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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 9, 1998

Felicia Farber Gervais
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Dear Felicia:

Thanks so much to you and Chuck for sending
Jehuda Reinharz's book. I'm really looking
forward to reading it, and I hope you'll pass
along my thanks for his kind inscription. I'll
also write him a note.

Thanks, too, for the reminder about Brandeis'
50th anniversary event in October. I will make
sure my scheduling office is aware of that
opportunity.

It was wonderful to see you recently, and I
hope it won't be long before we have another
chance to visit. Hillary and I send our best
to and Chuck.

Sincerely,

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cc: scheduling

THE WHITE HOUSE
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June 9, 1998

Jehuda Reinharz
President
Brandeis University
The Irving Enclave
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Dear Jehuda:

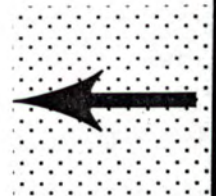
I want to thank you for your kind inscription in *Chaim Weizmann* which Felicia Gervais sent to me. I'm very much looking forward to reading it.

Felicia reminded me of your invitation to join you for the 50th anniversary convocation at Brandeis in October. I am touched, too, that you would like to award me an honorary degree. I am passing along the appropriate information to my scheduling office. While I'm never certain what my schedule holds, my staff will be in touch with you as the date approaches.

Thanks for all your good work.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton



MEMO

Craig K.B. Kuper

So.. I called Jehuda to tell him of my plan to send you one of his books. Jehuda wanted to inscribe a copy to you and I'm enclosing said copy herewith. I think you'll like the inscription.

Meanwhile.. (OY!!... with me, as you know, it's never a short story!! 😊) Jehuda took the opportunity of our call to tell me of his campaign to lure you to Brandeis this coming October to receive an Honorary Degree and be part of the University's 50th Anniversary of existence. I gather he's sent invitations through Steve Grossman (a Brandeis Trustee); Elaine Schuster and Sidney Blumenthal. Now I've been drafted too (Jehuda's also a great sales-

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Dear Bill

Chuck + I were so glad to see you again at Elaine Schuster's recently. Your speech was, as usual, inspiring.

During said speech you mentioned that you enjoy reading history.. particularly "the history in between" big events. Afterwards I pondered what book could Chuck + I give you that would fall into that category.

We are good friends with the President of Brandeis University (Jehuda Reinharz + his wife Shula) - who aside from being a masterful college President is also a scholarly writer and historian. We thought perhaps you'd enjoy one of Jehuda's books on Chaim Weizmann, the 1st President of Israel. A fascinating man. ↑



Brandeis University

Jehuda Reinharz
President

February 11, 1997

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It is my pleasure and great privilege to extend to you, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Brandeis University, an invitation to accept an honorary doctor of laws degree and to deliver the keynote address at the University's fiftieth anniversary convocation to be held on Sunday, October 18, 1998.

Brandeis University is the youngest private research university in the United States and the only nonsectarian university in the nation sponsored by the American Jewish community. Founded in 1948, our fiftieth anniversary celebration coincides with the anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel. The University, which was home to a number of distinguished Jewish scholars who had fled the European catastrophe, is, like the State of Israel, a reflection of the rebirth of a people and an expression of the American Jewish community's reverence for learning. The University proudly bears the name of the distinguished associate justice of the United States Supreme Court, the late Louis Dembitz Brandeis, who stood for the rights of individuals.

Brandeis University was founded to embody the highest ethical and cultural values of the Jewish community and to express its gratitude to the United States through the traditional Jewish commitment to education. By being a nonsectarian university that welcomes students and faculty of every nationality, religion, and political orientation, Brandeis renews the American heritage of cultural diversity, equal access to opportunity, and freedom of expression.

In its relatively brief history, Brandeis University has been privileged to welcome and to honor some of this nation's and the world's most distinguished leaders, among them John F. Kennedy, Harry S. Truman, David Ben-Gurion, Golda Meir, Eleanor Roosevelt, who, for a number of years, served as a member of the University's Board of Trustees, and Pierre Mendes-France, among others. You would honor us with your presence on the occasion of Brandeis University's fiftieth anniversary, and I most sincerely hope that it will be possible for you to join us for this important celebration.

