

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 18, 1995

Ms. Allida M. Black  
5429 N. 24th Street  
Arlington, VA 22205

Dear Ms. Black:

Your proposal for a book about Hillary Rodham Clinton and your impressive material has been referred to me by Harold Ickes. Please excuse our delay in getting back to you.

As you might imagine, Mrs. Clinton receives numerous requests to cooperate with book projects or otherwise endorse book projects such as you propose. Given her busy schedule and the difficulty of distinguishing among the many requests, make it impossible for her to comply. As you also may know, Mrs. Clinton is currently hard at work on her own book that will be published by Simon & Schuster in November.

We hope that you will understand. Mrs. Clinton has asked me to thank you for getting in touch with us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margaret Williams", written in a cursive style.

Margaret Williams  
Assistant to the President  
and Chief of Staff for  
Hillary Rodham Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 24, 1995

Gail Chasey Beam  
425 Aliso Drive, NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87108

Dear Ms. Beam:

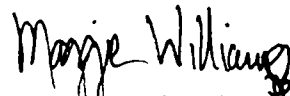
Thank you for writing to express your concerns about programs for young children with disabilities. The First Lady shares your commitment to providing children with disabilities the services they need.

At a time when Congress is considering dramatic funding reductions, the President and the Department of Education are working to ensure a continuation of quality programs for children with disabilities. The President opposes the bill that the House has passed that would eliminate funding for early childhood education programs for children with disabilities and other important programs such as training for special education teachers.

The programmatic changes that the President proposed for fiscal year 1996 were designed to improve services to all people with disabilities, including preschool children. I know that you have also heard from Mr. Thomas Hehir, Director of the Office of Special Education Programs at the Department of Education. As Mr. Hehir noted, by reconfiguring the discretionary grant program, the Department believes that it can ensure that states best meet the needs of all children with disabilities. It is important to note, however, that the Administration's proposed consolidations do not include any funding reductions.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,



Maggie Williams  
Chief of Staff to  
the First Lady

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elli - This isn't exactly the response I desired, since EEPED is being eliminated! Just wanted you to see this. Take care.

(The Pres. & Mrs. Clinton have been wonderful re: Oklahoma disaster. I watched the service today.)

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 10, 1995

Ms. Gail Chasey Beam  
425 Aliso Drive, N.E.  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108

G.  
J.

Dear Gail:

Thank you for your interest in my Administration's fiscal 1996 budget.

This budget builds on my Administration's strong record of economic progress during the past two years and seeks to create a brighter future for all Americans. It cuts the deficit for the third year in a row; it promotes economic growth through investments in education and training that open doors of opportunity for our people; and it improves living standards with measures designed to raise incomes for hardworking middle-class Americans.

We've identified \$144 billion in savings for taxpayers over the next five years -- \$81 billion for deficit reduction, which adds to the \$616 billion we have already cut from the fiscal 1993-1998 deficits; and \$63 billion to finance the Middle Class Bill of Rights, which will provide tax relief to middle-income Americans, as well as expand opportunities for education and job training. This budget continues our efforts to make government leaner and more effective by reinventing three Cabinet departments and two other major federal agencies. It consolidates more than 270 programs and eliminates more than 130 others. We're working hard to cut unnecessary bureaucracy to make government more responsive to the people it serves.

By reducing the budget deficit and investing in our people, my fiscal 1996 budget lays a strong economic foundation for today's families and for generations to come. I appreciate knowing your views, and I hope I can count on your continued involvement.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

(From this Administration)

- Disappointed that they couldn't get any one to work w/ them when they worked at high levels w/in other administrations.
- Program:
  - Part H - Budget Issue - (Infant & Toddler) (level funding)
  - Part B 619 - Keep separate preschool for Individ w/ Disabilities Edu Act (old ESEA) up for reauthorization (reorg)
  - Early Edu. Prog. for Chn w/ Disabilities 25th anniversary discretionary grants \$25M - want to eliminate ? don't know if \$ is eliminated or folded in elsewhere -



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

APR 12 1995

Dear Parent/Colleague:

Thank you for commenting on the President's fiscal year 1996 budget proposals regarding the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). I appreciate having the benefit of your views on the Preschool Grants Program, which is authorized under section 619 of Part B, the Early Education Program for Children with Disabilities authorized under Part C, and the Infants and Toddlers program under Part H. Your comments on these programs emphasize the vital role that early intervention and preschool education for our very young children with disabilities plays in preparing these children for school and, eventually, for their adult lives.

Our 1996 budget request, which was transmitted to the Congress in February, includes a 3.3 percent increase over the combined 1995 funding for the Grants to States and Preschool Grants programs. These additional funds are requested to help States meet the increased costs resulting from projected growth in the number of children served under both programs. The Department is now formulating a final legislative proposal for the reauthorization of the IDEA, which will include amendments to the authorities for these two programs. In developing our proposal, we have considered how best to ensure that funds will be used by States to meet the needs of preschool children with disabilities. At this time, we anticipate consolidating the State applications for the Grants to States and Preschool Grants program, but continuing to provide for separate funding for the Preschool Grants program.

The budget proposal for the IDEA discretionary programs for FY 1996 maintains the total funding level at the FY 1995 level. These funds will continue to support the important work that is under way to improve services for children and youth with disabilities, including infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children. The budget proposal does contemplate, however, a consolidation of the current 14 authorities into five authorities, which would be organized along functional lines. Each of the authorities would provide for activities benefiting children with disabilities across the full age range. Thus, while our proposal does not maintain a separate discretionary grant program for young children, it does include young children within all five of the new authorities.

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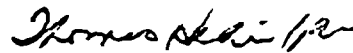
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Finally, the Department's budget proposal for the Part H program for FY 1996 maintains the funding level at the FY 1995 level. The appropriation for the Part H program has grown substantially over the past several years. In a time when fiscal constraint is necessary, the Department examined carefully every program it administers. We believe that our budget proposal for this program demonstrates a strong commitment to young children with disabilities and their families. With all States now fully implementing the program, we believe that funding for this program should be maintained at no less than the FY 1995 level.

Again, thank you for your comments. You may be assured of the Department's continuing commitment to young children with disabilities and their families.

Sincerely,



Thomas Hehir  
Director  
Office of Special Education  
Programs

Gail Chasey Beam  
425 Aliso Drive, NE  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108  
505/266-5191

February 28, 1995

Maggie Williams  
Chief of Staff, Office of the First Lady  
FAX: 202/456-6244

In view of Hillary Rodham Clinton's strong commitment to young children and their families, I would like you to know how very disappointed families and advocates are in the President's 1995-1996 budget proposals for the youngest children with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This budget proposal includes three devastating changes:

1. **NO FUNDING FOR PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION** for children with disabilities, ages three through five (IDEA Part B, Section 619). Preschool funds have been transferred into the Part B state grant program without an earmark to ensure funding for 3-5 year olds. The combination of these grant programs will result in cuts to programs for preschool children. There must be separate funding at the level of at least \$670 million to guarantee appropriate services for these children.
2. **THE ELIMINATION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD RESEARCH, DEMONSTRATION AND TRAINING PROJECTS** and the transfer of those funds to a block grant. The Early Education Program for Children with Disabilities (EEPCD) has provided state-of-the-art knowledge and methods for over 25 years. This program's budget is only \$25 million, and it has been evaluated independently as one of the best examples of research-to-practice in the federal government. The blocking of this program will undoubtedly result in a decreased emphasis on very young children and their families.
3. **NO INCREASE FOR INFANT/TODDLER PROGRAM (PART H of IDEA)** will result in fewer services to these very young children and their families. Last September, all states finally promised to provide services to eligible children and their families, thus increasing the number of children receiving services. Without the federal commitment, states may find it impossible to keep their promises, putting the program in severe jeopardy across the nation. The funding level needed is \$376 million.

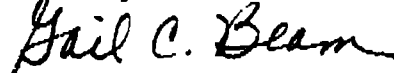
Here in New Mexico, where so many children live below the poverty level, and where so many families have to travel great distances to receive services for their young children with developmental problems, the effects of such actions will be suffered widely. We know that Mrs. Clinton is supportive of families and very

interested in children being nurtured and receiving a solid foundation at a very young age. Those of us who worked for President Clinton's election and who continue to support him hope that our appeal on behalf of these families and their young children will be heard.

I have also enclosed letters to President Clinton and Secretary Riley from the Division for Early Childhood (DEC) of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) to provide you with additional background. Families and advocates are particularly upset that we have not been able to work with the Department of Education, despite more than 20 years of successful bipartisan collaboration with previous Administrations. In fact, when I called Secretary Riley's office about this matter, I was redirected numerous times, and was finally referred to the Director of EEPCD, the program scheduled for elimination. I then called Judith Heumann's office to try to convey my concerns, and was again referred to the Director of EEPCD. I did ask her staff to let her know that it does not feel **responsive** to have such calls referred an individual who is not at a decision-making level, and who, in fact, probably shares many of my concerns.

Thank you very much for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,



Gail C. Beam

xc: Melanne Verveer, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the First Lady

American Friends Of The Hebrew University, Inc.  
11 East 69th Street  
New York, New York 10021-4982

January 16, 1996

Ms. Margaret A. Williams  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

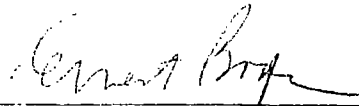
Dear Ms. Williams:

Thank you for yours of December 20th, regarding  
the Golda Meir Fellowship Award to Mrs. Clinton.

Of course, we are sorry that Mrs. Clinton will  
not be able to attend our Symposium. We look  
forward to some time in the future when Mrs.  
Clinton's schedule will permit an in-person visit,  
at which time we will do the presentation.

Again, thanks for your efforts.

Yours very truly,

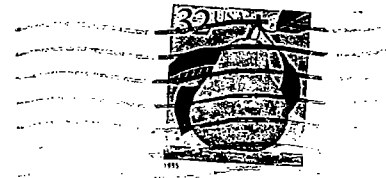


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ERNEST BOGEN  
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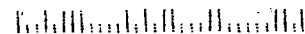
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Ms. Margaret A. Williams  
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June 20, 1995

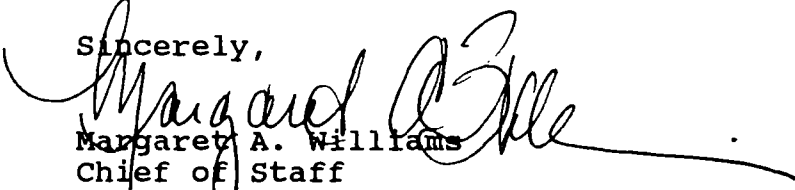
Gordon R. Broom  
President Elect  
Illinois Association of  
Defense Trial Counsel  
P.O. Box 7288  
Springfield, IL 62791

Dear Mr. Broom:

Thank you for your letter asking Mrs. Clinton to participate as a speaker at your annual seminar. Your kind invitation is greatly appreciated. I have forwarded your correspondence to the Scheduling Office.

