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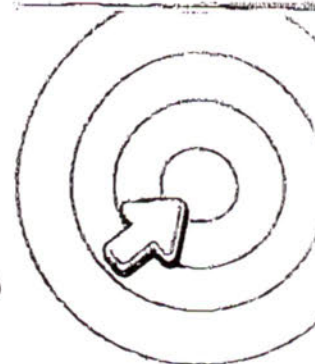
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January 21, 2000

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
c/o Patti Solis Doyle
Director of Scheduling
for the First Lady
OEOB Room 185.5
Washington, DC 20502

① Pending
② Binder

To Finney -
what should we
do?

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

Scholastic Inc., one of the world's largest educational publishers, would be honored to have you join us as the special guest at a "virtual school assembly" to be held in March 2000 at Scholastic.com, the premier Internet site for elementary and middle school teachers and students. The one-hour live interview can take place anytime between 12 and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday eastern time in March.

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Sincerely,



Ruth Otte
Executive Vice President, Internet and Software

cc: Bibb Hubbard
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chat/Q + A

or phone interview

20 or so questions

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TO: Lissa

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Thanks!

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February 18, 2000

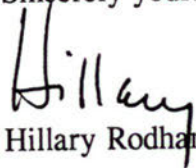
Mr. Robin Williams
Post Office Box 210520
San Francisco, California 94121-0520

Dear Robin:

Thank you for your recent letter and news of your internet project. It was good hearing from you again. Someone from my communications staff will contact Jennifer Cerchiai for more information. Until then, I hope that all is well with you, Marsha and the children and that we will see each other again before too long.

With warm regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Hillary Rodham Clinton

✓ cc: Lissa Muscatine
Director of Communications

ROBIN



Wednesday, January 26, 2000

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
Attention: Capricia Marshall
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Second Floor, East Wing
Washington, D. C. 20502

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Fond regards to you and your family,

Robin Williams

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FAX

TO: Toby Graff or Jenn Smith

FROM: Jess Sarmiento

DATE: March 6, 2000

RE: Interview Request

Toby/Jen:

Toby, we worked together on some press issues when I was the Press Office Director at USAID. I came to NPR about a month-and-a-half ago.

I am forwarding to you a request to have the first lady on NPR's *Morning Edition* program in May 2000. We are celebrating Morning Edition's 20th Anniversary by going to major cities across the country and broadcasting LIVE from those locations, and interviewing famous residents (and/or former residents) of those cities. Since Mrs. Clinton is originally from Chicago, it seemed like a great opportunity to get her on the show.

Please let me know if you are considering the request. Thanks.

Jessamyn Sarmiento
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TO: Toby Graff or Jen Smith
Office of the First Lady/Scheduling
The White House
FR: Jessamyn Sarmiento, Director of Media Relations and Outreach
National Public Radio
RE: Interview Request

I am submitting this written request to have First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton on National Public Radio's (NPR) **Morning Edition**. A nationally and internationally broadcast news program, **Morning Edition** is highly regarded for its in-depth and quality journalism. Over the years **Morning Edition** has aired interviews with some of the world's most fascinating and powerful people as well as those of ordinary people with compelling and touching stories.

Morning Edition will be in Chicago as a part of its 20th anniversary celebration. We would like to have Bob Edwards, the host, interview Mrs. Clinton on May 4, 2000.

Mrs. Clinton's tenure as first lady, her compassion and tenacity in raising the profile of issues regarding women and children, and of course her bid for New York's senate seat will make for an interesting and lively interview. And, with Mother's Day right around the corner, it makes sense to shine the spotlight on America's most famous mother.

The interview will be used in a variety of ways resulting in extensive local, national and international promotion and publicity of the first lady. The interview will be staged and taped at a local Chicago venue attended by a LIVE audience. It would take place on May 4, in the evening and last approximately thirty minutes to one hour. The interview will then be carefully packaged and broadcast to over 520 stations reaching almost 9 million people during drive-time on **Morning Edition**, one of the top morning radio programs in the United States. **Morning Edition** is heard on 40 radio stations across New York State.

NPR would also webcast the entire interview LIVE on the NPR website, NPR[™] Online. All of this would be heavily promoted for the largest possible audience.

I have attached background information on NPR, **Morning Edition** and its host, Bob Edwards. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

My contact information follows:
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MORNING EDITION®

Debut Date: November 5, 1979

Host: Bob Edwards

Program Content: In-depth news reports; newscasts; features on science, arts, and business; newsmaker interviews and profiles; human interest features; sports, social, political, and musical commentary.

