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June 9, 1997

MEMORANDUM

TO: Hillary Rodham Clinton
FROM: Nicole Rabner
RE: Conference on Human Capital Investments

I thought you might be interested in the attached material from a conference I attended last Friday, June 6, 1997. Sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the Council of Economic Advisors (CEA), the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), and the Board on Children, Youth and Families of the National Research Council and Institute of Medicine, the Conference explored "Human Capital Investments from Infancy to Adolescence." It brought together about 100 people, including leading researchers and a broad group of public policy-makers. The purpose of the conference was to bring a developmental perspective to the Human Capital Initiative, an effort launched by the National Science Foundation in collaboration with professional associations in the behavioral sciences to foster basic research directed at improving human resources. Deborah Phillips, who as you know participated in the White House Conference and runs the Board on Children, Youth and Families, spearheaded the conference.

As the attached program reflects, the meeting set out to evaluate investments in children, particularly in education, by focusing on emerging research on brain and behavioral development -- using the research, as you have urged, as a "hook" to enter the public policy debate about investing in children. The conference provided a forum for discussing the latest research on the effectiveness of human capital investments at different stages of development, and seemed to stem directly from the White House Conference.

Many of the presenters referred to and praised the White House Conference and you in particular for giving voice to an issue that has been given little public attention, while not dramatizing the "now or never" aspect of the earliest years of life (which was cautioned against by nearly every speaker).

The Board on Children, Youth, and Families was created in 1993 to provide a national focal point for authoritative, nonpartisan analysis of child, youth, and family issues relevant to policy decisions. Established under the joint aegis of the National Research Council (NRC) and the Institute of Medicine (IOM), the Board is uniquely positioned to bring the collective knowledge and analytic tools of the behavioral, social, and health sciences to bear on the development of policies and programs for children, youth, and families by synthesizing, analyzing, and evaluating scientific research on critical national issues.

Significant scientific advances in areas ranging from brain development to educational uses of the media have expanded capacity to use public and private resources to enhance children's lives. At the same time, many children grow up under conditions of precariousness that arise from family and community violence and disruption, infectious disease, economic instability, and other sources. Moreover, immigration and differential birth rates are fueling an unprecedented degree of cultural and linguistic diversity among children and youth. The resulting pressures on resources and social institutions are profound.

In this context, it is critical that choices about where and how to invest public resources be informed by scientific expertise on the and development of children, youth, and families. The members of the Board bring with them a breadth and depth of expertise necessary for studies of today's policy issues, including child and adolescent development, pediatrics, sociology, the law, education, public health, public policy, nursing, and economics.

Chaired by Harvard psychologist Sheldon White, the Board a broad range of work, including convening functions that foster the exchange of ideas among individuals with mutual interests, large-scale studies in which interdisciplinary committees are appointed to synthesize research and make recommendations on issues of national importance, and shorter-term projects that time-sensitive issues. The work is conducted by committees with expertise pertinent to the issues under consideration.

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Human Capital Investments From Infancy To Adolescence

2101 Constitution Avenue, NW
Lecture Room
Washington, DC
June 6, 1997

Human Capital Investments from Infancy to Adolescence

The Human Capital Initiative, launched by the National Science Foundation in collaboration with the professional associations in the behavioral sciences, aims to foster basic research directed at the need to improve the human resources of America's citizens. Today's meeting brings a developmental perspective to this initiative. Our specific goals are to: (1) highlight recent findings regarding the optimum timing and strategies for behavioral and social investments over the childhood years, (2) identify the gaps of our knowledge base, and (3) point to next steps for research to advance our knowledge about human capital investments.

10:30 - 11:00 AM Overview of the Issues and Major Themes Identified by Research

*Jerome Kagan
Department of Psychology
Harvard University*

11:00 - 11:50 AM Evidence on the Economic Returns to Years of Schooling and School Resources

*Alan Krueger
Department of Economics
Princeton University*

12:10 AM - 1:00 PM Lunch Speaker: Improving Human Health Capital for Low-Income Children

*Jon Gruber
Department of the Treasury and
Department of Economics, MIT*

1:00 - 1:50 PM Infant Brain Development: The Role of the Environment

*William Greenough
Department of Psychology
University of Illinois*

1:50 - 2:40 PM Language Development From the Cradle to the Grave

*Elizabeth Bates
Center for Research in Language
University of California, San Diego*

