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WASHINGTON

February 1, 1994

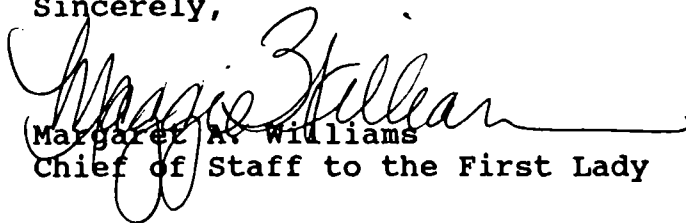
Thomas V. Bache-Wig
Director
Hagen Chiropractic Clinic
3405 South Kiwanis Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57105

Dear Mr. Bache-Wig:

Thank you for your letter of December 22, 1993 regarding a visit to your chiropractic clinic. Your kind invitation to Mrs. Clinton is greatly appreciated. I have forwarded your correspondence to the Scheduling Office.

Again, thank you for your invitation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Margie Williams", written over the typed name and title.

Margaret A. Williams
Chief of Staff to the First Lady

HAGEN CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC

Bruce C. Hagen, Sr., D.C. — Mark P. Hagen, D.C.

3405 South Kiwanis Avenue
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57105
Telephone (605) 361-6824
Fax: (605) 333-0441

Accident and Rehabilitation Center
3405 South Kiwanis Avenue, Suite 2
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57105
Telephone: (605) 333-0440

December 22, 1993

*form
forward to
Scheduling*

Ms. Maggie Williams
Chief of Staff
for Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The Whitehouse
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Nw.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Williams,

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter I sent to Mrs. Clinton a few days ago. I've also included some independent supportive data relevant to this letter.

The letter to Mrs. Clinton is an invitation to visit our chiropractic clinic when she comes to South Dakota in February, 1994.

A recent New England Journal of Medicine article states that 34% of all patient visits in the U.S. were to alternative health care providers. Mrs. Clinton has been good enough to visit dozens of hospitals and medical facilities around the country. Now, in fairness, a visit to our chiropractic clinic would be national recognition of chiropractic care, and an affirmation to the millions of people who depend on it to keep them out of the expense health care loop.

Chiropractic health care already stands for all of the good things the Clintons are trying to achieve - documented efficacy and an average 50% reduction in health care costs and time of care!

The two story, free-standing building is big enough, with a large indoor atrium suited to handle the influx of people. It's in a central location, one mile from Interstates 29 and 90.

Please ask Mrs. Clinton if she will consider our clinic as the health care site she chooses to visit in South Dakota. Thank you, Ms. Williams.

Sincerely,

Thomas V. Bache-Wiig

Thomas V. Bache-Wiig
Director
The Hagen Clinics

Enclosures



Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.

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January 11, 1994

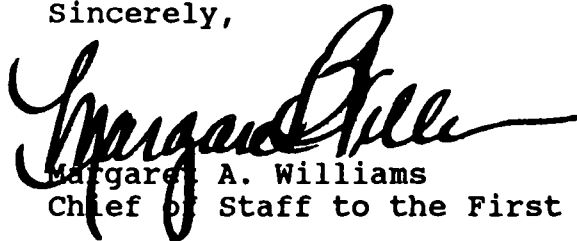
Mia Felecia Barber
Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.
1004 Pennsylvania Ave., S.E.
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Ms. Barber,

Thank you for your letter of encouragement. I apologize for the delay in sending a response, but thousands of wonderful individuals like yourself have taken the initiative to write in to express their thoughts and concerns on a number of issues. I am trying to respond to each and every person.

Again, thank you for your thoughtful letter. Words of inspirational encouragement are always a joy to me.

Sincerely,



Margaret A. Williams
Chief of Staff to the First Lady

*Your kind letter meant
so much to me.*

Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.



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October 26, 1993

Dear Ms. Williams -

A few weeks ago, I read about you trip to a school - where you spoke about your career as Chief of Staff to the First Lady AND being African-American.

Permit me to say that I was truly inspired. As a young African American female, I found your words to be very encouraging. Thank you for being a ^{great} role model.

When your schedule permits, I would like to meet with you. Please call if you can. Sincerely,
Mia Barber

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Dear Bob

Thanks so much for insisting
I get out of the White House
for lunch. You saved me from
a bad case of "cabin fever".
Good food. Great Company!
Maggie

Please
send to
[initials]

ROBERT B. BARNETT
ATTORNEY AT LAW

WILLIAMS & CONNOLLY
725 TWELFTH STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20005

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 8, 1994

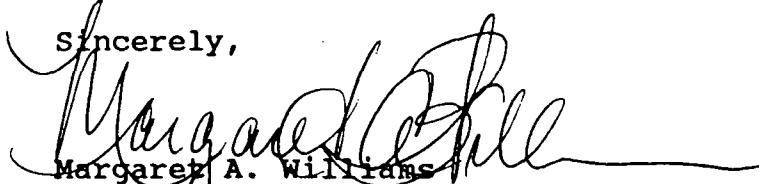
Timothy Barton, Vice President
Fanning USA Motor Corporation
3015 East Randol Mill Road
Arlington, Texas 76011-6833

Dear Mr. Barton:

Thank you for the time and effort you have put into the suggestions contained in your fax of November 22. Your ideas for credit reform have been directed to the appropriate office for further consideration.

In the meantime, please accept my thanks on behalf of Mrs. Clinton. It was most kind of you to write.

Sincerely,



Margaret A. Williams
Chief of Staff to the First Lady



FANNING USA

MOTOR CORPORATION

*Re: Credit
Reform*

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November 22, 1994

FAX TO:

MARGRET WILLIAMS, Chief of Staff for Hillary Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. (204) 456-6244

FAX FROM:

Timothy Barton, Vice President
Fanning USA Motor Corporation
9015 East Randol Mill Road
Arlington, Texas 76011-6833

REGARDING: Suggestions For New Administration Policy Reform

Miss Williams:

I called and asked specifically for your number with the hope of getting a direct line of communication to Mrs. Clinton. I have what I feel to be an extremely important suggestion to make, and do not want my correspondence to get mixed in with the general mail. Please bring this fax to the attention of the First Lady.

Mrs. Clinton:

Before I get into my suggestion, let me tell you who I am. My Corporation is currently developing an Exotic Sports Car that will revolutionize the market when it is introduced in late 1995. Our car (known as the FANNING X-1) will break several world records and introduce new technology when unveiled. I am regularly featured in a number of national magazines. But that automotive project has nothing to do with this fax.

I am a Republican who voted for Perot in the last election. My wife is a psychologist. And we share a lot of the political ideologies of the incoming Republican majority. But there are Democratic ideals that I share as well. I feel that the suggestions I want to make in this fax are more suited to traditional Democratic ideals than to Republican. I hope you are open to suggestions.

I am led to believe by your recent statements that you wish to stand your political ground. Good...consistency is needed. Please forgive my blunt suggestion that you might look for new areas of support for your agenda by taking another tact. I have a suggestion that I feel would work to your benefit.

My suggestion is to tackle the subject of CREDIT REFORM. Take a minute to read this fax completely. Neither political party has addressed the

growing problem of borrower debt, personal Bankruptcy, or abuses of credit bureaus. Our American system of credit reporting and debt management has not changed in over twenty five years. The FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT was brilliant in its day, but is horribly out of step with today's needs. If you initiated a proposal that resulted in true reform of this bill payment system...that would allow a fair system of credit reporting while truly servicing the needs of lending institutions, EVERYONE would cheer.

This is a Democratic rather than a Republican issue. As much as I like some of the Republican ideals, as you know they are not about to touch the information bureau division of TRW. But the public would be overwhelmingly on your side in this debate. In fact, I think you could shift the national economic debate in your direction with a well crafted proposal that would allow massive relief of debt tensions.

I have spent some of my spare time over the last several years researching this subject. I know all of the laws...I have read all of the books. I am familiar with the FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT, I'm up on the actual function of the various credit bureaus, I have researched all of the CREDIT REPAIR techniques offered by the "Credit Clinics." I have even read some of the history of credit. One common thread connecting the history of borrowing in all societys is the notion that both the lender and the borrower are a team. We have again allowed our system to become skewed in favor of the lender.

CREDIT REPORTS are a very hot and emotional subject with the public at large. There is a sense of shame that is similar to a discussion of sexual habits...no one wants to speak about themselves...there is that sense of Protestant guilt mixed in with the work ethic. There is still a sense of SHAME surrounding the issue of borrowing money. But BELIEVE ME...everyone is listening to the discussions and hoping to gain some understanding or advantage. Most people live in fear of being a day late on a payment.

I promised to be brief, so I am not going to provide a lot of details in this fax. But please understand that after having talked to a number of professionals on this subject, there is a much better system to be had. Here is a very quick, simplified four step suggestion:

- 1) BANKRUPTCY REFORM IS NEEDED. Bankruptcys should be incredibly difficult to obtain, and should not be granted to those who simply overspend. Records of proper (justified) Bankruptcys granted to those individuals who have experienced catastrophic medical bills (and similar cases) should be deleted after three years.
- 2) LENDER COLLECTION REFORM IS NEEDED. Credit granters should not be able to EASILY write-off a profit & loss account. The borrower must have either died or filed for Bankruptcy for the lender to be able to write off losses. Incentives should be in place for the

lender to work with the borrower in getting the monies repaid in a timely manner (with interest).

- 3) BORROWERS SHOULD REMAIN OBLIGATED IN MOST CASES. Negative credit accounts should remain on a report indefinitely until the account is paid up to date with interest. There should be no borrower escape from debts due to frivolous spending.
 - 4) CREDIT REPORTING REFORM, WHICH IS THE KEY TO TRULY REFORM: When debts from past due accounts are satisfied and paid in full, the NEGATIVES REPORTS SHOULD BE DELETED!
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Please read a bit longer. What I am recommending here is a DEMOCRATIC-type of suggestions to go hand in hand with proposed Republican reforms. The idea behind this reform is a recognition of two truths:

- 1) Almost everyone has financial trouble at some point in their life, and needs temporary relief from debt, and in some cases a rescheduling of payments is necessary.
 - 2) By altering the credit report process, emphasis will be placed upon PAYING WHAT YOU OWE and being allowed to start over fresh.
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We have looked at every side of this proposal, and have answers for all complaints. One frequent question is: "How can you evaluate an individual's credit worthiness if past negatives are deleted?"

The answer is for lenders to base their lending practices on all of the usual information...work history, assets, stability...plus a review of all of the past POSITIVE CREDIT. A new borrower would have to initiate credit as one currently does...with a co-signer or a secured card or a high-interest loan. To be able to climb the credit ladder, one would have to MAINTAIN GOOD CREDIT with a number of accounts over an extended period. This would weed out the undesirables. There is no need to have YEARS of negative reports lingering after accounts have been satisfied.

By keeping the negative accounts (where money is still owed) active indefinitely, and by restricting access to Bankruptcy relief for frivolous reasons, and by tightening-up the Corporate lender's ability to obtain a quick write off tax break, the incentives would be in place for all parties involved to clear all past-due accounts and get on with life. I assume you know *that* the current system's incentives ENCOURAGE BANKRUPTCY.

The best of us live with the constant threat of IRREPAIRABLE HARM to our borrowing ability if we miss a payment due date. And those who are behind enough to get a collection agency after them are "REWARDED" for their eventual repayment of debt by never being able to borrow again.

Handling economic bad times is going to be a part of most American's lives in the coming years. We NEED A SYSTEM IN PLACE that will allow some method of getting through the bad times. We need some system that will allow us to handle our debts and responsibilities, and be able to START FRESH IMMEDIATELY afterward. Allowing five to ten years to clear negative records is unreasonable. That is not what America is about.

One more thought. TRW started a "Credentials" program whereby a subscriber is given a magnetic card to allow instant credit information access at any time. The service also advises the subscriber by mail of each addition or change to the report. In my opinion, a system like I am proposing would encourage citizens to subscribe to systems like TRW Credentials.

I am a businessman and am well aware that lenders must be repaid in a timely way to remain in business, and that any reform must understand that principle. The system I propose would actually increase revenues with the credit companies, decrease bankruptcy loss, empower citizens to get a handle on their lives, and in my opinion, serve the lending institutions better...as there would be a sense of GOOD WILL involved. Most Americans want very much to do the right thing.

Here is the benefit to you. By taking a properly presented plan like this DIRECTLY TO THE PUBLIC, you will re-establish your representation of the working man. In my opinion you will energize the electorate and highlight the difference between the Republicans and Democrats in a way that is flattering to you. TEST THIS THEORY!

Do what I have done...talk to a few people about this. DO A FOCUS GROUP. The results will amaze you. The first responses will be negative. People at first suggest that a system like this could not possibly work. (This is because of the guilt and embarrassment we feel in private). But after thinking about it, people begin to realize that IT COULD WORK. Then the energy kicks in, and people on all sides begin to become angry about the current system overall!

I want to make one more point. Without going too deeply into history, please understand that in most societies borrowing and lending have been considered a mutual act, a mutual risk, and a mutual responsibility. Pick any country and do the research. In this country (and in others) we have made efforts to amend the laws when the lenders and borrowers stop working in harmony.

The FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT of twenty five years ago was a good compromise in its day. Remember how far that money went back then? Most people who wanted to pay their bills in a timely way could. Generally speaking, in that relaxed economic climate those who did not maintain good credit truly did not deserve it. But the world has changed. We now need a

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safety net for most people as there are inadequate savings and many obstacles.

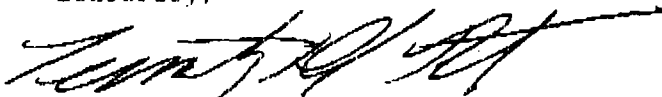
I can state my case better by telephone. I look forward to a response of some kind. I feel that this approach could alter the whole economic debate if you present these suggestions properly. You definitely would capture the complete attention of the media and the full attention of the public at large.

In closing, I hope you do not mind some personal observation from the loyal opposition... In spite of what must be difficult times in the last couple of weeks, you personally have never looked better than in the last few days. Please allow me one more thought... History will not remember the day-to-day skirmishes of any leader or administration. What will be remembered is a posture, a resolve, and a sense of presence. Liberal and Conservative popularity will always be in constant flux... popular one day and not the next. But in the end, with any luck, you will be remembered for where you stood, and how you carried yourself. None of us really have the answers... we are just scratching what we think we understand on our cave walls.

You have much to contribute. Do not make the mistake of assuming the loyal opposition is closed to your input. Here are my numbers: (817) 640-6344 (Daytime, Office), (817) 649-7908 (Daytime Office Fax), (817) 459-0852 (Home Phone), (817) 459-0852 (Home Fax).

