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SUBJECT: THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN POST COMMUNIST HUNGARY:
NO LONGER THE BEAUTIFUL TRACTOR DRIVER

1. SUMMARY: WOMEN HAVE FARED WELL GENERALLY IN HUNGARY'S TRANSITION FROM A COMMUNIST TO MARKET ECONOMY, ALTHOUGH SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DISPARITIES PERSIST. THE POPULAR IMAGE OF THE "BEAUTIFUL TRACTOR DRIVER" IS REPLACED BY MEANINGFUL ADVANCEMENT IN THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SPHERES. MANY HUNGARIAN WOMEN REMAIN IGNORANT OF THEIR RIGHTS DESPITE EFFORTS BY THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT AND NGOS. END SUMMARY.

FAULTY EGALITARIANISM UNDER COMMUNISM

2. THE "BEAUTIFUL TRACTOR DRIVER" IS AN ENDURING IMAGE OF COMMUNIST HUNGARY IN THE 1950S WHEN STALINIST POLICIES LED TO RAPID INDUSTRIALIZATION AND THE GOVERNMENT'S FULL EMPLOYMENT POLICY DICTATED EQUAL EMPLOYMENT REGARDLESS OF GENDER. ALTHOUGH HUNGARY'S POLICY OF INDUSTRIALIZATION WAS RELAXED UNDER THE KADAR REGIME, THE POLICY OF FULL EMPLOYMENT REMAINED A FIXTURE THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNIST PERIOD.

3. DESPITE PUBLIC PROCLAMATIONS OF EQUALITY, HOWEVER, WOMEN DID NOT PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN COMMUNIST HUNGARY. ONLY TWO WOMEN--VALERIA BEHNKE FROM 1970 TO 1985 AND JUDIT CSEHAK FROM 1987 TO 1989--WERE MEMBERS OF THE POLITBURO, AND THERE WAS SCANT FEMALE REPRESENTATION IN THE HUNGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (MSZMP). WOMEN WERE BETTER REPRESENTED IN THE HUNGARIAN STATE TRADE UNION

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(SZOT) AND THE "ASSOCIATION OF HUNGARIAN WOMEN," ONE OF DOZENS OF COMMUNIST SATELLITE ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED IN HUNGARY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

NO LONGER A RUBBER STAMP PARLIAMENT

4. HUNGARIAN WOMEN REPRESENTED OVER 20% OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST-ERA PARLIAMENT, A NUMBER THAT DECREASED IN THE TRANSITION TO DEMOCRACY. WOMEN NOW COMPRISE 10.3% OF HUNGARY'S PARLIAMENT, COMPARED TO 14% IN AUSTRIA AND 6% IN THE U.S. SENATE. WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS TODAY HAVE LITTLE IN COMMON WITH THEIR COMMUNIST-ERA PREDECESSORS. THE HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT THEN MET TWICE A YEAR FOR SEVERAL DAYS AND APPROVED--UNANIMOUSLY--THE LAWS AND DECREES FORWARDED FROM THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

5. HUNGARIAN WOMEN ARE UNDERREPRESENTED IN THE POLITICAL SPHERE, BUT THEIR NUMBERS COMPARE TO OTHER WESTERN DEMOCRACIES. TWO OF HUNGARY'S THREE PARLIAMENTARY VICE SPEAKERS ARE WOMEN, ALONG WITH ONE CHAIRWOMAN (OUT OF 19) OF A PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE, THREE VICE CHAIRPERSONS AND THE CHIEF OMBUDSMAN. THERE IS ONE CABINET MEMBER--JUDIT CSIHA, THE MINISTER FOR PRIVATIZATION--AND FIVE (OUT OF 33) STATE SECRETARIES. THE "WOMEN POLICY SECRETARIAT" IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOR IS EMPOWERED TO INVESTIGATE THE SPECIAL SITUATION OF WOMEN IN THE LABOR MARKET. SEVERAL WOMEN'S RIGHTS NGOS WERE FORMED AFTER THE TRANSITION TO DEMOCRACY, AND GENDER STUDIES BECAME A NEW SUBJECT AT HUNGARY'S PRESTIGIOUS ELTE UNIVERSITY, THE BUDAPEST UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS AND CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY.

