

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1997

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Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings to all of you gathered for the American International Health Alliance's second annual conference for Central and Eastern Europe. I am grateful for your efforts to improve the quality of health care and for your coming together to share experiences and work together to solve some of our most difficult health problems.

The President is proud of the partnership program between health care providers and educators in the United States and the Central and Eastern European states. With the support of the United States Agency for International Development, the partnerships have brought people together from around the globe to work on the most pressing health issues facing the region. Health care issues are global issues and partnerships offer the opportunity to develop global solutions.

Over the past two years I have had the privilege of meeting many of you. Last July, I visited the Women's Clinic at the Tallin Central Hospital in Estonia, which is currently involved in an AIHA partnership with a Washington, D.C. hospital. This clinic is the first in Estonia to offer a broad range of health services for women, including an innovative home visiting program. I also had the honor of hosting ceremonies at the White House that launched two new CEE partnerships: in 1995, the partnership between Riga, Latvia and St. Louis, Missouri; and this past fall, the partnership between Tuzla in Bosnia & Herzegovina and Buffalo, New York. These partnerships are addressing key health priorities identified by the host countries, including pediatric infectious disease and hospice care in Latvia, and maternal and child health and cardiovascular disease in Bosnia.

During my visits to Central and Eastern Europe and to Russia and the newly independent states, I have been impressed with the work of the partnerships and I am pleased that the U.S. partners are demonstrating our country's willingness to provide assistance and expertise to our friends around the world. I believe these partnerships embody the spirit of community and volunteerism that is so needed in our world today.

All of you gathered in Zagreb represent the tremendous strides that we can make working together. Thank you all for your continued commitment and dedication -- and thank you for what you are doing every day.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton
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May 6, 1997

Ms. Melanne Verveer
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The White House
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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Dear Melanne:

You missed a great nursing conference in Kiev and we missed you being there. In order to give you a flavor, I am enclosing a videotape of the slide show which was presented at the conference to summarize the nursing related activities of the partnerships in the NIS over the past year. I am also enclosing a publication describing the nursing initiative and including abstracts of papers presented by the NIS nurse leaders at the Kiev conference describing their accomplishments. The nurses all appreciated the First Lady's welcoming remarks; starting off a conference with this important show of support on the part of the Administration invariably means that the meeting is treated much more seriously by both the participants and by the policy makers who are watching from the wings. The conference received good attention from the Ukrainian press and I am hopeful that we furthered the nursing effort throughout the country.

On another note, I want to make a last minute pitch for a short statement from the First Lady to read at the Central and Eastern European Partnership Conference in Zagreb, Croatia on May 14. The CEE partners have reminded me that we often treat them as stepchildren and that we have not planned for welcoming remarks as we do for the NIS conference, in spite of the fact that the First Lady has played such a prominent role in initiating the Latvian and Bosnian partnerships. I know that it is too late to ask for a video, but if a short statement could be provided for the US Ambassador to read at the Conference opening on the 14th, it would help to get the Conference off to an important start. I have taken the liberty of simply editing the First Lady's remarks for the October '96 NIS Conference in Des Moines to make them consistent with the CEE. I apologize for the short notice (it's my fault entirely) and will fully understand if it cannot be done.

Thinking ahead, when I return from Zagreb, I would like the opportunity to sit down with you and discuss the possibility of a First Ladies' Roundtable at the next NIS Conference scheduled for Atlanta on October 6-8. A number of the first ladies of the NIS countries

Ms. Melanne Verveer

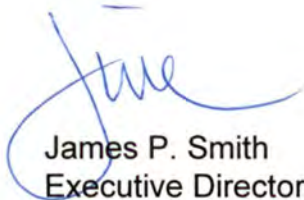
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are becoming involved in health issues (especially health promotion and disease prevention issues related to women and children), and they see Mrs. Clinton as an important role model. Over the past year or so, the partnerships have begun to work closely with a number of these first ladies as they define their roles, and I think that a roundtable discussion during the Atlanta conference could be an important catalyst for moving those agendas forward. I know that the First Ladies of Georgia, Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan would be interested, and I suspect that others would be as well. The Atlanta Conference will focus on new and re-emerging infectious diseases and will be jointly sponsored by HHS and CDC. The conference will take place on the Emory University and CDC campuses, with some events planned for the Carter Center.

Thank you for considering the short notice request regarding the Zagreb conference; and again, thank you for all of the support on the Nursing Initiative.

Sincerely,



James P. Smith
Executive Director

Enclosures

Commitment

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

PROPOSED Remarks for AIHA's Second Annual CEE Conference

I am sorry that I cannot be with you in person for this important conference: The American International Health Alliance's second annual conference for Central and Eastern Europe. I am grateful for all of your efforts to improve the quality of health care and for your coming together to share experiences and work together to solve some of our most difficult health problems.

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I have been so impressed, during my visits to Central and Eastern Europe and to Russia and the newly independent states, with the extraordinary changes the partnerships are helping to bring about. The American counterparts in the partnerships also show great dedication at a time when voices within our own country are calling to cut foreign assistance. The US partners are demonstrating that Americans are still willing to provide resources, expertise, and compassion to our friends around the world. These efforts embody the spirit of community and volunteerism that is so needed in our world today.

And I am pleased that
All of you gathered there in Zagreb represent the tremendous strides that we can make by working together. Thank you all for your continued commitment and dedication -- and thank you for what you are doing every day.

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First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

Remarks for AIHA's 4th Annual NIS Conference

See attached

Hello everyone,

I am sorry that I cannot be with you in person for this important conference -- the American International Health Alliance's Fourth Annual Newly Independent States Conference. I am grateful for all of your efforts to improve the quality of health care and for your coming together to share experiences and work together to solve some of our most difficult health problems.

AIHA's work in promoting hospital partnerships between the United States and the Newly Independent States is something that the President is very proud of. With the support of the US Agency for International Development, AIHA's partnerships have brought people together from around the globe to work on issues of common concern. One of these important issues is women's health. Fourteen of the partnerships will develop comprehensive women's health care centers in the coming year. These centers will not only provide treatment for women, but also educate women and their families about disease prevention and good health practices.

This summer I was privileged to visit several hospital partnerships in Central and Eastern Europe including the Tallinn Women's clinic in Estonia, which is a partner with the George Washington University's Medical Center in Washington, DC. This innovative women's clinic is the first clinic in Estonia to offer a broad range of health services for women. The collaboration with GW seeks to explore the necessary length of stay after childbirth and an innovative home visiting program.

I have been so impressed, both during my recent trip to Central and Eastern Europe and during previous trips to Russia and the Newly Independent States, with the extraordinary changes that these partnerships are helping to bring about. The American counterparts in the partnerships also show great dedication at a time when voices within our own country are calling to cut foreign assistance. The US partners are demonstrating that Americans are still willing to provide resources, expertise, and compassion to our friends around the world. These efforts embody the spirit of community and volunteerism that is so needed in our world today.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 6, 1996

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings to all of you gathered at the Children's Charities Foundation Gala. With your support, the foundation has reached thousands of children in need. I congratulate you on your impressive contributions to the Washington community.

It is with deep regret that I can't join you tonight and at the upcoming basketball tournament, which will benefit so many children in the Washington area. We all owe a debt of gratitude to the corporate sponsors of these events. To Donald Graham, we owe special thanks for his work as chair of the Gala and for his long and unwavering commitment to the Washington community. I also want to thank Pete Teeley for his leadership and to convey my appreciation to the coaches and teams participating in the tournament.

Events such as these remind us that securing the physical and emotional health of our children should be at the root of every decision we make -- as parents, citizens, community leaders, elected officials, members of the media, and leaders in the business community. Each of us has a responsibility to do what we can to make life better not only for the children in our own families, but for every child whose life we touch.

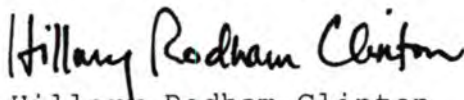
Your generosity will improve the circumstances of countless children in our area. But many more children still need to be reached -- children suffering from poverty, hunger, homelessness, inadequate health care, poor education, violence and abuse. It is the plight of these children that brings us together tonight.

In this season of giving and goodwill, let us pledge to make children the highest priority in our public and private lives -- not just tonight but throughout the new year.

Thank you again for being part of the Children's Charities Foundation. We need your support now more than ever.

Best wishes to each and every one of you for a happy, healthful, and peaceful holiday season.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

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Greetings

January 3, 1997

Dear Friends:

I regret that I cannot join you in person for the Global Summit of Women -- an important conference bringing together leaders from all sectors of society to find new ways to promote women's economic empowerment.

Thanks in part to the agenda set at the UN Fourth World Conference in Beijing and at conferences like this one, the status of women is improving. Women like those of you gathered in Miami have galvanized international efforts to ensure that every woman and every girl has access to the tools of opportunity: jobs and credit, health care, education, legal protections and the right to participate fully in the political life of their countries.

In the 15 months since Beijing, we have seen advances in the status of women on every continent. In country after country, there is a growing appreciation of women's contributions inside and outside the home -- and a greater understanding that everyone benefits when women can claim the political, economic, and civic power they are due.

But there is so much more we must accomplish. From our most advanced democracies and free market economies to those newly emerging, women everywhere are still striving to define and attain their rightful place in government, in the economy, in society.

As we prepare for the 21st century, there are many challenges we must address. Will public and private institutions unite to help women expand their choices and take responsibility for their lives? Will businesses make work more family-friendly with policies such as child care, flexible hours, and parental leave? Will financial institutions provide credit for women -- especially poor women who, with access to small loans, can lift themselves and their families out of poverty?

I have met women like you throughout the world who have seized this moment to work together and make their voices heard. And I am confident that women will shape the answers we seek to these difficult questions.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful conference.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 15, 1996

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings to all of you gathered in Australia for World Rural Women's Day. I am pleased that you will have the opportunity to discuss the complex issues facing Australian farm women, and rural women everywhere.

When you convened the 1st International Women in Agriculture Conference two years ago in Melbourne, you brought together women from both developed and developing countries, women from all walks of life, from American grain growers and Australian dairy farmers to women scientists and African seed collectors. What these women discovered is what we have all been learning in the last few years: we have so much more in common than what divides us. Rural women, like women everywhere, are struggling to balance their responsibilities to their families and their work, and to help their children and families face the pressures of our changing world.

As we celebrate World Rural Women's Day, we again have the opportunity to recognize the important contributions of farm women everywhere. Producing more than three quarters of the world's food, rural women play such an important role in sustaining and preserving their families, communities and, ultimately, their nations.

Thank you again for your continuing work on behalf of Australia's farm women and women everywhere.

Sincerely yours,

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TO

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Attached is the letter from
the First Lady - please let
me know where I should
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October 15, 1996

Dear Friends:

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Hillary Rodham Clinton

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September 30, 1996

First Lady Mrs Hillary Rodham Clinton
Office of the First Lady
The White House
WASHINGTON, DC 20503

Dear Mrs Clinton:

After seeing and hearing you on Saturday's *'UN Women's Conference One Year Later'*, I was inspired to write with this request. I assisted with the organization of the Dallas link, which you may be interested in knowing, spontaneously applauded your speech despite it being on a big screen! I was also delighted to be in the audience when you recently addressed the Women's Leadership Forum here in Dallas.

