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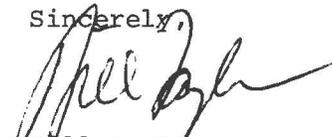
Mr. James Cicconi,
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Jim,

Just a note to say just how much I enjoyed meeting you and Eileen,
and thank you for your hospitality extended to me at lunch the
other day.

You were most gracious, and I look forward to, on some subsequent
trip to Washington, being able to reciprocate. Good luck to you
and Eileen. Please give Jim Baker my regards.

Sincerely,


Bill Taylor
BT/sa

Jim -

Good to visit with you.
I appreciate your offer to
help. I'll do some more
thinking and be back in touch
with you.

Rich

~~AA~~
PL keep on file.
Rich is supposed to
contact me when he's
given this a bit more
thought. D12/6

VITA

RICHARD P. THOMAS

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PERSONAL DATA

Date of Birth: March 26, 1945 (Alameda, California)
Marital Status: Married, one child
Military: U. S. Army Reserve 1969-1975, Honorable Discharge

EDUCATION

B.A. (with honors) Liberal Arts/Economics; University of the Pacific, Stockton, California; 1965. Degree completed in 3 years.
M.A. Economics course work completed; Columbia University, N.Y., N.Y. and University of Texas, Austin, Texas; 1968.

EXPERIENCE

Special Assistant to Governor William P. Clements, Jr., Austin, Texas;
January 1982 to present. Research and draft policy recommendations to the Governor for state issues and initiatives primarily in the fields of energy development, utility regulation, tax policy, and state/local government relations. Negotiate Texas proposals for consideration by the National and Southern Governors' Associations and accompany the Governor to all meetings as advisor.

Deputy Director, Governor's Department of Community Affairs; August 1981 - January 1982. Department provides technical assistance and financing to local governments.

Planner IV, Governor's Budget and Planning Office; July 1979 - August 1981. Responsible for liaison with energy and economic development agencies.

Richard P. Thomas & Associates, Del Rio, Texas;
August 1977 - July 1979. Prepared market and location analyses for several regional retail mall development firms in the states of New York, Massachusetts, Maryland, Connecticut, Vermont, and Rhode Island. Reports included evaluation of regional market characteristics, transportation networks, local zoning ordinances and plans, and state and local environmental quality regulations. Also conducted management and policy studies for Texas state agencies and local governments.

Vita -- Richard P. Thomas

Executive Director, Middle Rio Grande Development Council, Del Rio, Texas; June 1970 - August 1977. Implemented regional planning and development programs for local elected officials in a nine-county, 14,000 square mile area of southwest Texas. Managed a professional staff of 13 persons and a \$3.5 million annual budget. Directed the preparation of over 60 planning documents for local governments including capital improvements programs, municipal zoning studies, law enforcement and transportation system improvements plans.

Regional Economic Planner, Southwest Texas Regional Economic Development District, Laredo, Texas; June 1968 - June 1970. Assisted local governments to prepare economic development plans and financing mechanisms for their implementation. (October 1969 - June 1970, leave of absence for military training).

HONORS

Student Body President, Raymond College, University of the Pacific, 1963-64

Congressional Intern (Congressman John J. McFall), Washington D.C., 1965

U.S. Department of State Intern, Washington D.C., 1966

Phi Kappa Phi National Academic Honorary Society

Full Tuition Academic Scholarship, University of the Pacific, 1962-65

Graduate Research Assistant, Columbia University, 1965-66

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

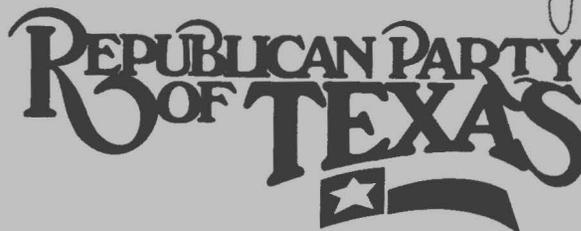
Texas City Managers Association

American Society of Planning Officials

Texas Industrial Development Council

Texas Archaeological Society

Thorburn, Wayne



May 28, 1982

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Chairman

Wayne J. Thorburn
Executive Director

Mr. James Cicconi
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Jim:

Enclosed is a report which Cathi Villalpando prepared on the political feedback to Project Jobs. I trust that this will be helpful.

Hope to take you up on your offer and visit you in the near future. All best wishes.

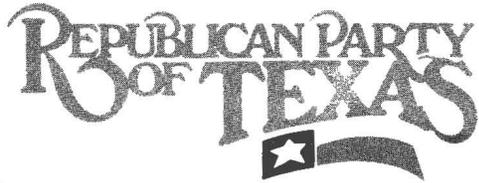
Sincerely,

Wayne J. Thorburn

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enclosure

May 28, 1982



MEMORANDUM FOR: WAYNE J. THORBURN
Executive Director

FROM: CATHI VILLALPANDO *C.V.*
Voter Groups Coordinator

RE: "PROJECT JOBS" (INS Raids) - Political Affect
in Texas GOP Campaigns

Attached are some direct comments from Hispanic leaders in Texas regarding the INS Raids and what affect this program is having on our campaign efforts.

The most concern was expressed by our own Republican Hispanic supporters like Louis Terrazas, Brownie Trevino and Cip Guerra.