Again, thank you for your invitation.

Sincerely,

  
Margaret A. Williams  
Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady



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May 22, 1995

Via Federal Express

Ms. Margaret Williams  
Chief of Staff  
c/o Mark Doyle  
Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue S.W.  
Room 4H020  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Re: Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel Seminar

Dear Ms. Williams:

Referencing recent telephone conversations we have had with Mark Doyle, on behalf of the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel ("IDC"), we would like to formally invite Ms. Rodham-Clinton to participate as either our luncheon speaker at the annual seminar scheduled for March 2, 1996 or as a dinner speaker on the evening of March 1, 1996. Both the seminar and the dinner will be held at the Westin Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. Ms. Rodham-Clinton would, of course, be free to speak on any subject she would like.

By way of background with respect to the seminar and dinner, this is the Thirty-Second Annual Defense Tactics Seminar sponsored by the IDC. Enclosed is a copy of a brochure which we prepared for last year's seminar. We would anticipate having approximately 400 attorneys attend the seminar luncheon on March 2, 1996. The dinner would probably be attended by between 125 to 200 people.

The IDC's membership includes attorneys from all over the State of Illinois and also attorneys practicing in the states bordering Illinois. Thus, we have a very diverse membership.

Maggie, —  
MICHAEL DUFFY IS A  
FRIEND OF MINE WHO SENT  
THIS TO ME IN HOPES THAT  
I WOULD DELIVER IT  
PERSONALLY... SO HERE  
IT IS! —

THANKS  
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# Illinois Association Of Defense Trial Counsel

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Ms. Margaret Williams  
Chief of Staff  
May 22, 1995  
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The Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel was originally organized in November of 1964 as a private not-for-profit organization. The organization is designed to promote improvements in the administration of justice, enhance the service of the legal profession to the public and to enhance and improve the knowledge and skills of defense lawyers in tort and other types of civil litigation.

It is our understanding that most of the primary elections in the Midwest for the upcoming presidential campaign will be taking place in mid-March of 1996, shortly after the seminar and dinner. It is our sincere hope that Ms. Rodham-Clinton's schedule will allow her to join us as a speaker.

Please contact Michael Duffy at (312) 627-4067 to discuss the proposed speaking engagement. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of our inquiry.

Very truly yours,

Gordon R. Broom  
President Elect

James Kopriva  
Spring Seminar Chairman

Michael J. Duffy  
Speaker Coordinator-Spring Seminar

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cc: Gordon R. Broom via fax (618) 656-1364  
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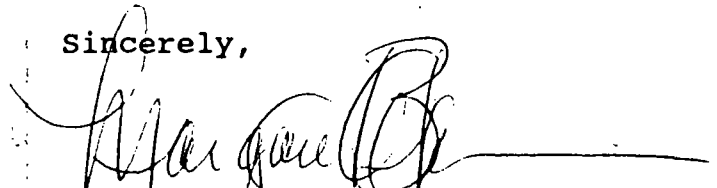
July 10, 1995

Denise H. Barnett, President  
William Woods University  
200 West Twelfth Street  
Fulton, MO 65251-1098

Dear President Barnett:

Thank you for your kind invitation to Mrs. Clinton for a visit during William Woods University's 125th anniversary. At this time, it is too early to commit her for an event in the spring of 1996. Please feel free to write us again towards the end of 1995 or the beginning of 1996.

Sincerely,



Margaret A. Williams  
Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

July 10, 1995

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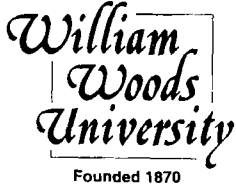
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← Sincerely,

Margaret A. Williams  
Chief of Staff to the First Lady

Jahnae H. Barnett  
President

June 19, 1995



Ms. Margaret Williams  
Chief of Staff, Office of the First Lady  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Ms. Williams:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter written to Patti Solis.

As you can see, the letter contains an invitation to Mrs. Clinton to return to our campus in conjunction with the possible visit by the President. It would be our honor to host Mrs. Clinton again, and we would sincerely appreciate your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Jahnae H. Barnett  
President

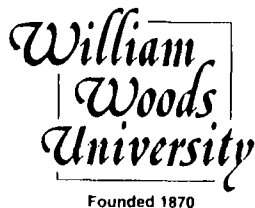
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VISIT WOODS UNIV.

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copying, 1995

Jahnae H. Barnett  
President

May 23, 1995

Ms. Patricia Solis  
Special Assistant to the  
President and Director of  
Scheduling for the First Lady  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500



Ms. Solis:

William Woods University would be honored to have Mrs. Clinton return to our campus during our 125th anniversary. We have been informed of the possibility that President Clinton will be visiting Fulton in the spring of 1996 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Iron Curtain speech, and we would be delighted to have the First Lady address our students during the visit.

William Woods had the pleasure of hosting Mrs. Clinton in October 1992, when the Clinton-Gore Coordinated Campaign selected our campus to be the First Lady's final solo campaign stop before the general election. Like Mrs. Clinton's *alma mater*, William Woods University is an institution with a primary focus on the education and development of women, and it is the only private women-centered university in the nation. We are proud of the progress we have made in influencing the lives of students and in helping women to attain leadership roles in a variety of professional fields.

We are a forward-looking university that serves many populations seeking higher education in an increasingly complex and competitive society, but we continue to focus on the needs of undergraduate women. I believe Mrs. Clinton will return to a favorable, supportive and innovating environment if she should choose to visit us once again.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jahnae H. Barnett", is written over a large, light-colored circular mark.

Jahnae H. Barnett  
President

September 10, 1995

Elizabeth H. Bryson  
Product Manager  
VentureTech, Inc.  
2 E. Lancaster Avenue  
Suite 200  
Ardmore, PA 19003

Dear Ms. Bryson:

On behalf of Mrs. Clinton and myself, I want to thank you for the Professional Interactive Chinese for Windows software program and your kind words of support for our efforts.

Sincerely,

Margaret Williams  
Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE  
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May 22, 1995


Ms. Diana Beard-Williams  
CFCF  
P.O. Box 4904  
Valley Village, CA 91617

Dear Ms. Beard-Williams:

A quick note to thank you for sending a copy of The Race Card. I am pleased to have a copy and look forward to having a chance to read it.

With thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Margaret A. Williams  
Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

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April 3, 1995

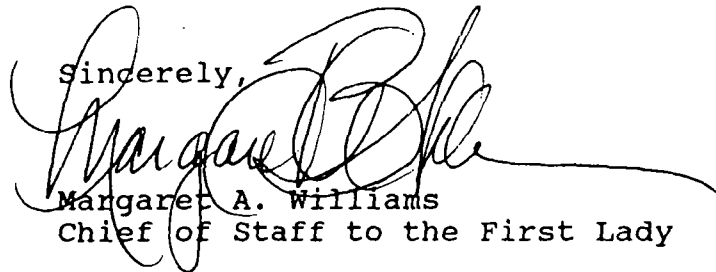
Mr. David Berenson  
Chairman of the Board  
Wolf Trap Foundation  
for the Performing Arts  
1624 Trap Road  
Vienna, Virginia 22128

Dear Mr. Berenson:

Thank you for your interest in bringing the Wolf Trap Early Learning Institute to the White House. I know in what high regard Rex Scouten holds this program and I appreciate his bringing it to our attention.

Unfortunately, our 1995 schedule of activities will not accommodate an on-site event. We may consider, however, a visit by the First Lady to one of the Institute's programs at a school in the area. We will contact you should an opportunity arise for such a visit. In the interim, I wish you continued success with this important work.

Sincerely,

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

Margaret A. Williams  
Chief of Staff to the First Lady

cc: Rex Scouten  
Ann Stock  
Patti Solis

*Shelly Skeens Hazel*

March 6, 1995

5406 Blantyre Road  
Broad Run, Virginia 22014  
(703) 347-9243

Ms. Pam Barnett  
Special Assistant to the First Lady  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Pam:

I was most pleased and appreciative to have the opportunity to meet with you last Monday at the White House for lunch on behalf of the Wolf Trap Foundation.

The Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts is very interested in pursuing the possibility of doing a program at the White House. I can promise you that if this happens, you will be proud to have contributed to such a unique and inspirational event.

I hope that you have had the opportunity to watch the Wolf Trap Institute video. Watching the video you will see how the Wolf Trap Institute actively involves children in learning skills so important to their young lives. Everything from brushing teeth, to shapes and numbers, to self esteem and respect for others. The children's accomplishments are so evident, and so is their joy in learning through the arts. In the fourteen years that Wolf Trap Institute Artists have been in the schools and head start programs, we've seen many exciting and long lasting effects of our partnership--some are quite small, others very poignant--all are significant. A day care center has a rabbit named after one of our Wolf Trap stories, parents report being taught African chants by their children, and teachers continue incorporating Wolf Trap activities into their ongoing teaching long after the artist's residency has concluded.

The Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts would consider it an honor to present their program at the White House, and our First Lady will be enthralled and pleased with the children's enthusiasm.

It was a genuine pleasure to meet you. I would love to experience a day in your life at the White House. It must be thrilling to work in such an exciting environment. Thank you for lunch, and I hope that we will meet again in the not-too-distant future.

With warmest regards,



Shelly Skeens Hazel  
Education Committee  
Wolf Trap Foundation Board of Trustees

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A Program of the  
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Early Learning Through  
the Arts



draft letter to David Berenson from Maggie Williams

Mr. David Berenson  
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Sincerely yours, MAW COS TO FL

cc: Rex, Ann S., Patti

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this. Get her to  
approve and either  
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there or send back  
to me for when I  
get back. Pam



WOLF TRAP FOUNDATION  
FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

**David A. Berenson**  
*Chairman of the Board*

1624 Trap Road Vienna, Virginia 22182  
(703) 255-1899 Fax: (703) 255-1905

Hope Rex  
told you about  
Wolf Trap  
children  
DAS



Mr. Berenson

Please ask Rex what this is?

THE WHITE HOUSE

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February 27, 1995

TO: Mrs. Clinton  
FROM: Pam *Pam*  
SUBJECT: Wolf Trap Early Learning Institute

Today, at Rex Scouten's request, I had lunch with him and representatives of the Wolf Trap Early Learning Institute. Rex is on the Wolf Trap Foundation board of which you are Honorary Chairman. David Berenson, board chairman, gave you a card at Alfafa that read "Hope Rex told you about Wolf Trap children." This is what it's about.

The Institute is the only specifically designed performing arts education program for the high-risk early childhood education community. Briefly, the program sponsors performing artists-in-residence to teach children basic academic and learning skills through music, drama and movement programs. I am attaching descriptive material from Mr. Berenson.

They are proposing a White House event to give the program more exposure, although a site visit sounds more logical. Their largest multi-cultural program is in Arlington, Virginia. There are a number of reasons why something like this may be worth consideration:

- \* partially funded by NEA; excellent non-controversial example of what the NEA funds
- \* programs were perfected in over 250 Head Start programs
- \* public-private partnership
- \* involves parents, children and teachers
- \* good local hook, although program also is nationwide

If you would like more information, let me know.

cc: Maggie, Melanne, Patti, Ann S.

