



THE UNIVERSITY CLUB

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The First Lady
Hillary Rodham Clinton
White House
Old Executive Office Building
Room 18
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Dear Madam First Lady:

Subject: Personal and Confidential

On behalf of the University Club I want to thank you for having visited the club this past December to address the Women's Leadership Forum. I would also like to thank you for your handling of the unpleasant and unnecessary press that followed. It is hard to believe that such an occurrence could produce such interest. We were proud to host your event and the occurrences with Ms. Adams were unfortunate and not directed toward you or your visit to the club.

As I am sure you were aware, we had setup a private area for individuals to meet with you. Your handlers and security were well aware of the location. Unfortunately, Ms. Adams chose to use a private area of the club that is not available for any press or photography and to misrepresent to your people her authorization to do so. Perhaps, as she states, she was unaware of the club rules.

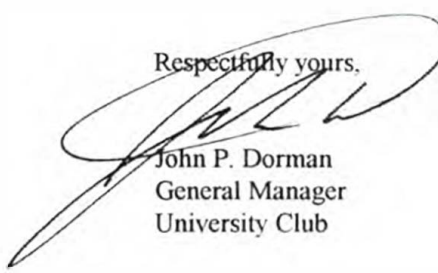
I spoke to Mr. Weed and told him that we didn't wish to comment on the press accounts unless you felt otherwise. We thought the story was blown completely out of proportion and its notoriety would wither on the vine in a matter of days. We felt that any comment would only lengthen its existence and allow for even more press and tabloid interpretations.

I personally apologize to you for any embarrassment you endured. I should have stayed at your side during the entire event and not permitted the incident to occur. Our club does have rules and I know that it was never your intention to violate those rules. I have made this clear to all of our members at every opportunity.

The lovely bouquet of flowers you sent was extremely thoughtful and gracious, they clearly show your good taste, dignity and elegance.

As The First Lady of our great nation, you (and of course The President), are always welcome guests of the University Club. I look forward to your visiting us again in the near future. If I can ever be of service, I hope you will not hesitate to call.

Respectfully yours,


John P. Dorman
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