

June 3, 2015

Dear President Obama,

I wrote to you once before, informing you that the day you were first elected President, that I saw gasoline was priced at \$1.60/gal. I wondered why there was such a fluctuation in gas prices. I am surmising that whoever is in control of oil pricing, must just be treating it as manipulation for profit, and/or an attempt to control public opinion; they were definitely getting the point across that they were glad that you had been elected. Let me surmise, with the cost of gas, currently fluctuating between \$3.65/gal. and almost \$5.00/gal., that they must be upset with the situation, and/not too pleased with you, at present.

The feeling that we are extracting too much oil from Mother Earth, has occurred to me too many times, to dismiss it. Who knows how much oil existed in the Earth, in the first place, and who knows how much we have drilled for oil in the last 100 years?

People wonder why we have Global Warming, why it is so much warmer, and why seasons are no longer the ones we used to know. There are events of increased hurricanes, tornadoes, tsunamis, floods, you name it, very unusual weather patterns.

What I am conjecturing is that the weight of the Earth is diminishing, because of the extrusion of oil, and the longer we take the oil from the Earth, the lighter the Earth will be. That is why I came up with idea that the angle of the Earth's $23\frac{1}{2}$ degrees is no longer the same angle that it was 100 years ago. This shift has affected the Oceans, causing broad changes in weather patterns, i.e., global warming, droughts, floods, shifts in currents, unrecorded before. We have made the Earth lighter by the constant draining of oil from the Earth. I am not a scientist, myself, but perhaps it could be studied by "professionals," to see if the idea has any validity.

The whole field of Solar Panel development, and their installation seems an answer to much of our problem: it is less expensive, healthier, and a great creator of jobs in America and all over the world, and I can envision a universal benefit to mankind.

I was telling someone on the bus, last month before my "bucket," (i.e., car) was repaired, that I wish we could make the panels with a curvy pattern; the rectangular pattern is a little distracting from the beauty of roof tops that I had observed. This could be a whole new area for the scientists and manufacturers to do their designing--who knows?

Apart from this, I get so mad at CNN sometimes for cutting off your speeches at times. I wanted to hear about improving the economic proposal (I still don't know what it was about), about a week ago. Instead, CNN showed more about the demonstrations that have been taking place in Baltimore, which they had already covered, without end. WHAT could be more important than the President giving a speech to America about improving the strength of the economy?

Well, Mr. President, I hope you will consider whatever part of this you may find relevant, and I will be writing again soon. Please give my love and true affection to Michelle, and the Girls and Bo and Friend. All of you must stay well to continue your leadership of this country.

Always keeping the Faith
Through Jesus, Christ,

Althais

August 28, 2015

Dear President Obama,

Enclosed is a letter that I wrote to Harry Belafonte in 1993. I have sent this in copied, type-written form, to many of my friends, but the typed copy was showing wear and was becoming quite blurry, over time. One of the things that I like about Word copies, is that they look the same, no matter when they were typed. (Thank God for technology)!

I really wish my computer was up and running at home, and that I would not have to "sneak" typing a "personal" letter on the job. To my way of thinking, it would be helpful to all readers, including the County, and that I should be allowed to do it. Oh, well!

You are definitely doing God's work, when you are doing all the things that you are, for the good of Mankind. The first American President to travel to Kenya and Ethiopia is wonderful. Kenya was the first African country that I visited in the summer of 1966. My father had known Rev. Robinson from New York, who had created Operation Crossroads Africa, which sent college students to Africa to perform work projects for the summer. It was the most amazing venture that I had ever done, up to that point in my life! Even though I had studied French in high school and college, I was sent to Kenya, an English-speaking country, which made my adjustment so much easier. I did learn an inkling of Swahili, but most of my communication was done in English. And, Kenya, itself, was such a beautiful country, and the weather was a joy.

I have not visited Ethiopia, but have had many friends, over the years, that were from there. I always felt right at home with my friends from both countries. Daddy never said so, but I do believe that his family had originally come from Ethiopia, and had settled in Cane River, LA., north of New Orleans.

Well, Mr. President, I am going to have to close. Thank you for answering my last letter—people, that see your return letters, cannot believe that you actually take time to answer my letters. I am actually in awe that you can do all the things that you do!

Please give my love to Michelle, The Girls (and they are growing up, right in front of our eyes) and Bo!

Always keeping the Faith,

Through Christ Jesus,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 3, 2016

Ms. Althais J. Aka
Los Angeles, California

Dear Althais:

Thank you for writing. I have heard from many Americans who understand first-hand the need for criminal justice reform, and I appreciate your message.

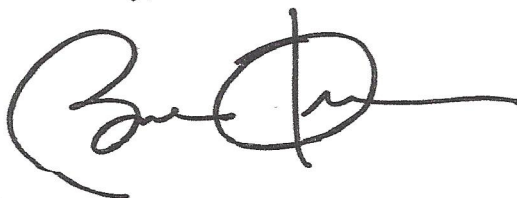
There is no denying that crime destroys lives and communities. Nevertheless, many behind bars are non-violent offenders whose sentences are disproportionate to their crimes and whose criminal records deny them and their families a better future. These individuals are our fellow Americans and fellow human beings with hopes and dreams, some of whom have made mistakes not unlike my own. I am all too aware of the support structures, resources, and second chances that supported my path to the Oval Office and helped me avoid some of the pitfalls that too many Americans face.

My Administration has been taking action to reform the criminal justice system. We are being more selective in seeking mandatory minimums, and we are working to increase our focus on addiction treatment, mental health services, and other programs that reduce recidivism and help individuals get back on track. We're pushing to improve prison conditions and support rehabilitation programs like job training, college degrees, and drug counseling. I am also advancing reentry programs—from education and employment to housing and healthcare—because we must recognize that there are more than 600,000 incarcerated individuals who are released annually and need support as they begin to rebuild their lives.

Thank you, again, for your message. I am committed to making sure our justice system is not just a punishment system, but one that also rehabilitates, allows people to repay their debt to society, and empowers individuals to forge a brighter future for themselves, their families, and their communities.

To learn more about these efforts, visit www.WhiteHouse.gov/Issues/Civil-Rights/Justice. Information about Presidential Pardons can be found at www.Justice.gov/Pardon, and resources that can address reentry needs are available at CSGJusticeCenter.org/reentry/reentry-services-directory.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be Barack Obama's, written over a horizontal line.