The Irving Enclave

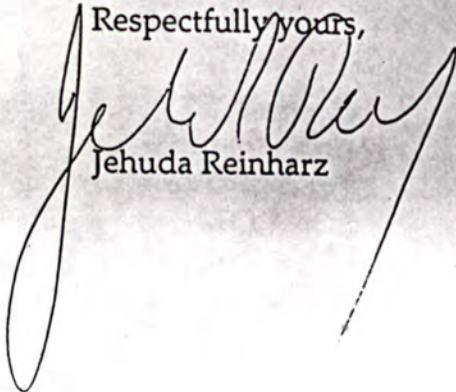
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The convocation will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 18, 1998 and is expected to conclude at approximately 12:30 p.m.. I shall defer providing additional details until you have had an opportunity to consider this invitation. Mr. President, you may be assured of a very warm and cordial welcome from the members of our academic community, and I look forward to the singular privilege of bestowing upon you Brandeis University's highest honor.

With kindest regards,

Respectfully yours,


Jehuda Reinharz

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June 5, 1998

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to urge your strong support for the federal initiative to connect our nation's classrooms and libraries to the communications network. As you know, the bipartisan Telecommunications Act of 1996 extended our nation's historic commitment to ubiquitous phone service at reasonable rates to include discounts for advanced telecommunications services to our nation's schools and libraries. In establishing the "e-rate," Congress and the Administration recognized how connecting classrooms to the Information Superhighway would give America's students—rich or poor—urban or rural—access to an education that prepares them for a successful future in the global and digital economy. Since most poorer children do not have access to the Internet outside of school, connecting classrooms assures that our country is not divided digitally—into a nation of information haves and have-nots.

Like any new initiative, implementation of the e-rate program as part of our historical commitment to universal service poses numerous challenges. This includes how to establish a new universal program amid all the other changes resulting from the 1996 Telecommunications Act. We strongly believe that the Federal Communications Commission, the Departments of Education and Commerce, and the not-for-profit Schools and Libraries Corporation established to administer the program in a non-partisan manner, have worked closely with the States and the local school districts to establish the schools initiative in a fiscally responsible manner that supports local control of education. We further believe this is why over 30,000 applications from schools and libraries have been submitted for discounted services and connections.

Some critics, including some of our Colleagues, on both sides, have intensified their criticism of this national commitment to connect classrooms. They charge that the e-rate will force the phone bills of inner city residents to soar. We do not want to see our constituents bear the burden. Our nation's telecommunications carriers, who sat with us at the table in crafting the landmark 1996 Act, agreed to contribute to the universal service fund to support the e-rate. In return, the industry has realized billions of dollars in access charge reductions.

The Honorable William J. Clinton

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The implementation of the e-rate preserves local decision making over education spending. School districts themselves decide which eligible services they need, develop a technology plan, and obtain the necessary sign-off from their state. Only applicants who demonstrate that they have successfully completed this process become eligible for discounts on the cost of telecommunications services and network connections. Could there be a more grass-roots "national" initiative? In addition, the e-rate is not a "free" rate. Schools and school districts, depending on their need, pay as much of 80 percent of the total cost of the discounted services. Only the neediest communities receive the steepest discounts.

You and your Administration are strong advocates for making sure our youth have the education and skills they need to succeed in the information economy of the 21st century. We now urge you to use the wisdom and leadership of your Office to weigh in on this vital issue.

Sincerely,

Bobby L. Lusk

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PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ON WHITE HOUSE FELLOWSHIPS
THE WHITE HOUSE

June 8, 1998

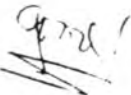
MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Jacqueline Jordan Blumenthal 
Director, White House Fellows Program

SUBJECT: Approving the Recommendations of the
President's Commission on White House Fellowships

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Jacqueline Blumenthal
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Yesterday, after two full days of interviews with 30 finalists, the President's Commission on White House Fellowships selected the 17 most qualified to serve in the 1998-99 Class of White House Fellows. On behalf of the Commission, I am submitting those names to you for your approval:

Pieter Boelhouwer, 31, management consultant; hometown is Hartford, CT
Jean Callahan, 34, public interest lawyer; from Wildwood, NJ
Leela de Souza, 32, management consultant (and ballerina); raised in Chicago
Carlos Del Toro, 36, Commander, USN; born in Cuba (father of 4)
Stephen England, 37, pediatric orthopaedic surgeon; St. Paul, Minnesota
Alexander Friedman, 27, civic venture capitalist (founded 21st Century Roundtable); New York City
Jeffrey Glueck, 29, management consultant; hometown is Newport Beach, CA
Selma Gomez, 34, management consultant; Miami, FL (parents from Cuba)
 H. Beecher Hicks, III, 30, investment banker; hometown is Washington, DC
(father and grandfather served as pastors at Metropolitan A.M.E. Baptist Church)
Bruce McNamer, 35, management consultant; hometown is Billings, MT
Kate Mehr, 35, director, Massachusetts Service Alliance; Boston, MA
Mark Montgomery, 33, Lieutenant Commander USN; raised overseas and in DC
James O'Connor, 31, management consultant; hometown is Evanston, IL
Michelle Peluso, 26, management consultant; from Middletown, NY
Clara Shin, 27, J.D. candidate (former AmeriCorps Program Officer); Orange, CA
John Tien, Jr., 34, Major USA (former Rhodes Scholar); from New Haven, CT
Felicia Wong, 31, high school teacher (Ph.D dissertation entitled "The Civic Conversation: Talking About Race and Education in America"); Berkeley, CA

A brief summary of each recommended Fellow is attached. I greatly appreciate your prompt attention to this decision. Thank you.

APPROVED ☒ PENDING ☐ REJECTED ☐

The 1998-99 White House Fellows

Pieter Boelhouwer, 31, is a management consultant at McKinsey & Co. in Stamford, CT. A native of Wethersfield, CT, Boelhouwer has a JD from Yale Law School. While at McKinsey, where he focuses on information technology and health care, he designed an innovative approach to connecting schools to home via the Internet to improve children's education. While a legislative aide in the U.S. Senate, Boelhouwer developed and wrote legislation creating the National Civilian Community Corps, a residential service program passed as part of President Clinton's AmeriCorps bill. At McKinsey, he originated and led a pro bono project to help The Presidents' Summit for America's Future design its plan to reach the nation's communities.

Jean Callahan, 34, is an attorney at the Legal Aid Society in New York City, specializing in elder law. A native of Wildwood, NJ, Callahan has a JD from the Rutgers Law School and founded its Pro Bono Program. Upon graduation, she won a prestigious Skadden Law Fellowship. She served as lead counsel in a 1997 federal class action to ensure the rights of elderly and incapacitated New York Medicaid recipients to adequate home care. Callahan has served as an international monitor for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearings in South Africa, developed treatment plans and counseled 50 weekly clients at the Greenwich House East Methadone Maintenance Center in lower Manhattan and served as liaison to the Rikers Island KEEP program, designed to keep recently released prisoners from returning to drug abuse.

Leela de Souza, 32, is a management consultant at McKinsey & Co. in San Francisco. A native of Chicago, de Souza earned an MBA from Stanford University. Prior to college, de Souza studied ballet for 18 years and danced professionally for five. At the age of 23, she was a principal dancer with the Hubbard Street Dance Company, one of America's preeminent contemporary dance troupes. De Souza moved to Spain after college where she was a volunteer teacher at the American School of Madrid. While at Stanford, she served on the Academic Committee and was as executive director and co-producer of the annual business school musical. De Souza is a mentor and tutor in the I Have a Dream Program in East Palo Alto, CA, and serves on the Business Arts Council of San Francisco.

Carlos Del Toro, 36, is a Commander in the U.S. Navy and is Director of Training for all AEGIS cruisers and destroyers and the Commissioning Commanding Officer of the USS BULKELEY, the newest Arleigh Burke destroyer. A native of Cuba, Del Toro was raised in New York City. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, he has an MA in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College, an MA in legislative affairs from George Washington University, and an MS in electrical/space systems engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School. Del Toro recently completed a tour as second in command aboard Guided Missile Cruiser VINCENNES stationed in Japan. He was a Tactical Action Officer during Operation Desert Storm and is the Navy's first Hispanic officer to command an Arleigh Burke Destroyer. He is a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a Board Member of the Washington, D.C. chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, and founded an "Engineers in Education" program to tutor and provide scholarships for inner city children.

