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THANK CLINTON FOR PROBLEMS, NOT BUSH

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Thank you Mr. President. In these times of economic stagnation, international terrorism, and foreign policy disasters, it's wise to reflect and thank those responsible for such a glorious golden age.

Thank you, Bill Clinton.

Thank you for raising taxes and crippling one of the most robust economies this nation has ever seen.

Thank you for refusing to exterminate bin Laden when you had the chance.

Thank you for wise foreign policies, such as the 1994 Nonproliferation Treaty with North Korea. Thanks for forking over billions of American tax dollars to a hostile regime. Why should he have demanded any proof at all that they were complying?

And finally, thank you Bill for turning the most respected and prestigious office in this country into an eight-year-long episode of "The Man Show" with a constant rotating door of Juggies from the trailer park.

To quote columnist Steve Marmel, "I don't know what he was trying to do, but I think he was trying to crack open trailers to get to the prize inside. For God sakes Bill, if you're going to drag attention to yourself and the office, try to do it right. You're the leader of the free world. Try to get a four or better. I mean, come on, the French are laughing at us."

And in this columnist's opinion, giving the French an excuse to laugh at us is an offense that rivals all previously stated offenses alone. Come on, they're the French.

Conversely, Bush may have shortcomings, but at least he has a few things going for him. He has surrounded himself with smart and experienced people, and he understands the fundamental differences between right and wrong. Clinton never saw things in black and white and sometimes, just sometimes, that's a bad thing.

When the World Trade Center was attacked, it was an evil that no amount of “incorrect” U.S. foreign policy begins to justify. When a Palestinian straps explosives to himself and blows up a bus of completely innocent mothers, fathers and children, it’s an evil, and no amount of Israeli’s residential infractions comes close to making it right.

Fortunately, our current president knows the difference between right and wrong. Bush knows that it’s wrong when nations that commit genocide for political bargaining are allowed to have weapons of mass destruction, and he knows his duty as commander-in-chief. Perhaps it is this new-found sense of American clarity and duty that has North Korea more scared than a Cal Poly liberal studies major trying to pass a differential equations exam.

North Korea understood the day when Bush labeled them as a member of the Axis of Evil; we knew they backed out of the 1994 Nonproliferation Treaty. Our dealings with that minor annoyance of a regime - the Taliban - reinforced the fact we won’t stand for threats to our country any longer. If overtly hostile regimes refuse to voluntarily change, we have shown that we can and will change them.

International relations experts feel that North Korea is trying to make some form of recompense, by admitting their infractions in order to avoid the United States’ wrath. Bush understands what he must do, and understandably that scares a lot of people here. But more importantly, it scares our enemies even more.

Bush’s moral clarity and sense of duty probably have caused an evil, communist and morally reprehensible nation to lose its only leverage in the international community. The world is safer due to rational thought and moral clarity, not worthless peace rallies on college campuses where the average student is more concerned with the EIT test than liberal propaganda.

Due to this administration you are safer, I am safer and our children will be safer. Thank you President Bush. ☺

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