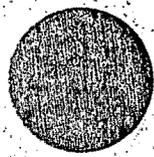


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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 22, 1993



MEMORANDUM FOR CAROL RASCO

FROM: HOWARD G. PASTER *HP*  
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

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SUBJECT: World Cup Soccer Games

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter that was sent to the President from Representative Dale Kildee (D-MI) and Representative David Bonior (D-MI). I have also enclosed copies of the acknowledgement letters I sent to them.

The President has requested that he see and sign every letter going to Capitol Hill. We did not want to fully answer the issues addressed in the Representatives' letter without advice from your department; therefore, I am requesting that your office draft a response and return it to LeeAnn Inadomi (WH-East Wing) within 48 hours. She will then print the letter in final form and have President Clinton sign the letter.

Thank you very much for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call LeeAnn at 456-7500.

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July 19, 1993

President William J. Clinton  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The World Cup, soccer's world championship, is coming to the United States in 1994, the first time the United States has ever hosted the World Cup. We are writing to enlist your assistance in creating a White House inter-agency task force to oversee federal agency support for the games. We understand that efforts are underway to create such a task force to be chaired by Vice President Gore, and want to strongly urge you to complete its organization as soon as possible.

Earlier this year, we formed the Congressional Friends of World Cup 1994, an informal caucus formed to lend Congressional support to the games. However, to ensure the success of the games, we need your strong support. The timely establishment of a White House inter-agency task force would be a critical step in making the games succeed.

Twenty-four teams from around the globe, including the United States and the reigning champion from Germany, will compete for the coveted World Cup from June 17 to July 17, 1994. Needless to say, our congressional districts will enjoy a tremendous economic boost from the games as they will be played in Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York/New Jersey, Orlando, San Francisco, and the nation's capital, Washington D.C. Specifically, the games are expected to provide a \$4 billion boost to the nation's economy. The U.S. Department of Commerce estimates that we will have 1.5 million international visitors to the United States for the World Cup. In each city, organizing committees have been formed and plans for this spectacular international event are well underway.

In addition to the economic boost, the success of the games has other important for other advantages. International sporting events such as the World Cup are excellent opportunities for the United States to foster and maintain strong international relations. Also, soccer is the most popular sport in the world and is fast becoming the most popular sport in America. Sixteen million Americans -- men, women, and children participate in the sport and will have the opportunity to see the games.

Mr. President, it is vitally important that you appoint the White House inter-agency task force for the World Cup Soccer games in a most expeditious manner. Hosting this event is indeed a rare and exciting opportunity for our country and we want to do all we can to ensure its success.

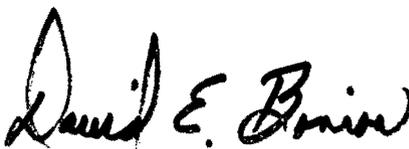
Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,



Dale E. Kildee, M.C.

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President William J. Clinton  
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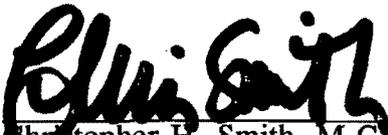
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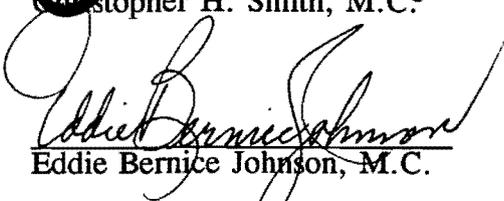
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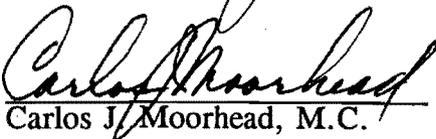
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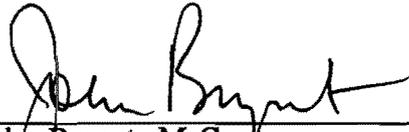
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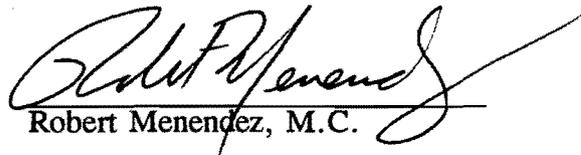
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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July 22, 1993

*DALE*  
Dear Representative Kildee:

Thank you for your letter regarding the creation of an inter-agency task force for the World Cup Soccer games. I appreciate your informing the President of your concerns.

The President has been advised of your interest in this matter, and you will receive a response from him in the near future. In the meantime, if I can be of assistance to you, do not hesitate to contact my office.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

  
Howard G. Paster  
Assistant to the President  
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Dale E. Kildee  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 22, 1993

*DAVID*  
Dear Representative Bonior:

Thank you for your letter regarding the creation of an inter-agency task force for the World Cup Soccer games. I appreciate your informing the President of your concerns.

The President has been advised of your interest in this matter, and you will receive a response from him in the near future. In the meantime, if I can be of assistance to you, do not hesitate to contact my office.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

  
Howard G. Paster  
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July 22, 1993

The Honorable William J. Clinton  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Human Resources, Committee on Ways and Means, I am writing to reemphasize my unwavering support for your family support and foster care reforms that were included in the House-passed budget reconciliation bill. I urge you to keep these provisions as among your highest priorities during the reconciliation process.

As you are undoubtedly aware, reports of child abuse and neglect have become a national emergency, growing from 900,000 in 1979 to 2.7 million in 1991. As more and more families dissolve under the pressures of unemployment, substance abuse and poverty, an increasing number of children are entering foster care or awaiting adoption. Your reform proposals would work against this tide. Funding such innovative programs as Arkansas' HIPPI program would strengthen the functioning of at-risk families and improve child development. Moreover, your reforms are critical to alleviating the crisis in the child welfare system, which is failing to find permanent homes for thousands of America's children and is, thus, consigning them to years of temporary foster care.

Mr. President, during your campaign you talked not only about change, but also about the need to provide hope and support to the disadvantaged and disenfranchised. Just one month ago, I and five other Members of the Subcommittee held a field hearing in Chicago, Illinois, learning firsthand about communities plagued by growing social problems,

The Honorable Willam J. Clinton  
President of the United States  
July 22, 1993  
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and struggling, yet failing, to protect their children. These children -- our children -- are among the most vulnerable Americans, and you have the unique opportunity to hear and respond to their voices. In our zeal to reduce the budget deficit, please do not forget them.

