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September 5, 2000

10/00 Dan Rather - CBS

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

Summer has slipped away and now the campaign season begins in earnest for all of us... and I still haven't properly thanked you for sharing some of your time with me in Los Angeles. It's always a treat to talk with you.

It seems like just yesterday that we were in New York for the convention that marked a new beginning for the country... and the Clinton family. During that '92 convention, I remember seeing Chelsea as she watched her parents with such obvious pride. It's not surprising now to see her commit her time, energy and enthusiasm to your New York campaign.

I'm hoping that as you and your family once again mark a new beginning, you will allow me to gently and respectfully make an inquiry regarding your daughter. More than most, I am familiar with the difficulties of trying to bring up a child in the public eye. As you may recall, I was an early supporter of your "please, no press" request regarding Chelsea and have steadfastly remained one through the years.

No one has greater respect for the grit and grace you and the President have shown in striking that difficult balance between shielding your daughter and sharing her with the country. Millions of Americans have watched closely these past seven years as Chelsea has grown into her role as an able representative for all of us on trips abroad and in raising worldwide awareness for issues such as children's health and human rights.

To citizens of our country, your daughter is a source of both fondness and fascination. She truly has had the rarest kind of all-American childhood. So please forgive me if necessary, but the journalist in me can't help but ask if the time could finally be right for Chelsea to talk to the many Americans who feel they have shared at least part of her childhood.

Now that she's decided to take a semester off to work on your campaign... and to experience more completely the end of her father's White House terms... it could be a particularly opportune moment to hear from her. I have written her a letter raising the possibility of an interview. I've enclosed a copy of that letter for you.

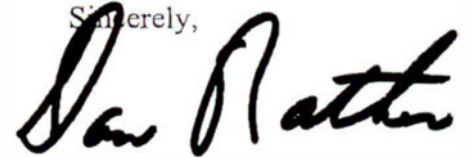
But I also want you to know in a personal and direct way that as a proud and protective father, I give you my word that your daughter would not be asked anything I wouldn't want my own daughter asked on national television. My goal would be to have her share her interests, her experiences and her observations. Very few of us grow up with such a unique perspective on our country and the world.

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Many Americans are eager to meet the young woman they have watched grow up. And I would be greatly honored if you'd consider allowing me to help with the introductions.

My office will be in touch. But please do not hesitate to call me directly on a private basis with any questions you may have. Thank you again for your kindness at the recent convention and your patience in considering this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Rather". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dan" and last name "Rather" clearly distinguishable.

Dan Rather
CBS News

October 2, 2000

Dan Rather
Anchor and Managing Editor
CBS News
524 West 57th Street
New York, NY 10019

Dear Dan,

Mrs. Clinton received your letter regarding an interview with Chelsea and forwarded it along to me. I wish I could write back with better news.

Let me say at the outset that the President, First Lady and Chelsea are deeply grateful that you have shown such understanding of Chelsea's situation and been so respectful of her privacy over the last eight years. They have no doubt that you would conduct such an interview with sensitivity and fairness.

As you said in your letter, there is no shortage of interest in Chelsea. Indeed, the public is fascinated with her. And we certainly understand that there is a commensurate amount of journalistic interest as well.

The issue simply is that Chelsea isn't doing any interviews right now. So at the moment I can't do more than convey a "maybe down the road" answer.

Still, we appreciate the thoughtfulness of your letter and your effort to outline your intentions so clearly.

I hope you'll let me know if I can be of help on any future stories.

Sincerely,

Lissa Muscatine
Director of Communications and Press Secretary to the First Lady



Barbara Walters

August 24th 2000

Mr. Howard Wolfson
Hillary 2000
450 Seventh Avenue
New York, New York

Declined
To uss - Mandy Grunwald
(212) 456-7050

Dear Howard,

I have an idea, which Katie Thomson may have discussed with you, and I hope you will agree that it is a wonderful plan. I would like to do an on-the-air conversation with three remarkable women: Dorothy Rodham, Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chelsea Clinton. It would be an interview that discusses values and what one generation has given to another.

Mrs. Rodham's own life is one of triumph over early childhood adversity. What values did she instill in her daughter? What were her hopes for Hillary? What did Mrs. Clinton learn from her mother's experience and teachings? What has Mrs. Clinton tried to instill in Chelsea? In turn, what does Chelsea feel she has learned from her mother and grandmother? There would be absolutely no questions about Whitewater, Monica, special prosecutors, etc. It would be a conversation with loving women about their views on life, their feelings about women and their own "village."

I have seen Mrs. Rodham on television and know, even though she is shy, that she is charming and humorous. Chelsea of course has done no interviews, but the interview will not focus on her, and the areas of questions would be strictly as I described. Chelsea has become a beautiful young woman and may, one day, want to do something on television. Wouldn't this be a very comfortable and positive format for her first interview?

There are many women who do not understand Mrs. Clinton's contributions. I feel a warm, humorous and somewhat philosophical interview like this would go a long way toward winning their hearts and minds.

My thought is to tape the interview in late September and air it in mid- to late October. Please let me know what you think.

Sincerely,



Barbara Walters

*- after election
is possibility*

bcc: Ms. Melanne Verveer

Fax (212) 456 7501

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10/00 Barbara Walters/ABC



VIA FAX

DATE: 22 September 2000
TO: SIDNEY BLUMENTHAL
FROM: CHRIS ROCK
RE: LETTER TO MRS. CLINTON

*Ad
10/2/00
sent 10/5*

Dear Mr. Blumenthal,

I am sending this to you at the suggestion of my good friends, Sean Daniel and Ruth Hunter. It is a letter inviting Mrs. Clinton to appear as a guest on my show. I am also sending you a hard copy in the mail. I hope this finds you well and thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Chris Rock



22 September 2000

Sent
10/5

Dear Mr. Blumenthal,

I would like to extend an invitation to the First Lady to appear as a guest on my show. I have great admiration and respect for Mrs. Clinton, and believe the experience would be a unique one. It is a fun and interview friendly atmosphere giving our guests a forum in which to discuss openly and freely, and reach a very large, diverse viewing audience.

"The Chris Rock Show" is an Emmy Award-winning program in its fifth season on HBO. Past guests include Rev. Jesse Jackson, Congressman J.C. Watts, Whoopi Goldberg, Rev. Al Sharpton, Marion Barry, Ed Bradley, and Johnnie Cochran.

