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What is our new story?

November 22, 1995

Lissa Muscatine
Office of the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Lissa:

There is an episode in the legend of Parsifal and the Fisher King, concerning the mysterious malady that paralyzed the old King who held the secret of the Grail. It was not he alone who suffered; everything around him was falling into ruins, crumbling away - the palace, the towers, and the gardens. Animals no longer bred, the trees bore no more fruit, the springs were drying up. Many physicians and healers had tried to cure the Fisher King, all without the least success.

The knights were arriving there day and night, each of them asking first of all for news of the King's health. But one knight, who had long been journeying through the inner and outer landscapes of the medieval world - took the liberty of disregarding ceremony and politeness: his name was Parsifal. Paying no heed to courtly custom, he made straight for the King and addressing him without any preamble, asked: "Where is the Grail?" In that very instant, everything is transformed: The King rises from his bed of suffering, his wound healed, the rivers and fountains flow once more, vegetation grows again, the castle is miraculously restored, and the people of the kingdom are filled with new life and hope.

Those few words of Parsifal had been enough to regenerate the whole of Nature. For those few words had propounded the central question, the one question that can arouse not only the Fisher King but the whole Cosmos: Where is the underlying reality, the sacred, the center of life and source of existence, the Grail that quickens the New Story? No one had thought until then of asking that central question - and the world was perishing because of metaphysical, philosophical and psychological indifference, because of lack of imagination and absence of desire for reality.

Recently, the directors of La Casa de Maria in Santa Barbara, California asked me, "If you could invite any one hundred people in the world to spend five days with you in a beautiful secluded place, and you could ask them anything, what would be your question?" Immediately the symbol of the grail came to mind, and with it the question, **"What is the Grail of a New Story that can help turn the Wasteland into the Green land of the Possible Society?"**

I believe that this question of a New Story is essential to our survival, essential to turning the tide of negativism and breakdown. Without a lure of becoming, without a vision to empower our thoughts and actions we lose the passion for the possible, our wounds do not heal, our hearts and hopes grow bleak. Media trashes our souls with squalid imagery and sound bites of the Wasteland. Government becomes too big for the small problems of life, and too small in spirit for the big problems. Fundamentalisms grow in an attempt to gain some foothold of surety in the midst of chasms of unknowing. And what is worse, we don't know what to tell the children anymore. And yet, it is there in our midst, elusive but ever beckoning, the Grail of the New Story.

I write to you because I believe that you hold a piece of the New Story. I ask you to join me from May 6 to 10, 1996 as a guest of La Casa de Maria. During three days of focused conversation, leading thinkers from all persuasions will explore this issue that touches the core of our existence as well as our will to find a new vision in this most complex and critical of all times. If just sixty people gather at La Casa de Maria for five days to search together for the Grail of a New Story, I believe we may come up with something of lasting importance to all of us, as well as the many people whose lives we touch.

As host of this year's event let me tell you that the La Casa Invitational is an ideal opportunity to explore great questions at the deepest levels with people you have always wanted to meet. It is a periodic conference designed specifically to find answers to some of the world's most complex challenges. In a serene, natural setting, between 60 and 100 active people with diverse backgrounds discuss issues that have avoided resolution in other forums. Everyone participates equally. There are no prepared speeches, no arias, only a rich sharing of the soul of a great idea. The event will be recorded in anticipation of distribution in a book and a video.

Arriving for dinner on May 6, 1996, participants will meet for approximately 30 hours during the following three days, departing on May 10. There will be ample time for conversation and reflection between meetings, but it is good to arrive early and enjoy Santa Barbara. **Room and Board and all conference expenses will be provided to you as a guest of La Casa de Maria.**

La Casa appreciates your earliest response and, of course, you will not be registered until you send in the enclosed form. If you have any questions, please contact Don George, Executive Director of La Casa de Maria. I dearly hope that you will be able to join us. You are one of those people who profoundly make a difference

Yours in the New Story,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jean Houston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Jean Houston, Ph.D.

