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If I could, I'd be on
the steps with Jesse
Jackson on Thursday.
I think Clinton is the
best president the U.S.
has had in a good
long time. (In 74 yrs.)

It just breaks my
heart that there is such
a load of hate and
meanness for him.

He deserves better
from his country.

Not to
mention
his wife
and child.

Houston TX 77085
Tried calling to no
effect.

A: I made this statement (as corrected), according to a transcript of a January 22, 1998 photo opportunity in the Oval Office. This statement was not false and misleading. It accurately represented my thinking.

78. Do you admit or deny that you discussed with Harry Thomasson, prior to making separate statements in response to questions asked by the press in January 1998, relating to your relationship with Monica Lewinsky, what such statements should be or how they should be communicated?

A: Mr. Thomason was a guest at the White House in January 1998, and I recall his encouraging me to state my denial forcefully.

79. Do you admit or deny that you made a false or misleading public statement in response to a question asked on or about January 26, 1998, when you stated "But I want to say one thing to the American people - I want you to listen to me. I am going to say this again. I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Ms. Lewinsky?"

A: I made this statement on January 26, 1998 although not in response to any question. In referring to "sexual relations," I was referring to sexual intercourse. See also App. at 475. As I stated in response to request Nos. 62 to 68, in the days following the January 21, 1998, disclosures, answers like this misled people about this relationship, for which I have apologized.

80. Do you admit or deny that you made false and misleading public statements in response to a question asked on or about January 26, 1998, when you stated "... I never told anybody to lie, not a single time. Never"?

A: This statement was truthful: I did not tell Ms. Lewinsky to lie, and I did not tell anybody to lie about my relationship with Ms. Lewinsky. I understand that Ms. Lewinsky also has stated that I never asked or encouraged her to lie. See App. 718 (2/1/98 handwritten proffer of Ms. Lewinsky); see also App. at 1161 (grand jury testimony of Ms. Lewinsky).

81. Do you admit or deny that you directed or instructed Bruce Lindsey, Sidney Blumenthal, Nancy Hennreich and Lanny Breuer to invoke executive privilege before a grand jury empanelled as part of a judicial proceeding by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia Circuit in 1998?

A: On the recommendation of Charles Ruff, Counsel to the President, I authorized Mr. Ruff to assert the presidential communications privilege (which is one aspect of executive privilege) with respect to