The show is 30 minutes in length, and features one interview guest, one musical guest, and Chris' monologue and comedy sketches. The interviews usually run about seven minutes in length. The Chris Rock Show airs on HBO Friday nights at midnight, and is subsequently aired twice in the following week.

The focus of the interview would be entirely up to Mrs. Clinton. Given that our show is based in New York, we have a strong "local" following, as well as, an urban audience with a wide age range.

In short, it would be an honor to have Mrs. Clinton as my guest. I can ensure that it would be both a "clean" show and would focus solely on Mrs. Clinton's race for Senate. I hope that this invitation will be taken into serious consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Rock

CR/kl

October 5, 2000

Chris Rock
Rock Enterprises, Inc.
25 West 43rd Street
20th Floor
New York, NY 10036

Dear Mr. Rock,

Sid Blumenthal recently passed your letter on to me.
I wish I had better news for you. As much as we would like
to accommodate your request, Mrs. Clinton's schedule is so
full that there is no time to schedule any additional interviews
or appearances.

Thank you for contacting us and for your expressions of
support. Hopefully we can work it out when things settle
down.

Yours truly,

Lissa Muscatine
Director of Communications and Press Secretary
Office of the First Lady

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(NO)

7-13-00 E! with Joan Rivers

ENTERTAINMENT
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FAX COVERSHEET

TO: Ms. Lissa Muscatine

CO: White House Press Office for First Lady Hillary Clinton

FAX: 202-456-7805

FROM: **Marcia Lansdown, Talent Department**

PHONE: **(323) 692-6443** FAX: **(323) 692-6570**

DATE: July 13, 2000

Total Number of Pages (including coversheet): 1

MESSAGE:**RE: E!'s "Political Fashion Review" with Joan Rivers**

Dear Lissa,

Thank you for your messages. I understand that First Lady Hillary Clinton's schedule is still being evaluated. I just wanted to reiterate that Joan Rivers can conduct this brief interview anywhere from New York to D.C. to Los Angeles.

- Joan will conduct a serious interview about the significance of style and image and its importance when running for public office.
- Native New Yorker, Joan Rivers has a very strong following in her home state.
- E! has a strong, female demographic, young and hip
- E! ratings are stronger than some of the other networks covering the convention including: MSNBC, Fox News Channel and CNN.

Thank you again for your consideration.

All the best,

5750 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, California 90036 TEL.(323) 954-2400 FAX (323) 954-2620

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The Mitch Albom Show
ABC Radio Networks

Interview Request

3 pages total

To: Erica /Lissa Muscatine

Phone: 202

Fax: 202 456-7805

From: Rachel Nevada

Date: June 9, 2000

Phone: (313) 873- 9709

Fax: (313) 875-6309

We would like to request an interview with Hillary Clinton. Monday, June 12th between 2:00 and 6:00 Eastern time. We will broadcast from 43rd and Broadway at the "Good Morning America Studio". Via Telephone for 15 minutes

Mitch Albom is the best-selling author of *Tuesdays With Morrie*, which has been on the New York Times best-sellers list for over 122 weeks.

"The Mitch Albom Show", A variety radio program that airs from 3pm to 6pm Eastern, weekdays on 760 WJR, Detroit and on over 100 stations nationally on the ABC Radio Networks . We also make special arrangements to conduct interviews at other times. Attached is a partial list of guest that have appeared on the show.

6/9/2000 ABC-Mitch Albom Show



"The Mitch Albom Show" On The ABC Radio Network

Picture the regular crowd at the bar from "Cheers", add a house band a la Letterman or Leno, invite newsmakers, a professional athlete or two, and celebrities. You're listening to "The Mitch Albom Show" - broadcast nationwide on the ABC Radio Network on over 100 stations including WABC in New York. "The Mitch Albom Show" mirrors the big production radio shows of the 1950's while appealing to the quick-paced lives of the baby boomers.

Host Mitch Albom is the author of *Tuesdays with Morrie*, the best selling story of days spent with Morrie Schwartz, his remarkable mentor who continued to teach about life while dying of ALS. *Tuesdays with Morrie* has been a *New York Times* Best Seller for over a year. Albom is also known for his award winning sports column in the *Detroit Free Press*, and his commentary on ESPN.

Albom is joined on the program by two co-hosts. Stand up comic and industrial engineer Ken Brown was a Star Search finalist. He is both a veteran of the national comedy club circuit and two of the Big Three auto companies. Rachel Nevada, a husky voiced former model and General Motor's spokesperson adds her female perspective to the festivities.

"The Mitch Albom Show" broadcasts live from events around the world. "On The Road" broadcasts include the Super Bowl, the Olympics, and Wimbledon.

"The Mitch Albom Show" airs weekdays from 3 to 6pm and Saturdays between 1 and 4pm. Interviews are taped during the week for weekend broadcast. The show originates from the Detroit studios of WJR-AM, the 50,000 watt "Voice of the Great Lakes". "The Mitch Albom Show" is consistently among the highest-rated in its time period.



**Partial Guest List
of The Mitch Albom Show**

**Kevin Spacey
Bill Cosby
Elizabeth Hurley
Jeff Daniels
Diane Keaton
Billy Joel
Oprah Winfrey
Donald Sutherland
Rosie O' Donnell
Jay Leno
Jack Lemmon
Spike Lee
Sam Donaldson
James Coburn
Smokey Robinson
Lyle Lovette
Garry Marshall
Regis Philbin
Al Green
Hank Azaria
Roger Ebert
Richard Jeni
Erlq LaSalle
Christopher Reeve
Aaron Neville
Jon Stewart
Marvin Hamlisch
Emeril Lagasse
Larry King
Jamie Lee Curtis
David Lee Roth
Dave Barry
Sen. John McCain**

**Gary Sinise
Shawn Colvin
Norm MacDonald
Stephen King
Wynton Marsalls
Sissy Spacek
Joan Lunden
Martin Sheen
Ringo Starr
Bob Dole
Cokie Roberts
George Carlin
Ted Koppel
Frank McCourt
Sandra Bernhard
Rob Riener
James Caan
Jeff Foxworthy
The Dixie Chicks
Steve Forbes
Gloria Stewart
Lily Tomlin
Brian Wilson
Chrissie Hynde
Martin Short
Lawrence Kasdan
Howie Mandel
Michael Bolton
John Glenn
Carl Lewis
George W. Bush
David Spade
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No 6/2/00.