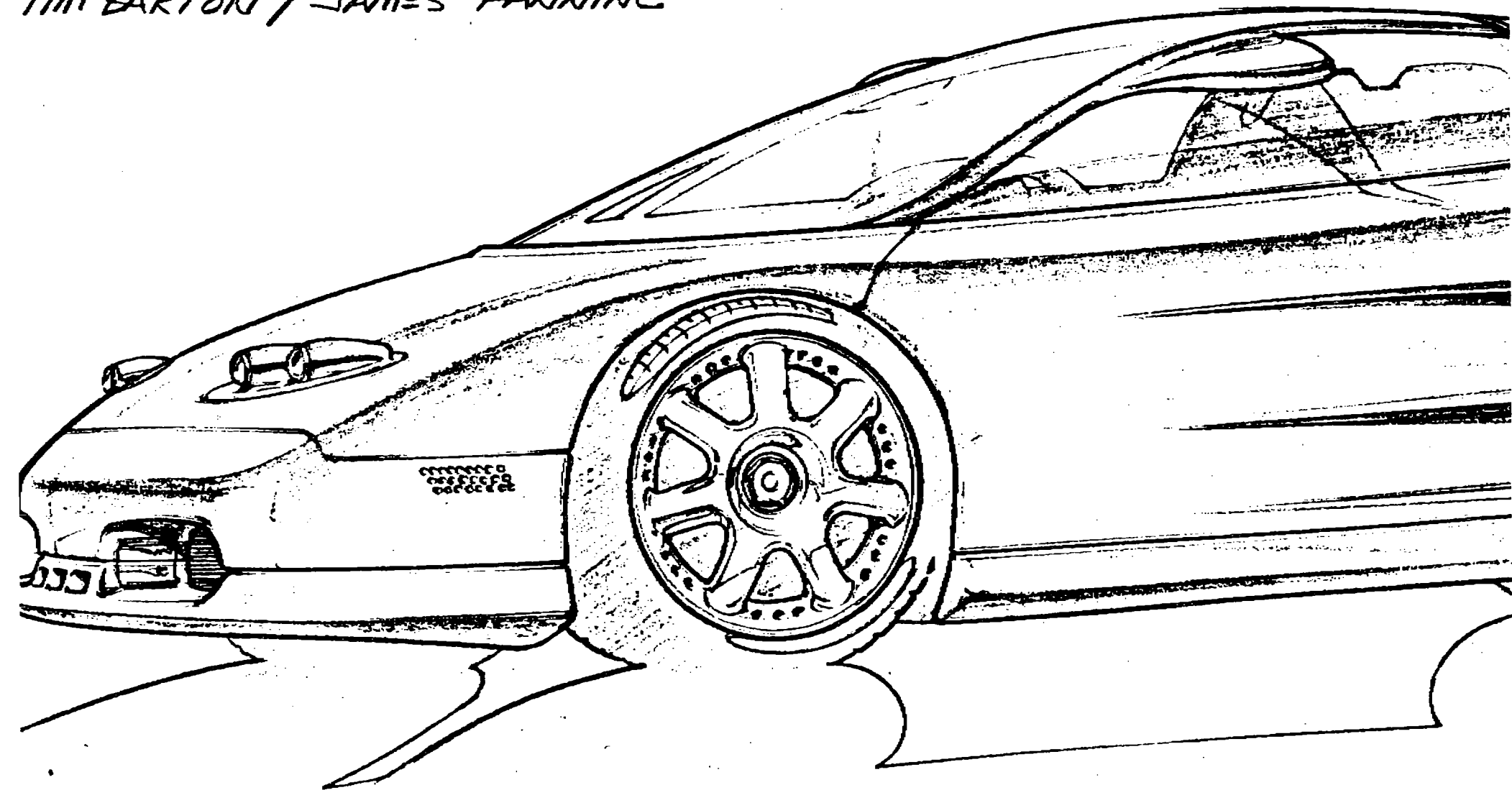
I would love to hear from you.

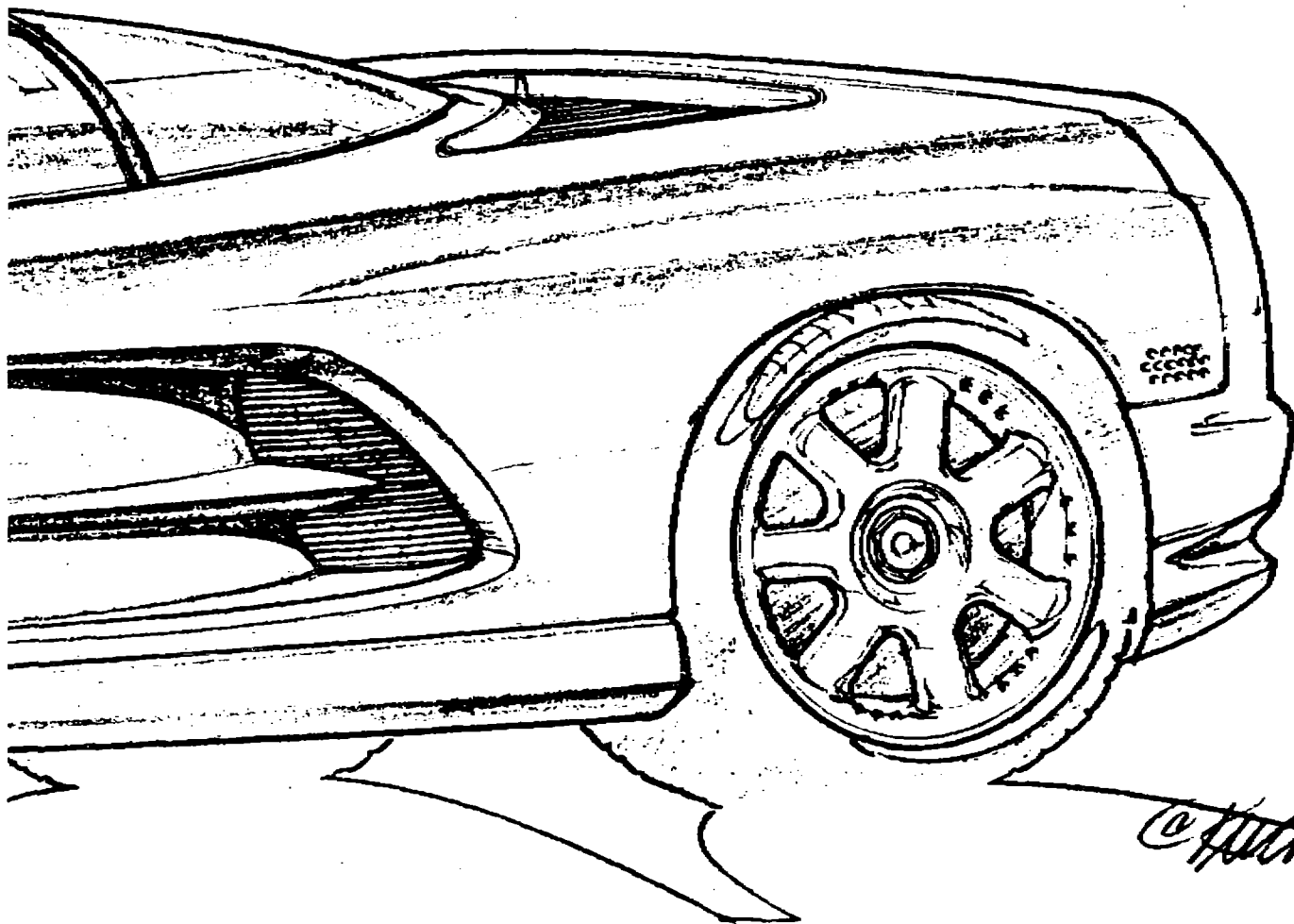
Sincerely,



Timothy Paul Barton
Vice President, Research & Development

FANNING AUTO DEVELOPMENT
TIM BARTON / JAMES FANNING





THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 6, 1994

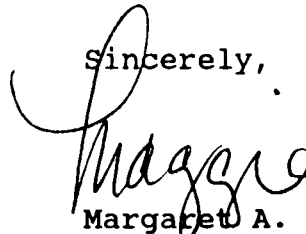
Dick Batchelor
201 S. Orange Ave.
Suite 1017
Orlando, FL 32801

Dear Dick:

A quick note to tell you how sorry I am that we couldn't work out a spot on the delegation to South Africa for you. As I understand it, there were some tough choices to make and too few spots on the delegation. I am sure you will be kept in mind for other delegations.

It was good to hear from you, as always.
Keep in touch.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Maggie".

Margaret A. Williams
Chief of Staff to the
First Lady

April 7, 1994

Ms. Maggie Williams
White House
Office of the First Lady
Room 100, OEOB
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Williams:

This letter is to follow up my telephone conversation with your assistant, Diane, during which she asked me to provide you with a copy of my resume. As you may recall, I was Chief Accountant in the Controller's office with Ursula Culver during your tenure with the Democratic National Committee. I was employed with the DNC for eleven years as Chief Accountant and as Director of Accounting. With the arrival of the new Chairman, I was let go, as well as approximately 85% of all staff. Since leaving the DNC last February, I served on numerous temporary assignments including Chief Financial Officer of an entrepreneurial environmental recycling corporation, Senior Financial Accountant of an investment mortgage corporation, and as CPA (Certified Public Accountant) of a medical association while exploring long-term opportunities. The enclosed resume reflects the qualifications that I have developed during a fifteen-year professional career.

Upon completion of my accounting degree at Virginia State University, I served as a financial analyst and accountant with Arthur Andersen & Company. During three years with that firm, I gained thorough experience in the preparation and analysis of financial statements consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. I continued accounting studies in addition to other duties during the next several years, and gained certification as a public accountant from the State of Maryland in 1991.

From 1982 through 1993, I assumed progressively more responsible positions within the financial organization of the DNC. As the DNC's Director of Accounting, I established policies and procedures that ensured the organization would adhere to sound business practices and fulfill the Federal Election Commission's reporting requirements while recapturing the White House. This experience provided an exciting period during which to understand a major business operation while gaining a solid appreciation of the legal requirements of financial management.

I would appreciate the opportunity to review any professional employment opportunities with you. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Vonda H. Batts

Vonda H. Batts, CPA

Draft

Dear Dick:

A quick note to tell you how sorry I am that we couldn't work out a spot on the delegation to South Africa for you. ~~We will definitely keep~~ you in mind for other delegations.

It was good to hear from you, as always.
Keep in touch.

Best regards,

I am sure you will be kept in mind for other delegations.

As I understand it, there were some tough choices

NOTE: Give a copy of incoming letter and response to Ann Bartley

to make and too few spots on the delegation

DBMG

April 4, 1994

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Ms. Margaret A. Williams
 Chief of Staff to the First Lady
 Executive Office Building, Rm. 100
 The White House
 Washington, D.C. 20500

Via Fax & Mail
 202/456-6244

Dear Maggie:

I have been working closely with the U.S. Department of State on a White House appointment. Through Ms. Awilda Marquez, who has been extremely helpful, I have been offered some opportunities to represent the United States as a delegate to primarily international conferences or assemblies.

The pending delegation appointment in which I have an extremely strong interest, is the delegation that will be appointed to represent the Administration at the inauguration of the new president of South Africa.

In light of my previous involvement as a delegation member to several countries with the U.S. Information Agency and, more specifically, because of my heightened interest in South Africa which was occasioned by a trip to that country as a guest of the Methodist Bishop of Johannesburg, I would very much like to participate in the referenced delegation.

While I recognize that there are a number of requests for a limited number of delegate slots, I would personally request your support of my appointment.

For your perusal, I have attached an article that I wrote on South Africa after my visit, and, under separate cover, some abbreviated biographical information that might be pertinent to this interest.

As always, thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

Dick/mei
 Dick J. Batchelor

DJB/mei
 enc.

cc: Awilda Marquez

*Sue
 Please write
 a nice letter
 from me -
 saying how
 sorry I am
 that we
 could not
 put him
 on the
 delegation*

*But will definitely keep him in mind for other delegation assignments
 AWilda*

*Copy letter
 my response
 to Ann B.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 6, 1994

Stanley Bates
Automatic Heating Equipment
735 North Jay Street
Rome, New York 13440

Dear Mr. Bates:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 13 and the accompanying articles. I will pass them on to Mrs. Clinton.

Thank you again for offering your comments and blessings.

Sincerely,


Margaret A. Williams
Chief of Staff to the First Lady

Stanley Bates Retired

AUTOMATIC HEATING EQUIPMENT

Sheet Metal Work

735 NORTH JAY STREET

--

ROME, NEW YORK 13440

Telephone 337-2320

April 13 1974

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed find two articles from the Wall Street Journal. - One good. - One very bad.

How about an investigation of the people at the J.D.A.? I think they are overstaffed. Please show this article to Hillary.

Congratulations on your work and God bless you.

Sincerely
Stanley Bates

Info for HRC to
attend - report at
Nursing Facilities &
Annual Picnic May 14
(Ohio) Note

Deane - Thank
him for comments
tell him we'll
pass article on to HRC

Deak: Linn
Green

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 6, 1994

Ms. Vonda H. Batts, CPA
8307 Quill Point Drive
Bowie, Maryland 20720

Dear Ms. Batts:

Thank you for your expression of interest in working for the Clinton Administration. We are pleased to know that so many talented people are anxious to be a part of the team. I have forwarded your resume on to the White House Personnel Office.

Thank you again for writing and for your support of the Clinton Administration.

Sincerely,



Margaret A. Williams
Chief of Staff to the
First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 28, 1994

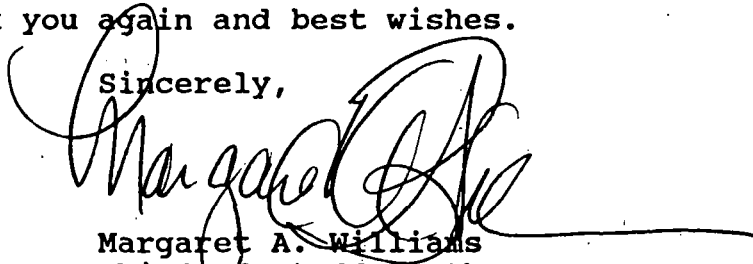
Ms. Jerri Beck
3325 Lorna Road #2-333
Birmingham, Alabama 35216

Dear Ms. Beck:

Thank you for sending me a 1995
African American calendar. I appreciate
your taking the time and effort to send me
a copy.

