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Louise Donkin, 11:14 AM 10/09/19, DEBT

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Date: Fri, 10 Sep 1999 11:14:06 BST

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Dear Tony,

I am writing on behalf of the SPEAK campaign and prayer network to say thank you for all your help and support. Recently we received an e-mail from Alison which said that you gave some information about debt cancellation for the worlds poorest countries and Jubilee 2000 to President Clinton before he went to the summit in Cologne. We really wanted to say thank you for doing this because we believe it will make a real difference to the lives of millions in poverty around the world who are deeply affected by the crushing debt repayments their country is bearing. Thank you!

We also wanted to write a letter thanking the President for what he has done. We have posted one to him, but we thought it unlikely that he would get to read it. We have sent you a similar letter, which you can pass on to him with our thanks if you feel it is appropriate. We were not sure if it was appropriate to ask you to do this but we felt the need to express our gratitude. It has been written on behalf of the 8000 students and young adults who have been active in campaigning and praying for change on this issue.

As well as saying thank you we also wanted to raise some issues of concern about the conditions which are being placed on debt relief.

Respected groups
such as UNICEF have produced research which demonstrates how the
Structural
Adjustment Programs implemented by the World Bank and International
Monetary
Fund have hurt the poor through enforced cuts in health and
education
spending. We are concerned that in order to make sure that the
money
released by debt cancellation reaches the poor that debt
cancellation is not
made conditional on the implementation of these damaging
programmes. We are
also concerned that groups within each country monitor the process,
including national governments and local civil society
organisations, (not
just by the creditors).

Even though a large quantity of debt has been cancelled we are
still
concerned about the debt which remains. Even small levels of debt
will
affect poor countries in big ways, unless there is a moratorium on
all debt
repayments which includes a freeze on interest repayments. Jubilee
2000 has
identified 52 countries as needing substantial or total debt relief
by the
end of the year 2000. However it appears that only 28 of these are
expected
to qualify by the end of the year 2000; of these around 16 will see
their
annual payments reduced; of these just 3 will see their annual
payments cut
by more than half.

There is a meeting on September 23rd in Washington of the World
Bank and
International Monetary Fund, which will decide how the decisions
made in
Cologne are implemented. If you could ask the President to raise
these
issues of concern there and to continue to push for more debt
cancellation
that would be great. We have explained these points of concern in
more
detail in the attached letter.

Thank you, once again for all your amazing help and support which has been a fantastic encouragement to everyone involved in SPEAK. We hope that we have not overwhelmed you with requests. We were also wondering if it would be possible to meet you to up date you when you come to the UK in September.
Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Louise Donkin
(On behalf of the SPEAK Network).

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David Pryor
1-10-99

Dear Mr President

Hope this letter finds you well and ready for
The New year.

Two weeks ago, Joe Fred Starn wrote me about
a doctor/scientist at Johns Hopkins, Dr. Hua Zhong,
of China. According to supportive letters and conversations,
Dr. Zhong may be on the brink of earth shaking new discoveries
in finding the cure and ways to prevent cancer, especially
prostate cancer. As you know, Joe Fred has been battling this
dreaded disease for over a year.

Our government is now about to DEPORT Dr.
Zhong, because his visa is going to expire! I cannot, and
I know you cannot comprehend such an act, and I
respectfully urge you to intervene in this case.

His request for waiver is now in the State Department,
after languishing for weeks (his file was misplaced) in the
Department of Defense, Waiver Review Division. It is
case # NWO76968. I am told that to review a file like this,
it could take as long as 6-8 weeks. By then, this valuable
man will have been deported. Should this actually happen,
in my opinion, this is nothing short of criminal. I
can't believe we are going to let this happen.

I am trying desperately to help - but thus far
have been very discouraged at the general response and
lack of concern throughout the system.

Can you do something? I respectfully ask you to help.

Your friend, David

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[Enclosures]

JOE FRED STARR
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Fayetteville, AR 72701

December 27, 1999

Honorable David Pryor
#10 Greenbriar
Little Rock, AR 72202

Dear David:

RE: Hua Zhong, MD, Phd.

I know you are retired from politics. I also know you have made remarkable contributions to the welfare of the country. Could you do one more? Could you do something which might cure many of the major causes of cancer?

I have terminal prostate cancer – This is too late to help me, but may help those who get it in the next few years as well as cure many other types of cancer.

I am working with the top prostate research scientists at John Hopkins Medical Institute. A Chinese visitor, a Doctor Hua Zhong is working with them and has made an earthshaking breakthrough. He discovered the Hypoxia Inducible Factor 1 alpha gene (HIF-1 α). That gene is the one that causes blood vessels to grow into tumors, not just in prostate cancer but in breast cancer, lung cancer, ovarian cancer and a dozen others.