*discuss with  
re response*



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January 4, 1995

Mr. Rex Scouten  
Curator  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Rex,

Sorry my travel schedule prevented me from following-up on our conversation regarding the possible presentation of a Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning program at the White House under the auspices of Wolf Trap's Co-Chair, the First Lady.

As we discussed, in keeping with the 1966 Act of Congress that also charged Wolf Trap with an educational role, the Early Learning Institute is the only specifically designed performing arts education program for the high risk early childhood education community. As you are aware, we actually place our professional educator artists in classroom residencies for up to seven weeks to work with children three to five years old and to simultaneously teach their continuing teachers. Our goal is to teach children basic academic and learning skills through active participation in specifically created music, drama and movement programs.

A focus on children and education, as embodied by this stirring and successful partnership of governmental and private sectors, rightfully restores and recovers the moral high ground that perceptions in Washington can so easily dissipate.

In concept and format I would suggest a typical program, along the lines of what we did several years ago in the Senate Hart Building on behalf of Senators Dodd and Kassebaum. However, now we could bring into the White House a composite of children and educator-artists from a national level across the country rather than solely local.

As you know, we have reached over one million children and in the past decades have expanded to eight regions with Wolf Trap educator-artist employees serving in 150 rural and urban classrooms last year from California to New York, Arizona to Michigan, South Carolina to Tennessee, Virginia and Maryland to the District of Columbia.

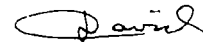
I recall the First Lady believing strongly that we all can agree that there should no longer be any doubt as to the critical role that preschool

education plays in helping to prepare young children with half of a child's learning occurring by age five.

It is in keeping with these shared views that I've put together the accompanying bullet points, quotes and facts for her consideration. Rather than make this into a lengthy letter to Mrs. Clinton, I would be most appreciative if you brought these to her attention -- my luck at even getting a response for Wolf Trap from the first-tier screeners at the White House seems to have evaporated about a year ago.

Hopefully we can once again be of help to her, Wolf Trap and the nation's future through its children.

Sincerely,



David A. Berenson

DAB/jc  
Enclosure

## Wolf Trap Early Learning Institute

- Harvard Graduate School of Education, Project Zero: Three-year study (1991-1994) assessing effectiveness of Wolf Trap Institute methodology and approach. “We believe that the arts play a central role in education which is overlooked all too often by educational leaders... The Wolf Trap Institute shows exceptional potential to enrich the lives and minds of “at-risk” children.”
- Senator Christopher Dodd on the Head Start Training Improvement Act “... one such program, the Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning through the Arts has worked with early childhood programs all over the country to show how the arts can help young children acquire a variety of skills and concepts.”
- Changed Lives: The Ypsilanti Perry Preschool Project -- Young, economically-disadvantaged children who attended a quality preschool program made greater gains in education, employment, and social responsibility than similar young adults who did not attend preschool.
  - In education:  
More completed high school (67% vs. 49%)  
More attended college or job training programs (38% vs. 21%)
  - In the world of work:  
More hold jobs (51% vs. 32%)  
More support themselves by their own earnings (45% vs. 25%)  
More satisfaction with work (42% vs. 26%)
  - In the community:  
Fewer arrested for criminal acts (31% vs. 51%)  
Lower birth rate (64 vs. 117 per 100 women)  
Fewer on public assistance (18% vs. 32%)
- “High quality early childhood education helps children become successful adults. It also reduces major social and economic problems within a community. Preventing lifelong problems in high-risk children is a better community investment than attempting to correct them.”
- Historically the Wolf Trap Institute on Early Learning formally commenced fourteen years ago with seed money from the Head Start Bureau. The programs were perfected in over 250 Head Start centers and proved so successful that within a few years Wolf Trap was asked to replicate its models throughout the U.S. In part the process included:
  - Identification of qualified local sponsoring organizations according to an established set of criteria.
  - Recruitment and training of program coordinators and artist-educators.
  - Creators of linkages and networks between the early childhood education community, Head Start, and the performing arts community.
  - Supervision and evaluation of program services according to program guidelines.
  - Maintenance of a national evaluation data base and a network of training for artists, administrators and coordinators.
  - All program artists participate in a three day annual conference at the Barns of Wolf Trap to exchange successful techniques developed during the year and expand their

knowledge of child development by cross-pollination across the cultural and ethnic spectrums, rural and urban, of the nation

- Wolf Trap educator-artists use dance, drama, song, puppeteers, mime, storytelling and music to teach shapes, size, direction, sequence, vocabulary, stimulate imagination and develop observation skills -- currently the program exists in 38 cities throughout the U.S.
- Partial List of Donors and Sponsors:

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Nashville Metro Action Commission  
Phoenix Arts Commission  
Tennessee Arts Commission  
U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services  
The Washington Post  
William Hearst Foundation

- Teaching Children on Nature, Science, Ecology and the Environment:
  - Using children's concepts to teach how photosynthesis works to sustain life, life cycles and anatomy of plants, trees, the role of oxygen and carbon dioxide removal.
  - "Everyone starts out with a certain creative energy. With children it's a matter of channeling that energy in a positive direction. Children are the hope of the world. What you teach them has an ever lasting effect of them as individuals and who they perceive themselves to be."

San Francisco, California

- "The Wolf Trap Program aims at fostering group awareness and social competencies. Since its opening in 1970 Wolf Trap has been a leader in developing innovative and effective performing arts education programs and employs professional artists with experience and expertise in working with young children to provide classroom on-site residency programs, teachers training workshops, parent involvement activities and instructional materials."
- "Children these days are so visually stimulated by TV. The images they watch change every few minutes, then we expect them to sit still in a classroom where nothing changes for 45 minutes. The [Wolf Trap] program is meeting them on their own level and helping them learn more effectively." "A lot of things happen in one easy lesson. Children learn by touching, feeling and doing - being animated."
- "The best inservice I've had in 24 years of teaching."

Head Start Directors

- Teachers and Administrators comments on Wolf Trap Institute methods:

“National Child Day Care Association has had the pleasure of participating with the Wolf Trap Institute for six and one half years. The Institute has brought to our program a variety of developmentally oriented, cultural arts experiences that have enriched the lives of our children immensely as well as provided to staff a wealth of information activities and skills.”

Washington, D.C.

- “The Artist-in-Residence Program was a unique and wonderful learning experience. I’ve been teaching for twelve years and have not witnessed such tremendous progress in children in so short a period of time. Several children especially experienced exceptional growth in self-esteem, language and motor development.”

Pontiac, Michigan

- “One wonderful aspect of the Wolf Trap program is that all children -- no matter their background, their ability level, their talents or skills -- can take part, can learn, can feel accomplishment, and can grow in self-esteem.”

Chattanooga, Tennessee

- “Over the years, I have seen how Wolf Trap has helped the children’s education and social growth. The children have developed self-awareness, self-esteem and cultural awareness. Through the artists’ well-prepared lesson plans and materials, they have enhanced the creativity, productivity and academic development of the children, parents and teachers.”

Oakland, California

- “The benefits of the Wolf Trap Project are many. The program is set up so that teachers as well as children benefit, so the activities may be carried on, after the artist has finished. As teachers, we found the material and information to be valuable in teaching almost any theme, and a variety of ages. The children received countless benefits including increased verbal and social development.”

Lansing, Michigan

- Students of teachers who implemented Wolf Trap methods scored *fifty* percent *higher* on the end-of-year language development tests than did children in a corresponding age group. Teaching techniques developed by the Wolf trap Institute artists improve the language skills of economically-disadvantaged preschool children, and are invaluable assets to the early education process. Teachers trained in the use of these techniques not only will use the drama curriculum regularly in the future, but also are now qualified to serve as trainers of their colleagues.

Prince Georges County, Maryland

- Organizations Served Across the Nation:

- School Districts
- AEYC / Head Start Chapters
- Colleges / Universities
- Military Bases
- Child Development Centers
- Special Education Centers
- Museums / Cultural Organizations
- Departments of Education
- Early Childhood Education Associations & Councils
- Day Care Providers
- Private School Associations
- Parent Groups

- Powerful teaching strategies and active learning experiences help children learn motor coordination, language development, concentration, verbalization, diction, memory, colors, alphabet, numbers, curricular topics and life skills. Increased self-esteem, self-confidence, joy in learning, improved self-awareness, increased motivation and learning enthusiasm, increased conceptual skills and creativity.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 27, 1995

Councilman Christopher D. Bodkin  
Town of Islip  
655 Main St.  
Islip, NY 11751

Dear Councilman Bodkin:

On behalf of the First Lady, I'd like to thank you for sending the letter regarding the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Anne Frank.

The First Lady and myself agree that Anne Frank was a special individual who should be remembered. She is a model of strength and bravery which we should all follow.

Again, thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,



Margaret A. Williams  
Chief of Staff  
Office of the First Lady

Evan -  
note of acknowledgements  
and thanks  
for letter -  
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# Town of Islip

TO: MAGGIE WILLIAMS

FROM: CHRIS BOOKIN -

DATE: 3/22/95



Christopher D. Bodkin  
Councilman

Town of Islip  
655 Main Street  
Islip, New York 11751

(516) 224-5557

~~TO: (REDACTED)~~: FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF  
 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: THE DEATH OF ANNE FRANK -  
ENCLOSED IS THE LETTER I SENT TO  
NEWSDAY ON ANNE FRANK'S LIFE. PLEASE  
FEEL FREE TO USE ANY OF IT. ANNE WAS  
SUCH A SPECIAL SOUL I THOUGHT IT  
WOULD BE GREAT IF THE FIRST LADY  
COULD MARK HER PASSING IN  
SOME WAY.

MANY THANKS  
CHRIS BOOKIN



Christopher D. Bodkin, Councilman

Town of Islip, 655 Main Street, Islip, New York 11751 • (516) 224-5557

March 16, 1995

Newsday  
Letter to the Editor  
235 Finelawn Road  
Melville NY 11747

Dear Editor:

From December 7, 1991, to the present, we have been passing through the fiftieth anniversary years of World War II by marking its great armed conflicts. Pearl Harbor, the Battle of Midway, D-Day, the Battle of the Bulge, and Iwo Jima to name just a few. These battles were epic in scale involving tens of thousands, even millions, of combatants. The media has been comprehensive and sincere in its coverage of these milestones to victory telling us what happened and where, its significance then and now, and how it changed the course of human events. However, epic battles alone do not a victory make. Sometimes a single individual can, all alone, turn out to be as important as legions of soldiers. Sometimes it's the meek who touch us as much as the mighty. Sometimes, too, precisely because they are meek, their contribution isn't highlighted as would be a great battle. Understandably, two armies crashing into each other are more breathtaking than the story of a little girl hiding from the Nazis in an attic, or is it? I'm talking, of course, of Anne Frank.

