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A Renewed Secular Passion Is Gripping Iranians: Soccer

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By JERE LONGMAN

TEHERAN, Iran, April 21 — Sixty thousand fans showed up at Azadi Stadium on Monday night to cheer on the Iranian soccer team, which has qualified for the World Cup for the first time in 20 years. Skydivers parachuted into the stadium, smoke bombs rained from the stands, and two fans nicknamed Mustache and Tarzan prompted rhythmic chanting, using horns the way cheerleaders use megaphones.

But the support could not disguise a lack of defense, size and ability to

put the ball into the net. Things grew ugly and dispiriting in a 2-0 exhibition loss to Hungary. With 15 minutes left, fans began torching their newspapers and holding them aloft in protest of Iran's new Croatian coach. The newspapers continued to burn in the seats as the fans exited in disgust, and the game ended in a ghostly setting, as if the players were surrounded by abandoned campfires.

Nineteen years after the Islamic revolution rebuilt Iranian society on religious fundamentalism, the revival of an old secular passion has gripped the country: soccer. Iran's qualification for soccer's world championship — the world's largest and most widely viewed sporting event, which begins in June in France — has imbued the country's 65 million residents with pride and nationalism, has presented the nation an opportunity to continue emerging from international isolation, and could even apply a little warmth in its permafrost relationship with the United States.

But the success of the national

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soccer team is also woven into the politics of Iran. Soccer is widely seen as just the kind of slightly more secular, slightly more Western pastime tolerated by President Mohammad Khatami, who is considered less conservative than the other clerics who rule Iran. Indeed, Mr. Khatami draws his most ardent support from some of the people who feel most passionate about soccer, such as students and women.

Recently, Mr. Khatami called for athletic, academic and artistic exchanges with the United States to crack the "wall of mistrust" between the countries. The two will meet in soccer on June 21 in Lyons, France, a match that will give a whole new meaning to the term political football.

"For the last 20 years, there has been a lot of propaganda against us," said Mohammad Khakpour, a 29-year-old defender on the Iranian team. "Many people don't know who we are. I played in Singapore in 1996, and people wanted to know if I kept a gun in my house or if I rode a camel. Now we have an opportunity to present our country, our culture, our people. We don't have any problem with the American football players. This is a way to make friends and to show that we are good people."

The appetite for soccer here is reflected in the three daily sports newspapers and four weekly sports magazines in Teheran, which are largely devoted to the game. International games are picked up on television by satellite dishes that are officially forbidden but readily available. Children play soccer in the streets, in rocky fields, near the runway at the airport and even in junkyards, fashioning small goals and nets from metal and rope.

For Some Fans, A Religious Revival

The renewed interest follows a bleak time for the sport that coincided with both the revolution and the war against Iraq, which some Iranian soccer officials say is responsible for the deaths of an untold number of the country's most talented players.

Houman Akmal, 29, who works in the import business, said that soccer is a kind of religion for him. Once, he even scaled the wall at Azadi Stadium and climbed a flagpole to watch a game. The stadium capacity is 100,000, but 120,000 have been shoe-horned in before, with spectators scrambling up the latticework light towers. Each loss for the national

team is a small death for Mr. Akmal.

"Each time they lose, I can't talk to him for three days," said his fiancée, Negar Malek. "He is so angry."

The most exuberant and powerful display of devotion to the national team came last Nov. 29, when Iran became the final of 32 teams to qualify for the 1998 World Cup with a 2-2 draw in a playoff against Australia in Melbourne.

After the team scored two late goals to earn a tie, a celebration erupted in Iran, the size and jubilation of which had not been seen since the overthrow of the Shah in 1979. Around the country, millions left their jobs and their homes, massing in the streets in exultant demonstrations that cut across lines of class and gender. Some women celebrated by removing the head scarves mandated by Islamic custom. Passers-by pounded on the sides of buses. Soldiers handed out cookies. Stories abounded of the police joining in the celebration as teen-agers danced on their cars and blared music over their sound systems.

"It was a very important day," said 12-year-old Sara Tahery. "I danced in school, in the street, in my home with my family."

Some young fans chanted "From the World Cup to world unity," while Mr. Khatami sent a letter of congratulations to the players and referred to them as "symbols of national unity." Alireza Mansoorian, a midfielder for the national team, said players were promised an apartment, a car, land and discounts on such things as insurance and airline tickets.

When the soccer team returned home on Dec. 2, it was ferried from the Teheran airport to Azadi Stadium by helicopter to be greeted by 100,000 fans. Women are barred from attending soccer matches, but as many as 5,000 of them pushed into the stadium against official warnings, some knocking down a gate to join in the celebration, even if they sat in a segregated section.

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This revival of national pride was seen by many as a political statement of the power of the young and of women and a sobering reality check for conservatives who were powerless to stop this spontaneous outpouring. To some analysts, women in particular seemed to be saying that they wanted a greater place in society by claiming a place in the soccer stadium.