Audience: According to Spring 1999 RRC/Arbitron estimates, weekly audience (cume) is 8.76 million. Gross per quarter hour* audience is 2,771,500.

Carriage: Approximately 523 NPR stations.

Reporting Staff: NPR has bureaus in Chicago, London, Los Angeles, Moscow, New York, Tokyo, and Washington. Reports are also filed by NPR member stations and a worldwide network of NPR and freelance reporters.

Executive Producer: Ellen McDonnell

Senior Editor: Greg Allen

Senior Producer: Audrey Wynn

Overnight Editor: John Buckley

Awards: Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Award, George Polk Award, Gabriel Award, and others.

* Gross per quarter hour is an estimate of the average number of people listening to *Morning Edition* during a 15 minute period.

"Waking up to a commercial all-news station can be a jolt, like putting bare feet on a cold tile floor. *Morning Edition* is also jarring, but in the manner of unexpected luxury, like sinking the feet into a deep plush carpet."

—*The Philadelphia Inquirer*

For two decades, National Public Radio's *Morning Edition*® with Bob Edwards has prepared listeners for the day ahead with up-to-the-minute news, background analysis and commentary, and coverage of arts and sports.

Since its debut in 1979, *Morning Edition* has become the morning companion to 8.4 million Americans each week, winning top broadcast Journalism honors and accolades along the way, including the prestigious Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Award and the George Polk Award. The Corporation for Public Broadcasting awarded Bob Edwards the Edward R. Murrow Award In 1984 "for outstanding contributions to public radio."

Morning Edition started off 1998 a little earlier... to better serve their early rising audience, they moved up the clock an hour to begin the program at 5 a.m. Other additions included a business segment with veteran news correspondent Jack Speer featuring expanded and continually-refreshed business reports every other hour and consumer-oriented news features offering business advice for everyday life.

Commentators for *Morning Edition* include "Why Things Are" author Joel Achenbach, cowboy-poet Baxter Black, sportswriters Frank Deford and John Feinstein, political analyst Kevin Phillips, and *The Washington Post's* television and film critic Tom Shales. Other highlights include reports and analyses by award-winning journalist and senior NPR news analyst Cokie Roberts.

The executive producer of *Morning Edition* is Ellen McDonnell. Bob Edwards has hosted *Morning Edition* since the show's premiere.

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Bob EdwardsHost, *Morning Edition*

Bob Edwards has hosted National Public Radio's daily newsmagazine *Morning Edition* since its premiere in November, 1979. In its first year, the program was honored for broadcasting excellence with the Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Award and the George Polk Award.



Edwards joined NPR in 1974 when the organization was in its third year of operation. Prior to becoming host of *Morning Edition*, he was co-host of NPR's evening newsmagazine *All Things Considered*.

As host of *Morning Edition*, Edwards conducts more than 800 interviews each year covering politics, international affairs, education, labor, economics, sports, the arts and entertainment.

His 1993 book, *Fridays with Red*, chronicles his radio friendship with sports broadcasting legend Red Barber, with whom he talked about sports, camellias, and the nature of man every Friday morning for nearly 12 years.

Edwards, a native of Louisville, Kentucky, earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Louisville and began his career at a small radio station in New Albany, Indiana. While serving in the U.S. Army, he produced and anchored TV and radio news programs for the American Forces Korea Network (AFKN) in Seoul. After his service in the Army, Edwards moved to Washington, D.C., where he worked as a weekend and evening anchorman for WTOP-AM, an all-news CBS affiliate, while earning a master's degree in broadcast journalism from The American University.

Edwards is the recipient of the 1984 Edward R. Murrow Award from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for "outstanding contributions to public radio." The accompanying citation said, "Every station that carries *Morning Edition* can attest to Bob Edwards' extraordinary

rapport with listeners ... In terms of his editorial leadership and onair performance, Bob has created a standard for the industry."

In 1990, Edwards won a Gabriel Award from the National Catholic Association of Broadcasters for "Born Drunk," a fivepart *Morning Edition* series about Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. He won his first Gabriel Award in 1987 for a *Morning Edition* story entitled "Bill of Sale: A Black Heritage."

In 1995, Edwards' report, "The Changing of the Guard: The Republican Revolution" earned him the prestigious Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Award for excellence in radio journalism.

Edwards is a national vice president of AFTRA, the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists. He lives in Arlington, Virginia, with his wife, Sharon, and their three children.

