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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 25, 1993

E. Laurita Finch
14408 Morton Hall Road
Silver Spring, MD 20906

Dear Ms. Finch:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter expressing interest in my being your mentor. It is gratifying to hear from people like you who want to use their qualifications and experience to make a difference for our country.

One possibility for you to consider immediately is to become a volunteer or intern with the White House. If this interests you, please contact Claude Taylor of our Volunteer Office at (202) 456-7756.

I wish you well in your pursuits.

Sincerely,

Maggie Williams
Chief of Staff to the First Lady

May 19, 1993

Mrs. Margaret A. Williams
Chief of Staff to Mrs. Clinton
OEOP Room 100
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Williams,

I was inspired by your biographical sketch in the Style section of the Washington Post. It is warming to know that someone in a position such as yours is motivated by a genuinely good set of values. You have worked diligently at every task tackled, and it is apparent that you have met success. I do not speak of success in superficial terms regarding money or power, but rather that you are doing something that you enjoy and are helping others in the process.

Perhaps the reason I am writing this letter is because I can relate to much of what you said and what was said about you. To introduce myself, my name is Laurita Finch, and I am an African American female currently a senior at Georgetown University. I was born and raised in the Washington metropolitan area, and I too attended parochial schools for elementary and secondary education.

As I now have only one year remaining at Georgetown an increasing amount of my time is spent reflecting on how I should go about choosing a career path. My interests span across a variety of fields, and not all of them easily relate to one another. Yet I am committed to attaining an advanced degree in law. I have chosen law because I feel that degree would be most useful in achieving many of my desired goals. In reading the article I discovered that you have had experiences in many of the fields I am considering, such as communications and working for the benefit of children. Thus I would like to share with you some of what I have done in pursuit of these interests, with the hope that you will find it in your heart to allow me the opportunity to meet with you for a discussion. With such an opportunity I would learn first hand, and in greater detail, about the possible careers to which I may to dedicate my life.

With regard to the field of communications, from my freshman year to the present I have moderated "Crossfires," a political talk show with college democrats and republicans on WGTB Georgetown radio. However my first exposure to the inner workings of the media came while still in high school. It was then that I had the opportunity to intern at W*USA Channel 9. Already I have learned a great deal from the perspective of those in front of the camera, or behind the microphone as the case may be. Yet I also have an interest in the public relations aspect of the media with which you have a great deal of experience not only in the White House, but also with the Children's Defense Fund.

Perhaps one of my most rewarding activities is the work which I do for Sharpe Health School, a school for the mentally and physically disabled. As a regular volunteer throughout high school, and on a more sporadic basis in college, I have served as a teaching assistant in a kindergarten class. During my time with these special students I have seen determination, sincerity, and love greater than in many "normal" persons. Through your work at the CDF, I am sure you can relate to some of these same feelings.

My interests are diverse, yet I have given some thought as to how to unite them. I would like to create somewhat of a "defense fund" for disabled youth, thus combining law and children's issues. Yet for such an endeavor to meet success I must also have some knowledge as to how to successfully promote it, thus bringing into my plan the need for a background in communications.

For these purposes I would like for you to become a mentor for me. Yet there is also another reason for which I would be very interested to meet you. Next year I will have to write a thesis for the Government Honors Program at Georgetown. The topic I have chosen is African Americans in Politics, and I am sure that you are very knowledgeable in this area as well. If it would be at all possible for me to meet with you during the summer months I would greatly appreciate the opportunity.

Thank you for your support, I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



E. Laurita Finch

P.S.

I can be located at my school phone number until May 26th: (202) 687-2688

My home address and phone number:
14408 Morton Hall Rd.
Silver Spring, MD 20906
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E. LAURITA FINCH

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Silver Spring, MD 20906
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EDUCATION

Georgetown University
College of Arts of Sciences

Bachelor of Science, Government

WGTB Georgetown Radio Station - News Anchor and Moderator
Russian Club - Committee Member
International Relations Club - Committee Member

Washington, DC

May 1994

GPA: (b)(6)

[001]

Oakcrest High School
College Prep Program

Yearbook Editor
Junior Class Vice President
Coordinator of Black History Month

Washington, DC

June 1990

GPA: (b)(6)

EXPERIENCE

Georgetown University Office of Residence Life Washington, DC

Resident Assistant

- Assist and counsel students with the transition to college
- Promote cultural diversity within the university
- Serve as a liaison between students and administrators

Supreme Court of the United States

Intern

- Lectured on Court's history and the judicial process
- Escorted international and congressional guests on tours
- Recorded and filed historical correspondence of the justices