Thank you again and best wishes.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Margaret A. Williams', is written over the typed name and title.

Margaret A. Williams
Chief of Staff to the
First Lady

*Even
Thank you note*

PEACH PIE



SUTHERN FRYYD

GREETING CARDS

October 18, 1994

Ms. Maggie Williams
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Williams,

I am delighted to share with you my recently released 1995 African American calendar.
Peach Pie Suthern Fryyd would like to wish you a Happy Holiday!

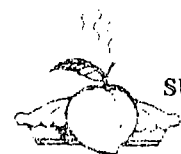
Sincerely,

Peaches

Peaches

Enclosure

PEACH PIE



SUTHERN FRYYD

GREETING CARDS

Jerri Haslem Beck
(Peaches)

3325 Lorna Road #2-333 Birmingham, Alabama
Telephone 1-800-856-6469/205-856-6469

*Maggie: 10/24/94
This is a gift. I
filled out the form
in case you wish to
keep it. The cover letter
was not clear. - Confirmed
gift through call to "Peaches"
- Steph*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 14, 1994

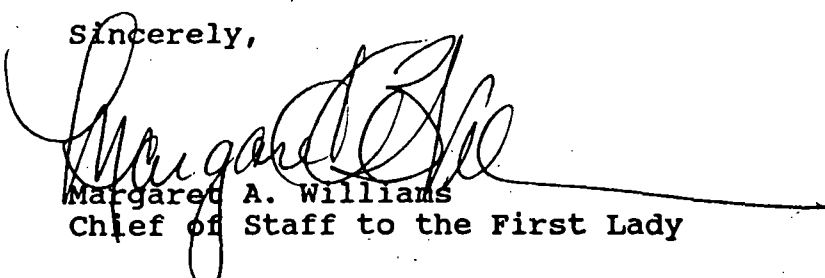
Herb Bennett
21520 Fairway Ave.
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Although I appreciate your request for a picture of me, I do not have any available to offer you. Enclosed please find an autographed photo of the First Lady. I hope that it is a nice addition to your collection.

If I can be of any further assistance to you please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Margaret A. Williams
Chief of Staff to the First Lady

Request for
an
autographed
picture of
you

Deano
Please let them
know I don't have
an autographed photo
Send one of HRB
Thanks!

Herb Bennett
21520 Fairway Ave.
Port Charlotte, FL
33952

7-29-94

Dear Ms. Williams,

I collect autographed pictures of interesting people of the world. I would be honored to receive your picture if possible. If your busy time would permit, I would appreciate an autographed picture of you. Thanks and my very best to you always!

Truly Yours,

Herb Bennett



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 1, 1994

Lisa Bernstein
Workman Publishing Co.
708 Broadway
New York, New York 10003

Dear Ms. Bernstein:

Thank you for sending me copies of Arlene Eisenberg's pregnancy and child-care books. Books such as these help inspire people across the country to nurture and support our nation's children.

Again, thank you for the materials.

Sincerely,


Margaret A. Williams
Chief of Staff to the First Lady

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Maggie Williams
Office of the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC

Dear Ms Williams,

Arlene Eisenberg asked me to send you copies of her bestselling pregnancy and child-care books. Arlene will be calling you, (at Michael Lerner's suggestion) to discuss a program she is starting to help women receive pre-natal care.

If you need additional copies of these books or have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lisa Bernstein

Lisa Bernstein
Workman Publishing
(212)614-7505

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 12, 1994

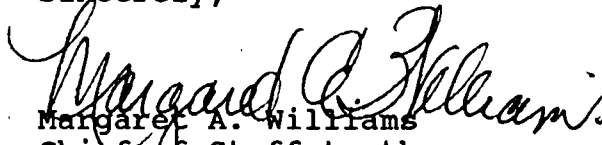
Mr. Tim Bertrand
3731 Latrobe
Los Angeles, CA 90031

Dear Mr. Betrand:

Thank you for your letter of May 26, 1994.
Words of support and encouragement are
always welcomed by the Clinton
Administration.

As requested, I have enclosed autographed
pictures of the President and First Lady.
Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,


Margaret A. Williams
Chief of Staff to the
First Lady

May 26, 1994

Ms. Maggie Williams
The White House
Old Executive Office Building #100
Washington, D.C. 20500

Maggie,

Hi. My name is Tim Bertrand, and I am a friend and co-worker of Richard Bondroff at AIDS Project Los Angeles. He just showed me an autographed picture of the President and First Lady--I am so jealous!! He told me to write you and that you could probably get them to sign one for me too. I know that they probably gets hundreds of requests a week, but this is something that would really mean a helluva lot to me. My second request would be to spend a night in the Lincoln bedroom, (I know that's impossible) but the picture would do just fine. I think they are doing a FANTASTIC job, and I have incredible respect and admiration for the President and First Lady and despite all of the crap that they've been subjected to these last few months, they both have my support-and vote for '96. Thank you and God Bless!

Tim Bertrand

p.s. I've enclosed postage for delivery

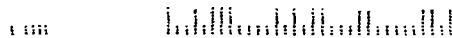
Request for
autographed
picture of Mrs. &
Mrs. C

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to see if letter
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Tim Bertrand
3731 Latrobe
Los Angeles, CA 90031



Ms. Maggie Williams
The White House
Old Executive Office Bldg., #100
Washington, D.C. 20500



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 15, 1994

Ms. Patricia Bezoenik
270 N. Tahquitz Road
San Jacinto, CA 92583

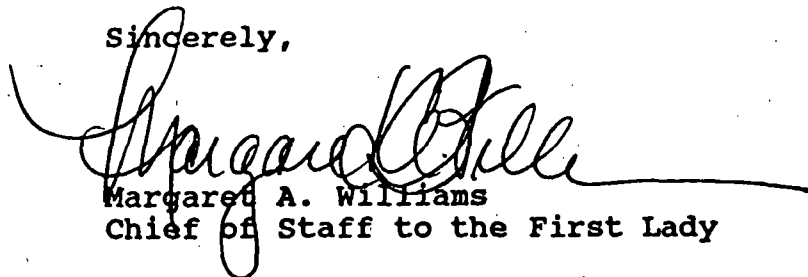
Dear Ms. Bezoenik:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 25, 1994.

I have forwarded your letter to the Office of Agency
Liaison.

I appreciate your patience and hope that this situation is
resolved satisfactorily.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Margaret A. Williams", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Margaret A. Williams
Chief of Staff to the First Lady

August 25, 1994

Margaret Ann Williams, President Assistant
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

RE: Patricia L. Bezoenik, Beneficiary-spouse
C#: 16 917 426 10
Richard V. Bezoenik, Claimant-deceased
C#: 16 917 426
Approved Claim VA - Docket No.: 91-46-291
Approved: January 31, 1994

Dear Assistant Williams:

Hopefully, you are in a position to be of assistance to me. I am enclosing only a small and more recent portion of a file which began in 1980 on my husband's hearing loss disability claim with the Veterans Administration. My husband, Richard Bezoenik, originally opened his military service related hearing loss claim in May, 1952 at the time of his discharge and again in 1980. His claim finally received acknowledgement in 1989. My husband passed away in June, 1992 with the claim still pending and under appeal at the Board of Veterans Appeals, WA DC., which I kept open. (Copy of Board of Veterans Appeals decision enclosed.)

I will attempt to keep a long ordeal short. The appeal was approved for accrued benefits on January 31, 1994, to be paid to me, as the survivor's spouse. I have been getting nothing but the run around again. The VA in Seattle, WA has presented me with another form for bills I incurred at the time of my husband's death, which they say must be completed to their satisfaction or I will not be eligible for the accrued benefits for Richard's service related hearing loss. (Letters enclosed)

Officer Wallace, VA Seattle, WA is attempting to bury this large on-going claim under another claim for Death Benefits. I want the original claim for accrued benefits, and already approved, settled before worrying about expenses for Death Benefits that might take another 14 plus years to be acted upon.

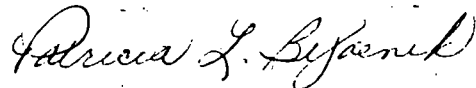
I am physically disabled, but fortunately, I am not mentally handicapped, nor a "resigned to my fate" female. I do not appreciate my intelligence being tested and my patience being pushed by men who choose to play a power game with me. Surely, someone in the Veterans Administration in Seattle, Washington is capable of reading the Order from the Board of Veterans Appeals and my letter of May, 1994. (Enclosed)

I specifically did not mention death benefits in order to avoid confusion between the two. The medical bills that existed for Richard in his last days were minimal in comparison to the accrued benefits for which we had been fighting for several years.

I have a substantial amount of benefits that should be made payable to me and apparently I am in need of assistance in getting action from someone who is capable, willing, and has the authority to get some action.

I am enclosing pertinent paperwork that will help you evaluate my circumstances. I am aware that this is not the "norm" of responsibilities for an individual in your position, but I intend to resolve this claim to my satisfaction and feel that you are the one to help me. Possibly you have the knowledge and authority, or can put me in touch with the individual who has, to assist me in acquiring ALL of the benefits to which I am entitled through the Board's decision.

Sincerely,



Patricia L. Bezoenik
270 N. Tehquitz Road
San Jacinto, CA 92583

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copy

August 25, 1994

J. F. Wallace
Adjudication Officer
Department of Veterans Affairs
Regional Office
Henry M. Jackson Federal Building
915 Second Avenue
Seattle, WA 98174

RE: Patricia L. Bezoenik, Beneficiary-Spouse
Claim #: 16 917 426 10
Richard W. Bezoenik, Claimant-Deceased
Claim #: 16 917 426

Officer Wallace:

In response to my letter dated May, 1994, you sent me additional paperwork to submit regarding death benefits. I complied, but am requesting that we please take care of priority business and the claim which has already been approved first? I am again requesting that your office settle the original claim that was filed with your office for accrued benefits for service related hearing loss for Richard W. Bezoenik - CM: 16 917 426, and approved for payment by the VA Appeals Board, WA D.C. on January, 1994, to me, Patricia L. Bezoenik, spouse of the deceased, Appeal Docket No.: 91-46-291. The percentage hearing loss acknowledged is indicated in the Appeals Board Report. (Pages 4 and 5). (Copy enclosed and being submitted to you for the third time.)

If I choose to submit another claim for any expenses incurred at the time of Richard's death, I will again submit a completely itemized VA Form 21-601 for those expenses in a separate claim. At which time, ALL of my available receipts will again be made available to your office. Those bills that I incurred at the time of Richard's death for which I do not have receipts I am not requesting reimbursement, therefore, should not be of any concern of yours. The Death Expense Benefits are a totally separate entity from the ACCRUED BENEFITS FOR SERVICE RELATED HEARING LOSS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPROVED FOR PAYMENT.

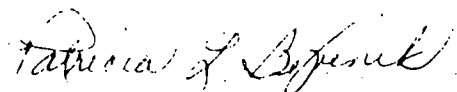
The claim for service related bilateral hearing loss, which Richard attempted to open again back in 1980 and was opened in 1989, has already been approved by the Board of Appeals, Washington DC, and is a claim that was outstanding at the time of Richard's death and I want it settled before any additional entanglements are presented by you or your office. After all of these years of paperwork, delays, Richard's death

and the process of going through the Board of Appeals for accrued benefits for Richard's hearing loss claim, I am requesting that you not attempt to bury it under a separate claim for Death Benefits which should have been resolved when I first applied for death benefits and at which time this hearing loss claim was pending for Richard. (Please note: Letter dated September 22, 1992 which you should have in your files.)

Therefore, I request that you concur to the Board of Veterans Appeals, Washington DC report, Page 7, ORDER: "Service connection for bilateral hearing loss for accrued benefits purposes is granted".

I, too, am disabled and have been since 1983, but I am not unfamiliar with military procedures, nor am I uninformed as to the monetary equivalents for percentages of service related disabilities. I request that you please settle this claim now without further unnecessary delay.

Sincerely,



Patricia L. Bezoenik
270 N. Tahquitz Road
San Jacinto, CA 92583

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**Veterans
Administration**

245 East Liberty Street
Reno, Nevada 89520

April 15, 1982

IN REPLY REFER TO: 21-24

FILE NUMBER:

RICHARD V BEZOENIK
P O BOX 345
HENDERSON NV 89015

16-917-426/00
R V BEZOE

We have received your application for benefits. If you find it necessary to write or contact the Veterans Administration, be sure to indicate your file number and name.

May, 1994

J. F. Wallace
Adjudication Officer
Department of Veterans Affairs
Regional Office
Henry M. Jackson Federal Building
915 Second Avenue
Seattle, WA 98174

RE: 346/211A
XC 16 917 426
R V Bezoenik

Attention: J. F. Wallace

Dear Sir:

My name is Patricia L. Bezoenik, 16-917-426-10. My husband Richard V. Bezoenik died on June 10, 1992. At the time of his death he had an appeal pending before the Board of Veterans Appeals which we kept intact. On January 31, I received the decision of the board in which I was assured I would be able to collect my husbands benefits.

To this date, I have received no paperwork explaining when and how I would receive his accrued hearing loss disability benefits. The percentage of loss is indicated in the Board of Appeals decision. When can I expect these benefits to be paid?

Due to the period of time that this claim has taken to be determined, I would appreciate the compensation to which the Board of Appeals has indicated I am entitled. May I please have your early reply in order to resolve this claim?

Sincerely,

Patricia L. Bezoenik
270 W. Tahquitz Road
San Jacinto, CA 92533

Enc.: Copy of Board of Appeals Decision
R V Bezoenik, XC 16 917 426
Docket No. 91-46 291



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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Regional Office

Henry M. Jackson Federal Building

915 Second Avenue

Seattle WA 98174

In Reply Refer To:

346/211A

XC 16 917 426

Patricia L. Bezoenik
270 N Tahquitz Road
San Jacinto CA 92583

Dear Ms. Bezoenik:

Please furnish the evidence described below as soon as possible so that further action may be taken on your claim for benefits.

-Please complete and return the enclosed VA Form 21-601.

After we receive your completed application, the medical evidence submitted previously must be evaluated by the Rating Board and a percentage of disability assigned. This will determine the amount available to be paid as accrued benefits. You will be notified as soon as a decision has been made.

If you have any further questions, please write or call us toll-free at 1-800-827-1000.