Just as important Dr. Zhong has identified what turns on HIF-1 α in cancer cells which is a pathway (RI3) that may be blockable by four different drugs. Some of his work has just been published in the newest issue of Cancer Research (November 15, 1999).

The U. S. Government is going to deport Dr. Zhong before he finishes his work! Can you believe it? Not because anyone wants to, but because the bureaucracy simply cannot function quickly enough to process his visa application or extension.

Can you help stop such a stupid thing from happening?

Honorable David Pryor
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I attach a letter from the Director of the National Cancer Institute (Attachment A) to the USIA explaining how important this is.

Here are some of the basic facts:

500,000 American citizens will die this year of the 12 leading causes of cancer.

Dr. Zhong's research according to the John Hopkins scientists (such as Dr. Jonathan Simons) has the possibility of a major cure on all 12, not just prostate cancer.

Dr. Zhong must leave this country in March, 2000 if his J-1 visa status is not extended by the United States. The Chinese government refuses to consent to such an extension. He is not a "Fulbright". The law does not require him to return to China.

The Defense Intelligence Agency has granted clearance. The Department of Defense is going to recommend to the State Department that Dr. Zhong's J-1 visa waiver be granted. See letter from the Office of Under Secretary of Defense (Attachment B).

BUT

To complete the process at D.O.D a "Research Assessment" of the importance of the research must be made by a "Research Officer" who knows how long this will take? (Isn't the opinion of the Director of the National Cancer Institute good enough?)

Although the file has been mislaid at times a Ms. Peggy Rock at D.O.D. now has the file. She will not tell anyone who the "Research Officer" is. She says this information is classified.

After this "Research Assessment" is done (if ever) Ms. Rock apparently does not know who exactly and to what offices of the State Department she is to send the file, but believes it will take the State Department five (5) months to process the file (by which time Dr. Zhong will be long gone).

Ms. Rock's telephone number at D.O.D. is 703-647-3459 or 703-693-2982.

Honorable David Pryor

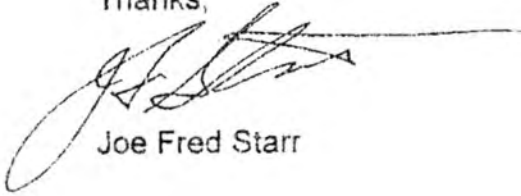
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Can any of your old friends in Congress help? Can anyone get the D.O.D. to move on its research assessment? Can anyone get the file sent to the right place at State? Can anyone get the State to act promptly?

I hate to impose on your goodwill but I really believe this is the most important thing going on in the war against cancer and future generations will bless you if you can help.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joe Fred Starr", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe Fred Starr

JFS/nw

Enclosures (2)



U.S. ARMY MEDICAL RESEARCH AND MATERIEL COMMAND
121 PALADY STREET
FORT DETRICK, MARYLAND 21741-5014

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

October 13, 1999

Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs

ATTACHMENT B

Office of the Under Secretary of Defense
(Acquisition & Technology)
ATTN: Congressional Actions & Internal Reports/Peggy Rock
Room 3D765, Pentagon
3020 Defense
Washington, DC 20301-3020

Dear Sir:

I fully support Hua Zhong's, M.D., Ph.D., application for a J-1 Visa extension. During the past year, Dr. Zhong has been critical to the accomplishment of a prostate cancer research project funded by the Department of Defense, Prostate Cancer Research Program. The ultimate goal of this project, titled "Oncolytic Gene Therapy for Prostate Cancer," is to design highly specific and effective therapies for prostate cancer.

Dr. Zhong is a highly skilled, competent and capable scientist, and is dedicated to developing new treatments for human cancers. During this post-doctoral fellowship, Dr. Zhong has made a major discovery involving a gene that initiates the process allowing cancer cells to turn on their own blood supply and thereby metastasize. This area of research (angiogenesis) is one of the scientific community's highest priorities targeted for new cancer treatments, and Dr. Zhong's research has attracted international acclaim. It is vital that Dr. Zhong be granted an extension to the J-1 Visa and continue analyzing this important gene.

Thank you for your consideration of Dr. Zhong's, application for the J-1 Visa extension.

