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FROM: Elise Smith, Director
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DATE: April 26, 1995

Dear Ms. Verveer,

This is a letter of invitation to Mrs. Clinton from the NIS-US Women's NGO Consortium to meet with Russian women NGO leaders on her upcoming trip to Moscow. We informed your staff we would be sending the hard copy of this invitation by messenger.

I know Elaine Shocas is also assisting in communicating this invitation to you personally for consideration by Mrs. Clinton and her advance team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Elise Smith'.

Elise Smith, Director
Global Women's Leadership Program

PS I look forward to talking to you personally in the near future.



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April 25, 1995

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Dear Ms. Verveer:

Attached to this letter is an invitation from the NIS-US Women's Consortium, which operates in Russia and Ukraine, to Mrs. Hillary Clinton. As we stated in her letter, we would like to facilitate a meeting for her with leading Russian women activists in the health, environment, human rights, agriculture, and small business sectors. Such a meeting would give her an opportunity to have a dialogue with the leading women in the country on women's issues. It would also provide her an in-depth personal encounter with key women's NGO leadership and an occasion to gain an understanding of the challenges Russian women are facing on all fronts.

There are 26 Russian women's NGOs in the Consortium representing networks across Russia as well as different sectors. All of them have experience and concrete knowledge of the swiftly expanding women's movement. Working in partnership with 18 US women's NGOs, they are focused on moving ahead the reform agenda in Russia. Through the collaboration with the Consortium, they are further empowered to act through strengthening their advocacy and leadership skills to change legislation, and learn the value of coalition building.

Some examples of potential opportunities for Mrs. Clinton to meet women could take place in Moscow or Sergiev Posad. If her plans permit time for travel 1-2 hours outside of Moscow, we would recommend a visit to a new counseling center for women in Sergiev Posad. The city is part of the "Golden Ring" of ancient cities around the Russian capital and is a popular location with tourists because of its beautiful churches and small-town feel. The Consortium has worked with NGOs and government leaders to support this newly opened center that provides advising in all areas for women. The center is nearing the end of renovations and would provide an opportunity for Mrs. Clinton to see a program in its developing stage, as well as an interesting setting for photographs.

Should it be impossible to travel outside of Moscow, we might suggest Mrs. Clinton pay a visit to a recipient of a Consortium seed grant, such as ECOJURIS. This group provides legal counseling to nonprofit organizations in the uncertain Russian legal environment. She could view their facilities and learn the most frequent questions of local NGO leaders from the ECOJURIS staff. If your staff determines Mrs. Clinton is interested in meeting with a group of women from a particular sector or in other cities, we would be happy to facilitate such a request.

AID has encouraged the development of women's NGOs in many ways including support of the NIS-US Women's Consortium by providing seed grants, training and technical assistance. In fact, Mr. Tom Dine, Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Europe and the New Independent States and Mr. Keith Henderson, Senior Advisor for the US Agency for International Development are both highly supportive of such an encounter with Russian women leaders and Mrs. Clinton. Her

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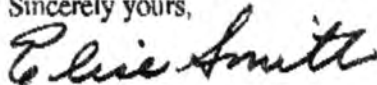
visit would be a signal to Russian women that the US First Lady is supportive on an international level in their aspirations to reform their society and make it more equitable for women and men.

Attached is information on the Consortium. As you will note, the US groups include, among others, the League of Women Voters (national), the Magee Medical Center (Pennsylvania), Women of the World (Kansas), Alliance of American and Russian Women (Connecticut), and the Ms. Foundation (New York). The League itself will be holding a special conference near Dubna, Russia at the end of May.

We know the importance of selecting activities for Mrs. Clinton that can be used as photo opportunities and op-ed features by the press. We believe our example of such activities will be of press interest.