Privacy Act Information: The information requested by this letter is authorized by existing law (38 U.S.C. 210(c)(1)) and is considered necessary and relevant to determine entitlement to maximum benefits applied for under the law. The information submitted may be disclosed outside the VA only as permitted by law.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. WALLACE
Adjudication Officer

Enclosure: VA Form 21-601

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July 26, 1994

J. F. Wallace, Adjudication Officer
Department of Veterans Affairs
Regional Office
Henry M. Jackson Federal Building
915 Second Avenue
Seattle, WA 98174

RE: 346/211A
KC 16 917 426
Richard Bezoenik
Deceased Claimant
Patricia Bezoenik
Beneficiary
KC 16 917-426 10

Dear Officer Wallace:

Enclosed you will find all the evidence available for me to submit to you with regards to my beneficiary claim.

The Colville Medical Center was very cooperative in forwarding to me a form showing the total amount I paid for Richard's final bills. Mount Carmel Hospital, I finally had to call long-distance and was informed that they no longer had any records for Richard Bezoenik. Therefore, I am submitting the only receipts that I have in my possession from the hospital billing department showing payments I made.

Since your office notified me that Richard's claim would remain open, at my request, I have asked Danekas Funeral Home to submit the necessary paperwork to you a number of times, in order that possibly part of the \$1,354 might be eligible for payment by the VA.

They have ignored my requests for them to submit paperwork to VA. Social Security paid \$255 for Richard's burial, which I turned over to Danekas, I paid \$650 on the expense. With an income of \$472 a month in disability payments and no insurance on Richard, I could no longer make payments on this bill and it was turned over to collections. (paperwork enclosed) I am aware that the interest on this bill is not covered in my beneficiary benefits, but I have been unable to get any cooperation from Danekas to submit any paperwork to the VA in regards to any compensation for this debt. I trust that your department will handle this bill as you deem warranted.

I appreciate your action in helping me to settle my claim.

Sincerely,

Patricia L. Bezoenik
270 N. Tahquitz Road
San Jacinto, CA 92583

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Regional Office
Henry M. Jackson Federal Building
915 Second Avenue
Seattle WA 98174

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In Reply Refer To

346/211A
XC 16 917 426

Patricia L. Bezoenik
270 N. Tahquitz Road
San Jacinto CA 92583

Dear Ms. Bezoenik:

We have denied your claim for accrued benefits because you did not send us the information we asked for. Before we can decide the merits of your claim, we need a completed VA Form 21-601, Application for Reimbursement from Accrued Amounts Due a Deceased Beneficiary. We asked for this evidence in our letter of May 16, 1994.

You can still submit the requested evidence, however, we must receive a completed application within one year of our request for this evidence. If we do not receive your application by May 16, 1995, we cannot pay benefits based on accrued amounts due a deceased beneficiary.

If you disagree with this denial and believe we have enough evidence to award benefits now, please see the enclosed VA Form 4107. It explains your right to appeal our decision.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. WALLACE
Adjudication Officer

Enclosure: VA Form 4107

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**Department of
Veterans Affairs**

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SEATTLE WA 98174

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August 3, 1993

In Reply Refer To:

PATRICIA L BEZOENIK
1106 CLUGSTON CK RD
COLVILLE WA 99114

File Number:
16-917-426/10
R V BEZOE

We have received your application for benefits. You do not have to take any more action now. However, if you need to contact us, be sure to show THE VETERAN'S file number and full name.

J. F. WALLACE
ADJUDICATION OFFICER



**Department of
Veterans Affairs**

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SEATTLE WA 98174

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August 16, 1994

In Reply Refer To:

PATRICIA L BOEZOENIK
270 N TAHQUITZ RD
SAN JACINTO CA 92583

File Number:
16-917-426/10
R V BEZOE

We have received your application for benefits. It is our sincere desire to decide your case promptly. However, as we have a great number of claims, action on yours may be delayed. We are now in the process of deciding whether additional evidence or information is needed. If we need anything else from you, we will contact you, so there is no need to contact us in the meantime. If you do write us, be sure to show THE VETERAN'S file number and full name, or have it at hand if you call.

IF YOU RESIDE IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES, ALASKA, HAWAII OR PUERTO RICO, YOU MAY CONTACT VA WITH QUESTIONS AND RECEIVE FREE HELP BY CALLING OUR TOLL-FREE NUMBER 1-800-827-1000 (FOR HEARING IMPAIRED TDD 1-800-829-4833).

J. F. WALLACE
ADJUDICATION OFFICER

September 22, 1992

Department of Veterans Affairs
Federal Building
915 2nd Avenue
Seattle, WA 98174

Attention: J. F. Wallace, Adjudication Officer

Dear Officer Wallace:

Please check your records for Richard V. Bezoenik, File Number 16-917-426/00. You will find that Mr. Bezoenik did in fact have an open claim pending on the date of his death which would have resulted in entitlement to disability compensation.

According to the Board of Veterans' Appeals, Washington, D.C. Docket No.: 91-46-291 letter that was sent, dated August 20, 1992, on page 2 REMAND it states that the veteran's application to reopen his claim for service connection for bilateral hearing loss is well grounded, meaning it is not inherently implausible.

Unfortunately, Mr. Bezoenik has passed away, but with the evidence given, the Veterans Administration is at least under the obligation to assume responsibility for the plot or interment allowance because of Mr. Bezoenik's open claim pending and the Board of Veteran's Appeals report.

I am requesting, again, that the Veterans Administration pay the claim for the plot or interment allowance for Richard V. Bezoenik who passed away June 10, 1992. Please pay the Danekas Funeral Chapel, 155 West First Avenue, Colville, WA 99114.

Respectfully,



Patricia L. Bezoenik
1106 Clugston Creek Rd.
Colville, WA 99114



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Regional Office
Henry M. Jackson Federal Building
915 Second Avenue
Seattle WA 98174

SEPT. 29, 1992

Patricia L. Bezoenik
1106 Clugston Creek Rd
Colville, Wa 99114

In Reply Refer To:

346/211A
XC 16 917 426
R V Bezoenik

Dear Mrs. Bezoenik:

At the time of your husband's death, he had an appeal pending before the Board of Veterans Appeals.

We need to know if you wish to continue Mr. Bezoenik's appeal. If you do, we need to have a list of all medical providers your husband saw who provided treatment for a hearing loss or noted that he did have such a loss. The list should contain names, full addresses and dates of examinations or treatment.

Please let us know within 60 days if you wish to continue the appeal. If we do not hear from you, we will assume you do not wish to continue.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. WALLACE
Adjudication Officer

Enclosures: VA Form 21-4138

cc: DAV

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STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM

PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION: The law authorizes us to request the information we are asking you to provide on this form. (38 U.S.C. 210(c) (1)) The responses you submit are considered confidential. (38 U.S.C. 3301) They may be disclosed outside the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) only if the disclosure is authorized by the Privacy Act, including the routine uses identified in the system of records, 58VA21/22, Compensation, Pension, Education and Rehabilitation Records-VA, published in the Federal Register. The requested information is considered relevant and necessary to determine maximum benefits under the law. Information submitted is subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies.

RESPONDENT BURDEN: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1/4 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the VA Clearance Officer (732), 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20420; and to the office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (2900-0075) Washington, DC 20503. Do not send requests for benefits to these addresses.

FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME - LAST NAME OF VETERAN (Type or print)

SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

VA FILE NO.

RICHARD VICTOR BEZOENIK

527-66-3812

C-16 917 426

The following statement is made in connection with a claim for benefits in the case of the above-named veteran:

Dr Schott - Hearing Diagnosis, MAY, 19, Sheboygan, WI
Las Vegas, NV
Dr ROUTH - SUNRISE Hospital, 1981-82 when qualifying for
Social Security this evaluation was taken
into consideration.

Dr. P. Barker - Colville Medical Center
1200 E. Columbia
Colville, WA 99114

Richard was Dr Barker's patient from 1/85 through
the time of his death & is fully aware of Richard's
extreme hearing loss.

Dr. McClelland, 11414 Houk, Valley Medical Center, Spokane, WA
March 6, 1989

I am requesting that the claim for Richard V. Bezenik
remain open & that the VA assume responsibility for
paying his VA Burial Benefits ASAP Thank you. (CONTINUE ON REVERSE)

I CERTIFY THAT the statements on this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE

DATE SIGNED

ADDRESS

Patricia L. Bezenik / wife

10/21/92

1106 Clugston Creek Rd, Colville, WA 99114

PENALTY: The law provides severe penalties which include fine or imprisonment, or both, for the willful submission of any statement or evidence of a material fact, knowing it to be false.



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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
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Henry M. Jackson Federal Building
915 Second Avenue
Seattle WA 98174

In Reply Refer To:

346/211B
C: 16-917-426

Mr. Richard V. Bezoenik
1106 Clugston Creek Rd.
Colville, WA. 99114

We have completed local review of your appeal and are forwarding your file to the Board of Veterans Appeals in Washington, D.C., for final action.

Appeals are considered by the Board as promptly as possible in the order of receipt. The removal of a case from the orderly course of procedure to reply to an inquiry may result in delay in the consideration and resolution of the case.

If you have requested to appear personally at a hearing before the Board of Veterans Appeals, you will receive further information by separate letter.

The Board of Veterans Appeals will notify you of any determination they make.

Sincerely yours,


J. F. WALLACE
Adjudication Officer

cc: DAV

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915 Second Avenue
Seattle WA 98174

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In Reply Refer To:

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Mrs. Patricia E. Bezoenik
~~1106 Clugston Creek Rd~~ 270 NO. TANQUITZ RD.
~~Coleville WA 99114~~ SAN JACINTO, CA 92583

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XC 16 917 426
BEZOENIK, RICHARD V.

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Dear Mrs. Patricia E. Bezoenik

This is in further reference to the appeal you have filed from our decision on your claim for benefits.

Before placing your records on the docket of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, we are giving you the opportunity to make any comment you wish concerning the additional information in the enclosed Supplemental Statement of the Case. If you have filed a Substantive Appeal with respect to the issues contained in the original Statement of the Case or prior Supplemental Statement(s) of the Case, a response at this time is optional.

If this Supplemental Statement of the Case, however, contains an issue which was not included in any prior Statement of the Case or Supplemental Statement of the Case, you must respond within 60 days to perfect your appeal as to the new issue. If you do not timely file a Substantive Appeal as to the new issue(s), we will place your records on the docket of the Board of Veterans' Appeals for review of the prior issues, and the Board of Veterans' Appeals will provide you with a copy of its decision.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. WALLACE
Adjudication Officer

Enclosures

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Prior to Mr. Bezoenik's death the Board of Appeals found that Mr. Bezoenik's claim to reopen for service connected bilateral hearing loss was well grounded & not inherently implausible. Mr. Bezoenik submitted an earlier letter all documentation available to him on which the Board of Appeals based their findings. Please note my address change. All evidence was previously submitted by Mr. Bezoenik. I am enclosing the release of information forms as per your request. I was holding on to them until I had a permanent address. Thank you

IN THE APPEAL OF
PATRICIA L. BEZOENIK

XC 16 917 426

IN THE CASE OF
RICHARD V. BEZOENIK

This is to certify that this document is a true
and correct copy of the Board's decision
relating to the above appellant's appeal.



BOARD OF VETERANS' APPEALS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20420

DOCKET NO. 91-46 291

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JAN 31 1994

THE ISSUE

Entitlement to service connection for bilateral hearing loss for
accrued benefits purposes.

REPRESENTATION

Appellant represented by: Disabled American Veterans

ATTORNEY FOR THE BOARD

Richard F. Williams, Counsel

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IN THE APPEAL OF
PATRICIA L. BEZOENIK

XC 16 917 426

IN THE CASE OF
RICHARD V. BEZOENIK

INTRODUCTION

The veteran had active service from October 1950 to May 1952.

This matter originally came to the Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board) from an April 1990 decision of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Seattle, Washington, Regional Office (RO), which found that the veteran had not submitted new and material evidence to reopen his claim for service connection for bilateral hearing loss. The notice of disagreement was received later that month. The statement of the case was issued in June 1991. The substantive appeal was received in July 1991. The case was received and docketed at the Board in October 1991. The veteran's service representative, Disabled American Veterans, submitted additional written argument in September 1991 and March 1992.

The Board remanded the case to the RO in August 1992 for further development. A death certificate received subsequent to that remand shows that the veteran died on June 10, 1992. In response to a letter sent to his widow, the appellant, in a statement received in October 1992, indicated that she wanted to continue her husband's appeal. A supplemental statement of the case was sent to her in April 1993. The case was returned to the Board in August 1993. The appellant's representative, Disabled American Veterans, submitted additional written argument in October 1993.

An RO decision in September 1952, in part, denied the veteran's claim of service connection for hearing loss. That decision was not appealed and became final. The evidence submitted subsequent to that decision includes a Social Security Administration (SSA) Administrative Law Judge's (ALJ) decision in January 1983, which granted the veteran disability benefits, in part, on the basis of medical records that showed bilateral hearing loss, and a private audiological examination of the veteran in March 1989, which showed that he had bilateral hearing loss. The Board finds that this additional evidence is new and material, within the meaning of 38 U.S.C.A. §§ 5108, 7105; 38 C.F.R. § 3.156 (1993), since the evidence was not in the record at the time of the decision noted above, and it raises a reasonable possibility of changing the prior denial. See Colvin v. Derwinski, 1 Vet.App. 171 (1991). Accordingly, the claim of service connection for bilateral hearing loss is reopened.

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CONTENTIONS OF APPELLANT ON APPEAL

The appellant contends that service connection is warranted for the veteran's bilateral hearing loss for accrued benefits purposes.

DECISION OF THE BOARD

The Board, in accordance with the provisions of 38 U.S.C.A. § 7104 (West 1991), has reviewed and considered all of the evidence and material of record in the veteran's claims file. The Board has determined that only those items listed in the "Certified List" attached to this decision and incorporated by reference herein are relevant evidence in the consideration of the appellant's claim. Based on its review of the relevant evidence in this matter, and for the following reasons and bases, it is the decision of the Board that the preponderance of the evidence supports the claim of service connection for bilateral hearing loss for accrued benefits purposes.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Bilateral hearing loss was shown within a few weeks after the veteran's separation from service and was attributed to acoustic trauma while on active duty.
2. Bilateral hearing loss was confirmed by examinations in the 1980's.
3. The veteran's bilateral hearing loss began during or as the result of acoustic trauma while on active duty.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Bilateral hearing loss was incurred in active service; the requirements for service connection for bilateral hearing loss for accrued benefits have been met. 38 U.S.C.A. §§ 1155, 5121; 38 C.F.R. §§ 3.303, 3.1000 (1993).

