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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JACK SHEINKMAN

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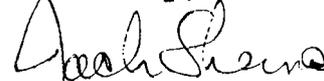
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FOR: Mr. William Itoh
Executive Secretary
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REFERENCE:

To: President Clinton
From: Jack Sheinkman
Date: May 17, 1993
Subject: Request for the President to consider a
total OAS oil embargo on Haiti

WH Referral Dated: June 28, 1993
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 The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

- A draft reply is attached.
 A draft reply will be forwarded.
 A translation is attached.
 An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
 X We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.
 The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.
 Other (see remarks).

REMARKS: The attached correspondence has been sent to numerous
Administration officials. To our knowledge, Assistant Secretary
Designate Watson, National Security Advisor Tony Lake and AID
Director Atwood are all responding to this letter. We do not
believe the President needs to respond as well.

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TO: PRESIDENT

SOURCE: SHEINKMAN, JACK

DATE: 17 MAY 93

SUBJ: LTR RE RPT ENTITLED / HAITI AFTER COUP / SWEATSHOP OR REAL
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REQUIRED ACTION: FOR RECOMS/DRAFT REPLY

DUE DATE: 29 JUN 93

COMMENT: *** URGENT RESPONSE REQUESTED ***

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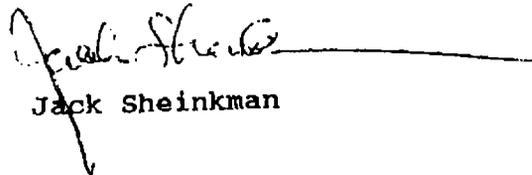
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Dear Joan:

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Jo-Ann Mort

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