"It was the first physical demonstration of the promise of a more open society that Khatami brought with him," said R. K. Ramazani, a professor of government and foreign affairs at the University of Virginia who is an expert on Iran. "The law enforcement people were taken by

surprise. If they had intervened, clashes would have been possible."

And if conservatives are against soccer now, they admit it only at political risk.

"There have been some violations of Islamic values, but no one can be against football because it is too popular," said Ali Rezail, a political analyst.

A Testing Ground For Feminism

World Cup fervor has led to discussions in the Iranian Parliament over whether to allow women to begin playing soccer for the first time since the 1979 revolution, and whether to admit women to men's games as spectators.

The rationale against allowing women to attend men's games is that they may be psychologically harmed by the emotional outbursts of male spectators, said Mohammad Khabiri, vice president of the Iranian soccer federation. If separate seating could be provided, Mr. Khabiri said, he would not be against allowing women to attend men's games.

And he favors letting women play soccer as long as they remain covered in scarves and traditional dress, he said.

"It's a controversial issue," Mr. Khabiri said. "They are working on it. I can't tell you what is going to happen."

The issue of women and soccer is so touchy that, during the 1994 World Cup in the United States, Iranian state television showed games on a slight delay and replaced shots of the Western crowds with generic footage of previous matches in which everyone was dressed according to Islamic custom.

Things are changing, especially at the behest of the leader of women's sport in Iran, Faezeh Hashemi, a member of Parliament and the outspoken, feminist daughter of Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, the former President. Gaining access for women at soccer matches would be a significant triumph.

"I went to a game two years ago, and there was a girl in the stands, dressed like a man," said Bijan Janati, who owns carpet stores in Teheran and Greenwich, Conn. "She had a hat on, and men's clothes. Everyone

turned around and was pointing at her. She got scared and she left."

The restrictions have not prevented women from following the national team. Saturday night, as the Iranian players sat in the lobby of the team hotel, they were mobbed by both men and women, girls and boys, for autographs and pictures.

On Monday night, Mahin Gorji, 29, became the first female Iranian sportswriter allowed to cover a soccer match at Azadi Stadium since the Islamic revolution. Ms. Gorji works for a progressive newspaper named Jameah, which has been in operation for only three months. "I was taught in school never to take no for an answer," she said. Thus, when security guards tried to prevent her from entering the stadium, she pointed out that female reporters from other countries were being allowed in. The guards relented.

Rebuilding After Turmoil

Female sportswriters covering men's soccer would have been unimaginable in the early days of the

revolution, which was followed by the taking of American hostages at the United States embassy in Teheran. Under Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, men were nearly forced to play soccer in track warm-up suits so they would not have to expose their legs.

Gone were the heady days of 1978, when Iran qualified for the World Cup for the first time. Instead, the revolution and the war with Iraq forced cancellation of the Iranian soccer league for two years. A women's league was abandoned.

The war, which began in 1980 and ended in 1988, left 500,000 Iranians dead or injured. Many of the country's top players lived near the western border with Iraq, and some soccer officials said they believe an entire generation of players was lost in the gruesome conflict.

Iran re-emerged as a soccer power by winning the Asian Games in 1990. Its players have always exhibited individual flair and the ability to score goals. Three of its current stars — Khodadad Azizi, Ali Daei and Karim Bagheri — play in the highly regarded German Bundesliga. During World Cup qualifying, Bagheri tied a record with seven goals in a 17-0 thrashing of the Maldives. The score was the largest ever in World Cup qualifying. But chaos in the soccer federation has often compromised team success.

There have been 16 presidents of the Iranian soccer federation in the past 19 years, and three coaches in the past five months. When Iran struggled last November, Coach Mohammad Mayeli Kohan fell out with his players and the Iranian fans. After a 0-0 draw with Kuwait at home, Kohan had to leave Azadi Stadium under police escort.

He was replaced by a Brazilian,

Valdeir Vieira, who coached Iran past Australia into the World Cup. Vieira was then dumped for political reasons for the more experienced Tomislav Ivic, a Croat who reportedly received a \$600,000 contract for six months of work.

But the fans have grown impatient with Ivic's conservative, defense-minded tactics, and many want a return to Vieira's Brazilian flair. They chanted Vieira's name repeatedly tonight and jeered Ivic as he left the field with whistles and obscene gestures. The World Cup is not two months away, and much work is needed to polish this rough gem of a team.

"With this coach," said Afshin Eshghi, a disappointed 50-year-old engineer, "I hate to say it, but we've got a chance to lose, even to the U.S."

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January 28, 1998

President William Jefferson Clinton
c/o Phillip Caplan, Special Assistant
to the President for Cabinet Affairs
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Washington, DC 20502

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Thank you for the great job you have done for the United States. We wish you continued success.