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IN THE CASE OF
RICHARD V. BEZOENIK

REASONS AND BASES FOR FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

I. Factual Background

The veteran had active service from October 1950 to May 5, 1952. The service medical records are negative for any finding indicative of hearing loss in either ear. The veteran's separation examination in April 1952 included a whispered voice hearing test that was reported as 15/15 bilaterally.

E. G. Schott, M.D., an ear, nose and throat physician, reported in a private medical statement, dated in late May 1952, that the veteran was evaluated at that time and gave a history of some impairment of hearing and ringing in the ears since he had been assigned to the firing range. He stated that he had been firing every week for the past two years; it was noted that he had recently been discharged from the Marine Corps. A conversational voice hearing test in late May 1952 showed hearing of 15/15 on the right and 8/15 on the left. A whispered voice hearing test was reported as 8/15 on the right and 5/15 on the left. An audiogram revealed 12 percent loss of hearing on the right and 30 percent loss of hearing on the left. There was depression in the central portion of the audiogram, being most marked at 2,000 cycles. On physical examination, the veteran's eardrums were slightly retracted; his throat was slightly infected and there was marked enlargement of the tonsils. The impression was impaired hearing bilaterally, moderately severe, secondary to heavy firing.

In a rating decision dated in September 1952, the veteran's claim for service connection was denied on the basis that the hearing loss noted by Dr. Schott was due to an upper respiratory infection the veteran developed after his service discharge.

A SSA ALJ's decision, dated in January 1983, shows that the veteran was granted disability benefits at that time, in part, on the basis of bilateral hearing loss. The medical evidence relied upon was dated in the early 1980's.

The veteran underwent a private audiological evaluation in March 1989. A history of bilateral sensorineural hearing loss for many years, presumably related to military service, was obtained at that time. It was further reported that he was in the advanced guard of the Marines and helped call in artillery strikes. He had had some difficulty with communication for a number of years. The audiometric evaluation revealed hearing threshold levels in

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decibels at 250, 500, 750, 1,000, 1,500, 2,000, 3,000, 4,000, 6,000 and 8,000 hertz as follows: 20, 20, 40, 70, 75, 65, 55, 65, 65, and 60, respectively, in the right ear; and 15, 20, 25, 60, 70, 70, 70, 75, 75 and 65, respectively, in the left ear. Speech reception threshold was 30, bilaterally. Speech discrimination was 68 percent on the right and 56 percent on the left. The assessment was severe bilateral sensorineural hearing loss.

In June 1992, the appellant submitted a copy of the veteran's service discharge which noted that his military occupational speciality was that of a field artillery fire control man.

II. Legal Analysis

Upon the death of a veteran, periodic monetary benefits to which he was entitled on the basis of evidence in the file at the date of death, and due and unpaid for a period of not more than one year prior to death, may be paid to the living person first listed as follows: (1) His spouse, (2) his children (in equal shares), (3) his dependent parents (in equal shares).
38 U.S.C.A. § 5121; 38 C.F.R. § 3.1000.

Service connection may be granted for any disease diagnosed after discharge, when all the evidence, including that pertinent to service, establishes that the disease was incurred in service.
38 C.F.R. § 3.303(d).

Service connection may be granted for disability resulting from disease or injury incurred in or aggravated by wartime service.
38 U.S.C.A. § 1110.

Service connection for impaired hearing shall not be established when hearing status meets pure tone and speech regulation criteria. Hearing status shall not be considered service connected when the thresholds for the frequencies of 500, 1,000, 2,000, 3,000 and 4,000 hertz are all less than 40 decibels; the thresholds for at least three of these frequencies are 25 decibels or less; and speech recognition scores using the Maryland CNC Test are 94 percent or better. 38 C.F.R. § 3.385.

The service medical records are negative for any finding suggestive of a hearing deficit in either ear. However, a private ear, nose and throat specialist reported within a few weeks after the veteran's separation from active duty that an evaluation of the veteran at that time showed bilateral hearing

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loss. The findings reported by Dr. Schott do not show hearing loss for VA service connection purposes, as outlined in 38 C.F.R. § 3.385. However, this regulation only bars service connection if the veteran did not meet the hearing loss standards of the regulation at the time of the current claim, and service connection is still possible if it is shown that the veteran had hearing loss which satisfies the criteria of the regulation at the time of the claim, and the evidence as a whole establishes service incurrence or aggravation. Ledford v. Derwinski, 3 Vet.App. 87 (1992).

Dr. Schott's evaluation showed that the veteran had bilateral hearing loss within a few weeks after service. It is quite evident from the history obtained from the veteran at that time and the documentation submitted in June 1992 that he was exposed to acoustic trauma while on active duty. The March 1989 private audiological evaluation revealed findings consistent with bilateral hearing loss as defined by 38 C.F.R. § 3.385. There remains a considerable evidentiary gap between the time of Dr. Schott's report in 1952 and the 1989 audiological evaluation. It is apparent that evidence relied upon by a SSA administrative law judge in January 1983 included medical evidence of hearing loss, but it was dated during the early 1980's, which still leaves a period of well over 25 years. However, given the nature of the veteran's duty during the Korean Conflict, the demonstration of bilateral hearing loss so soon after he was discharged, and the March 1989 audiological findings, which, again, show hearing loss for VA service connection purposes, it is our judgment that the continuity of symptomatology requirement is satisfied. 38 C.F.R. § 3.303. In short, it is our opinion that the conclusion reached in the September 1952 rating decision that the hearing loss found by Dr. Schott was attributable to an upper respiratory infection he was suffering from at that time, while reasonable at that time, has proven to be erroneous. That is, hearing loss due to the upper respiratory infection probably would have been acute and transitory and the veteran's hearing loss has been persistent and chronic.

In summary, the Board finds that the veteran's bilateral hearing deficit was incurred in active service. Accordingly, service connection for bilateral hearing loss for accrued benefits purposes is warranted.

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ORDER

Service connection for bilateral hearing loss for accrued benefits purposes is granted.



BOARD OF VETERANS' APPEALS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20420

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(MEMBER TEMPORARILY ABSENT)


L. W. TOBIN


STEPHEN A. JONES

*38 U.S.C.A. § 7102(a)(2)(A) (West 1991) permits a Board of Veterans' Appeals Section, upon direction of the Chairman of the Board, to proceed with the transaction of business without awaiting assignment of an additional member to the Section when the Section is composed of fewer than three Members due to absence of a Member, vacancy on the Board or inability of the Member assigned to the Section to serve on the panel. The Chairman has directed that the Section proceed with the transaction of business, including the issuance of decisions, without awaiting the assignment of a third Member.

NOTICE OF APPELLATE RIGHTS: Under 38 U.S.C.A. § 7266 (West 1991), a decision of the Board of Veterans' Appeals granting less than the complete benefit, or benefits, sought on appeal is appealable to the United States Court of Veterans Appeals within 120 days from the date of mailing of notice of the decision,

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provided that a Notice of Disagreement concerning an issue which was before the Board was filed with the agency of original jurisdiction on or after November 18, 1988. Veterans' Judicial Review Act, Pub. L. No. 100-687, § 402 (1988). The date which appears on the face of this decision constitutes the date of mailing and the copy of this decision which you have received is your notice of the action taken on your appeal by the Board of Veterans' Appeals.

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CERTIFIED LIST

1. Service medical records.
2. National Personnel Records Center's response to RO reflecting veteran's active service from October 1950 to May 1952.
3. Private medical statement dated in May 1952, submitted by Dr. Schott.
4. RO rating decision and notice of that decision to the veteran dated in September 1952.
5. SSA ALJ's decision dated in January 1983.
6. RO decision dated in May 1987 and RO letter to veteran notifying him of that decision dated in June 1987.
7. Private clinical record and audiological examination report dated in March 1989.
8. Veteran's letter received in April 1991, accepted as notice of disagreement.
9. Supplemental statement of the case issued in June 1991, with enclosure letter.
10. Veteran's letter received in July 1991.
11. VA Form 1-9 received in July 1991, accepted as veteran's substantive appeal.
12. Representative's written argument dated in September 1991.
13. Veteran's letter dated in September 1991 canceling RO hearing.
14. Representative's written argument dated in March 1992.
15. Board remand dated in August 1992.
16. Veteran's death certificate and copy of his service discharge received in June 1992.
17. RO letter dated in September 1992 notifying appellant that the veteran did not have a claim pending on the date of

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death which would have resulted in entitlement to disability compensation.

18. Appellant's letter dated in September 1992 accepted as notice of disagreement.
19. Appellant's letter dated in October 1992.
20. RO letter dated in December 1992, requesting appellant to sign medical release forms.
21. Supplemental statement of the case issued in April 1993, with enclosure letter.
22. Representative's written argument dated in August 1993.
23. Representative's written argument dated in October 1993.

--- END OF CERTIFIED LIST ---

6 April 1994

Ms. Margaret Williams
Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Maggie:

Since we worked together many years ago, I wanted to let you know that you have our prayers and unqualified support in this difficult period. I was very proud of you and how you handled yourself during the Grand Jury testimony. My wife and I are continuing to keep you in our prayers. It is difficult for one to keep "cool" and retain poise and dignity at such times, and you did magnificently.

Incidentally, my students at American University -- including the Republicans -- felt that the whole Whitewater issue is overblown. For what it is worth, I agree.

The very best to you.

Frank

J.F. Bierlein
2919 Williston Place, #202
Falls Church, Virginia 22044

Dear Frank -

Many thanks for your
kind words of encouragement and support.
I really appreciate your
prayers. Keep
the prayers coming,
Maggie



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March 31, 1994

Dear Ms. Williams,

I have yet one last item for Mrs. Clinton from the Commitment To Life show in which she was honored this January. Previously I sent you her award and a copy of the optimist in which her speech was recited. Enclosed you will find a tape of the show for her viewing pleasure. I'm sure you would enjoy it also. It contains performances by Bruce Springsteen, Whitney Houston, Elizabeth Taylor, Tom Cruise, and a cast of many other fabulous entertainers. The tape also includes Mrs. Clinton's appearance. I hope you enjoy the tape. On a completely different note, I am a major supporter and fan of the Clinton's. If possible, nothing would tickle me more than a photo, note, anything with either one or both of their signatures. If there is anything that you could do, I would appreciate it. If you have any questions or require any additional tapes, please give me a call at 213-993-1560.

Sincerely


Richard S. Bondroff

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May 17, 1994

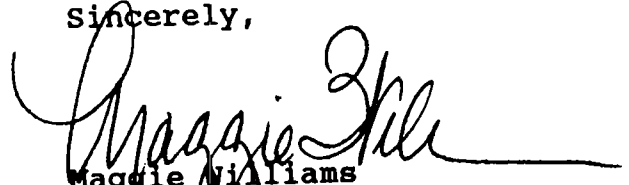
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Falls Church, VA 22044

Dear Frank:

Many thanks for your kinds words of encouragement. I really appreciate and need your prayers.

Keep the prayers coming.

Sincerely,


Maggie Williams
Chief of Staff to the
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June 6, 1994

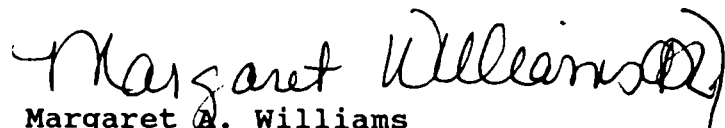
Otis Bivins
Northwest Station
P.O. Box 60954
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73146

Dear Mr. Bivins:

Thank you for your letter and resume.

I have forwarded your correspondence to
the Office of Presidential Personnel for
their review.

Sincerely,

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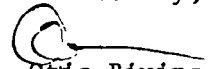
Margaret A. Williams
Chief of Staff to the
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Northwest Station
P.O. Box 60954
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73146
April 18, 1994

The White House
Office Of The First Lady
Attn: Margaret Williams, Chief Of Staff To The First Lady
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500
Dear Ms Williams:

In view of the 3 months passed , and no response from you was ever received, I am wondering, did the postman fail to deliver my enclosed January 18th letter or was my request **FOR A HELPING HAND** asking too much of you?

Sincerely,


Otis Bivins

*Please
Send Secret Service
After you send
a letter from me
saying I have
referred his
materials
to person*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date April 29, 1994

MEMO FROM: MAGGIE WILLIAMS

TO:

Rahm Emanuel	_____	Bernie Nussbaum	_____
Mark Gearan	_____	Howard Paster	_____
Marcia Hale	_____	John Podesta	_____
Charlotte Hayes	_____	Carol Rasco	_____
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Mack McLarty	_____	Christine Varney	_____
Regina Montoya	_____	David Watkins	_____
<u>Mr. Mendoza</u>	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

The attached is for your:

Information X

Advice _____

Action _____

COMMENTS:

Northwest Station
P.O. Box 60954
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73146
January 18, 1994

The White House
Office Of The First Lady
Attn: Margaret Williams, Chief Of Staff To The First Lady
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Miss Williams:

In reference to your statement (colored pink on the enclosed newspaper article), and by virtue of your political appointment position, plus acquaintance with Hillary Clinton before she became First Lady, you are affirmly recognized as a person with afforded advantages. Unless the pink colored statement on the enclosed newspaper article is a misquote, I (one of the less fortunate) would like to become a recipient of your obligatory help. Specifically, I would like to acquire what you have received (political appointment). Would there be an administrative position (actual or created) on your staff for me? I am available to help you, the First Lady, and President Clinton, to refine, achieve, and implement goals, programs, and ideas during the next three years. I will be receptive to whatever appointed position offered (Assistant, Special Assistant, Deputy Assistant, Staff Assistant, Confidential Assistant, Aide, etc.) in Washington, D.C. or elsewhere.

As a result of being devoid of a high profile social status, and not having gained a national reputation that is replete with the right contacts (who wield political clout) in high places, the traditional method of acquiring a political appointment in the Clinton Administration is closed to me. Admittedly, I am an anonymous person who is not a part of your inner circle nor am I someone you know on a first name basis. I am just an unemployed, common (as distinguished from prominent), ordinary guy, **ASKING YOU FOR A HELPING HAND** in acquiring an equal opportunity to serve. I do not possess a portfolio full of sterling credentials designed to evoke a favorable subjective or sensory image nor am I a political protege of a Democratic elite. I stand on my own merits as a loyal, intelligent, responsible, team player, with a genuine commitment to national public service. My secondary qualifications are in the form of personal resources which encompass an attitude of service, an energetic willingness to work hard in a persistent manner, and a unlimited capacity to learn quickly, plus a compelling desire to succeed. In addition, I possess a sound mind, flexibility, good judgement, common sense, and emotional stability.