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☐ No I will not be able to attend but please consider inviting:



LA CASA INVITATIONAL

La Casa de Maria
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The Grail

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The Grail

La Casa Invitational • May 6 - 10, 1996
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La Casa de Maria

Main Chapel



Reservation and
Administrative
Offices



Casa Teresita Dormitory



Casa Regina



Casa San Ysidro Dormitory



Twenty-six acres in the oak-studded foothills of Montecito



Terrace Room

Seminar Room





The Christian Mandala, found in the meditation chapel, symbolizes the Cross of Christ within the universal Presence of God, the Cosmic Revelation.

The Goal—of La Casa de Maria is to provide, through its programs and its environment, a nourishing place of peace where persons of all faiths can search for truth, engage in dialogue, experience personal growth, realize their self-worth, experience the sacred, and then, refreshed and renewed, participate more responsibly in the creation of a just and peaceful world, and a whole and healthful earth.

Retreat Center—La Casa de Maria sponsors week long, weekend, and one-day retreats and workshops described in the semi-annual brochure. Programs include contemplative retreats, 12-step workshops and other programs in spiritual and psychological growth.

Contact: Program Coordinator.

Conference Center—La Casa de Maria is available to non-profit groups--churches, faculties, civic and service organizations, and human growth programs--which are compatible with our philosophy and retreat environment. La Casa de Maria has a variety of meeting rooms seating from 10 to 150 (audio-visual equipment available).

Contact: Conference Coordinator.

Facilities

La Casa de Maria:

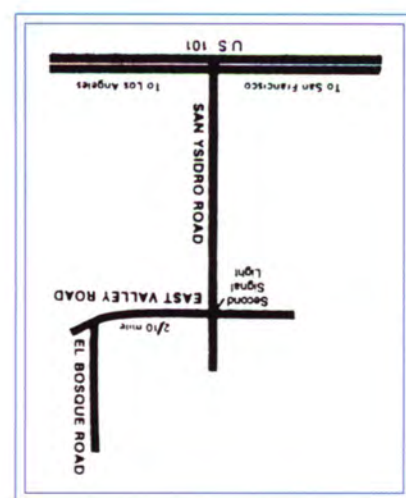
- 42 retreat rooms each with 3 twin beds, private bath.
- Casa Teresita Dormitory— sleeps 10.
- Casa San Ysidro Dormitory with bunk beds— sleeps 40, includes meeting room, dining room, and optional kitchen facility.
- A variety of meeting rooms for the use of residential and day-use groups.

Dining is buffet-style and vegetarian meals are available upon request. Available outdoor activities include hiking, swimming, ping-pong, tennis, volleyball and basketball.

For information on conference center availability and facilities, retreats or workshops, call 805-969-5031 or FAX to 805-969-2759.



Immaculate Heart Center for Spiritual Renewal (private non-directed retreats for individuals or married couples)— 6 private rooms with baths. For information on private retreats, call 805-969-2474.



800 El Bosque Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108
Retreat and Conference Center

La Casa de Maria

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mtg w/ HRC, MCB, JH

JH

Trip = great conv. full of women's issues w/o
balkanization of women's issues

Empowered mother-daughter relationship
- Ch represents future - children always
metaphor for lky ahead
educally, environmentally.

An emerging metaculture of a sisterhood
that transcends trad'l culture

Women are elicitors as transmitters of
culture → accelerators

mcB/

Tradition vs. transition - how
You have to drop habit of living in terms
of continuity & discontinuity
You need transition to achieve or get
back to trad'l values

Feminists unconf. w/ trad'l roles
We can only fulfill our caretaking destinies
by projecting them wider -

/IMAGES/

HRC

Shutts

Islamabad School for Girls

saw themselves as figures of transition

JH

Evocation of woman's conv. to gender.

HRC gives affirmation

MTB w/HRC

HRC: earned legitimacy by being subjected to criticism + attacks.