Respectfully yours,



Harold E. Ford  
Chairman

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cc: The Honorable Donna Shalala  
The Honorable Leon Panetta  
The Honorable Carol Rasco ✓



Senator Bob Dole  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Dear Friend,

Please complete the enclosed 1993 National Issues Survey and rush it back to me today.

While I can't change last fall's election results, I can make sure that the views of the 57% of voters who voted against Bill Clinton are strongly represented here in Washington.

And with your help, that is exactly what I intend to do.

Your response to the enclosed survey will help me determine how best to advance the conservative agenda and combat the liberals who control Congress. So please, take a moment right now to complete your 1993 National Issues Survey.

Don't get me wrong. Unlike the liberal Democrats did during President Bush's Administration, we're not going to attack Bill Clinton at the expense of the best interests of the nation. But we must fight the liberals night-and-day to prevent the advancement of their own radical agenda that includes:

- \* new taxes on just about everyone and everything;
- \* statehood for Washington, DC;
- \* Government controlled and rationed health care;
- \* a lifting of the ban on gays in the military;
- \* massive new social welfare spending;
- \* new burdensome regulations on small businesses; and more.

The liberals are already advancing this agenda on all fronts. And right now, we need to determine the best way to counter this onslaught against the Reagan Revolution.

So please, complete your 1993 National Issues Survey and rush it back to me today. Your answers will help us determine our priorities for 1993 and beyond.

I believe our ability to push back the coming liberal tidal wave depends on how successful we are in uniting the hundreds of

thousands of conservatives across the nation who stood together in 1980, 1984 and 1988. Republicans, Independents and "Reagan Democrats" who share our values must unite in one effort to protect the gains we have made since 1981.

That's why I am hoping we can count on you for much needed support in the difficult weeks and months ahead. Believe me, our struggle against the liberal forces now occupying Washington is going to be long and hard. Think about it! Liberals now control the White House, Congress, the federal bureaucracy, the media, Hollywood, TV and academia.

And they are moving quickly to turn their election victory into an all out attack on what's left of the Reagan Revolution. Unless we unite and act quickly, we can expect to see:

- \* a massive redistribution of income from your pocket to the pockets of those who wish to turn America into one large social welfare state;
- \* Governmental policies which, in fact, promote the breakdown of family and patriotic values;
- \* A weak foreign policy and military that takes America back to the days when even two-bit Third World dictators laughed at the United States.

Think back to the campaign for just a minute. Bill Clinton promised and promised that no matter what he did he would not increase taxes on the middle class. Any increases, he said, would only apply to those making \$200,000 a year or more. When we looked at his numbers, we concluded that he was, in fact, planning to increase taxes not just on the "rich," but on people making less than \$36,000 a year.

His response then was clear . . . . the charge was a "Dirty Trick" and we were all lying. That was then, of course, and now he admits that under his plan the middle class will have to pay and pay heavily.

Well, I intend to do all I can to prevent this from happening.

But those of us who must fight this battle on the floor of Congress cannot win without outside help . . . . help from people like you and organizations like the American Conservative Union.

The ACU is America's oldest and most respected conservative public interest organization. It was founded in 1965, and since

then has been on the cutting edge of every major policy battle.

The ACU has the determination and the experience necessary to be the point guard in our war against the current liberal regime.

In 1965, the ACU began building a conservative coalition which led to the election of Ronald Reagan in 1980. In 1976, the ACU won a landmark case in the Supreme Court barring OSHA from conducting warrantless searches of small businesses. In 1983, the ACU was the leading organization opposing the national movement for a nuclear freeze.

And now, in its fourth decade, the ACU is one of the leaders in our efforts to return conservative ideologies and candidates to power within the next two to four years.

Again, 57% of the Americans voting last November voted against Bill Clinton. The liberals have no mandate to tax and spend the American people into oblivion. They have no mandate to dismantle the U.S. military. And they have no mandate to assault your individual rights in the name of radical environmentalism, racial quotas or any other left-wing pipe dream.

But they have control of the House and Senate, a sympathetic media and the full support of Hollywood and America's left-wing intellectual elite. That's why you and I have our work cut out for us, and why I hope I can count on you to join me as a full partner in the American Conservative Union.

Just as I need your help, the ACU needs your support. By including a donation of \$25, \$50, \$100 or more to the ACU along with your completed 1993 National Issues Survey, the ACU will be able to help me take the battle to the liberals.

Together we can win. With your help, the ACU will:

- \* build public support against higher taxes on working Americans;
- \* form a "Truth Squad" to inform the American people each time the Clinton Administration breaks a campaign promise;
- \* reunite the political coalition that resulted in three consecutive conservative Presidential landslides;
- \* recruit millions of Americans horrified by the liberal

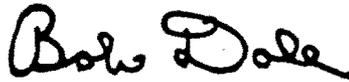
left-wing agenda to our conservative army.

These are just some of the steps we must take to prevent the breakdown of America's economic, military, and social fabric during the next four years of liberal occupation. Your completed survey and generous gift are needed to help us get started.

Let's show Bill Clinton and his people in the media that conservatives are not divided; that our movement is not dead.

Together, we can move forward with confidence and courage. We can prove that we stand united and ready to fight the liberals and take back control of the Congress and the White House. Please join me and the ACU in our struggle to keep America strong, free and proud.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Dole". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bob Dole

# SENIOR CITIZEN ISSUES REPLY

Dear Senator Dole,

I am returning my completed survey and a contribution to help the American Conservative Union fight in Congress on behalf of America's seniors. We need a large grass roots advertising campaign to educate the voters about the Clinton Administration's plans to balance the federal budget on the backs of senior citizens.

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Mr. Allen Johnston

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Your endorsement of the American Conservative Union and the need for Americans to unite in this important effort gives me confidence to participate by returning my survey and sending a contribution. We must stop Clinton's tax and spend policies.

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## 1993 SENIORS' ISSUES SURVEY

**1.** President Clinton's new Social Security tax rate increase will mean a 70% increase for about 10 million seniors. Do you support or oppose this tax increase?

- I support the tax increase.                       I oppose it.

**2.** Do you think it is wrong for the President and Congress to spend Social Security Trust Fund money on programs like welfare, bailing out failed banks, railroad subsidies, foreign aid, etc.??

