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>> I BELIEVE
>> By Michael Kelly
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>> I believe the president. I have always believed him. I believed him
>> when he said he had never been drafted in the Vietnam War and I
>> believed him when he said he had forgotten to mention that he had been
>> drafted in the Vietnam War. I believed him when he said he hadn't had
>> sex with Gennifer Flowers and I believe him now, when he reportedly
>> says he did.
>> I believe the president did not rent out the Lincoln Bedroom, did not
>> sell access to himself and the vice president to hundreds of
>> well-heeled special pleaders and did not supervise the largest, most
>> systematic money-laundering operation in campaign finance history,
>> collecting more than $3 million in illegal and improper donations. I
>> believe that Charlie Trie and James Riady were motivated by nothing
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- >> but patriotism for their adopted country.
- >> I believed Vice President Gore when he said that he had made dunning
- >> calls to political contributors "on a few occasions" from his White
- >> House office, and I believed him when he said that, actually, "a few"
- >> meant 46. I believe in no controlling legal authority.
- >> I believe Bruce Babbitt when he says that the \$286,000 contributed to
- >> the DNC by Indian tribes opposed to granting a casino license to rival
- >> tribes had nothing to do with his denial of the license. I believed
- >> the secretary when he said that he had not been instructed in this
- >> matter by then-White House deputy chief of staff Harold Ickes. I
- >> believed him when he said later that he had told lobbyist and friend
- >> Paul Eckstein that Ickes had told him to move on the casino decision,
- >> but that he had been lying to Eckstein. I agree with the secretary
- >> that it is an outrage that anyone would question his integrity.
- >> I believe in the Clinton Standard of adherence to the nation's
- >> campaign finance and bribery laws, enunciated by the president on
- >> March 7, 1997: "I don't believe you can find any evidence of the fact
- >> that I had changed government policy solely because of a
- >> contribution." I note with approval the use of the word "evidence" and
- >> also the use of the word "solely." I believe that it is proper to
- >> change government policy to address the concerns of people who have
- >> given the president money, as long as nobody can find evidence of this
- >> being the sole reason.
- >> I believe the president has lived up to his promise to preside over
- >> the most ethical administration in American history. I believe that
- >> indicted former agriculture secretary Mike Espy did not accept \$35,000
- >> in illegal favors from Tyson Foods and other regulated businesses. I
- >> believe that indicted former housing secretary Henry Cisneros did not
- >> lie to the FBI and tell others to lie to cover up \$250,000 in
- >> blackmail payments to his former mistress. I believe that convicted
- >> former associate attorney general Webster Hubbell was not involved in
- >> the obstruction of justice when the president's minions arranged for
- >> Hubbell to receive \$400,000 in sweetheart consulting deals at a time
- >> when he was reneging on his promise to cooperate with Kenneth Starr's
- >> Whitewater investigation.
- >> I believe Paula Jones is a cheap tramp who was asking for it. I
- >> believe Kathleen Willey is a cheap tramp who was asking for it. I
- >> believe Monica Lewinsky is a cheap tramp who was asking for it.
- >> I believe Lewinsky was fantasizing in her 20 hours of taped
- >> conversation in which she reportedly detailed her sexual relationship
- >> with the president and begged Linda Tripp to join her in lying about
- >> the relationship. I believe that any gifts, correspondence, telephone
- >> calls and the 37 post-employment White House visits that may have
- >> passed between Lewinsky and the president are evidence only of a
- >> platonic relationship; such innocent intimate friendships are quite
- >> common between middle-aged married men and young single women, and
- >> also between presidents of the United States and White House interns.
- >> I see nothing suspicious in the report that the president's intimate,

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>> Vernon Jordan, arranged a $40,000-per-year job for Lewinsky shortly
>> after she signed but before she filed an affidavit saying she had not
>> had sex with the president. Nor do I read anything into the fact that
>> the ambassador to the United Nations, Bill Richardson, visited
>> Lewinsky at the Watergate to offer her a job. I believe the
>> instructions Lewinsky gave Tripp informing her on how to properly
>> perjure herself in the Willey matter simply wrote themselves.
>> I believe that The Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times, The New
>> York Times, Newsweek, Time, U.S. News & World Report, ABC, CBS, NBC,
>> CNN, PBS and NPR are all part of a vast right-wing conspiracy.
>> Especially NPR.
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