Terrazas is quoted here, Guerra voiced his concerns directly to you and Red Cavaney at the private meeting held in conjunction with the LULAC state convention, and Trevino, as per the Dallas Office of INS, has reacted strongly against the raids and has gone directly to INS to voice his objections.

In Dallas, the Hispanic community was led by the head of the Mexican American Democrats (MAD), Adelfa Callejo in a public protest march which according to THE TEXICAN, see copies of article, was composed of 1500 Hispanics.

Although the INS Project Jobs has hurt the Reagan Administration and the Party's image in Texas, Gov. Clements coming out against it will help us considerably. See attach copy of his letter to French which was also sent to the President.

The June issue of the HISPANIC TIMES OF TEXAS is featuring the Governor's reaction to this project. Distribution will reach 4,000.

Attachments

THE TEXICAN & EL SOL DE TEXAS
articles
GOV. LETTER

PROJECT JOBS - AFFECT IN TEXAS

JOSE CANO -(Dallas) National Chairman American G. I. Forum

"People assume that this program was originated by the White House and the Republican National Committee."

LOUIS TERRAZAS - (San Antonio) V-Reg-Chairman Republican National Hispanic Assembly

"It bothers me for you to remind of this senseless program--it is senseless to conduct these type of raids.

Of course it is going to hurt Judge Roy Barrera's campaign and all Republicans running. Even if Reagan did not initiate this program, it is like not blaming the captain of a ship for what happens on his ship. It looks like French had a mandate to carryout.

It appears like we are saying on one hand to allow the aliens to work with a special permit -- because we are supposedly concerned with those who have been here for 5 years or longer, yet we focus a special project to oust these very same aliens who have been here the longest.

Remember that in politics people remember the negatives more than the positives.

This program has done more to hurt our Party's efforts and is going to impact our campaigns at the local levels."

DAN MARTINEZ - (Candidate for State Senate) San Antonio

"No one has directly questioned me on this issue yet. I have mixed emotions on this program. It has some merit, but it will hurt the Governor's campaign.

In the San Antonio area, members of LULAC and the American G. I. Forum have come out in the newspapers against the program. I am sure there some incidents to be concerned about.

I definitely hope that this Project will not include San Antonio cause than it will cause my race serious problems."

JUDGE MANUEL LEAL - (Candidate for District Court & Clements Appointee
- Houston)

"The INS Raids have not been an issue in my campaign.

As far as the Governor's race is concerned, the position he is taking now of his working close with Mexico to resolve the undocumented worker problems will help him with his campaign efforts.

In Houston, the undocumented workers do not mix with the Hispanic Americans. The Hispanic Americans feel that the aliens, the indigents, once they come over, they do not comply nor conform to the way of living over here and give the Hispanic American community a bad reputation.

LULAC, the state deputy director, Johnny Mata, did raise some concern publicly, but it has died down. The only TV and other media coverage given to this Project is the Bonilla negative reaction statements and TV appearances."



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

May 11, 1982

WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.
GOVERNOR

The Honorable William French Smith
Attorney General of the United States
10th and Constitution Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20530

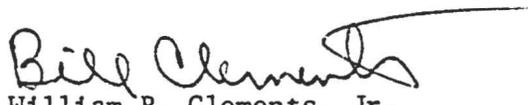
Dear Bill:

I am disturbed by the reports I have received from Hispanic Leaders in Texas regarding "Operation Jobs" the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) raids. These raids brought into sharp focus the need for expeditious passage of an equitable immigration reform act that must address the humanitarian concerns of the undocumented worker and the Hispanic-American.

The undocumented worker augments our U. S. labor force by taking jobs which American citizens show little or no interest in taking. Mexican government officials have stated to me in various meetings that the exodus of these workers from Mexico has caused a serious talent drain. With these points in mind, I have continued to propose a guest worker provision which permits Mexican aliens mobility, and some freedom of choice regarding where and for whom they can work in the United States, but allows them to retain their Mexican citizenship. This would provide them legal status while appreciating their contribution to the American economy. It would differ from the Simpson-Mazzoli Bill which endorses changes in the H-2 Temporary Worker Program that is tantamount to resurrecting the specter of the old "bracero program." I am unequivocally opposed to this alien-employer contract labor proposal which lends itself to possible exploitation.

More importantly is the effect our immigration laws have on Hispanic-Americans. Hispanic-Americans are the indirect victims of our ineffective immigration policy. No other ethnic group is subjected to the constant verification of citizenship like the Hispanic-American. The Mexican undocumented worker's illegal status has caused our Hispanic-Americans hardships which must be stopped.

Respectfully,


William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor of Texas

WPCJr:gtm

Mr. Weems

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 1, 1982

Dear Mr. Weems:

Thank you for sending information on the proposed project for improvements to the Port of Freeport. By copy of this letter, I am forwarding the material to OMB, and am certain they will give it proper consideration.

Sincerely,


James W. Cicconi
Special Assistant to the
President

Mr. Marcus Weems
Chairman
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bcc'd Don Cluff, OMB

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March 17, 1982

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Honorable Jim Cicconi
Assistant to Chief of Staff
& Special Assistant to President
The White House
1st Floor West Wing
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Cicconi:

As you are probably aware, The Port of Freeport has anticipated Federal financial assistance for improvements to the main channel of our Brazos River Harbor for nearly twenty years.