- Yes, it is wrong.                                       No, it is not wrong.

**3.** Retirees who go back to work lose \$1 in Social Security benefits for every \$2 they earn if they are under 65, and \$1 for every \$3 if they are between 65 and 70. Do you feel this is fair?

- It is fair.     It is not fair.

4. President Clinton has proposed a massive, new health care system. How would you feel about a health care system which had these features:

*I Favor I Oppose Undecided*

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If you were in Congress, how would you vote on these issues?

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5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling his job as president?

- Approve       Disapprove       Undecided or neutral

6. Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

- Headed in the right direction       Off on the wrong track

7. Do you consider yourself a:

- Conservative       Moderate       Liberal

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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August 4, 1993

The Honorable Donald W. Riegle, Jr.  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-2201

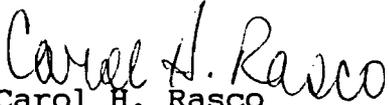
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Some time ago, the President asked the Domestic Policy Council to take the lead within the executive branch in coordinating policies and legislative issues concerning reproductive rights, including health issues. We have done so, working in close cooperation with other White House operations, the Office of Management and Budget, the Department of Health and Human Services, and many other agencies of the federal government.

The Domestic Policy Council will continue its efforts to implement the President's agenda. We look forward to working with you, and with all concerned and committed public officials, to ensure effective legislative and administrative steps in this critical area.

Sincerely,

  
Carol H. Rasco  
Assistant to the President for  
Domestic Policy

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July 31, 1993

TO: Carol H. Rasco  
FROM: Bill Galston  
SUBJ: Response to Riegle letter

I've consulted with a number of people on the best response to this. I would suggest something along the following lines:

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Sincerely,

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Asst to the Pres for Dom Pol

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 27, 1993

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MEMORANDUM FOR CAROL RASCO

FROM: HOWARD G. PASTER *HP*  
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Reproductive Health Issues

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter that was sent to the President from Senator Don Riegle (D-MI). I have also enclosed a copy of the acknowledgement letter I sent to him.

I do not believe this letter requires a Presidential response at this time. I would appreciate your assistance in drafting a response for Senator Riegle concerning this matter. Please forward a copy of your response for my files.

Thank you very much for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call LeeAnn at 456-7500.

Enclosure

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President Bill Clinton  
The White House  
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Dear Mr. President:

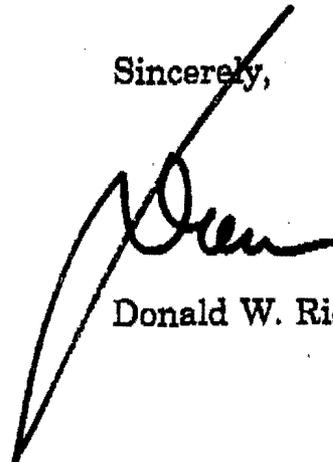
I know that you are deeply committed to safeguarding the reproductive rights of women in this country. For this reason, I am writing with a suggestion that could help you and your administration take steps to enact new policies in this area.

As you know, the issues surrounding reproductive health cross a number of agencies' jurisdictions. While the question of providing reproductive health services as a part of health care reform obviously falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health and Human Services, implementation of the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) could fall under any of several agencies.

I believe it would be helpful to have a coordinated approach to address these issues. For this reason, I urge you to appoint a member of your administration to be an interagency coordinator for reproductive health issues and serve as a focal point for FOCA.

I look forward to working with you on this very important issue.

Sincerely,



Donald W. Riegle, Jr.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 27, 1993

  
Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter regarding the creation of an interagency coordinator for reproductive health issues. I appreciate your sharing these concerns with the President.

I have shared your letter with senior officials in the Administration, and you will receive a response in the near future. In the meantime, if I can be of assistance to you, do not hesitate to contact my office.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

  
Howard G. Paster  
Assistant to the President  
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The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton  
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Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed please find a piece of constituent correspondence regarding Kevin E. Davis' difficulty securing funds for his daughter's college education. Mr. Davis requested I deliver this to you and the First Lady.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could address the concerns raised in his letter and respond directly to Mr. Davis.

Thanking you in advance for your positive attention to my request.

Sincerely,

*Helen*  
Helen Delich Bentley  
Member of Congress

HDB:ph

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Mr + Mrs. William Clinton

As parents we have something in common + that is the love hopes + dreams for the success of our children. Their future and the future of their children.

One way to accomplish this is through a good education including college. In our daughters case it is an expensive venture. One that is at this point overwhelming. My daughter Patricia Marie is a graduate of Notre Dame Prep. here in Towson Md. . a school for girls which is very demanding of its students + produces exceptional graduates. Because the school mishandled her schedule + didn't put her in honors english one term she couldn't be in the National Honors Society. Never the less she excelled. When Trish went to Athena College for placement exams she was the only applicant to get a PERFECT score in math. Soon after she received her grade for the AP test. If she achieved a 3.5 score she was exempt from taking math in college. Tricia's score was a 5 the highest you can get.

Since I've been unemployed for more than a year I can't help. Tricia has to do it on her own. She has borrowed all that she can and is still short. If we can't come up with the rest shell lose what's already paid (up to \$2,000).

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Trish is going to be very disappointed + we all may lose one of the finest Physical Therapist this world has ever seen if we don't get help soon.

I realise you can only do so much + that you have so much to do, but what's more important than helping our children. If you know of some way or someone who can help Tricia with knowledge finance loans etc it would be a God send. (a philanthropist?)

Our Fed. Gov. limits what she can borrow, far short of realistic needs. Once again the leaders of our nation prove the positions of leadership + their salaries have nothing to do with each other.

A mind is a terrible thing to waste! Just look at our Congressmen (MEN). Men have been the world leaders so guess who screwed thing up. We need more women involved Mothers who know what a budget is. A person who knows what a family is + need someone who thinks of others + not themselves.

Besides health care + labor making a living wage so they provide for their own without asking for help, we also need a better approach for everyone's education. If we don't help our children we will con-

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time to decline + fall further behind our world neighbors.

We wish to extend an invitation to you to stop by for dinner, may only be hot dogs, + see how a family of five children get by while our economy is so slow. The economy + jobs will be my next letter so stay tuned. Things more to come. You are also invited for lunch or breakfast which ever suits you. Bill you like to jog, well this is a nice area to jog while Meg and Hillary talk business.