I greatly appreciate your article "A Date with History," Newsday, March 16, which gave us more information on this wonderful girl's life. As the fiftieth anniversary of her death approached, I reread the diary that so captivated me as a child and I must say that I was as deeply touched as I was 30 years ago. Who among us could cope with spending years in an attic and still have the composure to write:

"It's really a wonder that I haven't dropped all my ideals, because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet I keep them, because in spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart. I simply can't build up my hopes on a foundation consisting of confusion, misery, and death. I see the world gradually being turned into a wilderness, I hear the ever approaching thunder, which

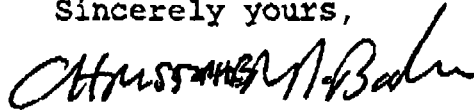
To the Editor  
Page 2  
March 16, 1995

will destroy us too, I can feel the sufferings of millions and yet, if I look up into the heavens, I think that it will all come right, that this cruelty too will end, and that peace and tranquillity will return again.

In the meantime, I must uphold my ideals, for perhaps the time will come when I shall be able to carry them out."

A few days after writing this, Anne and her family were betrayed. The Gestapo broke the door down at 263 Prinsengracht, Amsterdam, and hauled away all the inhabitants of the secret annex and hurled them into the holocaust. Although she is now gone these fifty years, I think all of us who have read her diary never have her far from our thoughts. Then, as now, her words and her life are nothing less than remarkable. I know there are those who, like me, think that Anne played as big a part in the victory of good over evil as did all the soldiers who marched and all the ships that sailed.

Sincerely yours,



CHRISTOPHER D. BODKIN  
Councilman

CDB/kgb

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 10, 1995

Mr. Robert L. Breeden, Chairman  
White House Historical Association  
740 Jackson Place, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Breeden:

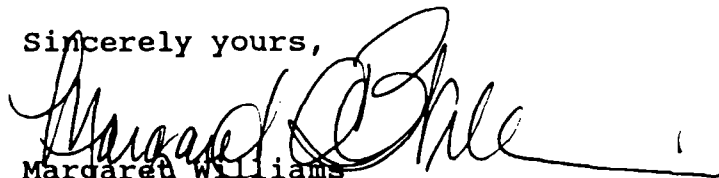
Let me apologize for any misunderstandings concerning the publication of the book The White House Collection of American Crafts. It appears that we mistakenly assumed that you all had been notified about the project and were "on board." In any event, we discovered the problem too late to rectify it for the first printing of the book, which will mention the White House Historical Association as a co-sponsor. Any subsequent printings will omit mention of the White House Historical Association, and will note only the participation of the National Archives.

The agreement with the publisher will guarantee the White House Endowment Fund \$12,500 in royalties for the improvement of public spaces in the White House. In addition, the Endowment Fund will share evenly with the Archives those royalties over \$25,000. Thus, the book publication will substantially benefit the public spaces of the White House.

We believe the book will be a valuable addition to the history of the White House and to American crafts. As you know, the book publication will take place in conjunction with the opening of the exhibit at the Renwick in April. The book will feature some of the finest in American crafts, and the photographs have been shot by one of the nation's leading photographers. The book thus will testify to the importance of the White House in promoting and encouraging our nation's artists.

We hope that you will accept our apology for any misunderstanding in connection with the project.

Sincerely yours,



Margaret Williams  
Chief of Staff  
Office of the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 4, 1996

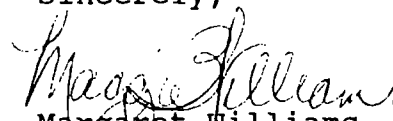
Mr. Nathan Wayne Bozeman 274766  
P.O. Box 511  
Columbus, Ohio 43216-0511

Dear Mr. Bozeman:

Your words of support and encouragement meant so much to me during the past weeks. It was very kind of you to take the time to write as you did and I am grateful.

Please accept my thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

  
Margaret Williams  
Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

Standard  
Letter of  
Thank you  
for encouragement  
No picture  
available  
of me -  
send one of HRG

Nathan Wayne Bozeman 274766  
P.O. Box 511  
Columbus, Ohio 43216-0511

Margaret Williams/Chief of Staff  
The First Lady of The United States of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC

Dear Margaret:

I just thought that you could use a cheerful holiday greeting along with a kind word. I have followed your career as Chief of Staff to the First Lady and am probably the biggest Margaret Williams fan in America.

I am currently an inmate in a state prison in Ohio. However, I am as patriotic as any American and support the First Family in all the efforts they are making to help make this country work for all of us.

I hope to be out of here sometime this coming year. I plan to resume what was a once promising radio broadcasting career in news and talk. I am so very proud of you. Do not let the nay sayers on the hill deter you from the fine service which you have given The First Family.

These guys here look at me so strange because I am probably the only inmate in America with a picture of The First Lady pinned up in my locker. One is from the cover of the National Review and the other is from an interview she did with one of the national magazines. Yes, I have The President too (smile).

What I don't have, is one of you or my other favorite Clinton supporter George Stephanopolis (is that right?). I wish all of you a very happy holiday season, and Margaret, one of these days I will be back on the radio somewhere, and I want you to be the very first person that I have a chance to interview.

My life has been no picnic. Yet, I am determined to make the best of the rest of this life. I hope I can make some positive contribution to this country. Hang in there my friend, and I wish you godspeed. SEND A PICTURE IF YOU CAN, the ones on my locker are yellowing a bit. Thanks.

Sincerely,

*Nathan Bozeman*

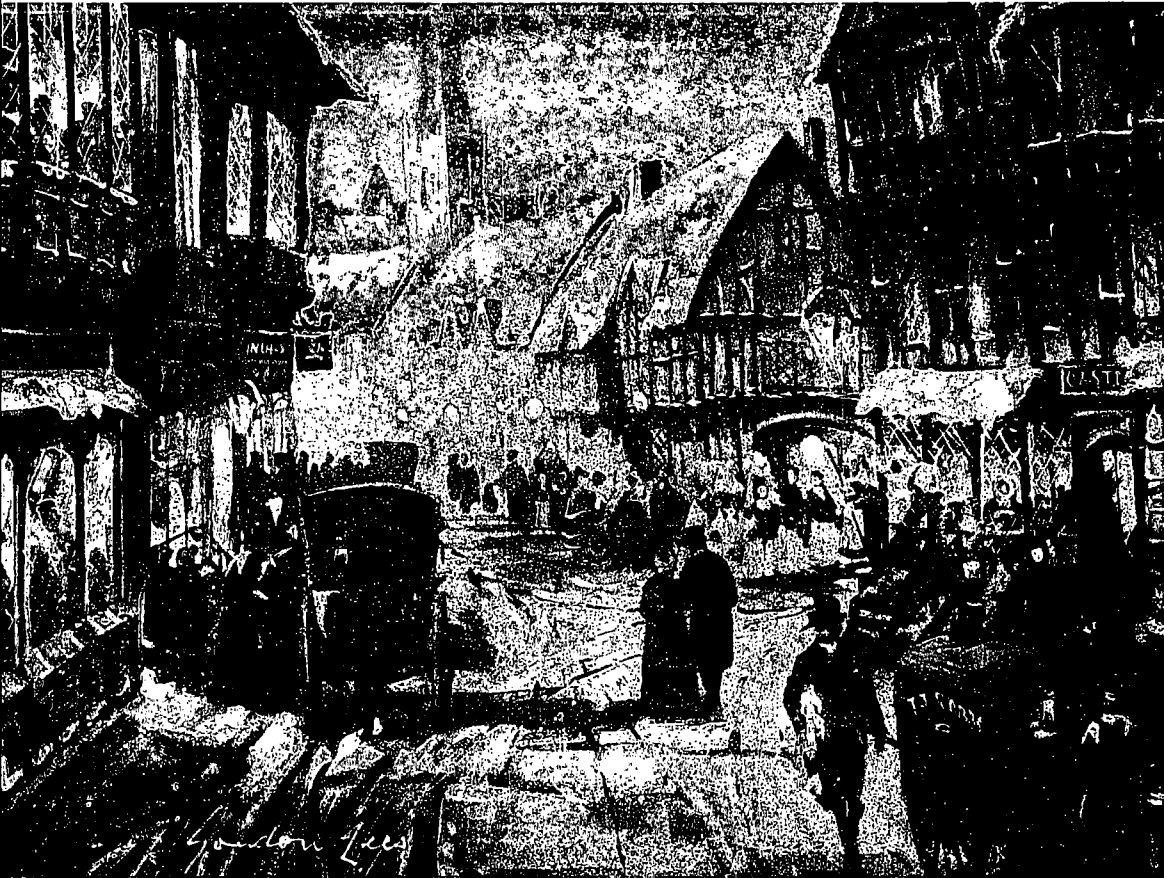
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May the joy of the holiday season  
bring happiness, good health  
and the best of everything!

Merry Christmas  
Margaret  
Guson  
Nathan Sh. Boyer

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 15, 1995

Cecele Beringer  
8370 Sunnydale Drive  
Brecksville, Ohio 44141

Dear Ms. Beringer:

Thank you for sending me the information on talk show hosts and guns in school. I appreciate your sharing with me the leading constitutional decisions about these issues which is so highly debated.

Your comments and those of other concerned citizens, provide President Clinton with a better understanding of these complex issues.

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

Sincerely,



Margaret A. Williams  
Chief of Staff to the First Lady

page 141 Clear and Present Danger (discussed)

page 145-146 "The court made it clear in colloquy with counsel that in its view the illegal advocacy was made out simply by showing that what was said dealt with forcible insisting that all such advocacy was punishable "whether in language of incitement or not.".....  
The distinction between advocacy of abstract doctrine and advocacy directed at promoting unlawful action is one that has been consistently recognized in the opinions of this Court, beginning with Fox v. Washington, 236 U.S. 273, and Schenck v. New York, 268 U.S. 652.....

page 167 Are there standards or rules to guide the courts in striking this balance? The Supreme Court has evolved two such rules, one known as the "clear and present danger" test, the other as the "bad tendency" test.

Clear and present danger --- Mr. Justice Holmes in Schenck v. United States, 249 U.S. 47 (1919)

The "bad tendency" test was applied in Gitlow v. New York, 268 U.S. 652 (1925)

page 484 JUDICIAL POWER ..... to controversies to which the United States shall be a party.....

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HONORABLE JUSTICE THE LIFE OF OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES by Sheldon M. Novick  
Little Brown & Co. (Canada) Limited 1989

page 327 The question in every case is whether the words are used in such circumstances and are of such a nature as to create a clear and present danger that they will bring about the substantive evils that Congress has a right to prevent."