2:40 - 3:30 PM Cognitive Development During the School-Age Years

*Robert Siegler
Department of Psychology
Carnegie Mellon University*

3:30 - 4:20 PM The School-to-Work Transition

*Marta Tienda
Department of Sociology
Princeton University (as of summer, 1997)*

4:20 - 5:00 PM Discussion of Next Steps

Bennett Bertenthal, Moderator

10:00 AM Welcome and Purpose

*Kenneth I. Shine, President
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*Bennett Bertenthal, Director,
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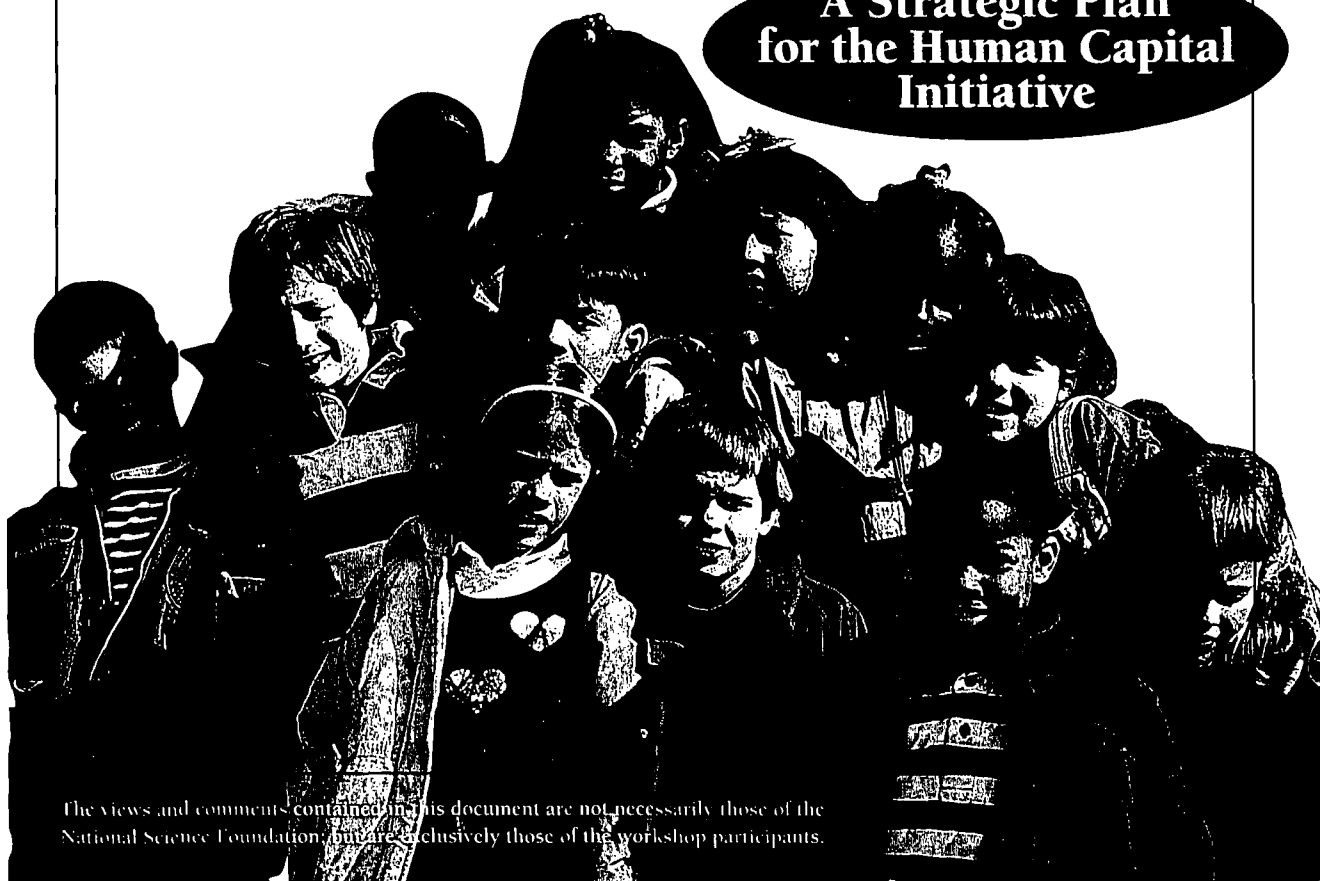
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Investing in Human Resources:

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Initiative**



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 9, 1997

Ms. Susan Carlson
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Dear Susan,

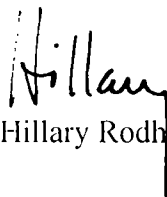
Thank you very much for your kind letter of support for the White House Conference on Early Childhood Development and Learning. I apologize for my delay in responding, and regret that your note only recently made its way to my office.