May 24, 2000
Attention: Micol Zarb

Dear Micol:

I am writing to invite Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton to join us in an online forum on our Web site, ABCNEWS.com, during the week of the U.N. Beijing+5 special session in New York.

Typically, our online events last from 30 to 40 minutes as guests field questions from users logged on to the ABCNEWS Web site around the world. We would ask that Mrs. Clinton be stationed near a phone (a regular land line or cell phone) 5 minutes prior to the event. She would be then conferenced on the line with an ABCNEWS moderator and a professional typist. The moderator would select pre-screened questions from our audience and Mrs. Clinton would simply speak her response to the questions over the phone. The event would be transcribed live on our Web site and the transcript would be available online for later viewing.

This event would be promoted widely on ABCNEWS.com and the Go Network.

Again, we would like to set this up during the week of June 5, ideally between the hours of noon and 2 p.m. We would of course work outside of those hours to accommodate Mrs. Clinton's schedule.

Please contact me if you have any questions at (212) 456-3322. I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Saira Stewart
ABCNEWS.com
tel: (212) 456-3322
fax: (212) 579-7820

*Pls respond***Facsimile**

To: Lissa Muscatine
Office of the First Lady
Phone: 202 456 2960
Fax No: 202 456 7805

From: Sarah Gibbs
Producer
PAXMAN MEETS..
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Fax No: +44 20 8225 7573
E-mail: sarah.gibbs@bbc.co.uk

Date: 1 June 2000
No.of Pages (including this one): 1

☐ Urgent ☐ Please Reply ☐ Private and Confidential

Message:

Dear Lissa,

I'm just writing to check that you've received an interview request which I sent by courier. I wrote regarding the possibility of an interview with the First Lady, enclosing a tape of our previous programme, PAXMAN MEETS BILL GATES. If none of this rings a bell, then please let me know as I will re-send the information. I can be reached on the numbers above. Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Gibbs

Producer, PAXMAN MEETS...

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**TV Asahi America, Inc.**

June 1, 2000

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Lissa Muscatine
Director of Communications to the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

*6/2/00
declined to answer*

FAX: 202.456.7805

RE: Interview request

Dear Ms. Muscatine:

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Poston', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christopher Poston
Special Projects Producer
TV Asahi America, Inc.

CC: Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady

Lissa - Pls call +
explain I want
to -

May 17, 2000

NO.

Hilary Rodham Clinton
First Lady
The White House
1600 Pa. Ave., N. W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

During the week of May 22 I will be guest hosting CNN's Larry King Live. I would very much like to have you as my guest. Since this is Larry King Live, the topics would not be limited to my usual bailiwick - the law. I am interested in the NY race and what you view the key issues facing New York voters, why you would like to be in the U.S. Senate, what hurdles you face, if any, in New York etc. I am also interested in the 'big picture' issues as well --- e.g. your thoughts on the role of women in the 21st century.

I realize that your campaign requires your presence in New York. If you are willing to do an interview, I would, of course, come to New York.

If your schedule does not permit an interview now...can I persuade you to set a future date?

I do hope you will agree to an interview with me as I think it would be fun and interesting.

Best,

Greta Van Susteren

Greta Van Susteren

5/17/2000 CNN - Van Susteren

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Washington, D.C.

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Best,



Greta Van Susteren

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Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton Parti Banner

PHONE

212-239-2000

DATE:

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FAX:

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Ms. Hillary Rodham-Clinton
450 7th Ave
Suite 805
New York, NY 10123

May 3, 2000

Dear Ms. Rodham-Clinton

My name is Patti Banner, & I am the News Director for WNDV... U93 in South Bend Indiana. Every year, the U93 Morning Crew hosts an event called "Roofsit". The promotion has the crew living on top of a roof of a local business for a week. We are hoping to reach a monetary goal, as well as educate the public in our area about child abuse.

This year's Roofsit is scheduled for the week of June 19th through the 23rd. We know that you are very busy with your campaign, & are hoping you can help U93 with ours. We are asking for just a few minutes of your time to call in & talk with us. The U93 Morning Crew is: Patti Banner, Taylor Richards, & Jeremy Gray. This is a tremendous project for our area & it would mean the world to us if we received a telephone call from the First Lady.

I can be reached at (219) 273-9300 ext. #300 or (219) 254-0480. U93's fax # is: (219) 273-9090.

Any time that we could have with you would be so much appreciated. Thank you for your time, & I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Patti Banner
U93 News Director

 
Mark A. Kitchens

04/21/2000 01:57

Record Type: Record

To: Lissa Muscatine/WHO/EOP@EOP, Jennifer H. Smith/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: interview

FYI - i've given these folks your main number to contact you about this. They are an up and coming web broadcaster, however, i would prob recommend you go with exbtv.com or smartmoney.com if you were going to pursue this option.

please let me know if you have any questions.

thanks,

mark kitchens

----- Forwarded by Mark A. Kitchens/WHO/EOP on 04/21/2000 01:55 PM -----



Kym McNicholas <Kym@On24.com>

04/20/2000 01:38:19 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Mark A. Kitchens/WHO/EOP

cc:

Subject: interview

Mark,

I am an anchor for ON24 Businesses News in San Francisco, CA. I am putting together a video woman's investing show that will be aired over the internet. Between 200,000-500,000 active investors view our content daily - plus our site reaches into the millions through our affiliations with more than 500 web affiliates. I'd like to invite Hillary Clinton to be a guest to talk about women's issues in finance. I think it would be an incredible opportunity for her in her race for in New York since the majority of that city are investors. Please, let me know as soon as possible. I look forward to working with you.

Kym McNicholas
Anchor
ON24 Business News
415-369-8032
kym@on24.com



5/11/00 webcast



PRODUCER:
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Cable Talk

on DCTV, Public Access Television

3220 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 216
Washington, D.C. 20008

March 10, 2000

BY FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Attn: Ms. Patti Solis-Doyle, Dir. of Scheduling

Dear Hillary Rodham Clinton:

I host a talk show called **Cable Talk** on Public Access television here in Washington, D.C. (DCTV). As you know, Public Access television is grassroots-level, community-oriented television funded by Congress. The producers and television crew members are all volunteers, and we believe the shows that are produced represent democratic grassroots education and community service at its best.