Sincerely,
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION

Hank Steinbrecher
Secretary General

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Women's World Cup 1999
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Dear Donna and Marla:

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You have my best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON 

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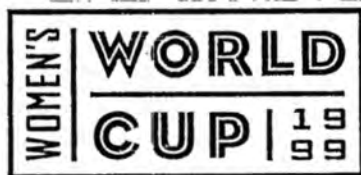
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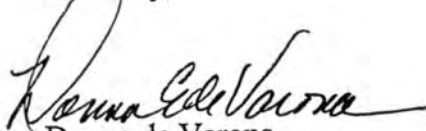
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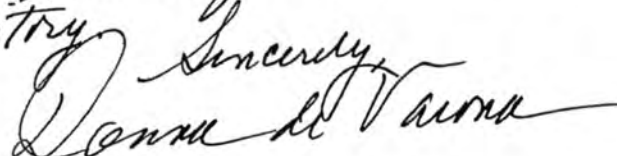
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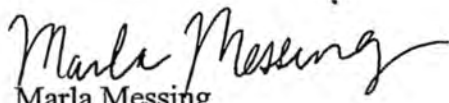
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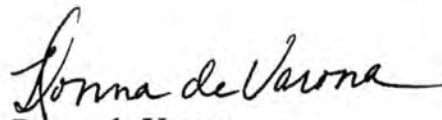
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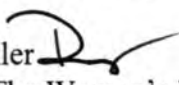
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Donna de Varona
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cc: Anne Mc
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MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN PODESTA

FROM: Danny Wexler 
SUBJECT: Update on The Women's World Cup of Soccer
DATE: February 19, 1998

Last September I sent you a memo to introduce you to the Women's World Cup of Soccer. The games are scheduled at various sites throughout the U.S. in June and July of 1999. I thought it was time to provide you with an update.

At the time of my last memo the final venue decisions had not been made nor was there a specific schedule. The schedule is now set and the venues chosen. The official opening game and Ceremony will take place at the Meadowlands in New Jersey on Saturday June 19. Attached is the rest of the schedule.

Last November, the President received a letter from the Chair and President of the Women's World Cup, Donna de Varona and Marla Messing requesting the establishment of a White House Task Force similar to the Olympics Task Force. To date that request is still pending.

Last December, the President and First Lady received a letter from de Varona and Messing requesting they serve as the Honorary Co-Chairs for the event. The request is still pending.

Last month and earlier this month the President received three delegation letters, New Jersey, Oregon and Massachusetts. These letters urge the President to establish the task force and serve as the Honorary Chair.

Representatives of the Women's World Cup met recently with Donna Shalala and officials at USIA. In my last memo I mentioned that an amendment was pending to the FY 98 Appropriation for USIA to support activities associated with the Women's World Cup. That language was not included in the final bill, softer language urging cooperation was inserted and no money was designated.

That's it for now, I just wanted to provide you with an update. I have also attached a memo sent to me by the Women's World Cup representative in Washington, Dena Morris. It provides more detailed information on precedent for the Task Force and specifics on what they would be looking for from the various departments.

I am not sure who would handle this, but I wanted someone else in the White House other than me to have this information. Let me know if you want me to give this to someone else.

I have attached copies of all of the documents listed above.

Saturday, June 19	The Meadowland, New Jersey	2 games
	Spartan Stadium, San Francisco	2 games
Sunday, June 20	Foxboro Stadium, Boston	2 games
	Civic Stadium, Portland, Oregon	2 games
Wednesday, June 23	Civic Stadium, Portland, Oregon	2 games
	Jack Kent Cook Stadium, D.C.	2 games
Thursday, June 24	Soldier Field, Chicago	2 games
	Civic Stadium, Portland, Oregon	2 games
Saturday, June 26	Soldier Field, Chicago	2 games
	The Meadowlands, New Jersey	2 games
Sunday, June 27	Foxboro Stadium, Boston	2 games
	Jack Kent Cook Stadium, D.C.	2 games
Wednesday, June 30	Spartan Stadium, San Francisco	2 games
Thursday, July 1	Jack Kent Cook Stadium	2 games
Sunday, July 4	Semi Finals	
	Foxboro Stadium, Boston	1 game
	Stanford Stadium, San Jose	1 game
Saturday, July 10	Finals and Third Place Games	2 games
	The Rose Bowl, Pasadena	



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TO: Dan Wexler
FROM: Dena Morris
RE: White House Task Force
DATE: December 9, 1997

In recent years, the White House has provided oversight and coordination of federal agencies' involvement in international amateur athletic events through the establishment of a working group or a task force. The creation of a task force coordinated through the White House reflects the Administration's desire to help facilitate a smooth, safe event for international visitors and underscores the importance of coordinating the many elements of federal involvement in large, U.S.-hosted sporting events.

For the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, the 1997 Pan Am Games in Indianapolis, the 1990 Goodwill Games in Seattle, and the 1993 World University Games in Buffalo, the White House established a task force designated specifically for each event. More recently, the White House established a task force to oversee federal involvement in the 1994 World Cup, the 1995 Special Olympic World Games, the 1996 Summer Olympics, and the 1996 Atlanta Paralympics. In most cases, the Vice President has served as Chair, with a deputy chief of staff as primary staff lead for the Administration.