My boss has just informed me that Ithaca requires payment by 15 Aug 93 or a late charge (expensive) will be added + what ever else these educated geniuses can do. They go by last years income while this yrs. bill can't be paid because I'm out this year. Last years money is gone. Last year was slow too!

Whatever you can do as soon as possible would be most beneficial.

Thank you + good luck with your problems.

God Bless!  
Kevin E.D.

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Please excuse this paper. If I was working  
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Kevin

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WASHINGTON, DC 20515

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*William D. Shelby*  
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Ms. Carol H. Rasco  
Assistant to the President  
for Domestic Affairs  
Executive Office of the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 17, 1993

The Honorable Joseph P. Biden, Jr.  
United States Senator  
Washington, DC 20510-0802

Dear Senator Biden:

Thank you very much for your letter of kind words and the additional information about the Benedictine Open Community Program. I do hope in the coming months to make a visit.

Sincerely,

*Carol H. Rasco*

Carol H. Rasco  
Assistant to the President for  
Domestic Policy

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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0802

September 3, 1993

Carol Hampton Rasco  
Domestic Policy Advisor  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

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Dear Ms. Rasco:

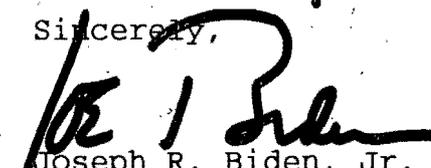
I understand that you recently have been in touch with my good friend Micki Edelsohn, who brought to your attention the work of the Benedictine School for Exceptional Children and its Open Community Program. I know that Micki very much appreciated your attention to her letter and the materials she forwarded, and also your very considerate and personal response.

I sincerely hope it will be possible for you to accept Micki's invitation to visit Delaware, in order to see at first hand what has been achieved through the Benedictine Open Community Program, with the generous support of MBNA America and its chairman and CEO, another good friend, Charlie Cawley. I know how very much it would mean to the young people involved in the Program, and to those who have help make it such a success, to have the opportunity to meet you and to hear your response to the work they're doing together. And not only would your visit help recognize past achievements, it also would inspire others to get involved so that even greater success might lie ahead.

In addition, Ms. Rasco, I have every confidence that the Benedictine Open Community Program would be a worthy model for some of the efforts you hope to guide at the national level. Beyond the very valuable model the structure of the Program itself provides, the example of what community leaders like Sister Jeannette Murray, Micki Edelsohn and Charlie Cawley have accomplished and contributed already has been an inspiration to their fellow citizens in our area, and I have no doubt it would be an equally valuable example for communities nationwide.

If I can provide any further information to you, please don't hesitate to contact my Wilmington office (302-573-6345). I hope to have a chance to welcome you to Delaware soon, and again, I believe with great confidence that you will find the trip worthwhile. With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
United States Senator

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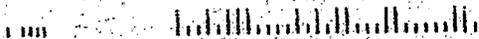
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ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD  
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Dear Ms. Rasco,

Please be aware of my concerns regarding a proposed executive order affecting the territories. My thoughts are in the attached letter to Secretary Babbitt.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Underwood

ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD  
GUAM

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## Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-5301

September 15, 1993

Honorable Bruce Babbitt  
Secretary of the Interior  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am writing to express my serious concern about an executive order that the Office of Territorial and International Affairs (OTIA) is seeking.

One concern is that the proposal has been developed without any consultation with the elected representatives of the insular areas that would be affected.

But the overriding concern is that the proposal might limit the access that the insular areas now have to policymakers in Washington by attempting to restore OTIA to a role that became anachronistic and unacceptable as the peoples of the insular areas have developed politically, have asserted their own interests, and have become their own advocates.

I support setting up an interagency council that would enable and require policy-level officials to address the circumstances and needs of the insular areas in the administration of federal programs. But I do not believe that this would occur if instead OTIA was given authority to coordinate the other federal agencies as a gatekeeper for the entire Executive Branch.

President Clinton and Vice President Gore have won our admiration for pursuing historic changes that would re-invent our government by making it work better and by making it more responsive to people. I am confident that they-- and you -- want these goals to apply as well to the insular areas and the U.S. citizens who reside there.

I urge you not to support an executive order that would turn back the clock by re-inventing OTIA as a new super-agency. I hope

Honorable Bruce Babbitt  
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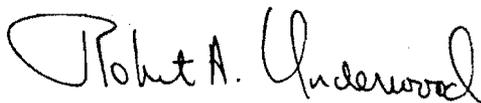
that you will instead work with the insular areas to make the federal system work better in light of our unique situations, and in recognition of Guam's quest to re-define our federal-territorial relationship and to achieve self-government.

It is my view that the best way for the federal government to improve its relationship with the Territories is to ensure regular communication and consultation between federal agencies and those affected by the agencies' decisions. If OTIA does not consult with us on the executive order, what confidence can we have in assurances that they will consult with us on other matters? The present process between OTIA and Guam seems to be closed.

Our apprehension is that a new executive order would reinforce the current tendency for OTIA to monopolize rather than facilitate interdepartmental policy formulation. The best interagency process is one in which political management from each agency with responsibilities in the insular areas participate in policy determinations on an equal footing. A decision-making process based on this model produces a unified U.S. government position that enjoys the support rather than grudging acceptance of all concerned agencies. The bureaucratic location of the office that supports and implements policy made in this manner then becomes less important than the actual substance of the policy.

It is in the best interests of the U.S. government to organize itself in a manner that promotes the transition from paternalism to partnership in the relationship between the federal government and the insular areas. Consulting with those elected to represent the people of the insular areas would strengthen rather than interfere with your deliberative process on these issues, and I look forward to working with you to produce results we can all support.

Sincerely,



ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD  
Member of Congress

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

CAROL RASCO -

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OCT 15 1993

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**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Committee on Natural Resources**  
**Washington, DC 20515-6201**

*Copy for*  
*Howard Pastor*

*Aloncia*

October 8, 1993

The Honorable J. Bennett Johnston, Jr.  
Chairman  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We write concerning S. 447, a bill regarding the coordination of federal relations with insular areas for which the Interior Department has certain responsibilities, as the elected representatives in the Congress of the U.S. territories.