6. HUNGARIAN WOMEN HAVE SUFFERED--BUT NOT SO BADLY AS MEN--IN THE LABOR MARKET. UNDER THE COMMUNIST POLICY OF FULL EMPLOYMENT, 70% OF WOMEN WERE EMPLOYED IN 1985, OUTPACING THE 43% EMPLOYMENT RATE FOR WOMEN WITHIN THE EUROPEAN UNION. THIS NUMBER FELL TO 47% IN 1995, ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO THE EU. WOMEN UNDER 29 AND OVER 50 ARE UNDERREPRESENTED IN THE LABOR MARKET PARTLY BECAUSE OF MATERNITY BENEFITS AND EARLIER RETIREMENT OPTIONS FOR WOMEN THAN FOR MEN. MALE UNEMPLOYMENT IN HUNGARY IS HIGHER--11% COMPARED TO 7.8%--IN SOME MEASURE BECAUSE OF A SHIFT IN THE LABOR MARKET AWAY FROM MALE-DOMINANT JOBS IN MANUFACTURING TO FEMALE-DOMINANT JOBS IN THE SERVICE SECTOR. IN THE SAME PERIOD FROM 1985 TO 1995 WAGE DISCRIMINATION BASED ON GENDER NARROWED, FROM 35% TO 20%. AS IN THE WEST, WOMEN ARE MORE LIKELY TO TAKE PART-TIME JOBS OR WORK AT HOME THAT PERMIT BETTER CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS.

7. INCREASINGLY HUNGARIAN WOMEN OPT FOR MORE TRADITIONAL ROLES, INCLUDING CHILD REARING AND HOMEMAKING, THAT WERE

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8. ACCORDING TO THE MINISTRY OF LABOR'S WOMEN POLICY SECRETARIAT, HUNGARIAN WOMEN REMAIN IGNORANT OF THEIR LEGAL RIGHTS, AND CONTINUE TO BEAR A DISPROPORTIONATE BURDEN OF WORK AT HOME. HUNGARIAN WOMEN ARE MAKING UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 BUDAPEST 006140

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Mark A. Meyer
Chairman

June 17, 1996

By Facsimile Transmission

Hon. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Re: Romanian Visit

Dear Ms. Verveer:

It was a pleasure meeting you at the White House last Friday. I look forward to seeing you again with the First Lady in Romania in early July.

As we discussed, the American-Romanian Cultural Foundation and the Romanian Cultural Foundation, with American-Romanian ROOTS, would like to honor the First Lady's dedication to improving the lives, education and future of children around the world, by awarding her the annual Award for Excellence of the Romanian Cultural Foundation during Mrs. Clinton's visit to Bucharest.

The American-Romanian Cultural Foundation

The American-Romanian Cultural Foundation was formed in New York as a not-for-profit corporation in 1968. Its members include the leading figures of the Romanian-American cultural community. It seeks greater awareness in the United States of Romanian culture, history, traditions, values and customs through the sponsorship of concerts, lectures, and art exhibitions; it also advances awareness of American culture in Romania. The Foundation does not receive financial support from Romania. I am its Chairman. My biographical sketch is attached.

President Clinton was kind enough in September 1996, at the request of Rachel

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Warby, to recognize the Week of American Music in Bucharest, which was co-sponsored with the United States Embassy in Romania, and of which "Week" I was Chairman. The President's letter was read during the first of five concerts. The works of America's great composers, past and present, were presented by American performers such as Sergiu Comissiona, the great Romanian-American conductor. The next such "Week" is scheduled for May 1997.

The Romanian Cultural Foundation

The Romanian Cultural Foundation is Romania's leading cultural institution. It is a private, non-governmental, not-for-profit entity. The Foundation publishes 18 different magazines, has two regional centers in Cluj and Jassy, and conducts numerous cultural events throughout the year. Its President is the Romanian novelist Augustine Buzura and its Vice President is Prof. Virgiliu Constantinescu, President of the Romanian Academy.