Sincerely,

Patricia C. Modrow, Ph.D.
Deputy Director for Grants
Management

ATTACHMENT A

National Institutes of Health
National Cancer Institute
Bethesda, Maryland 20892

August 19, 1999

United States Information Agency
Office of the General Counsel
Waiver Review Branch
Washington, D.C. 20547-0001

RE: J-1 Visa Exception for Dr. Hua Zhong

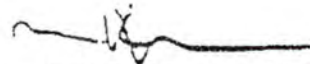
Dear Sirs:

As Director of the National Cancer Institute, and a matter of national interest, I am requesting a J-1 visa exception on behalf of Dr. Hua Zhong who is a post-doctoral fellow in the National Institutes of Health, Special Program of Research Excellence (S.P.O.R.E.) at The Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine. I am specifically requesting a waiver on behalf of Dr. Zhong, as his continued stay in the United States is in the public's best interest.

Dr. Zhong is conducting novel research on the HIF-1 α gene, which appears to be an important new marker for cancer prevention, and a new target for treatment of lung, colon, breast, ovarian, kidney, and prostate cancers. These cancers have been responsible for the deaths of over 1 million U.S. citizens in the past 3 years, and his work may have a significant beneficial impact on future therapeutics of this disease.

Dr. Zhong is uniquely qualified and trained under the direction of Professors Donald S. Coffey, Patrick C. Walsh, Martin D. Abeloff, and Jonathan W. Simons to conduct this important direction in cancer research in the National Institutes of Health S.P.O.R.E. at Johns Hopkins. In the event a specific form is required with this request, please forward it to the undersigned. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Richard D. Klausner, M.D.
Director
National Cancer Institute

cc: Senator Barbara Mikulski
Senator Paul Sarbanes
Dr. Hua Zhong
Judge Ralph Burnett
Dr. Patrick C. Walsh
Dr. Donald S. Coffey
Dr. Martin D. Abeloff
Dr. Jonathan W. Simons

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Joe O'Neill

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MELANNE VERVEER *[initials]*
MARIA ECHAVESTE *[initials]*

RE: SOTU GALLERY

Following is a list of suggested guests to sit in the First Lady's gallery for the State of the Union.

SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

To continue highlighting your efforts to advance technological breakthroughs in science over last 7 years. The government-funded Human Genome Project is one such endeavor.

(Talk to OSTP)

Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D., Director, National Human Genome Research Institute, National Institutes of Health

Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D., is a physician-geneticist and the Director of the National Human Genome Research Institute. In that role he oversees the government's fifteen-year project aimed at mapping and sequencing all of the human DNA by the year 2003. Many consider this the most important scientific undertaking of our time. The project is currently running ahead of schedule and under budget.

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EDUCATION

Ruth Summerlin

To highlight a turn-around school that has succeeded by incorporating many of the measures you have articulated for improving education: smaller class size, teacher standards, and after-school programs, among others.

Principal, Beaufort Elementary School, Beaufort, South Carolina. Beaufort Elementary School serves a predominantly low-income population of 573 students in grades Pre-K through 5. Five years ago Beaufort Elementary School was classified as one of the worst 200 schools in South Carolina. After implementing a five-year school improvement plan Beaufort Elementary has now been named a Blue Ribbon School. Last year's test scores indicated that their students were above the district and state averages in both reading and math. Beaufort has both after-school and summer school programs for remediation in both reading and math. The school receives Title I funding, and their district received Goals 2000 funding. Beaufort Elementary has

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reduced class size in grades 1-3 to a ratio of 15 to 1, although they did not receive federal class size funding. Beaufort was previously a 100% free and reduced lunch school, but with the recent improvements it is now attracting students from private academies and other suburban schools. Ruth Summerlin has been the principal at Beaufort for seven years, and was instrumental in the school turn-around.

✓ **Governor Gray Davis**

An elected official always sits in the Gallery. Gov. Davis has shown great leadership on education issues in California and will reinforce your education message.

In his State of the State Address on January 5, Governor Gray Davis issued a "call to arms" to recruit and train new teachers for what he called "the war on mediocrity" in the state's public schools. The Governor's proposal would focus on recruiting teachers to public schools that rank in the bottom 50% on standardized tests. His plan would create forgivable student loans for those teachers and create teaching fellowships and salary bonuses. On January 1, Governor Davis became the Vice-Chair of the Democratic Governors' Association (DGA) for 2000.

YOUTH/ANTI-VIOLENCE

To highlight your efforts to combat youth violence, of which the shooting at Columbine is the most painful example.

✓ **Tom Mauser, Colorado**

Tom Mauser's son, Daniel (age 15) was killed on April 20 at Columbine High School. Since Daniel's death, Tom has taken on the cause of gun control and has been a visible advocate at gun control events around the country, from the protest rally at the Denver NRA convention shortly after the Columbine shooting to the First Lady's Mother's Day event at the White House. Earlier this month, Tom took a leave of absence from his job at the Colorado Department of Transportation to become a full-time lobbyist for a Colorado-based bipartisan gun-control group, SAFE (Sane Alternatives to the Firearms Epidemic) Colorado.