As you know, this bill, like a House bill on a similar subject, is a product of work that has been done by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and House Committee on Natural Resources during the past several years. Because of this, we want to make sure that you are aware of our serious concerns about the matter in the hope that doing so will facilitate the federal consensus needed to make changes in the process of managing insular affairs issues.

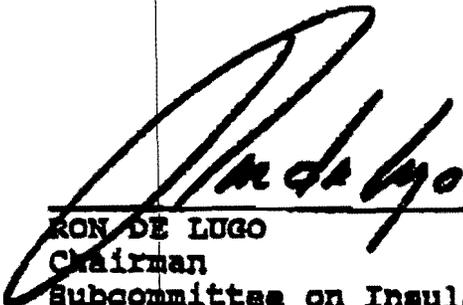
While we want to see the Office of Territorial and International Affairs perform its responsibilities for providing special assistance to insular governments more effectively and efficiently and we have personal confidence in the current Secretary of the Interior, we strongly oppose expanding OTIA's authority vis-a-vis other federal agencies in their relations with the locally elected governments of the insular areas.

Our initial concerns in this area have been solidified by several actions that OTIA has taken this year. Putting OTIA in a leadership role that it does not have under law now regarding the programs and responsibilities of other agencies would contradict the development of self-government in the insular areas. It would give the Office a colonial authority that it lost years ago even if the purpose of such an assignment were a well-intentioned one of ensuring coordinated Executive Branch actions.

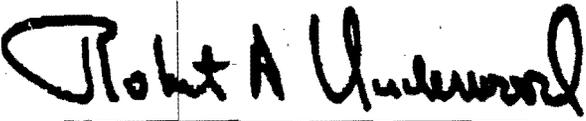
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We believe that there is a need for federal agencies to pay more attention at a policy level to the needs and circumstances of the insular areas. For this reason, we look forward to working with you as well as Secretary Babbitt and others representing President Clinton, to bring this about as well as to have OTIA better carry out its present responsibilities. But self government in the insular areas, the extension of most federal programs to them, their overall development, and the reduction of discretionary special assistance that has occurred in recent years has made it inappropriate to increase the role of OTIA.

Sincerely,

  
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RON DE LUGO  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Insular and  
International Affairs

  
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Delegate, American Samoa

  
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ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD  
Delegate, Guam

cc: The Honorable Malcolm Wallop  
The Honorable Daniel K. Akaka  
The Honorable Bruce Babbitt



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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THE DIRECTOR

September 30, 1993

M-93-15

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM:

Leon E. Panetta  
Director

SUBJECT:

Legislative Coordination and Clearance

I wish to again call to your attention the Executive branch's formal legislative coordination and clearance process. I am doing so because recent violations of the process have resulted in the presentation to the Congress of inconsistent -- and, in some cases, incorrect -- Administration positions on pending legislation.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB), working with elements of the Executive Office of the President and with the agencies, carries out the legislative clearance function on behalf of the President. It is designed to serve the needs of the President in carrying out his legislative responsibilities.

OMB Circular No. A-19 sets forth the basic guidelines and procedures for carrying out this function. These procedures have been substantially the same for over 50 years. The clearance function covers a number of areas including agency legislative proposals and agency letters and testimony on pending legislation.

- o Legislative Proposals -- All bills that Executive branch agencies wish to transmit to the Congress should be sent to OMB for clearance.
- o Clearance of Agency Testimony and Letters on Pending Legislation -- If agencies are asked by congressional committees to send a letter or testify on pending legislation or wish to volunteer a letter, such documents should be sent to OMB for clearance. If agencies propose to submit other materials containing positions on legislation to the Congress, they should also be sent to OMB for clearance.

1150 BUREAU OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

It is extremely important that all agencies meet the requirements of the clearance process. Failure to do so can lead to inconsistent Administration positions on pending legislation, confusion over the Administration's policies, and embarrassment to the President and the Administration. I strongly urge you to assure that the policy officers and career staff in your agency are aware of and adhere to the clearance process.

Your assistance in providing the President with your views on bills that have cleared the Congress and are awaiting Presidential action will also be appreciated. As requested in OMB Circular No. A-19, each interested agency should submit its views letter on such bills to OMB within 48 hours of receiving a request to do so.

Thanks for your cooperation.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 21, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANTS TO THE PRESIDENT  
DEPUTY ASSISTANTS TO THE PRESIDENT  
SPECIAL ASSISTANTS TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Mack McLarty

SUBJECT: Congressional contacts

In order to better coordinate our substantial business on Capitol Hill, it is necessary for each of you to make certain the White House Congressional Relations office is aware of your contacts with Members of Congress and their staffs. Those contacts may be divided into two essential categories:

1) Legislative - If you are discussing possible or proposed legislation with Capitol Hill -- whether Members or staff -- it is essential that the legislative affairs office have advance word of your effort. This is necessary because you may be unaware of other pending matters that could be affected by your efforts. In those instances in which the Congressional relations staff asks that you not proceed to pursue a specific matter on Capitol Hill it is necessary for you to withhold further activity until the matter can be resolved.

2) Non-Legislative - It is natural in the course of business for many in the White House to have sustained, substantial contact with the Congress. Knowing the nature of those contacts and the information generated by them can be helpful to the President's legislative agenda. Please take a moment to provide the legislative affairs office with quick informal notes about Congressional contacts of interest.

Thank you for cooperating in the President's interest.

TO: Legislative

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(circle those above to which memo should be routed)

FROM: Carol H. Rasco

SUBJ: Contacts made/to be made

DATE:

I have set up an appointment with:

I have recently visited with:

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 19, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR ~~KATHI WAY~~ *Bruce Reed*

FROM: Rosalyn Kelly *rk*

SUBJECT: Speaking Request

Because Carol will be in New Jersey on May 25, she will not be able to speak to this group. Are you available and willing to substitute for her? It's my understand that there will be a group of 19-20 people who are willing to come to the WH for this presentation, preferable after lunch.

*Yes*

MEMORANDUM OF CALL

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ALFONSE M. D'AMATO  
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United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3202

May 10, 1993

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Carol Rasco  
Office of Domestic Policy  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Rasco:

I am writing on behalf of the Human Services Council of New York City, an association of over 200 voluntary non-profit human services agencies which advocates on key issues for the human services community.

