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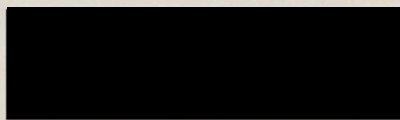
September 1, 1993

Dear Mr. Lamb,

You have some of this material, but "Letters" has some additions and should make it easier to keep.

Regards,  


*LETTERS*



## INTRODUCTION

This booklet consists of letters that express my opinions about various aspects of the first seven months of the Clinton Presidency. They were sent to members of Congress and the media.

As to the title, I might have selected "Parliament of Whores", but that one was already taken. A fellow with the mellifluously - Gaelic name of P. J. O'Rourke -- which sounds as though he should be a Third Avenue neighborhood bar -- did a great job of proving his thesis with a book of that title.

The facts seem to indicate that Mr. O'Rourke was right when he detailed the experiences of the last thirty years that bring us face to face with "...that most extraordinary paradox: You can't get rid of poverty by giving people money." (Page 128)

The facts also seem to indicate that I was right in "The Two-By-Four", written in the summer of 1991, when I said that we had become a nation of "wimps, whiners and gutless cowards"; when I wrote later of the "spiritual whores" who have so much influence on the fortunes of our people; and when I wrote in the May 3, 1993 letter that no meaningful change can be made in our federal government until the tax code and the campaign funding systems are drastically revised. (That is why two of the first three bills I recommended in "Message to Congress" did exactly that. But Washington insists, as ever, on doing things backwards.)

What is involved here is a question of power, which includes but is not identical to a question of authority. "The Two-By-Four" was a 55-page critique of what I called the Arabian Adventure and was sent to Messrs. Bush, Clinton, Gore, Cuomo, Wilder, Harkin, Perot, Buchanan and Tsongas on September 10, 1991, by which date only Mr. Tsongas had declared he would run for the Presidency in 1992. (Mr. Babbitt may also have been on the list of 200 addressees, but I can't be certain. The state of Maryland scrapped my car and three years worth of original handwritten manuscripts, diaries and various other personal records and mementoes - including irreplaceable family photographs going back to the 1800s -- as soon as I notified it I was on my way to reclaim them. By the way, Mr. Bush should have received his copy on the 12th, the day he had his public temper tantrum about the Israeli lobby.)

In one section, I wrote words to the effect of "...and the only game in town is power. Alright, fine, let's play the power game. You show me yours, and I'll show you mine. Since these words are addressed primarily to President Bush...". In that and subsequent papers, I made it clear that I was confident God would remove George Bush from office, and that such an outcome was fixed firmly and unalterably when he had 100,000 Iraqis killed unnecessarily.

I am just as certain at this moment that it is fixed firmly and unalterably that Bill Clinton will not be reelected in 1996 because of the decisions he has already made as President. He and the Democrat Party will probably discount this opinion and mount an all-out effort for his reelection that will be just as bullheaded and as fruitless as that of George Bush and, for that matter, Jimmy Carter before him. But this time he will take the party itself into oblivion because he and it opted not to devote the next three-and-a-half years to real, significant and beneficial changes - which, if they had done, would at least have moved Bill Clinton into the history books as a good President.

In concluding this introduction, I want to comment on and clarify the term "international conglomerate" that I used in the August 1 letter, in the process of which clarification we will touch on some vital concepts related to it, to me and to my work.

The conglomerate that everyone is working so hard to protect is, of course, IBM, which doesn't need any protection but could certainly use a boost from the One who controls its destiny.

I have nothing against IBM. I will never make any claims of any nature against IBM. Some of the best friends I have had in my life are or were IBMers. Many of the concepts I have for Midget Widget, described in cursory terms in "The Two-By-Four", can be traced to my experiences with the outstanding company that IBM was when I joined it in 1956.

IBM has never done anything to harm me. There is no entity called IBM except as a piece of paper filed with the Secretary of State of the sovereign state of New York for purposes of incorporation. A few individuals who were employed by it may have done me some harm, but I have no interest in knowing who they are or what they did. When I moved from Atlanta to Florida in 1982, I said "Yes, Sir" when I sensed that I was being directed: "Put all of that in the past. Leave all of it in my hands. Whatever balancing of the scales has to be done vis a vis IBM will be done by me."

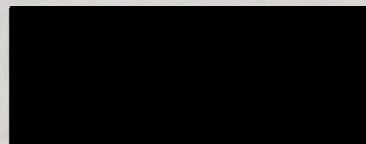
That is the great lesson, learned the hard way from this and many other incidents, that will serve as the example whereby so much of the hatred, violence, crime and destruction of the family that is becoming institutionalized in our society will be ended and reversed.

It will be a lesson and example because it will be news, and people will pay attention. Each of us is given the choice each day to turn about, to embark on a new path, to start all over with the Lord. If Mr. Clinton persists in using his power to suppress my ideas and writings because he disagrees with them or because they are

a threat to his political future, then he will face three-and-a-half more years of failure and frustration, just as George Bush did.

The essence of what Mr. Clinton, his party and the media are suppressing is captured in this illustration of what I have called "a whole new world" that is available to all of us: I have no trouble forgiving and forgetting all offences, but would be dishonest if I claimed that I have the kind of love for the perpetrators of those offences that Jesus has for them. I do claim unequivocally that that is the kind of love I have for my ex-wife and four children. Nothing that they do or say, and nothing that they fail to do or say, affects or alters the love I have for them; it never has and it never will. That is because love is an element that flows from me to them; it has nothing to do with what I get out of it.

I have been fortunate to have understood this concept most of my life, and to have applied it often. An extension of that experience is that no action or word of mine will be determined by others, by reacting to provocations or gamesmanship. I will forever live one day at a time. I will forever write and say whatever I know puts my spirit at ease, for I can discern that level of ease which indicates that I have satisfied His Spirit.



Jacksonville, Florida

March 1, 1993

Letter to the Editor:

The American people helped to win World War II, at a cost of over 300,000 lives. They helped to win the Cold War, at a cost of about 120,000 lives; a countless number of physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wounds; and trillions upon trillions of tax dollars. We are now being asked to sacrifice by sending billions of additional tax dollars to Washington so that it can give us a vibrant economy and splendid society.

As the saying goes, that dog won't hunt - not in the era of C-SPAN and CNN. It won't hunt for a great number of reasons. For one, the plan won't work. For another, there are better plans and approaches that will work.

I have just viewed President Clinton's visit to Chillicothe, Ohio part of the national sales campaign of the Administration. There was an interesting, and telling, incident at the meeting. Tim Hanchin, a 17-year-old student, asked a question about abortion. The President stopped the applause for the young man by barking out "Wait a minute" while waving his hands and the microphone. His rambling answer gave no evidence of concern for the scope of the problem, as Mr. Hanchin had made clear, nor for the feelings of the young man, as he jumped him with "You may smile, with all of your self-assurance, young man...". I don't believe that Jack Kennedy or Ronald Reagan would have treated anyone that way, let alone a high-school student.

Of even greater concern, at the end of the meeting he tried to make amends, saying "I was proud of that young man...", thereby compounding an act of ungraciousness with an untruth. The President is very, very smart and doesn't need to do this. Nor do we need a plan based on obfuscations such as "the net aggregate reduction of the deficit".

As for the perspective with which I view issues, I have been an independent voter all of my life. I signed up with United We Stand, America in January because I admire greatly Ross Perot and the millions of independent thinkers who formed this movement. I will not be able to take any active part in it, because I am committed to another work that will take me many years to complete.

Another influence on my perspective is the example set by my father, [REDACTED]. One of my earliest memories is of his taking me to the local Democratic Club in Richmond Hill, Queens, New York; one of the last is of going with him and my mother to a meeting of the Democratic Club at Kings Point in Delray Beach, Florida. Although he worked for the Party for sixty years, he was a typical Reagan Democrat: a hard working Roman Catholic of German descent (at one time he held three jobs and usually had two). He would be ashamed of me if I didn't speak out when I thought I should.

Bill Clinton will be our President for the next four years. The job of all of us, not just Democrats, is to make his tenure as successful as possible. We can do this by convincing him he will be a one-term President so that he will stop running for reelection and get some sleep.