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May 9, 2000

VIA FACSIMILE AND REGULAR MAIL

Ms. Melanne Verveer
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Dear Ms. Verveer:

I am writing on behalf of Oxygen Media, Inc., an Internet and cable network for women created by Geraldine Laybourne, Oprah Winfrey, and Carsey, Werner, Manadabach. Oxygen is extending an invitation to past, present and potential-future First Ladies to participate in a television special exploring the role of the First Lady.

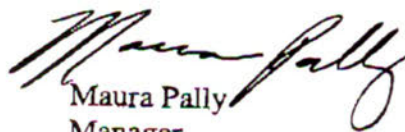
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We understand that there are many competing demands on Mrs. Clinton's time; we will accommodate her schedule regarding the timing and the location of the interview. We would like to interview Mrs. Clinton for one hour (excluding set-up time). The special will air in early October. I will be calling you to follow up on this letter; you can also reach me at (212) 651-9305. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Maura Pally
Manager
Politics and Public Policy

CC: Patti Solis Doyle

*lissa -
what
do you think -
I don't think
that an October
airing would
be good for
her campaign.
Patti*

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TV Asahi America, Inc.

Lissa Howard

June 1, 2000

NETWORK-SYMBOL

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The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

FAX: 202.456.5340

RE: Interview request

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Dear Ms. Solis Doyle:

I am writing to you from TV Asahi America, the US subsidiary of TV Asahi, one of Japan's major commercial television broadcasters. Brian Reich in Vice President Gore's office suggested that I contact you regarding our interview request.

TV Asahi America is in the early stages of producing a human documentary on the First Lady. The program will be broadcast throughout Japan as the kickoff program for the digital satellite channel TV Asahi will launch in December 2000. While we expect to cover aspects of the First Lady's current bid for US Senate, the principal focus of the film will be the life of Hillary Rodham Clinton the person.

We would like to have the opportunity to interview the First Lady for this film some time in the coming months prior to the November 7 election. We can make ourselves available to her either in Washington or in New York or where ever is convenient for her. I understand the First Lady is extremely busy with her campaign activities. However, any amount of time she could give us would be most appreciated.

While I do not need an exact date, I would like to know at your earliest convenience as to

the possibility of conducting such an interview. I can be reached by telephone at 212.644.5656 or by e-mail at cposton@tv-asahi.net.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Christopher Poston
Special Projects Producer
TV Asahi America, Inc.

CC: Lissa Muscatine, Director of Communications to the First Lady

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Old Executive Office Building
The White House
Washington, DC 20502

Attn: Hilary Clinton

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

In light of your active interest and support for people with epilepsy, through the White House initial conference for the cure, we would like to enlist your support in helping us in the Fight Against Childhood Epilepsy and Seizures (FACES). Our mission is to promote improved quality of life for children with epilepsy through clinical care, education, and research.

Epilepsy affects 2.3 million Americans of all ages with 180,000 new cases diagnosed each year. Epilepsy is a condition in which the brain's electrical impulses misfire, causing behavioral changes or seizures. As individualized as the people it afflicts, epilepsy may result from head trauma, disease, and genetic inheritance. The impact of epilepsy is often greatest in children, which can lead to serious problems with self-esteem, dependency, and education that leave permanent scars.

The NYU/ Mount Sinai Comprehensive Epilepsy Center, located on the NYU Campus is the largest epilepsy care facility in the United States. Patients with epilepsy from all age groups, ethnicities and economic backgrounds come from across the United and more than 20 foreign countries for evaluation and treatment. Our center has pioneered new approaches in the treatment of epilepsy, including new drug treatment, new surgical techniques, while providing appropriate psychosocial support for the patients and their families.

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This is a
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may be worth
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Given your dedication to children causes and your commitment to the New York community, we feel your support would benefit children and their families by helping to heighten awareness and address the issues that face them. We have several upcoming events which may be of interest:

- 1) Art Day on October 14, where children with epilepsy express themselves through paintings and drawings.
- 2) The launching our interactive epilepsy website (Fall 2000), which will contain extensive information and foster a supportive community for patients and families. This site will also highlight both traditional and alternative therapies.
- 3) Tour of our inpatient pediatric unit in which you would meet with patients and their families, and our dedicated staff.

Enclosed is our mission statement and our most recent journal from our F.A.C.E.S Auction 2000 in which over \$2,500,000 was raised.

We look forward to discussing these events with your staff, if I could provide you with any additional information please do not hesitate to call my office at 212-263-8870.

