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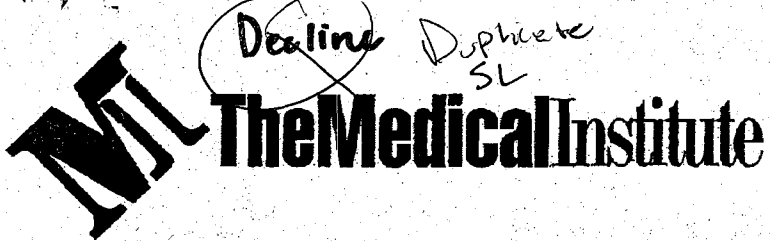
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Subject/Description: **NRN'S, COMMENTS, MEMOS, VARIOUS COPIED INFORMATION THAT IS TO BE SCANNED BY ORM FOR FUTURE REFERENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF KARL ROVE ENTERED ON OCT 25 05 SEP 15 05 - JOE MCILHANEY - THE MEDICAL INSTITUTE - INVITATION DECLINE OCT 4 05 - JOSEPH CALIFANO - THE NATIONAL CENTER ON ADDICTION AND SUBSTANC ...**

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Date: 9-15-2005

To:	Honorable Karl Rove		
Fax:	202-456-1907	Total Pages:	4
Re:	Nov. 1st Event		

You are receiving a fax from:

- Alejandra Eckel, Administrative Assistant
- Amy Campbell, Accounting
- Amy Hardin, Conference & Meeting Planner
- Anjum Khurshid, Medical Research Specialist
- Arthur H. Coleman, Sr. VP/General Counsel
- Diana Campos Nemoto, Exec. Office Administrator
- Clif Drummond, Dir. of Gov't. & Public Policy
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- Sheetal Malhotra, Epidemiologist

NOTE: Please see attached. Original Invite is

coming in the mail shortly.

Thank you!

DR. McIlhaney asked I fax you a copy.

BUILDING A LEGACY.

3 men.

1 uncommon perspective.

Dr. James Dobson

and **Bob Buford**

— honor —

Joe S. McIlhaney Jr., MD

THE MEDICAL INSTITUTE *and* FRIENDS

cordially invite you to a very special dinner honoring the retirement of Dr. Joe McIlhaney. We hope you will join us as we recognize his pioneering work and great personal sacrifice in laying The Medical Institute's firm foundation. His extraordinary vision has created a legacy that with your support will continue to dramatically influence the health, hope and happiness of generations to come.

James Dobson, Ph.D., is founder and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization that produces his internationally syndicated radio programs and publishes eleven magazines. Heavily involved in family-related governmental activities and the author of 35 books, Dr. Dobson is a distinct leader dedicated to the preservation of the family.

Bob Buford, best-selling author of Halftime, identified and described a growing trend in successful business entrepreneurs, continuing with three other books including his most recent, Finishing Well. Author, philanthropist and church champion, Mr. Buford has been the guiding figure for millions of people who find themselves on the journey from success to significance.

*Claude Allen, Assistant to President Bush for Domestic Policy
(Invited)*

November 1, 2005
7:00 pm
Four Seasons Hotel Downtown
98 San Jacinto Blvd.
Austin, TX
Business Attire

REPLY CARD

Number joining us for dinner: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

\$50 per person

Payment Method:

___ Check (made payable to The Medical Institute)

___ Visa ___ MasterCard Exp. Date: ___

Credit Card Number: _____

___ I will not be able to attend, but please accept my
check/credit card donation to The Medical Institute in
the amount of \$ _____

Please return this card in the envelope provided to
The Medical Institute by October 21st.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 10/14/05

To: Barry Jackson
From: Deputy Chief of Staff Randy

6-4574

- FYI
- Appropriate Action
- Direct Response
- Prepare Response For My Signature
- Per Our Conversation
- Let's Discuss
- Per Your Request
- Please Return w/ Recommendation
- Deadline EEOB 488
- Other

Comments: Barry - should we encourage/help out of this?

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The National Center on
Addiction and Substance Abuse
at Columbia University

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October 4, 2005

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New York, NY 10017-6706

phone 212 841 5200
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www.casacolumbia.org

Mr. Karl Rove
Senior Advisor
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Karl:

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In March 2005, on behalf of the Board of Directors of The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University, I wrote to First Lady Laura Bush asking if she would agree to be honored with CASA's Distinguished Service Award at our Fourteenth Anniversary Awards Dinner on April 4, 2006.