Washington, DC

May-August 92

Congressional Youth Leadership Council

Intern

- Researched potential sources of funding
- Assisted in the preparation of finance proposals
- Coordinated a national scholarship application process
- Traveled city-wide conducting tours and presentations
- Drafted financial proposals for conference participants
- Maintained office operations via mail and telephone

Washington, DC

June-August 90,91

W*USA Channel 9 (CBS Affiliate)

News Intern

- Researched stories with professional field journalists
- Edited phone accounts of news and drafted preliminary copy
- Maintained interdepartmental correspondences

Washington, DC

June-August 88

Silver Spring Boys Club

Camp Counselor

- Programmed and participated in social and cultural events
- Established a Mentor role for 6-12 year old campers
- Supervised junior counselors

Silver Spring, MD

Summers 1986-88

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sharpe Health School-Teaching volunteer
Washington Nursing Home - Big Buddy
National Honor Society Tutor - Math and English

HONORS

Alpha Sigma Nu (National Jesuit Honor Society)
Georgetown University - Dean's List
Project Excellence Scholarship - Recipient
City-Wide Oratorical Contest - Winner

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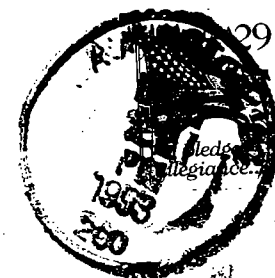
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Mrs. Margaret A. Williams
Chief of Staff to Mrs. Clinton
OEOB Room 100
Washington, DC 20500

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 2, 1993

Lana Fisher
Wheatley Road
Brookville, NY 11545

Dear Ms. Fisher:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter and report. I appreciate your sharing with me your ideas about an issue which is so highly debated.

Your comments, and those of other concerned citizens, provide President Clinton with a better understanding of this complex issue. I can assure you that he carefully considers the views of concerned individuals like you before making policy decisions.

Thank you again for taking the time to make your voice heard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Ann Williams". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'M' and a long, sweeping underline.

Maggie Williams
Chief of Staff to the First Lady

Ms. Maggie Williams, Secretary to the President.
The White House, 1900 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington D.C. 20500

*Pro-Vegetarian
diet propaganda
from letter*

Dear Ms. Williams:

Thanks for your hard work, and to the Clinton Administration for continuing to push for important structural changes in our country. This letter is meant to highlight an issue that plays a major role in many of the changes advocated by President Clinton, yet is ignored by him and by a good part of the US public: OUR NATIONAL DIET.

Most of us in the US don't think much about the economic or social consequences of what we eat, yet it's becoming clear that our MEAT-BASED DIET causes grave problems, and that moving toward a healthy PLANT-BASED DIET could offer great rewards for us and for the world. Please consider:

NATIONAL HEALTH CARE PLAN — The Surgeon General says 68% of all US diseases are diet-related, with heart disease (due to high cholesterol and animal fat) the leading cause of death. Preventative healthcare (with a move toward a plant-based diet) could greatly reduce health care costs.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION — Meat production is a 90% inefficient use of food resources (10 to 12 pounds of vegetable protein are needed to produce one pound of animal protein). The meat industry also uses vast amounts of water and energy, despoils the land, destroys the rainforests, and generates greenhouse gases. A plant-based diet, however, is generally earth-friendly.

JUST INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS — Multinational agribusiness is geared toward securing global resources to serve the industrialized world's meat-based diet. Poor countries seeking foreign revenue are often forced to use valuable land to produce cattle or cattle-feed for export, rather than crops to feed their own people. Less meat production can mean less global hunger.

NATIONAL BUDGET — For the third year in a row, beef lobbyists have blocked efforts to reduce subsidies for cattle-grazing on federal lands. Representatives Mike Synar (D-OL) and Ralph Regula (R-OH) have proposed a fair land-use bill that they say would have saved \$880 million over the last 6 years. Savings like this could help reduce the national deficit.

ECONOMIC STABILITY IN RUSSIA — If the US grain/corn/soy donations to Russia are used to feed livestock (to produce beef and sausage), the donated food will feed 90% fewer Russians, and feed them poorly, adding little besides discouragement to the Russian economy. A change in US diet might encourage Russia also adopt a more sustainable food policy.

Moving from a meat-based to a plant-based diet, then, would be a boon to administration's chances of success, and to the well-being of the world.

What can you do? Here are some ideas: (1) SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE CLINTONS by exploring vegetarian options (maybe someday the Clintons may set an example for the nation); (2) REMIND THE PRESIDENT OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ELIMINATING MEAT SUBSIDIES so that meat competes on a fair market basis with non-meat foods; (3) SUPPORT VEGETARIAN ALTERNATIVES in state-funded programs (schools, cafeterias, etc.) so that people have a real choice in diet.

