



**RESPONSES OF THE
UNITED STATES
SOCCER FEDERATION
TO THE
1999 FIFA WOMEN'S
WORLD CUP
LIST OF REQUIREMENTS**

**Submitted to the Fédération Internationale
de Football Association
March 1, 1996**

VOLUME II



March 1, 1996

Federation Internationale de Football Association
FIFA House
Hitzigweg 11
Zurich 8032, Switzerland

Gentlemen:

It is with great pleasure and pride that the United States Soccer Federation (U.S. Soccer) submits this application to have the United States designated as host country for the 1999 Women's World Cup.

This application is the culmination of a year of intense effort by U.S. Soccer, aided by the enthusiastic support of soccer fans, civic, business and government leaders from many U.S. cities. In addition, President Bill Clinton, the U.S. Congress and ten Federal government departments and agencies have confirmed their strong backing for U.S. Soccer's efforts to bring the 1999 Women's World Cup to the United States. It can truly be stated that this bid is presented on behalf of the people of the United States of America not just the United States Soccer Federation.

The bid meets and exceeds all FIFA required Federal government guarantees, and presents specifications on stadia, transportation and accommodation from ten different cities located in the eastern part of the United States. Though not included in the bid, U. S. Soccer continues to receive inquiries regarding participation in the 1999 Women's World Cup from other cities and stadia. This not only confirms that great interest in the championship tournament is present throughout our nation, but also provides FIFA and U.S. Soccer with a roster of optional sites for staging the event.

U.S. Soccer accepts and supports the goal of FIFA, as stated in the "1999 List of Requirements", of avoiding a situation in which the 1999 tournament produces an operational deficit. As such, U.S. Soccer has requested that FIFA provide input regarding the development of a mutually acceptable marketing plan which allows U.S. Soccer, FIFA and FIFA's marketing representative, to avert a deficit situation, while creating the possibility for achieving profit from the staging of the 1999 championship. U.S. Soccer is optimistic that the 3rd Women's World Cup, given the presence of appropriate marketing tools, can be a financial success, and serve as an example for the staging of future Women's World Championships.

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This application is presented in two volumes. The first volume contains a precise response to the "1999 List of Requirements" and follows the order of that document. This volume also contains the letters and documents comprising the Federal government guarantees requested and the commitment letters from the owners or operators of each of the proposed stadia.

The second volume contains all the specific information on each of the recommended stadia including photographs.

On the heels of successfully bidding for and hosting the 1994 FIFA World Cup, and on the eve of hosting both men and women's football games at the 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics, combined with the international competition achievements of the U.S. Women's National Team, U.S. Soccer believes that our nation is poised to offer FIFA an excellent host experience in 1999.

On behalf of the millions of soccer enthusiasts in the United States, U.S. Soccer expresses its sincere appreciation to all the officers and secretariat staff of FIFA for their invaluable assistance during the 1999 Women's World Cup bid process.

Sincerely,

Hank Steinbrecher
Secretary General

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 29, 1996

Dr. Joao Havelange
President
Federation Internationale
de Football Association
Hitzigweg II
8032 Zurich
SWITZERLAND

Dear Dr. Havelange:

On behalf of the United States of America, I would like to inform you of our desire to serve as the host country for the 1999 Women's World Cup.

As host of many successful international sporting events such as the Olympic and Pan American Games, as well as the 1994 World Cup soccer tournament, the United States would welcome the opportunity to hold such an historic event and build on its rich tradition of competition and athleticism. Soccer has enjoyed a tremendous outpouring of support in the United States in the past two decades, and participation is at an all-time high for men and women of all ages. For this reason, I am confident that the Women's World Cup would be extremely well received here by all who follow the sport.

My Administration is prepared to work with you in order to ensure that all visa, work permit, and customs issues are efficiently handled by the appropriate federal agencies. We believe that the enthusiasm, support, and spirit of competition that have always characterized the United States' interest in soccer would provide an excellent backdrop for this most prestigious event. I pledge my personal support toward this endeavor and look forward to working with you to make the 1999 Women's World Cup a highly successful tournament.

Sincerely,



104TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 359

Recognizing and supporting the efforts of the United States Soccer Federation to bring the 1999 Women's World Cup tournament to the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 1996

Mrs. MORELLA (for herself, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SCHAEFER, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. HOKE, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. OWENS, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. TORRES, Mr. BRYANT of Texas, Mr. VIS-CLOSKY, Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida, Mr. MANTON, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. LaFALCE, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. WILSON, Mr. THOMP-SON, Mr. GEJDENSON, Ms. NORTON, Mr. FILNER, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. FROST, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ, Mr. NADLER, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. WARD, Mr. REED, Mr. KENNEDY of Massa-chusetts, Mr. BONIOR, and Mr. FOLEY) submitted the following resolu-tion; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and supporting the efforts of the United States Soccer Federation to bring the 1999 Women's World Cup tournament to the United States.

Whereas soccer is one of the world's most popular sports;

Whereas the Women's World Cup tournament is the single most important women's soccer event;

Whereas the 1995 Women's World Cup tournament was broadcast to millions of fans in 67 nations;

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VOLUME I

A. INTRODUCTION

The United States Soccer Federation's 1999 Women's World Cup application consists of two separately bound volumes, collectively titled "Responses of the United States Soccer Federation to the 1999 FIFA Women's World Cup List of Requirements."

In Volume I, Part B, U.S. Soccer sequentially discusses how it will meet each of the requirements of FIFA's 1999 List of Requirements ranging from government guarantees to accommodation and transportation needs. Specific documents required by the 1999 List of Requirements, including commitment letters from each presented stadium, a letter from President Bill Clinton providing the requested government guarantees, a copy of the Congressional Resolution expressing the support of the U.S. Congress, and specific letters of assurance from 10 different departments or agencies of the United States government are included in Part C of Volume I. Volume II contains geographical and transportation maps, as well as extensive details on each presented stadium and venue city.

U.S. Soccer's application carefully adheres to the 1999 List of Requirements, with particular attention to the FIFA requisites of Federal government guarantees and stadia specifications. In 1987, U.S. Soccer provided FIFA with a comprehensive bid application for the 1994 World Cup, which contained extensive information regarding the development of soccer in the United States, declarations regarding adequate stadia, transportation and accommodation infrastructure of the nation, government guarantees, and other FIFA bid mandated data.

Though U.S. Soccer has made considerable progress in the development of the sport since filing the 1994 World Cup application, particularly among women's football programs, much of the historical material contained within the 1994 bid is relevant to the 1999 Women's World Cup bid. Also, national infrastructure, cultural and government narrative contained within the 1994 application is as applicable now as it was in 1987.

In the interest of avoiding duplicative and costly bid activities, FIFA Secretariat staff and U.S. Soccer officials agreed, at a January 23, 1996 meeting at FIFA House, that certain 1994 bid data regarding the United States candidature was appropriate for use in evaluating the 1999 bid application. Of necessity, U.S. Soccer has also provided FIFA, particularly in Volume II of this application, with relevant venue and stadia information which is solely applicable to the hosting of the 1999 championship.

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Section 1 PROVISIONS

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B. Points and Discussion (FIFA 1999 List of Requirements Sections 1-10)

1.0 Fundamental Provisions

1.1 Apportionment of Responsibilities

U.S. Soccer accepts that the 1999 Women's World Cup is a soccer¹ competition staged and organized by the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) and its designated Executive Committee and Women's Football Committee. It is further understood that the United States Soccer Federation (U.S. Soccer), should the United States be designated as host nation for the 1999 competition, shall serve as FIFA designated executive agent for the organization of the Women's World Cup.

U.S. Soccer further commits that all competition sites presented are within the boundaries of the United States, accepts the overall authority of FIFA as organizer of the 1999 Women's World Cup, and represents itself and its 1999 Local Organizing Committee (LOC) as sole agents of FIFA for the purpose of staging and executing the 1999 competition.

1.2 Government Approval

The government declaration called for by FIFA has been obtained and is described in detail in Responses Section 3 and Section C.

¹The term "soccer" is used throughout this document to mean the sport of football and to avoid confusion within our own country. The term "football", as used within the United States, more commonly refers to American gridiron football.

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Section 2 BASIC SITUATION

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2.0 Basic Situation

2.1 Acceptance of 16 Team Concept

U.S. Soccer wholeheartedly supports the 16 team tournament concept, and its application is based on providing the full capacity for a 16 team competition.

2.2 List of Requirements

U.S. Soccer's Responses are based upon the 1999 List of Requirements and every effort has been made to comply with them in the fullest detail. U.S. Soccer considers complete compliance with the 1999 List of Requirements so important that it has provided copies of the 1999 List of Requirements to all stadium authorities and a broad range of government officials and civic groups within the United States connected with the application process. All agreements entered into by U.S. Soccer with stadium authorities wishing to be considered as venue sites for the 1999 Women's World Cup include the express requirement that the stadium authorities comply with the 1999 List of Requirements in all relevant respects.

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Section 3 GUARDANTEES

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3.0 Government Guarantees

FIFA's 1999 List of Requirements contain extensive reference to government involvement in assuring a successful tournament. The 1999 List of Requirements state categorically that "The organization of a FIFA Women's World Cup is nowadays no longer possible without the direct involvement and full support of the Government of the country concerned...It is therefore, absolutely essential that, prior to the final assignment of a Women's World Cup, FIFA shall be in possession of a government declaration which: (a) welcomes the FIFA Women's World Cup to the country and (b) gives the necessary guarantees to ensure the success of the Women's World Cup."

In addition to obtaining a letter of support from President Bill Clinton, U.S. Soccer, requested that the United States House of Representatives introduce a Congressional Resolution, officially welcoming the 1999 Women's World Cup to the United States and pledging the support of the U.S. Congress in the role the United States government plays in the staging of the tournament (copy of the resolution is contained in Addendum I).

3.1-3.4, 3.6, 3.7 Various Government Guarantees

Visas, work permits, customs duty and taxes, security, transport, national anthems and flags are all categories for which government guarantees must be provided, as detailed in the 1999 List of Requirements. In Section C, 11.1 of U.S. Soccer's application are letters of assurance from the following government departments and agencies stating their agreement to meet various government guarantees of the 1999 List of Requirements:

- Department of State
- Department of the Treasury
- Department of the Treasury: U.S. Secret Service
- Department of the Treasury: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
- Department of the Treasury: U.S. Customs Service
- Department of Defense
- Department of Justice: Immigration and Naturalization Service
- Department of Justice: Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Department of Transportation
- Department of Commerce

3.5 Telecommunications

Although there is no state owned television in the United States, the comprehensive capabilities of domestic broadcast networks and cable operations rival those of any system in the world. With the event experience and international capabilities of these networks and cable operations, including the successful global broadcast of all games of the 1994 FIFA World Cup, U.S. Soccer assures FIFA that all requirements regarding telecommunications and other forms of communications can easily be met. U.S. Soccer guarantees the establishment of an international transmission center with 24-hour access and service.

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Section 4 INFRASTRUCTURE

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4.0 Technical Infrastructure

U.S. Soccer presents complete stadia and venue information in Volume II of the application.

4.1 Stadia

U.S. Soccer accepts FIFA's mandate that the final competition of the 3rd Women's World Cup in 1999 will involve 16 teams, will last between 16 to 18 days (covering 32 matches), and will be played in four to six stadia, unless determined otherwise, which are located as near as possible to one another.

U.S. Soccer further recognizes FIFA's desire to stage the tournament in stadia with a minimum seating capacity of 5,000 seats (each spectator with an individual, numbered seat), which are located, preferably, in the eastern part of the United States (one time zone), approximately situated in cities located from New England to the mid-Atlantic or south-Atlantic region.

U.S. Soccer recognizes FIFA's authority to make ultimate selection of stadia and venues. Though FIFA mandates that four to six stadia are used to stage the tournament, U.S. Soccer is presenting ten stadia that meet specifications of the 1999 List of Requirements to provide FIFA with the widest possible selection. Further, U.S. Soccer represents to FIFA that additional stadia and venues have indicated an interest in being considered as sites for the 1999 tournament.

4.2 Special Requirements

U.S. Soccer agrees to fulfill all 1999 List of Requirements, Section 4.2, (a) - (f) "Special Requirements" for stadia used in the 1999 tournament. All stadium authorities have been advised of these requirements and will agree to fulfill such requirements in final operating contracts entered into with U.S. Soccer and its 1999 LOC.

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Section 5 MEDIA REQUIREMENTS

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5.0 Media Requirements

The United States, U.S. Soccer and the various presented stadia have considerable experience in dealing with major sporting events and the attendant media requirements. In addition to providing television coverage for a prospective domestic audience of approximately 200,000,000 people, the United States has regularly demonstrated the structural and technical capabilities to successfully broadcast and provide written press accommodations for other events such as the Olympic Games and the American football Super Bowl, as well as soccer's premier world championship, the 1994 World Cup.

U.S. Soccer and the presented 1999 venues will meet and exceed FIFA's media requirements for stadia, hotel and on-site staffing needs. In addition, U.S. Soccer will provide a centrally located press center with the appropriate technical installations at the headquarters of the Women's World Cup organization. Satellite press centers will also be set up in all cities in which matches are to be played.

U.S. Soccer understands that FIFA will issue a special list of requirements for the media at least twelve months before the start of the final competition of the Women's World Cup. U.S. Soccer pledges to administer such requirements in a thorough and professional manner.

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Section 6 RIGHTS, CONTRACTS

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6.0 Rights, Contracts, Duties

6.1 FIFA

U.S. Soccer acknowledges that, under subsections (a) - (c) of Section 6.1, FIFA alone is the exclusive owner of various rights to the Women's World Cup, including all commercial exploitation of the Women's World Cup, all television and radio rights for every match, the official film, advertising in the stadium, official publications, the creation of logos and mascots as well as other commercial goods directly connected with the championship. U.S. Soccer further understands that FIFA, under the terms of the 1999 List of Requirements, may cede certain rights to companies offering direct assistance in the organization of the Women's World Cup.

U.S. Soccer has contracted with the stadium authorities of the stadia presented as venue sites for the 1999 Women's World Cup to ensure that the stadia will be reserved for use in 1999 and that the stadia otherwise comply with the requirements of the 1999 List of Requirements, specifically with respect to being made available free of advertising. This contract, a "Reservation Agreement," will also be employed by U.S. Soccer in any subsequent conversation with stadium authorities who are contacted regarding the 1999 Women's World Cup but not already presented within this application.

In each of the Reservation Agreements U.S. Soccer has entered, an exculpation clause in favor of FIFA has been inserted. The clause requires each stadium authority to acknowledge that FIFA shall incur no financial responsibility or liability of any kind or nature whatsoever in connection with or arising out of the Reservation Agreements and that the stadium authority shall look solely to the assets of U.S. Soccer under the Reservation Agreement.

U.S. Soccer recognizes that, according to the 1999 List of Requirements, it shall engage the services of a television company to arrange the basic technical requirements to broadcast every match on the national and international network. FIFA advises U.S. Soccer that the entire matter of television broadcast for the 1999 Women's World Cup is being reviewed and FIFA will further advise regarding possible alternatives to LOC broadcast signal production (i.e. FIFA operated production company, etc.).