Stephen D. Solender, Executive Vice President of United Jewish Appeal - Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, and Megan McLaughlin, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies will be in Washington, D.C. on May 25, 1993. As Chair and Co-Chair of the Council, they would like to meet with representatives of your office to discuss the human services goals and objectives of the President and to express their concerns as leaders of the human services community.

I appreciate any consideration you can give Mr. Solender and Ms. McLaughlin in scheduling a meeting with them. Please inform Amy Hall of my staff when you have made a decision in this matter. Amy can be reached at 202-224-6542.

Again, thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

*Alfonse D'Amato*

Alfonse M. D'Amato  
United States Senator

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Bill Galston  
to respond by 6/24/93

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
June 17, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR CAROL RASCO

FROM: HOWARD G. PASTER *HP*  
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Farm and Rural Development Policy

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter that was sent to the President from several members of Congress.

The President has requested that he see and sign every letter going to Capitol Hill. We did not want to fully answer the issues addressed in the members' letter without advice from your department; therefore, I am requesting that your office draft a response and return it to LeeAnn Inadomi (WH-East Wing) within 48 hours. She will then print the letter in final form and have President Clinton sign the letter.

Thank you very much for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call LeeAnn at 456-7500.

Enclosure

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**Congress of the United States****Washington, DC 20515****June 14, 1993**

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

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing as members of the U.S. Congress who represent rural areas to ask you to convene a "summit on farm policy and rural development" this year. We ask you to join us in a summit meeting of farm belt legislators, farmers, and farm organizations to develop a plan to restore economic health to the farm belt states.

For over a decade we have been facing slow economic strangulation in rural America. Too many family farmers are unable to make a living and are leaving the farm. Small town businesses are boarding up. And rural states are losing population.

Our economy is in deep trouble in rural America, Mr. President. But our citizens are not protesting in the streets and they are not running tractorcades to Washington.

Rather, their anger has turned to despair as thousands have quietly closed businesses, left farms and gone to the urban centers seeking work and economic survival for their families.

The main culprit in rural America's economic troubles is chronically low prices for the commodities family farmers produce. Low farm prices, as a result, have had a devastating impact on our entire rural economy. For over a decade we've lost jobs and now we are losing people.

Last year we asked President Bush to convene a summit on rural America to explore ways in which the President and Congress can help restore economic health to America's heartland. President Bush was not willing to do that.

Today we appeal to you to join us in holding a summit to discuss issues affecting rural America. We believe the Clinton Administration can offer new hope and new opportunity to a region of the country that has not shared in America's prosperity in the past couple of decades.

We recognize that the economic problems of rural America cannot be solved entirely by the federal government. But current federal farm policies are clearly not working. Unless and until the federal government provides real leadership in creating an agricultural policy that moves farm prices above the cost of

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production for family farmers, we will not see any real progress in repairing the damage from a decade of neglect to rural America by the previous Administrations.

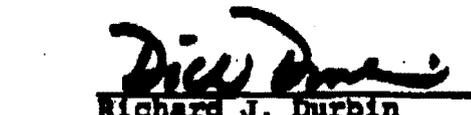
A summit conference on farm policy and rural issues hosted by the President of the United States with participation by Congress, farmers and other agricultural leaders will send a message to family farmers, main street businesses and others whose economic survival is at stake, that there is hope for a change in national policies affecting rural America.

We ask you to seriously consider this request and we urge you to work with us to call a summit meeting during this calendar year. We have no time to lose if we are going to restore economic health to a region of our country that has been struggling for too long.

We call on you to offer new hope and a new direction for rural America.

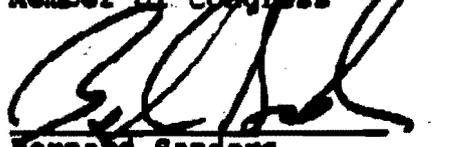
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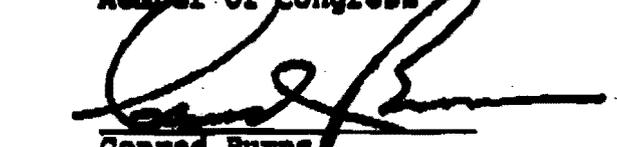
  
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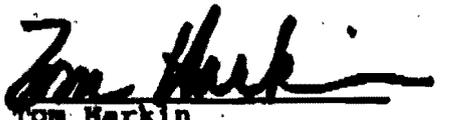
  
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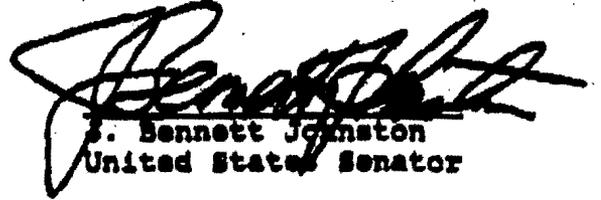
  
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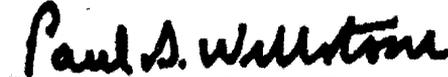
  
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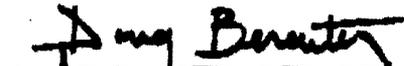
  
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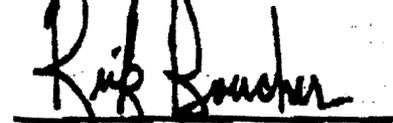
  
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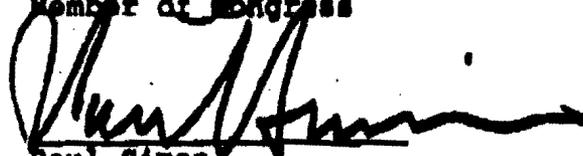
  
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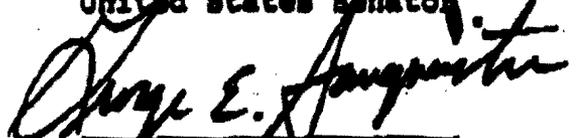
  
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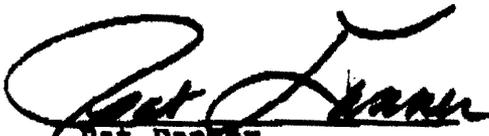
  
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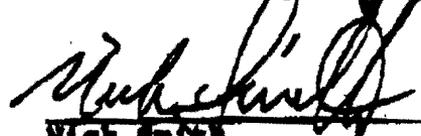
  
