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Subject: Melanne Questions on Foreign Affairs Spending

I told Melanne I would get back to her today on a few foreign affairs budget questions:

1. UNICEF: After passback, we added back \$5 million more for UNICEF, bringing the total to \$110 million.
2. UNDP: Our '01 request would provide \$90 million for UNDP, up from the \$80 million that was our '00 request and '00 enacted. So it's more than a 10% increase. I know some wanted it to be \$100 million, but there were large competing demands and greater amounts would be a unlikely sell with Congress.
3. UNFPA: As we discussed, the '01 request is \$25 million, the same as the '00 request and enacted amounts. You can assure Cong. Maloney we'll fight hard to get it.
4. NIS: I read the Soros letter you sent. I'll give you a call to discuss this separately. Bob

16 September 1998

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

I wish to thank you for the invitation to join you in today's meeting. I can think of few topics more important than strengthening the support of the American people for U.S. engagement in international affairs. I look forward to an exciting exchange and I am certain you will do an outstanding job in getting the country to focus on this issue.

As you may know, last week I formally notified the United Nations Secretary-General of my intention to vacate the position of Administrator of UNDP effective 30 June 1999. At that time, I will assume the position of Dean of the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies at Yale University. The decision to leave the United Nations after six years was a difficult one for me. However, I had made it clear to the Secretary-General at the outset of his term that my approach has always been to move on when I have contributed what I can.

I understand that the Department of State intends to try to retain the position of UNDP Administrator for the United States; this will be difficult if the U.S. contribution is not sustained at a high level.

I thus am taking advantage of my visit to Washington to bring to your attention the precarious state of the U.S. contribution to UNDP. Although the President requested \$105 million for FY 99, the current foreign operations appropriations legislation is far below the President's request level, and less than was appropriated for 1998. In her congressional presentation to the appropriations committees, Secretary of State Albright devoted considerable attention to UNDP - explaining why this request is needed and how UNDP supports basic U.S. foreign policy objectives. We now understand that a conference committee will be convened on the legislation by the end of September. There is not a specific allocation for UNDP in the International Organizations & Programs Account in the current House and Senate bills, however, we do know that the overall level for this account is quite low and I am thus concerned that the U.S. contribution could fall even below the current \$98 million.

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First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
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I am therefore appealing to you for your intervention and support. UNDP needs your help, and this year, the support is even more critical and necessary. I would be most grateful if your office could discuss the matter with the new OMB Director, Jack Lew. I have been told there will be some room for negotiating the final allocations made to the account, and OMB needs to allocate the President's original request of \$105 million. I hope you can help.

To facilitate your efforts, I attach a statement showing contributions to UNDP by major donors since 1988, reflecting the contributions scenario for a decade. Please let me know if we can provide any additional materials to further help you.

Yours sincerely,



James Gustave Speth

**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNDP CORE
FOR THE YEARS 1988-1998**
(US\$ MILLIONS)

OECD/DAC member	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998 **
AUSTRALIA	13.26	12.85	13.60	13.08	11.88	11.40	13.47	13.53	7.09	4.25	*
AUSTRIA	9.73	9.78	10.32	11.30	12.20	13.40	13.40	14.00	13.40	11.68	9.94
BELGIUM	16.09	17.14	19.23	16.67	20.57	18.57	20.97	22.37	21.15	18.59	*
CANADA	60.74	55.71	58.33	56.61	51.60	41.41	39.26	31.93	31.94	29.78	29.29
DENMARK	77.07	72.41	87.76	79.20	89.60	86.54	90.37	105.43	97.85	76.33	81.06
FINLAND	33.95	35.57	49.89	59.53	42.11	9.15	9.81	12.77	12.80	11.89	11.45
FRANCE	44.34	43.85	50.89	51.50	53.86	49.98	44.81	19.80	18.41	13.61	*
GERMANY	77.52	69.09	80.16	76.87	84.33	80.57	82.96	94.10	88.53	69.38	55.72
IRELAND	0.49	0.47	0.53	0.64	0.58	0.94	1.36	2.56	2.60	2.96	3.09
ITALY	56.41	78.01	74.19	42.56	64.75	24.92	25.32	18.63	21.82	13.02	10.89
JAPAN	79.00	83.30	86.63	89.61	92.11	96.11	100.11	105.11	110.11	99.27	79.90
LUXEMBOURG	0.14	0.13	0.14	0.19	0.24	0.30	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.43	0.53
NETHERLANDS	81.84	72.06	83.49	85.17	90.19	86.29	93.71	103.07	98.09	87.48	81.06
NEW ZEALAND	1.56	1.44	1.71	1.72	1.75	1.99	2.26	2.50	2.61	3.03	2.57
NORWAY	76.34	76.05	81.37	83.57	89.34	71.02	69.54	78.92	77.77	75.82	73.03
PORTUGAL	0.30	0.30	0.60	0.59	0.60	0.60	0.60	1.00	1.20	1.40	1.60
SPAIN	5.69	6.36	8.67	8.11	9.56	8.46	6.95	10.56	9.98	5.80	*
SWEDEN	82.70	87.94	97.50	95.25	122.87	70.65	77.37	65.43	69.24	61.16	59.97
SWITZERLAND	35.37	33.54	45.92	41.96	43.80	38.93	44.80	45.16	43.41	38.62	*
UNITED KINGDOM	43.43	43.02	48.34	48.68	55.31	44.88	38.76	38.71	36.92	38.85	50.00
UNITED STATES	109.11	109.98	107.02	106.32	106.37	124.27	113.44	113.42	50.22	76.35	98.00
Subtotal	905.08	909.00	1,006.29	969.13	1,043.61	880.37	889.59	899.32	815.46	739.70	
Others	43.59	43.39	36.87	32.01	30.33	28.14	27.46	27.48	28.34	28.29	
GRAND TOTAL	948.67	952.39	1,043.16	1,001.14	1,073.94	908.51	917.05	926.80	843.80	767.99	

