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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON  
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR  
INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL 1996  
AUGUST 23, 1996

Good evening. I am so sorry I cannot attend tonight's 25th Anniversary Gala Celebration. As Honorary Chair of the International Children's Festival, I wanted to take a moment to talk about how fortunate we all are to be part of such a special event for children and their families. This year's Festival is testimony to the outstanding work and achievement of the Arts Council of Fairfax County and their commitment to children around the world.

Over the past twenty-five years, the Festival has built an impressive history. From the very beginning in 1971 when the Festival reported 7,000 attendees to this year's crowd of 30,000, the Festival has grown to attract not only more visitors, but also the very best children's performing groups in the world. The level of enthusiasm and professionalism of these international performers is hard to beat. Twenty-five years from now, we will see many of these faces again as members of the Kirov Ballet, the Martha Graham dance company or even enrolled in the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Clown College.

Of course, the successes of the past twenty-five years could not have been possible without ~~the~~ generous support from the community and countless hours donated by all of the volunteers and committee members. Thank you for your contribution ~~to the~~ <sup>and for</sup> ~~goals of furthering~~ cultural exchange and international understanding. And thank you for your ~~tremendous~~ hard work and commitment to making this Festival such a joyous celebration of the spirit and talent of our children.

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**FAX Cover Sheet**

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*Laine McBarney*  
From *Dawn Alexander* To *Sabrina*  
Date *8/22/96* Time *10:00 am*  
Number of Pages *4* (including cover)

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**Special Instructions**

*Please see attached!*

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**If you did not receive all pages, please call  
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**VIDEO TAPING FOR INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL  
ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY**

DATE: August 23, 1996  
LOCATION: The White House  
TIME:  
FROM:

**I. Purpose**

You have agreed to serve as honorary chair of the International Children's Festival. While you are not able to attend the Gala Dinner to be held September 14, 1996, this video enables you to further associate yourself with children's issues and this Festival which furthers cultural exchange and international understanding. Most importantly, the video sends your personal thank you to the many volunteers, coordinators and sponsors who have worked so hard to make this year's event possible. Additionally, the video expresses your thanks for having been named honorary chair.

**II. Background**

The International Children's Festival, held annually at Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts, will celebrate its 25th anniversary on September 14-15, 1996. The festival will be held from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm each day. Helping the Festival celebrate will be host Bob McGrath, "Bob" of *Sesame Street*, the 1996 graduates of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Clown College and student performing groups from Argentina, Hawaii, South Africa, Sweden, Taiwan, R.O.C. and Uzbekistan. The Festival is produced by the Arts Council of Fairfax County, a private non-profit organization in Northern Virginia, in cooperation with the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts and the National Park Service. Since 1988, the Festival has been ranked one of the "Top Twenty Events in the Southeast" by the Southeast Tourism Society. Approximately 25,000-30,000 people attend the festival each year. Visitors watch the performances, visit the Arts\Technology Pavilion to experience arts and computers. Over 11,000 Washington metropolitan area high-school students participate in an electronic field trip.

The first Gala Reception was held at Meridian House in 1981. In 1982, the Gala moved to Wolf Trap. Due to a fire in 1983, the Gala took place at the Barns of Wolf Trap. From 1985-1988, the Gala was held at the Kennedy Center. In 1989, the Gala moved to its current location at the McLean Hilton at Tysons Corner, Virginia, where all the performers were housed.

Guests at the Gala Dinner will include: Honorary International Chair- Barron Hilton, Executive Committee Chairs- Gail and John Graham, Gala Committee Chairs- Todd A. Stottlemeyer and Jeffrey C. Hartman, committee members, members of the children's performing groups and other invited guests.

Previous Honorary Chairs include:

1995	Mrs. Tipper Gore
1994	Mr. Barron Hilton
1993	Her Majesty, Queen Noor Al Hussein of Jordan
1992-1991	Senators John Warner and Chuck Robb
1990	Governor L. Douglas Wilder, Virginia
1989	First Lady Barbara Bush
1988-1984	First Lady Nancy Reagan

### III. Participants

White House Staff

### IV. Press Plan

Gala Dinner is open to the press.