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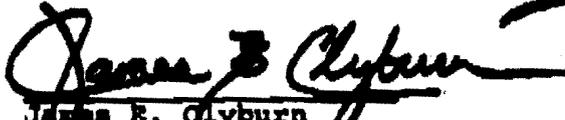
  
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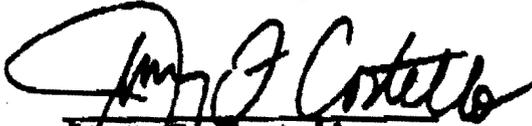
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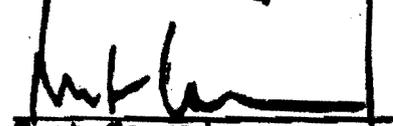
  
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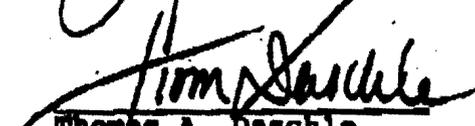
  
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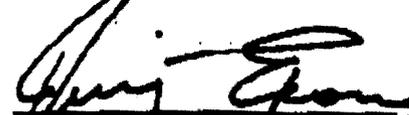
  
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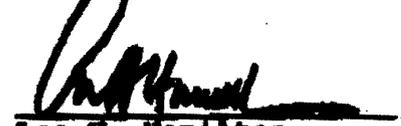
  
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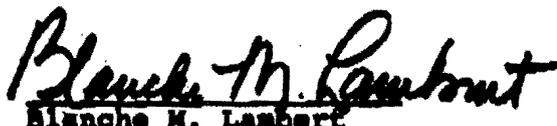
  
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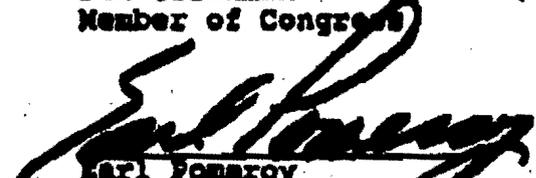
  
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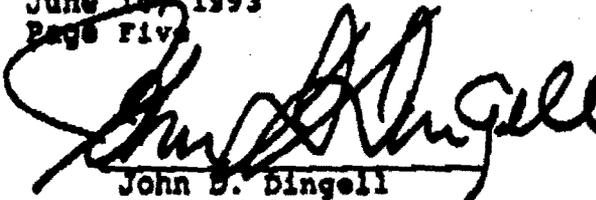
  
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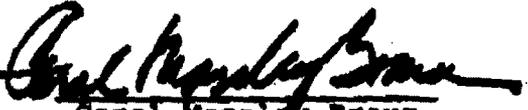
  
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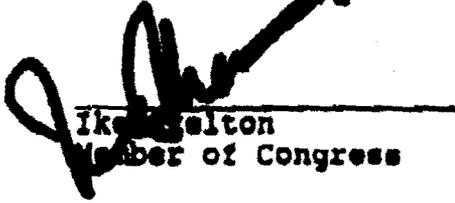
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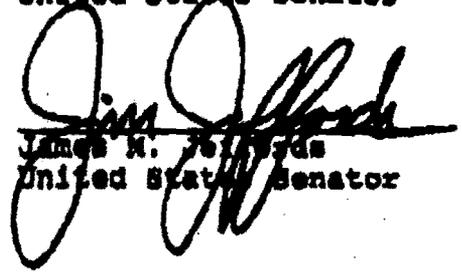
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June 29, 1993

TO: Carol H. Rasco  
FROM: Bill Galston (WA9)  
SUBJ: Congressional letter on farm/rural pc

I'm sorry about the slight delay on this. But it turned out not to be a simple matter, and I had to make some inquiries on the Hill and within the White House.

The consensus is that we should try to handle this request for a WH summit on farm policy and rural development the same way we've handled other summit requests--including Rep. Tony Hall's demand for a hunger summit, which as you'll recall he backed up with a highly public hunger strike. In that case we dealt with Mike Espy, who took the initiative in organizing a USDA-based hunger summit. It was very substantive, a media splash, and Rep. Hall went away happy. (I offered testimony on behalf of the White House.)

I would recommend a similar approach with regard to this request. We should offer to work with USDA as the lead agency to set up this summit. Other departments (such as HUD and HHS) with a stake in rural development could also be invited to participate.

There are two options within this overall strategy. Option A would simply have us offer to take the lead in asking USDA to set up the summit; Option B would offer, in addition, some sort of presidential meeting for the lead Congressional signatories to the June 14 letter. I don't have a strong preference or recommendation as between A and B; I've drafted the letter so that you can make the choice.

As a courtesy, Christine Varney is checking with Sec. Espy, but I'm pretty sure he'll be a good soldier--especially since it's so squarely within his issue domain.

DRAFT

Dear Sen/Rep X:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 14. I agree that the problems of rural America can no longer be ignored and deserve sustained attention. And I also agree that the best way to begin is by getting everybody together to discuss the critical issues facing rural families and communities.

To promote this objective, I will ask USDA Secretary Mike Espy to take the lead in organizing the meeting you have requested, and I have directed my staff to monitor closely the progress of this event. Sec. Espy has already organized a first-rate summit on hunger and nutrition issues, and I have complete confidence in his ability to spearhead this new rural endeavor.

Let me take this opportunity to state my belief that the summit should be both inclusive in its participation and comprehensive in its subject-matter. The problems of rural America go well beyond agriculture. Rural manufacturing is also under great pressure, and national policy in areas such as communications and transportation has only added to the pressure. Accordingly, more responsive agricultural programs are at most a part of the solution we need to develop.

*Racco's preferred option*  
[Option A: I look forward to working with you to turn your summit proposal into reality.]

[Option B: As part of the process leading up to the convening of this summit, I hope to meeting direct with you to get your ideas concerning key agenda items and policy proposals. I have directed my scheduling office to get in touch with you to see whether we can iron out the details for such a meeting. I look forward to working with you to turn your summit proposal into reality.]

Sincerely,

WJC

CC  
Bill Galston

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 17, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR CAROL RASCO

FROM: HOWARD G. PASTER  
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS *HP*

SUBJECT: Farm and Rural Development Policy

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter that was sent to the President from several members of Congress.

