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Senator Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Helms:

Partisan politics aside--being reasonable human beings with some measure of dignified sense of justice, and being supporters of the democratic way of life in these United States of America--it would seem a portrayal of positive power, and protocol on your part, to concede to former Governor William Weld's request for a hearing on the occasion of his nomination, by President Clinton, to the ambassadorship of the U.S. to Mexico. Moving in that direction would also afford you the opportunity to publically clear the air, as it were. The public at large, I think, deserves that much from a top-ranking public official such as yourself.

I am hopeful that you will be blessed with divine graces to do what is right, predicated on a democratic sense of responsibility, and honour, rather than on the basis of potential personal biases. In the final analysis, Senator Helms, I believe that "RIGHT MAKES MIGHT", and that total might belongs, invariably, to the Almighty. None of us are ever that right. None of us can truly believe that the crosses we bare are ever that heavy, given our mortal fallibility... No one, I dare say, should be in the position to manifest such ill-will as to slander the spirit of truth, and fair play--essentially, the spirit of democracy in a world which cries out daily for peace, love, social justice....

We, the people, entrust our representatives in local, state and national government with the responsibility of representing us to the fullest measure/benefit of our Constitution in a democratic system for which we have, for so long and hard, fought with body, mind and soul.

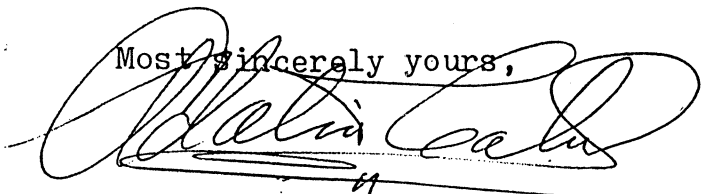
Myself an immigrant from Portugal, a high school drop-out, a Vietnam War Veteran and, currently, an educator in the greater Boston area, I know only too well the high price of freedom, and will always appreciate living, and working, in this democratic land of opportunity.

In war, I learned the awesome power of holding life and death in my hands. Through the turbulent post-war years, I have learned an even greater power: to live, and let live....

It is, therefore, my steadfast contention, and heartfelt recommendation that you, sir, with all due respect, open your heart, and mind and join me, as well as so very many others, in celebrating the richness of democracy, and fair play to the fullest. In that light, you will have true might. In that light, you will inevitably be right.

I bid you Peace.

Most sincerely yours,



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Jesse Helms relative to
granting a hearing to
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