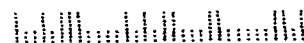
Thank you for your time. Good books for further reading on this issue include DIET FOR A SMALL PLANET by Francis Moore Lappe, and BEYOND BEEF by Jerome Rifkin. Sincerely,

Lana Fisher

Wheatley Rd.
Brookville, N.Y. 11545



Ms. Maggie Williams
Secretary to the President
The White House
1900 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington D.C. 20500



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 25, 1993

Mr. and Mrs. Bob and Betty Fisk
P.O. Box 313
Stonington, ME 04681

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Fisk:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 29, 1993. I apologize for the delay in sending you a response. We have received thousands of wonderful, constructive letters from concerned citizens. I appreciate your taking the time to make your ideas heard. At this point, the health care reform working groups have finished their work. To give your letter the attention it deserves, I have referred it to the Office of Domestic Policy.

Thank you for your support of the Clinton Administration.

Sincerely,

Maggie Williams
Chief of Staff to the First Lady

Saw article on
M.W. in LA Times.
Wants to bring to your
~~attention~~ medical
program that works
in Maine.
Ewd to HETF

Form H.
I fwd. to
HETF

1452 S. Ellensburg Apt 10
Gold Beach, Oregon, 97444
3-29-93
Tel 503-247-0112

Dear Maggie Williams,
Regarding Clinton's Medical Program
I saw the write up on you from The L.A Times,
Washington Post service and feel comfortable
writing to you to offer sources for ^{some} ~~the~~ information
on a Medical Program that may be useful
to the Clinton's efforts on our behalf.

We live legally and vote on a small Isle
off the Coast of Maine. You people may want
to look at their medical program.

The year round population of the Isle is
about 3500. Permanent summer residents
run this up to about 6500.

We have four excellent family practice
MDs and two top flight dentists in our Medical
Center. I am satisfied that no one is unattended
regardless of ability to pay, ^{we have many poor people} at this facility.

Summer residents and local people are
happy when their parents are admitted to our
Nursing Home.

Both of these facilities were built with
money raised locally. Both are run by local
boards. We also have a competent School Nurse
and Volunteer Ambulance Service.

All of these programs are co-ordinated.

There is a good relationship between
the "natives" whose ancestors came from the Boston
area in the 1760s and the summer people some of

whom are fourth generation summer people. Many of them save their medical and dental problems until summer. Mainlanders also come to the Isle for attention.

Our Isle has been discovered. We are trying to prevent the black-top-high rise crowd from taking over and leveling it. I know you'll understand my conflict between trying to help you people get us out of the hole we've dug medically as a Nation and my loyalty to the autonomy of our Isle home and its people.

If you're interested, I'll call one of our Medical or Dental people and seek her permission to give you her name and she can clear with others; a professional people on bringing you in!

You may have a better suggestion on how to proceed, if interested. Contact me at our Oregon Tel. No. if I can help. We will be here until about May 5.

Contact me at POB 313, Stonington, ME, 04681, Tel 1-207-367-2256 after May 15.

Good luck to all of you! Protect The Clintons. They are too good for us after what we've let happen to this country! We celebrate ^{our} 50th This year. You are renewing ~~of~~ our hope!

Sincerely Bob + Betty Liss

Bob & Betty Fisk
1432 S Ellensburg #13
Gold Beach, OR
97444



Maggie Williams
Chief of Staff
Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C.
20500

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 23, 1993

Roger L. Ford
Executive Director
The D.C. Center for Independent Living
1400 Florida Avenue, NE
Suite 3
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Mr. Ford:

On behalf of the First Lady, I would like to thank you and the D.C. Center for Independent Living for conferring upon her the First Independent Living Award.

I regret and apologize for the manner in which the invitation was handled and hope that as a result, you will not infer that this honor is any less appreciated.

Congratulations on your twelfth anniversary, and please accept our best wishes for continued success with the important work you are doing to empower the disabled.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Margaret A. Williams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Margaret A. Williams
Chief of Staff to the First Lady

Draft letter to Roger Ford, D.C. Center for Independent Living

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Sincerely, MAW

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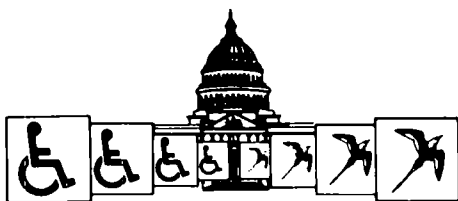
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THE D.C. CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING, INC.