Congress of Romanian-Americans

CORA is the only national umbrella organization whose members are other Romanian-American organizations. It was founded in 1991. Its President is Armand A. Scala, whom you met with me on Friday.

American-Romanian ROOTS

ROOTS is an organization of distinguished Romanian-born Americans, mostly in academic life in America. Its President is Dr. Magda Botetz, an American citizen who is the widow of the late Romanian Ambassador to the United States, Mihai Botetz.

The Award

For the past five years, the Romanian Cultural Foundation has presented an annual Award for Excellence for members of the scientific and cultural communities who have made unique and significant contributions to their fields. Last year's prize winner was George Emil Palade, the Romanian-American Nobel Prize Winner for Science. The prize consists of a bronze statuette by Romanian artist Constantin Lucaci, a bronze plaque and a Diploma of Excellence created by graphic designer Tudor Jebeleanu.

It is the great honor of our three organizations to jointly award to Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton the 1996 Award for Excellence in recognition of her dedicated efforts and unique achievements in improving the lives, education and future of children around

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the world. The award will be given to Mrs. Clinton by the four Presidents of the organizations, Messrs. Buzura, Scala and Meyer, and Dr. Botez. The ceremony will be held either at the Romanian Cultural Foundation or an equally appropriate site. It will last no longer than 40 minutes.

We expect that the ceremony will be covered extensively by the Romanian-American press and Romanian-American Voice Television, which is seen in New York, Cleveland, Detroit, Atlanta and, as of July 6, Washington, D.C.

We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely yours,


Mark A. Meyer
Chairman

cc: H.E. Ambassador Mircea Geoana
H.E. Ambassador Alfred Moses

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Professional Experience:

1995 - present:

Herzfeld & Rubin, P.C., Member of the Firm,
Chair, Central and Eastern European Practice Group.

Corporate International attorney, concentration in the Balkans with emphasis on Romania. Representation of multi-national companies in infrastructure redevelopment, highway construction and reconstruction; hotel development; moderate income and luxury housing development; and resort development. Counsel in securitization and derivative securities techniques including the securitization and sale of revenue streams generated by infrastructure projects, real estate construction and toll roads; commercial transactions including joint ventures, acquisitions and mergers.

Relevant Affiliations: Chairman of the Romanian-American Chamber of Commerce; has been Special Advisor for legal and economic issues to the Presidents of Romania and the Republic of Moldova; Associate Professor of Law and Chair of Anglo-Saxon Law Dept., Faculty of Law, Universitatea Crestina Dimitrie Cantemir in Romania; Chairman of U.S. Embassy's Week of American Music in Bucharest; Chairman of the American-Romanian Cultural Foundation; Vice President of Congress of Romanian-Americans; *Libertatea* award as one of ten most significant persons in world to Romania; Host of *Business Perspectives* on Romanian Voice Television; Associate Editor of *Survey of Eastern European Law*, monthly contributor to *Commerce Clearing House's Doing Business in Eastern Europe*; public speaker and author of numerous articles in international publications.

1972 - 1994:

Partner, Hall, Dickler, Kent, Friedman & Wood (1987-1994); Partner, Spitzer & Feldman (1984-87); Member of the Board of Directors of two NASDAQ public companies (1982-91); Partner, Goldschmidt & Sait (1982-84); Associate, Solinger & Gordon (1977-1982); Associate, Golenbock & Barel (1974-77); Assistant District Attorney, New York County, under Frank S. Hogan (1972-74); Instructor of Law, Boston University School of Law (1971-72)

Education:

Harvard Law School, LL.M. 1972 focus in Constitutional Law; St. John's University School of Law, J.D. 1971 (3rd out of 270); Fairleigh Dickinson University, B.A. 1968.

Miscellaneous:

Fellow, Foreign Policy Association; Member, The Metropolitan Club

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Rz: Romania

Melanne,

Magda Batay is terrific and
A real supporter of the President. I
had lunch with her a couple of weeks
ago. Magda would like to have the
First Lady stop at their "Smithsonian" and
receive the awards. Please see letter
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memo

on this proposal.