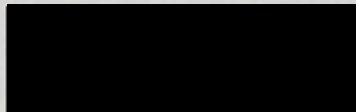


#### A FEW QUESTIONS ON WACO

1. Are our law enforcement authorities more immune from the influences of our culture than other segments of our society?
2. Is not the excessive use of force just as evident and clear in Waco as it was in Los Angeles? How can one see the latter and be completely blind to the former?
3. Why would a CEO or Commander In Chief sign off on a plan to smash into a compound with tanks and tear gas if he believes the leader of the group, which includes dozens of innocent children, to be "insane", to use his own word?
4. How can one shed crocodile tears over possible, speculative abuse of these dozens of children while simultaneously depriving them of sleep with the psychological warfare of blaring spotlights and the roaring sounds of idiocy from loudspeakers played all through the night for weeks on end?
5. If I build a single proposition, or an entire discipline, on a false premise, will I not create a proposition or discipline on which no one should place any reliance, or, at most, anything more than partial reliance? For example, if I build a syllogism along the lines of "All men are women. John is a man. Therefore, John is a woman", I obviously end up with an untruth. So too, if the worlds of psychiatry, psychology and sociology are constructed on the premise that man consists of body and soul, and not of body and soul and spirit, should it be surprising that they give us debacles such as Waco?
6. How is it that Masada is revered as an act of courage, as it should be, but all individuals at Waco are condemned as pure wackos who are one hundred percent responsible for the tragic outcome?
7. Can't one support enthusiastically and appreciate the great work of the FBI and all other law authorities while questioning or not supporting an individual action of one of them?
8. Have you ever seen a greater example of the bias of many members of the media than in their attempts to dismiss the multiple misjudgements of the Administration, from Numero Uno on down, by placing all of the blame on the charred bodies or by asserting that no political damage has been done? Or is their general apologia for the first hundred days a better example? (Two out of twenty-two primary questions at the April 23 Press Conference concerned Waco.)



9. It is impossible to allocate blame in any situation as complex as Waco (and probably unproductive to attempt to do so except for the benefit of learning the lessons we should so that we handle situations in the future more effectively), but must we not explore completely the distortion of the Second Amendment that has turned this nation into a collection of armed camps, and the contribution that this distortion made to Waco?



May 3, 1993  
Jacksonville, Florida

May 3, 1993

Dear Citizen,

Most of the material in "Message To Congress" is concerned with the issue of abortion, but it and the other papers in this booklet touch on and are related to many more fundamental concepts that are at the heart of the populist stirrings so evident in our nation.

I find it helpful to put labels on topics. So, with the aid of a few such labels, let me summarize some of these fundamental concepts:

1. The Law. There is no national need of greater urgency than to reinstate the Law as the powerful and beneficial force that it can and should be.

If I am right about the law regarding abortion - and I'm very certain that I am right - then this restoration can and should begin at the top by resolving the issue according to the recommendation in the paper.

3. Funny Money. It is tempting to say that Washington just doesn't get it, but that would be a lie. The Senate Republicans get it. The National Tax Foundation, National Taxpayers Union and other interest groups get it. Washington players such as Ross Perot get it.

And what is it that they get? That what the people have been saying for a long time is: "Congress, stop spending money we don't have! Please, for our sake and that of our children and our nation and the world that looks to us for leadership, stop this deficit financing, this spending in great excess over our revenues."

And what is the first thing the Administration with the mottoes "It's the economy, stupid." and "We will focus like a laser beam on the economy" does for the economy? It recommends spending \$16 billion and all of the attendant carrying charges without a penny of offsetting revenues or cuts.

As it has been presented, the logic that undergirds this proposal is that the path we have been on is the wrong

one and, therefore, any new path we take is bound to be better. That is, in essence, what the President said in a speech on the date of this writing, April 27.

3. The Eclectic Answer. I am not so presumptuous, unrealistic or egomaniacal as to believe that the recommended Seven Bills are the answer to the needs of our nation. They are part of the answer, with all of the other parts furnished from a variety of sources.

The challenge is to assemble the complete package from the best parts, regardless of whether the source of any one part is Republican or Democrat, conservative or liberal, Inner Priest or plain citizen.

4. The HST Standard. Harry Truman vaulted into national prominence with a single great idea: The Senate Special Committee to provide oversight on wartime expenditures ("Truman" by David McCullough, Pages 256-261).

From that point, he established himself as a great President for a variety of reasons, most of which relate to his personal qualities. For one, he implemented a succession of great ideas and was never concerned with where the idea originated nor with who would be given the credit for it. It was the Marshall Plan, not the Truman Plan.

For another, as Sam Rosenman said in comparing him to FDR, Truman "paid much less attention to what his actions were doing towards his chances for reelection..." (McCullough, Page 476). He was also a compulsive truth-teller.

If Waco had happened on his watch, can you picture Harry Truman saying "I was aware of it. But the Attorney General made the decision... The decisions were entirely theirs"? Or allowing his Attorney General to say words to the effect of "I can't say I would do anything differently, but...we can learn lessons for the future"?

I'm quite certain that in that final fifteen-minute telephone conversation, Harry Truman would have said to his Attorney General: "That plan will not do. We cannot put at risk the lives of those innocent children by ratcheting up the pressure on a leader whose stability is questionable. I want you to draw up a new plan from the

other end of the spectrum of violence. While doing whatever we must in order to comply with the law, let's cut back our resources and attention to the absolute minimum level and see what that plan looks like. Do you understand?"

(Such an order would not only have saved close to a hundred lives but would also have saved us from apologia such as that of Tom Brokaw proclaiming, upon the receipt of the report on April 26 that the cult members had set the fire, words to the effect of "With Waco largely behind him, the President..." before Congress has had its say and hearings. And from the startling prejudgement by Chairman Brooks of the House Judiciary Committee at the opening on April 28 of what is supposedly an open-minded hearing, with words to the effect of: "...the verdict on Koresh can already be found in the polls." This is just part of the insanity of running a government based on polls. A headline such as "Poll: 93% Blame Koresh" is absolutely meaningless and irrelevant. Taken immediately after the incident, it reflects primarily the support most citizens give to established authority - as do all such pieces of fluff that the entrenched power brokers love so much.)

5. A Thousand Saints. If we were to send 535 saints to Congress and 465 saints to the highest positions in the Executive Branch, nothing would change - not with the present system.

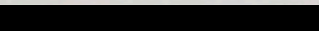
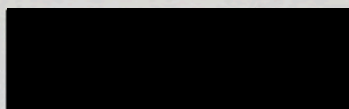
Assuming that each of these saints was also brilliant, honest and dedicated, nothing will change until the Federal Income Tax and Campaign Funding laws are changed along the general or specific lines recommended in these papers. Changes such as the Ten Percent Solution are as inevitable as the tide - as a replacement for the present system, not as an add-on.

One of the building blocks that I recommend to anyone is that he or she learn to forgive and forget, to move on and live only for the future. The American people are not anywhere as concerned about what any President or member of Congress has done so far in his or her term as they are about what happens in the remainder of that term. The depth of their feelings on matters such as additional taxation and deficit financing will be a great shock to anyone who underestimates that depth. They don't want a Democratic answer. They don't want a Republican answer. They want an answer.


As to my comments regarding Mario Cuomo, I want to make the following points as clearly as I can: I have had no personal contact with him in thirty-nine years except to say hello and shake his hand as he exited the 92nd Street Y in New York City after giving a talk. That was in the fall of 1991. I have sent him my writings of the past three-and-a-half years. Three years ago he sent me a nice note of acknowledgment.

Mario has had absolutely nothing to do with a single word I've written in the last thirty-nine years, and should not be held responsible, accountable or to blame - nor punished - for anything I've written, said or done. We are completely independent agents.

Yours truly,



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June 1, 1993

Dear Citizen,

As I start this new cover letter for "Message to Congress", I have just returned from a trip to Washington, D.C., a trip that began on May 4 and ended on May 22.

There were many interesting developments in that time. For one, Bill Clinton is history. The only questions that remain are how many Senators and Congressmen he will take down with him in 1994 and 1996, and whether he will use the remaining three-and-a-half years of his term for the good of the people or for more of the same, i.e., disorderly policy-wonkism run amok in the name of Big Brother Bill. The answer to the former question will be furnished by the answer to the latter one.

