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Dear Brian,

Thank you, or Susan for the C-SPAN booklet, excellent. I understood why you do not answer letters, but hope it's alright to send you my comments or point of view from time to time anyway.

Your re-run of Robert Reich's book interview (1991) tonight was timely, though it gives me a scare thinking what these next four years will be like. He has no interest in solving our tremendous deficit. I feel that Clinton is in agreement here, though, for reasons of "sharecase" and to calm nervous Wall Street, etc. he has named conservative Democrats to head Treasury and budget, etc. Most concerned citizens feel ^{we} can spend the huge amounts on interest for this deficit to better ways of helping this country! I think Reich is an academic a bit up in dreamland.

Lets substitute the word "government" for his often used word "Public." and his ideas become very clear indeed. Both he and Clinton

What I think I know frightens me
government control is ~~open~~ ^{Washed} ~~Washed~~ ^{Washed}
makes for huge departments and will ~~seriously~~ ^{seriously}
add to our deficit. Hope Jim never wrong!
Thanks!

through their Oxford economics
studies feel the need to bring
European and British economic
policies over here for us -
socialism has ^{brings} high interest
rates and inflation in Europe -
yet we may be getting that here -
Does this sound right to you?

It will be interesting to see
what "re-training" we will have
and also how many bridges and
infrastructure we will get, though
perhaps not needed.

You may feel the Washington
"squealer" is a way to the right
"outfit" - I don't know much about
this conservative group - did ask
"Human Events" about them, and I
phoned them about Clinton's assertion
that he had put in 70 cooperatives
in Arkansas. They said they didn't
know of any there. He has always
been glad about telling people
what they'd like to hear - he is a
crafty, shrewd and sharp politician
covering his ground well, and
certainly has done his homework!
He may well have put this "study"
of cooperatives into his economic
framework for future interest - who
knows - the people do not really know
a lot about this new President and

Italian Communism: A Clinton Solution?

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In addition to his mysterious Soviet trip, another curious Clinton foreign visit was related in an Aug. 8, 1992 article by reporter Antonio Socci in the Italian newspaper *Il Sabato* headlined, "Compagno [Comrade] Bill." The *Il Sabato* article is summarized in a new book, "Slick Willie: Why America Cannot Trust Bill Clinton," by political activist Floyd Brown.

Socci interviewed Clinton during the Democratic National Convention and asked him to explain the "Arkansas Miracle" as compared to the "Massachusetts Miracle" touted by Gov. Michael Dukakis in his 1988 presidential campaign.

"I went to Italy to study," Clinton replied.

Socci wrote that the answer surprised him. "A probable American President in Italy 'in school' to end the economic crisis? Is this a joke?" Socci wondered.

Clinton continued, "I came five years ago to the province of Florence to find out how the cooperatives, the artisan cooperatives and the micro enterprises function. Then I went back to Arkansas and I helped put together about 70 youth cooperatives."

"Don't tell me this [communist cooperatives] is your economic prescription for the [United] States," Socci asked Clinton.

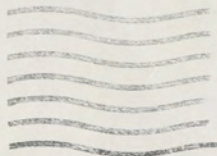
"Absolutely," Clinton replied.

Incredulous, reporter Socci returned to Italy after the convention and interviewed Italian Communist Party members Clinton had visited at the cooperatives in 1987. One of the Italian communists, Vincenzo Coli, remembered the Arkansas governor well. He told Socci how he introduced Clinton to other Italian leftists: "Be careful, these are communists and socialists."

"No problem, no problem," Clinton replied, according to Socci's account.

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