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Dear Professor Schmertz:

Please find enclosed two copies of my essay, "From Conciliation to Confrontation: Clinton I and the Veto," which is being submitted for possible presentation at the 11th Presidential Conference. Using historical and quantitative data, the essay comprehensively assesses President Bill Clinton's approach to Congress and veto use during his first term as president. I selected this period partly because I have already published an article assessing Clinton's overall veto record. However, the significance of this topic certainly merits a focus on his initial term alone. Of course, I will be able to orally compare the first and second term veto record at the conference. I intend to augment the article with documents obtained from the Clinton Presidential Library over the next several months.

Thank you and the Hofstra Cultural Center staff for considering this study for inclusion in the conference highlighting the presidency of Bill Clinton.

Sincerely,

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