Otis Bivins
Northwest Station
Post Office Box 60954
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73146
(405) 524-6965 (Between 6:00am and 10:00am)

OBJECTIVE

Administrative Staff Position

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- * Over 14 years management, administrative & analytical experience in business & government.
- * Practical working knowledge of agency & business administrative activities at all levels.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Management

- * Directed Internal Control Program.
- * Directed Intergovernmental Personnel Act Program.
- * Directed Contract Students Program.
- * Directed Methods Improvement Program.
- * Directed Space Development & Allocation Program.
- * Assisted In The Direction Of A Wage Incentive Bonus Program.

Administrative

- * Reviewed, studied & evaluated suggestions.
- * Formulated job descriptions.
- * Reviewed, studied, evaluated, updated or eliminated standard operating procedures.
- * Revised & made change recommendations on proposed or actual organizational policies.
- * Developed a computerized auditing tracking system.
- * Conducted analytical studies of manpower utilization & managerial effectiveness.
- * Developed division long range plans.
- * Evaluated proposed realignments of mission, function & organizational structure.
- * Performed cost estimates.
- * Prepared performance appraisals.
- * Designed/redesigned forms & questionnaires.

Communication

- * Wrote reports, summaries, letters, memorandums, proposals, policies & instructions.
- * Addressed large & small groups, made presentations & chaired meetings.

WORK HISTORY

1990-1993	Research Analyst	BFRS Corporation	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
1983-1989	Management Analyst	Federal Government Agencies	Alexandria, Virginia
1978-1982	Intelligence Analyst	United States Army	Panama, Canal Zone
1976-1978	Staff Industrial Engineer	Xerox Corporation	Webster, New York
1974-1976	Plant Industrial Engineer	Oscar Mayer & Company	Chicago, Illinois

EDUCATION

M.B.A.	University Of Southern California	Business Administration
B.S.	University Of Arizona	Public Administration
A.A.	Pima Community College	Liberal Arts

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29 September 1994

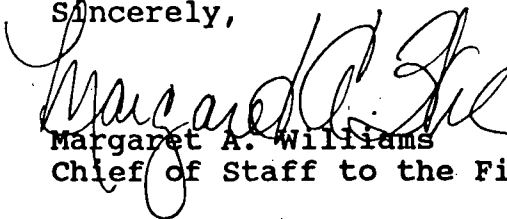
Robert Black Jr.
#C-15885/A8-109
P.O. Box 7500
Crescent City, CA 95531-7500

Dear Mr. Black:

Your positive thoughts and suggestions on health care, jobs, and welfare are greatly appreciated.

The Clinton Administration values your insight and suggestions regarding these complex issues. Thank you for sharing your ideas with us and spending the time and effort to express your views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Margaret A. Williams", is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Margaret A. Williams
Chief of Staff to the First Lady

Evan send
out Form -
"Thanks for Comments"
MAGGIO

Comments/
suggestions
for Health Care,
jobs, welfare

Robert Black Jr

C-15885/A8-109

P.O. Box 7500

Crescent City, CA 95531-7500

8-8-94

Hello Ms. Williams:

I'm personally writing this letter, because I hope that you will bring some positive thoughts to the 1st Lady's EAC on Health Care.

The American People will stand up when needed.

Ms. Williams, the program to cover all is out there already. I sent a list of Small Business Insurance Carriers, for the President has to put the program in motion, to allow people on welfare to be off in two years.

The Fingerprint system in Los Angeles is a good system to keep track of people on welfare, and can keep information of who has gotten jobs and getting off welfare, which the Government don't have to send any welfare checks too, so welfare cost is down. Now the American people will stand up when called on, to pay healthcare cost if it's right; so I sent a list of carriers for the President to show small business owners so they can get healthcare for employees and this brings people's families off medicare etc. until their jobs secure their healthcare they can get healthcare from the Government, then their jobs will secure healthcare and get them off and save the Government healthcare of welfare people ~~the~~ cost.

We can provide welfare people with jobs, and get them off welfare and medicare in two years. Right now they have medicare

(2)

Ms. Williams, I was Framed on A Burglary I did not do, But Our Lord Jesus Christ has Kept me Positive, And After A hard Day of work I spend my Extra time for the Last 5 years RESEARCHING Entrepreneur Business Opportunities.

Yes! I want to help people Start their own Businesses and provide people with Jobs And Job TRAINING And healthcare to ~~help~~ help People seek their AMERICAN DREAM Again.

Ms. Williams, we could Start with the AREA Around the Capital And Clean it up, the way the NEW HUD Director in Washington Area is Starting to Clean up units And get them Rented out;

They can provide Jobs, Job TRAINING etc. yes! We could make it A model program And provide Housing, healthcare, Jobs in ONE year; And cut crime;

yes. I'm from the Ghetto And I know what is needed And I've sit here to be Able to provide it when I got out; But God has put the Goal in front of me now And I would like to see President And 1st Lady put it into Action. I'm AN AMERICAN who Love America, And I want to stand up to help, And God has Blessed me to do good Business RESEARCH And I can be A Blessing to others And provide Jobs to EVERY one on welfare And out of work, And I'm Ready to put words into Action.

God Bless America

Respectful

Bob

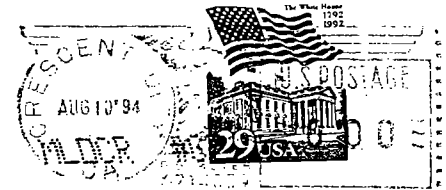
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The White House
ATTN: Mrs. Mattie Williams
Chief of Staff
OF
1st Lady Hillary Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500-0001

Positive
Thoughts
To Show how
to provide
and jobs and
get people off
 Welfare



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The Cape

May 17, 1994

Richard S. Bondroff
AIDS Project Los Angeles
1313 N. Vine Street
Los Angeles, CA 90028

Dear Mr. Bondroff:

Enclosed please find the autographed photo of the President and the First Lady that you requested. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Diane Lino

Diane Lino
Office Manager/Special
Assistant
Office of the First Lady

MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

THE WHITE HOUSE
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May 17, 1994

Richard S. Bondroff
AIDS Project Los Angeles
1313 N. Vine Street
Los Angeles, CA 90028

Dear Mr. Bondroff:

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Sincerely,



Margaret A. Williams
Chief of Staff to the
First Lady

Dear Mr. Bondroff:

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~~of the First Lady per your request. Enclosed a photo~~
a. ~~copy~~ your request for an autographed photo of the
First Lady of the President to the Office of Correspondence.
Sincerely,

Maggie Williams

*photo request
| sent 4/76 |
(To be mailed
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March 31, 1994

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Sincerely

R S Bondroff
Richard S. Bondroff



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March 7, 1994

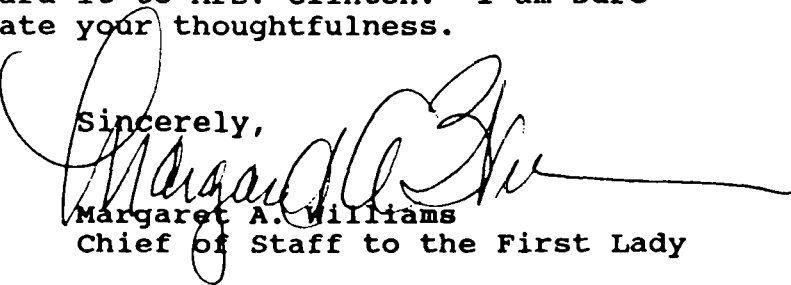
Richard S. Bondroff
AIDS Project Los Angeles
1313 N. Vine Street
Los Angeles, CA 90028

Dear Mr. Bondroff:

Thank you very much for the copy of the Optimist and letter of February 9, 1994.

I will forward it to Mrs. Clinton. I am sure she will appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Margaret A. Williams', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Margaret A. Williams
Chief of Staff to the First Lady



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James Loyce, Jr.
Executive Director

*Diane
Thank you*

Richard Bondroff
AIDS Project Los Angeles
1313 N. Vine Street
Los Angeles, CA 90028

February 9, 1994

Maggie Williams
Old Executive Office Bldg
Suite 100
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Williams,

I have enclosed a copy of the "Optimist", an AIDS Project Los Angeles publication, that contains a copy of Mrs. Clinton's speech presented last month at Commitment To Life VII. I thought that she may like to see the article, and have a copy for her records. Once again we wish to thank her for her time and support. The excitement is still high following her visit.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Bondroff, APLA
Special Events

OPTIMIST



LIFE

LESSONS

An APLA Buddy

And his story

APLA people

World AIDS Day, Dec. 1, was a day in which some very distinguished guests visited AIDS Project Los Angeles. A midday luncheon hosted by the agency for women with HIV brought in many visitors and their family members and friends. In the evening, Lifetime Achievement Awards were given to several people with HIV by **RICHARD RIORDAN**, mayor of Los Angeles, and **FERD EGGAN**, L.A. AIDS coordinator. Among those honored were **MICHAEL CALLEN**, **PAUL MONETTE**, **PHILL WILSON**, **DAVE JOHNSON**, **ELISABETH GLASER**, **LINDA LUSCHEL**, **MIGUEL BERESTAIN**, **DEBORAH ELL**, **SCOTT MCTAGGART**, **W. WAYNE KARR**, **RICK LOPEZ**, **CONNIE NORMAN** and **GILBERT CORNILLIET**. ▲

Photo by BARRY MUNIZ



Executive director James Loyce

"James Loyce is an exceptional choice for APLA and for people with HIV and AIDS," said APLA Board Chair **STEVE TISCH**. "His knowledge of the disease, his compassion and his management expertise will all serve our organization and our clients well." ▲

The Jan. 17 Northridge earthquake and its aftermath showed how swiftly AIDS Project Los Angeles' employees and volunteers can mobilize in an emergency. A team of employees—including **BETTY FLORES-SALAZAR**, **MANNY NEGRETE**, **DAVID GUIGNI**, **MARLON VALDIVIA**, **GRACE ALVAREZ** and **JAMIE HENDERSON**—organized an effort to contact all APLA clients for emotional support and referrals to vital resources. Emergency action was also taken by APLA's Mental Health program, which provided a series of drop-in support sessions for clients feeling anxiety about the disaster and its impact, and saw many clients in crisis who walked into the agency for support. Agency operations were disrupted by the quake for only one day. (See Page 12 for suggestions on how you can provide help to APLA clients affected by the disaster.) ▲

JAMES LOYCE has been named as the new executive director of AIDS Project Los Angeles, replacing **LEONARD BLOOM**, who had run the agency for two years.

"The challenge of AIDS will be formidable over the next decade, and I'm looking forward to meeting them with APLA," said Loyce. "This position gives me the opportunity to absorb the culture and spirit of APLA, and those who have battled AIDS from the start." Prior to coming to APLA, Loyce was associate director of San Francisco's Department of Public Health's AIDS Office, managing a budget of \$50 million and managing a staff of 120.



Mayor Richard Riordan congratulates Michael Callen while Ferd Eggan looks on. Callen, who had been presented with an award for his activism, died on Dec. 27.

APLA's Necessities of Life Program recently received a donation of environmental graphic posters from Healing Images Inc., of Torrance. The images, distributed during the holidays to NOLP clients, were selected by NOLP manager **GARRY HENSEL** and other staff members to provide APLA clients with moments of serenity during their daily challenges of life.

"The images were developed on the theory of psychoimmunology: how the emotions and thoughts can influence the body's immune system," said **MAGGIE LEDUC**, photographer and Healing Images president. "These images were designed to assist people in the process of healing themselves." ▲



Photo by REGGIE ICE

Maggie LeDuc, Garry Hensel, David Jetzke



Julian and Ian Simon get ready for customers at their lemonade stand. The siblings donated their proceeds to APLA.

Two valued friends of AIDS Project Los Angeles who were served on the Board of Governors recently died from AIDS complications.

TIM LAMPE, a member of the Board of Governors since 1991 and active Planning Committee member, died recently. Lampe was president of the Institute of Financial Education, a non-profit corporation. His expertise in finance issues and knowledge of the banking industry was valued by APLA and brought many new donors to the agency.

MARC BERMAN, author and *Daily Variety* columnist, died on Nov. 6 in Sherman Oaks. Besides APLA, Berman was involved with Wayland Flowers House (a hospice formerly known as Hughes House) and led a successful campaign to keep the Hollywood facility open. As co-founder of the Video Industry AIDS Action Committee, Berman helped to bring hundreds of thousands of dollars in support to more than two dozen AIDS service organizations, including APLA. ▲

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Hillary Clinton: 'We have to do more than I hope'

The following speech was delivered by Hillary Rodham Clinton at Commitment to Life VII on Jan. 27 at the Universal Amphitheatre.

Thank you so much, and let me also just say a personal, very personal thank you to Barbra [Streisand], who gave one of the most wonderful women I have ever known, my mother-in-law, one of the best years that she ever had, particularly at the very end of her life. And we'll be always grateful, Barbra, that you shared your love and your talent with a woman who meant so much to me and my husband, and a lot of other people.

You know, when I have heard about the Commitment to Life Award in years past, I have always known, I've always known that it represented a commitment to life, and it seems that we will continue to do all we can to affirm and reaffirm life, no matter how difficult the times, no matter how hard the challenge in front of us; that certainly is what Los Angeles has done in the last weeks, in response to the earthquake, and it's what many of you in this audience and millions of others have done, living with HIV, living with AIDS, struggling every day against great odds to commit yourself to life.

A wish that AIDS did not exist

Two years ago, before my husband was nominated, I had the opportunity to tour APLA. I went there with our friends, David Mixner and others, to witness firsthand the work APLA does. I left there more committed than ever to do whatever I could, and to help my husband do whatever he could to see that we could give the kind of love, and support and resources that APLA does every day, day in and day out, to the thousands and thousands of people who need the kind of help that has been given because of the support of all of you tonight with this extraordinary fundraising event. But you know any joy or satisfaction that I or anyone else takes at the work that APLA has done has to be ambivalent and tempered. For I wish, despite all the good work of APLA, that there was no such thing as APLA, there was no such thing as AIDS, and there was no such thing as HIV.

But that hope, and that wish, cannot be realized yet. And so we have to do more than hope, and we have to do more than wish. We have to face reality, we have to know what we're up against, and we have to do all that we can to turn the tide against a plague that knows no boundaries. It infects our children and our elderly, our rich and our poor; it has ravaged the lesbian and gay community; men and women of all races, living in every country and community around the world.