There is, for starters, the \$200 haircut. People, real people, may not know why it cost taxpayers \$15,000 in aviation fuel and the like to have Air Force One idle for forty-five minutes while Christophe of Beverly Hills performed his wonders, nor why they should pay \$1.4 million for this West Coast trip and Presidential Town Meeting, but they do understand a \$200 haircut. For example: After buying a Profolio from Lynne Matthews of Jacobs Gardner, at the corner of 17th and L Streets in Washington, at 9:42 a.m. on May 6, I asked a gentleman if he knew of a barbershop in the area. He pointed out a Salon on the next block. I walked there, entered, and asked, "How much is a haircut?". When told "\$45", I broke out in laughter, said "I'm sorry to laugh that way, but that is ridiculous.", and started to walk out. The guy behind the counter, who appeared to be immune to any help from the practitioners in his shop, said "And so are you.". Thanks to a discipline enforced over the last fifteen years to ignore all such potential provocations, I just kept going, with another man there seeming to smile in agreement with my sentiments on the matter. (This morning, May 23, I heard many comments of outright derision made at Hardee's on the subject, without my ever adding a bit to what was already a full plate.)

In addition to Hairgate, however, there are countless reasons of substance that explain why Bill Clinton is history. Before delving into a few of them, let's look back into history and prepare the ground properly.

If the Pentagon Papers and the interpreters thereof portray the situation accurately, on the day that Lyndon

Johnson went to Congress to ask that it pass the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, he had already been informed that the reliability of the early data that prompted his actions was questionable.

Assuming, just for the sake of argument, that this is true, what should we call it? Can it be anything other than treason? If the crime of treason must, as a matter of law, involve selling or giving something to a foreign country, then let's admit that we are using the term in a broad, generic sense - a treasonous act in which a person sells out his country for the sake of personal or political gain - and not in the technical, legal sense.

Assuming that this had become public in early 1968, what should have been the penalty for this act of duplicity that ultimately cost over 59,000 American lives? If he had been tried and found guilty of this crime, what price should LBJ have paid for it?

I believe that he should have been marched before a firing squad in front of the Washington Monument and shot to death, and that if we were to have set such an example there would be fewer mass murderers such as those that followed in Cambodia and Serbia and Africa.

And how does this look back into recent history relate to 1993? In these ways;

1. It is treasonous for a President and Congress to ramrod an ill-conceived, ineffectual, patchwork-quilt Economics Plan that is a boon only to the lawyers, lobbyists, legislators and bureaucrats whose infinite wisdom will be required to interpret its complexities - especially when they are aware of a much simpler, better and more effective plan.
2. It is treasonous for any public official to put his party or his wannabe ambitions to be President (a disease that afflicts only about 536 people in Washington, give or take a few dozen) ahead of the national interests. Anyone who puts his party ahead of his nation is not deserving of being a dogcatcher, let alone a President, Senator or Congressman.
3. It is treasonous for a President to deny to a nation the services of a uniquely-qualified Governor Mario Cuomo as a Supreme Court Justice because that President has a petty temper tantrum over things that I've written that are critical of

Big Brother Bill. Uniquely qualified? Legal scholar, with a legal IQ at the outer borders of genius; a law professor; a three-time Governor of one of the largest states in the nation; a pleader of the causes of the least of these; and, above all else and of special need at this time, an advocate who can attack the very foundations of conventional wisdom with the same dedication, thoroughness and effectiveness of a General George Patton attacking an enemy force.

Yes, we can find a sitting judge of great legal distinction, or even a very special symbol of some very special minority group, but we will not find anyone with Mario's unique combination of abilities, talents, experiences, judicial temperament, humanity, vision and potential.

I, and the overwhelming majority of Americans, have no objections to putting before a firing squad any public official, President or whoever, who is guilty of such treasonous acts - after a fair trial, of course. But this drastic step will not be necessary.

Although I am not one of the guys in navy blue suits with rep ties and bulging wallets of PAC money who roam the corridors of Congress, but am a plain citizen, I will eventually get a hearing. Perhaps it will be in the fall of 1994, after all the damage has been done and just before the elections, so that the people will have no choice except to reject most of the thirty-three incumbent Senators and 435 incumbent members of the House who will be up for re-election. It will be no later than that time. (Note: I did not attempt to make any appointments on the trip in May - well, no serious attempts. That is not my point.)

Why will they do this? Because it will be then that the American people will discover that there was a simple, fair, just, balanced, moderate, progressive, beneficial and effective answer out of the mess that sixty years of Big Brother has created:

1. Have each individual and each non-profit corporation remit off the top ten percent of their gross income - with the non-profit corporations first deducting all donations from their gross.
2. Have each for-profit corporation remit seven percent of their gross income.



3. Cut spending and cap entitlements to achieve whatever figure is desired for the reduction of the annual deficit and the accrued national debt in that fiscal year in light of the anticipated revenues from the Federal Tax System.
4. Eliminate all PAC's, slash the incumbent's franking amounts, and go to public financing along the lines recommended in "Message To Congress".

The Ten Percent Solution spreads the pain of taxes in a uniform, consistent and fair way. The consumption aspect of the corporate system will provide the progressivity to offset the regressivity at the lower end of the individual income scale. It will make the placement of caps on entitlements more palatable and acceptable.

Some of the multi-syllabic words I have just used come straight from the worlds of bureaucracy and wonkism. Let me put the concepts behind some of these recommendations in the form of a few simple truths that all of us can understand and agree to:

1. If I give anyone a tax deduction, it is the same as giving him money.
2. If I give anyone a tax exemption, it is the same as giving him money.
3. If I am a President or member of Congress, I can maintain my power over the people and the PACs by giving them tax deductions and tax exemptions.
4. If I give no deductions or exemptions to anyone, the power goes back to the people, where it belongs.
5. The basic structure of the existing Tax Code is insane, a gigantic con job.
6. It would be much better to do nothing on the taxing and spending sides this year than to ramrod this budget through the Senate in the name of the Democratic Party - infinitely better. What's the rush? This is not what the people voted for a scant seven months ago. Don't their views ever count?
7. I have absolute, complete confidence that the Ten Percent Solution will not only do the job but will also be of enormous benefit to the nation in a

great number of ways. I am willing to stake my reputation and believability on that claim. Are you willing to stake yours on the claim that it cannot and will not work?

After working very hard for most of the forty-seven years since I had my first summer job at Standard Oil of N.J. at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, at the age of fifteen, I could be very content in retirement. I can be a most accomplished couch potato, flicking from C-SPAN to VH1 to AMC to CNN to ESPN to NICK to A & E to COM to FAM to Letterman to Leno.

But I am a great believer in the Stone-Thrown-In-The-Water-Effect. I believe that every action I take, every decision I make, every word I speak and write, has some ripple effect. And every action, decision and word I fail to take or speak has a ripple effect, this one of the negative aspect of a ripple I could have created, but did not. Silence gives consent.

I believe that part of the reason, part of the cause-of-the-effect, for the killing of the Japanese exchange student in Louisiana is that Congress is much more afraid of the NRA than of the law or the people. ("The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the Militia of the several states..." can be unrelated to "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed", and unrelated to the National Guard units of the States only if the Founding Fathers didn't understand semantics, didn't know what they were writing, and if pigs have wings. The Law is not what we would like to think it is. The Law is what it is.)

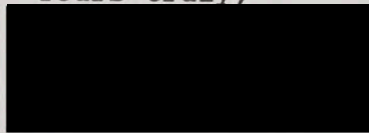
Some elements of both church and state appear to be deathly afraid that some man on a white horse will appear. That is, that someone who is not an Inner Priest would have the effrontery and hutzpah to think that his ideas, which no other Inner Priest is pushing, can have any validity. (Or perhaps the fear is that one will appear, but not be he?)

Well, let me make this point as clearly as I can: I make absolutely no claim to being that man on a white horse. Not only do I not have any horse, I don't even have a car. Come to think of it, I don't even have a bicycle anymore. What I have is two very tired legs with two bum knees and shin splints, legs that are not meant to walk the vast reaches of Washington as I did in May.

My resources are so ridiculously limited and committed to my writings, often at the expense of little things like a place to rest my head at night and something to stoke the calorie furnace of my body, that I can send a copy of this initial mailing of the June 1 version of this booklet to only one member of Congress: Senator Joseph Biden, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. I ask that he enter it in the Congressional Record so that the other 534 members of Congress have it available to them. Please. ("Ridiculously limited" because the Degree of Difficulty must be clearly, unambiguously a Ten, from which fact many consequences flow relative to authority, credentials, sources, power and the resolution of a rather important question that has been debated for about 2,000 years, from which resolution many important benefits to all mankind will flow.)