We are producing an ongoing series entitled "**Extraordinary Women of Washington, D.C.**" We have already taped and aired programs of interviews with the following people:

Nien Cheng (author of "*Life and Death in Shanghai*," recounting her six years of imprisonment during China's Cultural Revolution);

Betty Friedan (author of "*The Feminine Mystique*," the book widely credited with starting a women's movement that continues to this day);

Patrice Gaines (*Washington Post* reporter and writer of her autobiography entitled "*Laughing in the Dark: From Colored Girl to Woman of Color – A Journey from Prison to Power*");

Grace Halsell (former aide to President Johnson, globe-trotting journalist, and author of twelve books including "*In Their Shoes*," "*Bessie Yellowhair*," "*The Illegals*," and "*Journey to Jerusalem*");

Eleanor Holmes Norton (the District's Delegate to the United States Congress);

Sonya Proctor (the now-retired Assistant Chief of Police – and formerly Interim Chief – within the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department);

Diane Rehm (the host of WAMU's "The Diane Rehm Show"); and

Helen Thomas (the White House Bureau Chief for United Press International).

4/18/00
DCTV

It would be an honor to have you appear as a guest on the show and become a part of this series. You would make a wonderful contribution to the series, and we believe that your extraordinary life and work would be an inspiration to our viewers – especially women viewers – throughout the District.

The format of the show is a one-on-one conversation that is taped. We would ask you questions about your life and your work.

While we might ask a question or two about your campaign for the United States Senate, *that topic would not be the focus of the interview – the emphasis of this show would be on your entire life and career.*

We also want you to know that **Cable Talk** – which airs only in the District of Columbia – is an award-winning show, including winner of the 24th Annual **Gracie Allen Award**, which was presented to us last year at a black-tie award ceremony at the Hudson Theatre in New York City. (The **Gracies** are the most prestigious awards given by the Foundation of American Women in Radio and Television, or AWRT; the awards recognize programs for displaying “superior quality in effectively portraying the changing roles and concerns of women”).

We understand that you are an extremely busy person. We usually tape for thirty minutes. However, given the extreme demands on your schedule, we would be happy to be able to tape for whatever amount of time you might have available – even if it's just a few minutes.

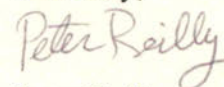
A small crew of people, along with myself as host of the show, could easily meet you and your staff whenever and wherever it is most convenient for you to tape – we would imagine that this would be at your office in the White House.

We would be very honored if you appeared in our “**Extraordinary Women of Washington, D.C.**” series because of the manner in which you personify excellence and display your profound commitment to and concern for the general welfare of our citizens.

Thank you for considering this request.

I will try to contact your office in the near future. In the meantime, members of your staff should not hesitate to contact me at the above address or at (202) 364-9699.

Sincerely,



Peter Reilly

Host, **Cable Talk**

DCTV, Public Access

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From: Steve Sheldon <stephen.sheldon@abc.com> on 02/23/2000 04:59 AM GMT
Please respond to Steve Sheldon <stephen.sheldon@abc.com>
To: first.lady@Whitehouse.GOV
cc:
Subject: Telephone Interview of the Gloria Allred Show

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RELATIONSHIP: Producer
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[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Extend invitation to visit or speak
TOPIC: Social Issues
AFFILIATION: Professional
SUBJECT: Telephone Interview of the Gloria Allred Show

[Message]

Dear Mrs. Clinton,
I am writing to you from Los Angeles, CA, where I produce a radio talk show for Gloria Allred, of whom you may be aware. She is a very active feminist and has been named one of the world's most powerful women attorneys.

As one of the few left-winger's on KABC Talk Radio, Ms. Allred is very supportive of you and of your campaign for a seat in the senate. Although NY is thousands of miles away from us, this seems to have sparked some controversy among some of our listners. We have done several topics surrounding you and your husband during the past year, and I must say that we have quite a spirited response from our listening audience each time the name Clinton is mentioned!

I was hoping that we might be able to arrange a telephone interview with you sometime in the future, so that you might

4/3/00 Gloria Allred Show
KABC

be able to discuss the issues surrounding your campaign, your final year in the White House, etc. Our show airs on Saturday nights from 7p-10p (PST) and Sundays from 9p-12a (PST). If you would be willing to speak with Ms. Allred, it would be very much appreciated.

Thank you for your time and for your consideration.

God Bless!

Steve Sheldon
KABC Talk Radio
213-446-4680
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3/27/2000 60 Minutes

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524 West 57th Street New York, N.Y. 10019

To: Lissa Muscatine
Howard Wolfson
* guidance please....

March 27, 2000

Mr. Joe Lockhart
Press Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Joe,

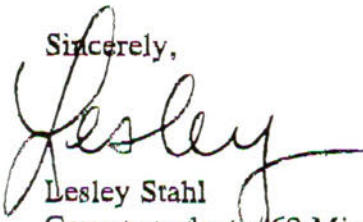
Welcome back from what must have been a fascinating -and grueling- trip. I'm adding this letter to what I'm sure is an impressive pile on your desk; thanks for your attention and time.

I'd like to renew our pitch for an interview with President Clinton on the subject of political spouses. As we discussed on the phone a few weeks ago, we're preparing a "60 Minutes" segment on the changing roles played by the husbands and wives of candidates. Because President Clinton is now the spouse of a candidate, and because he also knows what it's like to be a candidate with a ground-breaking political spouse, *and* because he's an incredibly astute observer of trends in American politics, we're eager to include him in our story.

Of course, because the New York Senate race is so interesting in this context, the President will be part of our story in any case. But we should be clear that we have no interest in discussing the following: personal details of the Clinton's marriage or what's been in the headlines in the last couple of years. Rather, we want the President's views on his new role reversal with his wife (so to speak) and on the changing nature of the spouse's role in general, both in campaigning and in governing.