1400 Florida Avenue, N.E. / Suite 3 / Washington, D.C. 20002

(202) 388-0033 (Voice / TTY)

FAX (202) 398-3018



A UNITED BLACK FUND MEMBER AGENCY

May 5, 1993

Edward Yates

President of the Board

Roger D. Ford

Executive Director

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
Chair, President's Task Force
on National Health Care Reform
c/o The White House
Office of the First Lady
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Room 100 - OEOB
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

The D.C. Center for Independent Living, Inc. (DCCIL) held its Twelfth Anniversary Celebration on Friday, April 23, 1993 at Gallaudet University. You were honored with the First Independent Living Award given to the person who has promoted the independent living philosophy. Certainly, your work with education and the health care reform committee has given you this honor.

The Center has communicated with your staff since February regarding the award. It was only a few days before the event that we received a letter from Patti Solis, scheduling director, informing the Center that you could not attend. Unfortunately, for the hundreds of persons with disabilities that worked hard to make the event an overwhelming success, no representative from your office was sent. Even more distressing to the persons with disabilities' community was that not even a letter from you acknowledging the award or the Center's celebration was sent.

While you may not have been aware of the award, the Center's consumers and the disability community were very disappointed that there was no official response.

The award was accepted by Representative Charles Moreland in your stead. The persons with disabilities' community would like for you to still have the award and sends it to you with best wishes.

Sincerely,

Roger D. Ford
Executive Director

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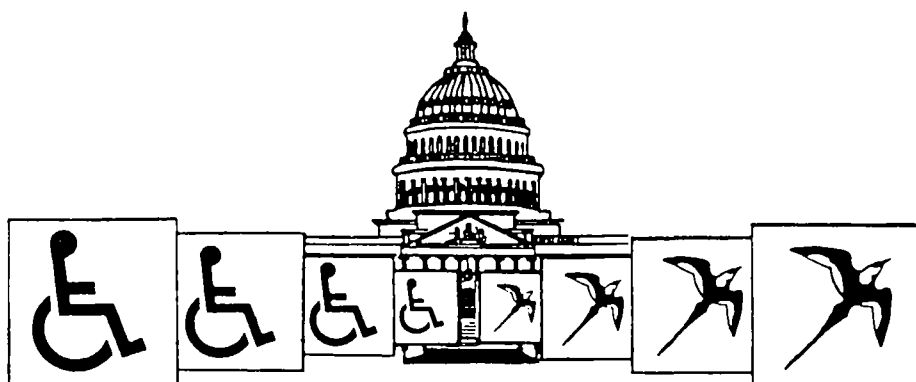
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District of Columbia
Center for Independent
Living, Inc.

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April 23, 1993
ELY CENTER
GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY
800 Florida Ave., N.E.

5-13-93

HELEN,
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

C O P Y
from ORM

April 12, 1993

Mr. Roger D. ~~X~~Ford
Mr. Edward J. ~~X~~Yates
The D.C. Center For Independent
Living, Inc.
Suite 3
1400 Florida Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Mssrs. Ford and Yates:

Thank you for the invitation extended to Hillary Rodham Clinton.
She is grateful for your interest in hosting her.

However, I sincerely regret that due to Mrs. Clinton's busy
schedule we must decline your invitation to attend your Birthday
Celebration and Reception.

I wish you success in your upcoming event.

Sincerely,



Patti Solis
Special Assistant to the President
Director of Scheduling for the First Lady

HRC SCHEDULING CODING SHEET

Special Handling (Deliver to Patti Solis)

____ FOH - Personal Friends
____ VIP - Political and other VIP Leaders
____ Commencement Address Today's Date: 3/15/93
____ Honorary Chair and Boards Batch #: HRC.SCHED.
____ Park Ridge, Wellesley, Yale History #: 535837
____ Social Invitations for White House Time -- Copy to Ann Stock
____ Arkansas Connection

Letter Categories

____ Date.passed -- Date for the event has passed
☒ Regret.ps -- Regret the event
____ Regret.meeting -- Regret request for a meeting
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General Information

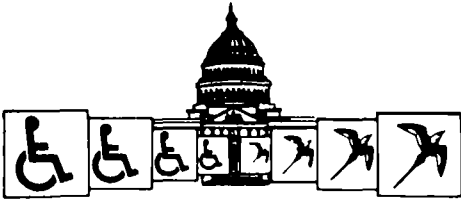
DATE(S): April 23
ORGANIZATION: The DC Center for Independent Living, Inc
ADDRESS: 1400 Florida Ave N.W., Suite 3,
Wash DC 20002
INVITER (NAME & TITLE): Roger D. Ford, Executive Director,
Edward J. Yates, President of the Board
TITLE OR NAME OF EVENT: Birthday Celebration and
Reception
CONTACT CODES (See Code Sheet): _____

THE D.C. CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING, INC.

