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Clinton Shakes Up Economics Establishment; Ties to Atlanta's Jews

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To the Editor:

A. M. Rosenthal in his Dec. 15 column on special interests, makes a great deal of sense. We do well to recognize that those who serve the public have special interests, and our expectation is that they approach issues with honesty and candor.

Yet his closing paragraphs, attacking Dr. Johnetta Cole, are very disturbing. She has an extraordinary standing in the Atlanta community. Professionally and personally, she has close and positive relations with the Jewish community.

She has shown herself an outstanding educator. She is involved with Jimmy Carter's Atlanta Project, heading the Summerhill clusters, in which the Atlanta Jewish Federation leadership is directly involved.

My relationship with her grows out of my appointment as a visiting professor at Spelman College teaching Jewish studies. Dr. Cole has supported the program and underscores the importance for future leaders of the Afro-American community to know about Jewish thought and practices. (Rabbi) ARNOLD M. GOODMAN Atlanta, Dec. 18, 1992

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