Sincerely,

Orrin Devinsky, MD

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Mission Statement

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Introduction

Epilepsy is a common disorder, affecting more than 2 million Americans. Epilepsy, or recurrent seizures, affects 3% of people at some time in their lives. Most seizures and epilepsies first develop in children and adolescents. The impact of epilepsy is often greatest in children. In addition to the direct effects of seizures and drugs, epilepsy can lead to serious problems with self-esteem, dependency, and education that leave permanent scars.

For most children, epilepsy can be controlled with medication and many will outgrow it. However, at least a third of children continue to have seizures or suffer troublesome side effects of medications. For these children, specialized care is necessary. Also, research is needed to advance our understanding of how epilepsy and how epilepsy therapy affects children, and to develop new therapies for patients with uncontrolled seizures.

The pediatric epilepsy population is particularly vulnerable to psychosocial, intellectual and behavioral problems. Standard medical care typically treats epilepsy as an isolated disorder without taking into account the overall function of the child. Treatment at the New York University Comprehensive Epilepsy Center, however, focuses on how epilepsy affects the child, family, school, and peers. By understanding the complex relations of epilepsy and the child's behavior, the Center helps support the children with epilepsy as well as those who care for them. This strategy helps prevent more chronic behavioral problems of pediatric epilepsy patients, which can often persist into adulthood.

The NYU Comprehensive Epilepsy Center is currently the largest inpatient epilepsy center on the East Coast. It serves both adult and pediatric populations. Children with epilepsy come from all over the United States and more than 20 foreign countries to be evaluated and treated at this center. The NYU epilepsy center is actively involved in caring for those children whose lives most affected by epilepsy and its consequences. We are one of the most active pediatric epilepsy surgery centers in the country.

More than 2,500 children have been cared for at this Center during the past five years. However, there are more than 20,000 patients with epilepsy that cannot be controlled with medications in the New York City metropolitan area and at least another 20,000 children with epilepsy and troublesome cognitive or behavioral problems or medication side effects. These are the patients who need our current resources and would greatly benefit from expanded facilities and additional research.

The NYU Comprehensive Epilepsy Center includes state of the art equipment to monitor the electrical activity of the brain. These 64-channel video-EEG recorders allow simultaneous recording of the brain's electrical activity and the behavioral changes during seizures. Other sophisticated technologies used at the Center include magnetic resonance imaging, functional magnetic resonance imaging, computerized stereotactic neurosurgical localizing techniques, single photon emission computed tomography, and magnetoencephalography (one of only a handful of such facilities in the US).

The NYU Comprehensive Epilepsy Center includes outpatient and inpatient evaluations to

- (1) definitively diagnose the type of seizures and epilepsy that a child suffers from,
- (2) determine the most effective therapy,
- (3) define the portion of the brain from which seizures arise to determine if a child may be a candidate for epilepsy surgery
- (4) develop new antiepileptic drugs for children who have not responded to standard drugs
- (5) develop nontraditional therapies, from the ketogenic diet to intravenous gamma globulin to vagus nerve stimulators

The NYU Comprehensive Epilepsy Center is also actively involved in research in childhood epilepsies (see addendum). These studies include:

- (1) development of an instrument to measure health-related quality of life in children with epilepsy,
- (2) evaluations of the effectiveness of a surgical therapy for children with epilepsy, including the new technique of multiple subpial transections,
- (3) evaluations of the new drugs and techniques to treat epilepsy
- (4) definition of the chemical changes in brain tissue from different forms of epilepsy using microelectrodes that offer the first chance to safely study these changes, and
- (5) collaboration with other surgical centers to better understand the factors that predict surgical success or failure, and how epilepsy surgery impacts the quality of life of patients.

Summary of Academic Accomplishments

During the past decade, physicians and researchers at the NYU Comprehensive Epilepsy Center have published more than 150 papers and 200 abstracts on epilepsy and more than 14 books. Among them is the leading international and national book for patients and families affected by epilepsy. The NYU Epilepsy Center has consistently been among the top ten epilepsy programs in presentations at the American Epilepsy Society and American Academy of Neurology meetings. This remarkable academic productivity has been largely accomplished through contributions of the physicians into a voluntary research fund. Additional funding will allow a significant expansion of these research efforts.