I would be most grateful for your support for Australian farming and rural women in the form of a short letter to them for World Rural Women's Day on October 15.

To explain: After the teleconference, I was telling Mary Salce, the president of the Foundation for Australian Agricultural Women (a non-profit support group) about it. Mary convened the **1st International Women in Agriculture Conference** in Melbourne two years ago which was attended by Kathy Hendrix (now with the President's Interagency Council on Women) and a large contingent of American farm women.

Australian rural women have been struggling to have their voice heard as farmers, on farm organizations and on government boards and agricultural companies. For instance, women hold only 49 of 507 government appointed board seats associated with agriculture and only nine of these women are farmers.

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Mary recently returned from the US where she heard about World Rural Women's Day and successfully lobbied the idea so Australian Prime Minister, John Howard, will meet with a group of rural women on October 15.

We are sure that you understand that when a largely voiceless group, such as Australian farm women, are recognized by such an eminent person as yourself, it not only raises their profile within the country but improves their self-esteem.

Attached are some suggestions which may help, as I know we are asking a lot because of the tight timelines - the celebration is on October 15.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to assist.

With grateful thanks,
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Valerie McDougall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Valerie" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "McDougall".

c.c. Kathy Hendrix, President's Interagency Council on Women

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Suggested information which may be included in a message from the First Lady to Prime Minister John Howard, and through him to Australian rural women:

Congratulations to Prime Minister, John Howard, for recognizing the important role of Australian rural and farming women by holding a roundtable discussion with them to celebrate World Rural Women's Day.

Australian farm women won the appreciation of rural women everywhere when they hosted the 1st International Women in Agriculture Conference in Melbourne two years ago.

Then, 860 women from 33 countries - including a large contingent from the US - gathered to support each other, hear their challenges, learn their differences and perhaps most importantly, gain strength from their similarities.

The women represented both developed and developing countries. They included broad acre grain growers from here in the US, Australian dairy farmers, women scientists, an Indian farming nun and African seed collectors.

Despite such diversity, they found so much in common. They talked about the role of women farmers in a changing society, bringing up children while working, helping our children face the pressures of today's world and concerns that children were drifting to the cities and farming faced so many uncertainties.

Moreover, they were supported by city women who applauded their roles and sought to help their voice be strengthened.

Today, we again have the opportunity to again recognize the contribution of farm women everywhere.

It took many decades for Australia's Elizabeth Macarthur to be recognized for her pioneering work in the wool industry, rather than the praise going solely to her husband, John, who was overseas much of the time.

One-and-a-half centuries later we should all learn from this. We need to recognize the partnerships between men and women farmers and their complementary roles, both of which need heeding and respecting.

We can pay tribute to women farmers everywhere who produce more than three-quarters of the world's food.

I am delighted to send congratulations to all Australian rural women on this World Rural Women's Day and know that the links already forged between farm women of our two countries will not only benefit them, but will benefit their families, their communities and ultimately, our two nations.

Background Information

The *Foundation for Australian Agricultural Women* (FAAW) was formed after the 1st International Women in Agriculture Conference in 1994. It is a philanthropic organization which has funded scholarships for rural women, funded a Chinese woman to learn in Australia and is developing a leadership program for rural women throughout Australia, among other things. Its newsletter is distributed to some 3000 supporters, both city and country women and men, in Australia and in other countries.

Its president, **Mary Salce**, was convenor of the 1st International Women in Agriculture Conference. She is a full-time dairyfarmer in Sale, Victoria.

She recently vacationed in the US with her husband and funded herself to also visit Washington, DC where the Australian Embassy held a reception for her, she met with various members of the US Department of Agriculture, including Deputy Secretary Richard Rominger, and various UN and NGO representatives on behalf of FAAW's current initiative to launch a global newsletter for rural women.

Mary has a long history (nearly 30 years) of active work on behalf of farmers and farm women.

She was the first farming woman to present a paper at the nationally-televised Australian Bureau of Resource & Agricultural Economics conference and has been keynote speaker and given papers at many forums throughout the country. She is particularly committed to grass-roots self-help groups. She also writes a regular column in a rural newspaper.

Valerie McDougall was media director of the 1st International Women in Agriculture Conference. Since then she has written various papers and speeches for Mary Salce.

She currently lives in Dallas. She and her husband founded a small environmental company in Australia which has now expanded into the US with a factory in Fort Worth.

When she left Australia she was president of the Goulburn Valley Community College, regional board member of the G.V. Australian Institute of Management, member of the Goulburn Valley Base Hospital Ethics & Research Committee, and active in women's issues.

June 20, 1996

Northern Irish Conference
University of Ulster
Coleraine, Ireland

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings to all of you gathered for the Northern Ireland Conference "Reaching Common Ground" as you work together to enhance opportunities for women to participate more fully in the life of their society.

As you take up the critical issues that affect your lives and the lives of your families, you bring dignity and respect to yourselves, to women throughout Ireland and, indeed, to women everywhere. In the hard work for peace and economic security the voices of women must not be silent.

I will never forget my conversation with the late Joyce McCarten and women like her -- Catholics and Protestants alike. They told me how they joined together for the sake of their families, for peace and reconciliation, to address their concerns about safe streets, education, job training and employment. Through their courage, example and commitment, they drew attention to the common aspirations and challenges of women throughout Ireland.

Whether you are participating through elected office -- and I'm delighted to learn more of you are pursuing this course -- or whether you are working in your community, in schools, in social services or with your family and friends, you will continue to create and support lives to which we all aspire: lives of peace and growing prosperity that offer a bright future to our children. When a country invests in women, its families will flourish. And when families flourish, communities and nations will flourish.

Congratulations to all of you! I extend my best wishes for a successful conference.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton

Reaching Common Ground



A Conference
of
American
& Irish
Women

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to Shannon*

May 14, 1996

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617 353-7110*

Dear Melanne,

The Northern Irish Conference opens with a dinner on June 20, at Coleraine (the campus of the University of Ulster). Lady ~~Mayhew~~, May Blood, Rabbi Julia Neuberger (who is the Chancellor of the University of Ulster), and I will open the Conference.

We will meet in Coleraine one day, in Derry the next, and the Conference will end in Belfast on the third day. Some wonderful women are lined up as speakers...and as participants. About 20 women from the Boston Conference will be attending, as well as the women from the Republic of Ireland.

I will read the First Lady's greeting to the women on the opening session of the Conference. They will be honored and energized by her remarks. It hardly needs to be said again what the Clinton visit to Northern Ireland meant to everyone there. It has changed the way they think about themselves, and Mrs. Clinton's interest in the women there has given stature and credence to their work. Please thank her from the bottom of my heart.

Here are some thoughts about the situation of the women in Northern Ireland which Mrs. Clinton might utilize in a welcome letter to be read at the opening of our Conference:

---Women in Northern Ireland are now -- finally-- attempting to put themselves forward by giving a public voice to the cause of peace.

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---The newly-formed Women's Coalition is an umbrella under which all women can stand for office; they stand as Protestants or Catholics, unionists or nationalists...but they all stand as women united in one cause, and that is the cause of peace.

---The women in N.I. have gained strength from the support and encouragement of women around the world; they have listened with an open mind to all those of have urged them to find a voice and to speak out.

---The opportunity of standing for election on May 30 for the newly-formed Northern Irish Assembly is the culmination of what women in N.I. have been working for since the Troubles began.

--Even though the Assembly will have no legislative powers, the chance to campaign, and to stand up publicly for the cause of peace is a great opportunity for women in N.I.

---Women are standing for the election from areas that have been damaged and dangerous for years. They have helped create a semblance of peace in these areas and by doing so have earned the gratitude and respect of their peers. It is only fitting that now they should represent these people and these areas in a formalized, elective process.

---There is excitement in the air; there is a sense of purpose and of an united goal. Women are daring to take up issues which affect their lives and the lives of their families. They want to address these issues...not sit around a table and argue about a fine point in the Constitution! They want safe streets, good jobs, and a future for their children. These are the issues they want to address.

---For too long, they have been the silent soldiers of the streets. Now they realize that it is important for their voice to be heard. The election for the Assembly, and the all-party talks which follow are ideal platforms for their voices to be heard.

---The euphoria created by President and Mrs. Clinton's visit to Northern Ireland, and the subsequent encouragement of Mrs. Clinton's words to them in Dublin, have helped to create the momentum which is carrying them along on their quest for peace.

---As one women in N.I. said: "This Assembly isn't much. But it's a great way for us women to test the water...to get experience in the political process. We have the strength, and we know that our goals are valid. All we need now are political skills and confidence, The support of our women friends around the world, whose encouragement has given us the push off the diving board, has made us realize that we, too, can swim!"

---For all those women not participating in the elective process, their continued work in their communities, schools, and social services; with their families and their friends, creates and supports a life in Northern Ireland to which we all aspire: one of peace and growing prosperity, one that offers a bright future to our children.

Melanne, please call if there are any questions. Thank you so very much for your help.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Liz".

Elizabeth Shannon

July 25, 1996

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Greetings

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings to all of you gathered to celebrate the launch of *Irish-Americans for a Democratic Victory* in 1996. As you know, Ireland has been very close to my heart and the President's heart for many years, but especially since our wonderful trip there last December, in what were two of the most remarkable days of our lives.

Irish immigrants have enriched our country in so many ways. Irish-Americans, both Catholic and Protestant, have become a vital part of our success as a nation. There are few better examples of that success than the influence of Irish-Americans in the development of the Democratic Party as this country's majority political party -- from Joe Curley to Al Smith, and from Speaker Tip O'Neill to President Kennedy, our first Irish-American President.

Just last month, the President and I were thrilled to host President Robinson for the first state visit by a President of Ireland in 35 years.

Sadly, the last few weeks have seen a recurrence in the violence that has plagued Northern Ireland for far too long. These tragic events have served to emphasize that progress can only be made through dialogue and real reconciliation. The U.S. will continue to support the peace process, with Senator George Mitchell playing an important role. The road to peace is a hard one and requires our faith and perseverance.

All of you, I know, will continue to work and pray for a restoration of the cease-fire that will prevent the forces of violence from descending again on Northern Ireland. As my husband said, "Violence has no place at the table of democracy... we will stand firm with those who take risks for peace." Please know that his commitment to the cause of peace in Ireland remains strong.

The President asked me to thank you for your support in this election year. As the descendent of Irish immigrants, it means so much to him to have all of you behind him.

Thank you again and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton
Hillary Rodham Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE
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September 4, 1996

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings to all of you gathered for the presentation of the first Women's Human Rights Awards and to convey my support and admiration for all you are doing to advance women's human rights around the world.