I share your belief that no discussion of early childhood development is complete without exploring ways to address the effects of prenatal alcohol exposure in children, as well as other conditions developed before birth. While the White House Conference primarily focused on the implications of emerging research for parenting, attention was given to the critical importance of prenatal care. Enclosed please find a transcript of the conference.

I appreciated hearing about your important work on behalf of Minnesota's children, and thank you for your continued support.

With warm regards to you and Arne, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hillary", with a vertical line extending downwards from the end of the signature.

Hillary Rodham Clinton

Enclosure



GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE
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April 14, 1997

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Hillary:

I recently became aware of the White House Conference on Early Childhood Development that you and the President are hosting this Thursday, April 17. I am so pleased that you believe greater awareness surrounding this issue is needed and Arne and I truly applaud your efforts.

Last month I kicked off an initiative in Minnesota addressing alcohol-related birth defects, more commonly known as Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effects. While I know your focus is on brain development during the early years of life, I am writing to recommend that you also include the effects that drugs and alcohol have on brain development in utero in your discussions at the conference. I know the agenda is already set and I see that you have a very impressive panel of experts participating. I noticed that Dr. Ezra Davidson will be discussing the importance of prenatal and perinatal services and that Dr. Carla Shatz will explain how children's brains grow and develop in the earliest years of life. I thought one of them could may be able to include alcohol-related birth defects in their remarks.

I became interested in this issue after working as a referee in juvenile court. The kids I see day after day in our juvenile justice system have had a great impact on me. As I read through their files and try to understand possible motives for their behavior, I keep coming back to one thing: family histories of substance abuse. While rarely do I actually see a diagnosis of alcohol-related birth defects, I am convinced that the vast majority of these kids suffer every day from the effects of prenatal alcohol exposure.

I honestly believe that most Americans do not realize that drinking during pregnancy can cause permanent brain damage. In fact, the effects of alcohol on a developing fetus are more serious than those of cocaine, marijuana or heroin. While a loving and nurturing environment are essential for all children, we must not forget that we can impact brain development both before and after birth.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request. Please let me know if there is any more information I can provide. I can be reached at (612) 297-2161. Arne sends his regards to you and the President.

Warmest wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Carlson".
Susan Carlson

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Ms. Nicole Rabner
Associate Director for Domestic Policy
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Nicole:

Thank you so much for your very kind words of thanks to me for participating in the White House Conference on Early Childhood Development and Learning. It was a great honor to be invited to participate, and I am delighted to hear from you that my remarks were appreciated. It was certainly a day to remember, and I was extremely proud to be able to tell the President, the First Lady and the honored guests about the striking progress that neuroscience research has made in the subject of brain development.

Please convey my thanks to the First Lady. Of course I remain willing to offer my help in the future should the need arise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carla".

Carla J. Shatz, Ph.D.
Professor of Neurobiology

p.s. I do hope that you plan to send me pictures from the photo session with the President and the First Lady preceeding the conference!



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May 12, 1997

Nicole Rabner
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Washington, DC 20500

Dear Nicole:

Thank you for your note, and thank you for all you put into that day at the White House. I was and am amazed that you could pull it off on such short notice. I think and hope it went well from your standpoint. I have gotten over a hundred phone calls and letters, so it surely paid off from mine. I hope Bill and Hillary didn't take personally my criticism of Welfare Reform, but I do hope they heard me. They were so great that day. Tell Hillary (or someone in your office) to read the Harvard Medical Alumni Bulletin this week. It said just what I did about not failing the Health Care Reform but transferring it to Big Business.

