

PETITION FROM 35,000 PEOPLE:

We, the enclosed petitioners, in addition to 35,000 others, urgently encourage you to read the enclosed column from beginning to end. It is the most original, urgent, brilliant and insightful column we have read in recent years. This column is important to America, so we implore you to read it and ACT upon it.

Sincerely,

The Enclosed Petitioners, in addition to 35,000 others. If you want to see our complete list of names, just let us know.

P.S. [REDACTED] can be reached at [REDACTED] Rankin, PA 15104. Our headquarters office is [REDACTED] Pittsburgh, PA 15235

THE CLINTON PACKAGE

by



In February, 1993, we stated that Bill Clinton was the most qualified person to be president since Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The President's performance has only enhanced our conviction. Okay, we're done taking our bows.

John F. Kennedy was probably our finest president since Harry Truman. His leadership, inspiration and vision set him apart, but it wasn't until his final year that Kennedy became truly great. However, J.F.K. was nowhere near as successful in dealing with Congress as Bill Clinton has been.

Some say that Lyndon Johnson would have been a great president if it hadn't been for Vietnam. But there had to be a Vietnam -- or something like it. A president will be tested by new, complicated challenges for which old precedents no longer apply. Johnson neither had the world vision nor the intellect to deal with such matters. His leadership was also lacking, as America and its cities were literally torn apart.

President Nixon had the necessary vision and brilliance, and so we hear the same familiar chant: if it hadn't been for Watergate, Nixon would have gone down as a great president. But Watergate or something like it had to happen -- for Mr. Nixon's life had been a classic study in paranoia. Only Ross Perot is wackier than Nixon was.

Nixon and Johnson are far from our worst presidents, but because of their shortcomings, they are also far from our best.

Eisenhower did a lot of positive things but nothing of monumental stature; Ford was a caretaker; Carter ineffectual; Bush unconcerned with domestic policy. Reagan got a lot done but caused the worst economic calamity since Coolidge.

Nothing tests a person quite like the American presidency, and Bill Clinton has passed more grueling tests in his first year than anyone since Harry Truman. In large

part, this is due to the media. They are out to get Clinton for seven basic reasons: 1. They don't feel they are getting enough access to the President and the Administration. 2. Mr. Clinton doesn't give enough press conferences. 3. The media relish their power and revel in destroying presidents. They are more interested in wielding power than in properly and objectively reporting the news; they demonstrate little responsibility for the public's right to be honestly informed. As such, the state of the news is horrifying. If something isn't done to make the media more accountable, the results will be a lot more dire than most people realize. 4. The media are afraid of falling for Clinton the way they did for Kennedy. In other words, those Clinton charms are too magnetic. The truth is their respect for Mr. Clinton has them intimidated; hence, they raise their defenses when reporting on Clinton. 5. Their negative reporting on President Clinton has gotten completely out of control. 6. They are like sheep -- most of whom lack the fortitude to break free from the path of distorted reporting on Mr. Clinton. 7. If the unblemished truth gets out about what President Clinton is really doing for this country, he will be unstoppable and unbeatable. The media doesn't want this to happen because it would reduce their power to persuade public opinion. For these reasons and more, the media are selfishly antagonistic toward the President.

The media's pursuit of their own power in forming the agenda of the day is becoming more and more dangerous to the American people. For instance, when President Clinton was on historic summits in Europe and Russia, the media would not stop dogging him about the Whitewater Land deal. Essentially, they were saying to hell with the best interest of America and the American people, as they continued their skulduggery in sensationalizing a story in which there is absolutely no evidence or even allegation of wrongdoing by either the President or the First Lady.

What the Clintons have not learned so far is how to minimize rather than prolong nagging controversies. Whitewater is just the latest example of another incident, which if allowed to continue, could drag down the presidency. The Clintons must quickly learn to overcome their stubbornness and listen to the proven master in these regards, David Gergen.

The Republicans and conservatives are also after Bill Clinton with a vengeance that has no equal in modern times. They cannot accept the fact that a person of Clinton's ideology could get elected president. And since Mr. Clinton has been so successful, they have resorted to the most vile of tactics. Rarely has anyone put partisan politics and selfish interests so far ahead of the national good as Bob Dole has.

Why should anyone listen to Dole or the Republicans about such key concerns as "Health Care Reform?" After all, look how deceptive and wrong they were about the "Clinton Economic Plan."

