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FROM: J CONNAUGHTON (AG POC)

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PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

PERSONS:

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 23, 2008

HRH The Prince of Wales
Clarence House
St. James's Palace
London SW1A 1BS
United Kingdom

Sir:

The President read with interest Your Royal Highness' letter of December 27, and asked me to respond on his behalf. We are very encouraged to see the array of international companies that have agreed to join your Rainforest Project and the expertise and resources you have already mobilized. The world benefits from your leadership in combating tropical deforestation.

I share your deep concern on the threats facing rainforests in regions including the Congo Basin, Amazonia, and Southeast Asia. We recognize the importance of addressing forest and land-use issues, including continued deforestation and forest degradation. Not only will they significantly contribute to greenhouse gas emissions, but will also undermine sustainable economic development, reduce the world's resilience to climate change, and adversely affect the economic, social, and environmental goods and services provided by the forests on which many of the world's people depend.

Combating deforestation through sustainable forest management is a long-standing priority for the United States, and we have extensive experience in working with tropical countries, the private sector, and NGOs. We provide developing countries with \$80 million a year in direct assistance, technical assistance, and access to U.S. technical expertise and resources.

Illegal logging is a major cause of forest degradation and deforestation in many regions of the world, costing countries \$15 billion each year in lost revenues. In addition to destroying forest ecosystems, illegal logging disrupts economic stability, feeds corruption, and finances civil conflict. In 2002, President Bush launched the Initiative to Address Illegal Logging so that we could work with partners to strengthen the rule of law, empower communities, and promote transparent business practices.

In conjunction with the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the U.S. helped found the Congo Basin Forest Partnership in 2002, to which we have committed \$85 million to help the people of Central Africa protect and sustainably manage and

conserve the wilderness, recreation, and economic aspects of their forests. In 2004, we launched the Liberia Forest initiative to reform the forest sector in the post-war era. Many of the reforms identified through this multi-donor \$13 million initiative have been incorporated into Liberia's new national forest law.

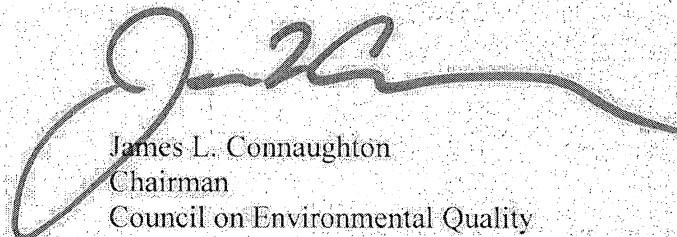
Complementing these actions, the United States has concluded debt-for-nature agreements with 12 countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. These agreements have not only relieved debt burdens, but are also generating \$163 million over the next 10-25 years to protect tropical forests.

I agree with your assessment and am heartened by the mounting concern over deforestation globally, and a desire to see practical steps implemented. The international response has been particularly strong within the past year. In addition to your efforts, the World Bank and many governments around the world, including Australia, China, Germany, and Norway, are advancing specific initiatives and resources focused on combating deforestation. We also need to ensure effective follow-through on G8 commitments to combat illegal logging and to support developing country efforts to halt forest loss and implement sustainable forest management. The United States is working to build on our already significant effort in this area.

We welcome your offer to send a team of experts to the United States to meet with senior U.S. officials responsible for our actions to address deforestation and promote sustainable forest management and conservation. I would be pleased to help organize such a conversation with the help of Assistant Secretary of State Claudia McMurray, who met in London earlier this month with senior staff of your Rainforest Project. We will contact Sir Michael Peat to make arrangements. We look forward to exploring opportunities and to working with you in identifying suggestions for addressing the issue over the next eighteen months. In addition, I will likely travel to your country in the next several months. I would be pleased to meet with you and others on this topic during that visit (and perhaps discuss our work on helping to scale up the green building movement).

Thank you again for your leadership and commitment to this pressing global issue.

