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# McCain asks federal regulators to release all his correspondence

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WASHINGTON — Sen. John McCain, seeking to show he did nothing wrong in contacting federal regulators on behalf of big donors, said Sunday he is asking all federal agencies to release any correspondence from him.

McCain's presidential campaign spokesman said the request is being channeled through the Senate Commerce Committee, using the Freedom of Information Act rather than a less formal request from McCain, R-Ariz., the committee chairman.

Howard Opinsky, the spokesman, said the request covers all documents since the past 10 years or so. Asked for clarification, Opinsky said McCain's order to his staff covered his career in Congress, and the FOIA documents were drafted under that guideline.

McCain said on CBS' "Face the Nation" the requests to make his correspondence public would cover only the past 10 years or so. Asked for clarification, Opinsky said McCain's order to his staff covered his career in Congress, and the FOIA documents were drafted under that guideline.

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former presidential candidate

any American can make of any agency," Opinsky said.

Hundreds of documents released by his campaign show McCain wrote letters on behalf of more than a dozen contributors over the past three years to federal regulators overseen by his committee. Among agencies he prodded were the Federal Communications Commission and the Transportation Department.

As he has before, McCain said Sunday that his only motive was to help constituents and other Americans affected by the agencies' actions. Many of the letters were to push recalcitrant agencies to act on delayed in decision-making.

Democratic presidential rival Bill Bradley, a partner with McCain in the push to overhaul campaign finance laws,

told reporters Sunday he "had a practice of not intervening in regulatory matters." His Senate correspondence is archived at Princeton University. "Go take a look," he invited.

On ABC's "This Week," former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., defended his longtime colleague, McCain. "I would guess if you searched the files of the 100 senators, they've all had letters like that," Dole said.

Appearing on the program with her husband, Elizabeth Dole, forced out of the race for the presidency this year by lack of money, said McCain had not acted inappropriately. "I mean, it's not inappropriate to ask for your constituents that a decision be made. Up, down, whatever it is," she said.

# Clinton asks for more family planning funds

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WASHINGTON — Federal spending for contraception and other family planning services in the United States would rise by \$35 million, the largest increase in two decades, under a proposal Saturday by President Clinton.

The president said the program will promote strong children, healthy families and make abortion less frequent at home and abroad.

In his weekly radio address, Clinton said his 2001 budget proposal will include \$35 million more for such services in the United States. The White House said the money will not pay for abortions.

It is aimed instead at helping to prevent unwanted pregnancies among poor women, teen-agers and women with reduced access to health care.

"By making sure women have family planning choices, we are helping to make abortion more rare," Clinton said.

The proposed increase would bring the total administration proposal for

family planning in the United States to \$274 million for next year, the White House said.

The money would be shared among 4,600 clinics nationwide and would pay for what the White House called "the full range of reproductive health services," including keeping contraceptives available and affordable. It also would pay for teen-age counseling including support for educational programs "that encourage young people to postpone sexual activity."

"These services make a critical difference in people's lives," Clinton said. The White House said the money will help prevent more than one million unintended pregnancies a year.

Clinton also is seeking \$169 million in new money for family planning and counseling services overseas. That amounts to a 45 percent increase over the fiscal 2000 budget.

"I am asking Congress to support these funds, and to provide them without restrictions that hamper the

work of family planning organizations, and even bar them from discussing or debating reproductive health policies," the president said.

As part of a deal last year to persuade Congress to release \$926 million in back payments to the United Nations, the administration reluctantly accepted restrictions on \$385 million in federal funds for groups that perform abortions, or lobby for liberalized abortion laws internationally.

Clinton said then he would try to remove the restrictions, which barred U.S. money to private family planning groups that perform or promote abortions, even with their own money.

"When children are born healthy and mothers and families gain control over their lives, communities are stronger, economic progress is faster and the future is brighter for everyone," the president said.

# Elian attends parade; protests on hold

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MIAMI — Six-year-old Elian Gonzalez and his relatives watched a parade Sunday as citywide protests over plans to send him back to Cuba remained on hold.

The parade celebrated Three King's Day, a religious holiday commemorating the three kings who were said to have traveled to Bethlehem bearing gifts for the Christ child. It is traditionally celebrated in Hispanic nations.

Elian sat beneath a multi-colored umbrella with his relatives. They sat in bleachers facing the parade route, which ran down Calle Ocho, the main street in the city's Little Havana neighborhood.

Elian at times waved at the procession, a Cuban flag in one hand, and a U.S. flag in the other. Mostly, the boy shot streams of colorful foamy string from a can.

"It was a nice day to get him away from the routine," said Armando Gutierrez, the family's spokesman. "He saw things he never saw in his life. Things that if he was sent back to Cuba he will never see again."

The parade was a welcome celebration for the city, which earlier in the week was beset by protests and traffic slowdowns incited by anti-Castro groups angry over a federal decision to send the 6-year-old boy back to his father in Cuba.

But the city was quiet Sunday, a day after Cuban-American leaders issued a temporary halt to the demonstrations. The leaders were encouraged by a lawmaker's bid to keep Elian in the United States while a judge considers his case.

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service said last week the boy should be sent back to Cuba by Jan. 14.

President Clinton and Attorney General Janet Reno have both indicated support for the ruling.

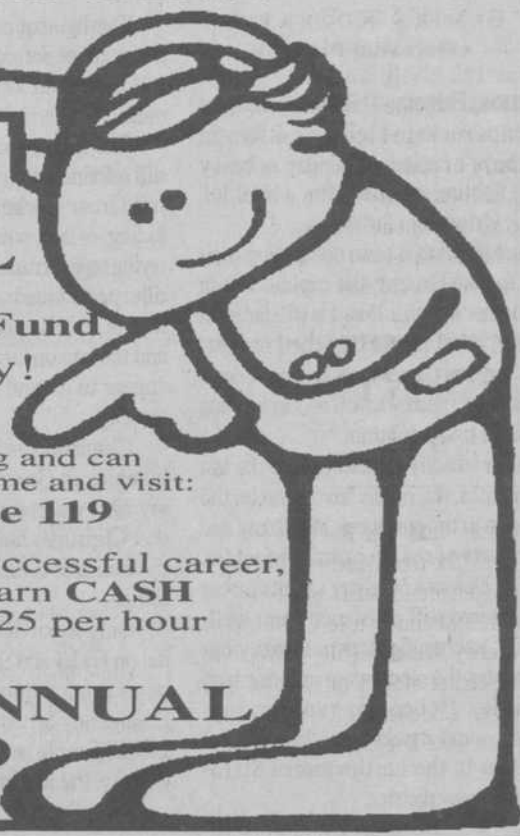
Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., on Friday issued a subpoena to have the boy testify before a House committee Feb. 10, which likely delays the return of the boy.

Speaking Sunday on ABC's "This Week," Burton reaffirmed that his subpoena does have the force of bringing a person before his committee.

"Now whether or not the INS will say that that does not supersede their authority as a branch — part of the executive branch — to send that young man back, that's something that we're not sure of," he said.

Elian was found Thanksgiving Day clinging to an inner tube after his mother, stepfather and others drowned attempting to reach the United States.

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