For most, if not all of us here tonight, the names that we have seen and recited, some out loud, some just quietly to ourselves, have meant the loss of people we have cared about. We have been forced to watch as AIDS and HIV have stolen lives and precious hours from those whom we have cared about, and we have said "good-bye" far too many times. Yet among all of the darkness, and yes, the despair, the alienation, the frustration, the anger, there is hope. There is the hope that is brought by APLA: there is the hope of each one of you who has reached out to support and care for someone else. Every single one of you has made a commitment to life. You've shown courage, and especially those who are living with HIV or AIDS, every day demonstrate courage and strength to us.

Changing view of AIDS

You are not alone. When others closed their eyes, and sometimes their hearts, the members of APLA reached out. And now, we are trying very hard to take that spirit that has been APLA, and spread it throughout our country. You are not alone, because we have tried, in the year that we have worked to bring change to Washington, to bring change, as well, to how this country thinks about, views, and feels about AIDS. For the first time, we have someone who has been appointed to coordinate policy, who is with us tonight, Kristine Gebbie, who has worked tirelessly to take policies that were non-existent, uncoordinated, uncared about and bring them together, to try to stop HIV transmission, to care for those already infected, and to work as hard as we can to find a cure. The idea of finding a cure has to remain at the forefront of our efforts. I have personally talked with scientists, researchers, in the government, in our pharmaceutical companies, who are working day in and day out. This is an extraordinary challenge. We need to do all we can to spur them on. And we need to continue to provide the resources that they need in order to make the breakthrough that we know we will someday see. As has already been mentioned, the president has increased, overall, AIDS funding, and has increased the funding for the Ryan White Care Act. But we have to do more than that. We are aware that people with HIV and AIDS need comprehensive health care services, and that these are too often too difficult to obtain. We have worked very hard this year to develop a national approach to health care that will guarantee health security to every American, and in order to do that, we have to pass legislation that will, once and for all, make it illegal



Honorees Jeffrey Katzenberg and Hillary Rodham Clinton at Commitment to Life VII.

Photo by ALAN BERLINER STUDIO

to deny insurance to people who need it most. The insurance companies have been allowed to discriminate for too long. Health care costs should not be decided on the basis of whether you are young or old, sick or well, or have HIV or AIDS. Health care costs should not be determined by whether or not someone in your office has cancer or AIDS. In short, health care costs should not be determined by insurance companies, they should be determined by peoples' needs, and they should be allocated fairly to every single person in this country. Every single American citizen must have insurance, regardless of health status. And under the president's approach, all Americans, every single one, will be able to enroll in any health plan of their choice, and receive the comprehensive benefits package at the same rate paid by anyone else in their community. That package will be portable, so that people with AIDS and HIV or any other chronic disease can keep their coverage regardless of where they work, when they work, whether they change jobs, or even lose their jobs, they should not have to worry. When they learn they have any disease, when they need their insurance the most, that it will not be there or will run out. Because we also intend to prohibit lifetime limits on insurance policies as well.

We can guarantee comprehensive health care

We know that we cannot yet prevent people with AIDS from suffering and from dying. But we can, and we will prevent them from going without care, and from knowing that they will be left alone when they most need to be cared for. We can guarantee comprehensive health coverage in this country. It is a disgrace that we have not done it before now.

There will be many in the months ahead who will argue that there is no health care crisis. You tell them that you know there is. You who support and work with APLA see it every day. You see it in the eyes of those who come because they've lost their jobs; they have no insurance; they need your help. There will be some who argue that health care should not be a right, that certainly it should not consist of comprehensive benefits that include continuing coverage for chronic disease, that it should not include mental health benefits, and counseling, and drug and substance abuse help, and I hope you will tell them with one very loud voice, that the days when Americans turned their backs on each other, denied reality that was staring us in our face, walked away from problems because they were unpleasant or difficult to deal with are over. We are now creating a new American community. One that is willing, above all, to recognize each others' humanity. Maybe even, insofar as possible, to put aside the difference that divide us, and try to work together, love each other, and create a better future for ourselves, and our children. That's what APLA has demonstrated, day in and day out. That's what each of us is called on to do as we leave here this evening. And that's what this administration and this president intend to get done, no matter how hard the obstacles, how difficult the challenge, because we know there are millions of people whose lives will be better, will be longer, will be filled with more hope and joy, if we stay on the road we are on, and do all that we can to deliver health care, and beyond that, to rebuild the American community for all of us.

Thank you all very much. ▲

Jeffrey Katzenberg: Let's recommit to the battle against AIDS

The following speech was delivered by Jeffrey Katzenberg at Commitment to Life VII on Jan. 27 at the Universal Amphitheatre.

I bet a lot of you are wondering what I did to deserve this award tonight. The answer is simple: not enough.

Not enough to keep my stomach from churning every time I hear that someone close to me has a fever. Not enough to stop wondering how many

because of Howard. As many of you know, Howard was an incredibly creative artist, whose music touched the lives of millions. But he was also a very close personal friend who changed my life, forever. And I miss him every single day.

I know all too well that everyone here tonight has their "Howard." Someone who was young and full of life and was taken away by AIDS. And then there are

pages. Day after day we recognize name after name of our best and brightest in what is literally a black-and-white testament to tragedy.

As an industry, we have lost so much. But, as an industry, we can bring so much to the fight.

The entertainment community is like no other. No other group possesses such creativity, celebrity and influence.

We've become a part of the culture.

Together, we can send a message to the world, that we are prepared to regroup, re-focus and re-dedicate ourselves to the fight. And that we will use all our talent and resources for as long as it takes to make it to the finish line.

So please, keep dreaming. Dream for all of the Howards we have lost, but who are here with us in spirit tonight. Dream for a future when this evening will no longer be a memorial service.

Pop superstar Whitney Houston closed the show with "Don't Cry for Me."



Jenifer Lewis, flanked by members of the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes.



APLA's Commitment to Life raises nearly \$5 million

A record-breaking sum of \$4.9 million was raised at AIDS Project Los Angeles' Commitment to Life benefit on Jan. 27 at the Universal Amphitheater in a star-studded evening honoring First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Disney Studios Chairman Jeffrey Katzenberg for their participation in the fight against AIDS.

More than 6,000 guests attended the extravaganza, which featured Barbra Streisand, Tom Cruise, Elizabeth Taylor, Whitney Houston, Bruce Springsteen, Liza Minnelli, Lauren Bacall, Debbie Reynolds, Tom Hanks and other stars.

The show, produced by Dana Miller and Steve Tisch, honored the legacies of well-known individuals



Commitment to Life honoree Hillary Rodham Clinton and Steve Tisch, chair of APLA's Board of Directors.

who have been lost to AIDS. Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman co-directed.

"We are thrilled with every aspect of this year's show," said Tisch, APLA's Board of Directors chair. "The talent was phenomenal, the audience fantastic,

the honorees extremely worthy of their awards and the money raised exceeded our expectations. And, as important as the amount of money raised is the heightened public awareness that accompanies an event of this scope." ▲

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Roy Tanabe, a violinist with the L.A. Philharmonic, has discovered that being a Buddy has improved his craft.

Life lessons

APLA Buddies grow while helping others

By JILL PERRY

Mariano, a concert pianist, was no longer able to perform. AIDS was taking its toll in January 1993 as he lay in bed at Chris Brownlie Hospice. Roy Tanabe, his APLA Buddy, sat by him as he began to suffer the unmistakable signs of the end.

Tanabe, a violinist with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, had been through this three times before—but this time was different. Unable to speak, Mariano communicated with Tanabe in a way that only another musician could understand.

"I put on a tape of a Chopin ballad that Mariano liked to play and I just sat with him and held his hand," said Tanabe. "I thought he was twitching, as people often do when they are in the end stage, and he seemed to be unaware of what was going on. But the longer I held his hand, I began to realize that he wasn't twitching. He was playing the piece into my hand."

Beyond expectations

Buddy Program coordinator Chiyo Maniwa praised Tanabe as one of those Buddies who goes beyond all expectations. Tanabe has had five close relationships with Buddy assignments, even going so far as to be one of the few Buddies to have two clients at one time.

"Roy embodies a lot of the qualities we look for in a Buddy," she said. "He's compassionate, comes from the heart, is genuine, cares deeply. Whatever he gives, he gives freely, with no strings attached."

APLA Buddies offer to be a friend at a time when a client may find friendships difficult. They may have lost their support system or may fear overburdening the friends and family they have. Often they feel the need to emotionally protect their families.

"We ask that they see the client once a week in person, to do whatever the client is able to do healthwise: go out for coffee, help run errands. They're there just to be a friend, a consistent relationship," said Maniwa. "In Los Angeles, we sometimes don't see friends for months at a time; Buddies fill those gaps. And because they aren't family, clients don't have to protect them emotionally."

A leader among Buddies

Not only has Tanabe been a Buddy, but he also has served as a Buddy support group coordinator, a time-consuming assignment itself. Normally Maniwa does not ask group leaders to have a Buddy at the same time, "but Roy has always insisted on doing both," she said.

"I facilitate a group of 13 Buddies," Tanabe said. "I organize and lead the monthly meetings which give Buddies that connection to the mother organization. Buddies are sent out to fly on their own and this gives them the support they need. The group helps the individuals and the individuals help the group."

To become a Buddy is to willingly engage in a friendship with someone with a life-threatening illness. This alone steers away many who have been in the program for a year or two.

Tanabe and other long-time Buddies find it fulfilling. "I've been exceptionally blessed with great clients and I've become very close to them so the loss is profoundly felt. It's understood the relationship will not last your entire life."

"When you begin, your new relationship takes you into the hospitals, dealing with wills, evictions and insurance. In a sense, you're walking that line immediately. This is not to underestimate how profoundly you feel the loss, but it doesn't come like a train wreck."

"Applying for a new client has helped me through my grieving process. The rewards are so tremendous. It's such a growing process for the Buddies, that to leave the program is to deprive yourself of that growth. It's a commitment that shouldn't be taken frivolously. You never know what to expect. That's what I tell new Buddies: You leave your expectations at the doorstep and start at Square One."

Unexpected benefit

The Buddy Program has helped Tanabe in a way he never imagined—it has improved his music.

A 27-year veteran with the Philharmonic, Tanabe is both violinist and assistant personnel manager. He invite his Buddies to performances and plays for them at home, as well.

"I invite them to a concert, which saves them the price of admission. I invite them to rehearsals and after concerts I take them backstage. I like to have them enter my life as much as I have entered theirs. My clients have been very interested in music," he said.

"The significance of the Buddy relationship has absolutely enhanced my involvement with music. It's the nature of music to convey feelings, but since I started working with APLA, I guess it opened up a whole new depth in making music in one whole stew pot."

"When you're dealing with a person with a life-threatening disease, there's an absence of pretension and bullshit. When I do music with clients, there's no barrier. I find myself able to communicate with more meaning. I believe in music. I believe it has a power to reach way deep into innermost feelings and elevate and just as surely as doctors can help, music can help too."

Condom SENSE

Current public-service ads about HIV prevention produced by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have received plenty of publicity but little air time --and a lukewarm reaction from educators and activists who insist that ads to alert viewers about HIV must go much further.

In the background, we see the silhouette of a couple about to make love. Camera pulls away from the bed to the chest of drawers. Suddenly, a condom emerges from the top drawer. It jumps to the floor, moves across the room and scurries up the side of the bed. Voice-over: "It would be nice if latex condoms were automatic. But since they're not, using them should be. Simply because a latex condom, used consistently and correctly, will prevent the spread of HIV."

By **BILL KATZ**

If you haven't seen them, you've probably heard about them: the new public service announcements, or PSAs, produced by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

As you can see from the above copy of one of the PSAs, for the first time, the government is using a full-scale media campaign to spread the word that thousands of AIDS educators and health care workers have been spreading for more than a decade, that condoms can be effective in blocking the transmission of HIV.

There are some caveats. Except for Fox, all of the networks are airing the PSAs only after 9 P.M. and are attaching their own messages about abstinence as tags to the 30-second spots. So is this an occasion to cheer or jeer?

The answer, according to many people at AIDS Project Los Angeles, is somewhere in between.

A long way to go
"Is this explicit sex education?" asks Christopher Kush, the grass-roots coordinator for APLA's Public Policy department. "Not by any stretch of the imagination. Do the ads that feature condoms explain how to properly use a condom? Not by any stretch of the imagination. Is IV drug use talked about? No. Is sex between men talked about? No. So there's clearly a long way to go."

In passing, Kush does acknowledge that the CDC has taken a small step forward in producing the PSAs. But Kush, who works on APLA's Citizens Network, has no time for congratulations. He is bent on making sure the spots get shown as long as possible, and as often as possible. The broadcast of brave, explicit PSAs in the future depends on the success of the CDC ads, he explained. To that end, he has put into action a huge network of individuals and resources.

"We've put out an 'Action Alert!' to 30 AIDS grass-roots networks across the country," Kush said. "We've mailed it out to our Citizens Network, which has 10,000 active letter-writers on call. We have our Neighborhood Network which is visiting just about every member of Congress in Los Angeles County, talking to them about supporting the prevention education campaign at the CDC. And we've alerted and activated our staff here at APLA to call and write the networks, and let them know that we are not offended or anything but enthusiastic about seeing AIDS PSAs on television."

Woman: Did you bring it?

Man: Uh-oh...I forgot it!

Woman: Then...forget it.

Light clicks on.

Female announcer: "Next time, don't forget every time make it part of the relationship."

Male announcer: "A latex condom, used consistently and correctly, prevents the spread of HIV, and causes AIDS...and may save your life."

"The fact that they're showing condoms saying the word 'condom' and talking about condoms during prime time television -- that's a major step," said Matt Rocco, APLA's advertising coordinator. "I'm not saying it is and these are the answers to everything, but I think it's wonderful."

For Rocco, the new PSAs open up a door that has been firmly shut for many years. As director of PSAs for the agency he's been thwarted by the conservative industry standards. Suddenly, that's all changed.

A precedent set
"Now that the government has done it on network television, it has set a precedent," Rocco said. "And I see no reason why we should start pedaling backwards. Let's talk about condoms. That's our message. 'If you're going to have sex, wear a condom.' If we don't talk about it, let's not talk about it at all."



A condom plays a key supporting role in "Men," a 30-second public service announcement.



announcement created and directed by Alex Munoz for APLA. The spot, which was distributed locally and nationally, is an example of frank education that can save lives.

next generation of PSAs. "Maybe not showing a condom over an erect penis, but maybe showing how to put on a condom using a banana. Just pushing the envelope a little bit more, probably in terms of the populations we're talking about. If we're talking about gay men let's show two gay men. I think those are other obstacles that need to be overcome."