I'll be in touch soon. Again, thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lesley Stahl
Correspondent, "60 Minutes"
Direct Telephone: (212) 975-8726



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KTLA MORNING NEWS

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DATE: Tuesday, March 21, 2000
TO: Ms. Hillary Clinton
COMPANY: % Lissa Muscatine
FAX: 202-456-7805/ph: 202-456-2960

FROM: Jane Shayne
Supervising Segment Producer
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TO FOLLOW:

NOTES: Hello. This is our latest 'official' request for Hillary Clinton to guest on our show when she is in Los Angeles 3/27-29/00. I'm happy to report that we are currently the number one rated morning show in the market (plus the one the 'industry' loves to watch) AND definitely the most informative fun one can have live, 7-9AM, Monday through Friday!

We were told that when Mrs. Clinton was next in L.A. after the first of the year, schedule permitting, she would do a live segment with us. Please let me know ASAP if she can join us either the morning of the 27th or the 28th. Thank you.

3/24/00 KTLA Morning News



FAX TO: Lissa Muscatine
Director of Communications
First Lady's Press Office
The White House

FROM: Angie Nehring, "Desert Island Discs",
BBC Radio 4 0171 765 5696

Thursday 9th March 2000

Dear Lissa Muscatine

At the end of last year I invited the First Lady to be our guest on BBC Radio 4's "Desert Island Discs"; Britain's longest running and best loved national radio show. Sadly at the time she had no plans to visit Britain. However I note that she will be coming to London in June as part of the American Bar Association's annual meeting and I wonder if I might take this opportunity to extend our invitation again?

The Wall Street Journal called "Desert Island Discs", "an icon of British broadcasting". It aims to honour the achievements of people in all fields, from princesses to Prime Ministers, scientists to artists. In it's 58 years, guests have included the Prime Minister Tony Blair, Baroness Thatcher, Bob Hope and Professor Stephen Hawking. The former US Ambassador to London, Raymond Seitz described it as "a very enjoyable experience". And Isabel Allende compared an invitation to winning the "Nobel Prize".

"Desert Island Discs" is one of the BBC's flagship radio programmes with an audience of more than two million. The structure is deceptively simple, being based on the idea that the guest is soon to be castaway on a desert island. Allowed to take with them eight pieces of music, each choice is something which has touched their lives, or evokes a particular memory. The neurologist Oliver Sacks described it as "a whole biography-in-miniature, embedded in music."

I would be delighted if Hilary Clinton would be our guest, and hope that she may be able to fit us unto her busy schedule.

Yours sincerely

Angie

Angie Nehring
Desert Island Discs
BBC Radio 4

3/9/2000 BBC Radio

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FAX TO: Hilary Clinton
c/o Lissa Muscatine
Director of Communications
First Lady's Press Office
The White House

FROM: Angie Nehring, "Desert Island Discs",
BBC Radio 4 0171 765 5696

Thursday 9th March 2000

Dear Hilary Clinton

I am writing to invite you to be a castaway on *Desert Island Discs*. The programme has been delighting listeners to BBC Radio 4 for some 58 years and is a much loved institution in Britain. It aims to honour the achievements of people in all fields, from the arts to science, business to sport, and we would be delighted if you would be our guest.

Desert Island Discs is presented by one of Britain's foremost radio and television presenters, Sue Lawley, and is structured around the idea that the guest is soon to be castaway on a desert island. They are allowed to take with them eight pieces of music. Each piece is something which has touched their lives, or evokes a particular memory. Around these choices the interview traces the castaway's life and achievements.

Recently *Desert Island Discs* has enjoyed the company of the Prime Minister Tony Blair, the actress Nicole Kidman, and the writer Martin Amis. I would like to think any one of them would recommend the experience.

Yours sincerely

Angie

Angie Nehring
Producer, *Desert Island Discs*
BBC Radio 4

TO: Ms. Lissa Muscatine

FAX NUMBER: 202-456-7805

FROM: Audrey Jones
New York Producer, *Larry King Live*
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March 6, 2000

Ms. Lissa Muscatine
Press Liaison for Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC

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Dear Ms. Muscatine:

On June 1, 2000, CNN will be 20 years old. Larry King and CNN have asked me to invite The First Lady to participate in this remarkable anniversary.

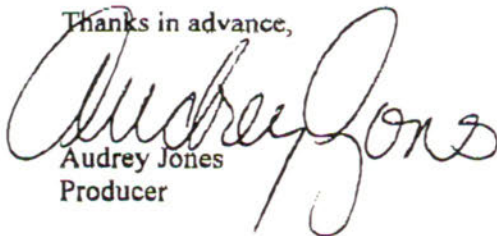
In special broadcasts on the nights of June 1 and 2, 2000, CNN will showcase some of the people and events we have covered over the last two decades -- revisiting the stories that captivated our worldwide audience -- and talking to people who may now give further context to these events.

Both nights we will be live from 9pm to 11pm Eastern. We would be pleased and honored if Mrs. Clinton could spend a few minutes with us as we look back at CNN's history and look ahead to it's future.

We hope she'll join us.

I will follow up in the next few weeks to see if this might be a possibility. If you need further information, please feel free to call me at 212-714-6974.

Thanks in advance,


Audrey Jones
Producer

3/6/00 CNN 20

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 2, 2000

Ms. Elana Halberstadt
Associate Producer
After Five Productions, Inc.
441 West 49th Street, #13
New York, New York 10019

Dear Ms. Halberstadt:

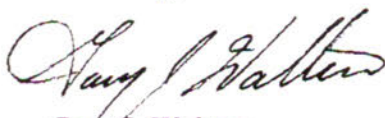
Thank you for your FAX concerning the new series "Inside Scoop" for Food Network and the interest in the White House kitchen and its functions.

For numerous reasons, not the least of which are the very small kitchen that the kitchen staff operates in and the unpredictable nature of the schedule of events as well as the President and the First Lady, we will not be able to participate in any production concerning the White House Kitchen.

By way of clarification, the White House press office does not own or possess any b-roll film of the White House, its grounds, or activities such as a state dinner or the first family at a meal. The chef of the Executive Residence at the White House has not been a military or navy "mess specialist" since the Eisenhower Administration. The current Executive Chef, Walter Scheib, has been at the White House for over six years, while two of his predecessors spent careers of over twenty-two years at the White House.

Good luck with the series, people should find your concept entertaining and informative.

