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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 20, 2000

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Again, thank you for your letter and suggestions in this important matter.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Trent Lott
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United States Senate
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SOURCE: PRESIDENT

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REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

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