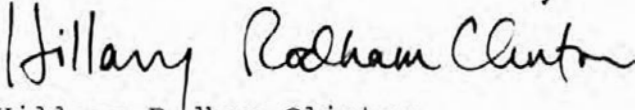
I would like to salute Ambassador Sonia Picado for her leadership on human rights -- not only in Central America, but for women everywhere. And I especially want to congratulate the awardees -- Alda Facio, Athaliah Molokomme and Heisoo Shin -- whose work directly affects the lives of women on three continents.

As we assess progress on this, the first anniversary of the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, we can take heart that while there is still much work to be done, we are on the right track. The human rights of women are inalienable. As I said in Beijing, "It is no longer acceptable to discuss women's rights as separate from human rights ... Human rights are women's rights -- and women's rights are human rights."

The Beijing Platform for Action is based on the premise that women's rights are human rights. That is our collective call to action.

God's blessings on you, your work and all who benefit from it.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE
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September 26, 1994

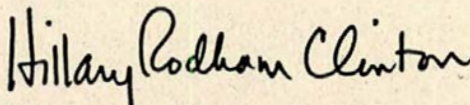
Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings on the occasion of the American International Health Alliance annual health partnership conference in St. Petersburg. I want to extend my appreciation to all of the partnership participants for the hard work and dedication that you have selflessly provided during the past year. When I visited Moscow and Minsk, I was privileged to witness firsthand the positive results of your common cause.

Only by working together and sharing our knowledge can we hope to achieve our common goal of improving the quality and availability of health care. The spirit of cooperation and extraordinary voluntary approach which you have taken will lead to stronger nations and a stronger future for all of us.

Please accept my best wishes for a productive conference and continued success.

Sincerely yours,

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Hillary Rodham Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Friend:

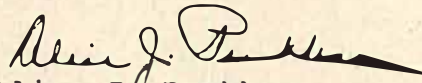
Thank you for requesting a message from the First Lady. It is my pleasure to send you the enclosed.

Please be aware that the White House has long-standing guidelines governing the use of First Lady's messages. The enclosed message may be used only at the time for which it was requested and only for the specific purpose for which it was sought.

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Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines.

Sincerely,



Alice J. Pushkar
Director of Correspondence
for the First Lady

September 12, 1994

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Assistant to the President and
Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Dear Ms. Verveer:

I appreciated the opportunity to update you and your colleagues last week on AIHA's partnership program. I hope that some of the lessons we have learned over the course of the past two years prove to be useful in the design of similar public-private sector partnerships to enable Americans and their institutions to both assist and learn from their counterparts in other countries. As you know, the partnership methodology challenges many traditionalists, but its demonstrated impact and the overwhelming support it enjoys among US and NIS participants proves that this kind of voluntary approach by the private sector, facilitated by the federal government, can have a profound impact both here and abroad.

I also wanted to follow up on my request for a message from the First Lady to be read at the opening of the Annual Conference of the partners of AIHA taking place in St. Petersburg, Russia between September 24 and 29, 1994. The conference, supported by USAID, will bring together representatives of the almost 150 institutions in the United States, NIS and CEE which participate in the partnership program for the purpose of sharing information and successes, identifying solutions to the challenges of health care reform, and providing an opportunity to exchange ideas with Ministerial officials and political leaders. I am enclosing a detailed conference description and agenda for your information.

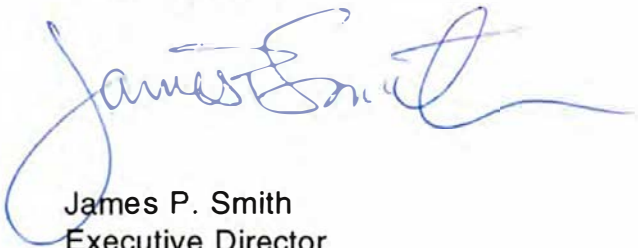
A message from the First Lady to the conference attendees, all of whom are volunteers, would be most welcome on this occasion. The attendees are well aware of Mrs. Clinton's visits to the partnerships in Moscow and Minsk earlier this year, as well as of her support for their efforts. Moreover, Mrs. Clinton's leadership role in the reform of health care financing in the United States will make her comments especially meaningful to all of the participants. I have taken the liberty of drafting a few words which I hope touch on the points that the First Lady would like to make. I have also enclosed a copy of my annual report to the partners (which will form the basis for my own presentation at the conference) for your further reference.

Ms. Melanne Verveer
September 12, 1994
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As we discussed, I am in the process of requesting a similar message from Mrs. Yeltsin. (We had hoped that Mrs. Yeltsin would be able to attend the opening ceremonies of the annual conference, but the timing of the Summit precludes this.) As you know, Mrs. Yeltsin has been a frequent visitor to the partnerships in Moscow, and we are hopeful that she will grant our request. Messages from the First Ladies on the occasion of their meeting in Washington, DC -- to representatives gathered across the world in St. Petersburg, Russia -- will be especially symbolic.

Again, thank you for your willingness to pursue this request. It is my sincere belief that Mrs. Clinton's words will inspire all of our volunteers to even greater levels of dedication and commitment. If I may provide further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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James P. Smith
Executive Director

Enclosures

AIHA ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE
ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA
SEPTEMBER 26, 27, 28, 29

Venue

General sessions will be held in the Severnaya Palmira Hall at the Pribaltiyskaya Hotel. Meals and accommodations will also be provided by the Pribaltiyskaya Hotel.

A welcoming reception will be held for all conference attendees at the Mariinsky Palace, home of the St. Petersburg City Assembly.

Participants

Approximately 400 senior health ministerial officials, head doctors, nurses and leading physicians from ten of the New Independent States (NIS) of the former Soviet Union (Russia, Moldova, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Ukraine, the Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan), as well as Albania, Estonia, Croatia, and the United States will attend.

Purpose

AIHA's annual partnership conference serves several key purposes: First and foremost, it is the one opportunity for all of the partnership representatives to share their experiences and successes and learn from one another. Second, it affords an opportunity for AIHA, USAID and others to intersect with all partners at one time, to gauge satisfaction and success of the program and to inform the partners of other programs and efforts which can build upon the partnerships or conversely, to which the partners can contribute. Third, it affords an opportunity for Ministry of Health and other officials to share proven approaches to health care reform. Finally, it creates a fraternal energy which can empower individuals and partnerships in overcoming obstacles that they may be facing within their institutions or systems.

Agenda Summary

The conference will be comprised of general sessions devoted to presentations by each of the partnerships on their impact on the delivery of quality health care to their patients; panels of Ministry of Health officials, oblast, krai and city health administrators discussing the impact of the partnerships on their efforts to reform their health care delivery systems; and panels of US and NIS governmental officials, the World Bank, WHO and others describing collateral programs and assessing partnership activities to date and their future. Provision is also being made for displays and informational materials describing partnership activities and successes.

Conference attendees will also be able to see firsthand, the practical results of the AIHA partnerships in St. Petersburg: Hospital No. 122 and First Medical Institute in the name of Pavlov and their counterpart institutions in the United States, Jewish Hospital of Louisville, Kentucky and Georgia Baptist Medical Center of Atlanta, Georgia. This will be done through the organization of two "microhospital" demonstrations -- one at Hospital No. 122 and one at Pavlov.

Following the General Sessions, conference participants will be able to choose between seminars/workshops in selected management, clinical and educational issues: (1) Administrative Tract: Managing for Productivity, (2) Clinical Tract: Infection Control/Hospital Epidemiology, and (3) Educational Tract: Emergency Medical Services Training. These one-day concurrent seminars will combine (a) a formal overview presentation of the subject by a leading authority(ies) on the subject and a panel of expert commentators, (b) panel presentations by selected partner representatives describing partnership experience, and (c) an open discussion period. All tracts will address the role of nurses and non-physician providers of care.

The clinical tract will be co-sponsored by the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation, Division of Prophylactic Medicine and the American Society for Hospital Epidemiology; the administrative tract will be co-sponsored by the Association of University Programs in Health Administration; the educational tract will be co-sponsored by the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Related Events

The occasion of the annual partnership conference also affords AIHA and others a cost-effective opportunity to conduct other functions and activities which address large segments of the partnership conference attendees. The following activities will be held in conjunction with the annual conference:

- September 22 - 23 Leadership workshop and alumni meeting for faculty and graduates of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) Health Administration courses held previously in Ukraine, Russia, and Kazakhstan. This two-day workshop will focus on strategies for extending the leadership, team-building, and management lessons learned by senior managers through the course down into the organization and mid-level managers.
- September 29 Workshop for Health Policy and Administration Educators. This workshop co-sponsored by AIHA, AUPHA, the Russian Federation Ministry of Health and Moscow Medical Academy, will bring together participants of the AIHA-sponsored study tours to further develop strategies for training health administrators in the NIS.

AIHA ANNUAL MEETING
Hotel Pribaltiyskaya- St. Petersburg, Russia

SEPTEMBER 25

1000 - 1700	Registration
1500 - 1700	US Partner Representatives business meeting with AIHA and USAID project management (Limited to one representative from each US Partnership)
1900 - 2100	Dinner Buffet - Informal

SEPTEMBER 26

0730 - 0830	Breakfast
0830 - 0930	INTRODUCTION OF CONFERENCE CO-HOSTS

- *Nikolai Yaitsky, MD, PhD, Rector, St. Petersburg Medical University in the name of Academician Pavlov, St. Petersburg*
- *Yakov Nakatis, MD, PhD, President, Medical Sanitary Unit No. 122, St. Petersburg*
- *James Smith, Executive Director, American International Health Alliance*

WELCOMING REMARKS AND CONFERENCE OPENING

- *The Honorable Anatoly Alexandrovich Sobchak, Mayor - Chairman of the St. Petersburg Government*
- *Professor Karukhin, Director, St. Petersburg City Health Administration*
- *The Honorable John Evans, US Consul General to St. Petersburg*
- *The Honorable Richard M. Miles, Deputy Chief of Mission, US Embassy, Moscow*
- *Representative, Ministry of Health, Russian Federation*
- *Mr. Daniel Bourque, Chairman of the Board of Directors, AIHA*

0930 - 1015	REVIEW OF YEAR'S PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITY
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James P. Smith, Executive Director, AIHA

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Donn Rubin, Esq., CEE Program Director, AIHA

1015 - 1045	Coffee Break
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SEPTEMBER 26 Continued

1045 - 1200

GENERAL SESSION I: REVIEW OF PARTNERSHIP IMPACT BY MAIN TOPICAL FOCUS

Introduction of General Session Format - *F. Curtiss Swezy, DrPH, NIS Program Director, AIHA*

Infection Control

- Moscow, Russia - Boston, Massachusetts
Valeri Vershinin, MD, Director, Municipal Hospital No. 1 in the name of Pirogov, Moscow, Russia
- Almaty, Kazakhstan - Tucson, Arizona
Gulshara Urmurzina, MD, Director, City Health Administration, Almaty, Kazakhstan
- L'viv, Ukraine - Buffalo, New York
Severin Dyba, MD, Director, L'viv Railway Clinical Hospital, L'viv, Ukraine
- Stavropol, Russia - Iowa
Nickolai Shibkov, MD, Health Minister, Stavropol Krai, Russia