New Developments

The past year has been one of the most exciting in the history of the NYU Comprehensive Epilepsy Center and the Fight Against Childhood Epilepsy and Seizures. We have moved from the Hospital for Joint Diseases to the main NYU Medical Center campus. Our epilepsy center now includes:

1. a 16 bed adolescent and adult unit on the 12th floor of Co-op Care
2. a 6 bed pediatric unit on the 9th floor of Tisch Hospital
3. a 9,400 square foot outpatient facility at the Rivergate Bldg. on 34th street
4. a specially designed and outfitted epilepsy surgery operating room

For both the adult and pediatric units, there will be a lounge where patients can be observed with continuous video and EEG recordings, while also enjoying the company of companions. The new facilities are state-of-the art and are equipped advanced technologies to better care for patients and investigate the causes and treatments of epilepsy. Our patients now enjoy the benefits of the finest nursing care in NYC.

FACES-Funded Research has led to:

1. first successful use of microelectrodes that record neurochemical changes in normal and epileptic areas of human brain. These findings have been presented at major US and International neuroscience and epilepsy meetings, and may have important implications to our understanding of how epilepsy is caused, and how it might be treated. These electrodes will be available commercially (with some proceeds to benefit FACES) to study epilepsy and other neurological disorders.
2. one of the largest studies of children with Landau-Kleffner syndrome (an uncommon autistic-like language disorder due to epilepsy waves), helping to define the clinical spectrum and treatment. This disorder may shed light on less severe effects of epilepsy waves on cognition and behavior.
3. completion of the Quality of Life in Epilepsy for Adolescents study. This study resulted in the creation of the first scale specifically designed to assess quality of life in this group.
4. funding a major, international three day conference on epilepsy and developmental disabilities to better define medical issues and understand how diverse groups and services need to be coordinated to maximize function and quality of life.
5. the development of computerized techniques to study the differences between blood flow and metabolism in brain areas during seizures and in the normal (in between seizure) states. This information has helped to pinpoint the area from which seizures arise and has allowed us to offer surgical therapy to some patients and improve the effectiveness of surgical therapy in many others.

Clinical Programs Supported by FACES

On the clinical side, FACES support has led to our recruitment of Dr. Tana Clark, a psychologist who is now an active part of the epilepsy care team. She is involved with the evaluation and treatment of outpatients and inpatients. Since her arrival in April, 1997 she has seen more than 80% of patients admitted. Her care is provided free of charge, through a generous grant obtained from the van Ameringen foundation

FACES also supports a variety of programs to help make the inpatient and outpatient experiences for children with epilepsy more comfortable and nurturing. Funds are also provided to help support advocacy efforts on behalf of children and young adults with epilepsy, many of whom also have developmental disabilities, to receive needed services. FACES support has led to the creation of a guide on how to work through the maze of vocational rehabilitation programs.

Future Goals

As we look ahead, we would like to obtain support for the following:

1. A research project on microelectrode studies of electrical changes in epileptic nerve cells. This collaborative effort, with neuroscientists at Rutgers University, will employ another type of microelectrode (smaller in diameter than a human hair) placed in the seizure producing regions of the brain just prior to removing them for the treatment of intractable epilepsy. These state of the art electrodes can record electrical activity from a single brain cell or neuron. By studying this activity, we hope to understand how normal neurons communicate, as well as, how injured neurons initiate seizure activity that spreads throughout the brain. This is an exciting project that offers an opportunity to directly study the functions of the epileptic brain.

2. the development of noninvasive techniques to identify critical language and cognitive sites in the brain thus permitting safer epilepsy surgery,
3. the creation of a web site for epilepsy-related inquiries,
4. the endowment of a research professorship to investigate basic mechanisms underlying the causes of epilepsy. We are now recruiting a physician-scientist who has been critical in the discovery of neurogenesis – the regeneration of brain cells. This research has great potential for moving closer to a cure for epilepsy. Brain cells that regenerate are found in a portion of the brain that is the most common source of epilepsy that cannot be controlled with medication.
5. the creation of a support network for families and patients with epilepsy, including those with unusual forms and difficult-to-treat cases of epilepsy

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Recent Research Efforts

The research program at the NYU Comprehensive Epilepsy Center is clinically focused, in an effort to develop improved diagnostic studies and therapies to better care for children with epilepsy. Two among the many recent projects of great interest that have been supported by FACES are highlighted below: development of new surgical techniques to allow treatment of cases that previously could not be approached surgically, and the development of instruments to assess quality of life for children with epilepsy.

