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First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
Office of the First Lady
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Hillary,

Many thanks for making time for a meeting when I was in Washington earlier this month. I know these are stressful times, and admire your ability to manage so well.

I was glad to compare notes on areas of mutual interest, from early childhood education, the focus on livable communities, and the needs for global civil society, to addressing basic issues such as inequality and the rights of young women. I look forward to focusing on aspects of each of these issues once I leave the Foundation, and particularly, to seeing how some of us who are working on the same issues in different states can collaborate. David Lawrence, who will concentrate on issues of early childhood education, is currently in Paris, but I hope to talk with him before too long to see how we might conspire. I will let you know what comes out of the conversation.

I wanted to alert you to the fact that Mary Kaldor, who is the founder of several major civil society movements and organizations, and who has just moved from the University of Sussex to the London School of Economics, will be in Washington in February. I spoke with her a few days ago, and she was planning to call Melanne to see if she might meet with you or Melanne while she is here. The Helsinki Citizens' Assembly, which Mary started, is one of the major forces for civil society in Bosnia and other parts of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, but Mary's work has been

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worldwide. She is one of the few activists who has managed to maintain her academic credibility too. Your schedule is crazy, I know, but if her visit coincides with some free time, you would enjoy speaking with her.

Again, thanks for taking time on a difficult day to meet with me. It was good to catch up. I did want to say that I am sorry that I have not been able to accept more of the gracious invitations I have received to attend events at the White House. I have not wanted to come to events around issues that are not likely prospects for MacArthur funding. Often, for those issues that overlap with our interests, the events have been held on days when there were conflicts.

I appreciate the continued graciousness on the part of the staff for including me on your invitation list.

Sincerely,



Adele Simmons
President

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