Moderator - Sharon Weinstein, RN, Director, International Programs, Premier Health Alliance and AIHA Partnership Coordinator

1200 - 1330

Luncheon

1345 - 1515

GENERAL SESSION II: REVIEW OF PARTNERSHIP IMPACT, CONTINUED

Beyond Hospital Walls

- Tbilisi, Georgia - Atlanta, Georgia
Avtandil Djorbenadze, MD, Minister of Health, Republic of Georgia
- Minsk, Belarus - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Gennady Yezhov, MD, Director of Intensive Care and the Poison Center, The Fourth Hospital for Sick Children, Minsk, Belarus
- Yerevan, Armenia - Boston, Massachusetts
Ara Minasian, MD, Chairman, Emergency Scientific Medical Center, Yerevan, Armenia
- Dubna, Russia - La Crosse, Wisconsin
Olga Tarasova, MD, Director, Bolshaiya Volga Hospital, Dubna, Russia

Moderator - Bernice Bennett, MPH, Director, Special Programs, National Association of Public Hospitals and AIHA Partnership Coordinator

1515 - 1545

Coffee Break

SEPTEMBER 26 Continued

1545 - 1715

GENERAL SESSION II: REVIEW OF PARTNERSHIP IMPACT, CONTINUED

Clinical Improvements in Surgery and Cardiology

- Murmansk, Russia - Jacksonville, Florida
Alexander Pisarenko, MD, Director, Murmansk City Health Department, Murmansk, Russia
 - Ashgabat, Turkmenistan - Cleveland, Ohio
Vladimir Sobolev, MD, Director, Medical Consultative Center in the name of Niyazov, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan
 - Chisinau, Moldova - Minneapolis, Minnesota
Georgy Manolache, MD, Cardiac Surgeon, Republican Clinical Hospital, Chisinau, Moldova
 - L'viv, Ukraine - Detroit, Michigan
Bohdan Fedak, MD, Director, L'viv Oblast Clinical Hospital, L'viv, Ukraine
 - Moscow, Russia - Chicago, Illinois
Fedor Tumanov, MD, Director, Central Clinical Hospital, Moscow, Russia
 - Odessa, Ukraine - Coney Island, New York
Vasyl Gogulenko, MD, Director, Odessa Oblast Hospital, Odessa, Ukraine
- Moderator - Terry West, MBA, AIHA Partnership Coordinator*

1830

Buses Depart Hotel for Mariinsky Palace

1900 - 2130

RECEPTION - MARIINSKY PALACE

Introduction of Delegations

2130

Buses Return to Hotel

SEPTEMBER 27

0730 - 0830

Breakfast

0830 - 1015

GENERAL SESSION III: REVIEW OF PARTNERSHIP IMPACT, CONTINUED **Women and Newborns**

- Yerevan, Armenia - Boston, Massachusetts
Marine Sahakyan, MD, Chief of Medical Education, Women's Reproductive Health Center, Erebuni Hospital, Yerevan, Armenia
- Moscow, Russia - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Alexander P. Goldberg, MD, Director, Savior's Hospital for Peace and Charity, Moscow, Russia
- Kiev, Ukraine - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Victor Didichenko, MD, Director, Center for Maternal and Child Health Care, Kiev, Ukraine
- St. Petersburg, Russia - Atlanta, Georgia
Larisa Kochorova, MD, General Director, DELOR, St. Petersburg, Russia
- Tashkent, Uzbekistan - Chicago, Illinois
Hamid Y. Karimov, MD, Rector, Second State Medical Institute, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Moderator - Irma Goertzen, CEO, Magee Women's Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Nursing Administration and Education

- St. Petersburg, Russia - Louisville, Kentucky
Irina Bakhtina, MD, Director, Post Graduate Nursing School, St. Petersburg, Russia
- Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan - Kansas City, Kansas
Kukuipa Batyrkanova, RN, Nurse Administrator, Dept. of Reanimation, Institute of Pediatrics and Obstetrics and Gynecology, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- Vladivostok, Russia - Richmond, Virginia
Natalya Lada, RN, Chief Nurse, Toxicology Unit, Municipal Hospital No. 2, Vladivostok, Russia
Moderator - Jane Younger, R.N., Vice President, Jewish Hospital, Louisville, Kentucky and Chair, AIHA Nursing Task Force

1015 - 1045

Coffee Break

SEPTEMBER 27 continued

1045 - 1230

GENERAL SESSION IV: BUILDING ON LESSONS LEARNED

Ministerial Perspectives on Health Reform and the Partnership Contribution

- *Avtandil Djorbenadze, MD, Minister of Health, Republic of Georgia*
- *Timofei Mosneaga, MD, Minister of Health, Moldova*
- *Ara Babloyan, MD, Minister of Health, Armenia*
- *Volodimir Yurchenko, MD, Deputy Minister of Health, Ukraine*

Moderator - Anatoly Martynov, MD, PhD, General Director - Russian Federation Government Medical Center, and Member of the Board - Russian Federation Ministry of Public Health

City and Regional Health Administration Perspectives on Improving Health Services Delivery and the Partnership Contribution

- *Gulshara Urmurzina, MD, Director, City Health Administration, Almaty, Kazakhstan*
- *Nickolai Shibkov, MD, Health Minister, Stavropol Krai, Stavropol, Russia*
- *Alexander Pisarenko, MD, Director, City Health Administration, Murmansk, Russia*

Moderator - Larry S. Gage, Esq., President, National Association of Public Hospitals and Secretary and General Counsel, American International Health Alliance

1230 - 1430

Luncheon

1430 - 1830

VISITS TO ST. PETERSBURG PARTNERSHIPS

- *St. Petersburg Medical University in the name of Academician Pavlov hosted by Nikolai Yaitsky, MD, PhD, Rector and staff*
- *Medical Sanitary Unit No. 122 hosted by Yakov Nakatis, MD, PhD, President and staff*

OPTIONS FOR ATTENDEES NOT ASSIGNED TO PARTNERSHIP VISITS:

- *E-Mail and Clearinghouse Workshop*
Dennis Andrulis, PhD, President, National Public Health and Hospital Institute, and Mark Storey, Clearinghouse Coordinator
- *Hospital '94 Medical Equipment and Supply Exhibition*
St. Petersburg Exposition Hall
- *City Tour*

1900 - 2200

Dinner Buffet - Informal

SEPTEMBER 28

0730 - 0830 Breakfast

0830 - 1015 **GENERAL SESSION V: PARTNERSHIP RELATIONSHIPS WITH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL PROGRAMS**

- World Learning: Projects in International Development and Training - PVO Grants
Peter Mahoney, Field Director, World Learning, Moscow, Russia
Tanya Kotys, Program Director, Magee WomanCare International, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Sandra J. McCormick, Vice President, Lutheran Hospital, La Crosse, Wisconsin
 - ABT Associates: Zdravreform
 - Academy for Educational Development: NIS Education and Training Project
- Moderator - S. Anthony McCann, Deputy Director, AIHA*

1015 - 1045 Coffee Break

1045 - 1230 **GENERAL SESSION VI: THE ROLE FOR PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES IN THE NIS AND CEE, USAID'S PERSPECTIVE**

- *Julie Klement, MPH, Director, Health Programs, NIS and CEE, USAID-Washington*
 - *Terrence Tiffany, PhD, Chief, Health and Population, USAID-Moscow*
 - *Paula Feeney, DrPH, General Development Officer, USAID-Almaty*
 - *Anne Amess, MPH, Chief, Health and Population, USAID-Kiev*
 - *Suzanne Olds, PhD, USAID Representative, USAID-Yerevan*
- Moderator - Petra Reyes, PhD, Partnership Project Officer, USAID-Washington*

1230 - 1430 Luncheon

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SEPTEMBER 28 continued

OPTIONS FOR ATTENDEES NOT ASSIGNED TO PARTNERSHIP VISITS:

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- Hospital '94 Medical Equipment and Supply Exhibition,
St. Petersburg Exposition Hall
- City Tour

1900 - 2200

RECEPTION CLOSING REMARKS BY CONFERENCE CO-HOSTS

SEPTEMBER 29

0730 - 0830

Breakfast

0830 - 1230

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

(1) Clinical - Organizing for Infection Control, Hospital Epidemiology (hospital case studies, the Russian MOH strategy) **(sponsored by Johnson & Johnson)**

(2) Administrative - Managing for Productivity (case studies, confronting barriers to productivity at hospital and system levels) **(sponsored by 3 M Healthcare)**

(3) Educational - Emergency Medical Services Training (improving pre-hospital practice, developing a common curriculum for training ambulance teams - highlighting the AIHA partnership regional training centers) **(sponsored by Baxter Healthcare Corporation and Becton Dickinson and Company)**

1230 -1430

Luncheon

1430 - 1730

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS CONTINUED

(NOTE: SEE ATTACHED PROGRAM AGENDAS FOR SPECIFIC WORKSHOPS)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT
TO THE PARTNERS OF THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL HEALTH ALLIANCE**

It has been scarcely two years since the first partnerships were established between leading health care institutions in the United States and the New Independent States of the former Soviet Union. As was the case a year ago in Washington, DC, the occasion of the annual meeting of the partnerships in St. Petersburg is an opportunity to assess what the partnerships have accomplished, share our successes and try to learn from each other's mistakes, and then move forward, wiser and in the knowledge that we are, in the final analysis, in this together with the same goals and many of the same obstacles.

A unique public-private sector partnership in itself, the partnership program was initiated in mid-1992 by US health care provider organizations with the encouragement and support of USAID—the US government agency responsible for projects and programs that promote economic growth worldwide. The immediate objective of the partnership program has been to assist our colleagues in the NIS and in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) to meet the challenges facing them as a result of the breakdown of the former Soviet Union and the shift to market economies. The goal of the program, however, is much broader and more long term—to build professional and institutional bridges which can assist each of us in improving the health of the populations that we serve in a manner consistent with the economic realities that we face. As the World Bank ably describes in its 1993 World Development Report, no country has adequately solved the problems of misallocation, inequity, inefficiency, and exploding costs in the delivery of care. There are neither perfect, nor universal solutions to the problems that we face -- the best we can do is try to learn from each other, be open and receptive to new ideas, and be self-critical about our own approaches.

The early success and extraordinary support for these people-to-people partnerships among the provider communities represented at the annual conference results first, from a concerted effort to be truly responsive to very practical needs and realities; and second, in the ability of the program to tap a wellspring of voluntary effort on the part of the participating health care institutions, their related professionals and larger communities.

With the recent addition of new partnerships in Albania, Croatia and Estonia and the outreach efforts of our partners in the NIS, over 150 hospitals, health systems, and medical schools are now participating in the partnership program. US institutions in 18 states and 21 cities are actively involved with their counterparts in 13 nations. In the coming year, through the outreach efforts of the current partners and cooperative initiatives such as the EMS training centers and the health administration workshops, hundreds of additional institutions and thousands of professionals will be touched by the program.