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OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, JR. Gary J. Aichele  
Twayne Publishers, Boston, A Division of G.K. Hall & Co., 70 Lincoln Street, Boston Mass., 02111 (1989)

page 150 "The question for Holmes became whether the words war "used in such circumstances" and were of "such a nature" as to create "a clear and present danger" of the type the state had a right to prevent. The issue was primarily one of "proximity and degree," for even "the most stringent protection of free speech would not protect a man in falsely shouting "fire" in a theatre and causing a panic." Schenck v. U.S. (1919) Debs v. U.S. (1919)

page 151 In Gitlow v. N.Y. (1925) Holmes again dissented, arguing that "every idea is an incitement," and that "the only difference between the expression of opinion and an incitement in the narrower sense is the speaker's enthusiasm for the result. Eloquence may set fire to reason."

page 106 "On July 16, 1936, in Cleveland, he called the President "that great be-  
trayer and liar---Franklin Double-Crossing Roosevelt." On September 25th  
he called the President "anti-Christ"---a favorite name of his for all  
who disagree with him. On October 25th he called the President "the  
scab President Roosevelt."

page 159 But Coughlinism, intent upon destroying American unity, uses every de-  
vice within its power to divide our people. Its theme is Gentile against  
Jew, Christian against non-Christian, Gentile wrath against the Jews is  
fanned by painting the Jew as a murderer and the enemy of religion.

page 188-189 Hatred discussed

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DEMAGOGUES IN THE DEPRESSION AMERICAN RADICALS AND THE UNION PARTY, 1932-1936

by David H. Bennett Rutgers University Press, New Brunswick, N.J.

page 79 Charles E. Coughlin finally renounced all earlier support of the President  
(A group in Kentucky sent the Chief Executive a petition containing seven  
hundred signatures demanding that the President cooperate with Coughlin)

page 83 The priest now turned his attention to the impending general election of  
November, 1936. He called on his followers to redouble their efforts in  
every congressional district. He was willing to risk everything in an  
effort to defeat President Roosevelt and promote his own radical solutions  
to the nation's problems.

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FATHER COUGHLIN AND THE NEW DEAL by Charles J. Tull, Syracuse University Press, 1965

pages 20 -228(A very relevant description in all these pages, including the action taken  
by Attorney General Francis Biddle and Postmaster General Walker)

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FATHER COUGHLIN THE TUMULTUOUS LIFE OF THE PRIEST OF THE LITTLE FLOWER By Sheldon Marcus  
(Little Brown & Co; 1973)

pages 177, 207, 209, 215, 211 (Also relevant)

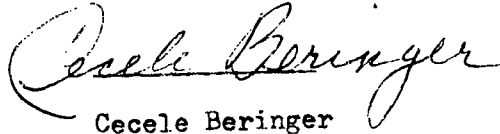
MEMORANDUM

May 3, 1995

TO

President Clinton  
Hillary Clinton

Here's your answer to the talk show hosts  
on radio as well as the answer to preventing  
guns in schools.

  
Cecele Beringer

CECELE BERINGER

(216)526-4174

8370 Sunnydale Drive  
Brecksville, Ohio 44141

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Robert BLACK JR  
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P.O. Box 3466  
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8-30-95

To: MS. MARGARET A. Williams  
Chief of Staff to the First Lady

Hello MS. Williams.

It's been almost 9 months  
and almost close to a year since I got my letter from  
you and our President Mr. Clinton.

"Yes! I was transferred here because  
I stay out of trouble.

Sure! I still love doing Business Research  
and I have located the Business and Job opportunities  
that will get people off welfare and get our  
youth on the positive road in life and we  
can weed out the hard heads, and let them  
clear brush that will cause fires, and we can  
stop the violence.

I've been having problems with  
my Business Correspondence here, but a few Co's  
said they would look into the situation, as  
some of them is very professional and  
respectfully and deserve honor.  
MS. Williams, tell the President, we have

THE MANY WAYS TO GET PEOPLE OFF WELFARE AND  
GET JOBS. " YES! SOME OF THE JOBS I SEEN  
IS STARTING BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES THAT WILL DO  
CONTRACT WORK FOR THE GOVERNMENT IF  
THEY DON'T CLOSE THEM DOWN; BUT I STILL  
HAVE MANY JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN EVERY TOWN  
I'VE RESEARCHED AND WE CAN GET PEOPLE  
OFF WELFARE AND GIVE THE YOUTHS POSITIVE  
THINGS TO DO AND STOP THE VIOLENCE AND DRUGS.

WE MUST PUT THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES  
OUT THERE NOW, FOR I HAVE TO SEE POSTAL  
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HE GOT Laid OFF, WHEN WE CAN GIVE THEM  
POSITIVE ALTERNATIVES.

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SUPREME COURT CASE NO. 94-9841 TO PROVE  
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HILLS POLICE, THE RODNEY KING TAPE AND  
NOW THE FURCHMAN TAPE PROVES WE HAVE  
POLICE WHO WILL FRAME INNOCENT PEOPLE.

MS. WILLIAMS, I WILL PUT JOBS IN OUR  
COMMUNITIES, FOR I'M FROM THE GHETTO  
AND KNOW WHAT WE NEED TO GET PEOPLE  
OFF WELFARE. I'VE DONE GOOD BUSINESS  
RESEARCH, SO TELL THE PRESIDENT WE  
CAN GET PEOPLE OFF WELFARE, NOW AND  
GIVE THEM JOBS. THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND  
AMERICAN'S STAND UP WHEN CALLED ON. SINCERELY  
Bob

Robert Black Jr  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 12, 1995

Ms. Adrienne Brooks  
Vice President  
Resource Development  
ChildServ  
8765 W. Higgins, Suite 450  
Chicago, IL 60631

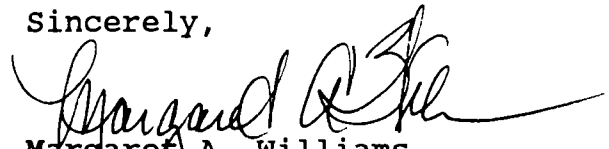
Dear Ms. Brooks:

Thank you for your letter of April 7, 1995. Your kind invitation for Mrs. Clinton to act as ChildServ's guest speaker at its annual Gala is greatly appreciated.

I have forwarded your correspondence to the First Lady's Director of Scheduling.

On behalf of Mrs. Clinton, again thank you for your invitation.

Sincerely,



Margaret A. Williams  
Chief of Staff  
Office of the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 23, 1995

Ms. Amanda Buckley  
Public Affairs Office  
1601 Massachusetts Ave., NW  
Washington, D.C. 20036-2273

Dear Amanda:

I appreciated your letter reminding us of Mrs. Clinton's expression of interest in visiting Australia. There is not a trip scheduled at the present, but I will be sure that our scheduling office gets the information about the October Inaugural Breast Cancer Day in October.

In the meantime, let me assure you that we will let you know immediately if a trip to Australia becomes more than a sincere interest and wish.

Thanks again for writing.

Sincerely,



Margaret A. Williams  
Chief of Staff to the First Lady

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EMBASSY OF AUSTRALIA

December 23, 1994

Ms. Margaret A. Williams  
Chief of Staff  
Office of the First Lady  
6100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Margaret:

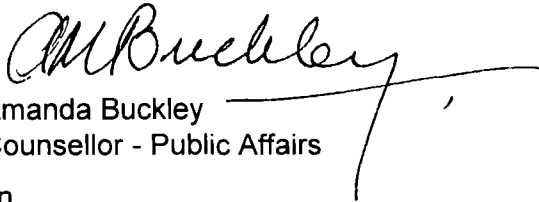
I am writing on behalf of Mrs. Annita Keating, the wife of the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Paul Keating.

On a number of recent occasions when Mrs. Keating has met Mrs. Clinton, the First Lady has expressed a desire to visit Australia. Mrs. Keating has sent Mrs. Clinton a letter with books on Port Douglas, one of Australia's most beautiful tourist regions.

Mrs. Keating is interested to know whether the First Lady has given any more thought to traveling to Australia. Perhaps she would be interested in attending Australia's Inaugural Breast Cancer Day in October 1995?

We look forward to hearing from you on this invitation. We know what a busy schedule Mrs. Clinton has but we believe she would find the visit both rewarding and interesting.

Yours sincerely,

  
Amanda Buckley  
Counsellor - Public Affairs

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 27, 1995

Ms. Cecele Beringer  
8370 Sunnydale Dr.  
Brecksville, OH 44141

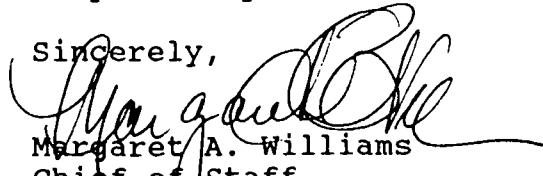
Ms. Beringer:

I would like to thank you for your letter and the corresponding articles concerning the fight against drugs. The drug war is an important issue and the involvement of women is always of special interest to Mrs. Clinton.

I have forwarded your correspondence to the First Lady.

Again, thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,



Margaret A. Williams  
Chief of Staff  
Office of the First Lady

MEMORANDUM

March 18, 1995

TO:

HILLARY CLINTON

I THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT A FEW  
BRAVE VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE FIGHTING THE DRUG WAR.

I THINK A BIT OF RECOGNITION IS IN ORDER.

NANCY REAGAN'S "JUST SAY 'NO'" pales in comparison.

George Bush was a failure when he was in charge  
of Drug Traffic Control. It grew during his ad-  
ministration.

*Just acknowledge  
from me that I have  
received dips and will  
share with  
Mrs. Clinton  
M. Moore*

Best wishes,

*Evon*

*Cecile Beringer*

CECELE BERINGER

8370 Sunnydale Drive  
Brecksville, Ohio 44141

to HRC: Recognize  
Drug War Volunteers -  
(articles)

~~PERSONA~~

[nice  
note]

# IDEAS

✓ Put women in charge, suggests female reader

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evening.

So he and his neighbors on Girard Street in Firestone Park got together last year and complained enough to get one drug house razed. Then, with the help of Akron Police Lt. Kent Forest, the neighbors started a block watch that resulted in arrests at another house this month.

Anderson said the message for the residents of Girard, or any other street where drugs are a worry, is, "Hey, look what we did. . . . This stuff really does work. We were successful here in a big way."

A few people, however, said they thought it was wasteful to raze crack houses. Recycle them into drug treatment facilities or housing for the homeless, they suggested.

But whatever solutions the community might explore, cautioned Interval Brotherhood Home finance director Edwin R. Stanford, they come with price tags affixed.

"This country's war for independence required both personal and financial support," he wrote. "The war for the independence from substance abuse requires the same widespread commitment."

## Commitment pays off

John Saucier of Streetsboro, a detention officer for Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court, has spent several years trying one approach that requires a lot of personal commitment but not much money.

Through West Hill Baptist Church in Akron, Saucier runs TEAM JAM (Jesus, Athletics and Ministry), a basketball program that assists local high school youths in their athletic, academic and home lives.

"And you know what? The youth respond to the investment," Saucier wrote. "They call, they write, they thank, they achieve, they avoid drugs, they cry, they laugh, they hug, they know who their real friends are.

"And when they fall down, they

## We need YOUR help!



Drug and substance abuse affects every aspect of our society. We want to know what's being done about it and what might be needed in the future.

What we need to know is what help is available in our community—through a religious organization, a government agency, a nonprofit group, a union, a business.