Best to you and congratulations,

T. Berry Brazelton, M.D.

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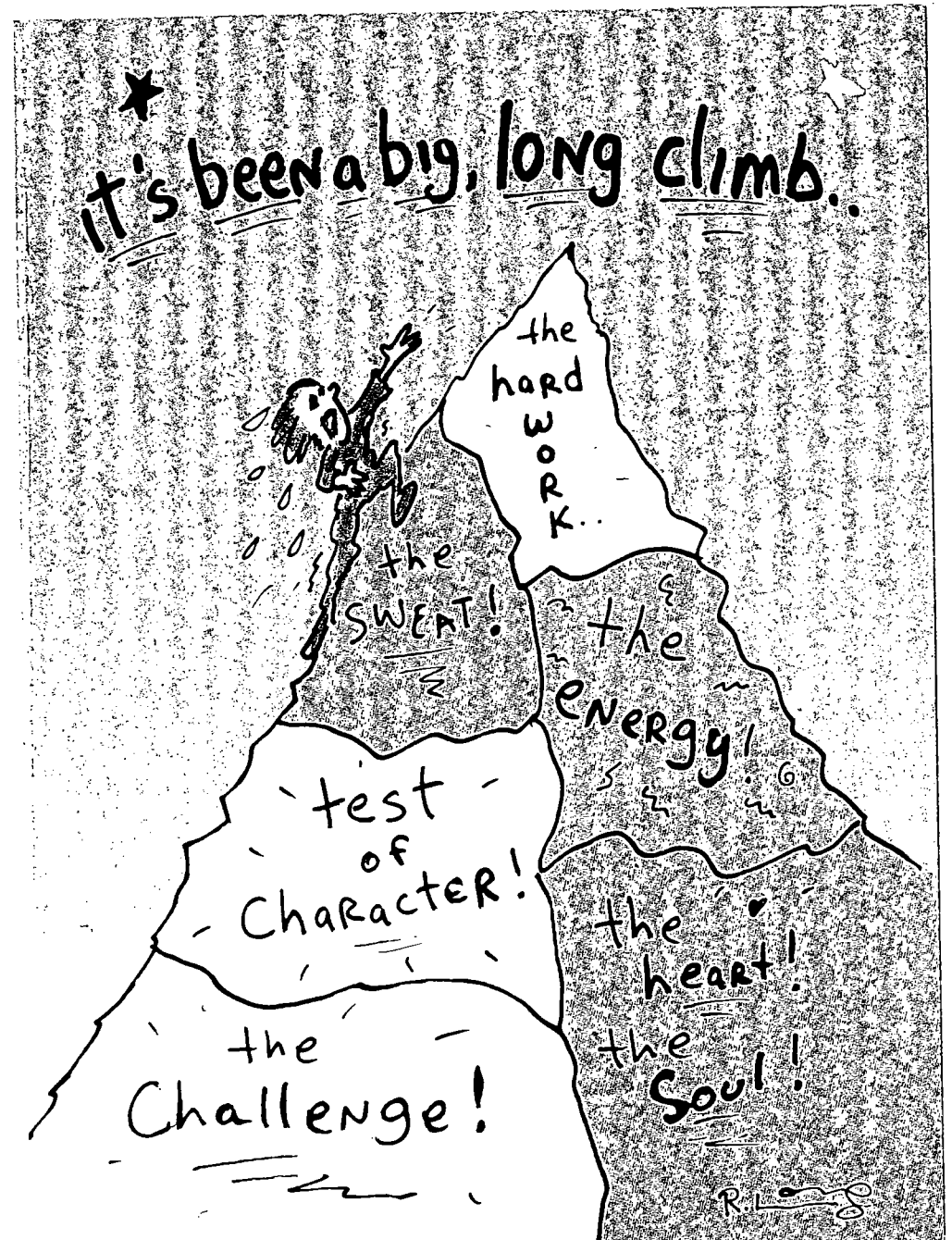


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Nicole -

All those details! All those eyes!

You managed it so well!! Congratulations -

It was a smashing success - take a
brief rest and on to the next project -

It was fun working with you and I hope
we have the opportunity to do it again - soon!

My best - Matthew McLeod

Nicole -

Heartiest congratulations. It was
quite a challenging balancing act and
you managed it with aplomb. I
hope we can talk about follow-up
when you have a chance. G!
all the best, Carol Beaman

Nicole -
Congratulations on an
excellent conference. We
recognize and appreciate
your hard work! Thanks
to you, your colleagues
for bringing recognition
to this important
issue!
Dorothy Cunn

Good job!
We are being
impressed +
enjoyed the
conference
Best, Harlan

Nicole -

& You deserve
a MOUNTAIN of PRAISE!!

CONGRATS!



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April 24, 1997

Nicole Rabner
Associate Director for Domestic Policy
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington

Dear Nicole,

This is just a quick note of thanks for inviting me to participate in the White House Conference on Early Childhood Development and Learning. Needless to say, it was a highlight of my professional career. I hope you were pleased with the outcome. I've attached a note of thanks that I've sent to the First Lady. She is as impressive and warm as everyone says.

Please let me know if I can help with the child care conference.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah".