Young man speaking on camera: "I want you. I want to hold you for hours at a time. I want to talk to you until I don't have a voice. Introduce me to everyone who's important to you ... your friends, your family. Look at me, I want to spend my life with you. I'll never hurt you. I'll never lie to you. I'll never put your life in danger. There's a time for us to be lovers. We will wait until that time comes."

"We applaud the CDC for making this first step," says Judie Klapholz, APLA's director of Education. "Yet we also recognize that it isn't enough, we know it's not enough, they probably know that it's not enough, but given the political atmosphere, we have to, unfortunately, accept what they did produce."

In fact, the CDC does concur. "We would agree that the PSAs don't go far enough," acknowledges Melissa Shepard, the head of the CDC's department of social marketing and media. "Until this disease is eradicated we need to go as far forward as we possibly can. It's a significant step forward ... it's not perfect, but we need to go

New public service announcements created and produced by USC graduate student and AIDS Project Los Angeles volunteer Alex Munoz, compare and contrast alternatives to unsafe sex in relation to the AIDS pandemic (see above).

"What makes these spots innovative is that they go after the target groups that up till now have been ignored by the mainstream press," said Matt Rocco, APLA advertising coordinator. The series of six PSAs showcase a gay couple, lesbians and young people, to name a few. The topics covered include such safer practices as kissing, touching, hugging and, of course, condom use.

The Playboy Channel recently showcased the project with a brief news item featuring Judie Klapholz, APLA's director of Education. With distribution throughout Los Angeles, only a handful of stations have confirmed they will begin airing the spots. ▲ --GEOFFREY-MARTIN CYR

at a population that's experiencing a rapid rise in seroconversions, young adults. "The campaign is supposed to target 18- to 25-year-olds. I would like to see some scenarios that people that are that age could identify with."

A trail blazed

The fact is that the PSAs were running on all of the networks from early to middle January. What's unknown is how long they will run. The one network that did return calls on the subject said they did not know whether they would continue to run the PSAs, and the local affiliates all maintain that they take their cues from the networks. But even in a worst-case scenario where the PSAs die a quick death, they have already blazed a trail that will continue to cover new, important territory.

specifically targeting those groups. I know people don't want to hear that their teen-agers are having sex, but they are. We have to stop looking at this as a moral judgment. We have to look at it as a health crisis and respond accordingly." ▲

If you would like to support the new PSAs promoting condom use, call or write the networks at: ABC Entertainment, Ted Harbert, president, 2020 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles 90067, (310) 557-6516; CBS Entertainment, Jeff Sagansky, president, 7800 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles 90036, (213) 852-2345; NBC Entertainment, Warren Littlefield, president, 3000 W. Alameda Ave., Burbank 91523, (818) 840-4444; Fox Broadcasting, Ms. Lucie Salhany, president, P.O. Box 900, Beverly Hills 90213, (310) 277-2211.

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Board spotlight: John Martens

Committed to the CAUSE

"So many in this store have died of the virus. It's difficult to pinpoint the exact number, but it could be as high as 100. In this small building, that is a horrifying number."

—John Martens,
general manager of Beverly Hills Neiman-Marcus

By CHRISTOPHER D. SHARPE

John Martens, general manager of Neiman-Marcus, is a man whose social awareness runs parallel with his commitment to AIDS Project Los Angeles.

AIDS was unknown in 1980, when Martens transferred to the Beverly Hills specialty store. Over the years, Martens has become increasingly involved at APLA, rising to his current position as member of the Board of Directors, and member of the Board Development committee.

Martens service to APLA has been a catalyst for the involvement of others. As industry chair for the California Fashion Friends of APLA gala in 1991, Martens sent tickets to people who otherwise would not have attended, and got many of them involved in AIDS fund-raising for the first time.

And through Martens' initiative, Neiman-Marcus has become more involved with AIDS awareness. "I encourage the company to do whatever it can," Martens said.

Leading the way against AIDS

In 1992, the store launched "50 Against One," a national fund-raising campaign with Farrah Fawcett as spokesperson. Organized by Texas divisional merchandise manager, David Lopez, and 49 ladies' accessory designers, a line of AIDS awareness items, such as pins and hats with red ribbons, were sold to raise \$175,000. The proceeds were donated to the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

Martens' encouragement also helped the Beverly Hills specialty store recruit one of the largest AIDS Walk Los Angeles teams: more than 80 participants in last September's walk. A team of store employees has participated in the annual AIDS Walk for the past five years.

"Neiman-Marcus has an ongoing commitment to APLA," Martens said. "The head office in Texas has been very supportive. We can't give all to APLA when there are other organizations in the other cities, but certainly our company has been supportive to APLA."



John Martens says that the toll of AIDS on Neiman-Marcus employees is high.

for the women who attended a recent luncheon at APLA for women with HIV.

And Martens has contributed to AIDS awareness on a more personal basis, spending many Saturday afternoons at APLA's Necessities of Life Program. There, he takes lists from clients of NOLP and packages their food.

"When I work at NOLP and see the look of relief [on the faces of clients]... it's very gratifying," said Martens. "I'd like to see more people taken care of in that way than we presently can because of the financial limitations. But we need more money—that's why fund-raising is such an important part of the scenario."

Martens has also observed sessions held with newly registered clients and an APLA intake counselor. These sessions have given him direct knowledge of the concerns and needs of people with AIDS.

Martens' awareness of the impact of AIDS gave him conflicting emotions at the opening of the new APLA building last June. He described the opening of the Geffen Center as a powerfully moving experience. "It was wonderful because it filled a need," said Martens. "But it was sad because of the need to move into bigger premises."

Committed colleagues

Continued focus on clients' needs and the ability to respond to those needs are what Martens considers to be APLA's directions for the future.

Sharon Lund facilitates "Body, Mind and Spirit," a forum that is part of AIDS Project Los Angeles' free community education series, coordinated by Glenn Gaylord.



Photo by MARK WHITE

APLA's University of HIV

By LAURIE CONNOR

Our goal is to address the issues that people with HIV and AIDS want to know about, in a safe and confidential environment," said Glenn Gaylord, AIDS Project Los Angeles' early intervention specialist and coordinator of the agency's Community Education Forums.

"We're constantly working to improve our programs, to keep them up to date and relevant to the people we serve."

The forum program, which was started in 1989 as a means of client education, has evolved into an ongoing series of lectures and panel discussions that provide cogent, unbiased information about HIV and AIDS.

Topics range from a comprehensive overview of the disease, to nutrition and Social Security, and a daylong forum devoted to women and HIV.

Revitalized program

Gaylord, who received the 1993 Maxine Harris Friends in Deed Award for his volunteer work with the agency, joined the staff as an employee last January. He has revitalized the program by introducing several new forums.

"Attendance had dropped as the forums seemed to cover the same ground each month," he said. Attendance at the forums, which are usually a few times each week and last one-and-a-half to three hours has increased to as many as 50, drawing people from as far away as Santa Barbara.

Among Gaylord's innovations is the Long-term Survivors Panel, which is led by people with HIV/AIDS. "I was eager to offer this particular forum," said Gaylord, "because there isn't enough discussion about living with HIV/AIDS. Any epidemic has survivors as well as fatalities."

Long-term survival is defined as living with an HIV diagnosis for at least eight years, or with AIDS for at least three. "Long-term Survivors" participants also have met with Marty Majchrowicz, manager of APLA's Treatment Education Program, to explore the medical theories of long-term survival with HIV/AIDS.

Gaylord is also proud of another brainchild: the Hospital Savvy forum. "This is truly an early-intervention program, which tries to allay fears about hospitalization before a health-care crisis is reached," he said. These sessions take place in a hospital immune-suppression unit, where participants meet with medical personnel to discuss various medical machines,



Sharon Lund, left, leads a recent "Body, Mind and Spirit" forum.

University of HIV

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medical insurance, people who often don't have a choice about where they go for medical care," Gaylord

said. "I'm particularly excited about holding the Hospital Savvy forum at a facility that is utilized by so many people with HIV/AIDS."

Broad range of topics
Other forum topics that Gaylord has introduced are "Body, Mind and Spirit," an exploration of visualization, meditation and emotional-clearing techniques as they relate to HIV; "AIDS 202," presented in conjunction with the AIDS Service Center in Pasadena, in which physicians and nurses discuss disease management and symptoms, as well as conventional and alternative treatments.

Gaylord also oversees the agency's client condom-distribution program, which supplies about 12,000 free condoms each month to agency clients, and he produced a brochure especially designed to help those who have recently received an HIV diagnosis. "People

with a recent diagnosis often want to talk with long-term survivors of the disease," Gaylord said. "The brochure is a compilation of quotes from people with HIV/AIDS about concerns that everyone with HIV disease may have," said Gaylord.

This year, APLA forums on vision loss and AIDS, co-sponsored by the Center for the Partially Sighted, will be offered. Other forums will cover exercise and HIV, facilitated by physical therapist John Jericiau; a session on *Qi Gong*, an ancient Chinese exercise and meditation technique; a clinical trials panel, in which major medical groups and hospitals discuss new trials, enrollment possibilities and current findings, and a forum on sex after HIV.

Objective: unemployment

Gaylord came to APLA from a career as a motion picture production accountant. "I was away on location a lot of the time. I felt too removed from the community and what was happening to it as a result of HIV and AIDS." Now, Gaylord spends his work week—and much of his free time—trying to put himself out of a job.

"After attending a community forum, most people have shown an increase in knowledge about HIV or have expressed a reduction of fear," Gaylord said. "Until there is a cure, we are committed to providing this service." ▲

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MARCH 19, 1994

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Set your dial on 'The Wave' for second annual Radiothon

Waves of concern about AIDS will ripple throughout the Southland on March 3 and 4 when 94.7 FM KTWV "The Wave" presents the second annual AIDS Radiothon.

The commercial-free broadcast, hosted by John Tesh, will feature 28 hours of programming about AIDS,

beginning at 6 A.M. on Thursday, March 3. Listeners will also be encouraged to phone the station and bid on prizes donated by celebrities, entertainment and travel packages. Hourly sponsorship packages are also available. Proceeds from the broadcast will benefit AIDS Project Los Angeles.

The Radiothon is produced by Ivan Mair. Luanne Cheney is the program's executive director. Last year, Radiothon listeners pledged more than \$230,000 for APLA's services for people with AIDS.

For information, call APLA's event line, (213) 993-1409. ▲

Photo by PETER C. BORSARI



The hit film "Philadelphia," a drama about a man fighting discrimination because he has AIDS, was launched in Los Angeles with a gala premiere benefiting AIDS Project Los Angeles. Above, "Philadelphia" director Jonathan Demme, left, and star Tom Hanks flank Steve Tisch, APLA Board chair. ▲



Alan Friedberg is presented with a Crystal Apple, one of APLA's highest honors, by APLA Board members Vallery Kountze, Heather Shuemaker and Linda Gersh and former APLA chief executive officer Lenny Bloom. Friedberg contributed materials and furnishings to APLA's Vine Street facility valued at more than \$100,000. ▲

Above photo by SUREN SEROPIAN; photo at right by GREG EPSTEIN



Kenneth Hahn, assessor of L.A. County, presents a check to Lenny Bloom, former APLA chief executive officer. To the right of Hahn is Dana Miller, an APLA Board member. ▲

Save the date

**Thursday, March 3
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**Saturday, April 23
AIDS Dance-a-thon**

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Five-hour dance marathon
benefiting APLA and other local
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Calif. Fashion Industry
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Mann's Chinese Theatre
Featuring the fashions
of Isaac Mizrahi
Silent auction, dinner and show
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Isaac Mizrahi to be honored at APLA Fashion benefit May 5

Isaac Mizrahi, will be honored at the 8th Annual California Fashion Industry Friends of AIDS Project Los Angeles benefit, to be held on Thursday, May 5 at the historic Mann's Chinese Theatre, Hollywood.

The show, one of AIDS Project Los Angeles' most spectacular annual fund-raising events, will feature Mizrahi's fall 1994 collection, with a special appearance by a surprise guest performer.

silent auction of designer throw pillows, a tented supper party created by Academy Award-winning set designer Tony Duquette and a glimpse of an upcoming documentary on Mizrahi.

Co-chairs of the event include Jeff Berg, Linda Bruckheimer, Wendy Finerman Canton, Susan Harris, Lonnie and Karen Kane, David Pecker and event founder Michael Ankutell.

For more information, call (213) 993-1562.



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Individual clients have cited need for specific items to replace those that were destroyed in the quake. If you can donate any of the following items, please contact Paul Serchia at (213) 993-1362 or Suren Seropian at (213) 993-1358. ▲

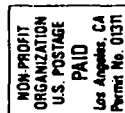
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May 9, 1994

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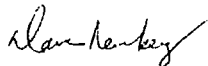
Dear Ms. Williams:

The Arizona Pharmacy Foundation (APF), a nonprofit subsidiary of the Arizona Pharmacy Association, cordially invites First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton to Arizona, to hear from Arizonans and those representatives in the medical community on health care reform. As Congress begins the task of debating the President's health care package, the APF believes a visit by the First Lady will help clarify issues in the reform package and allow Mrs. Clinton the opportunity to speak to constituents in the West.

With regards to scheduling, the APF welcomes any suggestions you might have on possible dates and times. We would need ample time to prepare for the First Lady's visit and, if possible, coordinate a luncheon or reception to coincide with the visit.

The Arizona Pharmacy Foundation welcomes the opportunity to have First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton visit Arizona, the Grand Canyon State.

Sincerely,

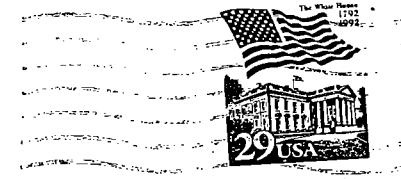


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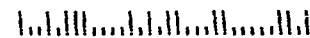
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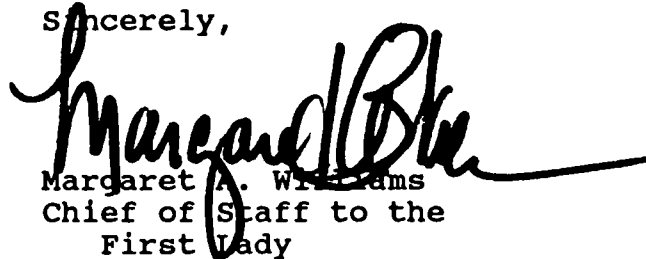
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Dear Mr. Newberg:

Thank you for your letter of May 9, 1994. Your kind invitation for Mrs. Clinton to meet with the Arizona Pharmacy Association is greatly appreciated.

I have forwarded your correspondence to the Scheduling office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Margaret Williams", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Margaret A. Williams
Chief of Staff to the
First Lady