



December 20, 2008

To: President-elect Barack Obama

From: Gov. Sarah Palin

Hey Barack,

As the New Year is approachin' and what with the historic inauguration of America's first African American president - that's you - I was thinkin' of somethin' I could do to honor this occasion - Alaskan style.

Here's what I wanna do. I am invitin' you to Wasilla, and to my home for some pre-inauguration celebratin'!

It's my understandin' that you are headin' to Hawaii for a little R&R during the Christmas holiday (though why anyone would want to spend time in tropical weather to celebrate the birth of the Baby Jesus is beyond me). How 'bout you swing that plane north and come on by the 49th state?

Here's my action-packed plan for your visit:

- First off, Todd will take you ridin' on one of his snow machines - he may even let you drive.
- While you're here you can make your first visit to Russia. I'll commandeer the governor's official seaplane and we'll head over the Bering Strait and buzz the Russian side of the Diomed Islands. I like to do that once in a while to let all them Russians know that the US of A is in charge and our new president won't be takin' any guff from Communists! And don't worry, you'll be safe. We've have never taken any live fire on our previous trips.
- After our trip we'll head back to Wasilla for a good old fashioned potluck dinner in your honor. I keep a couple of my Moose Surprise casseroles in the freezer just for occasions like this. And I can send the recipe along with any leftovers.

One other thing, I have been watchin' your cabinet and staff appointments and have liked some of what I have seen - this reachin' across the aisle thing. In fact I like to think I've had an influence on your choice of Rev. Rick Warren for the invocation at your inauguration. I think your signalin' me and my constituents - that you are on our side. More like that please!

I've also noticed that Joe Biden (God bless him) has been lookin' a little tired and may not be up for the challengin' time that awaits you both. So I'm offerin' my services as vice president. More "reachin' across the aisle." And lets face it, we were both saddled with a couple of old-guy running mates during the election. Think of what us young whippersnappers could get accomplished!

Well, the offer is out there. If you choose not to take me up on it, well we'll have another go 'round in 2012. And this time I'm not going to play second fiddle to any man - you listenin' Mike Huckabee?!

Have a wonderful Christmas holiday Barack - Mr. President -elect. And if you cannot make it to Alaska this time, the offer is out there. I'll be waitin' for your call.

Best to you and your family,
Sarah