Coordinating the task force gives White House staff a mechanism for gathering regular updates and a more complete overview of various federal activities surrounding the event. The appointment of agency representatives on a task force communicates the Administration's interest in a coordinated and successful federal role in the event. A task force is also helpful in communication and mediation among agencies. In some cases, two or more agencies will work together to address areas of concern (e.g., security issues may involve the Justice Department's FBI, the DOD's Department of Defense, and the General Services Administration).



There is precedent for White House leadership in coordinating federal involvement in the planning and production of international amateur sporting events hosted in the U.S. The organizing committee for the 1999 Women's World Cup is hopeful that the Clinton Administration will organize a working group of federal agency representatives, similar to those established for other events.

Women's World Cup organizers anticipate involvement with the following federal agencies and departments in 1998.

U.S. Information Agency

Involvement with cultural and exchange related activities associated with the event.

Department of Transportation

Explore feasibility of waiving FTA restrictions against using surplus municipal buses for athlete transport.

General Services Administration

Logistical support for planning and possible warehousing.

Department of Labor

Job Corps involvement in light construction and signage.

Health and Human Services

Office of Women's Health coordination with educational message in grass roots girls soccer network, Secretary Shalala's Girl Power! Campaign, and the National Cancer Institute's anti-smoking public service announcement series.

Department of the Treasury

Coordinate with the U.S. Customs Service legislation waiving customs fees on equipment and personal effects of Women's World Cup participants. Coordinate entry issues related to customs.

Department of State

State counsel on diplomatic protocol and security and assistance with visa and entry issues.

Department of Justice

Coordinate threat assessment at venue sites with Federal Bureau of Investigations. Expedite with Immigration and Naturalization Services admission at major ports of entry and threat assessment.

Department of Defense

Security and logistics issues.



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November 10, 1997

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

In 1999 the United States will host the Women's World Cup. Preparing to host this event will involve coordination with several federal agencies. We write today to request the establishment of a White House task force to coordinate and oversee the activities of various federal departments and agencies in preparing for the 1999 Women's World Cup.

Our hope is to work together with these agencies and in coordination with your Administration to make this the largest women-only sporting in history.

Since the U.S. Women's National Team won the inaugural Cup in China in 1991, the women's soccer movement in the U.S. has been preparing for the opportunity to bring the competition here. The 1999 Women's World Cup will feature the world's best women soccer players, representing 16 countries over a three-week period in June and July 1999. The tournament will be held in seven major U.S. cities. The U.S. National Team, which won the gold medal in women's soccer last year in Atlanta, has an automatic berth into the competition as the host nation. Women's teams in 75 other countries will compete in 1998 to qualify for each of the remaining 15 berths.

As the organizers, we are pleased to bring the 1999 Women's World Cup to the U.S. at a time when a generation of women, who grew up under Title IX, are maturing into elite competitors. Women athletes representing the U.S. in Atlanta at the 1996 Summer Olympic Games earned record numbers of medals. Girls and women in this country are playing soccer, and other sports, in unprecedented numbers, and athletic scholarships for women are increasing at our colleges. The timing and the setting for hosting the Women's World Cup could not be better.

As the host country, the U.S. government will necessarily be involved in ensuring appropriate security, diplomatic relations, and the safe and efficient entry of participants and international spectators into the country. In addition, there are several federal agencies whose missions are consistent with that of the 1999 Women's World Cup, and with whom we hope to



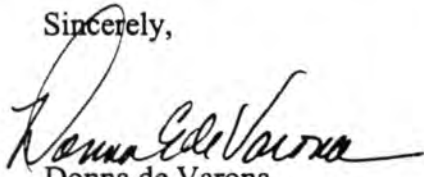
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partner. These include the U.S. Information Agency, the Department of Health and Human Services, the General Services Administration, the Job Corps, and the Customs Service. While the participation of these agencies remains uncertain at this time, all have missions and a history of participation in international amateur athletics events hosted in the U.S.

Because of the close relationship that is required between the federal government, the organizing committee, and the host cities, we would be pleased to work with a White House task force to coordinate the federal role in the 1999 Women's World Cup. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with a designated White House staff contact to discuss proposed federal involvement with the event.

We thank you for your interest in this important event and look forward to working with your Administration to welcome the world to the United States in 1999.

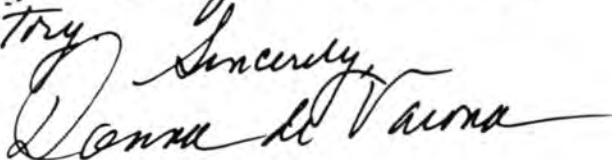
Sincerely,


Donna de Varona
Chair


Marla Messing
President

Dear Mr. President,

The task force you established for the Atlanta Olympics worked so well we would appreciate your support once again for our Women's World Cup 1999 event.

Mia Hamm and all the players want you to team up with us and help make this the most successful Women's Sporting event in history. Sincerely,




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December 5, 1997

The Honorable William J. Clinton
The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
President and First Lady of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President and Mrs. Clinton:

In 1999, the United States will host the largest women's sporting event in history. The 1999 Women's World Cup will bring the world's best women soccer players from 16 countries together in what will be a break-through event for women in sports. We believe it would be wholly fitting if you would consider serving as Honorary Co-Chairs for this international event.