And President Clinton, as to my comment about people who appear to know a great deal and understand little, Thomas Hobbes put it thusly: "If a person's knowledge is not in order, then the more of it he has, the greater his confusion.". Back to three or four basics is the best prescription for that problem. Good luck.

Yours truly,



P.S. The House has today, May 27, passed the Economic Plan of President Clinton. Not to worry, fellow citizens: "Who knows what tomorrow brings?". (What may be to worry is that the White House has great hopes that the political momentum from this squeaker vote will enable it to bury Wacogate and Travelgate, both of which demand intense scrutiny in this city and in this era in which the Law and the Constitution are in danger of becoming mere old-fashioned annoyances to all except a handful of people such as Lee Hamilton and Senators Boren, Moynihan and Nunn. What is dismissed out of hand as completely anachronistic is the principle that if you simply do what is good, right, fair and just, good results will follow automatically.)

(May 29 Insert: Well, maybe there is hope. The appointment today of David Gergen is good, right, fair and just - and makes all the sense in the world. Getting the best man you can for the right spot makes eminent good, common sense. It is of a piece with my conviction that Mario Cuomo is the best man for the Supreme Court at this

critical moment in our history and in the Clinton Administration. A very practical consideration in the latter situation is that Mario's Confirmation Hearing will be an orderly, cordial one and that his selection will be applauded universally after the Confirmation Hearing. It may take some faith to accept that last point, but I'll stick to it and to the major premise that if you simply do what is right, good results will follow.)

One aspect of the LBJ-type of armtwisting and horse-trading in the passage of the Economic Plan, portrayed as macho heroism by the Beltway ethos, was interesting. Let me put it the way I believe a typical citizen views it: If a President promises to raise the import fees on peanuts, so that domestic peanut farmers in the Congressional districts whose votes he needs can raise their prices without affecting adversely their sales or share of the market, in order to offset their increased costs from a BTU tax boost, that President is in essence buying votes with money stolen from every citizen who purchases any peanut butter or peanuts - i.e., all ordinary citizens. Yes, I said "stolen". And, yes, that vote was "bought". It's horsethievory, not horsetrading, except to the horsey set and to the pampered practitioners of governmania and mediaville to whom the horserace is all that matters: the public, the Law, the Constitution and all moral codes, including especially the Ten Commandments, be damned.

Let me express another truth that apparently is not getting through the Washington fog: In regards to any additional taxes of the nature passed by the House, you simply do not understand how many people, including middle class <sup>and</sup> people, are just making it now, from day to day, or from <sup>one</sup> week to the next. With the Ten Percent Solution, there will be a flood of cash available to invest in the private sector, create jobs and make small business loans and development. That's where the relief of this crunch will come from, not from Big Brother, whose taxes will kill any potential for development.

Ross Perot is exactly right in raising the questions he does in the interview with David Frost. That was proved beyond any doubt by the President's answer on "CBS This Morning" on May 27. Asked about the misuse of the FBI by the White House during Travelgate, the President said he was not aware of any procedure that required him to go through the Attorney General's office in dealing with the FBI.

If he had had any experience in the Army or Navy, or with IBM, the President would realize that no organization

charts of the kind he apparently envisions exist. I'll leave it at that.

As to the Dedication Page, I found that Profile in Courage in Congress in May - someone who has apparently seen and appreciated Alexander Korda's great film "The Four Feathers" - and have therefore returned to Jacksonville.

As to my thoughts for the future for myself, let me repeat what I have written in papers that are not included in "Message to Congress": I don't know the future. I don't know The Plan. I don't concern myself with either the future or The Plan. I am concerned only with doing today whatever I am supposed to be doing as well as I can do it.

If I had a choice in the matter, what would happen is that I would be remarried, go off on a second honeymoon, spend some time with my four children, and then tell as many people as I can what the Word of God says, and what the words mean. But I can't do that until a couple of things happen - which "things" I will be able to identify clearly, because they will include events which guarantee that people will be very interested in what my opinion is as to the meaning of the words in the Word of God - and from all signs those things have to happen in Washington. But believe me, I would like to leave the things of Caesar to Caesar so that I can get on with what God has invested sixty-two years in preparing and teaching me to do - which is to teach His Word.

With the heavy volume of mail addressed to President Clinton, it is probably fruitless to send "Message to Congress" to him. I'll send a copy to David Gergen and ask him to bring it to the attention of the President. I pray that they and Congress will receive it as an opportunity to do what is right for the country. In light of developments, I am also sending a copy to Senator Moynihan and ask that he make it available to the other members of the Senate Finance Committee and to its staff.

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July 1, 1993

Dear Citizen:

The first large mailing of "Message to Congress" was made to the individuals on the enclosed list at 2:12 a.m. on June 14, 1993. The Letter of Transmittal of June 1 was mailed to them on June 17, withheld until then because I thought that I was more frank in it than was necessary.

This change of mind and heart was triggered by what I perceived to be a week in which the office of the Presidency was degraded further even as the media chalked it up as a good week - a difference of opinion which in itself speaks to my concerns.

My primary concern is that we are turning the office of President of the United States into that of a prop, a talking head promoting the latest Madison-Pennsylvania Avenue hot product via Pavlovian visual images that disguise the emptiness and untruthfulness of the steady stream of words emanating from the head behind the podium in the Rose Garden. Instead of a leader whose bedrock principles define a vision that we can subscribe to and work in unison to achieve, we have an unprincipled follower who will say and do anything in order to win personal and party horseraces.

Consider this summary of some of the highlights of what the media called a great week. After having trial balloons on two Supreme Court nominees shot down in one week, the President turned not to the individual whom he named as his ideal candidate during the campaign, Mario Cuomo - who said on television recently that it would be "heaven" to serve on the Supreme Court and who would certainly say "Yes, sir" to any call by the President to go to heaven - but to someone who had been in the background for the last eighty-eight days. We can only wish the best for Judge Ginsburg, but the President passed up a golden opportunity to keep at least one campaign promise in addition to putting gays in the military and socking the well-to-do with higher taxes.

This announcement was followed by three press conferences in four days, the last two dictated by the unceremonious ending of the first. This roller-coaster week was itself preceded by an intimate little "Let them eat cake" cookout for eight-hundred members of the media under a sprawling RFK-Stadium-size tent on the White House lawn. This part of the charm offensive was kept from television, probably on the reasonable basis that Joe Sixpack would be upset to find out that he paid for this party.

As to the press conferences, "I regret the leaks" was the answer to the undignified handling of Bruce Babbitt and Judge Breyer. I guess that I will have to wait until hell freezes over for some cub reporter to say "Mister President, those leaks came from members of your staff. If they did this without your knowledge and contrary to

your wishes, they should be fired for insubordination. If they did it with your knowledge, then what you have just said is a - well, let's call it an untruth. Isn't that right? It has to be one or the other?"

The farce that our foreign policy has become, as exemplified by our declaration of victory in Somalia, is not the fault of President Clinton. It is the result of an evolution from many administrations which has desensitized us as to the letter and spirit of the Constitutional principles undergirding the words "Congress shall have the power...to declare war...".

Consider this headline of early June: "U. S. Commits Troops to Macedonia". No, it did not. The U. S. consists of two-hundred-and-fifty million people. They did not commit any troops to Macedonia. Nor did their 535 representatives, who didn't even discuss it. One man did, the King--I mean, the President. This is the kind of power the Founding Fathers tried to keep out of the hands of any one man.

Consider these facts: On October 31, 1990 George Bush, with no legal authority to do so, issued orders to double the size of our forces in the Persian Gulf and to change from a defensive to an offensive posture; sent the Secretary of State to inform Russia, China, Japan, Germany, England and France; and finally, eight days later, on November 8, notified Sam Nunn and Les Aspin, one hour before the public announcement.

What has happened is that we have become accustomed to doing the right thing - such as trying to alleviate the suffering in Somalia - the wrong way.

As for my comments about Mario Cuomo, he probably feels the same as Bruce Babbitt: "I can take care of my enemies, it's my friends who did me in." Well, I'm sorry, but I think it is an absolute disgrace that the Democratic Party has treated so shabbily one of its leading lights, someone who has worked so hard so well so long for it, someone who campaigned tirelessly for candidate Clinton. Do you think Waco would have happened if he had been the Attorney General? How did he handle the prison riot in New York?