I understand State & NSE
might think this is good.

Would you please take
a look & see what you
think? Or guide me to someone
else. Call me if you have time
to discuss this & JKF Center further.
THANKS! Always, Ray

Memorandum For: Peg Clark

From: Stef

Subj: Mrs. Clinton's Trip to Romania

Date: 17 June 1996

Mrs. Magda Botez is the widow of the just deceased Romanian ambassador to the U.S., Mihal Botez. Mrs. Botez, an American citizen, lives in California and serves as Romania's Honorary Counsel for the West Coast. Prior to his selection as Romanian Ambassador to the U.N. and then Washington, Mihal Botez was a Nobel nominee in mathematics, a prominent dissident and a well known member of Romania's cultural and scientific community.

This memo suggests that Mrs. Clinton include a stop at the Romanian National Cultural Foundation while in Bucharest. Similar to the Smithsonian, the Foundation embodies the nation's literary, cultural and scientific achievement. Mrs. Botez would like to accompany Mrs. Clinton.

The time required would be less than one hour. Romanian President Iliescu and the nation's scientific and cultural elite would attend; Mrs. Clinton would receive two awards.

The first award would be the Romanian National Foundation's Annual Award for Excellence last year presented to a Nobel laureate in mathematics. Mrs. Clinton would be recognized for her work with children, and in the educational field.

The second award would be from the Romanian-American organization called ROOIS—a nationwide association of Romanian Americans headed by Magda Botez.

Discussion:

A visit to the Romanian Cultural Foundation—like our Smithsonian—would ensure that there were non-political, non-economic elements to Mrs. Clinton's visit to Romania. It would underscore Romania's rich Latin cultural heritage and its contribution to Europe. It would also symbolize the importance of the science and the arts.

The possibility of Mrs. Clinton stopping at the Foundation has been discussed with relevant State Department officials and with members of the NSC staff--and has been greeted with enthusiasm.

*She
- President
+ Mrs. Clinton
is
not reluctant*

Mrs. Botez would like to accompany Mrs. Clinton to Bucharest. She would like the opportunity to speak with her on the plane and wishes to accompany her to the Foundation. If this is desirable, Mrs. Botez will arrange her travel schedule accordingly.

Mrs. Botez is very prominent and well respected in Romania, is closely associated with the Foundation, and is a personal friend and advisor to the Foundation's president, Constantin Buzura. The Foundation strongly supports this proposal.

This proposal is a classic win-win. Mrs. Clinton will be seen recognizing science and the arts. She will receive nationally recognized awards with attendant media coverage. Finally, Mrs. Clinton will be supported by Mrs. Botez, an American well known in Romania. Mrs. Botez is president of ROOTS, the largest Romanian-American organization. Its members reside mainly in California, New Jersey and Illinois.

see accompanying documents..

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 12, 1996

Dr. Magda Botez
President
American-Romanian Roots
Post Office Box 550
Ojai, California 93023

Dear Magda:

Thank you for writing to tell me about "ROOTS" and the work that it does. I hope I can count on your involvement as my Administration seeks to preserve the security of our nation while helping other countries to enjoy the freedoms Americans hold dear.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

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ROOTS

AMERICAN-ROMANIAN ROOTS
A Nonpolitical Organization

March 2, 1996

Magda Botez, D.D.S.,
President
Romanian-American Preventive
Medicine Foundation
Ojai, California

Virginia Zieni Rosel-Lement,
Professor, Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

Eliot Borst, Professor
Georgetown University
Washington, DC

Trina Cajal, Designer
Boston, Massachusetts

Alexandru Marin,
Professor, Boston University
Boston, Massachusetts

Bill Clinton
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Mr. President:

My name is Dr. Magda Botez. I am a Romanian born American citizen and the widow of Mihai Botez, former Ambassador, dissident in the Ceausescu regime, national hero in Romania. I met you in November of 1994 when my husband presented his accreditation letters.

It is my wish to continue Mihai's legacy rapprochement between the United States and Romania. Romania is situated at the crossroads between Russia and Bosnia-Herzegovina and is an island of peace and stability in that region of the world. In Romania, pro-American sentiments are rising. Romania is a very pro-American nation. The English language is increasingly popular, rapidly replacing the French language and influence.