Deborah Phillips

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April 24, 1997

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

It was a tremendous honor for me to participate in the White House Conference on Early Childhood Development and Learning. I applaud the leadership and compassion that you displayed in convening this conference. I hope you found the day to be as interesting and compelling as I did. I was particularly impressed by the juxtaposition of fascinating research evidence about the importance of the early years and first-hand accounts of remarkable efforts that have successfully addressed the needs of young children.

I would be happy to be of assistance as you plan the fall conference on child care. I hope this gathering will be as productive and inspiring as was the April conference. While there are many difficult issues to address, this is also a great opportunity to promote child care policies that are helpful to children and to working families.

We spoke briefly about the findings from the NICHD Study of Early Child Care regarding mother-infant interactions. I thought you'd be interested in knowing that the "insensitivity" of the mothers using extensive hours of child care starting before 6 months of life was not primarily seen in the form of detachment, but rather displayed itself as intrusiveness. Perhaps these mothers are trying to make up for lost time, coming home at the end of a long working day with strong needs to interact with their toddlers. In the process, they may be tuning out their children's signals that they are tired and need less interaction, rather than more. I think this is a lifelong learning task for working mothers, namely making the time and waiting for our children to come to us with their needs to play and talk, rather than fitting them into our schedules.

I am so pleased to have had this opportunity to participate in your important and timely conference on young children. It was such a significant day.

Sincerely yours,

Deborah Phillips



Blind Babies Foundation

Serving Children With Visual Impairments

April 23, 1997

Nicole Rabner
Office of the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Rabner:

On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, and the families and children served by the Blind Babies Foundation, I extend our heartfelt thanks to you for the wonderful hospitality extended to our Program Director Julie Bernas-Pierce at the recent White House Conference on Early Childhood Development and Learning.

We are very grateful for the opportunity to be represented at this important Conference. Julie brought back information, ideas, and contacts that will be extremely helpful to us in our work with young children who are visually impaired and multihandicapped. We believe that the seeds planted at the Conference will result in tremendous benefits to these children as well as to their families and to the professionals who work with them.

Thank you for helping to bring the Conference to fruition and for all of your hard work in making it such a success.

Sincerely,

DENNAK L. MURPHY
Executive Director
BLIND BABIES FOUNDATION



April 21, 1997

Ms. Nicole Rabner
Associate Director of Domestic Policy
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Ms. Rabner:

It was a privilege to be able to participate in the White House Conference on Early Childhood Development & Learning. The Conference has very nicely focused national attention on the issues of early childhood development. There is a splendid momentum being developed that might actually lead to practical changes and new research.

You did a fantastic job in organizing the Conference, and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Again, thanks for all that you did to make the day so special.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Don".

Donald J. Cohen, M.D.
Irving B. Harris Professor of
Child Psychiatry, Pediatrics and Psychology

DJC:kt



To Nicole

TUFTS UNIVERSITY
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Center on Hunger, Poverty
and Nutrition Policy

4/23/57

Dear Melanne:

You folks did a superb job on the
White House Conference on the Brain, and
I deeply appreciated the invitation to attend.
Hillary, whom I've known since early CDF
days, spoke to the issue powerfully. We're
lucky to have her.

Sincerely,
Larry



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Dated: April 30, 1997

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Re: White House Conference on Early Learning and Brain
Development

Thank you very much for including Dr. Judy Hudson in the White House Conference on Early Learning and Brain Development. She considered it a most worthwhile experience.

She is very interested in the next stage of the process, which is even more in line with her expertise.

RSR/cb

cc: Marsha
Nicole

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David A. Hamburg, M.D.
President

April 24, 1997

Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Hillary:

During the past week I have had wonderful feedback about our meeting on early childhood development. That certainly coincides with my own view of it. From my perspective, it was a profoundly moving and truly historic event. To my knowledge, there has never been a time when such high level, thoughtful, forward-looking interest has been focused on our youngest children.

If public understanding matters in a democracy -- and surely it must -- then this is a unique opportunity. I believe that events will flow from your meeting that foster an authentic culture change over the long term, a change of fundamental benefit to children and their families.

In all of this, your leadership has been exemplary, indeed off the scale. You have brought to the great task not only dedication and contagious enthusiasm, but also your luminous intellect, rich knowledge and profound insight. I know that you will sustain this vital effort for many years to come.