We would like to honor Mrs. Bush for her extraordinary commitment to our nation's youth, especially troubled boys with drug and alcohol abuse problems. As you know, the First Lady plans to hold a conference on the issue of troubled youth. She understands the drug and alcohol problems of youths who are caught up in the juvenile justice systems as evinced by her remarks on the Larry King Live Show of October 12, 2004. Those remarks were based on a CASA report I sent her.

Directors Emeritus

- James E. Burke (1992-1997)
- Betty Ford (1992-1998)
- Douglas A. Fraser (1992-2003)
- Barbara C. Jordan (1992-1996)
- LaSalle Leffall (1992-2001)
- Nancy Reagan (1995-2000)
- Linda J. Rice (1992-1996)
- George Rupp (1995-2002)
- Michael I. Sovern (1992-1995)
- Frank G. Wells (1992-1994)

The event, held every year in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf=Astoria in New York City, brings together leaders from the corporate, financial, medical, philanthropic and public service communities. At this dinner we will also honor Sam Palmisano, Chairman and CEO of IBM, for his commitment to children. All the former Presidents and First Ladies will serve as Honorary Chairs and the Senate and House Leadership as Honorary Vice Chairs.

I hope you will encourage Mrs. Bush to accept the award. The dinner will spotlight her work to help troubled youth as CASA's Awards have become the coveted Academy Awards of the substance abuse field. Previous honorees include First Ladies Betty Ford, Nancy Reagan, Hillary Rodham Clinton, President Bill Clinton, as well as Jeb and Columba Bush. Other honorees have included Peter Dolan, the Forstmann family, Donald Keough, Hank McKinell, Joseph Plumeri, and Leonard Schaeffer.

The First Lady's presence and acceptance would highlight the President's commitment to stemming substance abuse and addiction in our nation's youth and raising healthier children. It would also give us a chance to honor President Bush as the first president to proclaim *Family Day - A Day to Eat Dinner With Your*

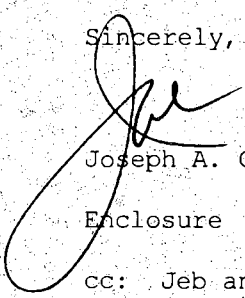


Mr. Karl Rove
October 4, 2005
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Children and issue *Family Day* proclamations each year since its inception in 2001. Enclosed is a copy of this year's dinner program to give you an idea of the event. We hope for a positive reply from the First Lady.

If you would recommend that the First Lady accept to come and be honored, we would greatly appreciate it. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



Joseph A. Califano, Jr.

Enclosure

cc: Jeb and Columba Bush



THE NATIONAL CENTER ON
ADDICTION AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY



Thirteenth Anniversary Awards Dinner

A CELEBRATION OF AMERICAN LEADERSHIP
IN COMBATING SUBSTANCE ABUSE



TUESDAY, THE FIFTH OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE

676690

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 10/14/15

To: Scott Jennings
From: Deputy Chief of Staff / Roney

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From: Deputy Chief of Staff

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Attached you will find
a guide to higher education
reform from the Committee
for Economic Development.

PATRICK M. CALLAN
President

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FOR PUBLIC POLICY
AND HIGHER EDUCATION

Cracks in the Education Pipeline:

A Business Leader's Guide to Higher Education Reform

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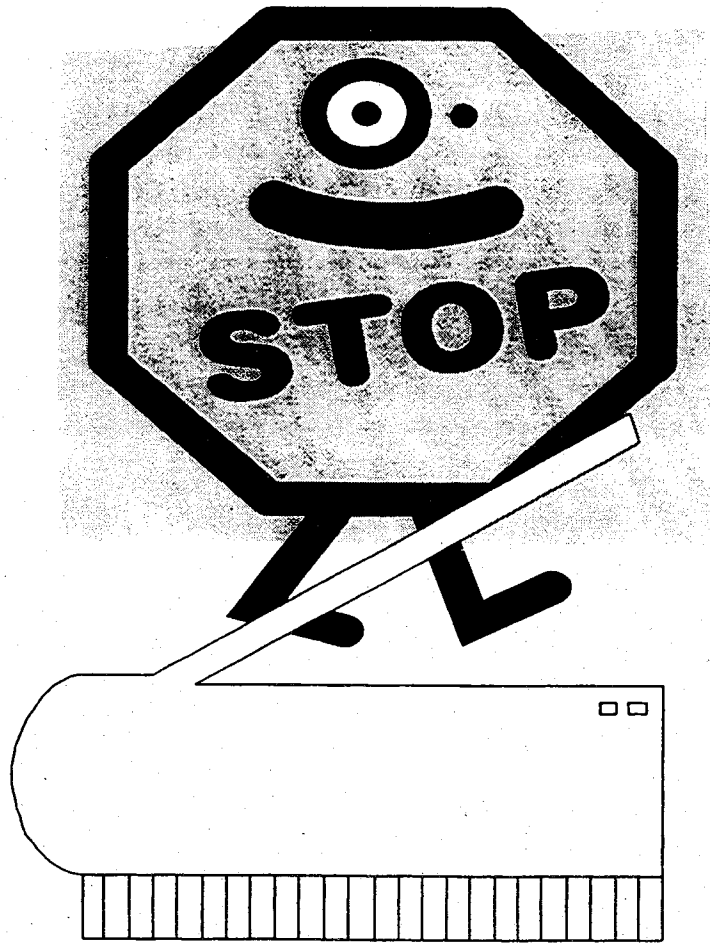
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WASHINGTON

Date: 10/14/05

To: Mike Davis
From: Deputy Chief of Staff

- FYI
- Appropriate Action
- Direct Response
- Prepare Response For My Signature *Karl's*
- Per Our Conversation
- Let's Discuss
- Per Your Request
- Please Return to 488EEJB
- Deadline
- Other

Comments: Mike - is this someone
who is a viable candidate to the
Administration? Please
return w/ your recommendation.
Thanks!

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 12/14/05

To: Jim Grogan
From: Deputy Chief of Staff/Racey

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- Direct Response
- Prepare Response For My Signature
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- Let's Discuss
- Per Your Request
- Please Return w/ recommendation
- Deadline to EELB 488
- Other

Comments: Jim - Do you
recommend I call participate?
Thanks!



Conservative Political Action Conference

October 6, 2005

The Honorable Karl Rove
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Rove:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the American Conservative Union Foundation, it is my pleasure to invite you to participate in the upcoming CPAC – the 33rd Annual Conservative Political Action Conference, set for February 9-11, 2006 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC.

Last year's CPAC was the most successful conference to date with an outstanding program that included the sold-out Presidential and Reagan Banquets, more than 4,100 attendees, 90 co-sponsoring organizations (with a waiting list for more!), extensive coverage from major media outlets, and tremendous grassroots interest.

CPAC's success over the years always has been largely due to the fact that it features the best conservative speakers and leaders who give generously of their time, expertise and insight. You will do us a great honor and service by agreeing to participate again this coming year.

CPAC Director Stacie Rumenap will be in contact with your staff shortly in follow-up to this invitation, and to discuss details of your participation. In the meantime, if you should have any questions or need additional information, please call ACU at (703) 836-8602. Thank you for your consideration, and I hope to see you at the Conservative Political Action Conference.

Sincerely,

David A. Keene
Chairman

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 10/14/25

To: Molly Hovser
From: Deputy Chief of Staff

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Tuesday, October 04, 2005

NRN

George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

RE: Harriet Miers Nomination

To quote William Kristol, I'm "disappointed, depressed and demoralized."

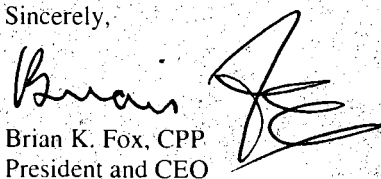
As a staunch supporter of yours, one who has donated thousands of dollars to both of your elections and to Republican candidates all over the country; I am hugely disappointed in your choice of Miers. Almost in disbelief. Not because she is not qualified, she *might* be; but because you could have named a conservative ideologue, one with a proven track record that will not 'Souter' on us. **You abandoned your conservative base with this pick**, and as a result, if this base deserts you, your administration is finished, including the war in Iraq; and you may have jeopardized the Republican majorities in 2006.

I am also hugely disappointed because of her age. At 60 years old, her staying power is limited. Picking someone 50 or 55 years old, like Roberts, would have had a hugely greater and longer lasting influence on the court.

How do you know that this nomination is wrong? When Senator's like Harry Reid say that she's acceptable, and Chuck Shumer says that he doesn't know!