Before concluding with some thoughts that flow from these facts, please let me put them in perspective. I yield to no one on the face of the earth on my lifelong record of treating people as individuals and not as members of some racial, ethnic or religious group. That is, I do not prejudge anyone. I am not prejudiced or racist. The principal differentiation I make of people is based on the content of their character. If you wish, I can give you the names of many witnesses who will verify everything I've just said.

Does it matter that Mario Cuomo could not be the Attorney General because, as the record makes clear, Hillary Clinton had

decided it had to be a woman? In the narrow sense, it obviously matters a great deal to the dozens of innocent children at Waco. Anyone who knows Mario well knows that he would never have approved any cockamamie scheme to knock down the walls of the compound with tanks and pour in tear gas to beat one-and-two-year old babies into submission - no matter how much Jack Brooks would have loved it.

What is it that the Democratic Party has against babies? Instead of putting the spotlight on Waco to protect the babies of future situations, the Democratic House gives it the whitewash treatment and the Democratic Senate doesn't look at it at all. The Attorney General testified that she discussed it over the phone with the President for fifteen minutes to get final approval of the raid the next day, and that there were only two options: to do as they did, or to maintain the status quo, which they decided was untenable. I have never read or heard any journalist ask the following questions - but surely one of them must have. Why was this final decision made in a phone call? Isn't the entire premise upon which that final decision was made a false one? Wasn't there the option of benign neglect (you will recall that phrase, Senator Moynihan) in which all resources and attention could have been reduced to the bare minimum? But it is the broader view with which we must concern ourselves rather than with this tragic episode that we can do nothing about.

We are a nation of 250,000,000 people. The federal government is led by nine people in the Judiciary Branch, 535 people in the Legislative Branch and about twelve people in the Executive Branch. Why in the world would you not want to get the very best people out of the 250,000,000 for these 556 spots? Why should the criteria be anything other than getting the brightest, smartest, most imaginative and dedicated people whose experiences and talents mesh most closely with the requirements of the position? And why should we greet as progress the diffusion of power in the office that usually supplies overall direction to the nation, the Presidency, as some other party, wife or whoever, is given executive decision-making ability, unbeknownst in advance to the voters? (Or purposely hidden in advance? Was any voter ever told that the Attorney General had to be a woman?)

(On March 13, I told my daughter, on her nineteenth birthday: "Most of Washington and the media are telling you that Hillary Clinton is your new role model. Don't buy that line. She wields zero power of her own. One hundred percent of her power comes not from her husband, but from the office that her husband occupies for a short time. If you are interested in politics and government, set your sights on being the President, not his wife. That's the role model that women should have - and will have sometime in your lifetime.")

President Clinton said in his radio address on June 26 that the principles upon which he now stands are those that he has stood for



in the last five months and in all of 1992. We can only assume that these are also the principles of the Democratic Party: Government as the provider and promoter of jobs, incentives, stimuli and regulations in the economic life of the country; higher taxes; gays in the military; more Wall Street takeovers as promoted by the new Tax Code; an absolutist position that equates to "The right to abortion is not enough. It must be completely without limits or restrictions - unlike any other Constitutional right - and everyone who believes that it is the taking of embryonic life and therefore wrong must nevertheless be compelled to pay for it through Medicaid, national health or any other federal or state program that promotes and encourages this act that these taxpayers, the great majority, believe is the moral, ethical and spiritual equivalent of the murder of a 'person'"; multiculturalism and quotas and diversity in all Executive Branch assignments; and decision-making by co-Presidents, only one of whom was elected. That should make for an interesting 1994 and 1996. There will be no difficulty in distinguishing the parties from each other.

And by then we will know whether what is happening now is merely the decline of the Democratic Party, from which it can recover, or its demise.

It is debated often as to whether men control events or the events control the men. The answer depends on which part of a cycle we ask the question of. We do control our own individual and corporate destinies through our exercise of free-will decision-making liberty, but the outcome of any decision may be set inexorably by forces beyond our control, often with results the opposite of what we intended.

The evolution of thought should be of infinitely greater interest to most people than the evolution of plant life. For instance, it is only after the Industrial Revolution and two of its offshoots, computers and management science, that we can appreciate clearly this paradox that man controls events while being controlled by them.

There is a computer program dating back a few decades to Admiral Rickover's nuclear sub program, and other similar large projects, called Program Evaluation Review Technique - PERT, in the world of IBM and computer acronyms.

This program makes it possible to describe to a computer all of the elements of a large project from initial design to completion. The path for each of what may be millions of individual steps is identified, with all dependencies on materials and prior steps defined. It is then the job of the computer program to do what no

individual mind is capable of doing: assimilating all of the data and portraying the entire process in the form of a chart.

One of the key elements in the path is the decision box. This is analogous to the individual or corporate decisions we make. Just as with the decision box in PERT, once we make that decision, some results will follow automatically. Just as certainly as day follows night, certain results will follow our decision.

With some decisions, however, we cannot know which path they will take, because they are determined not solely by us. So too with our lives and with history. The larger picture is even more complicated because there is someone else making His decisions as we make ours, someone whose Intelligence is to all of the brains, computers and supercomputers that ever were and ever will be as the distance covered in trillion light-years is to an inch. When He decides to exert His purposeful will, then we discover the true meaning of inexorability: all of the power in earth and in hell cannot prevent that will from being accomplished.

It is deeply entrenched in our tradition and history that two political parties dominate. We have at this moment our two parties; a leader and player, Ross Perot; and a movement, United We Stand America. Five and ten years from now, we will probably have two major political parties. The question before the house is: Which two will they be? A PERT-sized gaggle of decisions, some much more important than others, will provide the answer.

In conclusion, let me say that I would have to be deaf, dumb and blind not to realize that the people to whom I send my writings have been sold a bill of goods that if those writings become public the entire universe will collapse. What nonsense! Do you really believe that this nation and the economy of this country can be destroyed because one person writes the truth? Is it possible to conjure up a more absurd proposition? The truth can only set us free. (And I have no problem in acknowledging as true the fact that I am aiming high in trying to act as the vehicle through whom about three-and-a-half billion people, and many of the other one-and-a-half billion people, will be set free. But I claim to being not one iota or ounce more than that: a "vehicle", a messenger for another who is the Alpha and Omega, compared to whom I am a cipher, a nothing, an irrelevance.)

I do admit that there is a little secret imbedded in my description of Midget Widget in "The Two-By-Four", written in September, 1990, that supporters of big business and big government - and the media that those two elements own and control - would not want to have revealed. That secret is:

1. A company owned by an individual or his agent, such as a legal trustee, is private property.
2. A company owned by the government is not private property, but is public property.
3. A company owned by millions of stockholders and therefore subject to regulation by the government and to plundering by green mail and other machinations of the leveraging and down-sizing Wall Street barracudas, is more accurately classified as public property, not private property.
4. The foundation of capitalism is a free enterprise system constructed of private property, not public property.
5. Midget Widget and the Ten Percent Solution go together and are designed to restore us to a free enterprise system, and to get the government off the backs of all of us - individuals; mom-and-pop enterprises; small, medium and large companies, including even the newspapers and television networks that are supposed to serve the interests of the people. (And exactly what is so radical about taxing the profits of allegedly non-profit companies?)

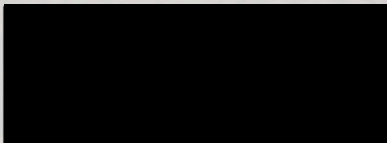
The have-nots of this nation have been deluded into believing that their salvation will come by victories in the realm of politics. This keeps happy the people in Washington and Wall Street who prosper from this myth, and don't want to see any changes made that threaten the status quo. But it is in the arena of economic empowerment and from little-known and little-emphasized spiritual laws, such as that of forgiveness, that all of us, rich and poor, great and small, powerful and powerless, will reach that land where we can say in unison "Free, free at last". In order to set an absolutely-essential example, I volunteer to be the first to forgive and forget all - all offenses by all people for all of my sixty-two years on this planet, with no exception.

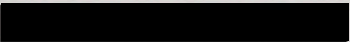
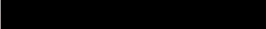
And with a firmness of purpose that I will actually stop the writing of this July 1 letter and conclude with this thought, let me mention a broad concept that is the essence of my hopes for the future. That concept is one that I have mentioned frequently in my writings: the Inner Priesthood.

We hear much of the need to break down the walls that divide us from each other: the walls of race, religion, sex, politics and class. Those walls will be destroyed only when we do away with the Inner Priesthood wall; that is, the assumption, conviction or pretense that only licensed practitioners of a particular art, craft or role can understand and perform that art, craft or role.