* These countries have yet to indicate their formal pledges to UNDP.

** The US dollar equivalent is based on the official UN Exchange rates as of 1 September 1998.

Division for Resources Mobilization
September 1998



3 February 1997

Dear Melanne,

I have just returned from the Micro-Credit Summit where the First Lady made an absolutely stunning presentation, both content and delivery. She impressed the thousands in the audience with her outstanding ability to tell the micro-credit story of explain how loans to poor women break them out of poverty cycle. This was truly one of the best presentations not just at the Summit, but by a First Lady of this country ever.

As we mentioned before, Gus will be arriving tomorrow for the MicroCredit Summit to announce "MicroStart," a brand new \$41 million initiative UNDP is inaugurating. Gus had requested one other meeting during his visit to Washington for the Summit: a visit with the First Lady. I do not know if you were able to accommodate this request this time, but we still have an opening on his schedule for tomorrow between **10:45 and 11:45**. Is there any possibility he could stop by for a brief meeting, or perhaps even a photo-op with Gus and the First Lady? We would like to follow-up on our work with micro-credit in particular.

As you know, we still hope to develop the video tape with the First Lady for use by UNDP around the world. Although we never seem able to find the right moment to get on her schedule, I wonder if tomorrow might be possible. We would appreciate it enormously.

Thank you again for efforts on behalf of UNDP.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mrs. Clinton,

I have the honour to express once more our most sincere appreciation for your active and thoughtful participation in the programme which launched the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at United Nations Headquarters on 10 December. By all accounts, your involvement made the day. I would add, if I may, that it was not only official stature, crucial as it was, that made the impact. Feedback from a cross-section of participants indicated that it was your substantive contribution and, more to the point, your personal commitment, which turned the occasion into a historical event.

My personal view is that the UN can only succeed with the kind of partnership you inspired on this occasion. It is crucial to consolidate an alliance of governments, key personalities, organizations, grassroots groups and generally "the people of the world" as indicated by the Charter. We need member governments to survive, but to succeed, the UN will have to mobilize the wider public on specific issues. That is in fact how the UN could become more relevant to people around the world.

All of us here look forward to your continued support as we move together towards a new millenium.

Many thanks again.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Sanbar'.

Samir Sanbar
Assistant Secretary-General
for Public Information

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady of the United States of America
Washington, D.C.



The Executive Director

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UNFPA
United Nations
Population Fund

26 January 1996

Dear Mrs. Rodham Clinton,

I have just written to The President, thanking him for his outstanding leadership on behalf of international population assistance.

This is just a tiny fraction of what he must consider, but it is important to the very people, especially women, you spoke about so eloquently in Beijing.

You will be pleased to know that countries worldwide are making strong efforts to start implementing the important agreements reached at the International Conference on Population and Development and at the Fourth World Conference on Women. Women's rights are becoming central not only for population programmes, but for all development activities and special attention is being given to reproductive health and rights.

By coming to Beijing you advanced the cause of women worldwide and you have our sincere admiration and gratitude.

I wish you well and thank you for myself, for UNFPA and for the millions whose lives you have touched.

Accept, Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Nafis Sadik, M.D.

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
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