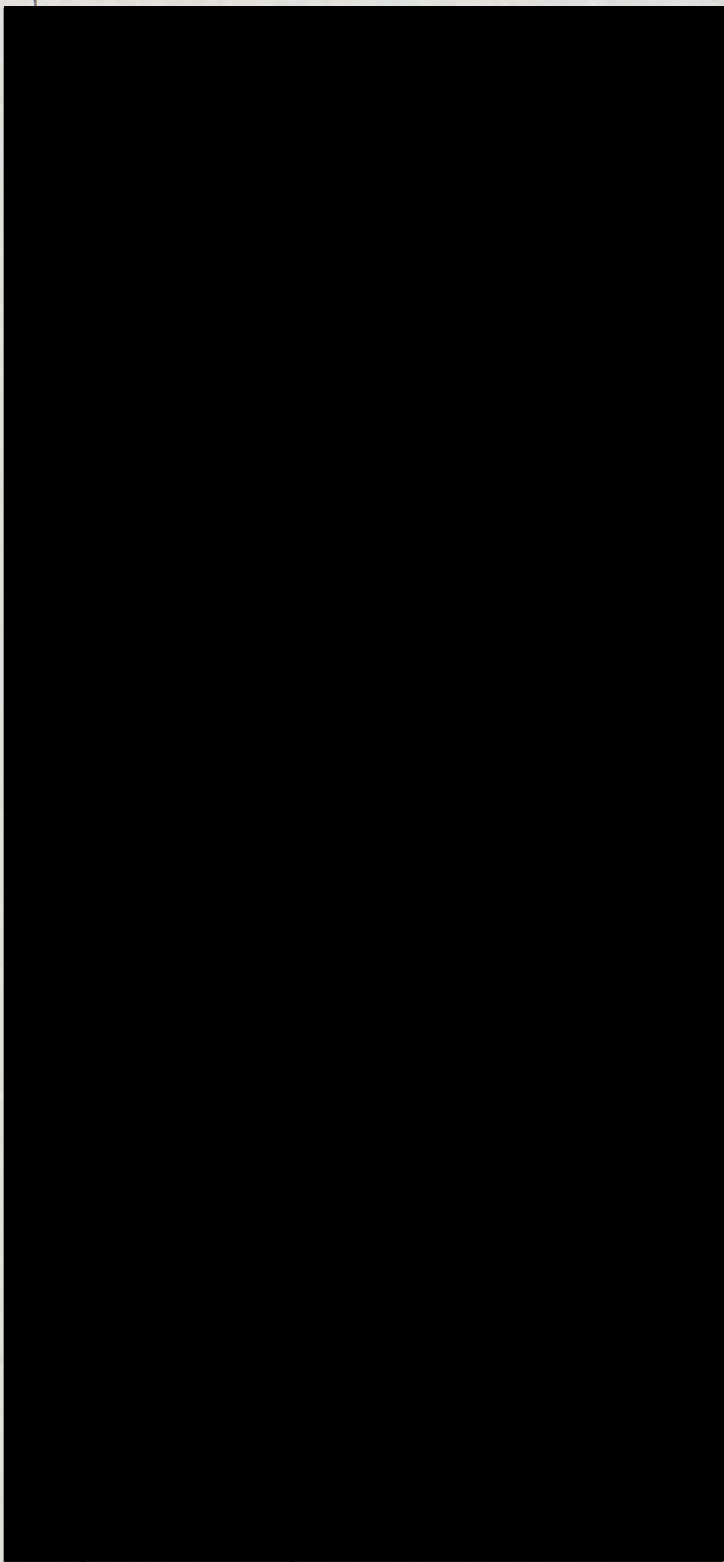
Bill Clinton's vision, ambition and boldness have not had an equal since F.D.R. himself. His overall communicative skills are at least as effective as Reagan's, and perhaps the best since Kennedy's. And his acumen for getting things done is tantamount to the two Mr. Roosevelts.

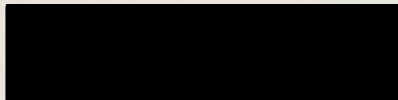
One of Mr. Clinton's special qualities is that he has the capacity to care like an advocate, but possesses the political skills of a master. Of course, Clinton's intelligence is something special. He does more than just combine a scholastic intellect with a practical wisdom -- he's much deeper than that.

In one sense, Clinton is like Franklin Roosevelt: their wisdom makes intellectuals seem shallow. Mr. Clinton revealed his own intellect when he nominated Ruth Badar Ginsberg to the Supreme Court: he said that Ms. Ginsberg was much too complicated to be just a liberal or conservative. He said her depth of understanding was too comprehensive for such a predictable philosophy. And so is Bill Clinton's. Mr. Clinton doesn't comprehend issues through patented labels and robotic responses. That's why he sees things beyond the restricted outlooks of liberals, conservatives and moderates. After all, those same restrictive visions resulted in liberals ruining the society and conservatives destroying the economy.

President Clinton, however, as with most great presidents, is generally to the left of center, but with an eclectic mindset. It's a philosophy with the necessary edge.

Bill Clinton has an understanding of domestic policy and the world economy that is brilliant and original, filled with nuances and subtlety. That is why, if we let him and help him, he could become one of our greatest presidents.





Dania, Florida 33004

C-SPAN
400 North Capital Street, N.W.
Suite 650
Washington, D.C. 20001
ATTN: BRYAN LAMB



RCVD PGH PA 152 02/16/94 PM