During this period, project costs have risen from \$16 million to more than \$100 million. In addition, The Corps of Engineers has deferred needed maintenance on our jetties to the point that Corps officials now predict that they will collapse in the event of a hurricane and block the channel. Such an event would render the Nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserves facilities at Freeport largely useless in the event of a national emergency.

We have proposed a usable increment, that work on our jetties be commenced immediately under a cost-sharing arrangement whereby 50% of the cost would be provided by local interests.

The innovation represents a major departure from traditional public works funding which has been at least 90% from Federal appropriations.

We are now seeking approval of our project at both OMB and on the hill. Any assistance you may be able to provide will be deeply appreciated.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Marcus Weems, Chairman

MW/dc

Enclosures

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April 9, 1982

Mr. Jim Cicconi
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Jim,

This is in response to your letter of March 4th.

I certainly understand the restraints which you outlined in your letter. Also, I am hopeful that you appreciate the fact that it was not ever my intention to involve you in the decision making process regarding our proposal. My intention was and remains to keep you advised of the progress of the review of the proposal so that you might be aware of when and if unwarranted or questionable road blocks develop.

The implementation of policy directives is not easy to monitor. The President's policy of sponsoring involvement of private enterprise in LDC development plans is bound to run afoul of the traditional direct grant experience in State and US/AID. The simple truth is that a proposal can be very meritorious and in full alignment with administration policies and still not see the light of day without oversight from the policy makers.

We are planning to visit Guinea in late April on a technical mission and hopefully complete the papers for formal establishment of the joint venture entity and arrange for the loans to cover the project's local currency development costs. Due to 'certain limitations' at State, we are now negotiating with the I.F.C. for our dollar requirements.

Sincerely,



Evans N. Wentz

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

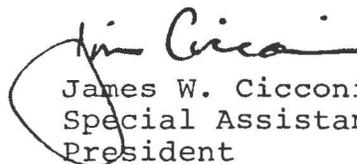
March 4, 1982

Dear Evans:

I am pleased to hear that the State Department has decided to review the details on your cattle project. Let me assure you, however, that neither Ken Cribb nor I have had any contact with the State Department on this matter. As I previously mentioned to you, about all Ken and I could do was to point you toward the proper channel. Thus, the fact that the State Department seems at least interested in your project is due entirely to its merits.

I also hope you realize that where a project of this nature is proposed (requiring some form of government sponsorship or assistance), the State Department makes the decisions based on their considered judgment: the White House does not as a rule inject itself, nor would I personally do so. Therefore, in all respects, you are "on your own" if the State Department process causes delays, or if other problems develop that affect the proposal. In short, other than indicating the proper channels to you, I simply cannot become involved in the consideration of your proposal. I hope you understand, and wish you the best of luck.

Sincerely,



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Special Assistant to the
President

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March 1, 1982

James W. Cicconi
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Jim,

We at AgroTech are quite encouraged by the news that the State Department has recently sent a review team to Guinea to check out details on our cattle project. They probably did not speak French or know anything about cattle raising, but the fact that they have moved so quickly speaks well of the respect that you and Kenneth Cribbs command. This past weekend I received telephone enquiry from the office of the President of Guinea seeking information on the progress of this project. This is just one indication of the high priority that Guinea assigns to this endeavor which promises to significantly reduce their shortage of beef and beef products.

I wish that we had this project all wrapped up and ready to roll, but such is just not the case and your most valuable assistance in nudging or pushing the system along will most likely be needed many times again before the loan agreements are signed.

The following comments have nothing to do with raising cattle in Africa and are offered as a concerned citizen. Each time a presidential news conference is over I feel the distinct urge to batter the reporters on their heads. The conferences are being used for the benefit of the reporters and not for the President's or the listening audience'. The current format gives the reporters a chance to be seen on national TV and to present loaded questions in the form of lectures to the President. Could it not be agreed that reporters would submit questions in advance and only to those would the President respond? As currently conducted I feel the conferences are a definite negative feature for the President!

March 11-16 will find me in Washington, staying as usual at the Park Central hotel, just West of the White House. I hope that you will be able to find time for a visit with me on one of those days.

Sincerely,



Evans N. Wentz

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January 22, 1982

Mr. Jim Cicconi
Special Assistant to the President
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Dear Jim,

Thanks for your letter of December 22nd. I 'called your offices this morning looking for the number of Ken Cribbs and then called him, but he was 'busy' and as yet has not returned my call. Mr. Bill Conner suggested that I call him to obtain confirmation as to who in the administration is responsible for follow up on the implementation of the recently announced US/AID loan program for promoting joint ventures between US private businesses and Third World countries.

I returned from Guinea on January 10th, and during the three weeks I was in that country I was successful in negotiating the terms for a joint venture between this company and Guinea for the large scale commercial production of cattle, based on export and local market sales. The project is obviously feasible and in the best interests of all concerned. It has the possibilities of being a real and lasting example of effective utilization of U.S. experience for the practical benefit of developing nations.