Under subsection (d) of Section 6.1, U.S. Soccer acknowledges that FIFA shall be responsible for the international travel of fifteen team delegations comprising a maximum of 28 persons in each, approximately 40 FIFA officials and 30 match officials. U.S. Soccer requests that FIFA also assume responsibility for the international travel of U.S. National Team players who are under contract to foreign club teams in 1999 and require transport to the United States to join the U.S. National Team.

6.2 Local Organizing Committee

U.S. Soccer has requested that FIFA provide U.S. Soccer with input regarding marketing and tournament cost issues. To meet 1999 tournament cost obligations referenced in Section 6.2, and elsewhere within the 1999 List of Requirements, U.S. Soccer seeks to reach an understanding with FIFA which allows for maximum marketing opportunities for the LOC. By doing so, U.S. Soccer will be in a position to contribute towards achieving FIFA's aim, as stated within the 1999 List of Requirements, of avoiding a situation in which U.S. Soccer suffers a deficit from the staging of the 1999 Women's World Cup.

Under subsections (a) and (b) of Section 6.2, U.S. Soccer recognizes that the 1999 List of Requirements stipulates that U.S. Soccer is entitled to the entire revenue from the sale of tickets to the 1999 Women's World Cup, and is also entitled to revenue from other commercialization rights ceded to it by FIFA.

Under subsections (c) and (d) of Section 6.2, U.S. Soccer recognizes that, according to the terms of the 1999 List of Requirements, certain costs associated with board, lodging and transport of teams, FIFA officials and match officials, along with the costs of administering and setting up 1999 media centers, shall be borne by U.S. Soccer and/or its LOC.

Under subsection (e) of Section 6.2, U.S. Soccer shall adhere to guidelines established by FIFA regarding insurance requirements for the LOC in the staging of the 1999 Women's World Cup.

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Section 7 ACCOMODATION

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7.0 Accommodation

7.1-7.3 Teams, FIFA and Match Officials Accommodations

U.S. Soccer acknowledges its responsibilities, as summarized in Sections 7.1 to 7.3 of the 1999 List of Requirements, regarding accommodation requirements for teams, FIFA officials, and match officials. The number of existing hotels and the quality of the accommodations in each of the metropolitan areas presented as sites will meet or exceed FIFA needs and expectations.

FIFA will be given the first priority for accommodations at all sites where competition is to be played. U.S. Soccer will invite FIFA to select specific hotels in which it wishes to stay. While adequate facilities exist in the site under consideration as a headquarters city, one hotel in the chosen headquarters site will be dedicated solely for use by FIFA. U.S. Soccer understands the need for FIFA Executive Committee members to host a variety of meetings during the World Cup. Accordingly, U.S. Soccer will assure that each of these individuals have accommodations consistent with these responsibilities.

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Section 8 TRANSPORTATION

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8.0 Transport

Since the United States has in place one of the most complete and advanced transportation systems in the world, U.S. Soccer will be able to concentrate on the coordination of convenient transportation between venue cities, hotels and stadia and to and from press centers.

All of the specific transportation requirements of the LOC outlined in subsections (a) - (d) of Section 8 of the 1999 List of Requirements for teams, FIFA officials, match officials and media representatives will be satisfied. During the planning process for the 1999 Women's World Cup, U.S. Soccer will ask FIFA to detail the specific travel needs and desires of the FIFA Delegation during the competition and will thereafter be pleased to provide the services requested.

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Section 9 ACCREDITATION

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9.0 Accreditation

U.S. Soccer acknowledges that the 1999 List of Requirements stipulates that various categories of officials, guests, teams, sponsors, media, stadium employees and others associated with the staging of the 1999 tournament, will require adequate accreditation for all or part of the schedule of 1999 matches.

U.S. Soccer will collaborate with FIFA in the development of a professional, state-of-the-art accreditation procedure and identification cards which meet all access, security and identification needs for the safe and efficient operation of the 1999 tournament. U.S. Soccer recognizes that, according to the 1999 List of Requirements, FIFA is responsible for the production of accreditation cards and will resolve how such cards are distributed to individuals associated with the 1999 tournament.

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Section 10 REGULATIONS

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10.0 Women's World Cup Regulations

U.S. Soccer acknowledges that regulations for the 3rd Women's World Cup in 1999 form an integral part of the FIFA 1999 List of Requirements. U.S. Soccer will abide by and assume its role in the appropriate application of these regulations once promulgated by FIFA.

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Section 11 DOCUMENTS

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C. Documents to be Provided (FIFA 1999 List of Requirements Section 11)

11.0 Documents

11.1 Declarations from Federal Government Agencies and Venue Governments

As explained more fully in Section 3 of these Responses, the declaration of the United States government required by Section 11.1 of the 1999 List of Requirements is contained, collectively, in the following documents, the originals of which are attached in both Addendum I (as indicated), as well as this section, in the following sequence:

President of the United States (Addendum I)
Congressional Resolution (Addendum I)
Department of State
Department of the Treasury
Department of the Treasury: U.S. Secret Service
Department of the Treasury: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
Department of the Treasury: U.S. Customs Service
Department of Defense
Department of Justice: Immigration and Naturalization Service
Department of Justice: Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Transportation
Department of Commerce

In addition, originals of venue governmental resolutions are attached in this section in the indicated sequence:

Allentown, Pennsylvania
Boston, Massachusetts
Buffalo, New York
Davidson, North Carolina
Greensboro, North Carolina
Newark, Delaware
New Britain, Connecticut
New Brunswick, New Jersey
Richmond, Virginia
Washington, District of Columbia

11.2 Geographical Maps

Geographical maps showing all possible venues, distances, and other key factors are presented in Volume II of these Responses.

11.3 Transportation Maps

Detailed maps of the extensive nationwide road, rail and air transportation systems in the United States are displayed in Volume II of these Responses.

11.4 Confirmation of Stadia Owners

Confirmation letters from owners or operators of all recommended stadia to the effect that these will be made available to FIFA for the Women's World Cup, in compliance with the terms of the 1999 List of Requirements, are displayed in this section in the sequence shown below:

- Allentown, Pennsylvania
- Boston, Massachusetts
- Buffalo, New York
- Davidson, North Carolina
- Greensboro, North Carolina
- Newark, Delaware
- New Britain, Connecticut
- New Brunswick, New Jersey
- Richmond, Virginia
- Washington, District of Columbia

11.5 Hotel Maps

Detailed maps showing all possible hotels within and around each venue are displayed in Volume II of these Responses.

11.6 LOC Organizational Plan

To ensure that the organization of the 1999 Woman's World Cup is accomplished in a fashion which does not interfere with U.S. Soccer's day-to-day business and program operations, U.S. Soccer is forming a separate LOC entity to administer all aspects of the 1999 championship tournament. In structure, the LOC will resemble the organization employed during the 1994 World Cup, with a national organizing committee supported by separate organizations located at each venue where matches will be played. It is, however, important to note that U.S. Soccer will maintain a supervisory role over the activities of the LOC and a certain number of LOC staff positions and Board of Director members may be filled by officers and representatives of U.S. Soccer.

U.S. Soccer is evaluating which form the LOC entity will take (i.e. non-profit subsidiary corporation, etc.), and will provide FIFA with further information on this matter at a later date.

11.7 Tentative Budget

U.S. Soccer has entered into a dialogue with FIFA regarding various issues concerning 1999 tournament marketing rights and costs. FIFA has indicated that additional information on these matters will be provided to U.S. Soccer which shall aid U.S. Soccer in its development of an overall budget for the staging of the tournament.

U.S. Soccer has advised FIFA that its ability to negotiate final operational contracts with 1999 venue stadia and cities, and thereby develop overall tournament budgets with each venue, is influenced by the extent and content of marketing rights and opportunities which can be shared with each venue organization.

U.S. Soccer is prepared to provide FIFA with complete budgetary information once it has received sufficient input regarding marketing rights, allowing U.S. Soccer to develop a comprehensive 1999 Women's World Cup marketing plan in collaboration with FIFA and FIFA's marketing representative.

United States Department of State

The Deputy Secretary of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 1, 1995

Dear Mr. Blatter:

It is my understanding that the U.S. Soccer Federation is preparing to forward a bid to the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) to serve as the host country for the 1999 Women's World Cup. In that connection, the Association requires certain assurances from the United States that fall within the purview of the Department of State.

Accordingly, you can be assured that:

- (1) No accredited member of FIFA or participating country delegations, their immediate families or accredited media representatives, will be denied visas because of nationality, race or creed;
- (2) The laws of the United States do not prohibit any national anthem of any country participating in the 1999 Women's World Cup from being played or the flag of any such country from being raised; and
- (3) We will cooperate and work closely with FIFA, the U.S. Soccer Federation and other federal, state and local government agencies to develop special guidelines for the overall security and personal protection of all players, officials, media representatives and spectators at all times during the 1999 Women's World Cup if it is held in the United States.

As in the case of other major international sporting events such as the 1994 World Cup and the upcoming Olympic

Mr. Joseph S. Blatter,
General Secretary,
Federation Internationale de Football Association,
Hitzigweg 11,
8032 Zurich, Switzerland.

Games in Atlanta, the Department of State looks forward to cooperating fully to ensure the success of the 1999 Women's World Cup games in the United States.

Sincerely,



Strobe Talbott



THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON

December 11, 1995

**Federation Internationale
de Football Association
Hitzigweg 11
8032 Zurich
Switzerland**

Gentlemen:

The Department of the Treasury is the department of the Executive Branch of the Government of the United States of America charged with the responsibility for formulating and recommending economic, financial, tax, and fiscal policies, serving as the financial agent for the United States Government, enforcing the law and manufacturing coins and currency. We understand that 1999 Women's World Cup is preparing a bid to the Federation Internationale de Football Association ("FIFA") to serve as the host country for the 1999 Women's World Cup soccer tournament. In that connection, World Cup USA must obtain certain guarantees from the United States necessary to permit the competition to take place in an expeditious manner. Certain of these guarantees fall within our competence. Accordingly, as requested by the President of the United States, we confirm to you the following:

The laws and regulations of the United States of America, as administered by the Department of Treasury, would permit, or do not prohibit, (i) all foreign exchange to be freely imported and exported to and from the United States, (ii) the exchange and reconversion of such foreign exchange into hard currency of United States dollars or Swiss francs, (iii) such reconversions to be made at internationally prevailing conditions on the foreign exchange market and (iv) enable all payments to be transferred abroad at the official rate.

However, the Department of the Treasury administers certain licensing requirements applicable to transactions between persons subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and nationals of certain designated countries. Such transactions for which a Treasury license is required may include transactions incident to travel to, from, or within the United States. It generally has been the practice of the Department of the Treasury, under the advice of the Department of State, to issue the necessary licenses for nationals of designated countries for purposes of participation in international athletic events hosted by the United States.

As we have with other major international sporting events such as the 1984 Olympic Games, we pledge our full cooperation to the success of the 1999 Women's World Cup.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lawrence Summers', written over the printed name.

**Lawrence Summers
Deputy Secretary**



DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20223

December 15, 1995

Federation Internationale de Football Association
Hitzigweg 11
8032 Zurich
SWITZERLAND

Attention: The General Secretary

Gentlemen:

The Secret Service is the agency of the Executive Branch of the Government of the United States of America charged with the responsibility for the protection of the President and Vice President of the United States and their families, visiting heads of a foreign state or government and, at the direction of the President of the United States, other distinguished foreign visitors to the United States. We understand that the 1999 Women's World Cup ("World Cup USA"), a subsidiary of the United States Soccer Federation, is preparing a bid to the Federation Internationale de Football Association ("FIFA") to serve as the host country for the 1999 Women's World Cup soccer tournament. In that connection, it is our understanding that World Cup USA must obtain certain assurances of cooperation from the United States necessary to permit the competition to take place in an expeditious manner. Accordingly, we confirm to you the following:

The Secret Service will cooperate and work closely with FIFA, World Cup USA and other appropriate federal, state and local governmental agencies in order to provide for the overall security and personal protection of all those individuals whom the Secret Service is authorized to protect (pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056) during the 1999 World Cup.

As we have with other major international sporting events such as the 1996 Olympic Games, we pledge our full cooperation to the success of the 1999 Women's World Cup.

Sincerely,

Eljay B. Bowron
Director



DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20226

DEC 21 1995

Federation Internationale de Football Association
Hitziweg 11
8032 Zurich
SWITZERLAND

Attention: The General Secretary

Gentlemen:

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) is a law enforcement organization within the United States Department of the Treasury dedicated to protecting the public, reducing violent crime, and collecting revenue. ATF enforces the Federal laws and regulations relating to alcohol, tobacco products, firearms, explosives, and arson by working directly and in cooperation with others to support and assist Federal, State, local, and international law enforcement.

We understand that World Cup USA, Inc., a subsidiary of the United States Soccer Federation, is preparing a bid to the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) to serve as the host country for the 1999 Women's World Cup soccer tournament. In that connection, it is our understanding that World Cup USA must obtain certain assurances of cooperation from the United States necessary to permit the competition to take place in an expeditious manner. Accordingly, we confirm to you the following:

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms will work closely with FIFA, World Cup USA, and other appropriate International, Federal, State, and local governmental agencies in order to provide for the overall security and protection during the 1999 Women's World Cup.

We pledge our full cooperation to the success of this event.

Sincerely yours,

John W. Magaw
Director



THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS

WASHINGTON, D.C.

December 18, 1995

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KEITH WALTON
TREASURY ADMINISTRATION SERVICE

FROM:

Commissioner

SUBJECT:

1999 Women's World Cup

The Customs Service is charged with the responsibility of inspecting, and if necessary collecting import duties on goods, wares, and merchandise imported into the United States as well as the administration and enforcement of the Tariff Act of 1930 and other Customs laws. We understand that World Cup USA is currently preparing documents to bid as the host country for the 1999 Women's World Cup soccer tournament. It is our understanding that to achieve this, World Cup USA must obtain certain guarantees from the United States Government necessary to permit the competition to take place in an expeditious manner.

U.S. Customs Service Regulations currently provide for the importation and exportation, free of Customs duty, for a limited period to coincide with the necessary preparations for and the staging of the 1999 Women's World Cup, for the following:

- (a) personal belongings of the participants in, officials of, or accredited members of delegations to the event;
- (b) equipment used in conjunction with the 1999 Women's World Cup, including technical equipment (i) for players and accredited officials, (ii) of the accredited foreign television and film companies and

other accredited media representatives, (iii) for the organization of the competition, provided they are not for sale and will not be left in the United States once the games have been completed;

(c) and special personal foodstuffs to be prepared by and consumed by the teams while participating in the 1999 Women's World Cup.

As we have done with other major international sporting events, such as the 1984 and 1996 Olympic Games and the 1994 World Cup, we pledge our full cooperation and support to the success of the 1999 Women's World Cup. In addition, the U.S. Customs Service will fully support any necessary legislation and resulting law (such as Public Law 103-237 - April 30, 1994) to facilitate the entry and clearance of personal effects and certain other items of participants in the 1999 Women's World Cup games.



DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

1010 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1010



29 NOV 1995

General Secretary
Federation Internationale de Football Association
Hitzigweg 11
8032 Zurich
Switzerland

Dear Sir:

I understand that the U.S. Soccer Federation is planning to submit a bid to the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) to serve as the host country for the 1999 Women's World Cup. In that connection, I have been advised that the U.S. Soccer Federation must obtain certain assurances from the government of the United States as part of its bid documentation.

Accordingly, I am pleased to advise that the United States Department of Defense (DoD) has been supporting major international sporting events since the 1980 Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid, NY. Most recently, DoD provided significant security assistance to state and local law enforcement agencies of the nine cities which hosted the 1994 Men's World Cup soccer tournament, as well as logistical support to the national organizers, World Cup USA, and the local host committees in each city. All of this support was specifically authorized by law, and fully funded for that purpose.

DoD has extensive and unique resources which can be made available for security and logistical requirements, including a cadre of personnel with specialized experience. These resources may be utilized to assist host communities in the United States on a temporary basis, which enhances the ability of local communities to host a secure and successful international sporting event.

Therefore, I am pleased to assure you that if the 1999 Women's World Cup is held in the United States, DoD, subject to the requirements of U.S. law, the availability of appropriations and the authorization of Congress, will coordinate with FIFA, the United States Soccer Federation, and state and local public authorities as much support as possible.

Sincerely,

John P. White

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Office of the Commissioner

425 I Street NW.
Washington, DC 20536

JAN 31 1996

Federation Internationale de
Football Association
Hitzigweg II
8032 Zurich
Switzerland

Attention: The General Secretary

Gentlemen:

This is in furtherance of the United States Soccer Federation's bid to host the 1999 Women's World Cup Games.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service would be primarily involved in conducting the inspection of all athletes, support and administrative personnel, and spectators entering the United States to participate in or otherwise be in attendance at the Games. As demonstrated by our experience with international sports events such as the 1994 World Cup Games and the upcoming 1996 Summer Olympic Games to be held in Atlanta, Georgia; we look forward to doing our part in ensuring the success of the 1999 Women's World Cup.

My staff will work closely with the United States Soccer Federation, FIFA, and other government agencies involved in World Cup planning. You may be assured that inspection procedures will be carried out expeditiously and professionally and that you will receive our full cooperation in facilitating preparations for the Women's World Cup and in making the tournament itself a complete success.

Sincerely,

Doris Meissner
Commissioner



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C. 20535

January 31, 1996

General Secretary
Federation Internationale de Football
Association
Hitzigweg 11
8032 Zurich, Switzerland

Dear Sir:

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is a bureau within the Department of Justice of the Executive Branch of the Government of the United States of America and is charged with the responsibility for the investigation of certain violations of Federal law, with particular emphasis on organized crime, counterterrorism and white collar crime. We understand that the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) is preparing to bid to the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) to serve as the host country for the 1999 Women's World Cup soccer tournament. In that connection, it is understood that USSF must obtain certain guarantees from the United States in order for their bid to receive serious consideration from the FIFA. Assurances of cooperation with respect to the provision of appropriate security fall within our purview. Accordingly, as requested by the President of the United States, we offer our assurances to you of the following:

The FBI will coordinate with FIFA and the United States Soccer Federation and will work closely with appropriate Federal, state and local governmental agencies to develop guidelines and implement procedures for the overall security of all players, officials, media representatives, and spectators at all times during the 1999 Women's World Cup.

As we have done with other major international sporting events such as the 1984 Olympic Games, and 1987 Pan American Games, the 1994 World Cup, and the 1996 Olympic Games, we pledge our full cooperation to the success of the 1999 Women's World Cup.

Sincerely yours,

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Robert M. Bryant
Assistant Director
National Security Division



THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

December 20, 1995

Mr. Joseph S. Blatter
General Secretary
Federation Internationale de Football Association
Hitzigweg 11
8030 Zurich, Switzerland

Dear Dr. Blatter:

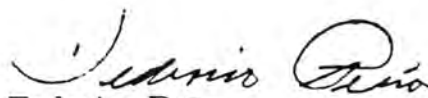
I understand that the United States Soccer Federation has resolved to submit a formal bid to the Federation Internationale de Football Association ("FIFA"), soccer's world governing body, to host the 1999 Women's World Cup in the United States. In that connection, FIFA requires that U.S. Soccer obtain the support of the U.S. Federal Government in its proposed hosting of this greatest of international football championships for women.

I am pleased to advise you that the U.S. Department of Transportation pledges its full support to U.S. Soccer in this endeavor, and is prepared to work with U.S. Soccer, where appropriate and necessary.

In 1994, the United States successfully hosted the men's World Cup in nine cities throughout the nation. Rapid, efficient and economical transportation of teams, FIFA officials, dignitaries and spectators between venues was a major component of the success of the tournament, and DOT assisted by working with the localities and states of the venues. The Department would be pleased to continue this effort with U.S. Soccer and its designated locales towards the goal of achieving successful movement of fans and game participants in the staging of the 1999 football championship for women.

As in the case with other international sporting events, such as the 1984 and upcoming 1996 Olympic Games, the Department looks forward to cooperating fully in ensuring the success of the 1999 Women's World Cup held in the United States.

Sincerely,


Federico Peña



THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

Washington, D.C. 20230

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Mr. Hank Steinbrecher
Secretary General/Executive Director
United States Soccer Federation
1801-1911 South Prairie Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60616

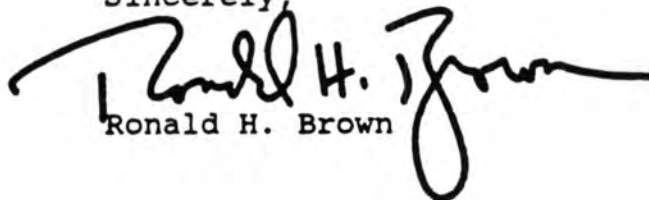
Dear Mr. Steinbrecher:

I understand that the U.S. Soccer Federation (USSF) intends to submit a bid to the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) to host the 1999 Women's World Cup in the United States.

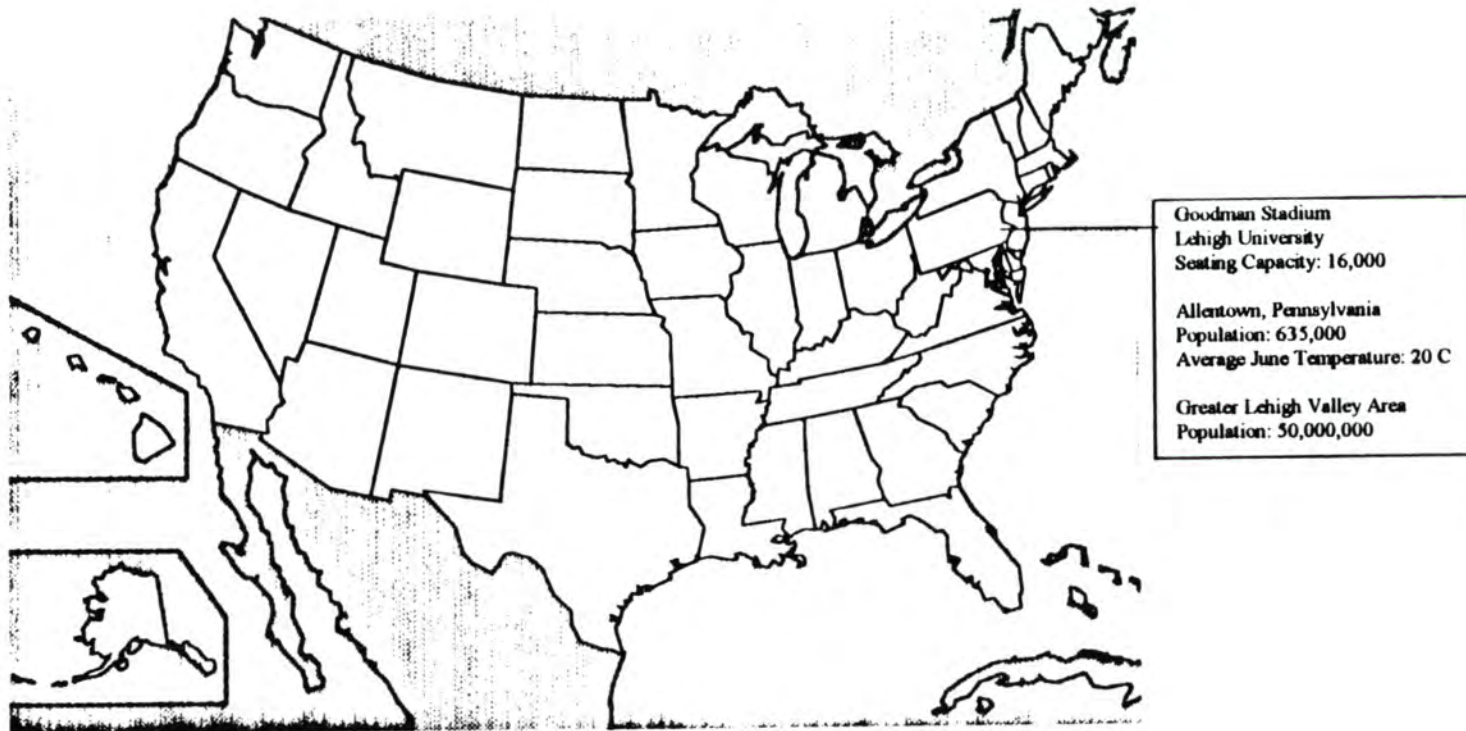
As our successful partnership during the 1994 World Cup evidenced, the Department will be happy to assist with the 1999 Women's World Cup if held in the United States. We realize the growing popularity of soccer in the United States and pledge our support to U.S. soccer in this endeavor.

If awarded the bid, we will be pleased to work with your organization and others to assist in making this endeavor a success.

Sincerely,


Ronald H. Brown

Allentown, Pennsylvania



Lehigh University



Peter Likins, President

27 Memorial Drive West
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January 22, 1996

Federation Internationale de
Football Association
P.O. Box 85
8030 Zurich
SWITZERLAND

United States Soccer Federation, Inc.
1801 South Prairie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616

Re: Candidacy of United States of America
to Host 1999 Women's World Cup

Gentlemen:

On behalf of Lehigh University, I am pleased to submit an application for consideration as a host site for the 1999 Women's World Cup. The University is truly excited that it may have the opportunity to stage an event of such international recognition.

You will find the playing fields of Lehigh University to be perfectly suited for your athletic needs. In fact, Lehigh was honored to have been host to the 1992 Olympic qualifying match for the USA vs. Mexico.

Additionally, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania can boast about the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association (EPYSA)--the strongest youth soccer organization in the United States. Lehigh University is a cosponsor of the Greater Bethlehem Soccer League. (On any fall weekend you will find, at Lehigh's Murray Goodman Campus, approximately 1200 youths playing soccer on 26 playing fields.)

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to welcoming you personally to the campus of this great university.

Sincerely,

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CHARLES W. DENT
132ND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

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February 1, 1996

Federation Internationale de Football Association
P.O. Box 85
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United States Soccer Federation, Inc.
1901 South Prairie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616

Re: Candidacy of United States of America
to Host 1999 Women's World Cup

Gentlemen:

It is my pleasure to wholeheartedly support Lehigh University's application to host the 1999 Women's World Cup.

The University has excellent athletic facilities, and the City of Bethlehem has much to offer for the enjoyment of all the participants and spectators.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is proud to have the strongest youth soccer organization in the United States, the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association (EPYSA). Additionally, Lehigh University is a cosponsor of the Greater Bethlehem Soccer League.

Lehigh University exemplifies everything needed for a successful event of this scope. Thank you for your every consideration to their request.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles W. Dent".

Charles W. Dent
State Representative
132nd District



COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

OFFICE OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
669 WASHINGTON STREET
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A. L. BRACKBILL, JR.
County Executive

January 30, 1996

United States Soccer Federation, Inc.
1801 South Prairie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60618

Re: Candidacy of United States to Host 1999 Women's World Cup

Gentlemen:

Northampton County endorses and supports Lehigh University's efforts to bring the playoff games of the 1999 Women's World Cup to their campus. Such an event will bring prestige and honor to Northampton County and the Lehigh Valley. With the tremendous interest in our area for soccer, both male and female, many support organizations exist to enable you to have well-organized and attended events.

There are thirty-eight municipalities in Northampton County served by volunteer and paid law enforcement, fire, and ambulance services. The quality of these emergency services is exceptional. For such an event, I anticipate no problem in coordinating maximum assistance from these various agencies. In addition, the medical facilities are outstanding! The Sheriff's Department of Northampton County will assist in every way possible.

Attached is an appropriate Resolution supporting this event.

A. Landis Brackbill Jr.
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

ALB/jmw
cc: County Council
Sheriff Diomedo

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, upon application made by the United States Soccer Federation (the "Federation"), the recognized national governing body for soccer within the United States, the Federation Internationale de Football Association ("FIFA"), the world governing body for soccer, has designated the United States as host country for the 1999 Women's World Cup; and

WHEREAS, the County of Northampton has within its jurisdiction facilities and their premises, access roads, thoroughfares, and other areas which may be used for the purpose of organizing, financing, promoting, accommodating, staging, and conducting the 1999 Women's World Cup and its related activities; and

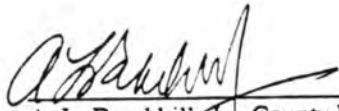
WHEREAS, hosting the 1999 Women's World Cup will generate international goodwill, enhance the worldwide renown and prestige of the County of Northampton, produce new jobs and create substantial beneficial economic and fiscal activity; and

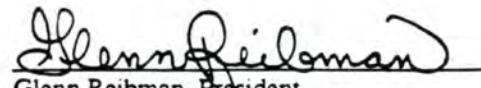
WHEREAS, the United States Soccer Federation, the entity authorized by FIFA to organize and stage the 1999 Women's World Cup, has requested a declaration of support from the County of Northampton and certain guarantees concerning the performance of reasonably necessary governmental services in connection with the event as part of the formal bid made by Lehigh University to be designated as a 1999 Women's World Cup venue; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Northampton welcomes the 1999 Women's World Cup to its jurisdiction and to that end declares its full support of the efforts of Lehigh University to have Lehigh University selected as a 1999 Women's World Cup venue site; and be it further

RESOLVED that, upon designation of Lehigh University as a 1999 Women's World Cup venue, and at all times thereafter, the County of Northampton, and its agencies, departments, and personnel, agree to provide all governmental services reasonably necessary to the success of the 1999 Women's World Cup within its jurisdiction (whether, recognizing the uniqueness and extraordinary scope of the Women's World Cup, such services are below, equal to or beyond the normal level and range of governmental services usually provided for events held within the jurisdiction), including all planning, training, or deployment activities related to the provision of such services, all at no cost, expense or liability to the United States Soccer Federation; and be it further

RESOLVED that the County of Northampton agrees that neither FIFA, the United States Soccer Federation nor any director, member, officer, employee, or other representative of FIFA or the United States Soccer Federation shall be held accountable for or incur any financial responsibility or liability of any kind or nature whatsoever in connection with the governmental services planned and/or provided relating to the 1999 Women's World Cup.