CRIME

To highlight your commitment to reducing crime. The COPS program has been one of your most successful initiatives in this area.

Tbd COPS-funded Officer

ECONOMY/DIGITAL DIVIDE

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✓ **Tracy Johnson**

To focus attention on a real person whose life has been changed by the opportunities of the new economy.

A 24 year old African American single mother of three. In August 1999, she had just had a baby, and was, in her words, "destitute" and trying to figure out what to do with her life. She was unemployed, living at a shelter for homeless families, and had limited knowledge of basic computer skills. Tracy proved to be an outstanding student in the 5 week OpNet EntryNet training, in which trainees learn web design software, web site design and construction, and project management, while being acculturated to work in the fast-paced new economy. Upon graduation from the EntryNet training, OpNet placed Tracy in a four month internship earning \$10 per hour as an assistant web designer at Miller Freeman Company. She so impressed her supervisor that she was offered a full-time position as a Web Developer at a starting salary of \$45,000 plus a benefit package.

One of the Following Business Leaders:

To highlight a corporate leader who is using the benefits of the new economy to help bridge the digital divide

E. David Ellington

Founder and CEO of NetNoir "theblacknetwork", a multimedia company and Web site that caters to the African-American community. Ellington also co-founded OpNet in 1997 to bridge the digital divide by creating economic opportunities for low-income young adults, increasing the employment of women and people of color in the digital economy, and helping to meet the growing demand for skilled media workers. This business-community partnership provides low-income youth with a bridge to entry level opportunities at San Francisco Bay Area's new media companies through training and internships. Since August 1997, OpNet has trained over 115 low-income young adults, with 80 percent having been placed in jobs or currently in internships. Average post-internship earnings are \$14 per hour. OpNet's operating budget is \$520,000.

Lou Gerstner

CEO, IBM. He's a lifetime advocate of the importance of education. At IBM, he has established Reinventing Education as the company's program in support of systemic school reform. Through Reinventing Education, IBM has initiated strategic partnerships with 21 states and school districts, which are utilizing IBM technology and technical assistance to eliminate key barriers to school reform and improve school performance.

✓ **Robert (Bob) Knowling Jr.**

African-American CEO of Covad, a telecommunications/broadband/high-speed internet access company. The Telecommunications Act helped create his industry. He is spearheading a Digital Opportunity Initiative to help recruit minorities into the information technology industry.

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✓ **Eric Benhamou**

CEO, 3COM (3COM markets the Palm Pilot). Eric is a big supporter of the e-rate and on the President's Information Technology Advisory Committee. He is Chairman of the advisory board for Western Governors University -- a virtual university that uses advanced networking technologies to deliver technology-based distance education.

Carly Fiorina

CEO, Hewlett-Packard. Carly is the new CEO of Hewlett Packard (featured in their new commercial advertising campaign). Prior to joining HP, she helped spearhead Lucent's 1996 IPO and spinoff from AT & T. She has not yet been particularly involved in any ongoing Administration effort. HP has been involved in telementoring -- encouraging young people to get involved in the technology industry.

✓ **Lloyd Bentsen**

Gene recommends Lloyd to highlight and draw attention to the 1993 deficit reduction plan. We are exploring the possibility of having him seated on the floor as an ex-Member (since he is in a wheelchair, he may not be able to sit in the box).

To honor Bentsen and point to the 1993 deficit reduction plan, which has led the current economic expansion. The Clinton Administration policies have helped put America on track to the longest economic expansion ever.

MILITARY/FOREIGN POLICY

To highlight the important work of the armed forces and your policy in Kosovo and your efforts in peacemaking in Northern Ireland.

✓ **Captain John Cherrey**

Air Force Captain. Awarded the Silver Star in connection with military operations near Novi Sad, Serbia. Captain Cherry courageously and repeatedly risked his life to rescue a fellow American pilot, shot down over hostile Serbian territory.

George Mitchell

Senator Mitchell has devoted enormous portions of the last five years of his life to laying the foundations for lasting peace in Northern Ireland. He is widely acknowledged to have been indispensable in making possible the recent changes that have reshaped the political face of Northern Ireland. Acknowledging his role in this process highlights progress achieved on an issue of importance to millions of Americans, and also serves as a reminder that continued U.S. engagement in trying to end ethnic and religious conflict in various parts of the world can bear fruit.