Multiple Subpial Transections. With the introduction of epilepsy surgery in 1886, it was recognized that removing certain brain areas could lead to serious and permanent neurologic deficits affecting language, movement, and sensation. During the 1930's through 1950's, neurosurgeons and neurologists pioneered electrical stimulation of the brain in patients while awake to map the location of vital brain areas. During the past several decades, our technology has advanced considerably and we are better able to define the region of the brain from which the abnormal electrical activity of epilepsy arises as well as the vital functional areas that cannot be removed without causing injury. Unfortunately, in many cases, epilepsy areas overlap important functional areas. In these cases, surgery must be limited in its extent and effectiveness or abandoned altogether.

The new technique of multiple subpial transections has opened a window into a previously uncharted area of epilepsy surgery. Epilepsy which arises from functional areas can now be treated with this technique. Since the brain is organized in vertical columns, cutting (transecting) the horizontal fibers connecting adjacent regions causes little or no effect on the function of those brain areas. However, cutting these horizontal fibers can help prevent the spread of the abnormal electrical activity that generates an epileptic seizure.

The NYU epilepsy center has been using the new technique of multiple subpial transections in children and adults. Our center is been one of the two most active centers in the world in studying the effectiveness and safety of this technique. We are currently developing modifications to increase its effectiveness and safety. For example, by using more sophisticated recordings of electrical activity at the onset of seizures recorded directly from the brain, we hope to more clearly identify the actual area from which the seizures arise. Also, to attack the most difficult cases, we have pioneered a three-stage surgical procedure that has provided very promising initial results. One five year old girl was living in an intensive care unit, having seizures every minute which impaired her awareness and ability to speak. Removal of the seizure focus would have left her paralyzed on the left side. Through this new technique she is back at home and her seizures are under dramatically improved control.

We need Ph.D. scientists to assist us in understanding how this technique works, and in cases where it is not fully effective, why there is persistent epilepsy activity. We need to study what the optimal distance between the transections should be (2mm, 5mm, etc.) We need to identify which patients are the best candidates.

The Pediatric Quality of Life in Epilepsy Initiative. Dr. Orrin Devinsky headed a multi-institutional group to develop the Quality of Life in Epilepsy (QOLIE) inventories. These instruments are currently the most commonly used instruments to

measure health-related quality of life in adults with epilepsy. The next stage in the research plan is to create instruments to measure health-related quality of life in adolescents and then in children.

After several decades of slow growth, quality of life is emerging as a critical measure in health care. It is the ultimate outcome. This was recognized more than 40 years ago - you can treat a patient with cancer and prolong their survival by months or years, but survival (medical outcome) may not be the critical measure. Is survival with severe pain but without meaningful function truly success? The past decade has witnessed an exponential increase in the use of quality of life measurement in clinical trials, non-experimental outcome studies, cost-utility analyses, and studies of quality of care. Neurology lags behind other clinical disciplines that have actively incorporated quality of life measures into clinical studies.

Quality of life refers to the patient's perspective of how they feel and function. Medicine miopically focuses on medical outcome - viewing symptoms, signs, and laboratory studies from the doctor's perspective. Although patient interviews are an integral part of how doctors diagnose and treat disorders and evaluate the effects of therapy, the patient's view often takes a backseat to the doctor's in both routine patient care and clinical studies. Although one might predict that a doctor's and a patient's perspectives of the patient's quality of life are very similar, such correlations are often mistaken.

Health-related quality of life consists of three principal dimensions: physical health (e.g., daily function, general health, seizures, medication side effects, pain, strength, endurance), mental health (e.g., perception of well-being, self-esteem, perceived stigma, anxiety, depression, and cognition), and social health (e.g., social activities, and relationships with family, friends, and people in the community).

Practice and research perspectives suggest that patients are inherently biased -- lacking expertise in medical terminology, classification and observational skills; unable to distinguish social from medication from underlying disease processes in causing various problems; with opinions heavily contaminated by expectation and desire. It is assumed, therefore, that the patient's perspective can only provide meaningful data after reformatting through the doctor's "objective" filter. Nonsense! The patients are the only ones who know how they feel, how their disorder affects their energy, self-esteem, social life, employment, and function at home. Although their reports may be biased, so can the doctor's selection of patients and the collection, categorization and interpretation of data. The patient, however, defines their own quality of life.

