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Dear Ms. Renata Hesse:

AN INTERESTING QUESTION:

This question was raised on a Philly radio call-in show. Without casting stones, it is a legitimate question: There are two men, both extremely wealthy.
One develops relatively cheap software and gives billions of dollars to charity. The other sponsors terrorism. That being the case, why is it that the Clinton Administration spent more money chasing down
Bill Gates over the past eight years than Osama bin Laden?

THINK ABOUT IT!

Please put a stop to the economically-draining witch-hunt against Microsoft. This has gone on long enough.

Microsoft has already agreed to hide its Internet Explorer icon from the desktop; the fact is, this case against Microsoft is little more than "welfare" for Netscape and other Microsoft competitors, with not a nickel going to those supposedly harmed by Microsoft: the computer user.

This is just another method for states to get free money, and a terrible precedent for the future, not only in terms of computer technology, but all sorts of innovations in the most dynamic industry the world has ever seen.

Please put a stop to this travesty of justice now. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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