ONE AMERICA

Highlight the continuing presence of hate crimes and once again call for America to come together to conquer lingering prejudice.

Relative of James Byrd, Jr.

James Byrd, Jr., was an African-American man killed in June 1998 in Jasper, Texas, by three white men after they chained Mr. Byrd to the bumper of a pickup truck and dragged him to his death. Mr. Byrd is buried in a cemetery where the plots of blacks and whites had been divided by a fence, until it was removed as the result of Mr. Byrd's death. The Byrd family has started the James Byrd, Jr. Foundation for Racial Healing. We will invite either **Francis Renee Mullins** (28, daughter of Mr. Byrd, testified before Congress in July 1998 in favor of federal hate crimes legislation and met with you in Texas; she also recently had a baby in November) or **Clara Taylor** (sister of Mr. Byrd, President of the foundation).

SERVICE/NATIVE AMERICAN INITIATIVE

To highlight your Native American initiative, and opportunities that AmeriCorps has provided for so many young people.

✓ **Christina Jones (Navajo) and/or Justina Jones (Navajo).** Christina (23) and Justina (24) are juniors at Diné College in Tsaile, Arizona. They are both pursuing teaching degrees in Diné College's Teacher Preparatory Program. Christina and Justina were both AmeriCorps volunteers on the Navajo reservation in 1998-1999. They both attended Bureau of Indian Affairs schools -- Rock Point Elementary School and Many Farms High School in Many Farms, Arizona on the Navajo Nation. They are committed to teaching young Navajo children when they graduate. These students fit in with your initiative on training 1000 new Native American teachers.

AGING/PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

To dramatize the importance of affordable prescription drugs for the elderly and your Medicare prescription drug plan.

[Ruth McKay, New Hampshire

Ruth McKay is an 80 year old woman from New Hampshire who does not have prescription drug coverage. Her income is \$23,000 a year and her medication costs (for heart disease and arthritis) are about \$2800 annually. She would have another heart attack without her medications. There are no Medicare managed care plans in her area that offer prescription drug benefits. She has tried to get prescription drug coverage through AARP but has not yet been accepted. When asked how she managed costs, she said that she lived through the Depression so it is possible for her to be very frugal, and she does not spend very much money.

FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE

To highlight your fatherhood initiative and the importance of responsibility, as well as the importance of providing skills to fathers so they can discharge their duties as parents.

✓ Carlos Rosas, St. Paul, MN

Carlos is a 33 year old father from St. Paul, Minnesota, who enrolled in a fathers' program employment program in October 1996 when he was not making enough money to keep up with his child support obligation for his son, Ricardo, who is now 13 years old. At that time, Ricardo's mother was receiving welfare. Since earning a GED, Ricardo now pays full child support for his son, increase his earning power so he will be able to save money to send Ricardo to college, and improve his own future. When Carlos met you last year he was a head maintenance worker and finishing his second year at a two-year Electronics Technology/Computer Sciences program. Since your meeting, Carlos graduated from his technical school and started a full-time job as a technician earning \$11.00, and is currently earning \$12.00 and receiving full health benefits. He is still paying child support, and his payments have increased significantly since his graduation. His son, Ricardo, who was living in Germany with his mother, has since moved to South Dakota, and Carlos is enjoying seeing him a lot more.

OTHERS

Highlight national figures who have helped bring the country together.

✓ Charles Schultz – creator of "Peanuts."

Julie Foudy – Co-Captain of U.S. Women's National Soccer Team and spokesperson for HHS' anti-smoking campaign, "Smoke-Free Kids and Soccer." The program models the "Smoke-Free" lifestyle of the National Team members and encourages adolescent girls to participate in soccer to maintain physical fitness and resist pressures to smoke. Foudy, 28, an internationally recognized midfielder, summed up the attitude of the fiercely competitive US players: "We'd much rather smoke a defender than a cigarette."

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ALPINE ASCENTS INTERNATIONAL

Ms. Mary Morrison
Special Assistant to the Director of Oval Office Operations
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington, DC 20500-0004

January 17, 2000

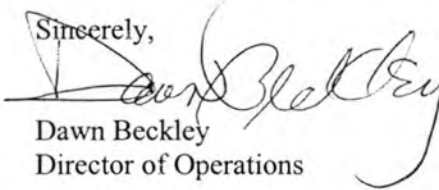
Dear Ms. Morrison,

You may remember that we worked together this past spring to complete the Seven Summits photo project for your office. We supplied the Carstensz Pyramid image. We are currently embarking on a fairly large human interest project that I thought might be of interest to you.