The work of demolishing that wall has already been started in earnest by the five million people who put Ross Perot on the Presidential ballot in fifty states last year; by the penetrating eye of television, C-SPAN and CNN that enables a viewer to witness a President - in a visit to Chillicothe, Ohio - acting like an undergrad debater at Oxford, a vignette that it is just about certain he will never read in any newspaper; by a senior citizen army that finds itself energized by a healthier, more active lifestyle and desperate to throw whatever lifelines they can to a generation that has been cast overboard into a sea of irresponsibility, materialism, acquisitiveness and a never-ceasing mockery of God, anything that represents Him, and anyone who takes a stand for Him.

This I know for certain: I can make a valuable contribution to breaking down completely, forever, the wall of Inner Priesthood. If the Lord is willing, if the battle is His and not mine, if we can rely completely on Him and His Word, and, to make the question of authority as specific and as definite as possible, if Jesus Christ was given all power on heaven and earth (as He clearly claimed only after He had paid all of the prices of His thirty-three years on earth, in Matthew 28:18), then He will work things out so that I do make that contribution. But if I should die of a heart attack tomorrow, He has other people trained and ready to do the job. That wall will come down.



  
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June 14 Mailing List

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August 1, 1993

Dear Citizen:

A few thoughts, questions and suggested answers:

1. Is there any explanation for the historically-unique parade of natural disasters suffered by America in recent years? (Yes.) Who is the source and cause of them? (God.) But aren't most of the victims plain, ordinary people living plain, ordinary lives? (Yes.) Why them? (Because they have the power to correct the misguided course that the country is on, and are not doing it. The rain falls on good and bad alike.)
2. On the day of writing this section, July 19, President Clinton announced his policy on gays in the military. In a departure from his prepared script, and from all that he had said up to the moment, he added: "Under this policy, a person can say 'I am a homosexual, but I am going to strictly adhere to the code of conduct'".

Before delving into the question of whether there is a source to which we can turn for guidance on this issue, let me put that inquiry in perspective by stating a general principle that applies to all issues, not merely that of gays in the military. That principle is: The touchy-touchy feelgood better angels of our nature must be balanced by the better angels of instant, unquestioning obedience to the Ultimate Authority. When my four children were toddlers and I explained why they were not to go near the stove, I didn't care at all if they were in touch with their feelings. I cared only that they said "Yes, sir" and obeyed me.

The fact that a gay may be a wonderful, caring, decent and really great person is completely irrelevant to the question of whether he or she may be allowed to serve in the military, which has only one role in life: when ordered into a war, battle, police action or whatever by the Commander In Chief, it is to kill as many of the enemy as quickly as possible with the minimum loss of life on our side - period. This is not the IRS, or HUD or HHS. This is a handful of people assigned the duty of protecting the lives and freedom of 250,000,000 Americans.

Anyone who has had military command should know that there is a very rational basis for keeping gays out of the services. There is no way you can equate sexual preference to race or gender. In any event, Article 1 Section 8 of the Constitution gives Congress the power to provide such "Government and Regulation".

Further, if I am the rental agent for an apartment development, I can tell whether a person is black or female before they have said a word. I can learn that a person is gay only if he tells me, only if he blathers on with information about his personal life that not only do I have no interest in learning, but I also consider to be an invasion of my privacy. As Lewis Grizzard put it years ago: "I don't care if you make love to Nash Ramblers, as long as you're discreet about it."

Now, as to the source to which we should turn for guidance on the subject of gays in the military: the Good Book, or Bible (probably banned in your school library, the same one that has the Magic Johnson video tape on AIDS, the beauty that contains garbage I cannot imagine more than one percent of one percent of people being sick enough to say out loud, let alone discuss. We are going to have to work hard as parents to assure that the upcoming generation learns more about how to think, about the rules of logic, about concepts such as correlation and causality, about reading and writing, and less about how to put a condom on a banana, or how to copulate at age ten.).

If you are to understand the Bible as you should, you must appreciate the fact that it contains a hierarchy of truths; that is: some truths are more important than others, some can be understood only in light of others, some fit under others.

For example, in 1 Corinthians 7:7-9, Paul says (in my expanded paraphrase of his words) in writing to the early Christians: "I would that all of you could do as I am doing, to dedicate all of your selves and your lives to the Lord. I can't have a wife or family, traveling all around the Mediterranean as I do, being chased by the Thought Police and often having to run for my life. But as for you, it is better for you to marry than to burn."

That is the binary choice that each of us, regardless of any and all circumstances, is given: celibacy, or, if we can't handle that, marriage -- period, end of story.

Among the truths that fit under this overriding, general edict are the words of Jesus in Matthew 19:11-12 which follow a section in which He covers various points about marriage: "All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given.

For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb; and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake."

Jesus was familiar with and used the literary devices of the Greek, Roman and Jewish traditions. In His use of the word "eunuch" in this section, He was clearly using it in a symbolic sense and not in the literal reference to a male who was castrated, usually so that he might serve in a harem. Two thousand years ago, He said that some men have no interest in marrying a woman because of a genetic condition ("confirmed" in July, 1993 by the NIH as one component in homosexuality), some because they have been seduced by other men, and some because they want to dedicate their lives to the Lord.

What He thinks of those who, for whatever reason, opt not for marriage, and then opt not for celibacy but for sex with partners of the same sex, is spelled out clearly in Romans 1:26-28 ("...for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another...". These three verses should be read in the context of verses 16-25) and the Revelation 21.8 and 22:11-15.

God is not at all discriminatory against sex between and among gays. There are dozens of verses and incidents in the Word that make it clear that fornication and adultery are just as much of an abomination to Him. Which leaves us with only the married state of a man and woman as the proper home for sex, according to this God whose very nature dictates that He must hate the sin regardless of any particulars about the sinner.

We are almost completely blind to the power of God. For example, I know that the following statements are clearly, unequivocally true: Regardless of the status of any marriage, God can turn it into one in which the husband and wife love each other and stay together forever. Regardless of circumstances, God can enable a person to be perfectly content in celibacy for any period of time.

3. In the July 1 Letter of Transmittal, I recounted what I told my daughter on March 13, her nineteenth birthday: I finished my comments on the subject with: "But, honey, if you were to become President, the most important thing you'll ever do in your life is to have and raise your children. Do that first, then be President."
4. About a year ago, I told a few people at a McDonald's in Boynton Beach, Florida: "And what is it that they suppose I'll do if the President isn't on the Evening News sometime? Do



they think I'll toss and turn all night, worrying about him? 'Oh, Lordy, how come the President wasn't on TV tonight? Is he sick and they're afraid to tell us? Is it something serious? What will we do if it is that? O, woe is us!'"

Based on the reaction of the people at my table and at others, they felt exactly the same way about this excessive preoccupation with the President. On July 17, on "Capital Gang", Mona Charen made a good point about our obsession with the office as demonstrated in the Flood of the Century. It is as if the people will be lost if the President doesn't show up in person. And will he have to view personally every disaster before he releases any emergency funds?

Folks, it's a job. And Harry Truman probably had it right when he said that there had to be something wrong with someone who actually wanted to be President: that is, in terms of actually wanting to assume such awesome responsibilities, loss of privacy and never-ending demands on one's time and attention. But, of course, it is only people who are complete and confident within themselves, such as a Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower or Ronald Reagan who have such a balanced viewpoint. From Jack Kennedy onwards it would appear that we have specialized in Presidents who would just have died if they hadn't attained the office -- which is probably one of the reasons we have had such a miserable record in the last thirty years.

Fortunately, technology is coming to the rescue, along with many other helps. As Tom Wicker said many months ago, we are probably moving into an era of one-term Presidents because after four years of overexposure on television and in the celebrity-driven media, the body politic is just plain sick and tired of these people by the time the next election comes around.

Another factor in this trend was commented on by President Clinton on July 21 when he pointed out that he is the first President who has tried to free the gays, to have their lifestyle treated by the law and by society exactly the same as that of what has been accepted for many thousands of years as a family, to equate personal sexual habits to the color of one's skin -- a classical apples-and-oranges bit of logic that is typical of Washington.

He said: "Is that a sign of weakness? It may be a sign of madness, sir, but it is not a sign of weakness." Those whom the gods would dethrone, they first make angry. Fortunately for

Bill Clinton, though, Jesus sees him as he can and will be in the future, not merely as he is now.