They could unburden themselves bc
of pillaging of HRC + bc of common cause

Hero/Heroine only accepted bc have been
wounded

Myth of Persephone.

HRC

School outside Lalae - village.

Encouraging + discouraging

Enc. bc girls excited abt learning

Discour. bc as far as they would
ever go.

Electricity = key to progress/education
in these backward countries

Adult Sexwork that can be carried over
future w/ electrification

> Components of family system
like Biblical times

Lalae

Colonial fresh the
LUMS

Girls + class

Importance of having a supportive husband

HRC/ Part 6 what translates for me - extraordinary
effort of women in Part 6 find

own voices & id's against
great odds

In some ways easier to do it
when obstacles are so concrete & obvious
but also demands great courage

Care and up admin for what they're
attempting to do against great odds
& embarrass also how why they
are in their positions & govt

India

- Voice of women (as theme)
- rooted in poem

Women Beyond Silence

Women's Autobiography -

→ finding a voice

→

Modern India - coming home to India
Mahabharata ~~the~~ wake up in India

Sewa, Solidarity of women

Shackles coming off

End of fear

great self confidence

finding self worth

HRC / South Asia Debriefing

- Diff than SEWA + comparable urban city
- aspirations not blown up by consumerism, media hype
 - they can say w/ pride & joy abt what they have done for themselves
 - sense of energy that is there & is missing here
 - energy in our country is misplaced nostalgia for a past that never existed
 - energy that is reactionary, that strips away dignity, individ
 - how do we get back to day to day efforts to build self esteem etc.

Life is an effort

Idea that you can do better than effort - want instant gratification

Rising inspiration vs. rising expectations

How do you maintain inspiration support in a media saturated culture that is prostrate in the marketplace

We need an incendiary vision of a possible future

How do we free up women from the marketplace when they won't be accepted —

How do you free up ^{not} ~~the~~ ^{real} ~~energy~~

HRL/SOUTH ASIA

Our mothers were there -

They were depressed

we traded their depression for our stress
That's not a gd. place is

How do we get where we need to get

MUB/

We have to accept yearning as a permanent
state - yearning keeps us vibrant, attentive,
searching

- ^{but} Consumerism tells us we can meet &
fulfill that yearning

- you don't solve it by eating, sex, new
things, cars, wall to wall capacity

- contemplation deepens the yearning

- What we are being told that we should be
able to get rid of our neediness -
that our problems can be solved

Satisfaction is the practice >
of the day

Zen and the art of child care

- attentive to small details as you go thru
repetitive

- we're told that is boring & menial

We have to rediscover

HRC / Debriefing

HRC Anger that it is not working
A set up - women doing more & more & more
small effort.

POVS / Study

every effort at integration towards the needs
of the integration

US is built on apologetic / salvator

HRC going back to old times means subordination

MCB Nuclear family has not worked out bc
it's hell on wheels for women
lonely, even, unproductive
women should not be alone w/ children

We have to disc. forms & institutions
that will give them a sense of
community

- Nuclear family is a myth

We (progressives) don't have a language, don't
have an energy, don't have imagery
we are defenders of a failed system
why defensive, listless, etc.

- Formation of reading groups

- Issue a challenge to meet w/ neighbors
abt sth specific - not to give money -
pot luck dinner in pr. neighborhood
One as host

THE INSTITUTE FOR INTERCULTURAL STUDIES, INC.

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April 8, 1997

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
c/o Lissa Muscatine
2238 49th St. NW
Washington D.C. 20007

Dear Hillary,

The year 2001 will be the centenary of my mother's birth on December 16, 1901. I have been working with the Institute for Intercultural Studies, a small foundation my mother founded, of which I am now president, anticipating a variety of events throughout the year. The purpose is not only to celebrate Margaret Mead's life and work but to stimulate at grass roots level new optimism and energy as we move on from the millenium.

