

-- 9/13/95 from Lynda Dixon - You were terrific in Beijing!
They've had lots of calls saying you did the right thing.
See you on the 29th.

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She encloses copy of letter to the editor of Newsday from
Christopher D. Bodkin, Councilman of Islip, NY, highly
commending your speech in Beijing. As a Republican, he
usually pays little or no attention to your thoughts, ideas
or writings. He said your message came straight from the
heart - where the best speeches always come from. No one
could have represented the position of all Americans better.
Do you know him? ___ Yes ☒ No ___ Not sure

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☒ Respond to Chris Bodkin w/ letter r speech
___ cc to ~~Lisa~~ Jenny & O'Connor in Harold's office
___ cc to Melanne
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To: Hillary
From: Lynda
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Newsday
Letter to the Editor
235 Pinelawn Road
Melville NY 11747

Dear Editor:

As a Republican, I come from a culture that pays little or no attention to the thoughts, ideas or writings of Hillary Rodham Clinton. However, I must say I was deeply proud of her forceful speech delivered to the United Nations Women's Conference in Beijing on Tuesday, September 5.

I knew the Chinese leadership were in for it as I watched the look on the First Lady's face as she walked across the stage to the podium. I'll bet they knew they were in for it too. In my mind, I could just see them squirming in their seats back inside the old walled city.

As I sat riveted to my T.V., I was proud to see America's First Lady let them have both barrels. "It is indefensible that many women in nongovernmental organizations who wished to participate in this conference have not been able to attend or have been prohibited from taking part." Right on! And then this, "Let me be clear, freedom means the right of people to assemble, organize, and debate openly. It means respecting the views of those who may disagree with the views of their governments." Bravo! I shouted. As it went on, it got better and more specific and was nothing short of inspirational.

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Sincerely yours,

CHRISTOPHER D. BODKIN
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