Alpine Ascents International is currently working with the Center for the Prevention of School Violence and S.A.V.E. (Students Against Violence Everywhere) to sponsor a Trek Against Violence to the Base Camp of Mount Everest. Enclosed is a copy of our proposal, as well as the composition of the team. The stories of these young people are very motivating and I just thought it might be something your office would be interested in learning about and possibly giving the project Presidential endorsement.

Thanks for your time and I hope to be talking with you soon.

Sincerely,


Dawn Beckley
Director of Operations

*Thru Staff Secretary
Correspondence only*

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Center for the Prevention of School Violence
S.A.V.E. and **Alpine Ascents International** present the

Trek Against Violence

Trek to Everest Base Camp
April 15-May 7, 2000

The Center for the Prevention of School Violence, S.A.V.E. and Alpine Ascents International have teamed up to raise awareness about school violence. Twelve selected students will join world-class mountaineers on the trek to Mt. Everest Base Camp in the spring of 2000. Using this achievement as a metaphor for reaching their goals, team commitment, individual dedication, cross-cultural understanding, relationship to nature and the physical world and connection to the world-at-large, we aim to raise awareness about the violence among our youth and in our schools and foster a nation-wide student-driven dialogue to help ensure schools are a safe and rewarding place to be. We hope this dialogue will be a first step toward improving the value and self-worth of each student and raise funds for the Center for the Prevention of School Violence and SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere) to continue their work providing Information, Resource and Research for the prevention of violence in our schools.

Who: 12 selected students (ages 16-18) and 3 adult supervisors.
Students will be selected/nominated by the Center for the Prevention of School Violence and SAVE

Why: Raise awareness of violence in the schools
Raise awareness of community and relationship to the environment, cultures and the world
Raise \$100,000-\$500,000 funds for the Center for the Prevention of School Violence and SAVE

Sponsors: Alpine Ascents International

Sony Music Entertainment Inc.

Looking to identify 5-6 major sponsors (one from each industry category); **music, film, video games, television, sports and computer**, to tap into the project. Demonstrate their support for a less violent America and help generate a dialogue and awareness against violence, particularly within the younger generations and in their schools. In addition, sponsorships can come from a broad cross-section of corporations, foundations, institutions and individuals.

Fund Raising Goal:	Goal
Corporate sponsors	\$500,000
Individual sponsors	\$ 20,000
Pledge \$ per foot to Base Camp (\$10 per foot – 17,300')	\$173,000
Total Fund Raising Goal:	\$693,000

Estimated Costs

Cost of Trek for 15 people	50,000	
Estimated Cost of Flights for Team	27,000	(1800 per flight – may be donated by carrier)
Estimated Cost of Gear for Team	15,000	(1000 per trekker – may be donated by gear companies)
Development Costs	8,000	(materials, printing presentations, advertising)

SAVE Goal

Establish 100 new SAVE chapters across the country.
Other goals TBD by SAVE & Center for Prevention of School Violence

Trek Against Violence Team

Amy Whitehorne

Age: 18

School: South Grenville District High School

Email: scamper@recorder.ca

Amy has been a member of S.A.V.E. since its inception last year at her school. As a survivor of abuse, the campaign of violence prevention education is extremely important to her because she does not want anyone to suffer the inner turmoil that she did. She sees the Trek as a valuable self-growth experience as well as a good way to present SAVE to the community. She feels strongly about spreading this message to her community because the Prescott area was the starting point for a cross-Canada search for sex-offenders. She is an avid hiker and outdoors person.

Brian Robertson

Age: 16

School: South Grenville District High School

Email: xander_no@hotmail.com

Brian is a new member of S.A.V.E., however, he has a personal experience to share with others to demonstrate how he dealt with violence. He stresses the importance of reporting incidents to a trusted adult. Brian sees the Trek as a learning experience, and the opportunity of a lifetime. He would like to gain an understanding of violence in other areas of the world by talking with his fellow teammates. He would also like to learn how others feel about violence related issues and their own solutions. He writes, "If I put my heart and soul into something I believe, then I can make a difference and so can everyone else."

Nathan Dollar

Age: 17

School: Hunt High School

Email: farmhouse_420@yahoo.com

Nathan has been a member of many teams, and the lesson that he has learned from him is "united we stand, divided we fall." He also teaches swimming to young children and says that he must be patient and persistent as a teacher. Nathan writes that he gives 100% effort, and that he is not quitter. He has been a member of S.A.V.E. for three years and sees the Trek as a chance to make a difference in the prevention of violence.