The first week in February is set aside for a working visit to Washington. During this time I would like to present the details of this venture to the administration representative responsible for implementation of this policy. I know the AID staff responsible for the program, but Bill Conner has urged me to explain this to the highest official in the administration who is charged with the implementation of the policy. This is my reason for telephoning to Ken Cribbs.

I would appreciate it if you would give me a call and advise me on how to proceed.

Sincerely,

*Wentz spoke w/ Ken Cribbs
JC 2-10-82*

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No response to this letter as of 22 Jan 82

December 18, 1981

Mr. Edgar C. Harrell
Deputy Assistant Administrator
Private Enterprises Bureau
A.I.D.
Washington, D.C. 20523

Dear Mr. Harrell:

In our meeting in AID offices held on November 13th we discussed the new AID initiative regarding the financing of joint ventures between U.S. companies and Third World governments. At that time I discussed my company's interest in this type of financing for a project that we have been negotiating with the Government of Guinea for large scale cattle production in West Africa.

Our negotiations have reached the point that it is necessary for me to travel to Guinea and I expect to arrive there on December 20th or 21st. While in the country I will be visiting with our ambassador and his staff. Upon return I will advise you on the status of our project. In the meantime, it would be appreciated if you would send me any data or forms that you have developed with regard to loan applications. Our initial estimates indicate a need for five million in financing, with a drawdown over a four year period. Although we have not discussed the terms of the loan, it is our proposal that the loan be for a period not to exceed 10 years.

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Let me thank you for your interest in this matter and your support. Kindly accept my best wishes for an enjoyable and safe holiday season.

Sincerely,

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February 8, 1982

Mr. Jim Cicconi
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Jim,

This is a note to say how much I enjoyed the short visit last week and to thank you for your conversation with Kenneth Cribbs. It was very good that I had the visit with Cribbs because last Friday I met with State/US AID staff and learned that they were not taking any measures to adopt or adapt procedures geared to putting the policies into effective business related time frames: for instance, they estimated an 18 month review period of loan applications! This is absolutely absurd - no business deal will hold fire for 18 months - 18 days or 18 weeks, at most.

I have just sent Kenneth Cribbs a note on this matter. Otherwise, the project seems just what they are looking for.

Keep working to balance the budget!

Sincerely,



Evans N. Wentz

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Decembr 22, 1981

Dear Evans:

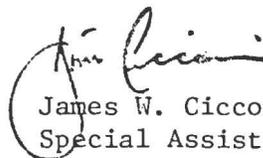
I appreciate the points you made in your letter regarding the White House Conference on Aging. It is unfortunately true that, in such events, those who speak the loudest often get the most attention, regardless of whether they truly represent the feelings of the elderly in general or the delegates in particular.

The Conference was a success, though, and operated as a forum for active exchange of ideas. The President was very pleased with the delegates' efforts, and pointed out further that his Administration's work in the area is still moving forward. The Conference's work is only the first step in the development of what the President has termed "constructive, comprehensive and compassionate" policies toward older Americans.

As for the level of "noise" here, I can assure you it takes some getting used to, but at times it can also be quite exciting!

It was good to hear from you, and I hope all is going well for you in the challenges you are facing.

Sincerely,



James W. Cicconi

Special Assistant to the President

Mr. Evans N. Wentz
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Austin, Texas 78701

P.S. By the way, just received your earlier letters which had been misrouted. I appreciate your congratulations and wish you the best of luck in your "safari."

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Please draft response
"Dear Evans"

- I agree with what
he says. Tell him
Conf was a success, etc
get copy of statement
Press office put out
last Thursday or Friday
of track. OK?

Thank
JC

ENW

December 4, 1981

Mr. James W. Cicconi
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Jim,

I have been reading and listening to the news about the White House conference on Aging and the confusion caused by some of the delegates. You will remember that I served as the director of the Texas Aging program as my first assignment. From that perspective, i.e., from the inside of the aging program administration, I would offer the following comments:

- it would appear to me that the rabble rousing group were those who had retired from "confrontation type" work: unions or union relations in larger industries/government. They are not representative of the vast majority of simple and lonely people that the programs of the AoA generally serve.
- these type individuals are basically not republican and are easily guided into political confrontation actions such as occurred in D.C.
- the senior citizens in Texas that were active in the politics of senior citizens programs, etc., were predominately from the ranks of retired AFL/CIO and continued to work closely with that organization.
- future conferences should be held outside of D.C. in St. Louis or some centrally located city, away from the glare of press, etc.
- don't over react to the noise. Most of it is pure politics.

Sincerely,



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December 18, 1981

Mr. Jim Cicconi
The White House
Washington

Dear Jim:

Shortly after talking with you in early November I sent you the enclosed letter. It was returned to me on December 15th. As you can see it made the rounds in D.C. and was opened somewhere along the line. This time I am being a little more specific on the address.

Tomorrow I will be leaving for Guinea, West Africa, in response to an invitation from their government and for the purpose of discussing commercial cattle production projects. I am also doing some scouting for Texas A&M about potential technical training possibilities and have meetings scheduled with our ambassador and embassy staff on this matter.

Enclosed for your info is a copy of a letter that I have sent to the fellow in State/AID that is apparently handling the new program for assisting private ventures in developing countries.

My best regards to you and your family. If you get a chance, tell the 'boss' not to waiver. It may not be fun, but his original course is the only one, I believe, that offers the remedies for our basic national problems.