Martina Vandenberg, the Winrock staff coordinator of the program in our Moscow office would be able to put together the exciting dialogue we have proposed. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Elise Smith, Director
Global Women's Leadership

Attachments



WINROCK INTERNATIONAL

April 25, 1995

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
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Dear Mrs. Clinton

The NIS-US Women's Consortium operating in Russia, Ukraine, and the US would like to invite you to meet with leading Russian women activists in the health, environment, human rights, agriculture, and small business sectors on your upcoming visit to Moscow. Such a meeting would give you an opportunity to have a dialogue with the leading women in the country on women's issues. It would also be an in-depth personal encounter with key women's NGO leadership and an occasion to gain an understanding of the challenges Russian women are facing on all fronts.

There are 26 Russian women's NGOs in the Consortium representing networks across Russia as well as different sectors. All of them have experience and concrete knowledge of the swiftly expanding women's movement. Working in partnership with 18 US women's NGOs, they are focused on moving ahead the reform agenda of building a democratic society with a free market economy in Russia. Through collaboration with the Consortium, they are further empowered to act through strengthening their advocacy and leadership skills to change legislation and learn the value of coalition building.

Some examples of potential opportunities for you to meet women could take place in Moscow or Sergiev Posad. If your plans permit time for travel 1-2 hours outside of Moscow, we would recommend a visit to a new counseling center for women in Sergiev Posad. The Consortium has worked with NGOs and government leaders to support this newly opened center that provides advising in all areas for women. The center is nearing the end of renovations and would provide an opportunity for you to see a program in its developing stage, as well as an interesting setting for photographs. By the way, the city is part of the "Golden Ring" of ancient cities around the Russian capital and is a popular location with tourists because of its beautiful churches and small-town feel.

Should it be impossible to travel outside of Moscow, we might suggest you pay a visit to a recipient of a Consortium seed grant, such as ECOJURIS. This group provides legal counseling to nonprofit organizations in the uncertain Russian legal environment. You could view their facilities and learn the most frequent questions of local NGO leaders from the ECOJURIS staff. If you decide you are interested in meeting with a group of women from a particular sector or in other cities, we would be happy to facilitate such a request.

We believe that a dialogue with outstanding women in the women's NGOs movement would be exciting and inspiring. US partnerships are effectively supporting women in

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Russia by sharing experiences as well as technical expertise. Building a more democratic and equitable society can only happen with a strong base of women's NGOs.

AID has encouraged development of women's NGOs in many ways including support of the NIS-US Women's Consortium to deliver seed grants, training and technical assistance. US women's NGO partners include, among others, the League of Women Voters, Magee WomanCare International, and Women of the World.

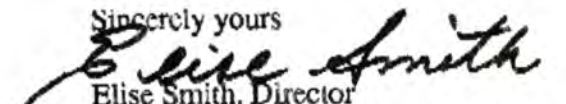
As a lawyer, you will appreciate the struggle to change laws, and the need to create links between human rights activists, women's groups, and the women in the legal profession in order to strengthen the collective impact of women. Most importantly, by sharing experiences and strategies from the US to overcome discriminatory policies, you will bring new thinking and inspiration to thousands.

Finally your visit would also be a signal to Russian women, that the US first lady is supportive on an international level in their aspirations to reform their society and make it more equitable for women and men.

I have enclosed some information on the consortium for you. Martina Vandenberg, the Winrock staff coordinator of the program in our Moscow office would be able to put together the exciting dialogue we have proposed. We recommend the advance team meet with Martina to assist them in their deliberation and finalizing your schedule.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please call me if I can answer any questions.

Sincerely yours



Elise Smith, Director
Global Women's Leadership Program

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WINROCK INTERNATIONAL NIS-US WOMEN'S CONSORTIUM PROJECT

Transnational Women's Consortium Seeks Equity for Women in Transition to Civil Society

Winrock International's Women's Leadership Program has received a grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development to further their work with the NIS-US WOMEN'S CONSORTIUM, a network of women's NGOs in Russia, Ukraine, and the United States. The Consortium was formed to facilitate interaction, cooperation and collaboration in the building of a democratic society in the Newly Independent States of the Former Soviet Union. The members of the Consortium believe that collaborative action effectively strengthens women's voices in policy making and in the democratic process. Over the long run women and men in all countries will benefit from the active participation of these women in the international community. At present there are forty-one members: twenty Russian NGOs, three Ukrainian NGOs, and fourteen US NGOs, in addition to four expert advisors. Many of these organizations are themselves national or international networks, thereby multiplying the Consortium's possibilities for interaction.