I want to use the celebration to advance useful goals congruent with my mother's basic commitments. I plan to encourage various organizations historically associated with Mead, or others with like concerns, to design their own observances. The likely spectrum includes new editions of works now out of print, conferences, retrospectives of organizational achievements, K-12 programs. These things have very different kinds of lead time. To facilitate this kind of decentralized and open-ended process, we have decided to take as a key theme a commonly quoted statement attributed to MM (Johnnetta Cole suggested using this quote while I was at Spelman):

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Focusing on this slogan will allow a number of organizations to use the centenary to pursue their goals, with the stress on grass roots action and community building. Central to the plan is the need to emphasize Mead's range: anthropology, mental health, gender roles, race relations, environmentalism, ecumenism...etc. etc. My own view is that her interest in education and child development was central and that her thinking on female roles focussed not on

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oppression but on the need to nurture the next generation. In this she was very like you, in addition to being a life-long Democrat and ecumenically minded Christian.

I visualize a conference celebrating her centenary but focussing on grass roots activism and community building. What is the status of "small groups of thoughtful committed citizens" in this country today? What are the issues that started out that way and are now represented by huge organizations (e.g. the women's movement, the environmental movement)? How does the vision change when that happens? What issues lie ahead? What techniques have become available, such as use of the Internet? As we marvel at the achievements of this century and the global trends and longterm predictions for the next, we also need to support the willingness to act locally in the short term.

I hope I can persuade you to be involved in this project. With this letter I am enclosing a letter to the President suggesting the appointment of an Honorary Commission for the centenary. I would hope that you would be a part of that Commission. I rather doubt that there will be much money available, so most projects will have to be self-supporting, but the benefit will depend on the resonance between projects, which in turn depends on visibility. There will probably be a conference as part of the plan, at which I hope to persuade you to speak. You might find this project a useful take-off point for your own activities after leaving the White House.

I am also enclosing a list of names I have developed for possible members of the commission.

My mother used to sign her letters to Jimmy Carter, "working with you and for you." I do hope you know of my continuing support and my concern not to do or say anything publically that would complicate things for you or for the President.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. Bateson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mary Catherine Bateson
President, Institute for Intercultural
Studies

Some individuals who might be named to an Honorary Commission to celebrate the Margaret Mead Centenary. I have tried to develop a manageable list that reflects MM's major interests

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

Tipper Gore (because of her interest in mental health issues)

David Hamburg, Carnegie Council on Children

Wilton Dillon, Sr. Scholar Emeritus at the Smithsonian, anthropologist

Amitai Etzioni, Communitarian Movement

Johnnetta Cole, anthropologist and former president of Spelman College

John Gardner

Rt. Rev. James Morton

Ladonna Harris. Americans for Indian Opportunity.

Ambassador Andrew Young (MM worked with him when he was at UN)

Henry Cisneros

Two present or former members of Congress, one from each party, e.g. Brademas, Yates, Pell, Kean, Chafe, Kassebaum, Bradley, Hatfield

Several others have occurred to me who might be appropriate:

T. Berry Brazelton M.D.

Brian Urqhart at Ford Fdn. (Was spec. assist to Ralph Bunch at UN)

Alice Stone Ilchman -- chairman Rockefeller Bd. (was assist secy state for educatn).

David McCullough, author Truman, US historian.

Elizabeth Campbell, founder WEVO

Marian Wright Edelman

Frances Humphrey

Carlos Cardozo Campbell, Urban Planner, was Asst. Secy of Commerce.

Prof. Nathan Glazer, Harvard University Schl of Ed.

Rev. Theodore Hesburgh

Rev. Leo O'Donovan, S.J.

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April 8, 1997

President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington DC

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Dear Mr. President,

The Margaret Mead Centennial 2001
"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,
committed citizens can change the world."

I am writing to request that you appoint an Honorary Commission to celebrate the centenary of the birth of my mother, anthropologist Margaret Mead, in the year 2001.