Sincerely,



Gary J. Walters
Chief Usher
Executive Residence
The White House

cc: Social Secretary Capricia Marshall
Jennifer Smith, Press Office

3/2/00 Food Network

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ELANA HALBERSTADT

Date: 2/9/00**To:** Ms. Toby Graff
Office of the First Lady
Via fax# 202-456-7805**From:** Elana Halberstadt**Re:** "Food Unwrapped" --new series for Food Network (working title)**# of pages including cover:** 3

Dear Ms. Graff,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me this afternoon. As you suggested, I am sending our request to tape an episode of our new series at The White House.

I am the Associate Producer at After Five Productions, Inc. based in New York. We have been hired by Food Network to produce a new 13-episode series tentatively titled "Food Unwrapped" to air on Food Network. The Executive Producer, Karen Katz, is also the Exec. Prod. of *Emeril Live* (also on FN) which you may be familiar with. It is currently the number 1 rated show on FN.

The White House kitchen is on our "A" list to be the subject of one half-hour episode in the first season of the series. Other topics include: NASA, the US Olympic Training Camp, a Navy Submarine, a cruise ship etc. "Food Unwrapped" will take a look behind-the-scenes at the best and most interesting places where "food happens." We think The White House kitchen is certainly one of the most interesting locations in the world where food is prepared and served.

Our main angles for The White House episode could include:

- Going behind-the-scenes in the kitchen on a busy night (i.e. a State dinner, or any special occasion that has the kitchen bustling with activity).
- Interviews with the Chefs and kitchen staff (we understand that the Chef is always a navy "mess specialist." (Sample questions might be: where is food purchased, what does a "normal" day menu consist of? Does the First Family have any favorite recipes as prepared by the kitchen etc.)
- A brief interview with President Clinton, in which he could speak about his impressions of the kitchen staff (as a way of honoring them in his last term in Office).
- Anything that the President or First Lady might be willing to do (i.e. visiting with them for a family lunch, or midnight snack etc.)

We certainly understand that the First Family is extremely busy, and they may not be available. Should they be able to participate, it would make the episode even more special, however, how the White House kitchen operates is what we are interested in seeing and taping foremost.

We are taping the 13-part series beginning end of February 2000 through May 2000. If our request is approved, we would make ourselves available to tape at The White House on any

dates you could provide to us during that period. We understand that the taping time provided to us may be limited, and that there may be some existing b-roll in the press office that we could obtain from you and use to fill in our show (i.e. footage of a State dinner, the grounds, The First Family at a meal etc.).

Following this page, please find a short summary about the new television series for Food Network. It will be shot in documentary-style, with an informational and light tone. There is no political agenda, and we wish to show each unusual location we visit in the most positive light. Our crew would number approximately five people (a producer, a cameraperson, a sound person, a utility person, and an assistant and/or on-camera host.)

Thank you for taking the time to consider our request. It would be an honor to have The House featured in our first season of "Food Unwrapped." Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have about this project. I look forward to speaking with you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,


Elana Halberstadt
Associate Producer

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FOOD UNWRAPPED (working title)
An After Five Productions, Inc. production for Food Network

Have you ever wondered how NASA creates food for the astronauts? Do you have a hankering to hang out by a chuck wagon with some cattle rustlers? Are you nostalgic for summer camp bug juice? Maybe you'd like to go behind-the-scenes at a state dinner at the White House? Well, if you don't mind coming through the service entrance, then we'll take you to some of the world's most unique food preparation sites.

Hosted by a band of overworked "real" field producers, this gritty and sometimes goofy behind-the-scenes show takes you to some of the most fascinating food sites on earth. Each week, a different producer takes us on an adventure to a place where few "lay" people have gone before. (The producers are real producers, not on-camera reporters. Their actual screen time is very limited. They are there to set up the story and give occasional voice-over if necessary. The reason to use them is to give a true behind-the-scenes look and feel to every show. They are also there for those moments when we might need some "glue" to hold a story together. However, they will not be used as on-screen interviewers, or participants in activities.)

Each show will not only showcase an interesting location, but will also feature interesting characters to help tell and shape the story. Although shot in documentary style, each show will be stylized in a way appropriate for the topic of the day.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 2, 2000

Mr. Craig Winkler
Banyan Productions
225 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106

Dear Mr. Winkler:

Recently I received a copy of your letter to Jennifer Smith concerning a potential story with a Patricia Kline and her dream to tour and work in the White House kitchen. Thank you for your interest in the White House kitchen but we will not be able to participate in your program.

For many reasons including security, time, and space we are not able to permit these types of programs to take place in the White House kitchen. We receive numerous requests each month for similar activities including a number of recent proposals from Food Network producers.

Sincerely,



Gary J. Walters
Chief Usher
Executive Residence
The White House

cc: Social Secretary Capricia Marshall
Jennifer Smith, Press Office

LUCKY DUCK PRODUCTIONS

January 21, 2000

Mrs. Hilary Clinton
C/o Ms. Lissa Muscatine
Press Secretary, First Lady
Office of the First Lady
The White House, Room 103
Washington, D.C. 20502

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Lissa
2/9*

2/9/00 Nick News

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

On Thursday, March 9, Nick News will tape a unique one-hour Special Edition entitled "Kids Pick the Issues." Although our shows for kids have received every award in television, this is our first hour-long Special and possibly our most important ever, which is why I'm extending a **personal** invitation to you to attend this event in New York City.

Why is it important? Start with this: kids are 20% of our population and 100 % of our future.

And what is an election if it's not about the future?

That's why I want to give kids a platform to voice their opinions prior to the first presidential election of the 21st century. In this country, we spend a great deal of time discussing "what to tell the kids." But this very special program is about listening to kids. Hearing their thoughts, their hopes, their worries. Hearing what they think their government – plus those who run the nation's business, those who are particular heroes and those to whom kids listen – could and should be doing to make the world better for their future.

That means people like yourself, influential people, being seen listening to kids. I can't think of anything more important right now than for millions of kids to be able to see, on national television, a significant group of powerful adults actually **paying attention** to what kids have to say!

This program is the kick-off for Nickelodeon's Kids Pick The President Campaign, culminating in an October Special Edition where kids, as they were in the last election, are given the opportunity to ask questions of the candidates, following which, they will be allowed to vote. For the last four presidential elections, millions of kids have voted in the Nickelodeon "election", and every time they picked the same president the adults did, only several weeks beforehand!

The "Kids Pick The Issues" program to which I'm inviting you will be taped on Thursday, March 9, from 1:00 – 3:00 PM, at Columbia University's prestigious Low Library, NYC.