A. L. Brackbill, Jr. County Executive
Northampton County


Glenn Reibman, President
Northampton County Council



COUNTY OF LEHIGH
Office of the County Executive

Jane S. Baker
County Executive

January 31, 1996

Lehigh University
Department of Athletics
641 Taylor Street
Bethlehem, PA 18015

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to express the support of Lehigh County for Lehigh University to apply to become the site of the Women's Cup Soccer event in 1999 at your Goodman Campus.

We feel that this event would benefit not only Lehigh University, but also the Lehigh Valley. This could be a boost to tourism and have a positive economic impact on our region. In addition, it would showcase your world class athletic facilities as well as promote other historic and interesting features in the area.

If we can be of any assistance to you in applying to become the site of the 1999 Women's Cup Soccer event, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Jane S. Baker
Lehigh County Executive

JSB/dd

Courthouse, P.O. Box 1548
Allentown, Pennsylvania 18105
Phone: 610-820-3001
Fax: 610-820-3615

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Menneth R. Smith
Mayor

February 1, 1996

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P. O. Box 85
8030 Zurich
SWITZERLAND

United States Soccer Federation, inc.
1901 South Prairie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616

Re: Candidacy of United States of America
to Host 1999 Women's World Cup

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to add the City of Bethlehem's enthusiastic support to Lehigh University's application to host the 1999 Women's World Cup.

The University's excellent athletic facilities, coupled with our City's outstanding attractions, would offer the ideal setting for this event.

As your host city, you would find our hospitality and services unmatched. As an historic community, proud of its heritage, Bethlehem is devoted to quality which is reflected in its government, business and educational opportunities, music, and recreational facilities. Our law enforcement, public safety and medical services are of top caliber as are our thoroughfares and other community facilities and sites. Our energetic and talented citizens are dedicated to the continued improvement of Bethlehem's quality of life. The partnership relationships between our City government, the business and private sector, the non-profit agencies and citizens are our greatest assets. We are a strong community which has been built upon a good foundation and we continue to respond to fresh and new challenges as together we are working to invest in our future.



Bethlehem is a wonderful community and we trust that Lehigh University will be granted your favorable consideration in the search for a suitable competition site for the 1999 Women's World Cup.

Should additional assistance or information be required, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken R. Smith", written in a cursive style.

KENNETH R. SMITH
Mayor



Lehigh Mountain Hawk

Joseph D. Sterrett, Ed.D.
Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs
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Lehigh University, Taylor Gym 38
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Bethlehem, PA 18015-3187
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February 6, 1996

Emilio Pozzi, Deputy Director
1999 Women's World Cup Bidding Committee
United States Soccer Federation
4224 ½ River Road, NW
Washington, DC 20016

Dear Mr. Pozzi,

I am pleased to endorse the Lehigh University bid for consideration as one site for 1999 Women's World Cup Soccer games.

Lehigh presents an outstanding modest-sized facility, in an excellent location, with an events staff experienced in staging major competitions. We have a supportive community and a reputation for achieving success in most everything we undertake. Participating in the 1999 World Cup would be an honor, a privilege, and an exciting challenge for the entire Lehigh community.

Should you have questions or concerns about our bid proposal, please let us know. Should our site be selected, I will ensure the full cooperation of our staff in presenting a quality event or events.

Best wishes in your national bid for the 1999 games.

Sincerely,

Joseph D. Sterrett
Assistant Vice President
for Student Affairs and
Director of Athletics

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING SUPPORT OF THE
1999 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP SOCCER COMPETITION**

WHEREAS, upon application made by the United States Soccer Federation (the "Federation"), the recognized national governing body for soccer within the United States, the Federation Internationale de Football Association ("FIFA"), the world governing body for soccer, has designated the United States as host country for the 1999 Women's World Cup; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has within its jurisdiction facilities and their premises, access roads, thoroughfares and other area which may be used for the purposes of organizing, financing, promoting, accommodating, staging, and conducting the 1999 Women's World Cup; and its related activities; and

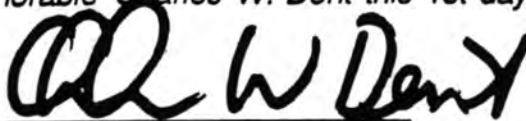
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WHEREAS, the U.S. Soccer Federation, the entity authorized by FIFA to organize and stage the 1999 Women's World Cup, has requested a declaration of support from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and certain guarantees concerning the performance of reasonably necessary governmental services in connection with the event as part of the formal bid made by the City of Bethlehem to be designated as a 1999 Women's World Cup venue; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania welcomes the 1999 Women's World Cup to its jurisdiction and to that end declares its full support of the efforts of the City of Bethlehem to have Lehigh University selected as a 1999 Women's World Cup venue site; and be it further

RESOLVED that, except for the negligence or overt act of FIFA, the U.S. Soccer Federation nor any director, member, officer, employee, or other representative of FIFA or the U.S. Soccer Federation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania agrees that neither FIFA, the U.S. Soccer Federation nor any director, member, officer, employee, or other representative of FIFA or the U.S. Soccer Federation shall be held accountable for or incur any financial responsibility or liability in connection with the governmental services provided relating to the 1999 Women's World Cup.

SIGNED by the Honorable Charles W. Dent this 1st day of February 1996.

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*Charles W. Dent, State Representative
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania*

RESOLUTION

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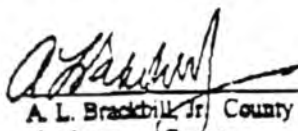
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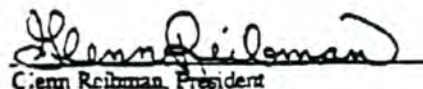
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A. L. Brackbill, Jr., County Executive
Northampton County


Glenn Reibman, President
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1999 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP SOCCER COMPETITION.

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WHEREAS, the City of Bethlehem has within its jurisdiction facilities and their premises, access roads, thoroughfares and other area which may be used for the purposes of organizing, financing, promoting, accommodating, staging, and conducting the 1999 Women's World Cup and its related activities; and

WHEREAS, hosting the 1999 Women's World Cup will generate international goodwill, enhance the worldwide renown and prestige of the City of Bethlehem, produce new jobs and create substantial beneficial economic and fiscal activity; and

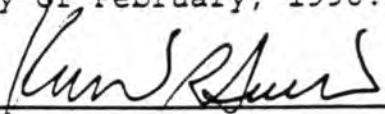
WHEREAS, the U.S. Soccer Federation, the entity authorized by FIFA to organize and stage the 1999 Women's World Cup, has requested a declaration of support from the City of Bethlehem and certain guarantees concerning the performance of reasonably necessary governmental services in connection with the event as part of the formal bid made by the City of Bethlehem to be designated as a 1999 Women's World Cup venue; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the City of Bethlehem welcomes the 1999 Women's World Cup to its jurisdiction and to that end declares its full support of the efforts of the City of Bethlehem to have the City of Bethlehem selected as a 1999 Women's World Cup venue site; and be it further

RESOLVED that upon designation of the City of Bethlehem as a 1999 Women's World Cup venue, and at all times thereafter the City of Bethlehem and its agencies agree to provide public safety, security, fire, medical emergency, traffic and street maintenance reasonably necessary to the success of the 1999 Women's World Cup within the City at no cost or expense to the U.S. Soccer Federation; and be it further

RESOLVED that, except for the negligence or overt act of FIFA, the U.S. Soccer Federation nor any director, member, officer, employee, or other representative of FIFA or the U.S. Soccer Federation, the City of Bethlehem agrees that neither FIFA, the U.S. Soccer Federation nor any director, member, officer, employee, or other representative of FIFA or the U.S. Soccer Federation shall be held accountable for or incur any financial responsibility or liability in connection with the governmental services provided relating to the 1999 Women's World Cup.

APPROVED by the City this 1st day of February, 1996.



Kenneth R. Smith,
Mayor



EXHIBIT B

Gregory J. Schulze
Director of Athletic Facilities
Lehigh University, Rauch Fieldhouse
123 Goodman Drive
Bethlehem, PA 18015-3717
Office (610) 758-4306
Fax (610) 758-6597

February 8, 1996

Federation Internationale de
Football Association
P. O. Box 85
8030 Zurich
SWITZERLAND

United States Soccer Federation, Inc.
1801 South Prairie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616

Re: Candidacy of United States of America
to Host 1999 Women's World Cup

Gentlemen:

The Murray H. Goodman Stadium of Lehigh University (the "Stadium") is pleased to confirm to you that the City of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and the Stadium would be honored to serve as one of the four to six venue sites for the 1999 Women's World Cup should the United States be selected as the host country. We have reviewed and considered in detail the list of requirements for 3rd Women's World Cup, 1999 (Exhibit A, "Terms of Reference"). As required by the Terms of Reference, we specifically confirm to you that:

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In addition, under the system of law which governs the United States, it is our domain to confirm to you various matters listed below and under Section 3 and Section 4 of the Terms of Reference:

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- to allow for ground advertising
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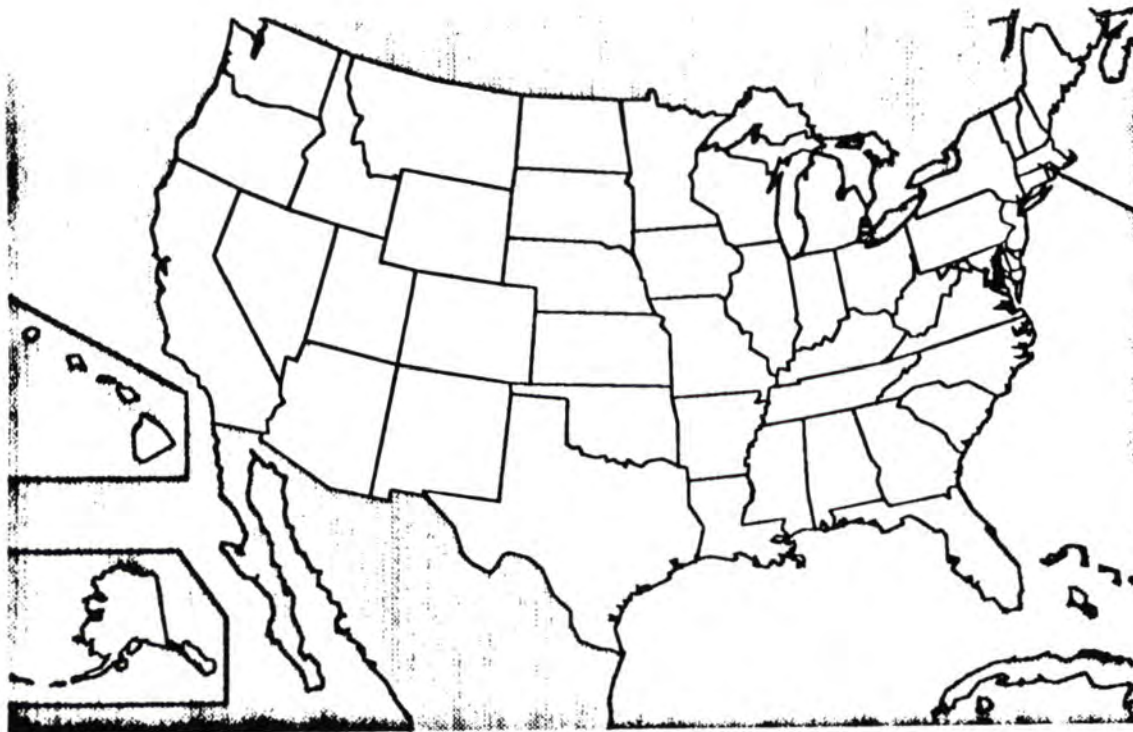
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Sincerely,



Gregory J. Schulze
Director of Athletic Facilities

Boston, Massachusetts



Ellis Oval Complex
Tufts University
Seating Capacity: 5,000

Medford, Massachusetts
Population: 200,000
Average June Temperature: 20 C

Greater Boston Area
Population: 4,500,000



City of Medford

Office of The Mayor

City Hall
Medford, Massachusetts
02155

Michael J. McGlynn
Mayor

Telephone
(617) 393-2408

January 31, 1996

Mr. Alan Rothenberg, President
United States Soccer Federation
1801 S. Prairie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616

Dear Mr. Rothenberg,

I am writing this letter to wholeheartedly endorse the Boston Soccer, Inc. bid to bring Women's World Cup Soccer to Massachusetts in 1999. Massachusetts is a premiere sporting venue in the United States that would provide the event with all of its needs. Our air, sea and land access, provides fully developed and adequate infrastructure for international visitors. In addition, Boston's public transportation system places the entire Greater Boston area within reach.

Medford, located seven miles north of Boston is a city rich with history, tradition and a reputation for warm hospitality. It offers numerous recreational facilities, including two skating rinks, a public swimming pool and pond, hiking, biking and walking paths, and twenty-one refurbished parks. Founded in 1630, Medford is the fourth oldest English settlement in America. Visitors to Medford will find that General George Washington visited here during the Revolutionary War, and Paul Revere awakened Medford to the "The British Are Coming". The Christmas song, "Jingle Bells" was written here by James Pierpont. Moreover, the Medford Historical Society owns the third largest collection of original Civil War prints in the world totaling over 5,000.

The City of Medford offers much to citizens and visitors alike. We are anxious to welcome Women's World Cup Soccer to Tufts University and eager to work with Boston Soccer, Inc. and your organization to make this a successful event for our country. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael J. McGlynn", is written over a horizontal line.

MICHAEL J. MCGLYNN, MAYOR





CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

MICHAEL E. CAPUANO
MAYOR

February 5, 1996

Mr. Alan Rothenberg
President
United States Soccer Federation
1801 S. Prairie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616

Dear Mr. Rothenberg:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the 1999 Women's World Cup Soccer bid. New England is an ideal location for major sports events. We boast the population, the transportation systems, tourism support systems and the media outlets to properly promote these events.

New England, Boston, and even Somerville are no strangers to international soccer. The 1994 World Cup at Foxboro Stadium and the 1991 match between Norway and the U.S. at Tufts University prove our ability to host international soccer events.

I hope that you will give full consideration to the Boston Soccer, Inc. bid, and I wish you the best of luck with your plans for 1999.

Sincerely,



Michael E. Capuano
Mayor

MEC/pg

Peggy Davis-Mullen

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL - CITYWIDE



February 6, 1996

Mr. Alan Rothenberg
President
United States Soccer Federation
1801 S. Prairie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616

Dear Mr. Rothenberg:

I am writing to endorse the Boston Soccer, Inc. bid to bring the 1999 Women's World Cup Soccer games to the Boston area. The city, its people and its attractions, have provided an ideal venue for world class soccer in the past, and we are ready to do it again.

Boston, as the gateway to New England, has a transportation infrastructure that is more than adequate for an event of this size. A short ride by either land, sea, or air places our region's many attractions within reach for players, officials, and visitors.