With the help of distinguished Romanian-born American citizens, I am establishing "ROOTS", a nonpolitical organization encompassing a large group of Romanian-born American citizens working toward a better understanding of Romania in the United States. As a large "Romanian-American" minority of your electorate, we would like to take this opportunity to ask for your support in our endeavors. As I told you when we met in November of 1994, you can count on three votes from my immediate family; however, with "ROOTS", you can count on many, many more.

May God bless you and your endeavors, Mr. President.

Sincerely yours,

MAGDA BOTEZ

*The Academy of Music Children's Awards Ceremony
Bucharest*

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady
White House

Lia Triff
Co-chair of the Ceremony
Bucharest, Romania

June 17, 1996

Dear Miss Verveer,

Congratulations on a smoothly run "Ethnic American Conference" this last Friday. Mark Meyer of CORA (Romanian-American) was introduced to you by Armand Scala. Mark asked me to re-iterate that our event would be most pleased to join his efforts to give Mrs. Clinton an award that is a long-standing honor based on individuals who exemplify family values.

As I have stated before, our ceremony can be flexible enough to provide the dignified platform at which time the First Lady is honored by the Cultural Foundation. We can hold our event either at the elegant Romanian Cultural Foundation, have our young musicians awarded their scholarships and salute "Romanian Women in Music" and easily accommodate Mrs. Clinton's schedule so, when she arrives, she can be presented on-stage and then be off or stay to meet and mingle with the young people and the distinguished musicians.

 If my last fax that alerted you about the possibility of having the Ceremony held at the building next to the Village Museum (site of the proposed reception with Romanian women leaders) is a better suggestion for your consideration, we, of course, would gladly combine with the Cultural Foundation to allow this important award to be presented. I mention the Elisabetha Conference Center because it is very convenient, picturesque and versatile for all your considerations, i.e., outdoor/indoor camera opportunities for the press corps, security, etc. Many awards ceremonies are hosted there for foreign dignitaries because of the easy access to the Village Museum and the Ambassadors residences.

I will be in N.Y. until Wednesday evening. Tele. no. is 212.751.429 at Mrs. Goodman's residence 575 Park Ave. Afterwards I can be reached in Bucharest at 401.781.4141, 781.4022 or telefax 401.4101653.

Sincerely,

Lia Triff
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DIANNE FEINSTEIN
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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS
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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0504
April 25, 1996

Ms. Magda Botez
President
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Dear Ms. Botez:

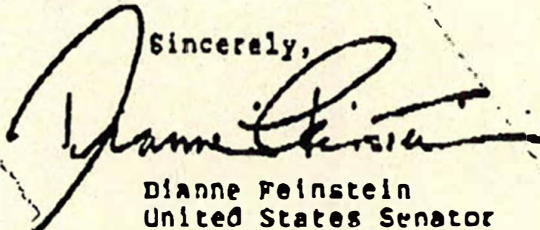
Thank you so much for writing to share with me your concerns regarding the United States-Romania relationship. I appreciate that you have taken the time to keep me informed of your views.

The United States faces many new problems and challenges in the post-Cold War world. It is our task to encourage economic growth while protecting the environment, and also to promote democracy and human rights. We are going through a period of testing what approaches work best. Be assured that your views are valuable to me as a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. I will be sure to keep your concerns in mind as the Senate considers measures dealing with future U.S. foreign policies.

Once again, thank you for writing. If you should have any questions or further concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Kelly Amis of my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 224-3841.

With warmest regards.

Sincerely,



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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If the fine reception with Romanian woman leaders will be held at the Village Museum, we can easily schedule our event next door, literally, at the Elisabetha Reception Center. Many official functions are held in this large and picturesque facility. It is a mere three minute walk. The five young musicians who will be given scholarships are the winners from the Academy of Music and the Dinu Lipatti School of Music will be co-honored with our "Romanian Women of Music Salute". She would have the ability to meet and talk with the young people and meet some of the great Romanian musicians.