*If you are familiar with a treatment or prevention program, please tell us about it — the services it provides, the people it serves, where it is based, and a contact number or person. We also need your name and daytime phone number in case we need clarification.*

▶ Mail to Akron Beacon Journal  
P.O. Box 640, Akron, Ohio  
44309-0640

▶ Fax to Beacon Journal at  
(216) 376-9235

Name of organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Where is it: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name and daytime phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

“We need halfway houses for discharged alcoholics and addicts who need housing, care and a structured life away from normal temptation and some of the regular cares of life for a period of growing time.”

**RWILLIAM E. BOLES**  
*Akron*

know who to call to help them back up instead of just giving up and hiding behind a crack pipe.”

✓ If the War on Drugs has been a failure, Cecele Beringer of Brecksville thinks she knows why. Men.

“The solution: Let *women* take over,” she wrote. “Men have been unsuccessful . . .

“Therefore, women everywhere should band together and declare war on drugs. . . . They should boycott all products from countries where drug lords operate freely. . . . Women, with their natural instinct to protect their children, can turn the tide.”

But tides turn a ripple at a time.

## Perhaps a fresh start

One woman told how the love of

her life found himself drowning in crack's crashing waves. He sold everything to support his habit, and she left him.

Then one day he sought help, went away for months of treatment and avoided his old crowd when he returned.

“My honey and I are now going to be married in a few days from now,” the woman wrote. “Yes, I'm scared. Crack has a sweet call, and I know he hears it often.

“But the difference is that he has hope and direction in his life. God has given him the power to overcome, and has given me peace that no matter what happens in the future, we *will* make it.

“Someday we will be able to help others the way that we are being helped.”

TO: HILLARY CLINTON

February 20, 1995

FROM: CECELE BERINGER

The Solution: Let women take over. Men have been unsuccessful. President George Bush headed Drug Enforcement under President Reagan and they, too, were unsuccessful. Therefore, WOMEN everywhere should band together and declare war on drugs. They should boycott companies that manufacture chemicals used in making drugs without proper monitoring of the usage. In addition, they should boycott all products from countries where drug lords operate freely as they ship drugs to our country. Include Columbia, Ecuador, Turkey, and, yes, France because she permits the use of her ports for drug shipments to the United States.

Women, with their natural instinct to protect their children, can turn the tide. Organizations such as the League of Women Voters, American Association of University Women, National Association of Business Women, Eastern Stars, PTA, Planned Parenthood, etc., could unify their efforts against the crime lords and gangs. Unification and unrelenting action can succeed.

In addition, let's do what Darryl Alford did. He, single-handedly, drove drug dealers off his neighborhood street corners with a video camera. His camera, in identifying gang members and drug dealers, won the battle. His personally financed Family Safe Community Center at 15380 Kinsman Road in Cleveland is a drop-in and referral center. His leadership and bravery should be recognized and rewarded by the entire country.

Last resort solution: Legalize drugs. Prohibition didn't work and neither are our efforts to control drugs. It's worse now --- our entire society is affected compared to the 1920's when back-door speakeasies destroyed adult lives under adult gang leaders like Al Capone, etc. Let's get the drug dealers away from our youth through legalization. Drugs would be dispensed by government outlets, protecting the addicted from criminals. Counseling and Methadone would be available for anyone wishing to get off drugs. Unborn babies would not be addicted. Clean needles would prevent AIDS. With no market for drugs the drug lords would leave. Jocelyn Elders is right. She said "Let's talk about legalization."



MIKE LEVY | PLAIN DEALER PHOTOGRAPHER

Darryl Alford used his own money to start the Family Safe Community Center at E. 154th St. and Kinsman Rd. He hopes to renovate the basement into classrooms for tutoring, high school equivalency courses, and meetings for drug and alcohol abusers.

*15380 Kinsman Rd*

*Phone (216) 283-8585*

# The brave Samaritan

Darryl Alford opened his own community center, ran off gangs and took in kids; but can his do-it-yourself activism last?

PHOTOCOPY PRESERVATION

By MICHAEL SANGIACOMO and ANJETTA McQUEEN  
PLAIN DEALER REPORTERS

CLEVELAND — Darryl Alford didn't know what to expect last December when he and Governor Rowell walked into a filthy, roach-infested Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority apartment being used as a gang clubhouse.

The two, unarmed, were dressed in starched camouflage outfits. Rowell stood back as Alford ignored the gang members and walked up to a young girl.

He talked to her calmly, quietly and persuaded her to give up her life of gangs, grass and gratuitous sex.

The next day, Alford and Rowell returned and took out three more runaway girls, ages 14, 15 and 15.

Alford's strongest memory of that episode is a gang member's question: "Hey man, why are you taking our toys away?"

"I was furious," Alford said. "That's all these girls ever were to these gang members: toys. They were not even people to them. The girls were just taken in by all the attention. This is why we are out here: We need to change the way people think."

Alford and Rowell are the heart, soul and bankroll behind the Family Safe Commu-



MIKE LEVY | PLAIN DEALER PHOTOGRAPHER

Richard McWilliams, 15, plays a video game at the center.

nity Center at E. 154th St. and Kinsman Rd., a 24-hour drop-in and referral center. Stop in almost anytime, night or day, and Alford is likely to be there.

Alford, 34, opened the center in late No-

vember in a burned-out store that he had refurbished. He and his volunteers offer advice, counseling referrals and sometimes a shoulder to cry on. Often, they end up putting themselves in the middle of dangerous situations, when arguments turn physical.

Rowell, 33, who also lives in the neighborhood, was with Alford from the beginning. He would be the associate director of the center, if they bothered with titles. Rowell is Alford's right arm, his back-up, a quiet man with a sharp eye for trouble.

One of Alford's biggest boosters is Mike Walker, executive director of the city's Task Force on Violent Crime.

"Most people are worried about crime, but are too fearful to actually go out and do something about it," Walker said. "Darryl took out a loan and opened his place and goes out and confronts these people himself. If more people did that, we would all be better off."

Alford single-handedly drove drug dealers off the corner with bravado and a video camera. They had operated there boldly night and day, selling crack cocaine to a steady stream of customers. His crackdown resulted in two attempts on his life by gunmen, one an angry 14-year-old boy.

SEE ALFORD!

# Brave Samaritan takes on drug dealers

ALFORD FROM 1-A

Now, the Family Safe center serves as an after-school haven where children can study and munch on sandwiches until their parents get home from work.

"It's important for children to know they have a safe place they can always come where there are no drug dealers, no bullies," Alford said. "We have a lot of latch-key kids who have no one to go home to. We would like to start a tutoring service to help the kids with their schoolwork."

The center is sparsely furnished with a few office desks, older model electric typewriters and a well-worn computer. A bright orange sign with black letters declares, "BEWARE, DRUG DEALERS AND BUYERS." A big-screen television sits in the back room so children can watch movies or play video games.

Alford addresses everyone, including children, with a crisp

"Yes sir" or "Yes ma'am" that sounds sincere.

"I want these children to respect others and themselves," he said. "If I expect it from them, I should show them the same respect."

Alford would like to convert two basement rooms into classrooms and meeting rooms.

He said he could use the rooms for meetings of recovering alcoholics and drug addicts when the children were not there. In the front of the center is a bulletin board covered with newspaper clippings and fliers on health care and social services.

"There is so much we want to do," he said. "But we don't have the money."

Alford used his own savings and his credit cards to open and operate the center.

Alford attended John Adams High School and left to join the Army in 1977. He was a medic in the Army until 1978. Then he joined the Marines.

**It's important for children to know they have a safe place they can always come where there are no drug dealers, no bullies.**

DARRYL ALFORD, community activist

It's funny now, but some friends and I were talking about how the Marines run five to 10 miles a day," he said. "I wondered if I could handle that."

In the corps, Alford was quickly promoted to sergeant. He was a nuclear technician, preparing weapons for nuclear strikes. From 1982 to 1986, he was a Marine recruiter in Cleveland. He left the service in 1989 and returned to Cleveland.

He worked at the Ford Motor Co. plant and on his own landscaping and snowplowing jobs. But he soon decided that he could no longer ignore the drug dealers

operating with impunity just outside his window on E. 154th St.

"I have two children, one lives here with his mother and the other is living in Arizona," he said. "But I had to make it better for them. Then my cousin and another man, both innocent bystanders, were killed at a gas station at 131st St. and Harvard when someone was trying to kill a rival drug dealer. I looked at my cousin lying in the coffin and felt that I had to do something."

At the time, people scoffed and said it was impossible to run such an operation without grant money from the government or foundations.

"I said, 'We don't have the time to wait for grants,'" Alford said. "They said I could not do it on my own. I wonder how they cannot try. How can they see what goes on on the streets every day with crime, drugs and gangs, and still do nothing?"

Alford said he dreams of an ambitious project to unite residents and groups in an area bordered by E. 154th St., E. 193rd St., Miles Ave. and Buckeye Rd., and take it back from drug dealers.

"We want to get people to go out onto their porches, stand on the corners and let the drug dealers know that they will not be kept prisoners in their own houses," he said. "We want to use the people to patrol to keep the drug dealers at bay."

He said he had heard that some people were wondering whether he was using his neighborhood notoriety as a steppingstone for political office.

"I have no plans to run for anything," he said. "Is this putting me into a financial hole? Yes; but it's something I have to do."

He said beyond one small fund-raising event, he had received few contributions, although he has received many offers from people willing to volunteer their time. He is not paid for the long hours he spends at the center and has not spent much time on his landscaping and snowplowing work.

He said he hoped that someday the operation might have enough money to pay a salary for himself and Rowell, but he is willing to wait.

"We're hanging on as best we can," said Alford. "They want to shut off the gas and the phone, but we're OK on the rent for a few more months."

Alford has applied for federal tax-exempt status as a nonprofit corporation. He has not applied for any grants yet, nor is he the best fund-raiser, since he spends most of his time working at the center and on the streets. He

hopes to get some help raising money.

On Thursday, Alford will have a fund-raising event at the 6th Street Under jazz club, 1266 W. 6th St., featuring the Raymond Ferris group.

And he is organizing a board of directors, which he needs to make him eligible for certain grants. Alford hopes to raise \$2,000 overall to help finance the center.

Among those who have agreed to be on the board are Ward Councilwoman Odelia Robinson, 4th District police Cmdr. Ronald Reynolds and Denise Gentry, social worker.

If Robinson has her way, Alford may wind up entangled in a very red tape he tried to avoid.

"We need to set up a system of policies and procedures," said Alford. "The board will get together and interpret his idea and set policy. The first thing we need is a mission statement."

Alford figures that if he face down drug dealers and members, he should be able to handle his own board.

"I started this organization. I am going to run it," he said. "I did it with my own time and money to avoid politics. I'm going to turn it over to the reaucrats."

Alford pointed out that if he to follow strict rules and regulations, he certainly would not be able to walk into a house and simply remove girls who should have been in county care.