A pioneer for family and children on a global scale, well ahead of her time, Margaret Mead was a household name both within the United States and abroad. She authored some 20 books in her name alone and co-authored an equal number, as well as large numbers of articles, both scholarly and popular. Following her death in 1978, she was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Margaret Mead was a patriot and a strong believer in equal opportunity. In anthropology, she was a spokesperson for the belief that human differences could not be accounted for primarily by reference to biology. Since her death, she has been criticized by those who rejected her belief in the human capacity to learn and change and the possibility of choosing and designing institutions for the future -- in that sense, hers was an anthropology of freedom. She was elected president of both the American Anthropological Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and publications since the attacks by Derek Freeman have confirmed the consensus of the American Anthropological Association that her work was fundamental to the field.

I am aware that there is likely to be little funding for this kind of commission, but I believe that its appointment will honor her memory and provide a context for some of the other projects I visualize. I am enclosing a list of persons who might be appointed and a copy of a letter to the First Lady describing some of the themes already under development.

Mr. President, I hope you will seize this opportunity to honor a distinguished scientist who stands for the priceless contributions women can make to society and a deep faith in our ability to choose our own future. Her words and thoughts are an essential part of our bridge to the 21st century.

On your side,



Mary Catherine Bateson
President of the Institute for Intercultural
Studies

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Margaret Mead

*Written by
Renée C. Fox*

*The Institute for Intercultural Studies
New York, 1979*

A PASSION FOR THE POSSIBLE

A GUIDE TO REALIZING YOUR FULL POTENTIAL

JEAN HOUSTON

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Heralded and championed by Deepak Chopra and Marianne Williamson, Jean Houston has served as an advisor to President and Hillary Rodham Clinton, and she worked closely with Mary Catherine Bateson in helping Hillary Clinton write *It Takes a Village*. Now comes her most accessible book yet.

"This book speaks to our capacity to gain a passion for the possible so that we may live lives worthy of our times, lives that will help to safely carry us across the threshold of one era and into the frontier of another." — Jean Houston

In the same vein as Deepak Chopra's *The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success* and Sarah Ban Breathnach's *Simple Abundance*, *A Passion for the Possible* distills Houston's discoveries and teachings of more than thirty years into a simple practical guide to becoming all we can be. Expanding on and enriching the inspirational message of her wonderful PBS special by the same name, *A Passion for the Possible* declares that our untapped human potential is far greater than we know. Through compelling examples and exercises, Houston shows readers how to explore their potential through courageously committing themselves to living a deeper, larger life as revealed in the great myths and religious traditions of the world. Readers also discover how to unlock their unique possibilities by claiming their distinct gifts on the physical, psychological, symbolic, and spiritual levels.

JEAN HOUSTON, Ph.D., is the bestselling author of many books, including *The Possible Human*, *The Search for the Beloved*, and *A Mythic Life*. An internationally renowned philosopher and teacher, Houston is the codirector of the Foundation of Mind Research in Pomona, NY, and a consultant to the United Nations, UNICEF, and other international agencies.

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May 20, 1997

Ms. Mary Catherine Bateson
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New York, New York 10021

Dear Ms. Bateson:

Thank you so much for writing to President Clinton. He appreciates knowing of your efforts to commemorate your mother's birth through public discussion of the values and issues that motivated her work.

Regrettably, the President will not be able to appoint an honorary commission to celebrate the centenary of Margaret Mead's birth. However, he looks forward to hearing about the ways in which this important milestone will be used to strengthen our country's notions of family, community, and civil society. And he appreciates your willingness to devote the time and energy that such an effort will surely involve.

Both the President and the First Lady send you their fond greetings and best wishes.

Sincerely,

James A. Dorskind
Special Assistant to the President
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May 25, 1997

Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

We are two entrepreneurial women who are fans of yours.

We have read your book, *It Takes A Village*, and noticed many references to Margaret Mead. Did you receive input from her biographer, Jean Houston? We understand that Jean Houston was a consultant to the White House. We know her to be a philosopher, dynamic lecturer and historian. We were appalled by the *Washington Post* article that called her a psychic. Do you feel Jean Houston contributed to your book and should get recognition for her contributions?

Sincerely,

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