I may not desert you, but such a pick reminds me of your father's domestic record - which was an utter failure and an important reason for his not being elected to a second term. Katrina has affected your judgment. It's time to get over it.

Sincerely,


Brian K. Fox, CPP
President and CEO

Board Certified in Security Management

Cc: Karl Rove
Attachment

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A reaction to the Harriet Miers nomination.
by William Kristol
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I'M DISAPPOINTED, depressed and demoralized.

I'm disappointed because I expected President Bush to nominate someone with a visible and distinguished constitutionalist track record--someone like Maura Corrigan, Alice Batchelder, Edith Jones, Priscilla Owen, or Janice Rogers Brown--to say nothing of Michael Luttig, Michael McConnell, or Samuel Alito. Harriet Miers has an impressive record as a corporate attorney and Bush administration official. She has no constitutionalist credentials that I know of.

I'm depressed. Roberts for O'Connor was an unambiguous improvement. Roberts for Rehnquist was an appropriate replacement. But moving Roberts over to the Rehnquist seat meant everything rode on this nomination--and that the president had to be ready to fight on constitutional grounds for a strong nominee. Apparently, he wasn't. It is very hard to avoid the conclusion that President Bush flinched from a fight on constitutional philosophy. Miers is undoubtedly a decent and competent person. But her selection will unavoidably be judged as reflecting a combination of cronyism and capitulation on the part of the president.

I'm demoralized. What does this say about the next three years of the Bush administration--leaving aside for a moment the future of the Court? Surely this is a pick from weakness. Is the administration more broadly so weak? What are the prospects for a strong Bush second term? What are the prospects for holding solid GOP majorities in Congress in 2006 if conservatives are demoralized? And what elected officials will step forward to begin to lay the groundwork for conservative leadership after

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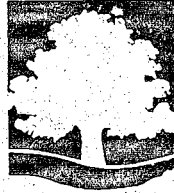
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September 29, 2005

Mr. Karl Rove
Special Assistant to the President and
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Re: Executive Order-Levees

Dear Mr. Rove:

First let me express my praise for the high level of effort and compassion the administration has shown the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Having lived through so many floods, there is no way help could have occurred faster.

The disaster we are witnessing has not occurred since the flood of 1927. While we have expected and have been predicting a disaster like this since Great Rivers Habitat Alliance was formed, when one actually sees such an event, it takes your breath away.

I write this letter to update you on the mega-levee proposed in St. Peters and make a suggestion to the administration that could help both parties.

As you may know, we have been working with every national level conservation organization over the past year to stop this ill-conceived 500-year levee in St. Peters, Missouri. The sole purpose for this levee is to grab 1,600 acres of flooded farm land to place commercial and residential development in harm's way. This ground was seventeen feet underwater in 1993.

More than twenty groups, such as the National Rifle Association, Pheasants Forever, and the National Wildlife Federation have joined with us financially and otherwise to stop the St. Peters Lakeside 370 project. Traditional environmental organizations have been working with us as well for over five years in attempting to stop this project.

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As you might imagine, events in the Gulf have been feverish for us. Coincidentally, the president's Convention for the Council on Conservation was held in St. Louis when Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast. Great Rivers Habitat Alliance have been placed at center stage in the effort to reform flood plain policy. We have been networking and dealing with the national media non-stop since before Katrina hit.

I don't need to tell you that the Democrats are planning to use this disaster and decisions in its aftermath as a potential campaign opportunity. In as much, I would like to make a suggestion that would do much to weaken the growing clamor to hang those responsible for allowing unmitigated flood plain development, even as we all know the blame goes back decades.

A very simple step the President could take is to **issue an executive order which prohibits the Corps of Engineers or FEMA from allowing constructing any levee of 100-year protection or greater without conducting a full scale environmental impact statement.** Typically, the Corps does this for its own projects but resists doing so for privately developed levees. An executive order is simple, quick, and decisive.

Our environmental attorneys advise us that this is the one thing the President could do without Congress that would stem so much of the unrepentant floodplain growth over the past twenty years. Unfortunately, no where else in the country, and arguably the world, has a greater level of floodplain development occurred than right here in St. Louis.

An executive order would give a tremendous amount of cover for the President and give his administration time to study what measures to take in the coming months and years. It would also essentially stop the St. Peters levee for enough time for our partner groups to elect an appropriate board of aldermen in this rouge municipality. It is worth mentioning that such an executive order would have no negative action on the projects Senators Bond and Talent are supporting in Missouri's Bootheel.