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## The men who roared

A newly elected Georgia school superintendent and a Cleveland man who is cobbling together a community center with volunteers and a couple of credit cards have a lot in common. They can't keep silent when they see something going wrong — a lesson all Greater Clevelanders should absorb.

Corkin Cherubini, a former English teacher, developed a suspicion that Georgia's Calhoun County High School's academic tracking system was based more on race than on merit. Most of the vocational classes had black students, he noted. Most of the college preparatory classes had white students. Even the cheerleading squads were divided: Black girls cheered for basketball, white girls for football.

When Cherubini was elected school superintendent recently, he asked the federal government to investigate his concerns. The government concluded he was right.

Here in Cleveland, Darryl Alford stopped ignoring the gangs of youths who sold drugs in his Kinsman neighborhood. Spurred by the murder of his cousin, Alford made it his mission to close down the drug dealers' corner bazaars. When he was through sending them on the run, Alford opened the Family Safe Community, a 24-hour counseling and referral center for residents.

Speaking out was the right thing — and the most difficult. Alford has been shot at by thugs

### AGENDA'S PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

One of seven topics the Plain Dealer has chosen to highlight this year as vitally important to Greater Cleveland.

angered because he is cutting into their illegal enterprises. He has earned more enemies by persuading young run-aways to give up their careers as molls — while their posturing drug-dealing boyfriends looked on. Cherubini didn't attend a basketball game recently because he didn't want to face taunts from angry white students. His mail is full of bomb threats and hate letters.

Most Greater Clevelanders need not worry about bullets or bile when they confront events that can damage the quality of life in our area. Yet too many people keep silent in the face of incivility and intolerance. When they do, communities sprout toughs who keep their neighbors under lock and key. And they sprout school systems that don't serve black or white students well and civic leaders too afraid to question popular dogma, despite the evidence in front of their eyes.

Neither Cherubini nor Alford could put his hands over his eyes or ears to keep the trouble around him from registering. Fortunately for their communities, they couldn't keep quiet about it either.

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PRESERVATION

# Ex-Marine's drug war slowed

By ANJETTA McQUEEN

PLAIN DEALER REPORTER

CLEVELAND — Darryl Alford, who has spent most of his own savings fighting drug dealers in his Kinsman Rd. neighborhood, found himself on the other side of the law this week when a grand jury indicted him on a weapons charge.

Alford, co-founder and executive director of the Family Life Center, at E. 154th St. and Kinsman Rd., was arrested Nov. 4, just weeks before he opened the storefront center as an alternative to the streets for local teens. He was charged with carrying a concealed weapon, and will be arraigned at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Justice Center.

Alford, a 34-year-old ex-

Marine, is known in the neighborhood for staring down drug dealers and standing toe-to-toe with the toughest among them. Yesterday he admitted he had a gun. He said an elderly woman had given it to him for safety when she found out he was going to be meeting with drug dealers in an appeal to get them to move out of the community.

"I'm real sorry if I let everybody down," Alford said yesterday. "I only took it because the people wanted me to be protected. I am out here fighting this every day. If I show fear and didn't meet with them when they summoned me, that would give them more incentive to shoot me."

Cleveland Police Department spokesman Alan A.A. Seifullah

said yesterday that on Nov. 4 about 6:30 p.m. Narcotics Unit detectives confiscated a 25-caliber semiautomatic pistol from Alford.

Seifullah said the detectives were on a routine check when they saw a youth talking to someone in the driver's seat of a Chevy Blazer. The juvenile ran when approached, he said. The detectives then questioned the driver, Alford. He said the detectives saw Alford appeared to be wearing a bullet-proof vest, so they asked him whether he had a weapon. Alford then told detectives about the pistol, Seifullah said. Alford was arrested and released without bond, pending the grand jury's decision.

"This was not a sale," Seifullah said yesterday.

Alford said he had been sum-

moned by neighborhood drug dealers who wanted to talk to him about his crusade against them. He said he had no choice but to talk to the drug-dealing youth about the meeting, and that's what the Narcotics detectives saw.

"I know they are gunning for me anyway," said Alford, who insisted he doesn't ordinarily carry weapons to protect himself. "I knew when I started this, that I was going to be stepping on a lot of toes."

Seifullah said the department still supported Alford's work.

"We commend him for that, but he still is subject to the law," said Seifullah. "That's what we are sworn to carry out. Now, it's up to the courts to determine exactly what the circumstances were."

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LETTERS

# Beacon of hope survives despair

PHOTOCOPY PRESERVATION



MAGUIRE

Upon viewing and reading about the 14 "drug houses" being boarded-up on W. 54th St., my admiration for Metro Catholic Parish School has become limitless. St. Stephen's is located on W. 54th St., and St. Boniface is on W. 52nd.

This letter is a tribute to the unsung heroes of MCPS, in the form of nuns, teachers, pastors and parents or surrogate parents who sacrifice daily for the children, the future of our country!

The tiny feet of apple-cheeked and gaunt, wide-eyed innocents tread over cracked sidewalks, past boarded-up "temples of illicit pleasure," scurrying along, heeding parental warnings not to tarry, carefully avoiding the excrement of animals and those that would act like them.

Their destination is a gallant edifice built as a labor of love, from the meager savings of a past generation filled with the hope afforded them by their newly adopted nation. This wondrous place was not a fortress then. The walls and doors were not built to keep out violence and inhuman conditions, but to dispense the knowledge of historians, theologians, mathematicians, scientists and writers. It was, and still is a paradigm for the future, an opportunity to grow spiritually and mentally.

The innocents of long ago trod past neatly painted homes with manicured lawns. Unlike some of the boarded-up windows of today, smells of simple, familiar foods and sounds of laughter or scolding emerged from half-opened, spotless framed glass. There was no need to scurry along or to beware of unfamiliar faces then, because the fiefdom surrounding the halls of knowledge protected, loved and venerated the innocents.

The arms of the inhabitants glistened from the sweat of labor and were not covered to camouflage needle tracts. These long-ago innocents absorbed the knowledge, grew in stature and moved on to new horizons. Al-

though mindful of their roots, remaining loyal to their parents, schools and churches, time and destiny took its toll upon the people and neighborhoods of the inner city. A number of homes and businesses fell into disrepair. It became a place of affordable housing for today's immigrants, and for many to whom life has not been gentle, as well as to predators with little regard for life.

In the midst of this ever-changing area still stands this

wondrous place of learning, spires reaching upwards, brick and mortar slightly worn, towering over the mean streets, proudly brandishing a banner proclaiming it a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. It now dispatches the knowledge of the past, plus a state-of-the-art education, along with a reverence for God and a love for humanity. Now, the well-worn halls trampled by hundreds of innocents of the past, must also be a fortress, a

refuge, a protector of what innocence is still left of the ones who come to drink of today's knowledge. It has become an oasis of hope in the midst of urban and moral decay. May it always be. God bless Metro Catholic Parish School.

PATRICIA A. HALEK  
Garfield Heights

Halek was a student at St. Augustine's and graduated from St. Michael's School in 1954.

# Residents' tips help police make drug arrests

By OLIVERA PERKINS

PLAIN DEALER REPORTER

CLEVELAND — The same name kept appearing on the "drug hot spot" cards residents of E. 143rd St. gave to police alerting them to drug activity in their neighborhood.

✓ On card after card, they wrote that "Tee-bone" was a major drug supplier.

Police said these anonymous tips were responsible for the arrest last weekend of Tee-bone, whose real name is James Austin, and two other men. All three were charged yesterday with aggravated trafficking of cocaine.

The pure cocaine and crack cocaine police confiscated from the

men had a street value of \$100,000 to \$150,000, said Lt. Robert Hassel, who heads the 4th District vice squad.

Cmdr. Ronald Reynolds said that without residents' help, it would have taken police six months, instead of six weeks, to nab the trio.

"It would have been very difficult doing this without the help of citizens," he said. "This is why I believe in community policing fully. [It enables] police and citizens to work together to solve crimes."

Austin, 25, of Raymond Ave., Charles Gladden, 55, Austin's stepfather, of the same address, and Demetrius Anglen, 26, of

Easton Ave., are scheduled to be arraigned today.

Neither Austin, Gladden nor Anglen could be reached yesterday for comment.

Following up on tips from residents, police arrested Austin and Anglen while they were sitting in a parked car in the 3200 block of E. 143rd St. about 8 p.m. Saturday.

Police said the men had 123 grams of crack cocaine with them, which they intended to distribute to lower-level drug dealers.

By special arrangement with Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge Kenneth Callahan, police were able to get search warrants

executed at 5 a.m. Sunday to search four addresses, including Austin and Gladden's home. There, along with Gladden, they found almost a kilogram of pure cocaine and another 123 grams of crack.

Members of community groups interviewed yesterday said they were happy to see police had used the information from the cards.

"If that's what works to help use get rid of them [drug dealers], let's see if we could find a better way to get the cards out," said Barbara Rogers, a community organizer for the Union Miles Development Corp. "Maybe we should set up a telephone hotline."

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*Akron Beacon Journal 3/17/95*

# Arguing for the decriminalization of drugs

Our drug problem can be stemmed only by decriminalization, accompanied by:

- State control of distribution.
- A massive rehabilitation program.
- A continuing educational program.

The decriminalization of drugs would immediately relieve the state and federal governments of the exorbitant costs of our present drug program. It would cut our jail population by about 50 percent and relieve our court system, to say nothing of lessening the load on our police.

State control and distribution would eliminate the profit in drugs. It would eliminate the pushers and the ones who prey on our children. A city such as Akron could set up a central office and four district stations in the Public Health Department, where users could go to get their fix at a nominal cost. If the user had no money, he could get the drug at no cost. Each station could have counselors who would talk to the user about kicking the habit.

Rehabilitation centers could be set up so that any user who could be persuaded would have immediate access to the program.

Coincidentally with the educational program aimed at users, there could be programs in schools, public facilities and in the media, much like today's anti-tobacco (and similar) programs. Abuse resulting in unsocial acts would still be punishable. Under no circumstances should the drugs be privatized, as in our liquor industry, as the profit motive would cause distributors to push drugs as they push liquor today.

**N.C. SYRACOPOULOS**  
*Akron*

drive his first 500 miles alone be enough.

She should make his first 500 miles of driving be errands, going to the video store and the like, with a parent in the car, to let him gain the practical experience she thinks he needs.

**CHERYL SHIREY**  
*Akron*

I have driven those monsters for more than 30 years. I can't count the times I've had to emergency stop to avoid cars doing what the trucker is accused of.

Also, if roles were reversed, the trucker would have been the one cited for failing to control, usually, the vehicle hitting the other in the rear is cited.

Something not mentioned: The truck driver must, by law, have a blood-alcohol and drug test done within 24 hours of the accident. How about the car's driver? What kind of shape was he in? I would be willing to bet the truck driver was sober and drug free. Enough of this double-standard "justice."

**HOWARD SKELTON**  
*Akron*

## Government control would erase drugs' profit motive

We must remove the profit from drugs. We could eliminate the profit from drugs by making drugs available to addicts at government-licensed clinics, at no cost to the addicts.