Mahalia Breen

Age: 17

School: Hunt High School

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Mahalia has been a member of S.A.V.E. for three years and serves a chapter Vice-President this year. Mahalia writes about her half-brother who grew up in a hostile environment. She has seen the affects of this abuse in his personality, even in his new, more stable home. Mahalia remembers being afraid of going to school because of incidents that took place in her school system. As a part of S.A.V.E., she "uses a positive vibe of peace to reduce destructive acts of passion." Mahalia writes, "A mountain has always been a symbol that represents an obstacle, and a mountain of this size represents for me the immense obstacles we will face in our lifetime as we strive to promote peace. By completing the climb, it will prove to the world, and more importantly reinforce to myself, that high school students can achieve great things."

Brandon Boxler

Age: 16

School: North Durham High School

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Brandon has been a S.A.V.E. member for three years and serves as a president this year as well as a member of the Center for the Prevention of School Violence S.A.V.E. Youth Advisory Board. Brandon sees the Trek as a great opportunity to work with other students as dedicated as he is to the prevention of school violence. He also hopes to obtain a greater view of the world and an understanding of conflicts. Brandon writes that compromise is the key to a successful team.

Erica Lynn Felthaus

Age: 16

School: Northwest Cabarrus High School

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Erica has been a member of S.A.V.E. for six years, three at the middle school level and three at the high school level. She now serves as chapter president. She states that her school has not experienced many incidents of violence, however she feels that as a result it is more important to make students aware of the reality of crime and violence. She feels that the main goal of the Trek Against Violence is to keep everyone informed about the issues of violence and to raise awareness about violence prevention. She stresses the importance of having a positive outlook on life.

Patrick Jones

Age: 16

School: Southern Alamance High School

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Patrick is a new member to S.A.V.E. He is the Sophomore Class Treasurer and is on the Executive Student Council. He has been a part of many group projects and believes that everyone has something to offer. He tries to bring out these qualities in other people. He has experience camping in diverse conditions. Patrick feels that violence "has gotten out of hand in this nation" and that his generation must do something about it.

Chaperones:**Mr. Daryl Bradshaw**

Age: 41

Occupation: Teacher/S.A.V.E. Advisor

Daryl has been a teacher and coach for almost twenty years and his purpose has been to give back to others the lessons he has learned about "being and doing and laughing and wishing and dreaming and reaching... as "if you ride with your head held high, it is enough, BUT if you drive with your mind wide open it is simply the best". He sees the Trek as a chance to learn lessons of peace from moments alone on the path of life and lessons of happiness when human companionship replaces worldly comforts.

Mr. Jim Wise

Age: 37

Occupation: School Social Worker, S.A.V.A. Advisor, Peer Helper Class Teacher

Jim has worked for the past six years with students and staff at his school to implement and operate a peer mediation program. The program grew from a small group of twelve students to a class. Now over eighty students have been trained in peer mediation. Jim's interest in the Trek begins with a long standing interest in camping, mountains, and adventure. His goals include getting to know the team, experiencing the culture of the area, and raising awareness of S.A.V.E. and that student action can make a difference.

Mr. Doug Robinson and two women chaperones.

Trek Against Violence

Promotional Aspects

Web Site

- Large scale Cybercast of Trek Against Violence.
- Students will produce web-site and cybercast of trek (see mountainzone.com cybercasts of Everest '97, '98, '99) (site hosted by Center for Prevention of School Violence, mountainzone.com or Sony)
- Highlight students and their endeavor – chart fund raising progress per foot elevation.
- Sponsorship links from site: corporate, foundation, organization, school, students, etc.
- Student Forum
- Information and Research Center