Quality of life issues are most important in chronic disorders that are associated with problems beyond the experience of the "disease symptoms". Epilepsy is the paradigm of a disorder in which quality of life considerations are essential. Seizures are typically infrequent while psychosocial problems and antiepileptic drug therapy and side effects are usually chronic. Psychosocial problems include parental attitudes fostering low self-esteem and dependence, stigma, discrimination, and limitations on education, driving, employment, and social functioning. Patients modify their life in anticipation and fear of seizures. Perceived effects of seizures and other people's reactions to them can be paralyzing. Physicians receive scant education about identifying and managing psychosocial problems of epilepsy, although such problems are often the most disabling. Many patients also face problems related to the underlying brain disorder. Others have behavioral disorders such as depression or cognitive problems such as impaired short-term memory. The range of potential psychosocial, behavioral, and cognitive problems are extensive and only partly addressed in office visits or even evaluations at comprehensive epilepsy centers. Neurologists and epilepsy specialists usually examine only the surface of their patient's life - seizures and side effects. However, the differences between physician's and patient's perspective is

clearly illustrated in the driving issue -- the doctor's often focus on potential liability and public safety while patients are concerned with driving restrictions as economic and social handicaps.

The creation of instruments to measure health-related quality of life in adolescents and children will provide us with a desperately needed methodology to evaluate the care we deliver. We can better study the effects of antiepileptic drugs. For example, quality of life studies in the early 1980s revolutionized the care of hypertension. Previously, one class of medications (beta-blockers) were considered the standard of care after diet and exercise and water pill (diuretics) were tried. However, common side effects of beta-blockers -- tiredness, depression, and impotence -- were not often recognized by doctors but were very disabling to patients. It was a quality of life study that demonstrated the common occurrence of these side effects.

For children with epilepsy, understanding the complex social, psychological and medical ways in which epilepsy and its treatment can impact on a life can allow us to better define treatment choices and utilization of resources.

Our future goals at FACES are to provide support for programs that will allow us to better understand and care for children with epilepsy. Through research, we hope to accomplish these goals and to reduce the burden that seizures and the diagnosis and treatment of epilepsy bring to these children and their families.

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FYI from
Paul
→ Lissa

THE WHITE HOUSE

March 12, 1999

Ms. Linda Ellerbee
Lucky Duck Productions
96 Morton Street
New York, New York 10014

Dear Linda:

Thanks so much for your thoughtful and supportive letter. I appreciate your interest in doing an *Intimate Portrait* of me and have forwarded a copy of your letter to Marsha Berry for consideration. She will get back to you directly. In the meantime, I enjoyed hearing from you and hope you are doing well.

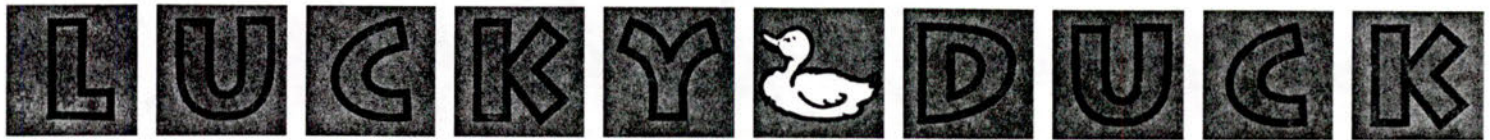
With warm regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

cc: Marsha Berry, Director of Communications

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P R O D U C T I O N S

FEBRUARY 23, 1999

DEAR HILLARY,

AS I WRITE THIS, I'M LOOKING AT A PICTURE OF THE TWO OF US. THE PICTURE SITS ON MY DESK. IT WAS TAKEN AT AN EVENT IN WASHINGTON LAST YEAR AT WHICH MARY STEENBERGEN AND I WERE HONORED FOR SOMETHING OR ANOTHER. ANYWAY, I LOOK AT THE PICTURE OF YOU AND ME AND I SAY TO MYSELF: THAT IS ONE STAND-UP LADY, THAT HILLARY CLINTON.

SORRY I'M NOT THERE TODAY. AS FORTUNE WOULD HAVE IT, I'M SPEAKING TO A COUPLE OF THOUSAND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS MEETING IN DALLAS. THEY SAID THEY WANT ME TO CHALLENGE THEM. I SHALL CERTAINLY TRY. LORD KNOWS THAT WHEN IT COMES TO EDUCATING OUR YOUNG, THE SYSTEM COULD STAND A FEW HEALTHY CHALLENGES. BUT, FRANKLY, I'D RATHER BE IN WASHINGTON TODAY, TELLING YOU ABOUT THIS IN PERSON. AND IF I WERE THERE, THE FIRST THING I WOULD SAY IS, "THANK YOU." I MEAN THAT FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME WE'VE COME TO YOU TO SPEAK ABOUT WOMEN WE'RE PROFILING. AND THE SECOND TIME YOU'VE SAID YES. YOU WERE GREAT IN THE ANN RICHARDS "PORTRAIT." I KNOW YOU WILL BE EQUALLY GREAT SPEAKING OF MARY, AND OF CAROLYN MCCARTHY.