The 32-game tournament will be played in venues hosted during a three-week period in June and July of 1999 with games in Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York/New Jersey, Portland, San Francisco Bay Area, and Washington, DC. We are planning an international women's symposium prior to the opening of the event which will feature policy-makers and leaders in women's issues from participating countries, as well as cultural and educational exchanges to maximize the event's international cultural impact.

The United States has set the world standard for the inclusion of women in competitive sport. With the passage of the Title IX mandate 25 years ago, this country made clear its commitment to ensure opportunities for girls and women to enjoy the physical, mental and social benefits that participation in sport imparts. Today, as the U.S. rolls out professional women's leagues in softball and basketball and fields gold-winning national teams in gymnastics, softball, and soccer, we see the fruits of that commitment. As organizers for the 1999 Women's World Cup, we intend to continue that tradition as we seek to carry out our mission to host a break-through event for women in sport and to inspire the next generation of female athletes.

More Americans are playing soccer than ever before -- more than 18 million today. And more than forty percent of those active in soccer in the U.S. are women and girls. The sport and its players are maturing. While soccer is now the second most popular youth participation sport, the number of women's collegiate soccer programs have increased from 77 in 1981 to 617 today.

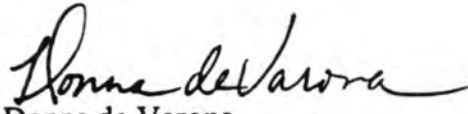


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It is appropriate, therefore, that FIFA, the international governing body for soccer, has awarded the United States the distinct honor of hosting the third and the largest Women's World Cup in 1999. It is with great pleasure that we extend this invitation to you to serve as Honorary Co-Chairs of the 1999 Women's World Cup.

We look forward to working with you as we prepare to host the largest women's sporting event in history and the last significant international sporting event in the U.S. for the millennium.

Sincerely,


Donna de Varona
Chair


Marla Messing
President

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 21, 1998

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

When the Women's World Cup is staged in the United States in 1999, Oregon will proudly host games in Portland's Civic Stadium. We could not be more pleased that the United States--and Portland--have been selected as hosts for this ground-breaking women's event, and we write to encourage your support for the event through two specific requests.

First, it is our understanding that you and Mrs. Clinton have been invited to serve as honorary co-chairs for the 1999 Women's World Cup. Given the accomplishments of the U.S. in ensuring opportunities for girls and women in sports and the status of the U.S. as host country, we would urge you and Mrs. Clinton to consider accepting this honorary role. Your participation as co-chairs would reflect the regard in this country for the accomplishments of women athletes at the highest levels of competitions.

In addition, we believe the establishment of a task force at the White House to coordinate various aspects of federal involvement in the 1999 Women's World Cup is merited. We anticipate the participation of several federal agencies, addressing issues ranging from diplomatic relations to women's health to the safe, expeditious entry of visiting athletes into the country. There is substantial precedent for a White House-appointed task force, which would coordinate and oversee Administration activities in cooperation with the event.

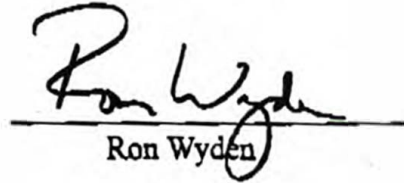
The 1999 Women's World Cup will be the largest women's sporting event in history. Hosting this break-through event for women on U.S. soil is an honor for us and provides a tremendous forum for promoting the U.S. ideals of opportunity in access for girls and women in all walks of life. We encourage you and Mrs. Clinton to participate fully as honorary co-chairs and to extend your support to the establishment of a White House task force.

We are delighted to be a part-as host community, state, and country--of the world's most prestigious event in women's soccer. We look forward to working with you in welcoming the 1999 Women's World Cup to the U.S.

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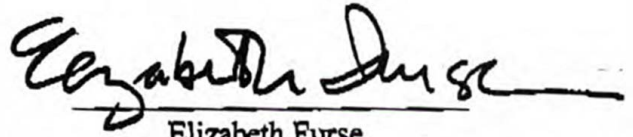
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Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

February 6, 1998

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

When the Women's World Cup is staged in the United States in 1999, New Jersey will proudly host games in East Rutherford's Giants Stadium. We are quite pleased that the United States, and New Jersey, have been selected as hosts for this ground-breaking women's event, and write to entreat your support through two specific requests.

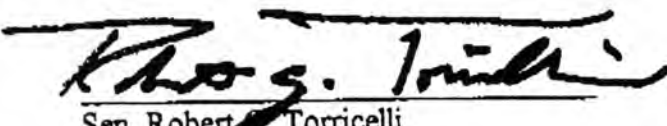
First, we understand that you and Mrs. Clinton have been invited to serve as honorary co-chairs for the 1999 Women's World Cup. Given the accomplishments of the U.S. in ensuring opportunities for girls and women in sports and the status of the U.S. as a host country, we urge you and Mrs. Clinton to accept this honorary role. Your participation as co-chairs would reflect the regard in this country for the accomplishments of women athletes at the highest levels of competition.