Over the course of this second year, the engine of partnership activity has been running at high speed: 248 exchanges occurred over the past 12 months, an increase of 63 percent over the previous year. Indicating longer and more extensive educational efforts, the average duration of those exchanges has increased significantly as well: over 28,400 exchange days have occurred since program inception -- well over 50 percent from the NIS to the US. The voluntary effort (valued at approximately \$35 million for the US partners alone) represented by these exchanges and the countless additional days of preparation and follow-up is extraordinary but tells only part of the story. The patience, dedication, and trust; the time spent away from home and family (in the case of our NIS participants, often months); the

sacrifice of vacation time and in many cases lost income; the hundreds of hours of English courses and other preparation tell more of the story. And the willingness to risk careers by taking that time and making those efforts of trying new methods and embracing new ideas -- tells the rest of the story.

In addition to the human resources which have been selflessly committed, communities, suppliers, and manufacturers have joined with the US partners to provide critically needed supplies and equipment and, in several instances, donations to complete needed refurbishment and construction. Almost \$10 million of the total \$35 million voluntary effort represents contributions of material -- everything from CT scans and laboratory equipment to disposable gloves and needed antibiotics -- \$7 million in the past 12 months alone.

On the basis of these extraordinary commitments of time and resources, the partnerships have further developed and implemented a broad range of programs designed to respond to the special needs of local and regional health care providers and create replicable models of clinical and administrative excellence. The effects of these programs and interventions on productivity and quality of care have been immediate and, by any measure, remarkable: virtually all NIS partners have decreased lengths of stay and many have significantly increased workloads within budget; hospital-acquired infections have been reduced in many instances, more complex and efficacious treatments are being offered, and the quality of outcome has improved. Family planning programs have been successfully introduced in four of the partnerships, providing women with more contraceptive choices and reducing reliance on abortion as a means of contraception. The introduction of prenatal and neonatal programs has begun to impact the infant mortality and morbidity rate in several partnership cities, and the improved organization and training of emergency medical physicians, nurses and drivers have begun to affect accident related morbidity and mortality. Over 100 health professionals have received concentrated training in health care administration and management over the course of the past year; in many of the partnerships, nursing administration and education is receiving special priority creating new roles and opportunities for individuals while improving the quality of patient care and institutional productivity.

These improvements are all the more remarkable because they occur against a backdrop of soaring death rates and a continued deterioration of health indicators across most of the NIS. The current transition period, with harsh economic and budgetary consequences at best, and civil wars and other unrest at worst, has seriously aggravated an already critical situation in which only about 4 percent of GNP is spent on health care compared with 8-12 percent in the other industrialized nations. In the first year of the partnership program—1992/93—the death rate in Russia, for example, soared to 14.6 for every 1,000 people, an increase of 20 percent over the previous year. Deaths from accidents have soared by 60-70 percent since 1991 in Russia, in part as a result of infrastructure deterioration. Infant mortality rates continue to rise in the NIS, more and more pregnancies are complicated, more and more women infertile, as a result of multiple abortions and short supplies of antibiotics. In Armenia, for example, the premature birth rate has doubled since 1990.

The accomplishments of the partnership program derive as much from the interaction **between partnerships** as they do from the partner exchanges. Since October of last year, over 20 partnership workshops, conferences and seminars have been held. Over 2,000 health professionals have attended those meetings including hundreds from hospitals outside of the partnerships. The collaborative meetings have covered a broad range of issues: national health reform, family centered birthing, the role of nurses in cardiology, basic and intermediate emergency medical services, laparoscopy, family planning, prenatal assessment and pediatric nutrition, neonatal resuscitation, health services

management, infection control, nursing education and administration, to name some of the more common themes.

Partnership interaction has also resulted over the past year in the development of regional and system-wide approaches to critical common problems such as infection control, emergency medical services, and neonatal resuscitation. By sponsoring four regional EMS training centers, AIHA and its partners hope to establish models for the development of new competencies in the pre-hospital environment—competencies which can help address the enormous increases in accident related death. Collaborative efforts with the Russian Federation Ministry of Health to improve the organization of hospital infection control systems promise an equally dramatic effect on morbidity and mortality and on the economic efficiencies of the health care sector. And finally, many partnerships are taking a leadership position in introducing prenatal assessment and basic resuscitation for newborns and extending these critical competencies throughout the NIS.

The annual conference will be a reflection of the partnership program as a whole. More than 400 health professionals—physicians, nurses and administrators—will come together in St. Petersburg. During the course of the conference, presentations will be made by each of the twenty-one NIS partnerships. Each presentation will focus on a single specific, replicable and effective intervention. The result will be a how-to manual for twenty-one “tested” ideas. In addition, site visits to St. Petersburg Medical University in the name of Pavlov and Hospital 122 will provide an in-depth look at the partnership activities at our conference co-host institutions, and displays in the conference hall will allow for a broader view of the past year’s activities of each of the partnerships.

The individual partnership presentations will be followed by panel discussions of ministers of health and regional and city health administrators on the application of partnership interventions to a wider audience and the significance of the program to the health reform initiatives that are being undertaken throughout the NIS.

The conference will conclude with a final day of concurrent workshops and seminars addressing the priorities of infection control, emergency medical services, and delivery system productivity. These sessions will draw upon many non-partnership participants and are expected to serve as a springboard for collaborative activity in the coming year.

As I said at the outset, the annual meeting is a time to take stock of our accomplishments. More importantly, however, it is a time to refocus and recommit ourselves to the future. The accomplishments achieved thus far make it clear that we are engaged not only in a joint learning effort between partners and countries, but we are forging a new form of international assistance—a form that emphasizes joint learning; decentralized, peer-to-peer decision making, the active involvement of both partners in dissemination—that encourages voluntary, cooperative ventures at all levels. This new, innovative approach challenges traditionalists. I know that together the partnerships will not only continue to accomplish substantial reforms in the clinical and administrative aspects of health care, but will continue to explore the potential for new and expanded relationships among institutions, systems, governments and, most of all, people.

James P. Smith
September 1994

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WASHINGTON

September 20, 1994

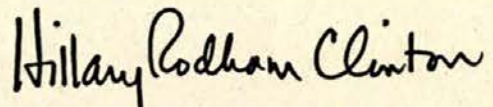
Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings to all of you gathered to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Senior Health Center. The Health Center is an impressive example of a primary care service that strives to meet the needs of its community's elderly citizens.

The community action that led to the development of this clinic is especially inspiring. Citizens of all ages, church groups, and organizations throughout the community came together to create this vibrant center.

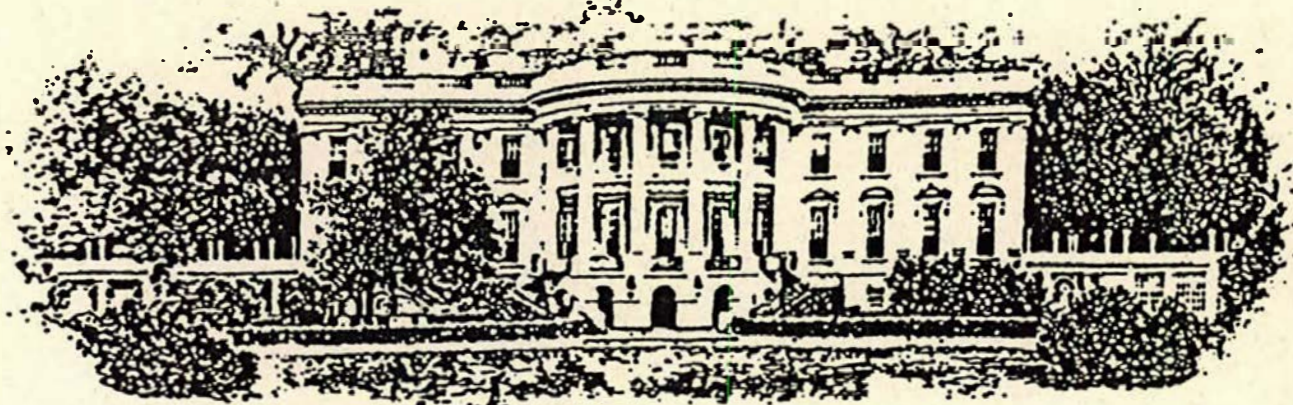
As the Senior Health Center continues its work in the Brentwood community, I am pleased to extend my admiration for all your efforts. Congratulations on your 20th Anniversary and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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Hillary Rodham Clinton

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COMMENTS: Attached is the First Lady's
greeting and a message from Alice
Pushkar, the Director of Correspondence
for the First Lady.

I'm sorry it took so long -- we've
sent the original directly to the
Senior center.
Nicole

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 16, 1994

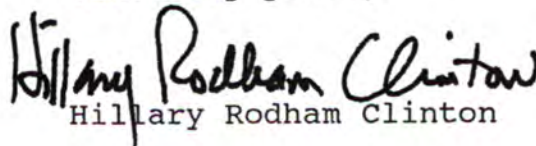
Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings to all of you gathered at the College of St. Catherine for the Girl Scout-sponsored forum, "Today's Girls, Tomorrow's Leaders...Shaping the Future." My only regret is that I cannot be with you. As a proud former Girl Scout, I am so pleased to serve as Honorary Chair of Girl Scouts USA. I know firsthand that through scouting, girls gain invaluable experience and enhance their educational and social development.

By working alongside the formal education system, the Girl Scouts are able to equip girls with critical skills and to broaden their knowledge of the world around them. As a society, we must do all we can to help our children move from childhood to adulthood successfully. Today we are challenged to ensure that the important mission of the Girl Scouts is accomplished in the best way possible to help girls growing up in the 21st century. America benefits immeasurably from the Girl Scouts.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful forum. Thank you so much for your dedication, leadership and commitment.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

Sent 9/12/94

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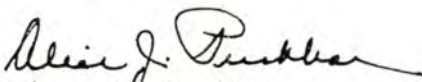
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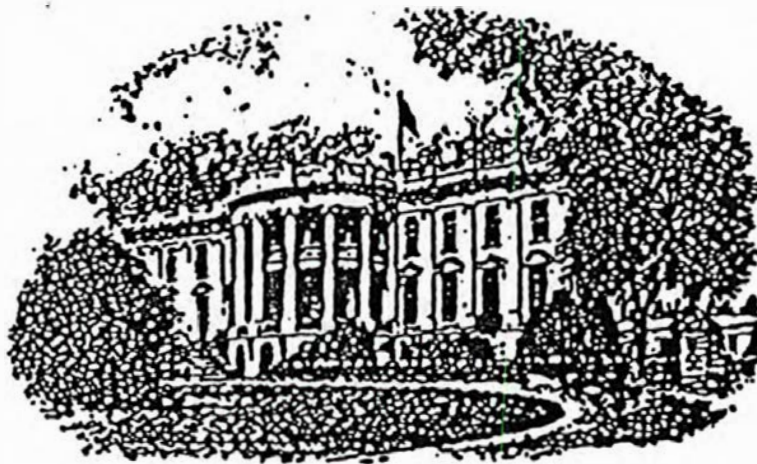
Sincerely,



Alice J. Pushkar
Director of Correspondence
for the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the First Lady

DATE: 9/12/94
TO: Chriss Penier
FROM: Katy Button
RECEIVER FAX: 612-473-0270
RECEIVER PHONE: 612-473-5862
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COMMENTS:

Ms. Penier - Attached is
the First Lady's greeting.
I hope the forum goes
well.