You may be aware that the St. Louis District Corps of Engineers issued their notice of intention to permit the St. Peters Lakeside-370 levee just two weeks before Katrina hit. Our conversations with the Corps find no willingness on their part to rescind this notice in the aftermath of New Orleans failed levees.

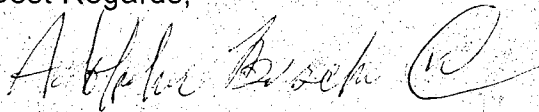
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Now that this permit was issued, we are prepared to raise the awareness of the failings of the Corps to national level. We are exploring a full-page ad in USA Today. Without a doubt, the public will be even more outraged. Please know that it is not our intention for any collateral damage for either the Bush or Blunt administrations. However, our board is dead-set on stopping the St. Peters levee first and reforming the Corps; in that order. Quite frankly, this is our organization's entire mission.

There may be some other options that could be done, but in five years we have been given no support from the Corps or FEMA officials; or from our Missouri delegation for that matter.

I thank you in advance for considering this request.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Adolphus A. Busch, IV". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Adolphus A. Busch, IV
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**Minority Business Concerns Regarding
Federal Contracts and Katrina**

Dear Secretary Chao and Messrs. Paulison and Rove,

We write on behalf of our members including the National Black Business Council, the California Black Chamber of Commerce, the Black Business Association, the Greater Phoenix Urban League, West Angeles Church of God in Christ, First AME Church, and Allen Temple Baptist Church (these three churches alone have 49,000 family members). Other minority business associations that are part of our coalition include the California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Latin Business Association, the National Council of Asian American Businesses Association, and the Asian Business Association.

As leaders in expanding the efficiency and reducing the cost of government contracts through supplier diversity, we have played a leading role in changing supplier diversity contract paradigms with many major corporations including SBC, Verizon, Bank of America, and Wells Fargo Bank.

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We are concerned that federal efforts that may result in \$200 billion in contracts relating to Katrina have essentially ignored the vital contribution the minority business community can make in reducing costs, promoting efficiency, and helping stabilize the community.

On September 9, SBC Corporation for example, committed to 27% of all its contracts being awarded to minority-owned businesses and in developing a series of "best practices," including personal CEO involvement and minority requirements for subcontracting, that we believe may be a model for the federal government to consider.

Defense Department Laxity Could Affect Katrina

We are concerned that past federal government "benign neglect" of minority-owned businesses may permeate Katrina-related contracts. Our concern is heightened by the Defense Department's embarrassingly poor record of awarding only one percent of contracts in 2004 to African American-owned businesses, despite constant complaints from major African American organizations since 2001. According to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld in his report to the Greenlining Institute (provided through a FOIA request), only 1% of the \$231 billion in federal defense contracts were awarded to African American-owned businesses in 2002 and just 1% to Latino-owned businesses.

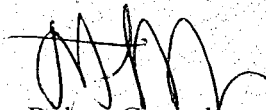
No Bid Contracts Harm Minority-Owned Businesses

We are also concerned that the good old white boy network is and will be the primary beneficiary of Katrina-related expenditures. Over 80 percent of Katrina-related contracts have been awarded without competitive bids to white-owned firms (*New York Times*, September 26, 2005 and *Wall Street Journal*, September 23, 2005). This concern is heightened by the very large size of contracts awarded, a method that inadvertently prevents minority-owned businesses, a disproportionate percentage of whom are small, from effectively bidding.

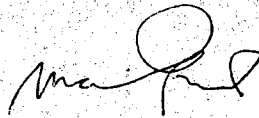
We hope and expect that our nation's 100 million minorities and more than three million minority business owners will no longer be ignored by our nation's largest contractor, the federal government. It is essential that the federal government be an example to the rest of America in supplier diversity, much as the President has been such an example in terms of his very diverse Cabinet. At a minimum, the

federal government should strive to attain the goals readily attainable by giant and respected corporations such as SBC.

Sincerely,



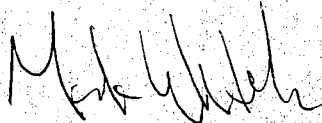
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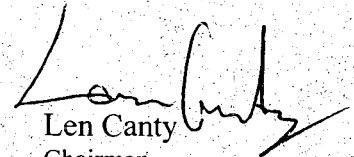
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