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The 1999 Women's World Cup will be the largest women's sporting event in history. Hosting this breakthrough event for women on U.S. soil is an honor for us and provides a forum for promoting American ideals of opportunity and access for girls and women in all walks of life. We encourage you and Mrs. Clinton to participate as honorary co-chairs and to extend your support to the establishment of a White House task force.

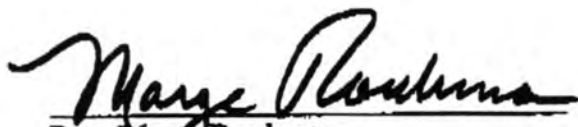
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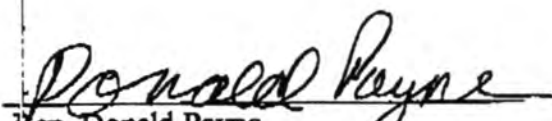
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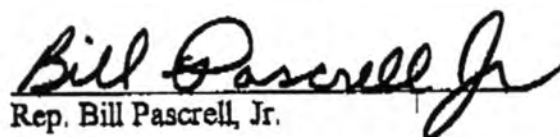

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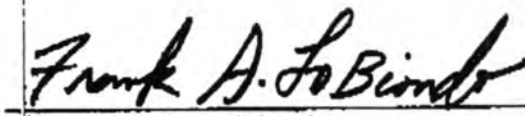

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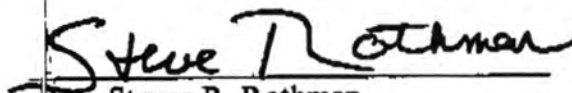

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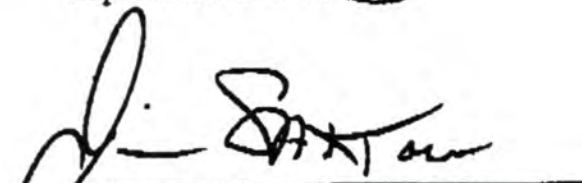

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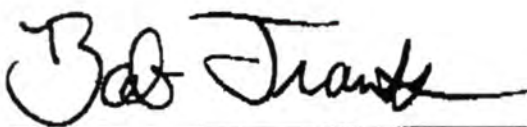

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Rep. Robert E. Andrews

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 13, 1998

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

When the Women's World Cup is staged in the United States in 1999, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will proudly host the games at Foxboro Stadium. We could not be more pleased that the United States -- and Boston, Massachusetts -- have been selected as hosts for this groundbreaking women's event, and we write to encourage your support for the event through two specific requests.

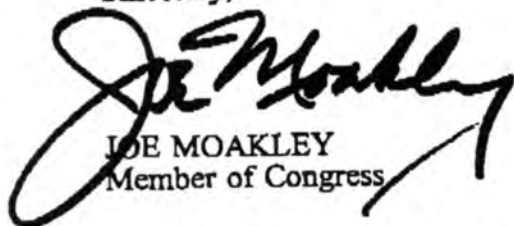
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In addition, we believe the establishment of a task force at the White House to coordinate various aspects of federal involvement in the 1999 Women's World Cup is merited. We anticipate the participation of several federal agencies addressing issues ranging from diplomatic relations, to women's health, to the safe, expeditious entry of visiting athletes into the country. As you know, there is substantial precedent for a White House-appointed task force, which would coordinate and oversee Administration activities in cooperation with the event.

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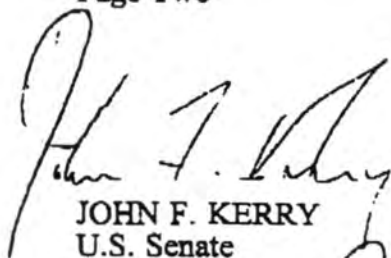


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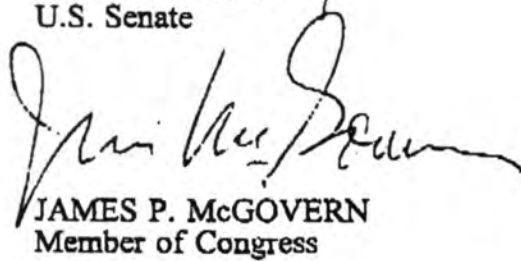


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U.S. Senate

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U.S. Senate



JAMES P. McGOVERN
Member of Congress



BARNEY FRANK
Member of Congress

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MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN PODESTA

FROM: Danny Wexler
SUBJECT: The Women's World Cup of Soccer
DATE: September 17, 1997

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As I mentioned to you, the Women's World Cup of Soccer will take place in the United States in June and July of 1999. I have had meetings with both their Washington Representatives and the Chair of the Women's World Cup, Donna de Varona. The purpose of this memo is to provide you with some background on the event and to communicate the issues raised in my discussions with them.