-Katy Button

COVER PAGE

**TO: Nicole Rabner
THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington**

**Tel.: 202/456-6266
Fax: 202/456-6244**

FROM: Chriss Renier

**Tel.: 612/473-5862
Fax: 612/473-0270**

DATE: September 9, 1994

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To: Nicole Rabner Tel.: 202/456-6266
Fax: 202/456-6244

From: Chriss Renier Tel.: 612/473-5862
Fax: 612/473-0270

Date: September 9, 1994

RE: Girl Scout Education Forum, September 16, 1994

Dear Ms. Rabner:

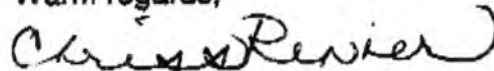
Thank you for the update from Katie regarding the preparation of a greeting from The First Lady, to be delivered at the upcoming "Today's Girls, Tomorrow's Leaders...Shaping the Future" forum on September 16. Mrs. Clinton's message will add a great deal to the impact of the day's discussions.

Allow me, if you would, to propose a means of presenting Mrs. Clinton's message to the forum audience that would heighten its impact still further. As you will recall, this Girl-Scout-sponsored education forum has had significant support from NBC-affiliate KARE TV. The producer with whom I have been working at KARE has suggested that Mrs. Clinton deliver her message truly in her own words by making an audio recording over the telephone. The recorded message, plus a picture of Mrs. Clinton, would then be broadcast to the audience during the opening minutes of the forum. KARE would arrange to make the recording at a time convenient to Mrs. Clinton, using the professional equipment available at the TV station.

This means of delivering The First Lady's greeting is an option that you and I had not discussed previously. Therefore, I wanted to bring this option to your attention at this time and ask that you give it serious consideration. Again, our intent is to deliver her message in the most effective way possible within the constraints of Mrs. Clinton's demanding schedule.

Thank you once more for your part in making the upcoming education forum a milestone event on behalf of Minnesota's girls. When you have completed preparation of The First Lady's greeting, please contact me and we can discuss how best to present it to this influential forum audience.

Warm regards,



Chriss Renier, Chair
Girl Scout Council
Greater Minneapolis

NCEA

NATIONAL
CATHOLIC
EDUCATIONAL
ASSOCIATION

8/4/94

TO: Nicole Rabner
Office of the First Lady

From: Fred Brigham
President's Office

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Nicole Patti I
Tell Anne Hae not
going. If no, could
you pls call them
see if we can
send a greeting

To: Fred Brigham/NCEA
1077 30th Street N.W., Suite 100
Washington D.C. 20007-3852
Phone: 202/337-6232 x269
Fax: 202/333-6706

Fr: Chriss Renier
3392 Hamel Road
Hamel, MN 55340
612/473-5862
Fax: 612/473-0270

FAX
456-6244

Date: July 29, 1994

RE: Invitation to Mrs. Clinton to speak at September 16 Girl Scout
Forum

Fred,

I enjoyed meeting and talking with you yesterday at the NCEA reception honoring Babs Koch and Rose Totino. No doubt we'll see one another again in September at the Washington Gala.

Thank you for your interest in the upcoming Girl Scout Forum to be presented at the College of St. Catherine on September 16. I especially appreciate your willingness to endorse the forum and to promote it when you visit the White House. We are working hard to get Mrs. Clinton to help kick off the event, and we need to get information about it to her using as many different channels as we can. Your support in this regard would be greatly appreciated.

I am forwarding several background items that might be helpful in your discussions at the White House in your attempts to help secure Mrs. Clinton for this significant event:

First is a copy of the original invitation letter to Mrs. Clinton.

Second is a copy of the forum brochure, sent via fax just to insure timely receipt.

The third item is a draft of a letter that will be accompanying the forum brochures when they are mailed out to our priority audience. That audience includes policy makers, change agents, etc. - business leaders, legislators, school superintendents, etc. That letter gives you some sense of the context in which this forum is to be presented. That is, Girl Scouts' mission remains that of helping girls move from girlhood to adulthood successfully. But because times change, we need to take a good look at the world into which they will be launched as adults and determine if we are taking the proper steps to prepare them for that world. We must also look at what factors make it easier or harder to accomplish that mission, given what goes on in contemporary American society. One thing we know: without education, girls (and boys, too) are unlikely to make it at all. As community partners, we need to know what we can do to enable the education system to do its job of delivering an

Page Two
July 29, 1994

academic agenda. During the forum, we will examine what some of the factors are that are impacting our girls' chances to become well educated and hence self-sufficient. The economic and social costs of not supporting the formal education system in this way are enormous.

Fourth, I am sending you information regarding New Vistas School, a Mpls public school that was designed to meet the diverse needs of both teenage mothers and their preschool children. It has received a lot of press around the country, and I understand Mrs. Clinton has expressed interest in visiting it. (A brief description of it appears in the forum brochure.) It represents the best of what can be accomplished through public/private collaborations in this country, and we all know that we simply must move in the direction of implementing more and more collaborative efforts to meet the challenges our society presents. The most significant thing about New Vistas is the track record. During the 3 or 4 years that New Vistas has been operating, the school has achieved the following results:

- a graduation rate of 100% from a group of students who previously experienced a 50% dropout rate
- 85% of the graduates went on to college
- attendance figures increased from 55% to 86.4%
- grade point averages increased from 2.16 to 3.26
- higher newborn birth weights and a great participation in immunization programs, resulting in healthier babies.

But the real "acid test" of the school's effectiveness is that the repeat pregnancy rate among the school's population is extremely low, almost nonexistent. In fact, the overall success of the school has been so remarkable that a second school of the same design - with a different set of collaborators - is being offered in another part of Mpls. starting this fall. That's quite a testimony!

Thanks again Fred, for your interest and help. I look forward to hearing from you following your White House meeting.

Chris

**GIRL SCOUTS**

**Greater Minneapolis
Girl Scout Council**
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April 20, 1994

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

My Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Greetings from the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, where spring is struggling to prevail. Pussy willows have been out for several weeks, and the early bulbs are pushing their foliage upwards with the promise of splendor to come.

While winter's mantle lulled much of nature to sleep, we at the Girl Scouts were working hard, planning a highly collaborative, influential symposium entitled "Today's Girls, Tomorrow's Leaders: Growing Up Female and Strong." During the one-day symposium, to be held on September 16, 1994, we intend to hear from highly regarded researchers, both national and local, plus expert observers from "the trenches," to get a complete picture of the challenges girls face in becoming self-confident, accomplished women in contemporary society. With great pleasure, we invite you to play a significant role in the kickoff of this important community dialogue.

Support for girls must come not only from home, but from an informed community, across the many sectors that touch girls' lives. The two local Girl Scout Councils have stepped forward to pull those sector leaders together on behalf of girls.

First, our target audience for this symposium consists of "change agents"--leaders in business, politics, government, education, ethnic communities, etc. Second, we have secured key collaborators from business and education to co-sponsor the event, namely Minnesota's State Department of Education, The College of St. Catherine, the Honeywell Women's Council, and the Family Social Science Department of the University of Minnesota. Third, we have significant commitment from NBC-affiliate KARE television, which has a primary viewing audience of 2-1/2 million. KARE's Pat Miles, who is the most prominent news anchorwoman in the metro area, will be moderating the day's opening session in O'Shaughnessy Auditorium (capacity 1800) on St. Catherine's campus.

As our nation's First Lady, and honorary chair of the Girl Scouts of the USA, you are dramatically reshaping both the way girls and women think about themselves and the way in which they are regarded by our entire society. Your presence at the opening of the day--or at any point--would lend unparalleled credibility to the issues and would ensure a level of commitment to action that could be achieved with no other speaker.

Mrs. Clinton
April 20, 1994
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Included with this letter is an overview of the symposium, plus a list of co-sponsors and steering committee membership, a testimony to the breadth of community support for this event. In about ten days, after your staff has had an opportunity to review these materials, we will follow-up with your scheduler to discuss your availability on September 16. Thereafter, we will send additional information as the details of the symposium become firm.

In closing, Mrs. Clinton, thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our request. We look forward to discussing our plans in detail with someone from your staff.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Lind Mona
Chair of the Board

Chriss Clark Renier
Chair-Elect

Kathleen C. Pickering
Chief Executive Officer

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Enclosures

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 10, 1994

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings to all of you gathered for the National Forum on State/Community Planning on Early Education and Care. I commend all of you for the important work you are doing to help deliver better services to our nation's youngest and most vulnerable citizens.

Early childhood programs provide critical support to families as they struggle to balance work and family life and to provide healthy environments for their children. You have helped the country appreciate the importance of the early years and the essential need for preventive health services, parent involvement and early education. You are bringing fresh perspectives and new knowledge to the issues that face families today.

It is our hope that soon we will see the passage of a comprehensive health care reform plan that will ensure that all children and families, particularly those with young children, will have guaranteed quality health care that can never be taken away.

Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable and informative event.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

June 17, 1994

College Democrats of America
Washington, D.C.

Dear College Democrats:

Welcome to Washington! This is an exciting and beautiful time to be in our nation's capital.

The College Democrats of America have a history of devoted and energetic work on behalf of the Democratic Party. That energy and devotion are needed now as much as they have ever been. Local, state and national campaigns, health care legislation, the crime bill are only a few of the issues that call for your dedication and energies. The work that you do every day on your campuses and in your communities can assure the success of these endeavors.

I commend you for your commitment. With your help President Clinton and his Administration will realize the shared vision that we all have for a better life for all Americans.

You have my thanks and my best wishes for an exciting convention and a wonderful stay in Washington. I hope that during your visit you will take advantage of the many historic and cultural opportunities in the Washington area.

Sincerely yours,

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Hillary Rodham Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 15, 1994

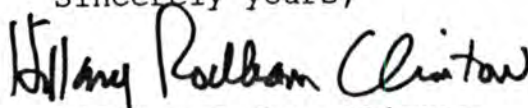
Dear Friends:

I deeply regret that I cannot be with you; however, I am honored to be able to send greetings to all of you gathered to celebrate the Grand Opening dedication of the Chinatown Health Clinic's new facility. As an essential health care provider, you play a pivotal role in the delivery of health care in your community. The Chinatown Health Clinic's excellent record in improving the health care of the Chinese community and your emphasis on health education and preventive and primary care deserve recognition and continuing support.