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year

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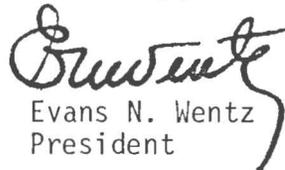
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LE PROBLEME

La population mondiale s'accroît à un taux exponentiel et crée une demande toujours grandissante de nourriture. Dans les Pays en Voie de Développement, les méthodes de production de nourriture qui produisaient traditionnellement des réserves suffisantes ne sont à présent plus adéquates. Les anciennes méthodes, largement basées sur la production des marchés de village, ne fournissent pas assez de surplus pour nourrir les centres urbains.

Par conséquent, les Pays en Voie de Développement possédant des ressources naturelles abondantes essentielles à la production de nourriture sont souvent forcés d'importer des denrées alimentaires de base pour répondre aux demandes de leurs centres urbains. De telles importations épuisent les réserves monétaires et limitent la croissance de facilités d'infrastructure essentielles.

LA SOLUTION

La réponse au problème est l'exploitation pratique et efficace des ressources de base naturelles du sol, de l'eau et du climat par une administration expérimentée dans la production à grande échelle des denrées alimentaires.

AGROTECH INTERNATIONAL offre des programmes spécialement destinés à atteindre ce but, basés sur l'expérience gagnée à partir d'une production agricole à grande échelle orientée commercialement aux USA.

Nos programmes se dirigent vers la production et le marketing dans les domaines suivants:

- Le cheptel (bétail, moutons et chèvres)
- La pêche (océan et rivières)
- Les grains (riz, blé, orge, etc.)

Nous offrons également des services étendus techniques et consultatifs, ainsi que la formation complète ou spécialisée en sciences agro/industrielles dans les sites des pays hôtes.

**LES PROJETS QUE NOUS
ADMINISTRONS SONT ORIENTES
VERS LE GAIN ET SONT DESTINES
A ETRE FINANCIEREMENT
INDEPENDANTS.**

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November 17, 1981
Austin, Texas

Mr. James W. Cicconi
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Jim,

It was good to speak with you last week. Let me again offer my congratulations on your new post. I know that you will want to be as effective as possible and to contribute greatly to the success of the policies and programs sponsored by the President. I wish you all the best.

During my visit to D.C., last week, I met with Mr. Edward Harrel, State Dept./AID with regard to the recent article in Business Week announcing a major shift in policy designed to promote more involvement of the private sector in Third World development projects...(copy enclosed).

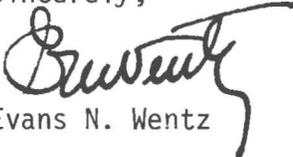
For the past year or so I have been in negotiations with the government of Guinea (West Africa) over the terms of a joint venture that would result in the development of large scale commercial cattle production in that country. Such a venture would include Texas interests and would encompass a completely integrated cattle operation from basic herd to marketing at the wholesale meat level. The new State policy fits our needs for medium term credit to a 'T'.

The only hitch to the matter is that the shift in policy may be too radical for the staff in AID - it certainly will need all the pushing it can get from the administration.

You may wonder what Evans Wentz is doing with Guinea? Remember that I have spent some 8 years in that country managing the development of their vast bauxite reserves. I know their culture and am fairly fluent in French.

I hope that this will not bore you, but you might find the information handy when news of this venture is published.

Sincerely,



Evans N. Wentz

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BEHIND HAIG'S SHAKE-UP AT STATE

Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr.'s impending shake-up of his top foreign economic specialists is intended to end the disarray in the Administration's international economic policy machinery. But it is by no means clear that the purge will stop the current bureaucratic infighting or stabilize the Administration's haphazard efforts to integrate domestic and international economic policy.

In the new lineup, Robert D. Hormats, now Assistant Secretary for economic and business affairs, will move up to the top post of Under Secretary for economic affairs, replacing Myer Rashish, who will be dumped. To fill Hormats' post, Haig is expected to turn to Richard T. McCormack, a protege of conservative Senator Jesse A. Helms (R-N.C.), a foreign policy hard-liner who has attempted to make his weight felt at the State Dept. since the Reagan Administration took office. McCormack has been a foreign policy specialist on Helms's staff since 1979 and earlier held posts in the Nixon White House and the Ford Treasury Dept.

Behind the imminent departure of Rashish—who despite his generally recognized competence will have the dubious distinction of being the highest-ranking Administration official to be ousted from his job to date—is a tale of personal incompatibility, bureaucratic intrigue, and Haig's own shaky standing with the White House staff (BW—Oct. 26). Haig has become increasingly irked over State's difficulty in gaining supremacy over such major economic issues as East-West trade, agricultural export policy, and even economic summit planning. As his frustration grew, so did his irritation with Rashish.

But Rashish's exalted title at State belies the fact that he presided over a staff of only five, compared with Hormats' 250 aides. Says one official: "Rashish is very talented, and he's a good Reaganite, but he was ineffective in a job with no staff support, and then he became incompatible with Haig."

