillary is spending their time talking about issues," said Clinton spokesman Howard Wolfson, "while Congressman Lazio is attacking Hillary."

Quinnipiac Polls

YESTERDAY

CLINTON	LAZIO
50%	43%

LAST POLL, SEPT. 12

CLINTON	LAZIO
49%	44%

The Quinnipiac University telephone poll of 880 likely voters was conducted Sept. 20 to 25 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.



ON THE ROAD Hillary Rodham Clinton looks behind with a wave yesterday as Mike Turpen escorts her into his home in Oklahoma City for a fund-raiser. Below, Republican opponent Rep. Rick Lazio took his campaign to upstate Newburgh, where he reached into a van to shake hands with Linda Lander during tour of river front area.

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Lazio still hopes to benefit in the long run. If nothing else, the spending deal keeps Clinton soft-money ads off the air while Lazio builds an advantage in hard money. That is, if the deal holds up.

A new test was coming. The board of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League of New York met last night to decide whether to abide by the ban, which calls on outside groups to stay out of the Clinton-Lazio TV ad battle.

The league said it would announce a decision today.

The group had budgeted \$500,000 to beat Lazio and spent \$60,000 on an earlier TV ad buy, said spokesman Bob Jaffe.

"We find it strange that we can use mail or fly planes over Long Island or use the Internet to communicate a message, but we can't use radio or TV ads," he said.

The Clinton campaign sent a letter to NARAL-NY asking it to abide by the ban — like the one the Lazio campaign sent to a Virginia-based anti-Clinton group that says it will air ads next month.

Before heading west for a fund-raising tour, Clinton preached "fiscal discipline" to an audience of 600 at Columbia Uni-



versity.

Flanked by former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and billionaire investor Warren Buffett, Clinton said she would call on Congress to set aside \$360 billion from the budget surplus during the next 10 years for debt reduction — and a hedge against the surplus falling short of predictions.

She charged Lazio's tax cut plan would "squander all of the surplus, and then some."

Buffett criticized efforts to re-

duce the top tax bracket, saying he already has a lower effective rate than his secretary.

Lazio retorted by charging that Clinton's spending proposals would bust the surplus.

At an Ulster County Republican dinner in Kerhonkson, he also threw some red meat to the crowd of 700 people by saying: "It's our moment to say that character still counts in public service. It's our moment to say integrity is still relevant, the rule of law applies to all, not just to some."

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Hillary picks up state donations

By CHUCK ERVIN
World Capitol Bureau

OKLAHOMA CITY — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton spent a few hours here Wednesday and left with more than \$100,000 for her U.S. Senate campaign in New York.

That's twice the amount sponsors originally set as their goal.

A Clinton insider called it "one of the most successful fund-raisers we've had all year."

She and Republican U.S. Rep. Rick Lazio are in the nation's highest profile Senate race for the New York seat of retiring Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan. After trailing for most of the campaign, she has taken a lead in the polls following a

televised debate with Lazio.

Some analysts said women voters were offended when Lazio invaded her space and demanded that she sign a pledge against using so-called soft money.

Lazio was in Oklahoma City last month and picked up \$100,000 in Republican money.

Clinton's fund-raiser was at the home of Mike Turpen, a former Oklahoma attorney general and one-time state Democratic Party chairman. Republicans had plastered his Oklahoma City neighborhood with Lazio signs.

Those attending the fund-raiser included former Gov. David Walters and former Gov. George Nigh and his wife Don-

na, longtime friends of the Clintons.

There was a \$1,000 minimum, and Turpen said contributions totaled \$100,250.

"The outpouring of support was just incredible," Turpen said. "She's got a lot of friends and supporters in the great state of Oklahoma."

The first lady scheduled no public events during her stop and was unavailable to the press.

Turpen and his wife, Susan, have been overnight guests of the Clintons at the White House.

The first lady left Oklahoma immediately following the event for another fund-raiser in Las Vegas.

The Federal Election Commission's recent reports show that Clinton had taken in \$27,825 in Oklahoma from 60 individual contributions of over \$200, while Lazio had gathered \$77,350 from 131 state contributors.

U.S. House Speaker Dick Gephardt and U.S. Rep. Patrick Kennedy are scheduled to be in Oklahoma City and Tulsa later this week to attend fund-raisers for two Democratic congressional candidates — Brad Carson of Claremore in the 2nd District and Randy Beutler of Elk City in the 6th District.

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Hillary raises \$103,250 during Oklahoma visit

• By The Associated Press

Seeking funds for her New York Senate campaign, first lady Hillary Clinton collected \$103,250 Wednesday from Oklahomans.

More than 100 people paid \$1,000 each to shake hands and have their picture taken with Clinton at the home of Mike Turpen, a former state Democratic chairman who met President Clinton when the two were attorneys general.

Hillary Clinton, before leaving the northwest Oklahoma City neighborhood, stopped to shake hands with about two dozen neighbors, mostly children, who were across from the Turpen home.

"Thank you so much," she said as someone yelled, "Go, Hillary."

Spotting a Gore-Lieberman yard sign, she said, "And thanks for supporting the vice president. He'll do a great job."

Down the street, six signs for Clinton's opponent, Rick Lazio, faced the Turpen home.

"I'm glad they couldn't be seen because of all the cars. I was so mad when they put them up last night," said Chris Thomas, who moved to the neighborhood from Fort Worth, Texas.

Attending were former Democratic Govs. George Nigh and David Walters, Attorney General Drew Edmondson and Ed die Sutton, Oklahoma State University basketball coach.

"She was very relaxed and comfortable," Walters said. "She was among so many people she had known for a long time."