It is so inspiring when volunteers and health care providers come together to meet the health care needs of those who might not otherwise be served. Only when we ensure that all members of a community receive comprehensive health care can we truly achieve lasting, meaningful health care reform in this country.

Please accept my best wishes for continued success as you move into your new facility.

Sincerely yours,



Hillary Rodham Clinton

華埠健康診療所
CHINATOWN HEALTH CLINIC
89 BAXTER STREET NEW YORK, N. Y. 10013

May 10, 1994

Ms. Maggie Williams
Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Re: Dedication and Grand Opening Ceremony
Chinatown Health Clinic
Friday, September 16, 1994

Dear Ms. Williams:

Vida Benavides from the Democratic National Committee asked me to follow up with you in regard to a letter I wrote to the First Lady several weeks ago after I met her on April 14, 1994 at a D.N.C. meeting in New York. At that time, I mentioned to Mrs. Clinton that I have been involved as a board member and past President of the Chinatown Health Clinic since 1973. On behalf of our Board of Trustees, I invited Mrs. Clinton to be our guest of honor at the grand opening dedication ceremony on September 16, 1994 at 11:00 A.M.

I have enclosed a copy of my first letter and also included a packet of information about the clinic's work in primary care and providing culturally sensitive health care. Our center is a federally funded under a 330 grant from the Department of Health and Human Services.

I hope that you will contact me if you need further information on this event and that you will be able to schedule Mrs. Clinton to attend our ceremony. At the D.N.C. meeting in New York, Melanne Verveer from your office took my name and was aware of my discussion with Mrs. Clinton about attending this event.

Thank you and please feel free to contact me at my office (212) 962-2232.

Very truly yours,

Sandra K. Lee

Sandra K. Lee, R.N.

cc: Doris Matsui
Vida Benavides

Enclosures

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May 5, 1994

National Gallery of Art
Washington, D.C.

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings to all of you gathered at the National Gallery of Art for the opening of the landmark exhibit devoted to the extraordinary paintings of Willem de Kooning.

A visionary leader of the Abstract Expressionist movement, Mr. de Kooning has secured his place as one of the most influential artists of our time. It is most fitting that the National Gallery honor him now, during the year of his ninetieth birthday, for his life-long contribution to artistic expression.

Each day, the President and I take great pleasure in the de Kooning painting "Untitled XXXIX," which hangs in the private quarters of the White House. On temporary loan from Mr. de Kooning's own collection, the painting is a vivid example of his creative genius.

Please accept my best wishes for what I know will be a wonderful celebration and an outstanding exhibition.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

Hillary Rodham Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 22, 1994

Mr. Alex Forger, Esq.
Legal Services Corporation
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Alex:

I wish I could be with your many friends and admirers tonight to congratulate you personally on the "Servant of Justice" award which you so richly deserve.

You have our gratitude and respect for your lifelong efforts to secure legal assistance for those in need and to encourage greater pro bono involvement on the part of your colleagues in the bar. We applaud your unswerving commitment to equal justice, your leadership and your generosity. It is so fitting that just a few days ago you were selected to lead the Legal Services Corporation.

The President joins me in sending congratulations and best wishes. With affection and gratitude, I am

Sincerely yours,

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June 17, 1994

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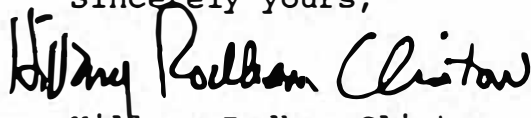
It gives me great pleasure to send greetings to all of you gathered for the international conference "Women, Information, and the Future".

Libraries and other centers for information collection are critical to education and communication of ideas. The rapidly changing technologies which facilitate information exchange are also important in promoting a better understanding of women and the issues that concern us. Better access to information will improve women's lives from health care to legal rights to career development.

I was so greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Patricia King, whose years of dedication to the Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library shaped it into one of our nation's leading libraries. I know that her absence will be keenly felt by all of you.

With best wishes for an interesting and productive conference, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



Hillary Rodham Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 15, 1994

Dear Friends:

I'm delighted to send greetings to each of the participants at the Emergency Nurses Association annual Spring Symposium. Your topic, **Nursing's Role in Health Care Reform**, addresses a most important issue in the health care debate. As front-line health care providers, nurses see everyday that our current system is badly broken and desperately needs reform. You know first hand, in very human terms, what reform can mean for our health care system. Only with your input and continued efforts can we achieve lasting, meaningful health care reform in this country.

Please accept my best wishes for success in your important work.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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June 1, 1994

Wellesley Class of 1969
c/o Madeleine Albright

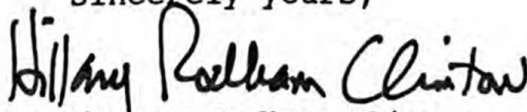
Dear Class of '69:

I had hoped to be back at Wellesley with you to celebrate our twenty-fifth reunion. Since I am accompanying the President to the events commemorating the 50th anniversary of D-Day, I will be with you only in spirit.

Wellesley will always be a very special place for me. Like all of you, I'm very grateful for my Wellesley education, and especially for the many lasting friends I made at our alma mater. The friends and the experiences have stayed with me throughout the years.

Have a wonderful weekend! Our twenty-fifth is certain to be a great celebration. I will miss seeing all of you but be assured my thoughts will be with you. I hope that as many of you as possible can come to Washington for the Wellesley weekend we hope to plan for the fall.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 16, 1994

Dear Friends:

Today we celebrate the Day of the African Child. It is appropriate that on this day which commemorates a tragedy for the children of Soweto, we focus not on those actions of the past that have divided our world, but rather on the commitment to present and future actions which can unite us.

Last month, I witnessed in South Africa the historic inauguration of President Mandela and Deputy President De Klerk. With outstanding courage and leadership, they have led their country from apartheid to democracy. Together, they signed the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection, and Development of Children. This document represents hope for all the world's children.

Commemorating the Day of the African Child provides an opportunity for us to celebrate the heritage of African-American children by fostering greater understanding among all children. Encouraging children to see the worth in each other reminds us that in these children resides each nation's greatest treasure. As we nurture and protect that treasure, we ensure the world's future.

Sincerely yours,



Hillary Rodham Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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October 5, 1994

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to send greetings to each of you attending the Installation of Rabbi Laura Geller as Senior Rabbi of Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills.

It is wonderful that you have gathered to pay tribute to Rabbi Geller. By honoring her achievements, you recognize the positive influence that a single individual can have on her community.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful celebration.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 12, 1994

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings to all of you gathered for the Second National Primary Care Conference in Dallas. Today, we have an historic opportunity to help to address our nation's health care crisis. For too long, we have had a system that rewards treatment of illness and injury, rather than keeping people well. We have not encouraged people to seek well child care. We have not encouraged people to seek the kind of diagnostic tests that could lead to early detection of preventable problems. Primary care and preventive services have not reached their potential in reducing premature morbidity and mortality in the U.S.

In order to increase the healthy lifespan for all Americans and reduce the health disparities among Americans -- attention and resources must be focused on primary care and population-based public health services. While prevention is at the heart of primary care, it is also important as an alternative to early diagnostic and treatment interventions. Real health care reform should firmly place primary and preventive health care at the head of the list of what all Americans are guaranteed.

Public policies and private actions are needed to assure delivery systems provide quality and affordable health service to all Americans and that the workforce to staff those delivery systems will be available and adequately trained. Who better to deliver this message than the professionals who are interested in promoting the health and well being of all Americans. This Second National Primary Care Conference provides you with a unique opportunity for national leadership at this historic time.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful conference.

Sincerely yours,

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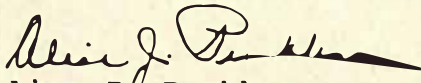
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Sincerely,

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Alice J. Pushkar
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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October 6, 1994

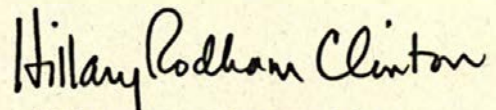
Dear Friends:

As Honorary Chair of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate Henry Luce III on receiving the American Association of Museums' Medal for Distinguished Philanthropy.

Mr. Luce's extraordinary generosity has benefitted museums world-wide through special exhibitions and publications, community outreach, museum accessibility, cultural diversity and education. His leadership in advocating support for museums is an inspiring example of the possibilities of partnership between public institutions and private philanthropy. He has enriched the cultural life of our nation.

It is most fitting that as we celebrate National Arts and Humanities Month, we salute the contribution of Henry Luce.

Sincerely yours,

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Hillary Rodham Clinton

October 21, 1993

Ms. Patricia Miller King
Director
Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library
on the History of Women in America

Dear Ms. King:

My sincere congratulations to you for your twenty years of devoted service to the Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of women.

The Schlesinger Library provides an invaluable resource for our nation's scholars and citizens. It has played a critical role in helping us understand our national identity by maintaining documents, photos, letters and manuscripts clearly essential to appreciating the historical profile of the United States. The library's ongoing mission both to preserve historical documents about America's women and to foster the study of women in history enhances our ability to tell our daughters and our sons of the important contribution women have made to this nation. Your unwavering commitment to this mission is personally inspiring to me.

I applaud your tireless efforts. Your spirit and vision have been fundamental in shaping the Schlesinger Library into a national treasure of information and documentation. Please allow me to join your friends and colleagues in saluting your dedication and loyalty. I wish you a wonderful evening.

With best wishes,

Hillary Rodham Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 8, 1993

Women Judges' Fund for Justice
c/o The Honorable Judge Susan P. Finlay

Dear Friends:

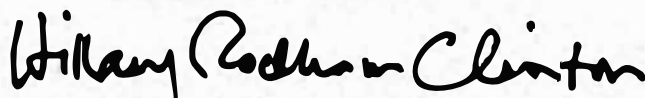
I really regret that I am unable attend your luncheon today to receive the National Association of Women Judges' Medal of Honor. To have been selected for this distinction is truly an honor for me. NAWJ provides an invaluable vehicle for your distinguished members to enrich themselves professionally and to contribute to a better society.

As a former member of the Women Judges Fund's National Advisory committee, I am keenly aware of the critical work of the Fund in educating the judiciary in the areas of gender fairness, child custody, spousal support, battered women, medicine, ethics and the law.

As we work to ensure national health care reform, I especially salute the Fund and NAWJ's efforts on health issues. I commend you on the excellent judicial curricula developed by the Fund to assist judges in bioethical and new technology issues, as well as your involvement in the Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert (JALBCA) program in New York State. Your attention to diverse health care issues from heart disease to health care availability for underserved women is a great service to all you touch.