While Hormats' promotion was expected, Haig's rationale for seeking to fill the critical Assistant Secretary's post with McCormack is somewhat puzzling. McCormack has neither Hormats' knowledge of international economics nor his personal contacts with

European finance ministers. Because of McCormack's close ties with Helms—who was not overly happy with Haig's choice of Rashish or Hormats—his appointment may not settle the policy coordination problem. Helms has already tried to have several career foreign service officials purged and others shifted out of key posts. He may set his sights on Hormats next. Says one well-placed State Dept. aide: "The impression is that Haig has struck a deal with Helms to get McCormack in Hormats' job, and Rashish gets to be the sacrificial lamb."

LOBBYING THREATENS A PRICE-FIXING BILL

Chances of Senate passage this year of a major antitrust bill are diminishing rapidly because of intense lobbying by opposing business forces. Moreover, a last-minute push by the Reagan Administration for a more complex version of the legislation makes passage even next year uncertain.

At issue is a bill to make all companies involved in a price-fixing conspiracy share in damages awarded to affected customers or competitors. Now companies that settle early leave the lion's share of liability for those who opt to go to trial.

The major controversy, though, is over an amendment making the liability-sharing provision apply to pending suits. The big gainers from that would be Mead, the sole outstanding defendant in a corrugated carton price-fixing case; Georgia-Pacific, Weyerhaeuser, and Williamette Industries, the remaining defendants in pending plywood litigation; and Milliken, still fighting a suit brought by Burlington Industries. These companies have called in such heavy guns as former Carter Administration Attorneys General Griffin B. Bell and Benjamin R. Civiletti to lobby for the provision. Working the other side is the Carter White House's domestic council chief, Stuart E. Elzenstat.

The lobbying, says one insider, "puts every senator in an uncomfortable position," making them reluctant to face up to a vote. To complicate matters more, the Justice Dept. wants to extend the concept beyond price-fixing cases to damages for other antitrust violations.

Capital wrapup

ENERGY: White House officials are having difficulty keeping leading congressional Republicans in line on energy issues. Senate Energy Committee Chairman James A. McClure (R-Idaho) has opposed Administration efforts to cut back synthetic fuel subsidies and to scrap the government's power to impose emergency allocations during oil shortages. Now Representative Clarence J. Brown (R-Ohio), second-ranking minority member of the House Energy Committee, is fighting efforts to accelerate decontrol of natural gas prices and to help sponsors of the Alaska natural gas pipeline obtain private financing.

TRANSPORTATION: In a battle over the political composition of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Senator Howard W. Cannon (D-Nev.) has struck back at the Administration by putting a "hold" on the nominations of two Republicans—Malcolm M. B. Sterrett, currently general counsel of the U.S. Railway Assn., and businessman Frederic Andre. Although both have won Senate Commerce Committee approval, Cannon is keeping the nominations from reaching the Senate floor. He is upset at White House failure to approve two Democratic ICC nominees—William K. Ris Jr., a Cannon protege and minority counsel of the Commerce Committee, and Jacob J. Simmons, a vice-president at Amerada Hess Corp.

THIRD WORLD: The Agency for International Development is shifting policy on financing projects in developing countries. At present, aid financing is funneled through Third World governments or international agencies, with U.S. companies involved only as providers of goods or services. But aid is now ready to lend directly to joint ventures between U.S. companies and Third World governments or Third World companies as well as to U.S. companies participating independently in Third World projects.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

COUNSEL TO THE DIRECTOR

November 22, 1982

The Honorable Mark White
Governor-Elect
The State of Texas
State Capitol
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Governor-Elect White

I have noted your comments regarding Judge Justice's fee award in the Texas prison case. We are awaiting a copy of that decision, but I believe it important to advise you that the Administration is currently considering a major legislative initiative that would moderate the attorney fee award explosion that has taken place by reason of federal statutory and regulatory decisions of the past decade.

For example, environmental attorneys now often receive fee awards in excess of \$100 per hour even when they lose their cases, and notwithstanding that the attorneys' costs to the organizations that retain them are fractions of the awards. Thus, some advocacy organizations can now make hefty profits by bringing and losing cases.

Other abuses are rife, and the past few years have seen significant expansion of a system allowing all attorneys to become private attorneys general merely by filing contingency fee suits against all units of federal, state and local governments. (You may find particularly offensive the enclosed solicitation letter from a D.C. law firm asking firms to retain it to litigate fee awards.)

Any legal fee award legislation will necessarily be complex, but if you are interested in participating in what we deem to be a major breach of federalism as well as major breaches of the "American rule" on fee awards, I would be grateful were you to ask members of your staff to be in touch.

As you enter the governorship of a major state as a significant member of the opposition party, I hope you will have reason to find our efforts in this important policy area to be appropriate.

Very truly yours,

Michael J. Horowitz
Counsel to the Director

Wilson, Isabel

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 12, 1982

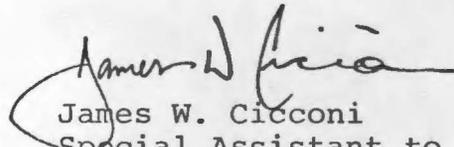
Dear Mrs. Wilson:

After receiving your letter concerning the alligator situation in Chambers County, Jim Baker asked that I look into the matter on your behalf.