AND NOW ON TO MY BIGGEST REQUEST. I'M SURE YOU'VE SEEN THIS COMING, BUT I'LL SAY IT ANYWAY: WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU BE THE SUBJECT OF AN INTIMATE PORTRAIT.

I KNOW. THERE ARE SO MANY REASONS NOT TO DO THIS. SO MANY MORE REASONS TO SAY "NO," THAN TO SAY "YES." I COULDN'T ARGUE THAT. BUT I ALSO KNOW YOU'RE A WOMAN WHO DOES HER OWN THINKING AND WHOSE OWN THINKING DOESN'T ALWAYS MATCH THE "CONVENTIONAL" WISDOM. IT'S ONE OF THE THINGS I LOVE BEST ABOUT YOU, MA'AM.

ALLOW ME, IF YOU WILL, TO PRESENT MY REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD SAY "YES."

START WITH THIS. YOU AND I BOTH KNOW THAT TELEVISION IS A POWERFUL MEDIUM FOR HELPING WOMEN CONNECT WITH OTHER WOMEN. INTIMATE PORTRAIT IS LIFETIME'S HIGHEST RATED SERIES. (73 MILLION HOMES NOW, AND COUNTING). AND YOU KNOW YOU ARE A WOMAN THIS AUDIENCE CARES ABOUT AND RESPECTS. THE GOAL HERE IS AN INTELLIGENT AND INSIGHTFUL HOUR PROFILING YOUR LIFE TO DATE. WOMEN VIEWERS ARE, AS YOU KNOW, INTENSELY INTERESTED IN HOW A WOMAN OVERCOMES OBSTACLES, ALONG WITH WHAT MOTIVATES HER, WHAT SHE CARES ABOUT AND WHAT SHE STANDS FOR. ESPECIALLY WHAT SHE STANDS FOR.

NOW THIS NEXT PART IS CRUCIAL: THESE PORTRAITS ARE VALENTINES. TRIBUTES. PLAIN AND SIMPLE. WE'RE NOT LOOKING FOR "CONFESSIONAL" REMARKS AND WE DO NOT ASK ANYONE TO REVEAL ANYTHING THAT MAKES THEM UNCOMFORTABLE. WE WILL NOT PRY INTO THAT WHICH YOU

DO NOT WISH TO DISCUSS. WHAT YOU DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT, WE DON'T BRING UP. AS I SAID, THESE ARE TRIBUTES. AND I WON'T STAND FOR THEM BEING ANYTHING ELSE. YOU HAVE MY WORD ON THAT. THIS IS A PORTRAIT OF A STRONG, COURAGEOUS WOMAN WHO'S LIVED AN AMAZING LIFE -- AND WHO HAS SO MUCH TO SAY TO THE WOMEN OF THIS COUNTRY. IT IS A HERO'S STORY. IT'S NOT THE STORY OF THIS PAST YEAR. NOT AT ALL. IT'S A WAY TO PUT SOME BALANCE BACK IN THE EQUATION. A WAY TO MOVE ON.

NOW I KNOW YOU'RE BUSIER THAN ANY 500 PEOPLE, BUT WE'LL WORK WITH YOUR SCHEDULE. WE NEED AN INTERVIEW AND SOME CHILDHOOD PHOTOS. THAT'S IT. WE'LL DO THE REST. AND LIFETIME IS HAPPY TO TIME THE AIRING OF THE PROGRAM TO COINCIDE WITH ANY SPECIAL EVENT THAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU.

HILLARY, I HOPE THIS LETTER FINDS YOU WELL. I KNOW YOU GET REQUESTS ALL THE TIME, BUT I'M ASKING YOU TO GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO MINE. I PROMISE YOU WILL NOT REGRET SAYING YES. HOWEVER, NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY, PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU REMAIN IN MY HEART, AND IN MY PRAYERS.

AGAIN, I WISH I WERE THERE TODAY. AND THANKS AGAIN FOR SPEAKING ABOUT ANN, MARY AND CAROLYN. HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON.

SINCERELY,



LINDA ELLERBEE

- Would love to do one + run it after the election
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One morning for basic interview -
- Tributes - v. favorable.