Operating from the conviction that democracy rests on the foundation of a civil society and that nongovernmental organizations are the building blocks of civil society, the Consortium is dedicated to strengthening the "third sector" as a powerful and independent force for change in the former Soviet Union. One of the most promising developments has been the emergence of a women's movement. Women's groups, clubs and associations are burgeoning throughout the Russian Federation, Ukraine, and other NIS countries.

Independent networks of women's organizations are forming. In 1991 and again in 1992, the Moscow Gender Studies Center brought together over five hundred women's organizations and individuals to network, cooperate and collaborate on the participation of women in the political process. These women have now formalized that network into the Independent Women's Forum. Similarly, the GAIA Center has created a nationwide network of women's organizations which now forms the League of Women. Both GAIA and the Moscow Gender Studies Center are among the founding members of the Consortium.

The economic difficulties currently being experienced in the former Soviet Union have disproportionately affected women. Today, over seventy percent of the officially unemployed are women, and in urban areas this figure swells to over eighty percent. Current draft legislation on labor and employment regulation overtly discriminates against women, introducing protective clauses and allowing for discriminatory hiring practices. Women's organizations have not benefited proportionally from resources flowing into the NIS from Western donor countries. In response to this disparity, the Consortium focuses on establishing access to existing resources for NIS women's organizations. In addition, one of the Consortium's main roles in country is the distribution of small seed grants to build management and organizational capacity of local NGOs. A major effort to reach out to rural and provincial women's organizations is currently underway.

Over the past six months, under grants from the Eurasia Foundation and USAID, the Consortium members have built the foundation of the democratic governance structure which will guide the activities of the Consortium. The Consortium's philosophy is based on democratic principles of equality, openness, and consensus. Subcommittees have been formed to work on communications, training seminars, legal issues, and seed grant administration. The first round of grants, based on criteria developed jointly by the Russian and American members, resulted in the awarding a total of \$6,000 to seven Russian groups for the payment of salaries, purchase of furniture and office equipment, financing of programs and publications, and provision of free legal services for women.

Since the official launch of the Consortium in June of this year, the Moscow staff has worked cooperatively with other US and Russian organizations to co-sponsor training seminars and roundtable discussion series. A roundtable for women leaders of Saratov was held in August as a planning session for a leadership training seminar held in November. A training of trainers seminar will be held in January, followed by a training for rural women in the neighboring cities of Marx and Engels. In cooperation with the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and the Alliance for American and Russian Women, the Consortium sponsored an NGO training seminar for women leaders in Volkhov. At the request of the Russian members, the Consortium sponsored a financial management and grants management seminar for women NGO leaders in Moscow with trainers from the AID Controller's office and the Eurasia Foundation. In cooperation with the American Bar Association, the Consortium has sponsored a series of legal round tables discussions to assess the needs of the Russian legal community and women leaders. Technical assistance has been provided on request to Russian Consortium members, particularly in the areas of communications, fundraising, and grant writing.

Conferences and leadership seminars are planned for Saratov, Tomsk, Kaluga, Volkhov, Kiev, and Zarechnoi. All of these seminars and trainings are co-sponsored by at least one Russian and/or American Consortium member. The goals of these seminars include development of dialogue between women's organizations, empowerment and encouragement of women leaders outside of the Moscow-St. Petersburg corridor, education about women's rights and human rights, creation of coalitions to prepare for the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, and exposure of NGO women leaders to grant opportunities, new experiential training methods, new management skills, and a model of democratic organizational management.

The collective knowledge and skills of the Consortium members create a force to strengthen the institutional capacity, fundraising capability and advocacy skills of NIS women's organizations. The ultimate objective is to enhance visibility and leadership capacity of women and women's NGOs in the formation of public policy. Finally, the Consortium is both regional and transnational; this gives it the flexibility to maximize democratic participation across national borders.

Membership in the NIS/US Women's Consortium includes:

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