As he is now? In my twenty years with IBM, I ran across many Bill Clintons: smooth, slick salesmen who were very successful until the truth and the facts caught up with them -- at which point they were often promoted, having proved that they had the right stuff for management.

5. There is another bit of classical apples-and-oranges logic that is pervasive in this nation. Many years ago, the Supreme Court decided, in the Griswold case, that the government could not prohibit a couple from using contraceptives, based on their right to privacy in their bedroom. Okay so far.

Now let me posit another situation to which many of the Inner Priests would apply exactly the same reasoning, with the same results. But what I will posit is not a theoretical situation. In the past seventeen years I have lived in a wide variety of circumstances, some of them unendurable to someone who had the life I had before then, unless he had the Lord with him every step of the way. My familiarity with some of the victims of our social engineering is not based merely on a quick visit or book knowledge only.

(There is one important aspect in which I know how it is to be a member of the powerless -- powerless white or powerless black. I have been locked up, for no valid reason, only because I am fighting the powerful. I have been railroaded by a Judge and a Public Defender who put themselves above the law in order to do the bidding of the powerful. I have been homeless. I have lived in a homeless shelter. I have often gone with little or no food, with little or no sleep. And all because every segment of society has protected one international conglomerate rather than treat one citizen justly.)

In one of these situations, which involved living with a large group of strangers, I got to know one young girl who had an abortion and many other trials of life. She had started going to her high-school nurse for advice on her sex life because she thought her parents had old-fashioned, old-fogey ideas about sex. When, despite her intensive sex education program and private tutoring, she became pregnant, that same school nurse made arrangements for her to go to Planned Parenthood, which saw to it that she got her abortion.

This is George Orwell's "Big Brother". This is the government putting itself "in loco parentis," in the place of the parent". This is the kind of involvement that smacks of Nazi Germany or Stalinist Russia, an arrogant assumption that if parents are not perfect, government must step in.

It is also apples-and-oranges with the Griswold decision. That school nurse is paid by my and your tax dollars. At the time, Planned Parenthood had some funding from the government and it is partially funded today by my and your tax dollars because it has complete exemption from taxes. There is no "privacy" involved here.

The Casey decision gave lip service to Roe vs. Wade and its standing on privacy, but the "undue burden" test was a brilliant way to shift the foundations of the right to liberty, where they belong and should remain.

6. There was an interesting aspect to the commentary on the floods in the Midwest that relates to other subjects in this letter, including gays, taxes and abortion. Apparently we have a nation of federal, state and local employees, and members of the media, who have been intimidated into the belief that, whatever else, one must never mention God, as in "an act of God", a term well established in the laws and decisions in the field of insurance. That phony "wall of separation between church and state" has really done its job.

There are probably no more than a handful of people in Congress who would have the courage to say that any nation blessed as we have been -- that promotes and helps to pay for the destruction of 1.6 million embryonic lives each year; moves to establish a union of a homosexual with a bisexual as the legal and moral equivalent of a husband and a wife; ignores "the general welfare" in order to please anybody; puts itself above the law on the arrogant assumption that the people -- whom they consider to be stupid - can do nothing about it; and concentrates on incumbency above all else -- can expect nothing from God as long as it continues on this self-absorbed, arrogant and ungodly path.

7. I am astounded to hear the cool, calculating and intellectual discussion about abortion that is now taking place, some of it by United States Senators, that is exactly analogous to what I would have heard in 1850 about the property rights of the landed gentry, in which it would have been impossible to detect any recognition that a slave was also a person, a human being.

From all that can be observed, there is absolutely no awareness of or consideration for the embryonic life that is clearly involved. It is as though none of these people has ever seen or appreciated or understood "A Miracle of Life", by Nova of PBS. That can't be.

In addition, we have the astounding proposition that a constitutional right is not a right, is illusory, unless the govern-

ment gives a citizen the money to pay for the exercise of that right. I wrote "Message to Congress" about a year ago. It argues for the right to abortion by arguing for the codification of a version of the Casey decision.

How about my right to free speech? All 535 members of Congress should have a copy of "Message", but I have been able to afford only about 35 copies for Congress. How is it fair if someone can promote an opposing viewpoint, a competing idea, with 535 copies, radio and television ads, and interviews in the press and on television? Isn't this disparity a violation of my First Amendment rights? Wasn't it intended that a free press would compensate for this disparity?

8. But, to conclude on a more positive note, there is hope for the future. Take, for example, the procession of people who would have died if they hadn't attained the Presidency. There is someone who is the very antithesis of these men: Mario Cuomo.

After electrifying a convention and a nation with his speech in 1984, Mario elected to not even run for President in 1988 and 1992. Why? As many Mario-watchers have commented, he would rather be right than be President. I'm certain that's accurate: the Presidency may need Mario, but he doesn't need it. There are many things much more important to him than that office.

In addition, I believe Mario indicated the most influential consideration when he said in 1992 that the only sensible way to assume the office was to have a mandate to carry out a specific program. It is possible that no one could have gotten such a mandate in 1988 or 1992 what with all of the traumatic events of recent years, including the abrupt ending of the Cold War.

This is an exciting time to be alive. I'm certain that we are on the verge of moving into "a whole new world". I don't know how, or when. But I'm certain that it's close, and that it's worth waiting and fighting for.



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Dear Citizen,

The die has been cast, the point-of-no-return on the Critical Path in the PERT chart has been passed. The destiny of the Democrat Party has been determined by the inevitable consequences of the actions of its President, Senate and House of Representatives. (Despite the profiles-in-courage of Senators Boren, Bryan, Johnston, Lautenberg, Nunn, and Shelby, and dozens of members of the House.)

The unfolding of this destiny has implications considerably beyond the fortunes of one political party. For it will be made clear to all citizens that the entire Federal establishment in Washington missed a golden opportunity to address the concerns of those citizens in a substantive way. And it will not be able to plead ignorance -- or, come to think of it, perhaps it will be able to do so.

The teachers, clerks, cashiers and small-business owners who are the backbone of America will one day visualize the center of our government as one that is made up of two systems: a Collections System and an Expenditures System.

Many teachers and small-business owners whom I've known -- but perhaps only a few professional politicians -- would have said to themselves, if they had such a perspective and had just won a seat in Congress, something along these lines:

"Well, the first thing I'll do is take some time to just think about this challenge...Let's see, we have this gigantic Collections System and this even more gigantic Expenditures System. It doesn't make any sense to try to change both systems simultaneously, even if both require change.

"The Collections System is infinitely less complicated and pervasive than the Expenditures System, so perhaps that's the one to attack first. And it is the engine that drives all of the federal machinery. If you cut it off, the entire dinosaur would die of starvation. You can probably produce an equal or greater amount of benefits from it with a comparatively-low investment of time, money and effort. It's a logical first step on a road to deficit reduction.

"It would be much better to implement a good plan slowly and in a logical, orderly sequence than to implement an inferior plan all at once. Thirty years of 'guns and butter' created these deficits and total debt, which are of a size that a cautious, prudent approach is not merely an option but is a necessity. This segmented attack would allow more time for systems design and pilot

testing of Health Care. Deficit targets could be met by caps and numbers-setting in the Expenditures System, based on projected revenues from the new Collections System, without changing the system itself.

"Anyone who watched the Economic Plan of 1993 being assembled knows how badly this systems approach is needed. This was a great lesson to the American people on how things are done in Washington. Any company that operated on such a wheeling-and-dealing basis -- most of it generated by the Tax Code, the Collections System -- would be out of business in a day. The conventional wisdom is that it has always been done this way; therefore, it will always be done this way. That conventional wisdom is dead wrong.

"The never-ending chorus of 'the need to pass the Economic Plan in order to save Bill Clinton's Presidency' is also dead wrong. It demonstrates clearly that there is as much of a desperate need to get back to the basics and to emphasize history and clear thinking in Washington as there is in our educational system.

"Did Franklin Roosevelt close up shop and return to Hyde Park when public outrage, the press and Congress gave him an enormous rebuke and reversal for trying to pack the Supreme Court at the beginning of his second term? No, he stayed on to be re-elected twice and lead the nation in World War II. And he was not trying merely to pass a bill bad for the country, he was practically subverting the Constitution.