First, a little history. This will be the third Women's World Cup organized by the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA). The first took place in China in November of 1991. This tournament saw 12 nations compete in 26 matches with the US coming out on top. The second was played in Sweden in 1995. Qualifying matches involved 53 countries from six continents. Norway won the final game that was broadcast in 16 countries. Throughout the competition, 67 countries televised matches with an estimated cumulative audience of over 700 million. The U.S. placed third in the tournament.

In March of 1996, U.S. Soccer submitted a bid to host the third Women's World Cup. The U.S. was named the host two months later. The venues are still to be determined but will likely include some of the following:

Legion Field	Birmingham, Alabama
Foxboro Stadium	Boston, Massachusetts
Ericsson Stadium	Charlotte, North Carolina
Soldier Field	Chicago, Illinois
L.A. Coliseum	Los Angeles, California
Rose Bowl	Pasadena, California
Giants Stadium	The Meadowlands, New Jersey
Civic Stadium	Portland, Oregon
Spartan Stadium/ Stanford Stadium	San Francisco, California
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Jack Kent Cooke Stadium	Washington, D.C.

The exact number of venues is also to be determined. It will likely be somewhere between five and eight. The tournament will include 16 teams, in a three-week, 32-game format. As the host the US gains an automatic berth and will compete in

the opening game. The other 15 spots will be determined through qualification matches which will run from August of this year through December, 1988. It is expected that 74 nations will compete.

As you know the growth of Soccer in the United States is tremendous. The 1984 Olympics, the 1994 Men's World Cup and the 1996 Olympics were all breakthrough events for Soccer in the US. The success of these events fostered the return of professional Soccer to the US with the launch of Major League Soccer in 1996.

Also as I mentioned, just before Congress adjourned for the August recess, Senators Stevens and Gregg included in an amendment to the Commerce, State, Justice Appropriations bill, to provide \$2 million in funding in FY 98 for USIA to support activities associated with the Women's World Cup. The DC folks will be working the House to preserve this funding in conference.

My initial discussions with them focused on their interest in the coordination of federal efforts on behalf of the games. In the near future, they will send a formal written request to the White House to ask for the creation of a task force or working group (similar to what we did for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta), to coordinate Women's World Cup relationships with various federal agencies. In addition they will likely request all four principals to serve in various honorary positions as well as their participation in the games. I will let you know when any formal requests are received.

I don't think we need to do anything immediately. I will raise this again once we see any formal requests.

Let me know if you have any questions or need more information.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 17, 1998

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FR: Phil Caplan 

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Please let me know if you think any of the principals would be interested in attending and heading up the delegation. If none of the principals are interested, we should think about which member of the Cabinet might be most appropriate.



January 28, 1998

President William Jefferson Clinton
c/o Phillip Caplan, Special Assistant
to the President for Cabinet Affairs
THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington, DC 20502

My Dear Mr. President:

On June 21st, Father's Day, the United States of America will compete against Iran in a World Cup match being staged in Leone, France. No doubt you are aware of the great significance being placed on this match. On behalf of the tens of millions of soccer fans in the United States, I would like to invite you to be present at this historic match. Furthermore, the United States Soccer Federation would like to invite the First Lady to be the Honorary Head of Delegation for the United States Team as we participate in the World Cup Finals in France.

The team representing the United States has made significant improvement over the past decade and we expect to have a competitive showing at the World Cup. We have, however, drawn an extremely difficult group featuring Germany, Iran and Yugoslavia.

We look forward to your reply as to your disposition on whether you and the First Lady can attend any of these matches.

Thank you for the great job you have done for the United States. We wish you continued success.

Sincerely,
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION

Hank Steinbrecher
Secretary General

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We look forward to your reply as to your disposition on whether you and the First Lady can attend any of these matches.

Thank you for the great job you have done for the United States. We wish you continued success.

Sincerely,
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION

Hank Steinbrecher
Secretary General

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February 17, 1998

TO: Stephanie Streett
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FR: Phil Caplan

I have received the attached letter inviting the President and/or the First Lady (and although it does not say so, the Vice President) to lead a delegation to the World Cup Soccer finals to be held in France this summer in June and July.

Background. The World Cup finals are held every four years. This quadrennial tournament is the culmination of a two-year competition involving the national soccer teams of virtually every country on earth. Thirty-two teams qualify for the finals. The United States hosted the World Cup in 1994. The President went to the opening ceremonies in Chicago and the Vice President went to the final game at the Rose Bowl in L.A.

1998 World Cup. The U.S. National Soccer Team has qualified for France. The U.S. Soccer Federation (the governing body of U.S. Soccer akin to the U.S. Olympic Committee) has invited a delegation to the games, and specifically to watch the U.S. matches. The World Cup runs from June 10 - July 12. The U.S. first-round matches are June 15 (vs. Germany in Paris), June 21 (vs. Iran in Lyon) and June 25 (vs. Yugoslavia in Nantes). If the U.S. gets enough points during the first round, they advance to the second round.