Stephen England, 37, is a pediatric orthopaedic surgeon in St. Paul, MN, specializing in children with special health care needs. A native of St. Paul, England received an MD from Cornell University Medical College and a master's in public health from Johns Hopkins University. England has lectured nationally and internationally on pediatric and adolescent health topics and serves on numerous state commissions addressing the health issues of children with disabilities. He is an assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery at the University of Minnesota and recently was part of a medical mission in Ecuador operating on children with cerebral palsy. England founded the Children's Health Enrichment Program in St. Paul, which teaches African-American teenagers about health topics and provides mentoring and academic guidance.

Alexander Friedman, 27, is the founder of the 21st Century Roundtable and a JD-MBA candidate at Columbia University in New York City. Friedman, who was raised in New York and Washington, D.C., started the Roundtable as his generation's first civic venture capital non-profit group. It pairs young leaders of non-profits with young professionals who can provide advice, services and financing. He co-founded an Internet firm that provides business-to-business marketing information and a biotechnology services company dedicated to accelerating the clinical trial process for biotechnology firms. He founded Climb for the Cure, a national student effort to raise \$1 million for AIDS research through a climb of Alaska's Mt. McKinley and has served as a small-claims court and family mediator in Harlem and the South Bronx.

Jeffrey Glueck, 29, is a consultant at the Monitor Co. in Cambridge, MA. A native of Newport Beach, CA, he has a master's degree in international relations from Oxford University, where he and a partner won the annual Oxford Debating championship. He has advised the Peruvian and Bolivian governments on economic competitiveness and since 1995, has directed the national competitiveness project for the Venezuelan government. Glueck was a pro bono advisor to the Center for Middle East Competitive Strategy, an economic development and regional cooperation project for the signatory governments of the Middle East peace process. He tutored at a housing project in Boston, was founding participant in the Harvard Communication Project, an inter-ethnic discussion group, and started a recycling program in Oxford student dorms.

Selma Gomez, 35, is the president of Applied Consulting Services Corp. in Miami, FL. A native of Miami and the daughter of Cuban refugees, Gomez founded the company to provide operations improvement advice and strategic planning for private and non-profit clients. She has a Ph.D. in decision sciences, an MBA and a master's in engineering sciences from Harvard University. Before starting her own firm, Gomez was a senior manager at KPMG Peat Marwick, LLP, in Miami, where she developed a specialty in international market entry strategies. She teaches in the engineering department at the University of Miami, is a member of the Dade County Performance Commission, serves on the Community Advisory Board of the Retarded Citizens of South Florida, and is a teacher in NETWORKS, a program to provide inner city students with enrichment classes on Saturdays.

H. Beecher Hicks, III, 30, is an investment banker at NationsBank Corp. in Charlotte, NC. Raised in Washington, DC, where his grandfather and father served as pastor of Metropolitan AME Baptist Church. Hicks has an MBA from the University of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler Business School. As a vice president at NationsBank, he provides mergers and acquisitions advice to middle-market companies. While serving as assistant to the chairman of NationsBank, Hicks led the formation of the bank's vendor development program and proposed a \$30 million-equity investment company focusing on urban communities. He also helped start The Investment Group of Charlotte, which invests in local firms and real estate projects and provides technical aid to entrepreneurs. Hicks is a member of the Board of Directors of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Development Corporation and works with students at Johnson C. Smith University.

Bruce McNamer, 35, is a management consultant at McKinsey & Co. in San Francisco. A native of Billings, MT, McNamer has an MBA and JD from Stanford University. Prior to graduate school he worked in investment banking and was a Peace Corps volunteer in a small Paraguayan village where he helped build the community's first high school, which bears his name. While at Stanford, he co-founded MBAID, a non-profit group that sends MBA students to developing countries for three months to work with local entrepreneurs and small community organizations. He also helped launch "Start Up," a community-based microlending organization in East Palo Alto. At McKinsey, he has led the San Francisco office's community outreach efforts.

Kate Mehr, 35, is the executive director of Massachusetts Service Alliance in Boston, whose mission is to create and support service opportunities for citizens of all ages. The Alliance has increased state support for service by 750%. A native of Amherst, MA, Mehr received an MPA from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. Mehr has taught high school government and history and coached basketball and golf at the high school level. She was a victim-witness advocate in Massachusetts, worked as an aide to a Massachusetts state senator, and was a founding staff member of the Massachusetts Legislative Children's Caucus. Mehr coordinated "The Massachusetts Summit: the Promise of Our Youth," mentored a young Cambodian immigrant, and was a volunteer basketball coach at a local YMCA.