The program will use a town hall format with 30-40 kids and grownups on stage. These kids, from diverse backgrounds across the country, will share their hopes, fears, ideas – and their possible solutions – with the rest of us concerning issues of family, education, crime, guns, the media and technology. Quite simply, these are the issues that directly affect children.

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Mrs. Hilary Clinton
First Lady
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During the program I will listen and speak with those on stage as well as people, such as you, in the audience. The purpose is simple: we want viewers, both kids and parents, to see that the concerns of our kids deserve to be heard, noted and respected by those very leaders who can make a positive difference in their future. We want them to see and to know that you care.

On behalf of myself, Lucky Duck Productions, Nickelodeon and the kids of America, I would be delighted (make that thrilled) to especially include you as an honored member of the audience for this unique program. We need your presence. We need your thoughts. We need your wisdom.

In the past, Presidents, Vice-Presidents, former Presidents, candidates, business leaders, network and media conglomerate leaders, sports legends and top entertainment stars, along with experts in child welfare, have consented to appear on our Specials. In each case, they have told us that they felt greatly rewarded by the experience.

And so I am hoping (asking, really – okay, begging) that in planning your schedule, you will be able to fit a couple of hours in NYC into your agenda on March 9. A representative of my staff, **Rosemary Kalikow**, will be getting in touch with your public relations representative to see if we can assist you in any way to make your presence at this taping a reality. **Her direct number: (212) 799-4682, fax: (212) 501-8195.**

I do know how busy you are and wouldn't ask this if I did not believe it is important to the kids of our nation. Frankly, I need your help. Kids often believe they have no voice – that when it comes to the important stuff, they don't count. Help me prove them wrong.

Please.

You might have some fun. You might learn something. And you might teach the rest of us something.

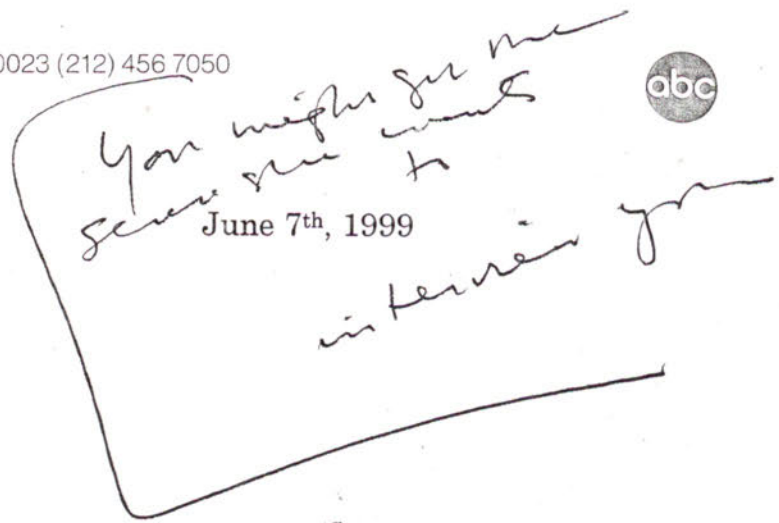
My sincere thanks for your consideration.



Linda Ellerbee
Executive Producer

Barbara Walters

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC



Dear Melanne,

I know you must be inundated with requests for interviews with the First Lady, but I hope you will favorably consider mine.

I would very much like to do the first interview with Mrs. Clinton immediately following her decision to run for the U. S. Senate, if indeed that is her plan. The interview would air with great prominence on "20/20." If indeed Mrs. Clinton felt she wanted to make her announcement on "20/20," that would make us swoon! If not, we would like to be the first program to hear her views. It would be a great opportunity for her to discuss her vision and her qualifications as Senator from New York.

I last interviewed Mrs. Clinton before the 1996 elections, and I know she has recently granted interviews to Dan Rather, Matt Lauer, Katie Couric and my colleague Diane Sawyer. I hope I might have the next opportunity to sit down with her. It would be my honor and pleasure to conduct this interview.

I am sending this letter as well to Marsha Berry and, with her advice and yours, I hope the answer will be 'yes.' Thank you for your consideration.

*Warmest wishes,
Barbara*

*Lisa -
for your
profiles*

6/7/99 BARBARA WALTERS-ABC



Barbara Walters

June 9th, 1999

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Melanne,

I happened to bump into Lisa Caputo today, and she gave me a very good thought. If, indeed, Mrs. Clinton decides to make her announcement in late summer or fall, we could not only do an interview for "20/20," but we could also take a piece of it and run it in our very popular December Special, "*10 Most Fascinating People of 1999*." That would double Mrs. Clinton's prime time exposure.

Do let me know your and the First Lady's thoughts.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Barbara", written in dark ink.

ABC News 147 Columbus Avenue New York NY 10023

Barbara Walters

June 14th, 1999

FAX to: **Ms. Melanne Verveer**

Fax #202.456-6244

Dear Melanne,

Just to make it clear, we would love to do an interview with Mrs. Clinton
whenever she wants.

I hope you have a wonderful trip.

Sincerely,



Tel: 212.456-7050

Fax: 212.456-7501

Lissa -
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HILLARY CLINTON SPEECH

Welcome to my home town, Chicago Illinois.

This is a great convention, this is a great city, and ours' is a great party.

We'll have plenty to time to talk politics, but tonight I want to talk about people who can't come up here and speak for themselves. They can't reach the microphone, many can't even talk yet. I want to speak with you about America's children.

The fifty million children growing up in America today are a generation at risk. Will they get the love, the care, the nurturing, the support they need? Will they reflect our best values or our worst failings? Will drugs and crime bring them down? Or will they seize this exciting time in which we live, seize it and move on to an age of possibility?

It all depends on us. On how we live and how we provide as parents.

It all begins with what we do to our own bodies when we are pregnant

with tomorrow's hopes. If we smoke, our child smokes. If we use drugs, our child uses them too. If we starve, we starve our child.

My husband has worked hard to protect children by providing extra funds for feeding pregnant women and infants. But millions don't even seek the help that is available. So I say to you, if you are poor and you are pregnant, come to our doctors, eat our food, take our vitamins, stay off drugs and alcohol and tobacco. It won't cost you anything and you'll give your child a gift more precious than any other -- health.

