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May 24, 1995

(Patti)
The Honorable Hillary Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

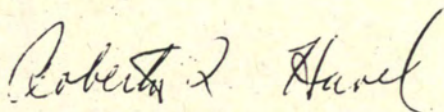
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draft video remarks honoring Arthur Flemming on his 90th birthday

Good afternoon. I regret I cannot be with you today to honor my good friend, Arthur Flemming, and to celebrate his 90th birthday.

Arthur, your tenacity and unwavering dedication to the social issues that have shaped the breadth of your distinguished career are a source of inspiration to all of us in public service. Your life tells us that good things are worth fighting for and worth waiting for and that age may sometimes be an inconvenience, but never a deterrent to doing what is right and what needs to be done.

Happy birthday, Arthur, and I look forward to working with you for many years to come to make our nation a better place for all of its citizens.

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

July 21, 1994

Statement by the Press Secretary

President Clinton announced today that he will award the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, to nine distinguished Americans. While the recipients come from many different walks of life, all have demonstrated the highest ideals of service to others, earning the admiration and respect of their fellow citizens. The President will bestow the medals at a White House ceremony on August 8, 1994. The honorees are as follows:

HERBERT BLOCK. Better known by his pen name, Herblock, he has contributed to the Washington Post's editorial page with insightful cartoons for nearly fifty years, earning numerous journalism awards, including several Pulitzer prizes. He continues his witty satire well into his eighties.

CESAR CHAVEZ. The founder of the United Farm Workers of America, Chavez became one of the most influential labor leaders of this century. He championed the rights of Hispanic farm workers throughout his courageous and inspiring life, which ended in April of 1993.

ARTHUR FLEMMING. Flemming distinguished himself through a long and impressive tenure with the federal government, serving under every President from Franklin Roosevelt to Ronald Reagan. He has worked as a member of the Hoover Commission, Chairman of the President's Advisory Committee on Government Organization, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, Chairman of the White House Conference on Aging, and Chairman of the Civil Rights Commission.

JAMES GRANT. Grant has proven to be a remarkably effective executive director of UNICEF, demonstrating consistent compassion and courage in his crusade on behalf of the world's children. Throughout his career, he has continued to try to alleviate suffering around the world and once led a relief convoy into the besieged city of Sarajevo after brokering a cease-fire.

DOROTHY HEIGHT. As a civil rights activist for half a century, Height has labored throughout her life to educate and empower women and African Americans and can claim a role in virtually every victory of the Civil Rights Movement. She continues to strive to combat violent crime against children.

BARBARA JORDAN. Jordan has worked to advance civil rights and ethics in government through her service as a Congresswoman and a professor. Today, she teaches politics at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Government at the University of Texas, encouraging ethical behavior among the would-be leaders of tomorrow.

LANE KIRKLAND. As President of the AFL-CIO, Kirkland has been a consistent voice for organized labor and freedom-loving people around the globe. He has worked to foster new partnerships between labor and management, helping our manufacturing sector to run more smoothly, efficiently, and fairly.

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HERBERT BLOCK. Combining humor, satire, and an incisive wit, Herbert Block, better known by his pen name Herblock, has endowed editorial pages with his skilled artistry for nearly half a century. His political cartoons continue to enliven the minds and tweak the sensibilities of millions of Americans. Usually selecting his targets from among the powerful of Washington, every President since Herbert Hoover has known the sting of Herblock's pen. He instills in our Nation's leaders a dose of humility, reminding all of us that public service is a privilege.

CESAR E. CHAVEZ. (Posthumously) With few material possessions, but guided by his parents' steady example, his Catholic faith, the lessons of Gandhi, and an unshakable belief in justice, Cesar Chavez brought about much needed change in our country. An agricultural worker himself since childhood, he possessed a deep personal understanding of the plight of migrant workers, and he labored all his years to lift their lives. As the leader of United Farm Workers of America, he faced formidable, often violent opposition with dignity and nonviolence. And he was victorious. Cesar Chavez left our world better than he found it, and his legacy inspires us still.

ARTHUR FLEMMING. The highest attributes of Government service are clearly evident in the brilliant career of Arthur Flemming. Serving every President from Franklin Roosevelt to Ronald Reagan, he is a proven resource of astute intelligence and steadfast loyalty. On the first two Hoover Commissions, he strove to renew and reinvigorate established principles of governmental power and responsibility. From his role as Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, to his landmark efforts as Chairman of the Commission on Civil Rights, he consistently challenged the status quo. He not only sought health care reform, but he also summoned our Nation to uphold its promise of equality. Arthur Flemming has selflessly labored for decades to make American Government more effective and efficient. A grateful Nation thanks him.

JAMES GRANT. Recognizing that our children are our most important resource and most profound responsibility James Grant has devoted his life to making the world a better place for its youth. He has proven to be a compassionate and visionary executive director at UNICEF, teaching us the disastrous effects of poverty, population growth, and environmental degradation upon the vulnerable and dispossessed children of our world. Under his leadership, UNICEF has fought to reduce disease, malnutrition, disability, and illiteracy on a global scale. His wise stewardship has pointed the way toward a future in which these adversities may no longer threaten our children. James Grant continues to create hope and opportunity where there was once only despair, earning our eternal gratitude and ensuring a brighter tomorrow for our world.

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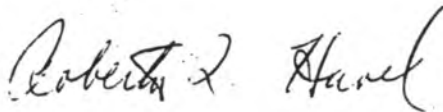
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