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Please let me know if you think any of ^{the} your principals would be interested in attending or heading up a delegation. If none of the principals are interested, we should think about which member of the Cabinet might be most appropriate.

1998 FIFA World Cup Schedule • June 10 - July 12, France

♦ Group A

1. Brazil
2. Scotland
3. Morocco
4. Norway

♦ Group C

1. France
2. South Africa
3. Saudi Arabia
4. Denmark

♦ Group E

1. Netherlands
2. Belgium
3. South Korea
4. Mexico

♦ Group G

1. Romania
2. Colombia
3. England
4. Tunisia

♦ Group B

1. Italy
2. Chile
3. Cameroon
4. Austria

♦ Group D

1. Spain
2. Nigeria
3. Paraguay
4. Bulgaria

♦ Group F

1. Germany
2. United States
3. Yugoslavia
4. Iran

♦ Group H

1. Argentina
2. Japan
3. Jamaica
4. Croatia

Group A Schedule

June 10	Brazil vs. Scotland	St. Denis
June 10	Morocco vs. Norway	Montpellier
June 16	Scotland vs. Norway	Bordeaux
June 16	Brazil vs. Morocco	Nantes
June 23	Brazil vs. Norway	Marseilles
June 23	Scotland vs. Morocco	St. Etienne

Group E Schedule

June 13	South Korea vs. Mexico	Lyons
June 13	Netherlands vs. Belgium	St. Denis
June 20	Belgium vs. Mexico	Bordeaux
June 20	Netherlands vs. South Korea	Marseilles
June 25	Netherlands vs. Mexico	St. Etienne
June 25	Belgium vs. South Korea	Paris

Group B Schedule

June 11	Italy vs. Chile	Bordeaux
June 11	Cameroon vs. Austria	Toulouse
June 17	Chile vs. Austria	St. Etienne
June 17	Italy vs. Cameroon	Montpellier
June 23	Italy vs. Austria	St. Denis
June 23	Chile vs. Cameroon	Nantes

Group F Schedule

June 14	Yugoslavia vs. Iran	St. Etienne
June 15	Germany vs. United States	Paris
June 21	Germany vs. Yugoslavia	Lens
June 21	United States vs. Iran	Lyons
June 25	Germany vs. Iran	Montpellier
June 25	United States vs. Yugoslavia	Nantes

Group C Schedule

June 12	Saudi Arabia vs. Denmark	Lens
June 12	France vs. South Africa	Marseilles
June 18	South Africa vs. Denmark	Toulouse
June 18	France vs. Saudi Arabia	St. Denis
June 24	France vs. Denmark	Lyons
June 24	South Africa vs. Saudi Arabia	Bordeaux

Group G Schedule

June 15	England vs. Tunisia	Marseilles
June 15	Romania vs. Colombia	Lyons
June 22	Colombia vs. Tunisia	Montpellier
June 22	Romania vs. England	Toulouse
June 26	Romania vs. Tunisia	St. Denis
June 26	Colombia vs. England	Lens

Group D Schedule

June 12	Paraguay vs. Bulgaria	Montpellier
June 13	Spain vs. Nigeria	Nantes
June 15	Nigeria vs. Bulgaria	Paris
June 19	Spain vs. Saudi Arabia	St. Etienne
June 24	Spain vs. Bulgaria	Lens
June 24	Nigeria vs. Paraguay	Toulouse

Group H Schedule

June 14	Argentina vs. Japan	Toulouse
June 14	Jamaica vs. Croatia	Lens
June 20	Japan vs. Croatia	Nantes
June 21	Argentina vs. Jamaica	Paris
June 26	Argentina vs. Croatia	Bordeaux
June 26	Japan vs. Jamaica	Lyons

Round of 16 Schedule

		Site	Local Time
June 27	1B vs. 2A (2)	Marseilles	4:30 p.m.
June 27	1A vs. 2B (1)	Paris	9:00 p.m.
June 28	1C vs. 2D (3)	Lens	4:30 p.m.
June 28	1D vs. 2C (4)	St. Denis	9:00 p.m.
June 29	1F vs. 2E (6)	Montpellier	4:30 p.m.
June 29	1E vs. 2F (5)	Toulouse	9:00 p.m.
June 30	1G vs. 2H (7)	Bordeaux	4:30 p.m.
June 30	1H vs. 2G (8)	St. Etienne	9:00 p.m.

Quarterfinals

		Site	Local Time
July 3	2 vs. 3 (B)	St. Denis	4:30 p.m.
July 3	1 vs. 4 (A)	Nantes	9:00 p.m.
July 4	5 vs. 8 (C)	Marseilles	4:30 p.m.
July 4	6 vs. 7 (D)	Lyons	9:00 p.m.

Semifinals

		Site	Local Time
July 7	A vs. C (D1)	Marseilles	9:00 p.m.
July 8	B vs. D (D2)	St. Denis	9:00 p.m.

3rd Place Match — July 11 in Paris at 9:00 p.m.

Championship — July 12 in St. Denis at 9:00 p.m.



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