### V. Sequence of Events

- 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm      Gala VIP Reception
- 7:15 pm - 8:00 pm      Gala Reception (General Admission)
- 8:00 pm - 8:26 pm      Welcome by Committee Chairs
- 8:26 pm - 8:28 pm      Gala Committee Chairs introduce First Lady's Video
- 8:28 pm - 8:30 pm      **FIRST LADY VIDEO SHOWN**
- 8:30 pm - 9:10 pm      Children's performances
- 9:10 pm - 11:00 pm      Dinner (performances continue through dinner)
- 11:00 pm                  Finale

### VI. Remarks

(Attached)

**Draft Remarks for ICF Video Message  
International Children's Festival 1996  
First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton**

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Of course, twenty-five years could not have been possible without the generous support from the community and countless hours donated by all of the volunteers and committee members. I commend you for your contribution to goals we share- furthering cultural exchange and international understanding. In addition to the children's groups, each of *you* have given a tremendous performance!

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# HRC VIDEO REQUEST FORM

DATE TO BE RECORDED \_\_\_\_\_

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ APPROVED BY: HRC PS MW MV /CONFIRMED \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION	International Children's Festival
DATE OF EVENT	Sept 10
LOCATION	Wash DC [Wolftrap]
EVENT	Silver Anniversary 1996 Festival
WHITE HOUSE STAFF CONTACT	
CONTACTS	Dawn Alexander - 202-530-4501
BILL TO	(202) 530-4500
SEND TO	
SEND VIA	REGULAR MAIL _____ FED EX _____ ACCT # _____ SATURDAY DELIVERY _____ AIRBORNE EX _____ ACCT # _____ PICK UP _____ CONTACT _____ PHONE # _____
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NOTES	Per Tracey Labreeque, HRC is Honorary Chair * Draft script attached - additional promotional video? (ask Kenen F - re: paper attached)

VHS + 3/4"

*✓ already  
read  
by  
Brenda*



***NOTE TO***

***BRENDA/SABRINA:***

***PLEASE SEE BACK  
BINDER POCKET FOR  
ADDITIONAL  
BRIEFING/BACKGROUND  
MATERIAL THAT I HAVE  
OBTAINED***



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video

Give to → Holly  
per PSD

July 30, 1996

Ms. Patti Solis  
Director of Scheduling  
Office of the First Lady  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Patti:

How are you? I hope well. I spoke with Karen Finney who suggested that I submit this request through you. I hope you can help.

As you know, the First Lady has agreed to be the Honorary Chair for this year's International Children's Festival which will be held at Wolf Trap Farm Park from September 10-15, 1996. The event planners of this not-for-profit event respectfully request:

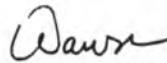
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Sincerely,



Dawn A. Alexander  
Director

cc: Melinda Bates  
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*Video Neg.  
Holly*

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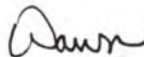
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Director  
First Lady's Correspondence  
The White House  
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Holly -  
ck w/ Tracey -  
Video requests -  
Patti

Yes per  
Tracey

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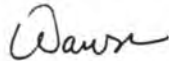
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White House Visitors Office  
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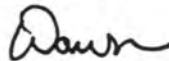
Please see the attached letter I have sent to Patti Solis requesting that the First Lady and, perhaps, Chelsea, visit briefly with the children dance delegations who are in town to perform at the International Children's festival from September 10-15, 1996. As you may or may not know, the First Lady is this year's Honorary Chair (Tipper Gore served last year).

While the Hawaiian delegation has already scheduled a tour for September 9, 1996, I am wondering if all of the children (five more groups of 20 each) could attend at the same time to make it easier for the First Lady to greet them all if she chooses.

I'd appreciate any assistance you could provide in helping me to get this coordinated. I can be reached on 202/530-4501.

Many thanks! I hope all is well. If I can ever be of help, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Dawn A. Alexander  
Director

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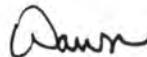
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As you are able to see from tonight's gala performances, the participating children's groups are highly enthusiastic and very entertaining. With a performance line-up as interesting and diverse as this year's Festival, it is no wonder Washington Parent Magazine voted The International Children's Festival the "Number One Children's Event

of the Year,” rivaling the White House Easter Egg Roll. In fact, the Festival is the only one of its kind which brings together children’s groups from around the world.

Of course, achievements as promising as this could not be accomplished without the hard work and patronage of all of you here tonight. A network of 1,200 volunteers from corporations, schools, civic organizations and arts groups have donated their time talents and energy to the Festival. This has been a wonderful community service! I would like to recognize everyone who has helped to make this festival such a great success for more than two decades.