As I understand it, a proposal was submitted on September 13, 1982, to change the alligator's classification as an endangered species in Texas. This proposal is, of course, subject to rather lengthy notice and public comment periods which could extend through the end of this year. After the comment period, the proposal would then have to be considered by both the regional office and the Department of Interior in Washington before it can be finalized. If you have any questions about the process for declassifying the alligator as an endangered species, I would suggest you contact Dr. Kenneth Dodd, Office of Endangered Species, Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of Interior, Washington, D. C. 20240.

I hope this information is of some help to you. Though the process is slow due to various laws enacted by Congress, it appears things are moving in the direction you desire.

Sincerely,



James W. Cicconi
Special Assistant to the
President

Mrs. Isabel Wilson
3506 Del Monte Drive
Houston, Texas 77019

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Admin.
① 343-4888

AA

Please call US Fish &
Wildlife Service -

What is status of proposal
to reclassify / de-list the
alligator as an endangered
species.

Inquiry from Texas. Supposedly
procedures to do this (which would
allow the state to manage the matter)
were begun in early 1981.

Thanks.

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② John Spritzer / endangered species
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③ Dr. Dodd / biological support
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Dr. Kenneth Dodd

Office of End. Species

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October 12, 1982

RE: Status of proposal to reclassify the alligator as an endangered species in the State of Texas.

The proposal was submitted September 13, 1982, and is subject to a 60-day public comment period which ends November 12.

The Governor of Texas has a 90-day comment period which ends December 13, 1982.

All comments will then be forwarded to the Albuquerque office/division. They will decide whether or not to go with the proposal.

Any final proposal must then go to Interior for approval (which seems to take about 1-2 months). If approved, it will be published in Fed. Regulations and will become effective 30 days after such publication (the Biological Support office, 235-1975, estimated that it might be in March).

Isabel Brown Wilson
3506 Del Monte Drive
Houston, Texas 77019

July 26, 1982

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Baker, III
2415 Foxhall Road
Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear Jim and Susan,

Because you once thought the joke about the man who was up to his ass in alligators was funny, I am taking the liberty to send you the enclosed letter from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

A friend of Wally's and mine--Ralph Leggett (a rancher in Chambers County)--has appealed to us for help. He tells us that Louisiana has a controlled season on alligators but they have been unable to get anything done in Texas. Ralph lost seven calves recently to alligators and he and other ranchers are very upset. They feel that it is bureaucratic waffling that is causing the delay, since all agree a legalized harvest is necessary in Chambers County.

I know you have far more important things to think about than the alligators in Chambers County, but if there was any way someone could give a small prod to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, it would be deeply appreciated in Chambers County.

On another level, Reagonomics, as you can see by the enclosed clip, is taken seriously here in Houston.

Love to you both and hope to see you soon.

Isabel

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July 9, 1982

Honorable Alma L. Turner
Chambers County Judge
P. O. Box 939
Anahuac, Texas 77514

Dear Judge Turner:

I am writing in response to your letter of May 21, 1982 concerning the recent adoption by the Commissioners Court of Chambers County of a resolution supporting legalization of an alligator season in Chambers County.

This Department is keenly aware of changes in alligator populations in your area of Texas, both through increasing nuisance reports in recent years and ongoing survey activities. Your expressed interest in establishing a harvest is well appreciated. However, the alligator currently is listed by federal regulations as endangered or threatened in Texas, and a legalized harvest may not occur until these classifications are changed and management authority is returned to the State.

Procedures necessary to achieve federal reclassification (delisting) were initiated about 18 months ago. If approved by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Department will assume full management responsibilities under the authority specified in Chapter 65, Texas Parks and Wildlife Code.

As may be apparent, changing the official status of the alligator has been and is an extended process. Subsequent to delisting, additional time will be required to prepare necessary management planning documents to implement enforcement procedures and other controls required for a harvest program. Consequently, it is anticipated the earliest that an alligator harvest could occur is the fall of 1983.

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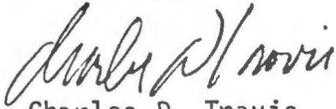
Honorable Alma L. Turner

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July 9, 1982

Your indulgence and that of other Chambers County officials are requested for the duration of this process. Please contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,



Charles D. Travis
Executive Director

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cc: Honorable Carl Parker
Honorable Bo Crawford
Mr. Robert A. Jantzen, Director
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Yarbrough, Randy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dec. 6, 1982

Dear Randy:

Thanks much for sending a copy of the Austin Statesman article. While several people told me about it, you were the only one to send a copy (and I have two sisters there!)

Things are indeed going well here, though it would be a lot better if unemployment would start dropping. I'm glad to hear things are going well in your job, and trust that Mark White's election means that prospects of employee cuts, etc are now much less, thus making things a bit less complicated, eh?

Rick called the other day and we chatted for awhile just to catch up on mutual family developments. As you may or may not know, we're expecting a new addition in April -- got to keep up with the Yarbrough's!

Again, thanks for your letter and the article.
Jim

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W.S. McBeath, Administrator

11-30-82

Jim -

Your press secretary is doing good to get you a picture in the paper along with a quote. Your wife will undoubtedly ask you why you didn't comb your hair!

Things here are going fast and hectic getting ready for the session in January. I have good feelings about my budget & the budget board pretty well gave us everything we requested.

I still hope to get to D.C. for lunch. I may try to come up in January to visit with the Justice Dept. on our EEO agreement.