With every good wish,

As always,

David



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April 21, 1997

Ms. Nicole Rabner
Office of the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Nicole:

Please accept my congratulations for your efforts in coordinating the White House Conference on Early Childhood Development and Learning. Every participant I spoke with had nothing but praise for the conference itself and those who organized it. The First Lady herself, in her remarks at the post-conference reception, singled you out for a job well done.

Regarding the conference itself, as a "Lay Person" who has long been an advocate for children, it was an honor to be included with the extraordinary group of people in attendance. Having the opportunity to speak with and learn from people such as Dr. Brazelton, Dr. Hamburg, and of course, the President and Mrs. Clinton, was a very special experience.

It has been my pleasure to share the message of the conference with a great number of people here in South Florida, including listeners to WFTL-1400AM, the Fort Lauderdale talk radio station on which I am a frequent guest and occasional guest host.

Once again, thank you for your efforts. And please remember, if you are involved with planning the conference on Child Care scheduled to take place this fall, I would greatly appreciate being considered for participation in that event as well.

As an advocate for children and with three grandchildren under the age of four (with another "on the way"), I have a special interest in and a unique perspective on the subject.

Please express my gratitude and personal regards to the First Lady. I believe Mrs. Clinton knows how much I admire and respect her, and now even more so after her enlightened involvement in this conference.

Sincerely,

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cc: Marsha
Nicole ✓

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23 April 1997

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Dear Mrs. Clinton,

Many thanks for the invitation to the White House conference and for your kind words about our special issue. The response has been enormously positive, and we certainly appreciate your role in our pages.

The conference was a great way to put the subject in the brightest possible spotlight. There's obviously much more to do, but we will continue to do our best to spread the word.

Thanks again.

Rick Smith



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May 6, 1997

Alice J. Pushkar
Director of Correspondence for the First Lady
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Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Ms. Pushkar:

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the invitation to the April 17 satellite viewing of The White House Conference on Early Childhood Development and Learning, and to the reception on the South Lawn that afternoon. It was both a personal and professional honor to attend, and I was particularly pleased to hear the President mention a program which would train, among other professionals, probation and parole officers in child development.

Probation Officers for the Arlington Juvenile Court Services Unit conduct custody investigations as well as criminal investigations, so that we have an ongoing interest and concern about all children's issues and experiences. While reading some of the materials distributed after the reception, I noted pamphlets available from the Department of Education, which describes for parents some of the ways in which they can become more involved in their children's learning at home and in school. I have since received a number of the pamphlets, which are now placed in the Court's waiting areas, and we are now on the Department's mailing list.

Thank you for providing me with a very exciting opportunity, which hopefully will have some impact on the clients and families we all serve. We wish the President and First Lady continued success in addressing children's learning and development.

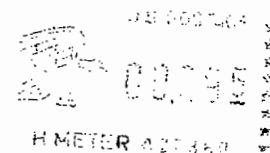
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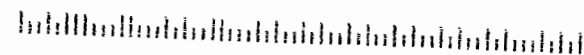
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April 23, 1997

Mrs. Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

It was a great pleasure to participate last week in the *White House Conference on Early Childhood Development and Learning: What New Research on the Brain Tells Us About Our Youngest Children*. The stimulating presentations gave one much to consider, both from policy and programmatic perspectives, and will provide a strong foundation from which to disseminate further information.

Dr. Carla Shatz is a long-time member of the Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives, the public outreach arm of the Foundation, and frequently works with us in our efforts to take information about the developing brain to the public. It is always exciting to hear her speak, particularly to audiences for whom the science is still new. Both Carla and Patricia Kuhl collaborated with us in 1995 in producing a one-hour radio program on the developing brain, *Gray Matters: The Developing Brain*. The program, distributed through the National Public Radio system, is an expanded discussion of the neuroscience which was presented at the conference. Tapes of the program are now available through our fulfillment program. I enclose a copy which may be useful to you and your staff as you consider possible avenues for dissemination of this valuable information.

Again, my thanks for including the Dana Foundation in this important conference, and I look forward to watching the progress of its follow-up activities in the months ahead.

Respectfully yours,



Edward F. Rover

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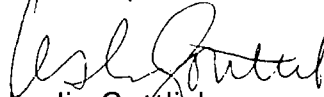
Ms. Nicole Rabner
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Rabner:

Congratulations on a terrific, well organized conference! It was exciting to learn about the new research on early brain development, and to see the importance the President and First Lady give to this subject.

Hannah Kinn was very pleased to be there and we very much appreciate your help. Our children wanted to thank you.

Sincerely,



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