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A UNITED BLACK FUND MEMBER AGENCY

Edward Yates

President of the Board

VIA: FACSIMILE (202) 456-2878

February 11, 1993

Roger D. Ford

Executive Director

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
Chair
President's Task Force on
National Health Care Reform
c/o The White House
Office of the First Lady
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Room 100 - OEOB
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Your neighbors, the D.C. Center for Independent Living, Inc. (DCCIL), which represents the Afro-American, Latino and Disabled communities and other minorities would like to welcome you to the District of Columbia and express our support of your leadership in your new position. We would also like to bestow upon you the title of Honorary Spokesperson for DCCIL at our Birthday Celebration and Reception at Gallaudet University on Friday, April 23, 1993 from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

The D.C. Center for Independent Living is an organization dedicated to serving all persons with severe physical disabilities. Last year, D.C. Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly acknowledged our work by official proclamation of Latinos with Disabilities Day.

The D.C. Center for Independent Living would be able to keep you informed of developments within the disabled community and provide a medium by which you may contact other grassroots organizations and community leaders. Many of these organizations would be glad to offer technical assistance since Health Care Reform will certainly have a tremendous impact on all persons with disabilities, many of whom usually are Medicaid recipients and have fixed incomes and utilize personal care attendants.

We know that the Clinton administration advocates for the education of children, encourages racial harmony, promotes protection of civil rights and definitely champions greater independence for persons with disabilities. We would like to formally request your

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Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
February 11, 1993
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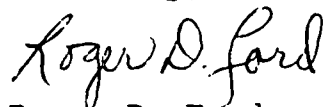
support of DCCIL's Birthday Celebration. Our planning time is short and a response from your office by Friday, February 26th, if possible, would help us in finalizing our program. The support requested is as follows:

1. a formal letter of support to be included in our program;
2. a 5-x-7 black and white glossy photo and biography of Mrs. Clinton for our program;
3. permission to use Mrs. Clinton's name in press releases and promotional materials;
4. a commitment from Mrs. Clinton to appear at DCCIL's Birthday Celebration and to make an award presentation to DCCIL for outstanding community service.

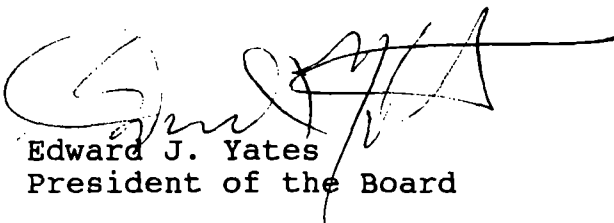
DCCIL will draft a speech for your use. Additionally, we will purchase all awards to be presented.

Mrs. Clinton, your strong background in social service work and experience in bringing diverse constituencies together would lend tremendous support to our organization. As First Lady, your demonstrated concern would also help to re-focus on the sweeping impact that the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) has had on the nation. Please let us know if you will accept this honor. If you are unable to accept, we would be delighted if you would extend the invitation to Mrs. Tipper Gore.

Sincerely,



Roger D. Ford
Executive Director



Edward J. Yates
President of the Board

RDF:jg

Enclosure

1. Fact Sheet
2. Copy of Proclamation
3. Newsletter
4. Preliminary Program

THE D.C. CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
requests the pleasure of your company
at a program commemorating
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"EMPOWERING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES"

Honoring
DCCIL's First Wheelchair Award Recipient
First Lady
Hillary Rodham Clinton

Gallaudet University's Ely Center
800 Florida Avenue, N.E.
Friday, April 23, 1993
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Special Invited Guests
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to Jerome Gray or Carolyn Reese

EL CENTRO PARA UNA VIDA INDEPENDIENTE DEL D.C.
le invita a la celebracion
de su duodecimo aniversario

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En Honor
a La Primera Dama de los EE.UU.
Hillary Rodham Clinton
quien recibira el Primer Premio
de Silla de Ruedas de DCCIL

Centro Ely de la Universidad Gallaudet
800 de la Avenida Florida, N.E.
Viernes, 23 de Abril de 1993
2:00 PM a 4:00 PM

Invitados Especiales
Representantes del Gobierno Local y Federal
Demostracion de Baile Profesional en Silla de Ruedas
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OTHER COMMENTS	
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 28, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR: VINCE FOSTER
Deputy Counsel to the President

FROM: MAGGIE WILLIAMS
Chief of Staff to the First Lady

SUBJECT: Correspondence

Attached is a letter from Mr. Frank Leahy. I am forwarding this letter and our response to counsel. Since our office has not been involved in this matter, I trust that you will handle this correspondence appropriately.

cc: Mr Frank Leahy

Attachments

FRANK X. LEAHY

4700 Lake Shore Drive

P. O. Box 23263

Waco, Texas 76702

(817) 776-0169

March 17, 1993

Ms. Margaret Williams, Chief of Staff
Office of Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Williams:

I am well aware of the fact the First Lady cannot possibly read all correspondence directed to her. For that reason I am addressing this letter with enclosure to you.