Peripheral Awareness and Fund Raising Events

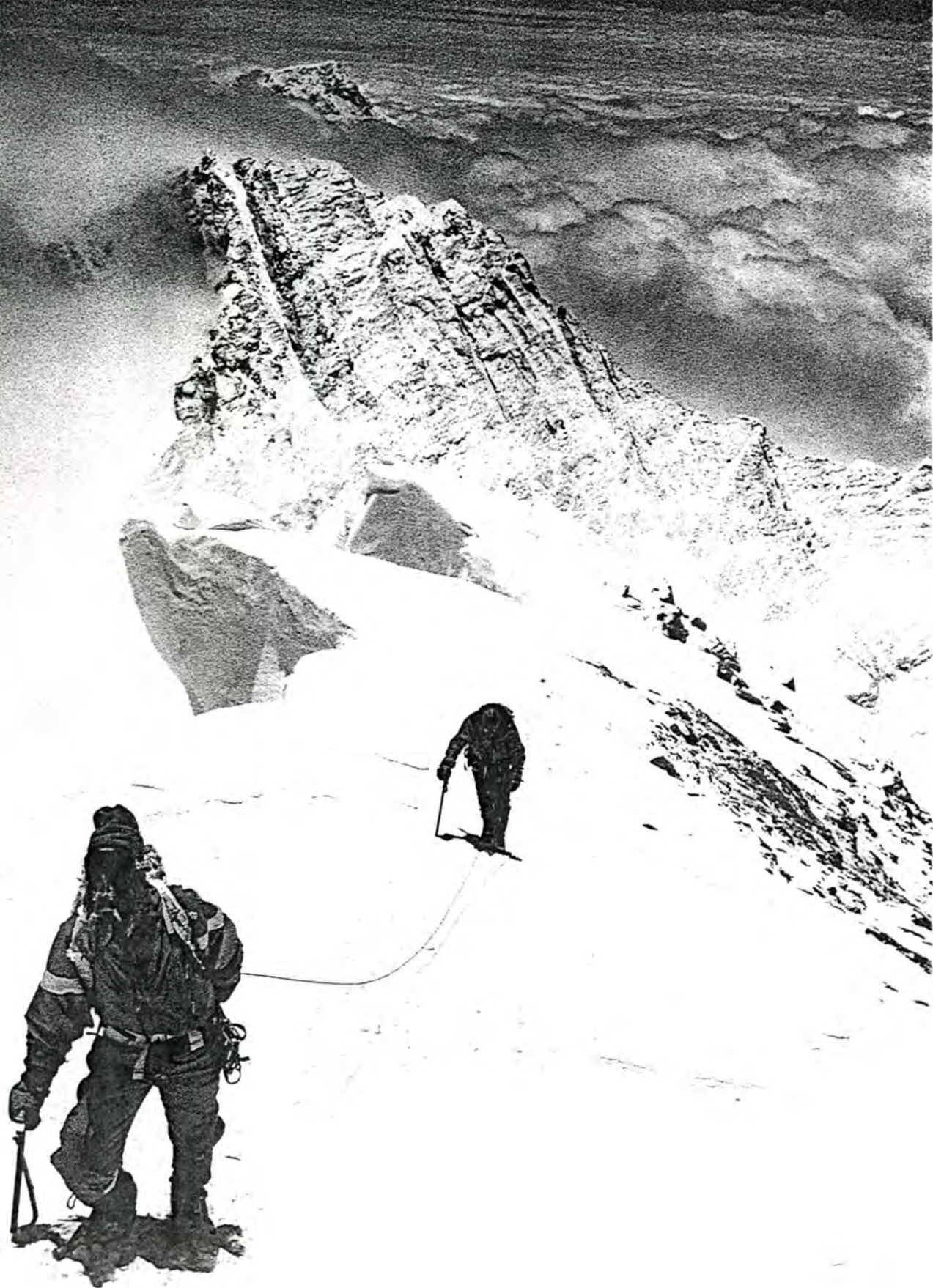
- Slide shows and presentations by Todd Burleson (Everest guide and two-time summitter), Wally Berg (Everest guide and four-time summitter), Peter Athans (Everest guide and six-time summitter) and other Alpine Ascents world-renown guides. SAVE Chapters and associated schools.
- Corporate sponsored community events to raise awareness
- Celebration at annual SAVE Summit
- Publication of student essays, poetry, drawing, photography, etc about school violence and community building

Historical Success of Similar Events

- In 1999, Alpine Ascents International teamed with the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center to host the Mt. Baker Climb to Fight Breast Cancer. The initial concept called for 9 climbers, in the first year the response was so overwhelming that 27 participants will be climbing in three separate events to triple the proposed revenue of \$70K to close to \$250K. John Curley, a local television celebrity, will participate in, promote and document the climb for a substantial television audience.
- In 1999, Alpine Ascents International will volunteer two of its guides to lead the 1999 Peak Challenge, The Ultimate Challenge to climb Mt. Rainier for the Emily Griffith Center. The Emily Griffith Center is home to 69 emotionally and behaviorally disturbed boys from around the US. Emily Griffith Center offers a unique alternative to traditional care and institutional settings. This event, combined with a speaking engagement by Todd Burleson, plans to raise close to \$80K for the Center.
- In 1995, San Francisco's Breast Cancer Fund raised almost \$2million by putting three breast cancer survivors on top of 22,834ft Aconcagua, South America's highest peak.
- In 1994, CARE (one of the world's largest international development and relief organizations) organized a successful fundraising expedition to Mt. Kilimanjaro. In addition to pledges for \$700K and all the climbers reaching the top, stories appeared in publications like Forbes and the Seattle Times, and on the NBC and ABC television networks.
- Fun is had by all!



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