In addition, the New England region is a mecca for sports enthusiasts. Boston in particular has a long tradition of hosting the finest athletic events - the Boston Marathon, the 1996 NHL All-Star Game, and, of course, the 1994 World Cup. It is evident that we are experienced in meeting the needs of world class athletes and their supporters.

Again, you have my sincere endorsement of the Boston Soccer, Inc. bid to bring Women's World Cup Soccer to Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

Peggy Davis-Mullen
City Councillor at Large

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

1999 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP RESOLUTION

WHEREAS,

upon application made by the United States Soccer Federation (the 'Federation'), the recognized national governing body for soccer within the United States, the Federation Internationale de Football Association ('FIFA'), the world governing body for soccer, has designated the United States as host country for the 1999 Women's World Cup; and

WHEREAS,

the City of Boston has within its jurisdiction facilities and their premises, access roads, thoroughfares and other area which may be used for the purposes of organizing, financing, promoting, accommodating, staging, and conducting the 1999 Women's World Cup and its related activities; and

WHEREAS,

hosting the 1999 Women's World Cup will generate international goodwill, enhance the worldwide renown and prestige of the City of Boston, produce new jobs and create substantial beneficial economic activity; and

WHEREAS,

the U.S. Soccer Federation, the entity authorized by FIFA to organize and stage the 1999 Women's World Cup, has requested a declaration of support from the City of Boston and certain guarantees concerning the performance of reasonably necessary governmental services in connection with the event as part of the formal bid made by the City of Boston to be designated as a 1999 Women's World Cup venue; therefore be it

RESOLVED,

that Boston welcomes the 1999 Women's World Cup to its jurisdiction and to that end declares its full support of the efforts of the City of Boston to have the City of Boston selected as a 1999 Women's World Cup venue site; and be it further

ORDERED,

that, the City Council urges the Menino Administration to take the necessary steps to assure the federation that the City will provide the necessary support services for the success of the 1999 Women's World Cup within its jurisdiction.



By: James M. Kelly
President of the City Council

Attest: Rosaria Salerno
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Joseph Daniel Mullen

Date: January 24, 1996



TOWN OF AMHERST

ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK

5583 MAIN STREET

WILLIAMSVILLE, NEW YORK 14221

FAX 716-631-7036

HOMAS J. AHERN
Supervisor
716-631-7032

SUSAN J. GRELICK
Town Clerk
716-631-7045

Councilmembers:

JAMES P. HAYES
MICHAEL G. McGUIRE
LYNN MILLANE, Deputy Supervisor
MARGARET G. SANTILLO
JANE S. WOODWARD
PENNY F. ZEPLITZ
716-631-7013

Proclamation

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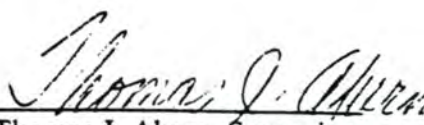
WHEREAS, the Town of Amherst has within its jurisdiction, facilities and their premises, access roads, thoroughfares and other areas which may be used for the purpose of organizing, promoting, staging and conducting the 1999 Women's World Cup and its related activities; and

WHEREAS, hosting the 1999 Women's World Cup will generate International goodwill, enhance the worldwide renown and prestige of the Town of Amherst; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Soccer Federation, the entity authorized by FIFA to organize and stage the 1999 Women's World Cup, has requested a statement of support from Town of Amherst regarding necessary services in connection with the event as part of the formal bid made by the Western New York Amateur Sports Commission on behalf of the Town of Amherst and Western New York to be designated as a 1999 Women's World Cup venue.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Amherst welcomes the 1999 Women's World Cup to Western New York and to that end declares its full support of the efforts of the Western New York Amateur Sports Commission to have the Town of Amherst selected as a 1999 World Cup venue site; and




Thomas J. Ahern, Supervisor
Town of Amherst

February 6, 1996



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Recycled Paper



TUFTS UNIVERSITY

Department of Physical Education
Athletics and Recreation

February 5, 1996

Federation Internationale de Football Association
P.O. Box 85
8030 Zurich
SWITZERLAND

United States Soccer Federation, Inc.
1801 South Prairie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616

Re: Candidacy of United States of America
to Host 1999 Women's World Cup

Gentlemen:

Tufts University/Ellis Oval Complex (the "Stadium") is pleased to confirm to you that the City of Somerville, Massachusetts and the Stadium would be honored to serve as one of the four to six venue sites for the 1999 Women's World Cup should the United States be selected as the host country. We have reviewed and considered in detail the list of requirements for 3rd Women's World Cup, 1999 (Exhibit A, "Terms of Reference"). As required by the Terms of Reference, we specifically confirm to you that:

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In addition, under the system of law which governs the United States, it is our domain to confirm to you various matters listed below and under Section 4 of the Terms of Reference:

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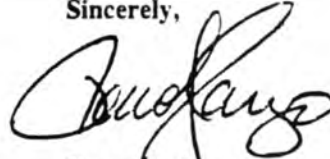
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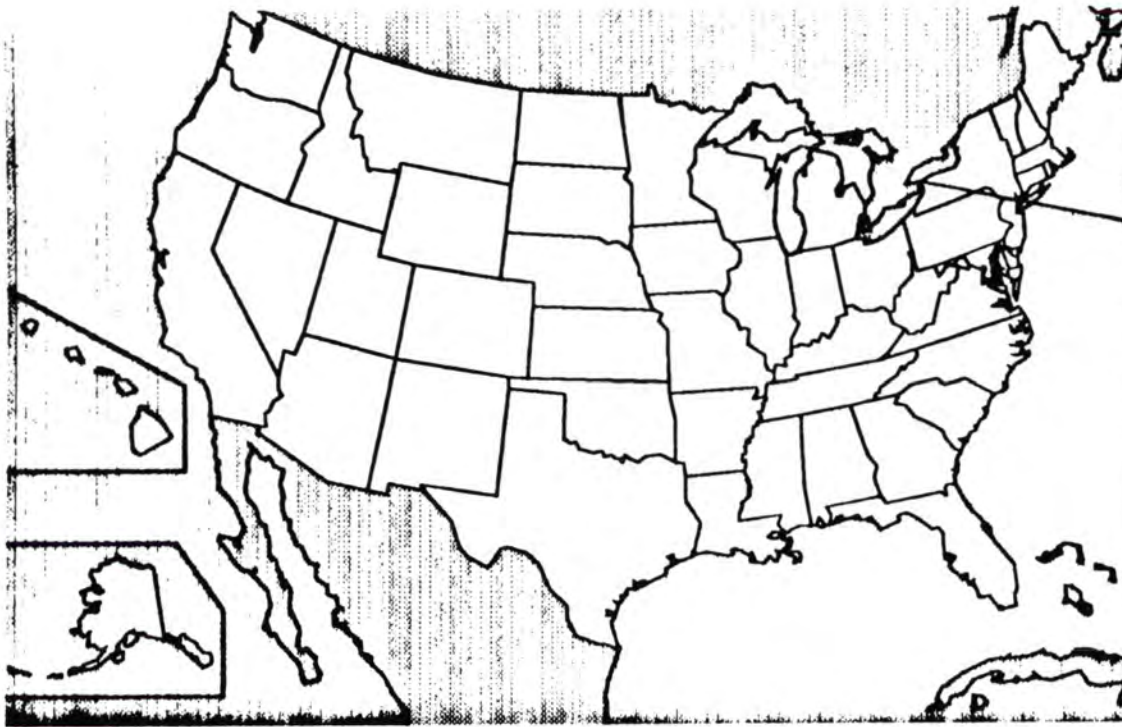
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Sincerely,



Rocco J. Carzo
Athletic Director

Buffalo, New York



UB Stadium
University at Buffalo
Seating Capacity: 16,500

Buffalo, New York
Population: 600,000
Average June Temperature: 21.25 C

Greater Buffalo Area
Population: 1,100,000



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

GEORGE E. PATAKI
GOVERNOR

January 19, 1996

Dear Mr. Vetter:

It is a great pleasure, on behalf of the State of New York, to extend to the Women's World Cup Soccer a most cordial invitation to hold their Championships in the City of Buffalo and the Niagara Region in 1999.

Let me take this opportunity to assure you of the interest of state government in cooperating with your organization and of the friendly support you will receive.

The Empire State has the very best in meeting facilities, restaurants and accommodations, as well as cultural, sports, entertainment, and tourist attractions. I am confident you will agree that it is the ideal place for the Women's World Cup Soccer Championships.

For more information on convention and meeting facilities in New York, please contact the Department of Economic Development's Division of Tourism at (518) 474-4116 or (212) 827-6257.

I hope your members will also take the opportunity to visit the many interesting historic sites and areas of scenic beauty.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. E. Pataki".

Mr. Kenneth Vetter
Executive Director
Western New York
Amateur Sports Commission
107 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14202-2801



County of Erie

DENNIS T. GORSKI
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 17, 1996

PHONE: 716-858-8500

Emilio Pozzi, Deputy Director
1999 Women's World Cup
Bidding Committee
U.S. Soccer
1801-1811 S. Prairie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616

Dear Mr. Pozzi:

It is an honor to invite **Women's World Cup Soccer** to Erie County in **1999**.

Erie County offers world-class athletic facilities conveniently located in downtown Buffalo and our suburbs. In addition, we feature several hotel complexes, including a riverfront resort hotel with full recreational facilities; authentic ethnic foods and diverse restaurants to satisfy every palate; and a vibrant theatre district.

For those who wish to explore beyond the Buffalo area, we are situated near Niagara Falls, USA and Niagara Falls, Canada, as well as the Canadian metropolitan area of Toronto, where visitors will find unique, international varieties of fashion, heritage and products.

On behalf of the citizens of Erie County, I pledge to do all in my power as County Executive to assist and insure success in the efforts to bring **Women's World Cup Soccer** to Erie County in **1999**. Building on our past successes, like hosting the 1993 World University Games and the 1985 and 1986 Empire State Games, we will forge a partnership of public and private support second to none.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Gorski", is written over a horizontal line.

Dennis Gorski
County Executive

DTG:df



CITY OF BUFFALO
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

ANTHONY M. MASIELLO
MAYOR

January 16, 1996

Mr. Emilio Pozzi

Re: 1999 Women's World Cup Soccer

Dear Mr. Pozzi:

This letter will express my full and enthusiastic support for local organizing efforts to bring the 1999 Women's World Cup Soccer to Buffalo and Western New York. Let me begin by saying that Buffalo is one of the best kept secrets in the United States. Ask anyone who has lived here, and they'll say they love Buffalo because living here is so easy. What makes a city "easy" to live in? The same things that make for an ideal convention destination. Allow me to elaborate:

Getting to Buffalo is very easy. An international airport just 15 minutes from downtown means no worries about missed flights. Over half the people in the nation are less than 500 miles away, and I-90 delivers travelers right to our downtown. Our bus terminal, located downtown, offers public service to Niagara Falls, and full commercial service - including 2-hour shuttles to Toronto.

Getting around in Buffalo is very easy. With a logical street plan, wide tree-lined avenues, and almost no rush hour to speak of, Buffalo is paradise for visiting drivers. Crossing the city or crossing into Canada is literally a matter of minutes.

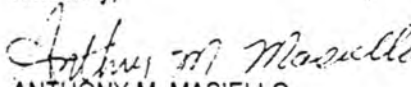
Buffalo is affordable. In Buffalo, you don't have to spend a lot of money to stay in a superb hotel, eat a fantastic meal, attend a philharmonic orchestra concert, watch a Broadway show, or see a dominant professional team play (football, hockey, baseball - take your pick). Even car rental rates are reasonable.

Buffalo is beautiful. Surprise: we're home to one of the greatest Frederick Law Olmsted parks systems in the world. We have the finest buildings of masters like H.H. Richardson, Louis Sullivan, and Frank Lloyd Wright - even our City Hall is a historical landmark. Our Albright-Knox Art Gallery has one of the finest modern art collections in the United States.

The people of Buffalo are wonderfully friendly. We are known as the "City of Good Neighbors," and I think it's because we know the best kept secret in the US is ours - but we're not greedy. Come share our secret. You'll be glad you did.

Please call me if I can be of any help. The services of our city are at your disposal.

Sincerely,


ANTHONY M. MASIELLO
Mayor of Buffalo



County of Erie
Office of County Executive

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, Upon application made by the United States Soccer Federation (the "Federation"), the recognized national governing body for soccer within the United States, the Federation of Internationale de Football Association ("FIFA"), the world governing body for soccer, has designated the United States as the host country for the 1999 Women's World Cup; and
- WHEREAS, The County of Erie has within its jurisdiction facilities and their premises, access roads, thoroughfares and other areas which may be used for the purpose of organizing, promoting, staging and conducting the 1999 Women's World Cup and its related activities; and
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- WHEREAS, The U.S. Soccer Federation, the entity authorized by FIFA to organize and stage the 1999 Women's World Cup, has requested a statement of support from the County of Erie regarding necessary services in connection with the event as part of the formal bid made by the Western New York Amateur Sports Commission on behalf of Erie County and Western New York to be designated as a 1999 Women's World Cup Venue; and

Therefore, let it be **RESOLVED**, that the County of Erie welcomes the 1999 Women's World Cup to Western New York and to that end declares its full support to the efforts of the Western New York Amateur Sports Commission to have Erie County selected as a 1999 World Cup venue site; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon designation of Erie County as a 1999 Women's World Cup venue, the County of Erie agrees to provide governmental services reasonably necessary to the success of the 1999 Women's World Cup Soccer within its jurisdiction, at no cost, expense or liability to the U.S. Soccer Federation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County of Erie agrees that neither FIFA, the U.S. Soccer Federation nor any director, member, officer, employee, or other representative of FIFA or the U.S. Soccer Federation shall be held accountable for or incur any financial responsibility or liability in connection with the governmental services related to the 1999 Women's World Cup.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have caused to be affixed the
Seal of the County of Erie,
this February, 1996.


