To: Religious Leaders, Members of Government, Anti-Hate Groups, the Media, Law Schools, and Textbook Publishers
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Re President Clinton, Accords, Waco, Trade, Helicopters, Prescription Drugs,

Russia, Oil, and Campaigns

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Thank you, President Clinton. You lifted this country from economic recession, and used tax money wisely. You protected America against destructive tax cuts and some potentially horrible legislation. There is less of the debt and deficit spending you inherited, and there are two back to back budget surpluses for the only time in the history of the United States. As a further result of able management, there is now more effective education, less crime, less welfare, more protection for seniors, more national parkland saved, greater environmental protection, and more peace and trade with other countries.

However, there is yet more to do. You are still protecting America against possible destructive tax cuts or potentially horrible legislation, and promoting the best interests of this country, here and abroad. Americans appreciate your accomplishments. You changed America for the better forever.

In addition, Secretary of State Madeline Albright is also a skilled negotiator for peace. For example, it seems the Jewish people have recently made multiple concessions concerning Jerusalem, although they are concerned for their capital city with its long and difficult history. King David built the city of Jerusalem, King Solomon built the first temple, and the Jews rebuilt it 70 years later, many years before the birth of Christ. The Arab community came to the area more recently. Some of them desecrated synagogues and cemeteries, using the headstones to pave the streets. Jews are concerned the Arab community might not be dedicated caretakers of this valued ancient history.

By the way, the Jewish people did not suddenly attack the Arab community. The Arabs attacked the Jews in the six-day war, and the Jews fought back. In the process, they captured lands, some of which they kept to protect themselves against further surprise attacks. They returned much of these lands to try to establish peace. Also, Americans appreciate the efforts of President Clinton and Secretary Albright whose assistance might help the Jewish and Arab communities to reach accord. In addition, Secretary Albright is beginning talks to try to help reconcile the Chinese people, those in China with those in Taiwan.

Thank you also to Congress for grappling with tough issues. The House, following the Senate, voted to expand radiation exposure law. This will benefit those who were injured or the families of those who died in the country's nuclear defense program.

Incidentally, that is different from Waco. There is taped evidence that the

Branch Davidians poured gasoline on their church, and set their dwellings and, therefore, themselves afire. Americans should close the investigation, and not waste further attention, time or money on this tragedy.

Next, the House voted to lift a trade ban against Cuba. America trades with other communist countries. It does not seem to make sense that other non-communist countries trade with Cuba while current U.S. policy freezes

American farmers out of the market. Therefore, the Senate helps America when it reconsiders its position to follow the lead of the House, especially

considering that capitalism generally replaces communism when trade increases.

In addition, Congress is now trying to decide between funding for Huey or for Blackhawk helicopters to fight against drugs from Columbia coming into the U.S. Please reconsider these two types of helicopters. The Blackhawk goes one and one-half times faster. It carries more than twice the number of people at sea level or in the air. It flies 4,000 feet higher (think of the Andes Mountains), can stay in the air almost twice as long, and has a one-third greater range of distance, all of which makes it safer for U.S. personnel. When the Marxist rebels shot at two helicopters in Columbia, the Huey went down and the Blackhawk made it back safely. It seems easy to see why the President and the military prefer it.

Additionally, there are two other important points to consider. The Blackhawk goes further, therefore, it needs less refueling stations, which makes it less costly than the Huey. Furthermore, although the Huey appears to be less costly than the Blackhawk, \$188 million vs. \$388 million for 60 helicopters, respectively, the Blackhawk is less expensive because it carries over double the people. The Senate might reconsider and re-introduce the issue, and then vote for the Blackhawk.

Also, it will cost the American people too much money for prescription drug coverage if the pharmaceutical companies set the prices rather than government agencies. The House must reintroduce a new amendment to that effect.

In fact, Americans must remain careful to guard against all unnecessary expenditures, and are familiar with subterfuge. For example, when President Carter was running for re-election, gas prices suddenly rose, there were huge lines in the gas stations, Americans blamed him, and he lost the election. Then, the fact that George W. Bush is a former oilman with ties to that industry running against someone in the Clinton-Gore administration may not be too helpful in the recent outrageous rise in the price of gas. However, best wishes to Vice President Gore for his innovative approach to those excessive gas prices, especially in the Midwest. What an amazing coincidence that when

he began his investigation of the oil companies, those prices went down.

Also, those who try to accuse the Clinton-Gore administration of inaction are both dangerous and inaccurate. Senator Trent Lott, R-MS, and Representative Bob Barr, R-GA, are recent speakers to white supremacists and do not belong in the government of this great country. These people present a horrible danger to the U.S. Furthermore, the military refused to fund Lott's excessive requests for personal development in his state. In addition, he said that the government failed to pressure OPEC countries to produce more oil. In fact, Americans may do more than suspect collusion, because if OPEC raises its prices, that may help executives of Exxon and Texaco rather than hinder them. As a matter of fact, G.W. Bush has said he would "work with my friends in OPEC."

What hurt Americans, also, was that Congress ignored President Clinton's suggestions for improving oil supplies. It remains uncertain just how helpful G.W. Bush's ties to OPEC would be to U.S. citizens. Somehow, it seems as if they might help Texaco and Exxon executives, along with G.W. Bush, more than the average working person of this country left to pay those gas price increases. It seems difficult to understand that if G.W. Bush were so helpful, why gas prices soared at what appears to be to his convenience, not

That may be in addition to the artificial surge in gas prices in the Midwest.

that of the American working people. Thankfully, Vice President Gore has effectively challenged the oil industry and is proposing many reasonable ways to help other Americans.

Next, Americans are aware that the President, the Vice President and Congress successfully pressured the Russian government for a change in Russian policy. Russians plan to end the war in Chechnya. Therefore, will the members of this government please exert whatever pressures they can to help the members of the Russian media and the Jewish people in Russia. It hurts everyone when Putin attacks and imprisons the media on trumped up charges (Mr. Gusinsky), and attacks the rabbinical population as well. Mr. Gusinsky is also Jewish. Please monitor these attacks closely. There is a history of anti-semitism in Russia. The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra just performed Baba Yar by Dmitri Shostakovich, with the poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko reciting the famous poem which inspired that composer, about the horrific slaughter of hundreds of thousands of Jews there in Russia.

Furthermore, it may help American citizens to realize how fortunate all of the people in this country are when comparing the problems facing citizens in other countries. They, too, fight racial, ethnic and religious hatred, yet their citizens may not have the privilege of writing to their governments about these problems and getting any positive results.

Nevertheless, America is facing similar problems. Every week there is a lynching or some other hate crime. Americans dare not sleep. Americans must continue to be vigilant and to fund those individuals and organizations that help keep America safe from hatred: the NAACP, the Southern Poverty Law Center, the Simon Weisenthal Center, the ADL, and the Clinton Legal Expense Trust.

Next, Congress is about to recess. When the members are travelling the country, disregard any misleading phrases and finger pointings. Ask them, rather, what they have done about gun control and education, if they ever plan to do anything, and when they plan to do that. America needs people that make a difference for the better, like Vice President Gore, not people who accept over \$197,000 in gun lobby money then make false accusations against the Vice President, as Senator Fred Thompson, R-TN, recently did. In fact, thank you especially to President Clinton for funding needed repairs to school buildings.

Finally, there is a very special recent picture of the President, showing that America can be debt free by 2012. President Clinton has pointed America in a new direction. Thank you, President Clinton, and Happy Birthday, America.