The First Lady, if interested, could see the last of the program (without concern that she would be interrupting because it will be consisting of different persons coming up and down from the stage) or attend the post-event reception. We would be willing to schedule our program to coincide with The First Lady's busy Bucharest visit.

Also, this event should be seen as a very positive symbol of U.S./Romanian friendship because many of the important contributions to the Academy and the School have been gifted by important American families from Florida, Texas and California, all, incidentally, Democrats. The scholarships that have sustained these young people through the transition period to a democracy have been given by American companies through The Prince Paul Foundation of Romania -U.S. branch. The event will be a colorful and joyful one, highlighting the important image Romania has deserved in the world, that being the never ending musical talent of our children, through adversity, through the darkest of times, uninterrupted.

The Elisabetha Reception Center is also located 7 minutes from the residence of our American Ambassador, H.E. Alfred Moses. Again, the schedule could accommodate our event either before or after the Ambassador's planned reception in Hillary Rodham Clinton's honor.

Having spoken with Josephine Lyons of NBC Projects at the N.Y. Unicef meeting with Nancy Prager-Kamel, I mentioned that if The First Lady was going to Romania, we had hoped to be considered for a small part of her busy schedule.

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cc.H.E.Ambassador Mircea Geoana

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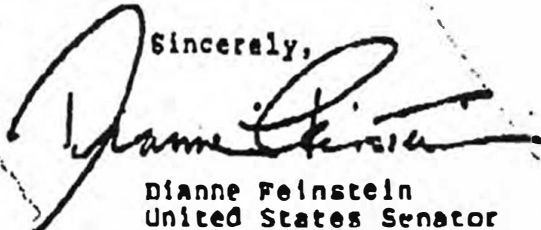
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Dear Miss Verveer,

Congratulations on a smoothly run "Ethnic American Conference" this last Friday. Mark Meyer of CORA (Romanian-American) was introduced to you by Armand Scala. Mark asked me to re-iterate that our event would be most pleased to join his efforts to give Mrs. Clinton an award that is a long-standing honor based on individuals who exemplify family values.

As I have stated before, our ceremony can be flexible enough to provide the dignified platform at which time the First Lady is honored by the Cultural Foundation. We can hold our event either at the elegant Romanian Cultural Foundation, have our young musicians awarded their scholarships and salute "Romanian Women in Music" and easily accommodate Mrs. Clinton's schedule so, when she arrives, she can be presented on-stage and then be off or stay to meet and mingle with the young people and the distinguished musicians.

 If my last fax that alerted you about the possibility of having the Ceremony held at the building next to the Village Museum (site of the proposed reception with Romanian women leaders) is a better suggestion for your consideration, we, of course, would gladly combine with the Cultural Foundation to allow this important award to be presented. I mention the Elisabetha Conference Center because it is very convenient, picturesque and versatile for all your considerations i.e., outdoor/indoor camera opportunities for the press corps, security, etc. Many awards ceremonies are hosted there for foreign dignitaries because of the easy access to the Village Museum and the Ambassadors residences.

I will be in N.Y. until Wednesday evening. Tele. no. is 212.751.425 at Mrs. Goodman's residence 575 Park Ave. Afterwards I can be reached in Bucharest at 401.781.4141, 781.4022 or telefax 401.4101653.

Sincerely,

Lia Triff
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Donald Blinken
Ambassador of the United States of America

Budapest, July 10, 1996

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Melanne:

I cannot thank you enough for the enormous contribution you made to the First Lady's successful visit to Budapest. The advice you gave, both to her and to our team was outstanding, and we all know that your efforts and presence made a great difference.

Looking forward to seeing you again before too long, I remain,

Cordially,

Donald Blinken
Ambassador

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Mrs. Donald Blinken

July 26, 1996

Dear Melanne,

It was great having you
and Hillary here in Budapest!
Thank you so much for the
important role you played in
bringing her here and in
helping us to organize her
program. I hope that both
of you were pleased with the
way it went, and that you
have fond memories of your
second visit. Come back.

Hope you will have time for
a much deserved holiday this
summer. Fondly, Vera