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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Thank you for your letter about about Esquire's Reality Check item concerning you and Marianne Williamson. I can understand your concern that your relationship with Ms. Williamson and others may be misconstrued by the press, but I must point out that the characterizations "guru" and "spiritual advisor" are yours, not Esquire's.

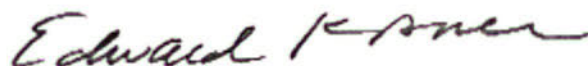
I think it's always of interest when the President or the First Lady consults with people identified with evangelical religion, personal or spiritual development, astrology or numerology and the like. Certainly the involvement of Presidents with Billy Graham and Mrs. Reagan's association with an astrologer were reported in the press, as is Speaker Gingrich's admiration for Arianna Stassinopolous Huffington, a keen follower of John-Roger. Similarly, President Clinton's meeting with Tony Robbins, who was profiled in Esquire last April, is legitimately of interest to the press.

That being said, I assure you that neither Esquire nor its editor seek to "marginalize" you or diminish you or President Clinton. Indeed, I was the editor of New York Magazine, when many people thought that our Joe Klein was leading the press campaign to make Governor Clinton the 1992 Democratic nominee.

Your letter (omitting the last paragraph) will appear in Esquire's April issue, out in mid-March.

I would be honored to visit with you whenever it's convenient.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Edward Kosner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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