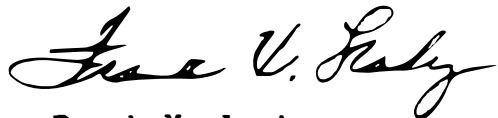
I would appreciate you reading the enclosed letter and if, in your opinion, it merits the consideration of Ms. Clinton, I would appreciate you calling it to her attention.

Children's Protection Service workers deal day in and day out with tragedy in a profession that has very little positive recognition.

It quite obviously is my hope that Joyce Sparks will be recognized for her outstanding performance in this very tragic situation.

Your consideration would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Frank X. Leahy".

Frank X. Leahy

Enclosure: Letter to Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton with enclosures as indicated.

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March 17, 1993

**Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500**

**In Re: Child Welfare participation in the siege at
the Branch Davidian Compound at Mount Carmel
in Waco, Texas.**

Dear Ms. Clinton:

**There is an unsung hero in the tragic Mt. Carmel
standoff currently unfolding in Waco, that I want to call to
your attention. She is Joyce Sparks, Children's Protective
Services Investigations Supervisor for the Texas Department
of Protective and Regulatory Services.**

**Joyce is not the stereotypical bureaucratic social
worker. Her commitment to the welfare of children is
absolute, and her personal and professional competence and
integrity are without question. She is recognized by her
peers and all who come in contact with her as a
professional's professional.**

**There are several aspects of her involvement with the
Mt. Carmel situation that are not general knowledge. She
first became aware of the situation existing there in late
1991, receiving detailed background information that alleged
serious charges of emotional, physical and sexual abuse of
children. For reasons unique to our bureaucracy and state
law, none of the allegations met the criteria required for
direct intervention by her agency. Suffioient detail was
given, however, that if true, would cause any concerned
person to look at the situation very closely.**

**Networking with the Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Texas Department of Public Safety Intelligence Division,
McLennan County Distriot Attorney's Office and the McLennan**

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County Sheriff's Office, sufficient data was obtained to trigger the authority to conduct an agency investigation beginning in February, 1992.

It was in the course of this investigation that Joyce Sparks rendered invaluable assistance to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Joyce made four visits to the Branch Davidian Compound of which I am aware (there may have been more) and in some respects gained the confidence of Branch Davidian Prophet David Koresh. She was able to take pictures of the inside of the fortress there which were turned over to federal law enforcement officials as well as detailed floor plans. Joyce was the only outsider thus far identified who actually went into the underground bunker/armory and identified the specific location and detailed description to law enforcement.

She began a dialogue with David Koresh that resulted in many late night lengthy telephone conversations as he attempted to convert her. Joyce tolerated this to maintain her link to the children in the compound whose welfare was always paramount in her mind.

She was consulted by ATF Agents as the raid was planned on Mount Carmel and on Sunday, February 28, 1993, when the fireworks began, she was called to the scene as On Site Supervisor responsible for receiving children as they came out of the compound. Her actual role was dual, however, serving not only as the person responsible for receiving the children on behalf of the State, but also serving in an advisory capacity to the Intelligence and Negotiations Units of Federal law enforcement at the scene due to her knowledge and relationship with the parties in the compound.

As the initial children were being released Joyce actually traveled to the compound with an ATF agent without any thought to the fact she was placing herself in potential jeopardy.

Joyce worked nonstop from the Sunday assault until Wednesday evening, and then only took brief time-outs for quick naps and showers. The assault began Sunday, February 28th, but her first full night at home was Tuesday night, March 9th after a day in court for the hearings on the children released.

Joyce has appeared briefly on Good Morning America and the nationally televised Press Conference where she was introduced as On Site Supervisor by Director Dr. Janice Caldwell. Aside from these two appearances and the television coverage of her court appearances on Tuesday,

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March 9th, all of her activities have been out of the public view. She spent hours at the emergency shelter personally talking to, and comforting, the children who knew her from her visits to Mount Carmel in the past.

I have watched Joyce juggle the supervision of the CPS staff, the handling of the children, the needs of law enforcement, dealing with the relatives of the children throughout the world, attending to the requisite legal work and bureaucratic paperwork, all while side-stepping the media, and her performance has been superb.

There are other personal insights I have into this affair that may never be public knowledge. For example:

Through her conversations with David Koresh it became obvious to Joyce there was an information leak somewhere in the law enforcement community, as David would start reciting back to her direct quotes of her statements in law enforcement meetings and of things written in her reports. She advised ATF agents of this fact in a meeting in her office prior to the raid.