At the maternity hospital, we must realize that women are there to give birth and go home. That hospital stay is our first chance to speak to the future, talk to new parents, help prepare them for the challenges ahead.

Some hospitals have recently adopted a policy discharging new mothers within 24 hours. Some insurers won't pay for longer stays. Please reconsider what you are doing. We need more time to prepare mothers, to answer their questions, to test for complications. Some can go home early, but some should stay longer. We must, we absolutely must, give doctors and their patients the option of longer stays if they need them.

After we bring our infants home, we need help learning how to be parents. Many are blessed with grandparents, as Bill and I were, who can guide us, drawing on their experience and their wisdom. But every hospital should provide a mentor to new mothers who need one, an experienced parent who can guide them through the trials ahead and bring their wise counsel to the scaring nights of a child's illness. Or to any of those difficult moments every parent has etched in his or her memory.

When our babies come home, we must bond with them, nurture them, love them. The President signed the Family and Medical Leave Act allowing each mother and each father to take up to 12 weeks off to care for a newborn or adopted child or to care for a sick child or an elderly relative. Its the law that lets us care.

Now, the President has proposed a new law which allows us up to four hours off each month for medical care for our children or to visit a child's school. Our children need us to hold their little hands as we take them to the doctor. They need us to share their school lives by having us visit their teachers. They don't need us only for 12 weeks after birth they need us throughout their childhoods and that's why, that's why we must expand family

leave.

Too many children cannot call the place they live, home. or the woman who nurtures them, Mother. They are America's foster children. 500,000 of them. Many in loving homes, but none in a permanent home. Yet, today, hundreds of thousands of caring families pray that they may be able to adopt a child. They go abroad, they pay attorneys, they desperately search the world for a child to love.

The President has asked us to come to their aid. Last week he signed a law making it clear that no racial barrier can stand between a child and a loving home. The color of the arms that hold a child matter far less, far less than what is in the heart of the parent who cradles him.

Nor should the law, the courts, or the bureaucracy keep a child from a loving home. We should do all we can to make sure that no child remains in foster care for more than a year. Either reunite the old family or find a new adoptive and permanent home. Don't leave our children in limbo.

Let every mother and every father know this simple truth. It is the first

three years of life that count the most. Our children's future is not determined by fate. Rather, it is how we teach them, play with them, develop their coordination, and expand their minds that matters most. Whether we fill their wide open staring eyes with things worth seeing -- that is what is important.

An illiterate man once said that not being able to read was the next worst thing to being blind. Today, the President announced a bold new program to teach every child to read independently and well by the third grade. We will send 25,000 reading specialists to schools where children don't read at grade level. There, they will each recruit, train, and supervise volunteers who will help our children to read and write.

But don't wait until then. Start your children reading early. The most wonderful song to teach a child is the one we all know -- ABC, the alphabet song. Mothers and father sof America: don't wait for the school to do the job. You are your child's first teacher.

How simple is the idea, how could it ignite such controversy? -- when our children are sick, we must see that they get care.

Insured, uninsured, covered, not covered, these are legal terms. But all, all, are God's children.

Last week, the President signed a law that will allow families to keep their health insurance even when their breadwinner changes jobs. The Kennedy Kassenbaum LAW.

Next, we must cover the unemployed and their families.

Finally, we must cover all children. All children. All children.

One step we could take right now is to expand school health clinics to provide primary medical care for more and more students. If these clinics could recover the money they are due in payments from medicaid and from private insurance, they could expand their services to reach more of the 11 million children whose families have no insurance.

But let us all remember that, after love and after health, the most important gift we can give our child is self-discipline. Its hard to do, Sometimes it tears at your heart, but firmness and standards and values are essential parts of

parenting.

In our schools, each community should consider three basic steps to help our children lead lives of which we can be proud: school uniforms, enforcement of attendance, and evening curfews.

If your community needs these steps, take the lead. When uniforms replace gang colors, when attendance replaces truancy, and when kids are home when they should be, we will have taken a great step together to give our children a structure, like an arbor in a garden, upon which they can grow and bloom.

And bloom they must. In millions of different colors -- Like a field of flowers, each subtly different, together gloriously beautiful. Some live in poverty, . Others in mansions of wealth. Most live in the homes of typical Americans. But to each one we must send the same message and the same hope: bloom where you're planted little one. We love you. Each and every one of you.

But he is most vulnerable to liberal attack on his strong ended the long dalliance with possible pro-abortion picks in New York and Pennsylvania governor Tom Ridge. Mr. Powell was seen as a pro-lifer on the grounds that he would have been tapped for the job of governor of New York by his liberal views, but because of his iconic status. Governor Ridge, would have been deeply disappointing. Not that they ever were. They were both members of the Republican Party. Their candidacies, especially Mr. Ridge

NY observer, 8/7/00

LET

A TALE OF TWO RUDYS

TO THE EDITOR:

She complains that Mr. Barrett's book—while tearing apart the Giuliani myth—"does not tell us why a tough guy like Mr. Giuliani was able to achieve so much. And why so many people who don't like the man or his policies are grateful that he was Mayor for much of the 1990's."

I read both biographies, and the main points of Mr. Barrett's book—which he repeatedly proves throughout—are twofold. Primarily, Mr. Barrett shows that Mr. Giuliani achieved very little. His success was in making people think that he had been responsible for any of the improvements in New York City through endless self-aggrandizement. Secondly, the media deliberately gave Mr. Giuliani a free ride, causing people to make inaccurate assumptions about a man who couldn't even repave streets.

Ms. Giordano must not have read the book. She proved this further with her praise for Mr. Kirtzman's book, which is basically a reiteration of the Mayor's press releases and filled with absolute nonsense. Mr. Barrett's book proved that Mr. Giuliani didn't get rid of squeegee men or turn around Times Square; rather, Mayor Dinkins did.

Ms. Giordano's review is precisely the kind of lazy journalism that created a false image of our incompetent and phony mayor.

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Mary Ann Giordano replies:
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Barbara Bush, on what will happen if her daughter-in-law, Laura, wife of George W. Bush, becomes First Lady.

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OH, FELICIA. DON'T BE SO NAÏVE. TO YOU, IT'S PORN.
TO ME, IT'S RESEARCH MATERIAL.

CAUTION: ONLY MADEFEN-GUEST