DENNIS T. GORSKI
Erie County Executive

University at Buffalo
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BUFFALO
Division of Athletics

Alumni Arena



Buffalo, New York 14260

(716) 645-3142

FAX (716) 645-3756

Exhibit B

January 1996

Federation Internationale de Football Association
P.O. Box 85
8030 Zurich
SWITZERLAND

United States Soccer Federation, Inc.
1801 South Prairie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616

Re: Candidacy of United States of America
to Host 1999 Women's World Cup

Gentlemen:

The University at Buffalo Division of Athletics is pleased to confirm to you that the City of Buffalo, New York and the Stadium would be honored to serve as one of the four to six venue sites for the 1999 Women's World Cup should the United States be selected as the host country. We have reviewed and considered in detail the list of requirements for the 3rd Women's World Cup, 1999 (Exhibit A, "Terms of Reference"). As required by the Terms of Reference, we specifically confirm to you that:

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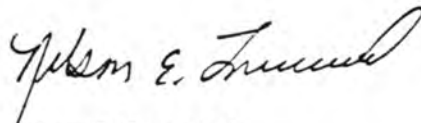
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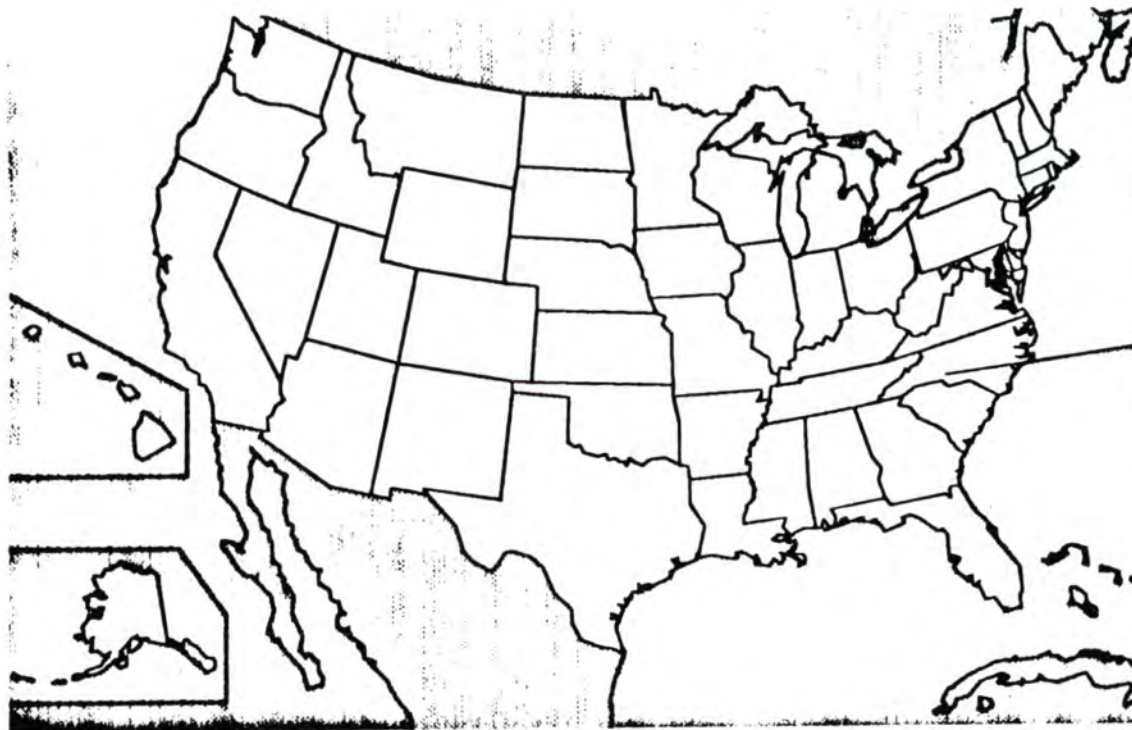
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Sincerely,



Nelson E. Townsend
Director, Division of Athletics

Davidson, North Carolina



Richardson Field
Davidson College
Seating Capacity: 15,000

Davidson, North Carolina
Population: 435,000
Average June Temperature: 26 C

Greater Charlotte/ Douglas Area
Population: 1,254,929



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
RALEIGH 27603-8001

JAMES B. HUNT JR.
GOVERNOR

January 31, 1996

Selection Committee
Federation Internationale de Football Association
Post Office Box 85
8030 Zurich
SWITZERLAND

Dear Selection Committee:

On behalf of the citizens of North Carolina, I would like to extend a very special invitation to host the preliminary games of the 1999 Women's World Cup. I am pleased that you are considering the Charlotte/Davidson area of North Carolina to host these international games.

Our state, and particularly the Charlotte/Davidson area, has a great deal to offer. Charlotte served as host to the 1994 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Final Four. Davidson College hosted the NCAA Men's Soccer Final Four from 1992 through 1994, setting attendance records each year. As you can see, North Carolinians are sports enthusiasts, and we are proud of our reputation to host such exciting events.

Be assured that our corporate and government leaders fully support this bid to host the preliminary games of the 1999 Women's World Cup. We stand ready to work with the Federation Internationale de Football Association to continue your tradition of providing a truly world-class showcase for the athletes, coaches, families and spectators.

Let us show you the "Southern Hospitality" for which North Carolina is famous. We look forward to welcoming the preliminary games of the 1999 Women's World Cup.

My warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Hunt".

James B. Hunt Jr.

CHARLOTTE

January 29, 1996

Federation Internationale de Football Association
P. O. Box 85
8030 Zurich
SWITZERLAND

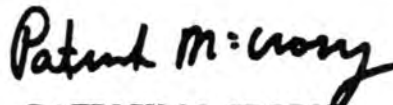
Dear Friends:

On behalf of the City of Charlotte and the many enthusiastic soccer fans in this area, I am very excited about the opportunity to host the 1999 Women's World Cup.

Charlotte and the surrounding area are blessed with a wealth of social, cultural, and recreational amenities and numerous other activities in which to participate. We are home to some of the finest athletic facilities in the country and would be honored to showcase them during the 1999 Women's World Cup. Carolinas Stadium is the most outstanding outdoor athletic venue in the country, and Davidson College's Richardson Field is a wonderful soccer venue, as evidenced by the attendance records set during the 1992-1994 NCAA Men's Soccer Final Four.

The 1999 Women's World Cup would benefit from its relationship with Charlotte. All those associated with the World Cup will be impressed by the city's hospitality, venues, and support. I strongly urge the Site Committee to select the Queen City as a host to the 1999 Women's World Cup.

Sincerely,


PATRICK McCRORY



Mecklenburg County
Board of County Commissioners
600 East Fourth Street
Charlotte, North Carolina 28202
Telephone 704-336-2472

ANN SCHRADER
CHAIRMAN

January 25, 1996

Federation Internationale de Football Association
P.O. Box 85
8030 Zurich
Switzerland

Dear Friends:

Mecklenburg County enthusiastically supports our area's bid for preliminary games of the 1999 Women's World Cup.

Our city has a reputation for being a sports leader. The Hornets basketball team has had outstanding attendance records. Every indication is that the Panthers football team will be as well received.

The NCAA Men's Soccer Final Four set attendance records when Davidson College hosted the events from 1992 through 1994.

Based on our past history, we feel that the Carolinas Stadium and Richardson Field at Davidson College would be ideal sites for some of the tournament games.

We are delighted to support Carolinas Stadium/Davidson College's bid for hosting this prestigious event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Schrader".

Ann Schrader

AS:brm



Two First Union Center
Suite 2110
Charlotte, NC 28282

Telephone 704 332.7717
Facsimile 704 332.1252

February 7, 1996

Federation Internationale de Football Association
P.O. Box 85
8030 Zurich
SWITZERLAND

Dear Friends:

The Charlotte Regional Sports Commission is committed to excellence in the promotion, marketing, and execution of sporting events. The Sports Commission, the City of Charlotte, and Davidson College look forward to the opportunity of hosting the 1999 Women's World Cup.

Charlotte is home to the NBA, the NFL, NASCAR, the Senior PGA Tour, the LPGA Tour, and the Tour DuPont. We have hosted or will host such events as the 1994 Men's Basketball Final Four, the 1996 Women's Basketball Final Four, the 1996 Olympic Men's Marathon Trials, the 1997 AAU Junior Olympic Games, and numerous other major athletic events. Although this list of events is impressive, the people of this city are not content on merely hosting an event. Charlotte distinguishes itself with the quality and success of its events. With each event it hosts, Charlotte aims to make that event the best one ever.

Charlotte certainly has the resources to host major events. The third largest financial center in the nation, Charlotte boasts a population of 435,000 in its city limits and over 1,255,000 in its gross metropolitan area. All told, there are 6,000,000 people within a 100 mile radius of the city. One of the things that unites these people is a passion for sports. By hosting so many major events over the past few years, the city has built a reliable infrastructure of support and volunteers. Charlotte has been referred to as a "Can Do" city. This comes from our understanding that "there are no traffic jams on the road to the extra mile."

As a host of the 1999 Women's World Cup, Charlotte will exceed your greatest expectations. Please do not hesitate to call if I can be of service.

Sincerely,

Rich Sheubrooks
Executive Director

1996 Foremost Sports Commission of the Year

TOWN OF DAVIDSON

P. O. Box 579

Davidson, North Carolina 28036
704-892-7591 • FAX 704-892-3971

Russell B. Knox
Mayor

February 7, 1996

Federation Internationale de Football Association

P. O. Box 85

8030 Zurich

Switzerland

Gentlemen:

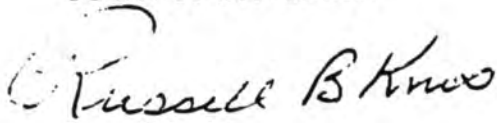
On behalf of the good citizens of the Town of Davidson, it gives me great pleasure to invite FIFA to consider Davidson College as a site for the Women's World Cup to be hosted by the United States in June of 1999.

Our small village has had the good fortune to host three NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championships and international matches featuring the U.S. Men's and Women's national teams. Because we are a college town, we often host visitors from all over the United States and many foreign countries. I understand the World Cup would anticipate crowds of 10,000 - 15,000. While crowds of that size would nearly triple the population of our town, we have done this many times recently with no difficulty. Our Town Manager, Civil Administrators and Police Force work very well with Lee Sargent and the Game Management Staff at Davidson College. We anticipate no problems that we have not solved before. The fact is, Southern hospitality is alive and well in Davidson! We are proud of our town and look forward to hosting athletes, dignitaries and soccer fans once again.

If Davidson College were to be selected to be a venue for the Women's World Cup, I pledge that the Town of Davidson would roll out the welcome mat to the world. We would be honored to again be a part of soccer history in North Carolina and we are confident all the players and visitors would leave with great feelings for Davidson.

Sincerely,

TOWN OF DAVIDSON



Russell B. Knox
Mayor

RBK/s

DAVIDSON COLLEGE

Davidson, North Carolina 28036-1689 704/892-2000 FAX 704/892-2111

Office of the President
Post Office Box 1689
704/892-2201

February 6, 1996

Federation Internationale de Football Association
Post Office Box 85
8030 Zurich
Switzerland

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the faculty, staff and students of Davidson College, it gives me great pleasure to offer Richardson Field and our wonderful campus as a competition venue for the Women's World Cup to be hosted by the United States in June of 1999.

Davidson is proud of its rich tradition in hosting major athletic events, including three NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championships and two recent international matches featuring the United States Men's and Women's National Teams. On March 16, we will again have this opportunity as the Women's National Teams of the United States and Germany compete in an exhibition match at Richardson Field.

One consistent theme was conspicuous throughout each of the events held here: the players and visiting members of the media were treated with care and respect, and the record-breaking crowds of soccer fans of the Carolinas enjoyed a wonderful experience.

If Davidson College is selected as a venue for the Women's World Cup, I pledge that our experienced athletic staff will put forth the same planning and organizational effort for which we are well known so that the FIFA, the athletes, the dignitaries, and the visitors from around the world will have an enjoyable and exciting experience.

Sincerely yours,



John W. Kuykendall

JWK:dhh

February 8, 1996

Federation Internationale de Football Association
P.O. Box 85
8030 Zurich
Switzerland

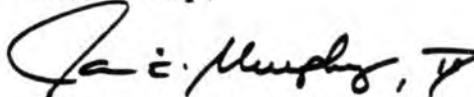
Gentlemen:

On behalf of Davidson College, it is with a great deal of pleasure we ask your consideration of Richardson Field, the Baker Sports Complex, and accompanying training facilities as a competition venue for first-round/quarter-final matches for the Women's World Cup to be hosted by the United States in June of 1999.

We have a rich history in hosting important athletic events in many sports. We are proud to have hosted the NCAA Soccer Championships for the past three years and to have been selected by the USSF to be the site for matches featuring both the U.S. Men's and Women's National Soccer Teams. More important is the fact that we have the infrastructure in place to plan, organize and manage events involving 10,000 to 15,000 spectators. If Davidson is selected as a competition venue, we will take the necessary steps to handle the needs of the athletes, the media, FIFA and its dignitaries. The soccer fans of the Carolinas and visiting fans from around the world will be treated to an unforgettable experience with an extra dose of Southern hospitality for which Davidson has become famous.

We look forward to your visit to our campus.

Sincerely,



James E. Murphy, III
Director of Athletics



SPORTS MARKETING

February 6, 1996

Selection Committee
Federation Internationale de Football Association
Post Office Box 85
8030 Zurich
SWITZERLAND

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Charlotte and Davidson, North Carolina have become famous for hosting and staging World Class events. In my 14 years of living in this region, I have been proud to be associated with a community which has never delivered less than a 100% success on sporting endeavors upon which it has dedicated its support. The Charlotte Sports Commission's recognition this past week at the International Sports Summit in Atlanta as "The Foremost Sports Council of the Year" for 1995 is an award that many felt was long overdue.

My personal perspective on Charlotte hosting the **1999 Women's World Cup** is a special one, indeed. My professional business and avocation, interestingly enough, is balanced fairly evenly between the marketing of the sport of soccer via our television packaging and production of the series, *College Soccer Weekly* and my service to the City of Charlotte as Vice Chairman of the Charlotte Regional Sports Commission (CRSC). It would be my great honor to bring to Charlotte and manage on behalf of our City an international and World Class event involving my favorite sport.

CRSC Executive Board Member, Mark Richardson whose family owns the brand new, Carolinas Stadium and the Carolina Panthers has asked that I pass on to you his particular interest in hosting the **1999 Women's World Cup** and specifically the possibility of his family helping to host the Opening Ceremonies.

Charlotte's abilities to manage and promote World Class events and to draw from its large regional population combined with the Southeast's love and enthusiastic support of girl's and women's soccer absolutely assures that the **1999 Women's World Cup** will be "standing room only" for thousands of appreciative fans. We hope that you will find our package presentation to be compelling and that we will have an opportunity to show you our beautiful City soon.

