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March 20, 1998

The Honorable Felix W. Ortiz  
Member of the Assembly  
of the State of New York  
Room 428  
Legislative Office Building  
Albany, New York 12248

Dear Felix:

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My Administration is continuing its work to ensure that human rights and labor rights remain an important part of the basic framework within which all businesses honorably compete. I am deeply grateful to people like you who continue the fight to eliminate sweatshops. We must protect the rights of working men and women if we are to bring about the positive changes our nation needs to meet the challenges of the next century.

Sincerely,

**BILL CLINTON**

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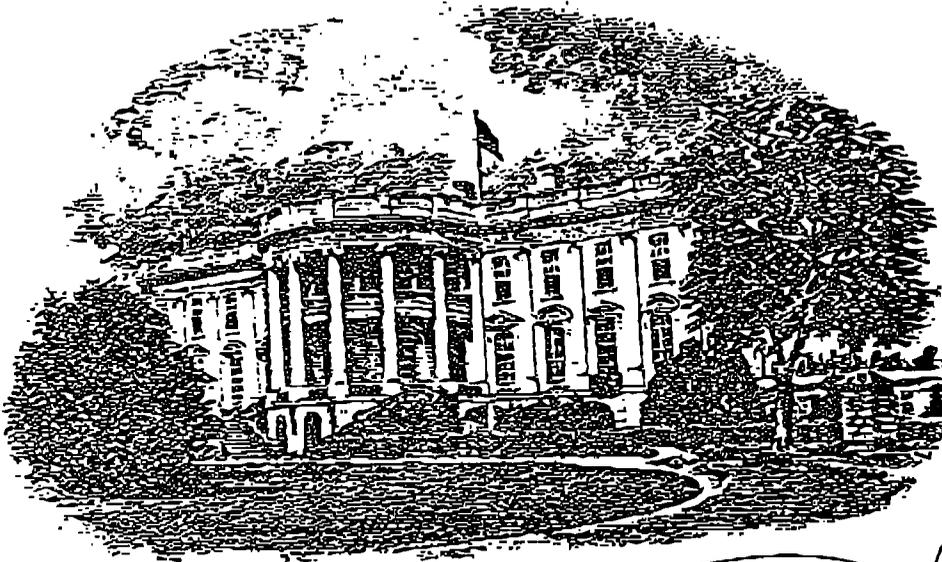
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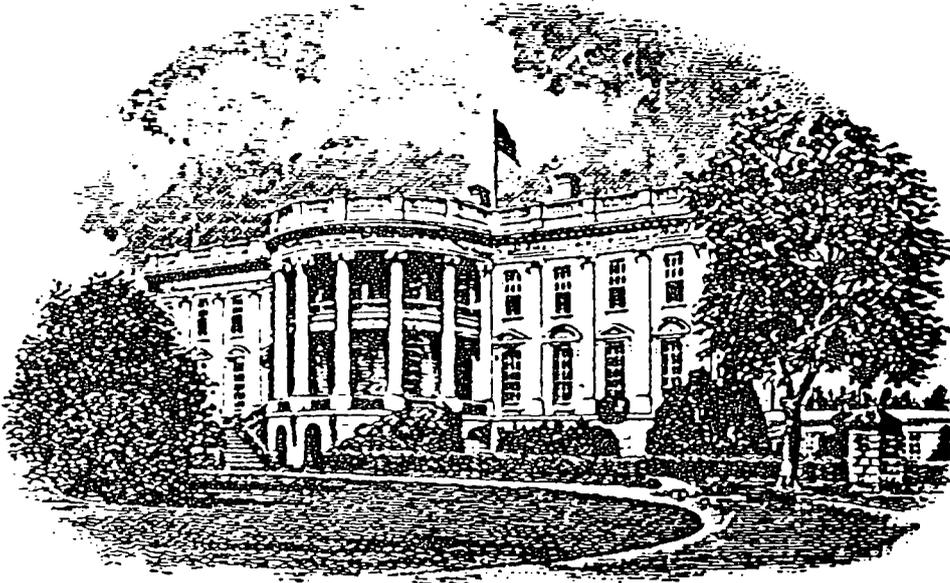
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RE: Report on Sweatshop industry

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- Scheduling Request: Forward to Megan Williams, Room 106
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- Request for a Presidential Message: Forward to Carmen Fowler, Room 91

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FELIX W. ORTIZ  
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January 15, 1998

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Dear President Clinton:

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The report is largely a product of a recent public hearing I sponsored in Sunset Park, Brooklyn, an area that has recently become saturated with illegal sweatshop factories. I found the testimony at the public hearing to be very insightful and important in my efforts to fight against the injustices of sweatshops.

I hope that you find the report valuable. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss the issue in greater depth, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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