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Dear Friend:

I am writing to you this month with the conviction that the pro-family movement has an incredible opportunity.

Today we can make a difference as never before. And to encourage you and millions of other pro-family Americans to do so, Family Research Council is launching a nationwide radio public service campaign. But before I describe the details, let me summarize the situation we face.

These have been stunning times in the nation's capital. We are dealing with the impeachment of Bill Clinton; the resignation of two of the most senior Republicans in this city, Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich of Georgia and Speaker-designate Bob Livingston of Louisiana; and the massive assault on Saddam Hussein's Iraq.

And these are only the *most visible* stories. The smaller headlines are stunning, too. For example, just weeks after signing international treaties on human rights, the Communist rulers in Beijing are engaged in the most ruthless crackdown on political freedom in years. In Sudan, the persecution of Christians continues at fever pitch. In the nation of India, a longtime missionary and his two young sons were burned to death by a radical Hindu mob.

Meanwhile, in laboratories around the world, scientists are cloning mammals and, in South Korea, work was recently done to clone human beings in the earliest stage of life. Here in the United States, the race is on between a U.S. government team and a private sector group, with millions of dollars invested, to map the human genome. This is a step that will allow scientists to tinker with human genes on a grand scale and to attempt everything from eliminating some of our most dreaded diseases to remodeling mankind itself.

A few years ago a writer by the name of Francis Fukuyama assessed the progress being made by democratic ideals and market economies after the Cold War. He argued that we might be seeing "the end of history" – that is, the beginning of a period of time when most of the world agreed on certain essential principles.

Well, democratic government and free economies are still holding their own, but as the issues I mentioned above suggest, we are far from the end of history. Indeed, for

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