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400 N. Capitol St. NW
Washington, DC

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed is a copy of a
correspondence I recently
sent to President Bill
Clinton, and one which I
hope you will take the time
to read.

The original contained
enclosures from two books.

a photocopied chapter
entitled, "The Alloy," from
Margot Harry's "Attention
MOVE! This is America!"

which chapter I have
already sent you in a
prior mailing; and photo-
copied chapters from

John Anderson's and Hillary
Hevenor's eminently objective
Burning Down The House,

which chapters I hope to
forward you in the future
when my finances permit
me.

Once again, I hope you will
read and reflect upon the
enclosed letter and thank you
for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

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June 6, 1993

President Bill Clinton (D)
White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

Today I viewed on C-Span your speech in Philadelphia. In our city there have been legal issues revolving around the MOVE organization which have been festering for decades now. I am not interested in MOVE's radical politics or in lionizing its history. I am interested in whether evidence which should have been suppressed in the MOVE trial resulting in convictions in December of '79, I believe, after the Police/MOVE confrontation in Powelton Village, Philadelphia, in August of '78 was improperly introduced into evidence by the city's prosecutors (the MOVE home which one day after the confrontation was bulldozed by the city administration preventing the defendants from conducting the necessary trajectory measurements and analyses to establish whether the bullet which mortally struck Officer James Ramp at the back of the head, and travelled downwards, while, according to the defendants, he was facing the assaulted home, could have completed this trajectory; the fact a ballistics report offered by the city allegedly showing that Ramp was shot by a Ruger rifle owned by a Phil Africa, a report following a physical analysis of the alleged lethal bullet in which the bullet was, according to MOVE, chemically destroyed by the city's account whether this report should have been entered into evidence at the trial, etc. -- and other issues such as MOVE's position that paraffin tests which proved negative were administered to the arrestees to determine if they had fired any weapons).

I am not interested in proving whether or not the MOVE organization violated the rights of its neighbors some years later on the 6200 block of Osage Avenue in Philadelphia by the tactics they employed in an effort to persuade them and the city to reopen the trial of their co-religionists convicted after the Powelton Village incident, only whether the city's police were guilty of what I consider a brutal, excessive and even criminal use of force in their fatal day of assault on the MOVE home at 6221 Osage Avenue culminating in the helicopter dropping of a military strength Tovex-C(4) explosive device on a home which police intelligence itself claimed to contain gasoline, and which was allowed to burn to the ground along with other homes on the block despite the presence of fire personnel and equipment which were present on the scene, and which City Managing Director Leo Brooks allegedly ordered the commanding officer on the scene, Police Commissioner Sambor, to engage in the suppression of the fire only minutes after it erupted on the roof of 6221 Osage

Avenue. Sambor's defence for his tactic was that the bomb was an entry device only and was intended merely to dislodge two bunkers on the roof, and open a hole in same through which tear gas could be sprayed into the second floor and permeate eventually the building and its basement where the residents were all sealed off -- eventually if necessary replacing the available oxygen -- this despite the fact that the front facade and the porch of the home at the first floor had been demolished by an earlier explosion detonated to open allegedly a hole in the connecting wall between 6221 Osage and, I believe, 6219 Osage, by a police team similarly assigned a task of spraying tear gas from a tear gas fogger machine into the first floor of the home.

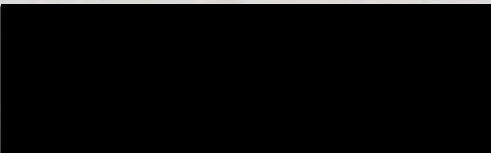
Any culpability of Ramona Africa, the only individual to receive punishment for what took place on May 13, 1985, in the form of a prison sentence repeatedly denied parole, is now mute. She has completed her full sentence, and it is now as it has always been the case necessary to assess justly, in a just trial, the guilt of the city, particularly its police commissioner at the time.

I am including a photocopy from Margot Harry's book, Attention MOVE! This is America!, from her chapter, "The Alley," documented to point plausibly and convincingly to police action to fire upon fleeing MOVE residents including children, and drive them back into the burning home where eventually all bodily remains were found -- despite testimony by a then Birdie Africa, the child who survived the conflagration, that he saw three MOVE members fleeing some distance from the house.

The authors of a second book, Burning Down the House, express a skepticism concerning MOVE which renders their inevitable indictment of the city's criminal use of force on May 13, 1985 all the more credible. It is necessary to read all of the enclosed chapters from their book to comprehend the thrust of their argument.

I sincerely hope you will read in full the enclosed material especially in the wake of the recent incident in Waco, Texas, and take the appropriate measures necessary to defend the civil rights of the MOVE members who died and survived the conflagration.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

cc: Janet Reno, U.S. Attorney General, U.S. Justice Department
Senator Arlen Specter, U.S. Senate
Joan Specter, Philadelphia City Councilwoman
Ramona Africa, MOVE