As a photographer, I am especially sorry I will not be able to attend the Festival and capture all the smiling faces, colorful costumes, and unique performances on film. For those of you at tonight’s gala who have not yet had a chance to attend the Festival, gather your picnic baskets and cameras and take your children to Wolf Trap this weekend.

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June 26, 1995

RAT

Holly

~~Mr. Neel Lattimore~~  
Press Secretary to the First Lady  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

OK w/ Tracey to see if  
#KC is honorary chair / get  
paperwork to see if  
we should do video also

Dear Neel:

As you may know, the International Children's Festival is a pro bono client of ours, and we were delighted to learn that Mrs. Clinton has agreed to serve as Honorary Chair of this year's event.

Yes  
per  
Tracey.

Last year, Mrs. Gore graciously agreed to tape a welcome video for the guests who were in attendance at the dinner gala. Perhaps, Mrs. Clinton would entertain taping a video as well. For your information, I have enclosed a copy of the script we drafted and Mrs. Gore used. I hope you find it useful. If there is anything I can assist you with on this or any other project, please feel free to let me know. I can be reached on 202/530-4501.

Best wishes.

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Honorary Chairperson

**International Chairman**

- Burns Hilton,  
man, President and CEO,  
Holds Corporation
- Honorary Committee**
- The Honorable George Allen,  
Governor of Virginia
- Honorable Donald S. Beyer, Jr.,  
Lieutenant Governor of Virginia
- The Honorable Paul Sarbanes,  
The Honorable John W. Warner,  
The Honorable Barbara A. Mikulski,  
The Honorable Charles S. Robb,  
U.S. Senate
- The Honorable Frank R. Wolf,  
The Honorable Steve Hoyer,  
The Honorable Constance Morella,  
The Honorable James P. Moran,  
The Honorable Albert Wynn,  
The Honorable Thomas M. Davis, III,  
U.S. House of Representatives
- The Honorable Marion Barry,  
Mayor of Washington, D.C.
- The Honorable Katherine K. Hanley,  
Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors



# INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL®

May 7, 1996

**The President**  
**The White House**  
**Washington, D. C. 20500**

Dear Mr. President,

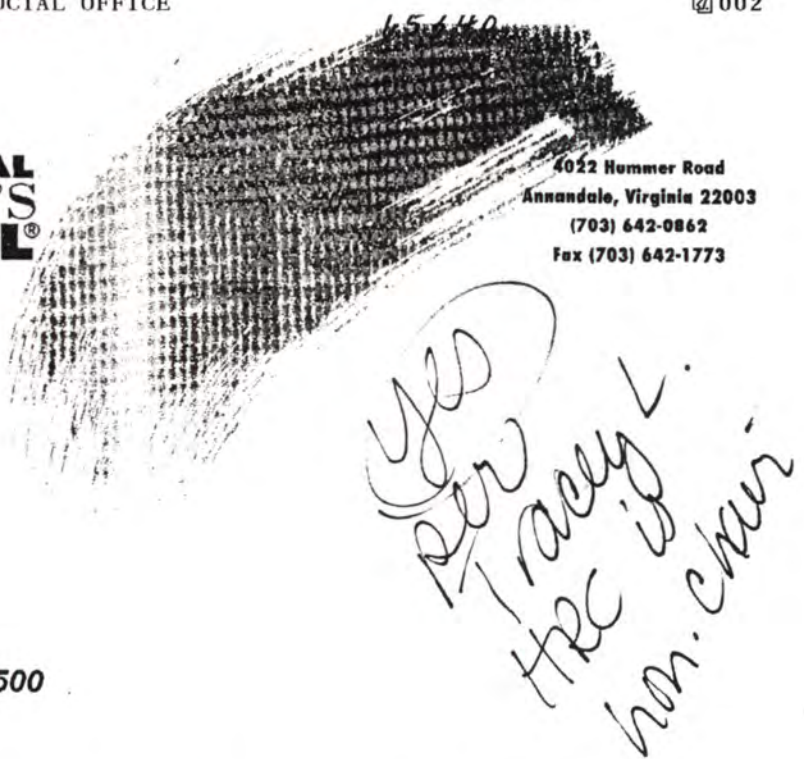
Your administration has been a true friend of the annual International Children's Festival over the years and our Board of Directors want to extend an invitation to you and your family to become our Honorary Chairpersons for the Silver Anniversary 1996 Festival at Wolf Trap on September 10-15, 1996. We were thrilled last year when Tipper Gore agreed to be our Honorary Chairperson for the 1995 Festival.