The President has requested that he see and sign every letter going to Capitol Hill. We did not want to fully answer the issues addressed in the members' letter without advice from your department; therefore, I am requesting that your office draft a response and return it to LeeAnn Inadomi (WH-East Wing) within 48 hours. She will then print the letter in final form and have President Clinton sign the letter.

Thank you very much for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call LeeAnn at 456-7500.

Enclosure

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**Congress of the United States**

Washington, DC 20515

June 14, 1993

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

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing as members of the U.S. Congress who represent rural areas to ask you to convene a "summit on farm policy and rural development" this year. We ask you to join us in a summit meeting of farm belt legislators, farmers, and farm organizations to develop a plan to restore economic health to the farm belt states.

For over a decade we have been facing slow economic strangulation in rural America. Too many family farmers are unable to make a living and are leaving the farm. Small town businesses are boarding up. And rural states are losing population.

Our economy is in deep trouble in rural America, Mr. President. But our citizens are not protesting in the streets and they are not running tractorcades to Washington.

Rather, their anger has turned to despair as thousands have quietly closed businesses, left farms and gone to the urban centers seeking work and economic survival for their families.

The main culprit in rural America's economic troubles is chronically low prices for the commodities family farmers produce. Low farm prices, as a result, have had a devastating impact on our entire rural economy. For over a decade we've lost jobs and now we are losing people.

Last year we asked President Bush to convene a summit on rural America to explore ways in which the President and Congress can help restore economic health to America's heartland. President Bush was not willing to do that.

Today we appeal to you to join us in holding a summit to discuss issues affecting rural America. We believe the Clinton Administration can offer new hope and new opportunity to a region of the country that has not shared in America's prosperity in the past couple of decades.

We recognize that the economic problems of rural America cannot be solved entirely by the federal government. But current federal farm policies are clearly not working. Unless and until the federal government provides real leadership in creating an agricultural policy that moves farm prices above the cost of

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production for family farmers, we will not see any real progress in repairing the damage from a decade of neglect to rural America by the previous Administrations.

A summit conference on farm policy and rural issues hosted by the President of the United States with participation by Congress, farmers and other agricultural leaders will send a message to family farmers, main street businesses and others whose economic survival is at stake, that there is hope for a change in national policies affecting rural America.

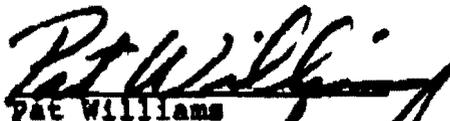
We ask you to seriously consider this request and we urge you to work with us to call a summit meeting during this calendar year. We have no time to lose if we are going to restore economic health to a region of our country that has been struggling for too long.

We call on you to offer new hope and a new direction for rural America.

Sincerely,

  
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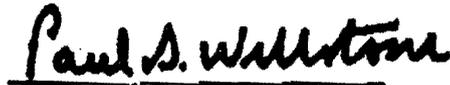
  
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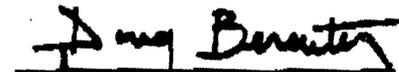
  
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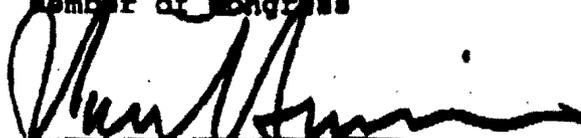
  
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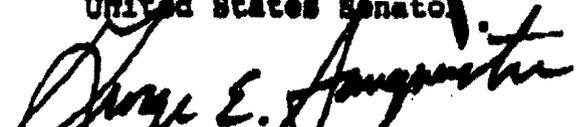
  
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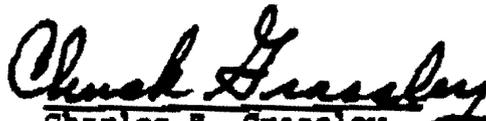
  
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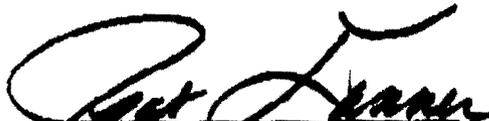
  
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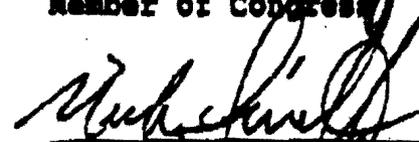
  
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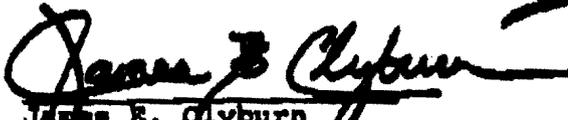
  
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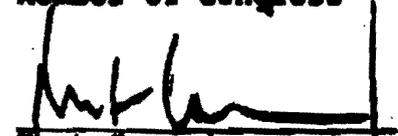
  
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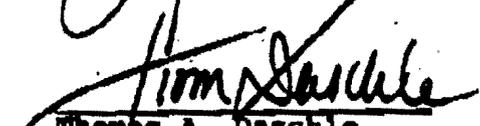
  
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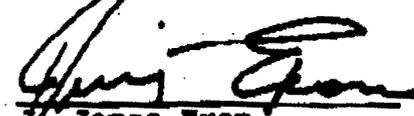
  
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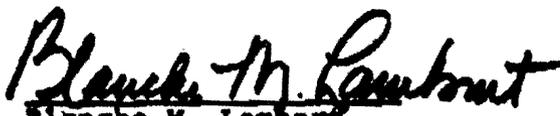
  
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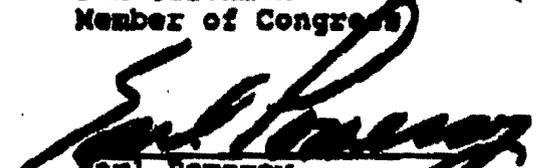
  
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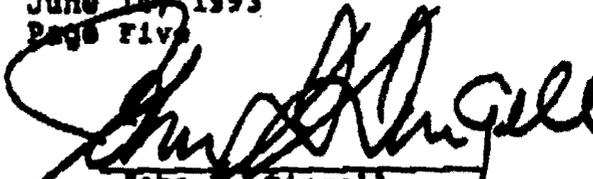
  
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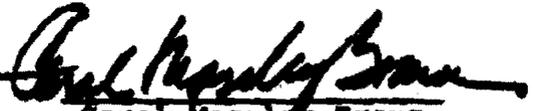
  
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