Sincerely,

S.G. Pat Millen

President, Integrity Sports Marketing
Vice Chairman, The Charlotte Regional Sports Commission

DAVIDSON

FEBRUARY 6, 1996

Federation Internationale de Football Association
PO Box 85
8030 Zurich
SWITZERLAND

United States Soccer Federation, Inc.
1801 South Prairie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616

Re: Candidacy of United States of America
to Host 1999 Women's World Cup

Gentlemen:

Davidson College is pleased to confirm to you that the town of Davidson, North Carolina and Richardson Field would be honored to serve as one of the four to six venue sites for the 1999 Women's World Cup should the United States be selected as the host country. We have reviewed and considered in detail the list of requirements for the 3rd Women's World Cup, 1999. As required by the Terms of Reference, we specifically confirm to you that:

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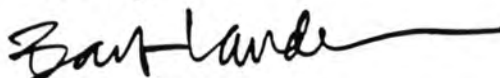
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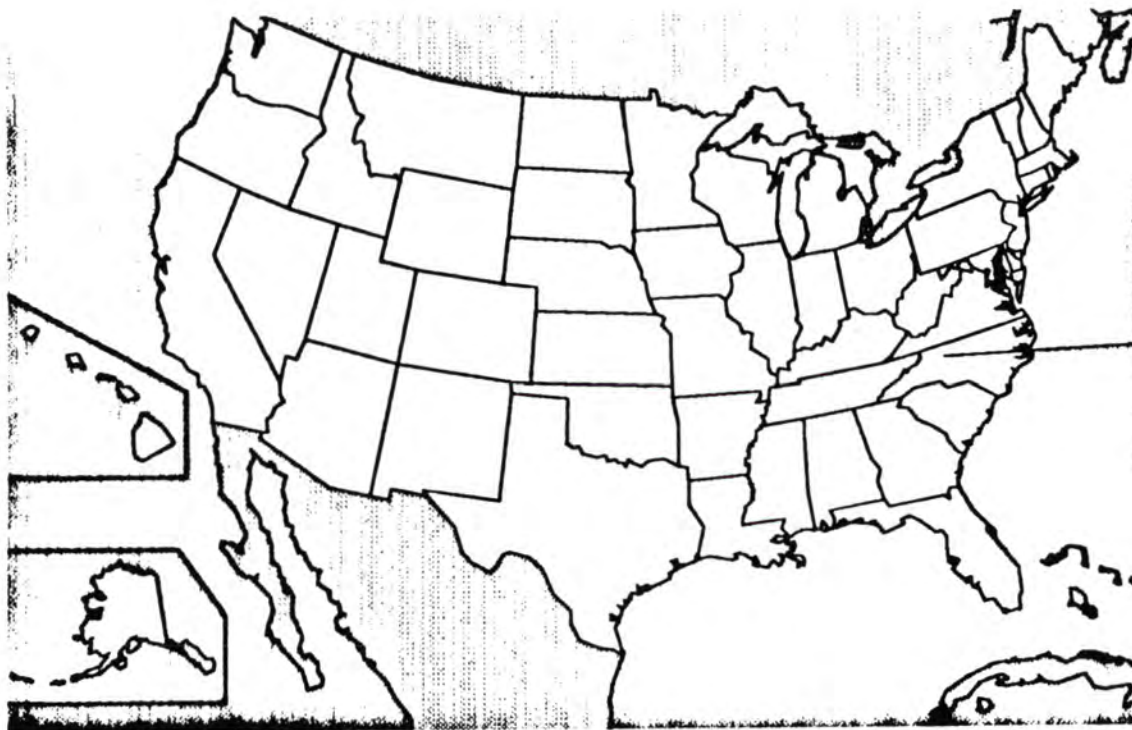
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Sincerely,



Bart Landess
General Counsel
Davidson College

Greensboro, North Carolina



UNCG

University of North Carolina - Greensboro

Seating Capacity: 10,000

Greensboro, North Carolina

Population: 198,900

Average June Temperature: 24 C

Greater Greensboro Area

Population: 1,116,300



CITY OF GREENSBORO

NORTH CAROLINA

DRAWER W-2
GREENSBORO, N.C. 27402

February 22, 1996

Mr. Emilio Pozzi
Deputy Director
1999 Women's World Cup Bidding Committee
United States Soccer Federation
4224 1/2 River Road, NW
Washington, DC 20016

Dear Mr. Pozzi:

On behalf of the City Council and the citizens of Greensboro, I would like to extend a warm and cordial invitation to the participants of the 1999 Women's World Cup Soccer Championship to meet here in Greensboro.

We believe our sports facilities at UNCG and Bryan Park Soccer Complex are second to none in quality, service, and comfort. In addition, your attendees will find Greensboro to be a very accessible city with much to offer in terms of recreational, cultural, and shopping opportunities.

If we in city government can be of any assistance with your event plans, please let us know. We look forward to sharing the warm hospitality of Greensboro with the participants and guests of the 1999 Women's World Cup Soccer Championships.

Sincerely,

Carolyn S. Allen
Mayor

CSA/b



February 22, 1996

Mr. Emilio Pozzi
Deputy Director
1999 Women's World Cup Bidding Committee
United States Soccer Federation
4224 1/2 River Road, NW
Washington, DC 20016

Dear Mr. Pozzi:

We at the Greensboro Area Convention and Visitors Bureau are delighted to know that Greensboro is being considered to host the 1999 Women's World Cup Soccer Championships. On behalf of the Bureau and area hospitality community, I would like to extend an invitation to meet in Greensboro. Greensboro has an excellent history of hosting major sporting events, and our fine soccer facilities are great for fans, participants, coaches and officials.

If I may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or any Bureau staff member. The Greensboro Area Convention and Visitors Bureau is available and ready to assist you with the necessary support needed in planning this event. We look forward to Greensboro's favorable selection as the site for the 1999 Women's World Cup Soccer Championships.

Let us hear from you soon!

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith Grizzel".

Judith Grizzel
President

JG/mb



February 22, 1996

Mr. Emilio Pozzi, Deputy Director
1999 Women's World Cup Bidding Committee
U.S. Soccer Federation
4224 1/2 River Road, NW
Washington, DC 20016

Dear Mr. Pozzi:

The Greensboro Sports Commission welcomes the opportunity to support the proposal to host the Women's World Cup Soccer Championship for the year 1999.

Collegiate soccer has been a major sport in the Greensboro area for the past 20 years. Our city's reputation for hosting numerous ACC, MEAC, Big South, and Southern Conference championships, in addition to numerous NCAA tournament championships, is well known throughout America. To have the honor of hosting the 1999 Women's World Cup Soccer Championship on the UNCG campus would be a major accomplishment for our city and a great event for the thousands of soccer fans in this area.

If the decision is made to bring the championship to Greensboro, you will have the full cooperation and support of the Greensboro Sports Commission in doing whatever is necessary to make this an outstanding soccer championship.

Sincerely,

Thomas H. Ward, Jr.
President

THW/jd

"Promoting Greensboro Through Sports"

317 SOUTH GREENE ST. • GREENSBORO, NC 27401

910-378-4499 • FAX 910-~~378-4499~~ 378-1998

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
GREENSBORO

Spartans

Nelson E. Bobb
Director of Athletics

337E HHP Building, UNCG
Greensboro, NC 27412-5001
(910) 334-3000 • FAX (910) 334-3182

February 21, 1996

Mr. Emilio Pozzi, Deputy Director
1999 Women's World Cup
Bidding Committee
USSF
4224 River Rd. NW
Washington, DC 20016

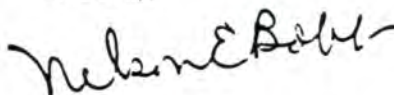
Dear Emilio,

On behalf of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, I would like to extend an invitation to the United States Soccer Federation and FIFA to use Greensboro, NC and the UNCG Soccer Stadium as a 1999 Women's World Cup venue.

In cooperation with the City of Greensboro, we believe we can provide a "world class" experience for the athletes and the fans of the world's most popular sport. Greensboro has a wealth of experience in hosting athletic events ranging from those of local or regional interest to those of a national or professional scale.

We look forward to the interaction and the opportunity to share with a part of the world, the hospitality and genuine warmth of Greensboro, NC. After reviewing the bid document, if you have any further questions relative to the soccer stadium, our ancillary facilities or if I can be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to call my office.

Sincerely,



Nelson E. Bobb
Director of Athletics



February 23, 1996

Federation Internationale de Football Association
P.O. Box 85
8030 Zurich
SWITZERLAND

United States Soccer Federation, Inc.
1801 South Prairie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616

Re: Candidacy of United States of America
to Host 1999 Women's World Cup

Gentlemen:

The UNCG Soccer Stadium (the "Stadium") is pleased to confirm to you that the City of Greensboro, North Carolina and the Stadium would be honored to serve as one of the four to six venue sites for the 1999 Women's World Cup should the United States be selected as the host country. We have reviewed and considered in detail the list of requirements for 3rd Women's World Cup, 1999 (Exhibit A, "Terms of Reference"). As required by the Terms of Reference, we specifically confirm to you that:

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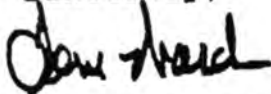
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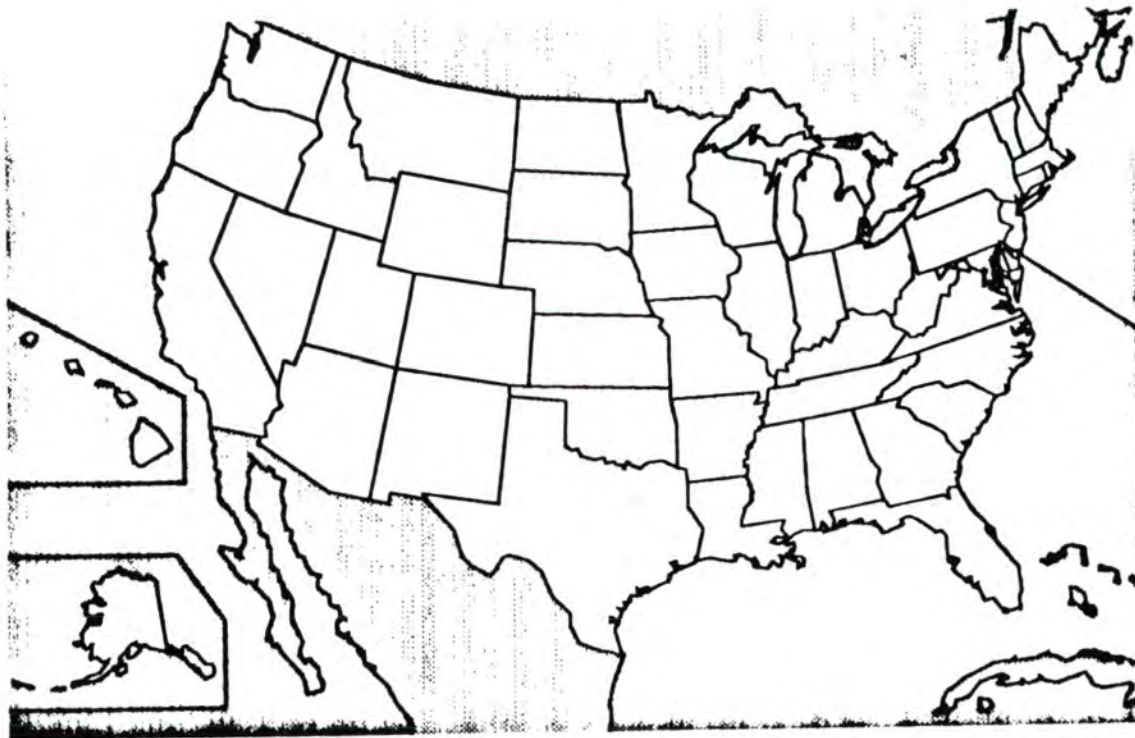
Sincerely,



Thomas H. Ward, Jr.
President

THW/jd

Newark, Delaware



Delaware Stadium
University of Delaware
Seating Capacity: 23,000

Newark, Delaware
Population: 70,000
Average June Temperature: 30 C

Greater Wilmington Area
Population: 300,000



SENATE
STATE OF DELAWARE
LEGISLATIVE HALL
DOVER, DELAWARE 19903

February 1, 1996

Mr. Emilio Pozzi
c/o Mr. Scott Grzenda
Delaware Field House
Newark, DE 19716

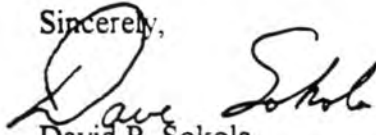
Dear Mr. Pozzi:

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for the University of Delaware to be a possible venue for the 1999 FIFA Women's World Cup. I believe that this is an extraordinary opportunity for the University of Delaware, the City of Newark, and the State of Delaware.

The University of Delaware and the Newark community would be an ideal site. The City of Newark is easy to locate and access from Interstate 95. Both Newark and the University of Delaware are accustomed to dealing with the logistics of large events; football games, other sporting events, concerts, and trade shows held at the University of Delaware often draw very large crowds. The University of Delaware's athletic and field facilities are also very impressive and capable of dealing with an event of this size. Likewise, Newark area residents are no strangers to soccer. The local high schools have active soccer programs and residents actively support one of the most successful USISL teams in America. I believe fully that the University and the City of Newark are capable of safely and professionally meeting and supporting the needs of athletes, spectators, and media associated with FIFA Women's World Cup games.

As a soccer player and enthusiast, and a Delaware State Senator, I fully support the proposal to have the University of Delaware serve as a playing venue during the 1999 FIFA Women's World Cup. Please contact me should you need any further information in the future with this endeavor.

Sincerely,


David P. Sokola
State Senator



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

104 Hullen Hall
University of Delaware
Newark, Delaware 19716-0101
Ph: 302/831-2111
Fax: 302/831-1297
Internet: ROSELLE@MVS.UDEL.EDU

February 1, 1996

Emilio Pozzi
Deputy Director
U.S. Soccer Federation
4224 1/2 River Road, NW
Washington, DC 20016

Dear Emilio:

I am writing this letter in response to your inquiries on behalf of the United States Soccer Federation pertaining to the use of the University of Delaware as a possible venue site for the 1999 Women's World Cup.

The University and community are very excited to be considered for such an important international competition and will happily cooperate with U.S. Soccer to bring this event to our University.

I understand that we are in the preliminary stages of this enormous endeavor, however we are eager to expedite the process in any way possible. We are currently looking over the stadium reservation agreement and will contact you if we have any questions. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need specific information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David P. Roselle".

David P. Roselle
President

DPR:es



Delaware Youth Soccer Association

Box 5325, Wilmington, Delaware 19808

Member of the United States Youth Soccer Association



February 15, 1996

University of Delaware
Delaware Field House
Newark, DE 19716

ATTN: Mr. Emilio Pozzi

RE: Women World Cup 99

Dear Mr. Pozzi:

The Delaware Youth Soccer Associates represents over 6,000 youth soccer players in Delaware from age 5 to 19. We are a member of US Soccer Region I which consist of players from Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and the North Eastern States. We are in support of the University of Delaware becoming a ~~venue~~^{venue} for the Women World Cup 99. We are in a prime location for this event and it would be great for Delaware to host such an event. The Delaware Youth Soccer Association would help you in any way possible and we lend our support.

If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOC.