When briefing ATF intelligence officers prior to the raid, Joyce specifically warned against a frontal assault assuring those agents it would be met with armed retaliation. When asked specifically what sort of retaliation, Joyce advised them: "they will kill you."

After the tragedy at Mount Carmel, Joyce was very concerned with the stabilization and welfare of the children in her custody. When she was notified late one night that the Texas Rangers planned to take children from the shelter to Fort Fisher for interrogation she went into orbit, and called a meeting the next day in her office that was attended by Leticia Vasquez of Governor Richards' staff. Another worker present at that meeting reported of Joyce: "That lady preached the gospel and those old boys got religion."

Further with regard to the emotional welfare of the children, Joyce requested the police guarding the shelter be in plain clothes with no firearms in view. She felt this would further traumatize the children who had survived the gun battle. The police rather belligerently refused her request. Then an incident arose where an uniformed and armed officer reached for something in his pocket and the children perceiving that he was reaching for his gun got hysterical. Joyce won her point by bad experience, the hard way.

When it was determined advisable to make a videotape of

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the children to send into Koresh at the compound to demonstrate the children were well cared for, Joyce strongly counseled against taping certain activities, specifically, children watching television, drinking soft drinks, and one child who had been given a haircut, all things that would offend the religious beliefs of the compound residents. Her advice was ignored, and sure enough as announced the following day at the nationally televised press briefing by the ATF and FBI, Mr. Koresh and his group took extreme exception to what they viewed.

I recite these incidents just as examples of the many episodes that have caused Joyce considerable personal frustration in dealing with this situation. She believes, and I think it accurate, that the various law enforcement personnel have been eager to have her assistance with regard to her knowledge of the layout of Mount Carmel, but totally dismissed her input as to things like the leak, the potential for deadly confrontation, the fact it would be easier to obtain information from the children in a non-threatening environment, and the fact certain things needed not been shown on the video, simply because she is a woman - - "a fluffy little blonde social worker" - - and the law enforcement aspects are "mans' work." Their failure to hear her has obviously worked to their detriment.

All of Joyce Sparks actions over the past two years including the past two weeks have been predicated solely on her dedication and zeal to protecting children. She could care less about the activities, beliefs and life-styles of Koresh and his followers, so long as they do not impact negatively on the welfare of children. Once that line was crossed, however, this lady was determined to do all in her power to rectify the situation.

Everything contained in this letter is, to Joyce Sparks, simply discharging her professional responsibilities to the best of her ability. It would never occur to her to seek public acclaim or recognition for what she is doing. She does not know that I am writing this letter and will undoubtedly be angry when and if she finds out that I have.

I do have very personal knowledge of all things stated herein because Joyce Sparks is my wife whom I love and support wholeheartedly. Our family has pulled together to support her through this and we are immensely proud of her.

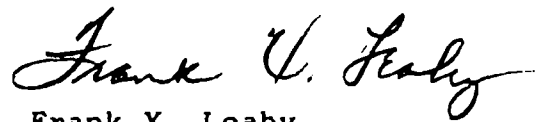
I hope when all of this is over, there will be some recognition by the governmental agencies involved for the service she has performed in the interest of the children concerned. Her personal involvement has been far above and beyond the basic requirements of her job. Further she has

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indicated that it is her desire to deflect the deluge of media attention that will be directed toward her and instead use that spotlight to advance public awareness of the compelling issues of family and children's abuse issues.

Because of your long standing interest in children's issues I thought you would be interested in this. For your further information I am enclosing a copy of my wife's resume and picture simply so that you may be familiar with who she is and what she is about as all this unfolds.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank X. Leahy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Frank X. Leahy

Enclosures: Joyce Sparks resume, card and photograph.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Diane's
copies
(substitute
signed copy of
Leahy letter)

Mr. Frank X. Leahy
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P.O. Box 23263
Waco, Texas 76702

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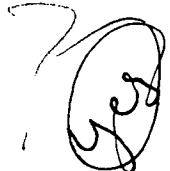
Sincerely,

Maggie Williams
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE

Vinny —

Please take
a look and
advise —

Can I send
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W. H. C. 7/10
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DRAFT

May 25, 1993

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Deputy Counsel to the President

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Chief of Staff to the First Lady

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Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 27, 1993

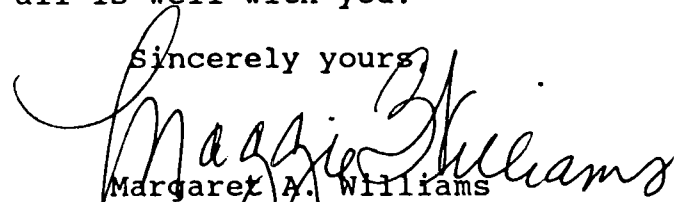
Leslie C. Francis
Winner/Wagner & Francis
1000 Potomac Street, NW
Suite 401
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Leslie,

Many thanks for your nice note. As you suggest, the challenges are many, but the excitement of having the Clinton Administration in the White House far outweighs the obstacles we will surely face. It's just great to be here.