Respectfully Yours,



James L. Connaughton
Chairman
Council on Environmental Quality

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 23, 2008

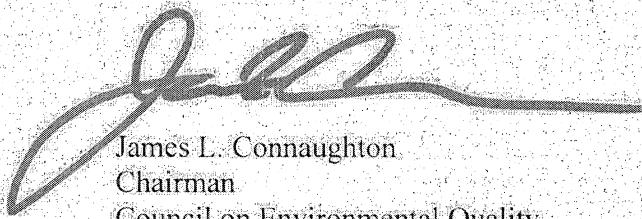
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Sir Michael Peat, CH, KCVO
Clarence House
St. James's Palace
London SW1A 1BS
United Kingdom

Dear Sir Michael:

I would greatly appreciate your assistance passing the attached letter to HRH The Prince of Wales, in response to his recent letter to President Bush.

Respectfully,



James L. Connaughton
Chairman
Council on Environmental Quality

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From the Ambassador
Sir Nigel Sheinwald KCMG

British Embassy
Washington

3 January 2008

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Dear Josh

I should be very grateful if you could pass the enclosed letter from HRH The Prince of Wales to President Bush.

With best wishes

Yours

Nigel

Nigel Sheinwald

February 4, 2008

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR STEVE HADLEY

THROUGH: DAMON WILSON
JUDY ANSLEY

FROM: TOBY BRADLEY

SUBJECT: Response to Prince Charles's Letter Regarding
Deforestation

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum from you to the President requesting his signature on a letter to Prince Charles at Tab 1. The letter is in response to the Prince's letter dated December 27 and forwards a letter from James Connaughton.

The NSC received the incoming correspondence on [Enter date received]

Concurrence by: Shrier/@ITEE

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President

Tab 1 Letter to Prince Charles and Enclosed Letter from
James Connaughton

Tab 2 Letter from Prince Charles Dated December 27,
2008

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His Royal Highness
The Prince of Wales
[Organization/Position - Initial Caps]
[Address - Initial Caps]

Your Royal Highness:

Thank you for your letter of December 27 regarding deforestation. I appreciate your candor and concern, and I share your deep desire to combat rapid deforestation around our world.

I have enclosed a letter from James Connaughton, the Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality, that outlines efforts the United States has undertaken to address this pressing global issue. I asked James to collaborate with you and your Project experts to develop ways of curbing deforestation. James will welcome representatives from your project to discuss that collaboration, and he would also like to meet with you when he travels to the United Kingdom.

I am optimistic that with leadership like yours, we can find innovative, collaborative ways of addressing this alarming global problem.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

Marsh, Thomas S.

From: Savellieff, Ludmilla L.
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2008 7:35 PM
To: Hall, Martin L.; Marsh, Thomas S.
Subject: RE: Request for a copy of a letter to Prince Charles re deforestation

Mr Marsh-

The original letter and responses are attached to this email- copies have already been transmitted to our embassy in London so they can be passed along to His Royal Highness's office- please let me know if I should ask my contact to hold on that.

Thank you,
Milla Savellieff
Special Assistant to the Chairman
(202) 456-1002

From: Hall, Martin L.
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2008 7:28 PM
To: Marsh, Thomas S.
Cc: Savellieff, Ludmilla L.
Subject: RE: Request for a copy of a letter to Prince Charles re deforestation

Milla - can you please forward to Tom? Thanks

*Marty Hall
Chief of Staff
Executive Office of the President
White House Council on Environmental Quality
(202) 456-6224*

From: Marsh, Thomas S.
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2008 7:27 PM
To: Hall, Martin L.
Cc: Savellieff, Ludmilla L.; DL-NSC-European Affairs; DL-NSC-West Wing Desk; DL-NSC-Executive Secretary
Subject: Request for a copy of a letter to Prince Charles re deforestation

Sir --

The NSC European Directorate is requesting a copy (or original) of a 27 December letter from Prince Charles to the President re deforestation. I understand that Chairman Connaughton has signed a letter to the Prince of Wales. Would it be possible to have both? The European Directorate has been tasked to draft a Presidential response to accompany the Chairman's letter.

Thank you.

Tom Marsh
National Security Council

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