By the way, Clements made a good political & judicial choice in naming Jack Pope as Chief Justice to the Tx Sup Court. It has silenced his critics on appointments and moved up a good man. Judge Pope has been a good personal friend for years & will do a good job.

Again, I thought you might appreciate a copy of the American Statesman article.

Sincerely

Randy

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Amarillo

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Houston

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McAllen

Texans in Reagan administration make subtle difference

By LINDA GORTMAKER
American-Statesman Staff

WASHINGTON — Although Vice President George Bush and White House Chief of Staff Jim Baker make Texans visible in the Reagan administration's Washington, another sizable group of Texans works in the capital without much limelight.

The professionals lured to Washington from Texas for choice political jobs when Reagan swept into office in 1980 range from John "Buck" Chapoton of Houston, the administration's key tax policy adviser in the Treasury Department, to Linda Faulkner of Dallas, the White House's assistant social secretary who plans events from Easter egg rolls to state dinners.

Many of the Texans were personally summoned by Reagan, Bush or Baker. Others were picked through an ad hoc screening committee led by Sen. John Tower and the state Republican chairman, who submitted names of Texans they considered the state's brightest to the White House personnel office.

Three dozen of the Reagan administration's upper crust political jobs — those of assistant secretary status and above that require Senate confirmation — are held by Texans. That's almost 7 percent, according to White House personnel records.

Texans are particularly abundant on the White House staff. "Texans and Californians seem to be the predominant species over here," said Jim Cicconi, 30, of Austin, a special assistant to Baker.

Others would like to see more Texans in Washington.

"I still think it's a thin representation from the days of Lyndon Johnson," said John Ford of Hereford, in West Texas, who is deputy assistant secretary for the Agriculture Department. One reason for fewer Texans in Washington might be the small number of Republican congressmen from Texas without enough collective seniority to wield the clout on presidential appointments other states do, Ford said.



Linda Faulkner



Jim Cicconi



John Ford



Tex Lezar



Peter Roussel



Ray Barnhart

The Texans who have found their way into the Reagan administration are mostly in their early to mid-30s, with some in their 40s and 50s. Some, like Chapoton, plan to return to Texas by 1984, no matter who's president for the next four years, because of financial reasons and "it's very tough on my family."

Others plan to stay "as long as the president needs me," or until they accomplish specific missions.

Dr. Edward Brant, assistant secretary for health in the Department of Health and Human Services, is one of the few Texans in Washington who was recruited outside political circles. His friends in the American Medical Association persuaded him to go after the job, and now he's unsure whether he'll stay until 1984.

He's trying to deregulate parts of the health industry and plans to be in Washington until he's had some success, especially in turning functions such as health planning back to the states. Brant, 49, was vice chancellor for health affairs for the University of Texas system. He lived in Austin from 1970 until last year.

Tex Lezar, 34, is special counsel to Attorney General William French Smith and, like many of the Texans at the capital, he once worked for Gov. Bill Clements. Lezar was special adviser to Clements and most recently counsel to former Texas Secretary of State George Strake. He's not a stranger to Washington, however, and was there from 1971 to

1974 as deputy to former President Nixon's chief speechwriter.

While Lezar had been approached about a Reagan administration job after the 1980 election, he didn't arrive until last spring. Smith called him the evening of Reagan's attempted assassination, and his three-month temporary visit has lasted more than a year and a half.

Not all the Texans working in Washington got their jobs through Bush or Baker contacts or by a screening committee. Faulkner, 32, assistant social secretary for the White House, found her job through Tish Baldrige, social secretary in the Kennedy administration.

Born and raised in Dallas, Faulkner handled public relations for Dallas' downtown Neiman-Marcus store. She met Baldrige when she was promoting the new Amy Vanderbilt etiquette book edited by Baldrige.

Klan leader seeking prison switch

Associated Press

Ku Klux Klan leader Don Black said he fears for his life if he is forced to serve a federal sentence at an El Paso prison.

Black, a Birmingham, Ala., native, said he would ask a judge in New Orleans today to change the site where he will serve a 3-year sentence for plotting to invade the Caribbean island of Dominica.

The 29-year-old head of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, head-

quartered in Tuscumbia, Ala., is scheduled to begin his sentence Dec. 6 at the La Tuna Federal Correctional Institution in El Paso.

"That prison is 82 percent Mexican, and I will very possibly be killed, since I organized demonstrations against the Mexican aliens coming into this country," Black said in an interview with the Birmingham News published Sunday.

He said other Klansmen have been subjected to threats.

most say they don't have much of it — the Texans in Washington socialize with one another and participate in activities sponsored by the Texas State Society and other groups.

Few say they are leaned on by

friends back in Texas for special favors through their jobs. But Chris Hicks of Houston, who works in presidential personnel, says he makes it a point to seek out other Texans' opinions when he has a particular job to fill.

Ray Barnhart, 54, from Pasadena, is the federal highway administrator, a job with a hefty budget for doling out highway and bridge grants.

Unlike other presidential appointees from Texas who say their jobs have not really allowed them to help Texas that much, Barnhart says his presence here has been of value to Texas, "but not unfairly so."

"Texas has been treated equitably, at least more equitably than in the Carter administration," Barnhart said.

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