You have my continued support and admiration for the excellent work you are doing. Thank you for the honor you have bestowed on me. With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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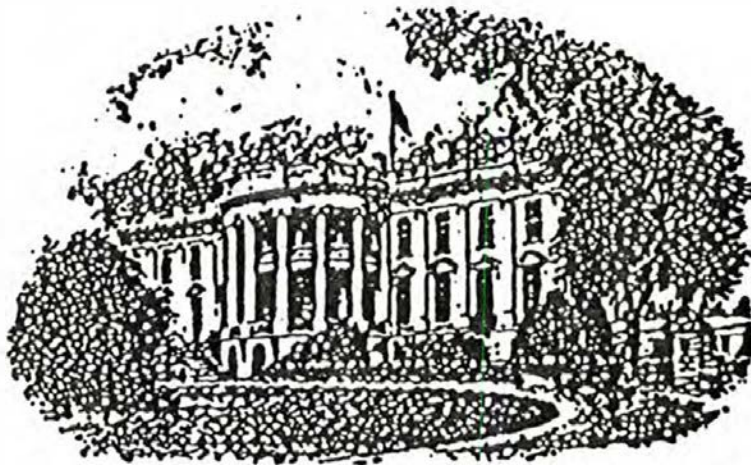
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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the First Lady

DATE: October 7
TO: Hon. Susan P. Finlay, Ritz Carlton Hotel
FROM: Melanne Verweer on behalf of Mrs. Clinton
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COMMENTS:

If there are any problems,
please call 202-456-6266.
Thank you.

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October 16, 1993

Dear Kingman High School Class of 1943:

congratulations
The President and I are delighted to send our ~~best wishes~~ to the Kingman High School Class of 1943. We wish you a wonderful celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of your graduation.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton

Enjoy your reunion!

*extend to
we wish each of you our best wishes
for good health and happiness.*

JOSEPH J. B. RYAN

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September 8, 1993

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to Mrs. Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Verveer:

This letter follows up our conversation of the other evening regarding my high school class receiving a message from the President and Mrs. Clinton to be read at the dinner celebration of the fiftieth [50th] anniversary of our graduation.

HIGH SCHOOL: Kingman High School
Kingman, Kansas

DATE OF DINNER: Saturday, October 16, 1993

The Chairperson of the Anniversary Dinner is:

Mr. Dee Elder
Rural Route #1, Box 145
Kingman, Kansas 67068

Telephone Number: 316/532-2997

Should there be any questions, please do not hesitate to communicate with the undersigned. And, Melanne, I reiterate my congratulations on your accession to your role, and best personal regards to you, Phillip and your family.

Sincerely yours,


Joseph J. B. Ryan

cc: Mr. Dee Elder
Mrs. Doris Howell

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 17, 1993

Dear Nurses of America:

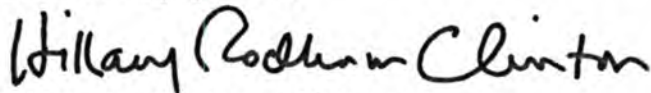
I regret that I cannot be with you and your guests for your dinner tonight to benefit immunization programs for underserved children. ANF's "Reaching the Unreachable Children", which provides funding for the immunization of children in rural areas and those who have "fallen through the cracks" of our present health care system, is truly an exemplary program. Through efforts like yours, hopefully the day will come when all our children will be immunized.

America's nurses are in the front lines of our nation's health care delivery system. You work tirelessly to provide quality health care to our fellow citizens, and you are essential in bringing primary and preventive care to all Americans, especially our children.

You will be even more essential to the health care reform effort. Whether as staff nurses, advanced practice nurses or primary care providers, nurses are critical to the changes our country must make, if we are to provide quality health care to all Americans. President Clinton and I applaud your exemplary dedication as care givers and urge your assistance in meeting the challenges to improved health care for all Americans.

With my very best wishes and thanks to all of you for the extremely important work that you do.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Hillary Rodham Clinton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Hillary Rodham Clinton

Dear Marian,

I am so pleased that the Hollywood Women's Political Committee is honoring you tonight with its Barbara Jordan Award for Political Courage and Commitment. You join the previous recipients, Barbara Jordan, Rosa Parks and Morris Dees as another truly outstanding example of political courage and commitment in our society.

I remember hearing you speak when I was a student at Yale Law School. Even then you were telling us that "service was the rent we pay for living". You also spoke that day about commitment -- commitment to use one's talents and resources on behalf of the most helpless in our society -- children. Your life and your work have been an example of that commitment and service.

Thank you for all you have done to help America's children and families. Congratulations.

Hillary

September 27, 1993

Committee for Education Funding
505 Capitol Court, NE
Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to accept the Committee for Education Funding's 1993 Charles Wilson Lee Citizen Service Award. To be recognized by the CEF along with Congressman Ron Dellums, Senator Tom Harkin, Senator Patty Murray, Congressman Xavier Becerra, and Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey, is a great honor for me.

I strongly believe that reforming our country's health care system remains inextricably linked to our ability to improve the quality and equity of our education system. When children miss school because they are ill and their families cannot afford treatment, or when they do not receive immunizations and check ups, or when children go to school distracted with worry about sickness in their family that is not being treated because health care is unaffordable, the children suffer. The children suffer individually in terms of their education.

Every child and every child's family should have access to affordable, quality health care. I hope we will be able to count on all of you to support the President's plan to ensure health care security to all Americans. Its emphasis on primary and preventative health care will be especially important for American children and their families.

Thank you for the honor of presenting me with the 1993 Charles Wilson Lee Citizen Service Award. I regret that I am unable to receive the award in person. Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful evening.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton

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October 16, 1993

Dear Kingman High School Class of 1943:

The President and I are delighted to send our best wishes to the Kingman High School Class of 1943. We wish you a wonderful celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of your graduation.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton

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October 21, 1993

Ms. Patricia Miller King
Director
Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library
on the History of Women in America

Dear Ms. King:

As you are being recognized for twenty years of devoted service to the Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America, please accept my sincere congratulations.

The Schlesinger Library provides an invaluable resource for our nation's scholars and citizens. It plays a critical role in the creation of our national identity by maintaining documents, photos, letters, and manuscripts once thought irrelevant to the historical profile of the United States. The library's ongoing mission to preserve historical documents about America's women and to foster the study of women in history enhances our ability to tell our daughters and our sons of the impact women have made in this country. Your unwavering commitment to this mission is personally inspiring to me.

I applaud your tireless efforts. Your spirit and vision have been fundamental in shaping the Schlesinger Library into a national treasure of information and documentation. Please allow me to join your friends and colleagues in saluting your dedication and loyalty. I wish you a wonderful evening.

With Best Wishes,

Hillary Rodham Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 3, 1994

His Excellency Don Russell
Ambassador of Australia
The Embassy of Australia
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

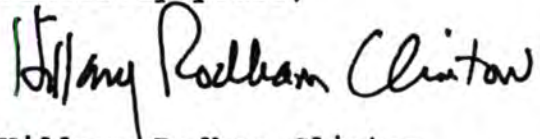
The President and I regret that we could not accept your kind invitation to join you for the opening performance of the Australian Ballet's presentation of *Don Quixote* at the Kennedy Center.

We have heard many favorable reviews of the spectacular performance and wish we could have been with Governor-General and Mrs. Hayden to applaud the wonderful presentation.

The Kennedy Center's *Festival Australia* is sure to thrill all who attend the performances and will give our citizens the opportunity to experience your nation's rich culture.

Thank you again for the invitation and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Hillary Rodham Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Hillary" is written with a large, stylized "H". The last name "Clinton" is written with a large, stylized "C".

Hillary Rodham Clinton



EMBASSY OF AUSTRALIA
WASHINGTON, D. C.

12 September 1994

The Honorable
William J Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
WASHINGTON DC 20500

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Dear Mr President

Throughout the week of 9-16 October, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts will be presenting performances by the Australian Ballet, Circus Oz, Tjapukai Aboriginal Dance Theatre, Yothu Yindi, Chamber Made Opera and a number of other Australian actors, pianists, composers and authors as part of *Festival Australia*.

It will be a week during which Americans can gain a glimpse of an Australia they seldom see and an opportunity for we Australians to showcase the richness of our cultural life.

On Tuesday 11 October, Jim Wolfensohn, Chairman of the Kennedy Center, and I will be jointly hosting a dinner prior to the opening performance of the Australian Ballet's presentation of *Don Quixote*. The Governor-General of Australia, the Honorable Bill Hayden, and Mrs Hayden will be attending. Although you may have other things planned for that important evening, we would both be delighted if you could join us for the dinner and/or the performance.

The Ballet will be running throughout the week with performances of *Don Quixote* on 11-13 October and a collection of repertory works on 14-15 October. Should Mrs Clinton, Chelsea or yourself be interested in these or any of the other performances during the week we would be only too delighted if you could join us. (The Festival Program is enclosed.)

Unfortunately, you were not able to come to Australia in November but a visit to *Festival Australia* might still give you something of the flavour of the country. In any case it would be fun to have you.

Yours sincerely

Don Russell
Ambassador

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 24, 1994

Dear Friends:

Thank you for inviting me to attend the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the National Association for Home Care. Although I am not able to join you today, it gives me great pleasure to send greetings to each of you.

As last year's recipient of the Claude Pepper Award, I am very pleased to congratulate Dr. Arthur Flemming who will receive both the Claude Pepper Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Foundation for Hospice and Home Care. Dr. Flemming's work as a champion of the underprivileged and a crusader for social justice have won him this well-deserved recognition. During the past months, it has been a great personal honor for me to work with Dr. Flemming on health care reform.

I would like to express my appreciation to President Val J. Halamandris, the Board of Directors and the entire membership of NAHC for the leadership that you have shown in establishing HealthRIGHT as a people's lobby for health care reform. I had the privilege of meeting many of those Americans who came to Washington to share with the members of Congress their own heartfelt examples of the need for health care reform. Their compelling stories, their indomitable spirit and their willingness to come forward and speak out make them the real heroes of the debate on health care. Thank you for giving them the opportunity to be heard.

I commend NAHC and HealthRIGHT for your invaluable assistance in the health care debate this year. I urge you to remain committed as we work together to guarantee for all Americans affordable, quality health care.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 3, 1996

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Greetings

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings to all of you gathered together for the National Legal Aid & Defender Association's Sixth Annual Awards Dinner. As legal services providers, public defenders and supporters of legal aid to the poor, you are keeping alive our country's fundamental promise of justice for all.

You are some of our democracy's most vital guardians. Each time you help a mother petition for child support, help a woman escape a violent marriage, or force a nursing home to live up to its contract of taking care of elderly residents, America lives closer to its ideals.

Like all of you, I have watched with great distress efforts by some in Congress to move the cause of justice backward. This is a foolish calculation that this country cannot afford. It is a calculation that has forced many of you to make impossible choices as you try to help our neediest citizens obtain justice under law.

But, under the leadership of dedicated, hard-working advocates across this country, the struggle for equal justice will continue. Tonight you are honoring two distinguished and committed leaders: Benjamin R. Civiletti, former Attorney General of the United States, and Tanya Neiman, director and guiding light of the San Francisco Bar Association's Volunteer Legal Services Program.

The President and I join you in saluting them for their extraordinary service. We also salute the National Legal Aid & Defender Association and you, its members, guests, and supporters, for your abiding commitment to advancing equal justice for all.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary

Hillary Rodham Clinton