As you know, this non-profit annual event has been uniting children from countries all over the world for 25 years in a setting that promotes the exchange of customs, tradition, and artistic endeavors with Washington area students. You and the First Lady may want to consider an appropriate role for your daughter, Chelsea, in working with our entertainers like members of the Sesame Street cast or with our wonderful performing groups - children from around the world.

The highlight of this seven-day event is the two-day Festival on Saturday, September 14, and Sunday, September 15, 1996, at Wolf Trap Farm Park where children, families, and friends participate in hands-on workshops and watch student performers from countries around the world performing simultaneously on numerous stages. The entire event is produced by the Arts Council of Fairfax County in cooperation with Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts and the National Park Service.

**Gala Corporate Committee**

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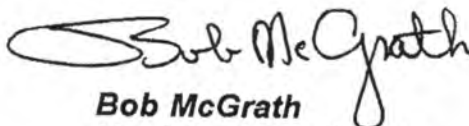
**As Honorary Chairpersons, we hope that the First Family could attend and offer remarks at the Gala Dinner on Saturday evening, September 14, at the McLean Hilton at Tysons Corner in McLean, Virginia. We also hope that the color and excitement of international children's stage performances would be an ideal backdrop for the First Lady and Chelsea to join the young performers for their traditional network morning show coverage on Thursday, September 12, at Wolf Trap.**

**For the past 25 years, the International Children's Festival has drawn more than 30,000 participants. In 1994, the Festival grew from three to six days and added an enrichment program for local students which involved a trip to Wolf Trap as part of their curriculum and global communications between the students through Internet.**

**Your efforts over the years to foster educational growth and community service not only in the Washington metro area, but nationwide, are well known. We would be thrilled to have your family participate as our Honorary Chairpersons and hope that you will consider our request. We have enclosed news clippings generated from last year's festival and literature about the event.**

**Thank you for your consideration of this offer or any involvement that might interest you for our wonderful event. Thank you and we look forward to a favorable reply.**

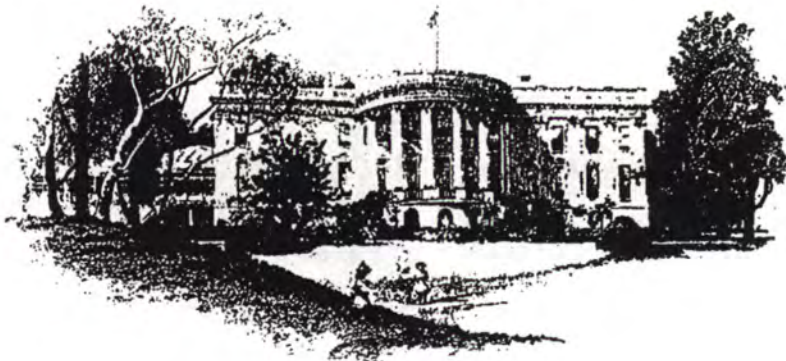
**Sincerely,**



**Bob McGrath  
Host, Sesame Street**



**Barron Hilton  
Chairman Emeritus**



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July 9

TO:

Holly

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FROM

Tracy

MESSAGE:

We accepted for only the

First Lady - to be only the Honorary  
Chair but not attend the event.

Call with any questions!

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The International Children's Festival will be holding their Silver Anniversary Festival at Wolf Trap Farm Park from September 10th-15th, 1996. As you know, you have been named honorary chair of this event. Approximately XXX people will be in attendance. Other speakers include XXX. Barron Hilton is the Chairman Emeritus of this event. Your video will be introduced by XXX and will be shown at the event's Gala Dinner on Saturday, September 14th at the McLean Hilton at Tyson's Corner in McLean, Virginia.

The International Children's Festival is a non-profit, annual event that unites children from countries all over the world in a setting that promotes the exchange of customs, tradition, and artistic endeavors with Washington-area students. The highlight of the event is the two-day Festival on September 14th and 15th where children and families participate in hands-on workshops and watch student performers from countries around the world performing simultaneously on numerous stages. The entire event is produced by the Arts Council of Fairfax County in cooperation with Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts and the National Park Service.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of this event. For the past 25 years, the International Children's Festival has had more than 30,000 participants. In 1994, the Festival grew from three days to six days and added an enrichment program for local students involving global communications between students on the Internet.