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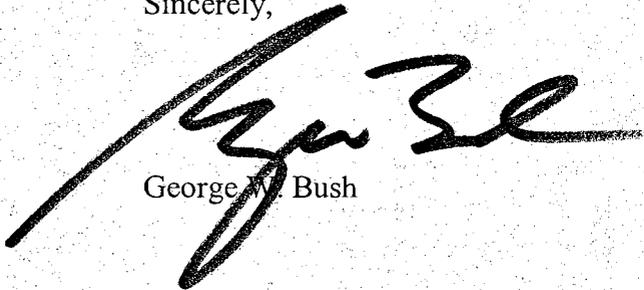
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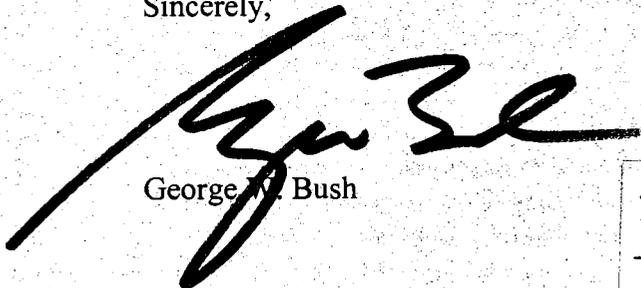
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These letters were
dispatched Friday -

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Simonds, Catherine M.

From: Hanusa, Mary Ann
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2004 5:35 PM
To: Simonds, Catherine M.
Subject: FW: Correspondence to President Bush from Dr. James Dobson

Please prepare for h/s dated Tuesday. thanks-----Original Message-----

From: Goeglein, Tim
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2004 4:22 PM
To: Hanusa, Mary Ann
Subject: FW: Correspondence to President Bush from Dr. James Dobson

My friend Mary Ann

Can you draft a short note from the President to Jim Dobson; thanks.

tsg

-----Original Message-----

From: Nelson, Debbie [mailto:Nelsondj@fotf.org]
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2004 4:11 PM
To: Goeglein, Tim
Subject: Correspondence to President Bush from Dr. James Dobson

Dear Mr. Goeglein,

Attached please find a letter addressed to President Bush from Dr. Dobson. I will also be sending you the signed original of this letter in an overnight package. I would appreciate your confirmation in receiving this document. Please let me know if there is another protocol you would prefer we follow in sending future correspondence to President Bush. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

May God's strength and peace sustain you in the days ahead.

Debbie Nelson - Office of the Chairman

May 11, 2004

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500-0003

Dear Mr. President:

Greetings from Colorado Springs! It was an honor and privilege to be with you in Washington last week for the National Day of Prayer. Thank you for once again taking time out of your busy schedule to grace us with your presence and to promote, in front of the nation, the importance of prayer.

I also wanted to express my heartfelt appreciation for the key role your administration has taken in defending traditional values before the entire world at the United Nations. For three years now, Focus on the Family's representative to the UN has returned with glowing reports about the positive contributions that U.S. delegations have made in that environment. At one UN meeting after another, the U.S. has tirelessly fought to defend traditional marriage and the family, parental rights, freedom of speech, freedom of religion and the sanctity of human life, while at the same time speaking out against human rights abuses and atrocities. At the Child Summit in 2002, when only a handful of nations were willing to take a stand against abortion, the U.S. delegation negotiated all night long to keep pro-abortion language out of the document – and succeeded in that objective! They have repeatedly taken principled positions, even when few other national delegations would stand with them. It is clear that the U.S. delegation's leadership has had the gradual effect of giving other nations the courage to take a stand for what is right.

During the previous administration, many nations were pressured to support abortion and other questionable policies, even though those very policies were contrary to the constitutions of the countries in question. But because your administration has been uncompromising at UN meetings, a number of nations have reaffirmed their pro-life and pro-family positions. The trend began when five Latin American nations broke with the "Rio Group" at the Child Summit. Then, last year, the small nation of Costa Rica took the bold step of endeavoring to build support for a total ban on all forms of human cloning. In a stunning reversal of sentiment from the Child Summit, 79 countries followed Costa Rica's lead and voiced their support for the total ban.

More recently, at the UN Commission on Human Rights, the U.S. and Costa Rica stood courageously alone in calling for the removal of veiled abortion language from a draft resolution. In addition, the U.S. strongly opposed Special Rapporteur Paul Hunt's report on health, in which he far exceeded his authority and mandate by calling for abortion, "sexual rights," and "sexual orientation" to be recognized as international human rights. The U.S. also sponsored or co-sponsored resolutions criticizing China, Cuba, North Korea, and Zimbabwe for their severe abuses of human rights. On the

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final day of the Commission, the U.S. spoke clearly and unequivocally about the ethnic cleansing and other atrocities that continue in Sudan, and worked diligently to get an honest resolution passed. Sadly, most of the other Commission members were unable to muster the courage to condemn the Sudanese government, in much the same way they chose to ignore past massacres in Cambodia and Rwanda.

These reports of our nation's moral leadership in the United Nations give me hope for the future and make me proud to call myself an American. Thanks once more, Mr. President, for working so hard to make the United States a force for positive change and an example to the other nations of the world. May the Lord continue to grant you and your administration wisdom and direction in every endeavor. Blessings to you and Mrs. Bush.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mary Ann Hanusa, 1 OEOB

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Ashley,
Brett made one
change to text.
This is corrected
version -
Thanks,
Kurti

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Crable, Lynn A.

From: Simonds, Catherine M.
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2004 9:14 AM
To: Crable, Lynn A.
Subject: Dobson letter

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