"Speaking of which: that same Constitution charges Congress with the powers to 'lay and collect taxes...pay the debts...borrow money...'. No such duties are specified for the President. One reason for this relates to the fact that all members of the House must face re-election every two years, not the President. In 1994 it will be 218 Congressmen and some Senators who will suffer the consequences of this action, not the President. Reward and punishment attach to those who bear the responsibilities, regardless of how much the media misrepresent and misinform on such basics. You have to wonder: Is there anyone out there who went to school before the 1960's when they started all of the tinkering and experimentation in education, including the flawed and failed theories of psychobabble, founded by one of history's all-time atrocious thinkers?

"...It's a good thing I brought all of these papers about a flax tax system with me. This one recommends a ten percent rate on all individuals, seven percent on the gross sales of all for-profit corporations, and ten percent on the profits only of non-profit corporations. Let's see what these others recommend.

"...Well, that does it. I've gone through the numbers enough now to know for certain that we can devise a tax system that is nearly perfect if we put our minds to it by taking this simple, flat-percentage approach.

"The seven percent for profit-making corporations looks like a good balance of maximizing income with a minimum of adverse effects. There are bound to be some, but if we were to hold off designing any system until it was perfect, nothing would ever change. One significant and basic advantage of the system is that it is so easy to make adjustments based on actual experience and changes in priorities.

"Some of the initial worries I had have proved to be no problem. For instance, I can remember all those times I used to take a large table of customers to a fancy restaurant and party all night long. My company wrote it off as a business expense. What will happen to the restaurant industry if every company pays seven percent off the top of its gross sales? It won't be throwing money away on expenses the way it used to, which is great for the employees and products of the company, and for the taxpayers who have been subsidizing these parties all these years, but I was concerned that it would kill the restaurant industry.

"But that's not going to happen. It could be the opposite, giving the entire entertainment industry a new class of customers empowered financially by this change.

"Whatever else, however, it is certain that the mind of man is capable of designing a flat-tax system that is as fair, balanced, progressive, simple, economical and effective as one can be.

"Above all else, it is going to make life so much easier for all of us. Most citizens will be able to file a simple card on April 15 on their own. For those whose income was not taxed on a pay-as-you-go basis, such as those with capital gains, it will be equally simple to file. It's about time we gave up our preoccupation with the message we're sending to Wall Street and sent the right one to Main Street.

"Yes, the tax lawyers and tax accountants will lose business, as can happen in a free enterprise system. But the Constitution says that Congress 'shall have power to...provide for the...general welfare of the United States...'. The real gridlock in Washington is the lock that every special interest group has on Congress that allows it to take only impact-neutral or offsetting actions. That is the gridlock that must be broken.

The purpose of government is to provide for the common good, the general welfare, not for every problem that exists; most preeminently for the six basic purposes enumerated in the Preamble to the Constitution; not for an ever-expanding laundry list of wishes and wants; for the benefit of the governed, not for a constantly-burgeoning and increasingly-expensive army of the governing.

*September 1, 1993*

NOTE TO MY CHRISTIAN BRETHERN

There is no question in my mind that the Bible is the Word of God. It is equally clear to me that the words of Jeremiah 1: 4-5, Isaiah 49: 1, 5 and Psalms 139: 13-16, which are the following:

"Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,  
"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."

"...The Lord hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name...  
"And now, saith the Lord that formed me from the womb to be his servant..."

"For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in mother's womb.

"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

"My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

"Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them."

equate to a single, imperative and compelling truth:

Embryonic life belongs to God from  
the first instant of conception.

If I understand that truth, then all questions regarding abortion as they apply to me as an individual are answered. I must do everything possible to discourage abortion; not to encourage it. If I were a woman, I would try to instill the following as one of the bedrock principles upon which I live all aspects of my life: If at any time I become pregnant, I will go through with the delivery regardless of circumstances. (And try-try-to live up to it.)

This is one of the principal reasons that God gave us the Word, to make our choices, many of them seemingly difficult, crystal clear and therefore easier to make. As Jesus relates in the parable of the sower of the seed in Matthew 13: 1-43, the good seed of the Word brings forth fruit up to a hundredfold. If you stand on "these sayings of mine" you will be like "a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock." (Matthew 7: 24-25).



In "Message to Congress", I was trying to answer two questions:

What is the law of the United States regarding abortion?  
What should our federal government do about the issue?


In answering these questions, another bedrock of the principles of the Word comes into play:

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God."  
(Romans 13:1).

The supreme law, or power, of America is not the Presidency, or the individual who occupies that office for a short duration of time, but the Constitution. After what was admittedly a circuitous line of reasoning, I concluded in "Message To Congress" that the Casey decision is the law regarding abortion and that Congress should codify that decision; that is, pass a law based on that decision.

I believe the Casey decision is in harmony with the Constitution and specifically with the First and Fourteenth Amendments. And so, although abortion is clearly a moral evil and contrary to God's Word, I believe that the Constitution demands that the woman be given the liberty to make the decision and not have it dictated by the government. Telling a lie to your mate is also a moral evil and contrary to God's Word, but we cannot allow the government to proscribe it. It is the Word of God, not any government act or agency, that will overcome the libertine, abortion-on-demand forces to whom God and His Word are completely irrelevant.

The only way to change the situation is to pass a Constitutional Amendment that would, in effect, weaken the liberty that the First Amendment has guaranteed us for hundreds of years. I will fight with the last fiber of my being any attempt to add to, delete from or alter in any way the First Amendment. To allow any change is to open the door to Pandora's box and to say goodbye to the America we know.

  
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(It may be thought disproportionate to compare telling a lie to your mate with an abortion, and it may very well be so. A single lie can and may cause many times more harm than an abortion. All such judgments can be made only by God -- and will be. "Judge not that ye be not judged" definitely applies here, as it does to every act of every human being. Fighting for what one believes to be right need not and should not involve such judgment.)

## DIVISIVENESS

In the opinion of many of the Inner Priests of 1993 - especially those in academia, the intelligentsia, the media and government - I committed a mortal sin in "Message to Congress". This sin, for which they would happily consign me to the mercies of the lions, was to mention the name of Jesus Christ. This simply is not done.

This is truly an amazing development. The purpose of the First Amendment guarantees of free speech, a free press, freedom of assembly and freedom of religion was not merely to prevent the suppression of the career of a potential political rival, but to prevent the suppression of ideas.

Anything that can exist in only one of two states is said to be of a binary nature. This truth is the foundation of the computer industry, because it applies to vacuum tubes, magnetic cores, electronic switches and to chip technology as well as to the pre-eminent example of the light bulb which is either on or off.

So too, a proposition is of a binary nature if it can and must be either true or false. For many thousands of years the majority of people believed that the earth was a cube, not a sphere; that the universe revolved around the earth, not the sun.

The majority of people on the face of the earth in 1993 are of the Islamic, Judaic, Buddhist, Hindu, Shinto, atheistic or agnostic persuasions. In other words, they act on the assumption, either explicitly or implicitly, that the following propositions are false:

Jesus is the Messiah.

Jesus is the only-begotten Son of God.

Jesus is the Word of God.

Jesus is one with the Father.

Jesus was sent by God.

Jesus did and said only what the Father told him to do and say.

Jesus is one of the three aspects or manifestations of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Jesus told only the truth.

The life and words of Jesus are accurately related in the New Testament.


These are rather large propositions on which a person may discover he was one hundred percent wrong only in those first instants of judgment after his death. Because it will also be made clear in those unbelievably-frightening moments that there truly is a hell as well as a heaven, as Jesus claimed over and over again. Look at what Jesus will say to some people who, as is obvious from the context, claimed to be Christians but did as they wished, not as He commanded, "I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." (Matthew 7:23). And look at what He said about those

who do not do to their neighbors and all others what they would want done for themselves: "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." (Matthew 25:41).

Either 2 Corinthians 5: 10 - "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." - is true, accurate and reliable, or it is not. There is no other possibility. It is therefore truly incredible that any mention by anyone of such questions is condemned as "divisiveness" - the more so since such condemnation emanates from the lips of people who call themselves Christians.

(Don't rock the boat? Let's not have any strife or controversy? Questioning ordained authority is inconsistent with the Word? You had better read and reread Galations 2: 9-14.)

The land is filled with quotations from Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and Harry Truman by people who appear to know a great deal but understand little. For there seems to be no awareness of one of the truths that Madison commented on regarding the representational republic of laws established by the Founding Fathers and described in the Federalist Papers: that government by a minority is tyranny.



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