Charles W. Reed II
President

21 Hoylake Court
Dover, DE 19904
302-678-9500 (work)
302-678-9897 (home)

CWR\pn

cc: Marc Samonisky



Federation Internationale de Football Association
P.O. Box 85
8030 Zurich
SWITZERLAND

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Chicago, IL 60616

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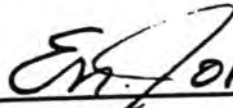
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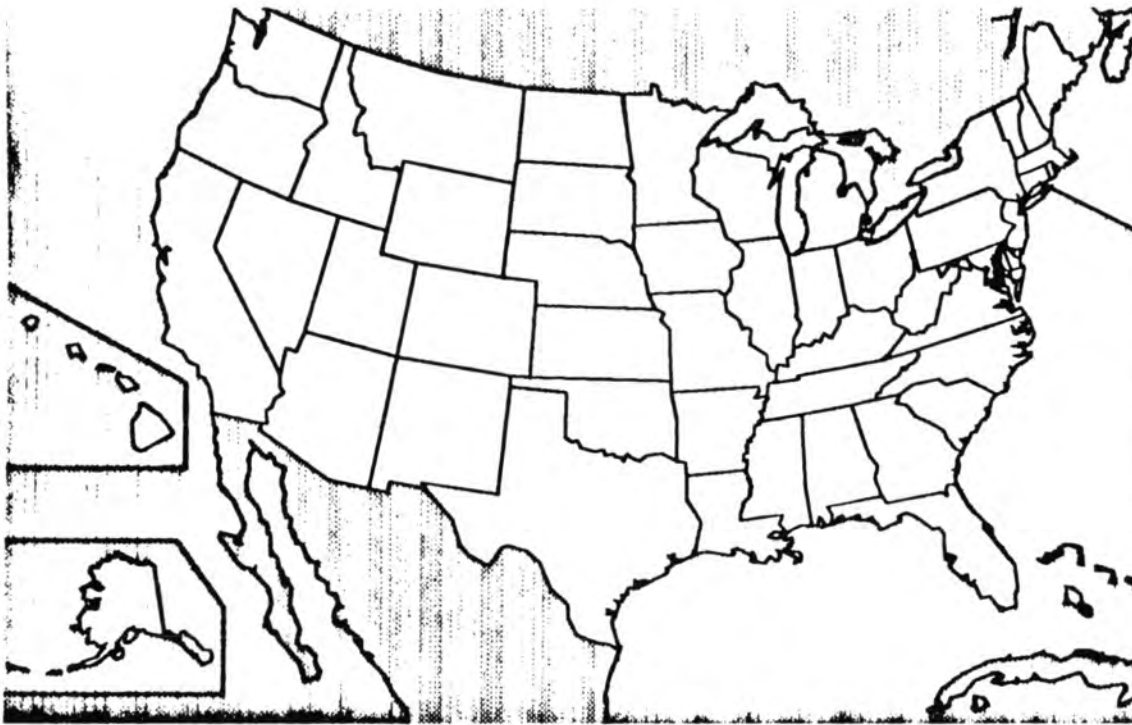
Edgar Johnson

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Director of Athletics

(title)

New Britain, Connecticut



Veteran's Memorial Stadium
Willow Brook Park
Seating Capacity: 8,824

New Britain, Connecticut
Population: 75,491
Average June Temperature: 20 C

Greater Hartford Area
Population: 2,000,000



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

January 24, 1996

LUCIAN J. PAWLAK
MAYOR

27 WEST MAIN STREET
NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT 06051
TEL: (860) 826-3303
FAX: (860) 826-3308

Mr. Hank Steinbrecher
General Secretary
U. S. Soccer Federation
U. S. Soccer House
1801-1811 south Prairie Avenue
Chicago, Il. 60616

Dear Mr. Steinbrecher:

The City of New Britain is honored to be considered as a venue for the 1999 Womens World Cup. Our City has a proud tradition in sports and has a strong history with international soccer. Our community's heritage can be traced to strong ties particularly with Eastern Europe and Italy. Our diverse population is ideal for hosting an international event.

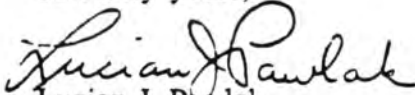
The City has extensive background in servicing international soccer with eight international matches in the past seven years. Our staff understands appropriate protocol, the necessity for attention to minute detail, and has a proven record in providing excellent turf and the required amenities based on international standards.

We have received overwhelming endorsement of our bid from numerous Chambers of Commerce in our region and throughout the State which demonstrates corporate interests and support. Our tourism industry has responded in equal numbers which will include a solid and unified commitment to serve our visitors; our neighboring cities and towns have also pledged their cooperation and support as noted by the enclosed correspondence. The New Britain Common Council unanimously approved the required resolutions on Wednesday, January 17, 1996 and encouraged our staff to aggressively pursue the bid process. We realize that support from the State of Connecticut is critical to a successful event and we have that support which is included within the bid package.

The City's professional staff is available at your convenience to meet and/or provide any additional information which you may require. I believe this is a "natural" for the City of New Britain and our "track" record certainly indicates our ability.

Thank you for this important consideration and best wishes in the upcoming, and I am sure difficult, selection venue process.

Sincerely yours,


Lucian J. Pawlak
Mayor City of New Britain

RESOLUTION

Item # 22719 RE: _____

**To the Honorable Mayor, and the Common Council of the
City of New Britain:**

the undersigned beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following

WHEREAS, Upon application made by the United States Soccer Federation (the "Federation"), the recognized national governing body for soccer within the United States, the Federation Internationale de Football Association ("FIFA"), the world governing body for soccer, has designated the United States as host country for the 1999 Women's World Cup; AND

WHEREAS, The City of New Britain has within its jurisdiction facilities and their premises, access roads, thoroughfares and other areas which may be used for the purposes of organizing, financing, promoting, accommodating, staging, and conducting the 1999 Women's World Cup and its related activities; AND

WHEREAS, Hosting the 1999 Women's World Cup will generate international goodwill, enhance the worldwide renown and prestige of the City of New Britain, produce new jobs and create substantial beneficial economic and fiscal activity; AND

WHEREAS, The U. S. Soccer Federation, the entity authorized by FIFA to organize and stage the 1999 Women's World Cup, has requested a declaration of support from the City of New Britain and certain guarantees concerning the performance of reasonably necessary governmental services in connection with the event as part of the formal bid made by the City of New Britain to be designated as a 1999 Women's World Cup venue; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the City of New Britain welcomes the 1999 Women's World Cup to its jurisdiction and to that end declares its full support of the efforts of the City of New Britain to have the City of New Britain selected as a 1999 Women's World Cup venue site; AND
BE IT FURTHER

RESOLUTION

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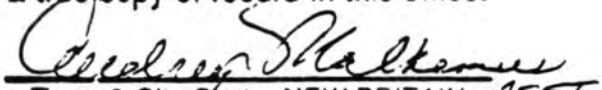
To the Honorable Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain:

the undersigned beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following

RESOLVED THAT, Upon designation of the City of New Britain as a 1999 Women's World Cup venue, and at all times thereafter, the City of New Britain, and its agencies, departments and personnel, agree to provide all governmental services (including without limitation public safety, security, fire and medical emergency, traffic decorative display and public works/street maintenance services and supplies) reasonably necessary to the success of the 1999 Women's World Cup within its jurisdiction (whether, recognizing the uniqueness and extraordinary scope of the Women's World Cup, such services are below, equal to or beyond the normal level and range of governmental services usually provided for events held within the jurisdiction), including all planning, training or deployment activities related to the provision of such services, all at no cost, expense or liability to the U.S. Soccer Federation; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, That the City of New Britain agrees that neither FIFA, the U. S. Soccer Federation nor any director, member, officer, employee, or other representative of FIFA or the U. S. Soccer Federation shall be held accountable for or incur any financial responsibility or liability of any kind or nature whatsoever in connection with the governmental services planned and/or provided relating to the 1999 Women's World Cup.

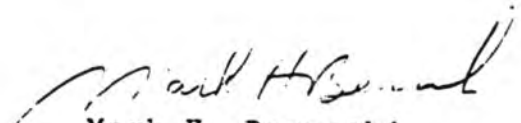
I hereby certify that the foregoing is
a true copy of record in this office.


Town & City Clerk - NEW BRITAIN 11551.

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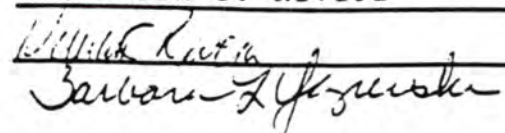
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Peter N. Ellef
Commissioner

State of Connecticut
Department of Economic
and Community Development
865 Brook Street
Rocky Hill, CT 06067-3405

January 22, 1996

Mr Hank Steinbrecher, Secretary General
United States Soccer Federation
U.S. Soccer House
1801-1811 South Prairie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616

RE: *Venue Selection Committee – 1999 Women's World Cup*

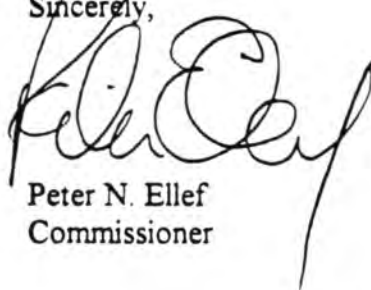
Dear Mr. Steinbrecher:

I am pleased to offer the State of Connecticut's support to the City of New Britain's application for consideration as the venue for the 1999 Women's World Cup competition. As you know, Connecticut was host to the world for the 1995 Special Olympics, and is prepared to offer the City of New Britain the benefit of that experience to this important sporting event.

The State of Connecticut also has the pleasure of being the proud home of the 1995 Women's NCAA Basketball Champions, the University of Connecticut Huskies. We would welcome any opportunity to honor and showcase the strength and excitement of women's sports. I believe that the City of New Britain, with the full support and cooperation of the private sector, communities within the region, and the State can more than satisfy the needs of the United States Soccer Federation in hosting and coordinating this event.

Collectively, the City of New Britain, the State, and all the partners have the ability, resources, and experience to make the 1999 Women's World Cup a success. It is my hope that the Venue Selection Committee decides favorably on the City of New Britain's application to host this competition.

Sincerely,



Peter N. Ellef
Commissioner



Connecticut Junior Soccer Association, Inc.

Affiliated with U.S. Youth Soccer

January 23, 1996

Mr. Hank Steinbrecher,
Secretary Gen./Exec. Director
U.S.Soccer House
1801-1811 S. Prairie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616

Dear Hank:

On behalf of the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association, I would like to express our support of Willow Brook as a venue for the Women's World Cup 1999.

CJSA represents over 66,000 youth players across the state, as well as their parents, coaches, and referees, whose enthusiasm for hosting this event is overwhelming. As soccer is quickly becoming the most popular sport in the state, I urge you to provide Connecticut's youth with the once in a lifetime opportunity to experience the highest standard of professionalism and sportsmanship in the game of soccer.

I would also like to take the time to pledge our volunteers who have helped to make such events as the World Cup 1994, Special Olympics World Games 1995, Chiquita Cup 94, and U.S.Women's Cup 95 great successes.

Sincerely,


Andrea Duffy,
President CJSA

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757 West Main Street, P.O. Box 2230, New Britain, CT 06050

(203) 224-CJSA

(203) 826-4400 (FAX)



TOWN OF BERLIN
Office Of The Town Manager

January 17, 1996

Mr. Hank Steinbreecher, Secretary General
U. S. Soccer Federation
U. S. House
1801-1811 So. Prairie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616

Dear Mr. Steinbreecher:

It is with enthusiasm and a sense of excitement that I write to you to express the Town of Berlin's support and commitment of resources for New Britain's bid to become the 1999 venue for the Women's World Cup Soccer Games. We are proud of our sister city's endeavor and are thoroughly supportive in this matter. We are committed to doing everything we can as a neighboring community to make this an enriching and enjoyable experience for all participants.

If we can be of assistance or if any further information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

James M. D'Errico
Interim Town Manager

JMD:jhs

C: R. Peter Ledger, Director of Parks and Recreation, City of New Britain



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF HARTFORD
550 MAIN STREET
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

MICHAEL P. PETERS
MAYOR

January 19, 1996

PHONE (203) 543-8500
FAX (203) 722-6606

Mr. Hank Steinbrecher
General Secretary
United States Soccer Federation
U.S. Soccer House
1801 - 1811 South Prairie Ave.
Chicago, IL 60616

Dear Mr. Steinbrecher,

I am writing in support of the City of New Britain's application to host the 1999 Women's World Cup Soccer Tourney.

Women's sports are fast becoming some of the most popular events in our region. Women athletes are reaching new heights of popularity and are excellent role models for today's youth. This popularity makes the prospect of a world-class soccer event in New Britain very attractive to everyone in the region.

This event will serve not only to highlight the City of New Britain, but the communities and people of the surrounding region. It will be an opportunity for us to play host and to spread the news about the great resources we have to offer. Local interest in the game of soccer will be piqued as well, resulting in long-term gains for the game locally.

Again, the siting of this tournament is a matter of importance not just to New Britain, but to all the communities around it. I urge you to consider favorably New Britain's application. The City has our support in their efforts.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Peters
Mayor

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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OFFICE OF: MAYOR

January 16, 1996

Mr. Hank Steinbrecher
General Secretary
U. S. Soccer Federation
U. S. Soccer House
1801-1811 South Prairie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616

Dear Mr. Steinbrecher:

I am pleased to learn that the City of New Britain, Connecticut, is seeking to be a host site for the 1999 Women's World Cup Soccer Championship Games. Soccer has always enjoyed a strong following in this area and the opportunity for our citizens to observe world class players would be well received.

As a neighboring town, Newington has had a long tradition of cooperation with the City of New Britain and we fully support the City in its present application.

Yours truly,


Robert A. Randich
Mayor

RAR:lrv



Town of Rocky Hill

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January 18, 1996

Mr. Hank Steinbrecher
Secretary General, United States Soccer Federation
U.S. Soccer House
1801-1811 South Prairie Ave.
Chicago, IL 60616

Dear Mr. Steinbrecher,

I am writing in support of the request to host the 1999 Women's World Soccer Cup by New Britain, Connecticut. As a neighboring town of New Britain and an avid soccer community, Rocky Hill would be proud to lend its support and cooperation to the World Cup event. We are the home of a beautiful Marriott Hotel that would service the attendees and press as well as spectators. We also have many attractions in this area including the Connecticut River and Dinosaur State Park which would entertain the attendees between Cup events.

The boon to the regional tourism and a chance to show our community to the rest of the world make the World Cup very attractive to Rocky Hill. We pledge all the support and cooperation possible to this event. I urge you to seriously consider New Britain for the 1999 site with all of its New England charm and hospitality as well as the regional support we can offer. Rocky Hill looks forward to a favorable decision.

Sincerely,

Donald W. Unwin, Mayor
Town of Rocky Hill

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OFFICE OF THE
TOWN MANAGER

January 17, 1996

Mr. Hank Steinbrecher
Secretary General of U.S. Soccer Federation
U.S. Soccer House
1801-1811 South Prairie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616

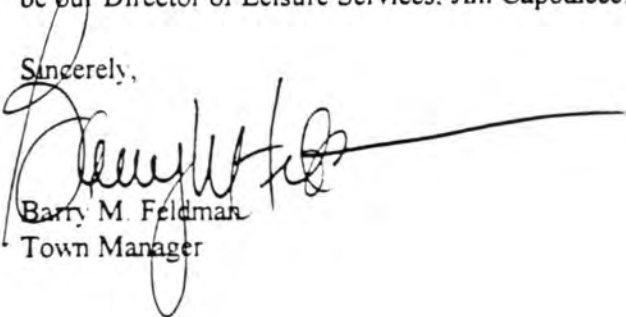
Dear Mr. Steinbrecher:

The Town of West Hartford is pleased to hear that the city of New Britain is being considered as a host for the 1999 Women's Soccer World Cup.

As a neighbor of the city, we are extremely encouraged by the possibilities that an event of this nature would bring to Connecticut and the Greater Hartford Region. West Hartford would be supportive of New Britain's efforts, and hope that the U.S. Soccer Federation would select New Britain as a local venue.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call. West Hartford's local contact will be our Director of Leisure Services, Jim Capodiece.

Sincerely,


Barry M. Feldman
Town Manager

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