Mark Montgomery, 33, is a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy and Executive Officer aboard the USS Elliot, home-ported in San Diego. He is preparing the ship for its deployment to the Arabian Gulf. Montgomery, who grew up overseas and in Washington, D.C., has a master's in history from Oxford University and was one of a handful of liberal arts majors to complete the naval nuclear power program. He completed two overseas deployments on the USS BAINBRIDGE, including one in support of Operation Desert Storm. He led a team of 30 BAINBRIDGE sailors that provided disaster relief to the island of St. Croix after Hurricane Hugo. He later was assigned to the reactor department on a NIMITZ-class aircraft carrier where he deployed to Bosnia during air strikes. Montgomery is the first in his year group to be selected for command of a destroyer. When not at sea, Montgomery has served as a Big Brother.

James O'Connor, 31, is a management consultant at A.T. Kearney, Inc., in Chicago. A native of Evanston, IL, O'Connor earned a JD from the Georgetown University Law Center and an MBA from the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University, where he founded the Kellogg Corps, which places teams of MBA students in developing communities around the world. He served as the first American volunteer teacher at a school in Lebowa, South Africa, where he taught English history and math for one year at a rural Catholic school dedicated to the education of underprivileged African students. O'Connor created a community relations program at Kearney, founded the Field Associates, a group of young adults who promote the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, and started the Associates Board of the Big Shoulders Fund, which involves young adults in advisory and fundraising roles with needy Catholic schools in Chicago's inner city.

Michelle Peluso, 26, is a management consultant at The Boston Consulting Group in New York City. A native of Middletown, NY, Peluso has an MA from Pembroke College at the University of Oxford. Peluso is a case leader at BCG and recently completed a project to define the next frontier in health care. Peluso founded A New Generation for Peace, a non-profit group which brought together 350 youths from 50 countries for seminars on global issues. As an undergraduate at the University of Pennsylvania, she spent 30 hours a week leading volunteer programs in West Philadelphia, including an at-risk mentoring program, a campus community service group and a volunteer initiative at the Ronald McDonald House. Peluso is a member of the Board of Directors of Christa House, a non-profit group that builds homes and provides care for end-stage AIDS patients.

Clara Shin, 27, is a JD candidate at Stanford University in Palo Alto, CA. Raised in Orange, CA, Shin was the youngest AmeriCorps program officer, where she helped implement the program, and was in charge of developing the first national grant applications for local programs seeking funding. Shin founded KOSOMOSE Women's Journal, a magazine for Asian-American women, and helped start the Tahoe-Baikal Institute, a bi-national environmental institute in California and Siberia that trains environmentalists in land and water issues. Shin is an advisory board member of Earth Train, which trains young activists to respond to community needs, was a board member of American Youth Hostels and served as a steering committee member for the Organization for Pan-Asian Women.

John Tien, Jr., 34, is a Major in the U.S. Army and an assistant professor in the Department of Social Sciences at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY. A native of New Haven, CT, Tien is course director for the introductory American Politics core course. He was the top-ranked military cadet in his class at West Point and later attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar. Tien was among the first U.S. soldiers to cross the Saudi Arabia-Iraq border during Operation Desert Storm. He has commanded an M1A1 main battle tank company, a headquarters company, and served as the chief logistics officer for a thousand-soldier brigade. Tien has tutored inner-city high school youth, is the co-organizer of the New York Orange County Special Olympics, and is a youth league soccer and baseball coach.

Felicia Wong, 31, is a high school teacher in Oakland, CA and a Ph.D. candidate at the University of California at Berkeley. Wong grew up in Sunnyvale, CA, and has a master's degree from the University of California at Berkeley and is studying for a Ph.D. in political science there. At the College Preparatory School, she is a faculty advisor to a student group on diversity and has set up an ethics program for the school's senior class. Wong is the co-director and teacher in her high school's Partners' Program, an academic summer school that serves low-income public students in the 7th-9th grades. She has also worked on non-proliferation issues in Washington at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and at the Arms Control Association.