I hope all is well with you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Maggie Williams". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Margaret A. Williams
Assistant to the
President and Chief of
Staff to the First Lady

April 12, 1993

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Chief - - -

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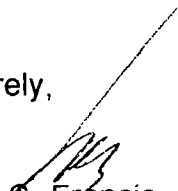
Margaret A. Williams
Chief of Staff, Office of the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Maggie,

Congratulations on your appointment to the position of Chief of Staff. We have waited a long time to see a Democrat return to the White House, and I'm sure you are delighted to be playing a part in the new administration. Having had the privilege of serving President Carter in the White House, I know what an exciting yet overwhelming feeling it is to embark on such an adventure. Certainly the obstacles will be many, but with your experience, energy and abilities, success is virtually assured.

Again, congratulations, and if there is anything I can do to be helpful along the way, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,


Leslie C. Francis

*P.S. It's been a long time since
our DNC days together. I'm
delighted for you and for
the First Lady. You'll do a
terrific job.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 3, 1993

Lorraine Woodson Frazier
Vice President
Corporate Services and
Community Outreach Programs
1740 Paseo
Kansas City, MO 64108

Dear Ms. Frazier:

I am sorry to have been delayed in responding to your invitation to Ms. Williams to take part in the kickoff of your Summer Jobs for Youth Campaign which will take place in April, 1994.

Because of the constantly changing demands on Ms. Williams' schedule, it is too early to be able to make a commitment at this time. If you are able to wait until early next year for a response, she would be happy to consider the invitation then. I should also say that she will understand if you cannot wait that long for an answer.

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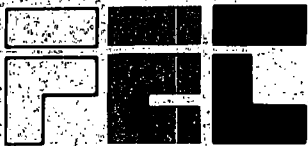
Evelyn S. Lieberman
Assistant to the Chief of Staff

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Please let me know your wishes. Thank you and again, my apologies for this late response.



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SENT VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

July 21, 1993

Ms. Margaret Williams
Chief of Staff for Hilary Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

7/23/93
Invitation for
Maggie
to Evelyn

Dear Ms. Williams:

Greetings from Kansas City! Fountains, Chiefs, Royals, The Plaza All sound familiar? How about the Summer Jobs For Youth Program? You were even a participant of this successful Summer Jobs Program through the Full Employment Council a few years back.

Now that you're far away from Kansas City and way beyond summer jobs, we'd like to offer you the opportunity to share with others your experiences in your position with the First Lady, Mrs. Hilary Clinton, and possibly bring up some memories of your summer job experience here in Kansas City.

Each spring, we begin our Summer Jobs for Youth Campaign with the kickoff of our annual Job Opportunities in the Business Sector (J.O.B.S.) Breakfast, during which time the Full Employment Council recognizes area employers who hire the greatest number of our clients.

The event draws a large crowd from the public sector as well as the business community including the city's major corporations, i.e., IBM Corporation, Hallmark Cards, Sprint and Marriott Hotels and Marion Merrell Dow, just to name a few.

Over the years, the Full Employment Council has acquired speakers of note for its J.O.B.S. Breakfast. We seek you because you personally are an excellent example of what determination, motivation, opportunity and encouragement can produce. An inspiring message from you could help determine how many of Kansas City's young people will spend their time next summer.

page two

Our 1994 J.O.B.S. Breakfast will be held either Wednesday, April 6th or Wednesday, April 13th in downtown Kansas City, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. A reception will be held in your honor the Tuesday evening prior to the breakfast. Of course we will incur all expenses and secure hotel accommodations to ensure that you have a memorable visit. Arrangements will be made for your transportation to and from the airport.

We are certainly willing to change the time and date of this event to accommodate your schedule.

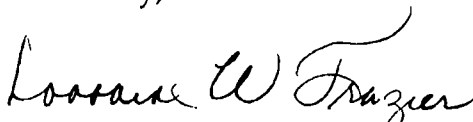
Enclosed you will find our 1992 Summer Employment Activities Video, our annual report and some press clippings. These items should provide you with an overview of our organization and its current operation.

If you need further information concerning our agency or the J.O.B.S. Breakfast, please contact me in writing or by phone at (816) 471-2330, extension 242.

The successful planning of this event hinges on your availability. A speedy reply is appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you here in Kansas City and we hope that you look forward to coming home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lorraine W. Frazier".

Lorraine Woodson Frazier

Vice President

Corporate Services and Community Outreach Programs

Enclosures