The use of drugs would not be made legal, just available as treatment for a disease. The drugs used would be produced or manufactured in this country under strict control.

One benefit would be that addicts would not have to steal, kill or prostitute themselves to obtain drugs. Those who still try to get others hooked should be dealt with quickly and severely. Also, removing the profit motive will dry up the drug traffic from other countries, so the money to bribe officials of all countries will be gone.

Providing drugs for addicts is not a cure for the problem, but it will help to eliminate some of the side effects, such as:

- The robbery and murder of innocent people.

- The corruption of police and politicians.

- The spread of AIDS through the use of dirty needles.

- The death of users from contaminated drugs.

- The need to recruit younger people to insure a continuing market for drugs.

With government control, the romance and mystique of the forbidden fruit will be gone. The terrible reality of drug addiction will be more visible to young people.

I know that this suggestion will never be seriously considered. But the proliferation of drug use can never be controlled until the profit is taken from those who deal in drugs at all levels. We cannot throw all the addicts in jail or throw them away. But the failure to act against the guilty is in itself an act of violence against the innocent.

With this plan, or one like it, we might rehabilitate some people and would most certainly guarantee that it would make all addicts less of a threat to other citizens.

**RICHARD F. KEEL**

*Tullmudge*

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2/23/95

Displeased with the antidrug efforts of this major cocaine-producing nation, the US may soon deny aid

# Drug Diplomacy: US to Judge Colombia's 'War'

By Howard LaFranchi  
Staff writer of The Christian Science Monitor

BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA

COLOMBIA, which produces more than 80 percent of the cocaine entering the US, very much wants to avoid being "certified" as one of the world's black sheep by Washington.

Many Colombians are fretting over that possibility as the United States government, in an annual debate, decides whether to deny their country a seal of approval for efforts to combat the illegal narcotics trade.

The Clinton administration is expected to make a recommendation to Congress by March 1, and Congress will then decide whether or not to give the country the approval sometime in March or April.

Last week, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said the US was "disappointed" in the actions Colombia took against drug trafficking in 1994.

And earlier this year, US Ambassador to Colombia Myles Frechette gave a speech in which he outlined some progress in Colombia's antidrug activity, but concluded that full certification would be "difficult."

"Certification" is a bureaucratic term used when Congress approves aid to countries and uses US influence in international financial institutions. Loss of certification would deal a major blow to both the finances and national image of a country.

Colombia has already seen its international stock plummet after a decade of booming drug exports and drug-related violence.

Rather than giving an approval or denial, most officials here and in Washington believe President Clinton will grant a "national security" certification. It would express reservations about a country's antidrug action, without setting back binational cooperation deemed essential to the US antinarcotic fight.

The issue has prompted some self-appraisal - and reaction to it - from Colombians. "The certification issue has led to what some people are calling, with some exaggeration, 'narcotationalism,'" says Enrique Santos Calderón, assistant director of the Bogotá daily El Tiempo. "But at the same

time, it's causing people to say, 'Look in the mirror, look at what we've come to.'

It also has led to a fair amount of sour feelings toward the US in a country that, as Mr. Santos points out, does not have a strong anti-Yankee tradition. Noting that the US is the world's largest consumer of illicit drugs, one newspaper columnist last week quipped, "The customer is always right," before developing the frequently made point here that Colombia shouldn't be forced to wage a drug war when the US is not doing the same at home.

US misgivings over Colombia appear to focus on three areas: the country's narcotic crop-eradication campaign, corruption, and its judicial system.

soon received threats - indicating that someone with access to the Colombian investigations was working for the wrong side. The US has, since stopped providing information in new investigations.

In addition, the US is critical of Colombia's plea-bargaining system, which has allowed the lawyers of important traffickers to negotiate extremely brief sentences for their bosses.

President Samper's drug-eradication program and comments by other Colombian officials indicate that the Colombian government doesn't disagree with the US observations.

At the same time, Ambassador Frechette has expressed more confidence in the Colombian

ed" that the US hasn't done more to control drug consumption.

Observers cite the new US "aggressiveness" as a warning to Colombia - which depends on the US as a market for nearly half its legitimate exports - to diversify its markets to Europe and Asia. Right on cue, French Prime Minister Edouard Balladur sent a letter to Samper last week assuring him of France's support of Colombia in its battle against drugs.

At the same time, Britain called for closer commercial links to Colombia and announced a \$15 million grant to the Samper government to help in the antidrug battle - about the same amount Colombia risks losing from a US decertification.



COLOMBIAN DRUG COP: This cattle ranch some 90 miles southeast of Bogotá yielded eight tons of processed cocaine, believed to belong to the Cali cartel. More than 80 percent of the cocaine entering the US is processed by Colombian drug lords.

Shortly after the certification issue surfaced, Colombian President Ernesto Samper Pizano outlined an ambitious program that calls for destroying all of Colombia's coca and poppy fields in two years. Colombian observers scoffed at the plan, noting that last year's crop destruction would have to be multiplied several times to destroy 175,000 acres of drug crops in 24 months.

### Informants threatened

US officials also worry about the extent to which traffickers have infiltrated Colombia's drug-fighting apparatus. In a number of instances where the US supplied evidence to Colombian officials investigating trafficking cases, for example, the families of individuals providing the information

drug-eradication plan than have some Colombians. And the US is watching Colombia's attempts to try Cali drug-cartel leader Miguel Rodríguez Orejuela on drug trafficking charges. A successful conviction would constitute an important first.

The problem now is that the issue has ballooned for many Colombians into a standard Latin American sovereignty-from-Under-Sam controversy.

Playing to the home audience, Colombian Foreign Minister Rodrigo Pardo - just home from a lobbying trip to Washington where he said Colombia could do more in the battle - won kudos from Bogotá's lunch-booth crowds last week when he mimicked Mr. Christopher's words, saying "We, too, are disappoint-

### Colombian bravado

Like jilted lovers, some Colombians point to these new suitors and insist that their country can do without the US and its certification. Their most consistent complaint is that they see the US doing very little about the consumption that drives the narcotics industry. "If the US didn't provide this huge market," says a milk-products processor at a Bogotá restaurant, "our cartels would have no reason to exist."

But perhaps the greatest source of agitation over the current squall in US-Colombian relations is a fear that certain US officials, led by Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Jesse Helms (R) of North Carolina, want Colombia to wage an all-out war on the powerful Cali cartel.

Most Colombians look back to the years of "narcoterrorism" in the early 1990s, when a US-inspired war on the Medellín cartel led to terrible bombings in the cities. Hundreds of innocent people, journalists, judges, politicians, and four presidential candidates were killed. "Why should we face the bombs and assassinations again for the Americans, when they can't solve their own drug problem?" says the Bogotá milk processor.

"We can't afford to get lost in recriminations with another country, we have to take seriously what the drug trade is doing to us, to our youth, to our work ethic and our moral fiber," says El Tiempo's Santos.

"We have to fight this battle against the drug trade not for the US or anyone else, but for ourselves," he says.

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# Animal Trade Giving Drugs Run for Money In S. America

By Ken Dermota

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA AND MANAUS, BRAZIL

**A**NIMAL trafficking has become such a good business that some drug traffickers are abandoning cocaine trafficking for the lucrative practice, officials in Colombia and Brazil say.

A \$5-billion business worldwide, trafficking in wild animals is the third most lucrative contraband in the world, after arms and drugs, says Dick Smith, former deputy of the US Fish and Wildlife Service in Washington. Many animals are worth more — ounce for ounce — than cocaine. A hyacinth macaw can fetch as much as \$10,000 in the United States, a woolly monkey \$50,000 in Japan.

In the Amazon basin, 15 to 20 million fowl are captured yearly, according to the New York Zoological Society. Colombia and Brazil, South America's main providers of illegally traded animals, top the list worldwide for their diversity of fauna. These countries are also the world's main suppliers of cocaine, and many of the same people involved in South American drug trafficking deal in contraband of wild animals.

"Animal enforcement is spotty, and animals represent a much lower risk than drugs," explains Colombia's top animal smuggling enforcement officer, who requested anonymity. "The traffickers see it as sort of a respite."

Smugglers of animals must bribe the same officials and use the same routes as drug smugglers, adds Mr. Smith.

**S**OMETIMES the animals' bodies are used to conceal drugs. An inspection at Bogota's airport in 1993 uncovered a load of snakes whose entrails were stuffed with cocaine-filled condoms. Most of the snakes were dead.

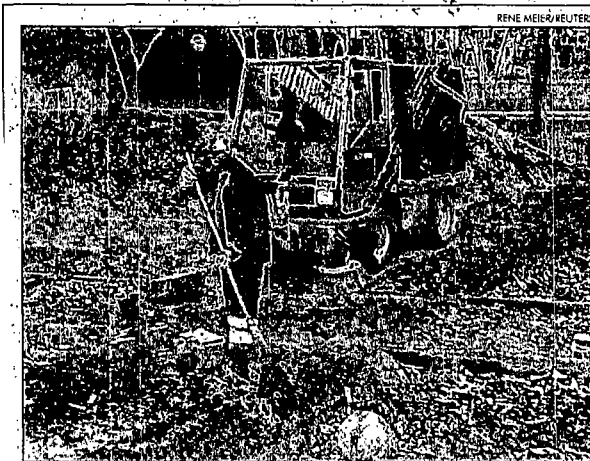
Smuggled animals suffer terribly, says Marc van Roosmalen of the National Investigation Institute of the Amazon in Manaus, Brazil. "The poachers usually have to kill about 10 adults in order to capture one baby monkey specimen," he says. The majority of animals die in transit.

Most trafficked animals are sold to buyers in the US, followed by Japan, Europe, and the Middle East, according to the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

One strategy for undermining wild-animal trafficking is to permit the private breeding of these animals. Colombia permits the breeding of crocodiles, which are exported with special certificates.

But private breeding does not solve the problem. On Feb. 1, Colombia's Natural Resources Institute announced that police had seized 449 live crocodiles that were obtained from the wild. Smugglers also forge the certificates, says Dick Robinson of the US Fish and Wildlife Service. And officials privately say that drug money is often laundered through the breeding farms.

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ZURICH: Workers clean away used syringes on the ground of the abandoned Letten Station in the center of the Swiss city. Before police closed it down Feb. 14, the station was Europe's biggest open drug scene.

## Drug Traffickers Lure Pill-Popping Public, Finds Global UN Study

By Lucia Mouat

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.

**G**ROWING quantities of prescription drugs meant for medical use are being diverted to the world's illegal drug trade.

In a new annual report on the world drug situation released today, the United Nations International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) says the pharmaceuticals, mainly tranquilizers, are particularly dangerous when used with heroin and cocaine, are highly profitable for drug traffickers, and are not adequately policed.

"There are weak export controls on these kinds of drugs," insists INCB Secretary Herbert Schaepe in a phone interview from the Board's Vienna headquarters.

The INCB cites this relatively new phenomenon as one more example of just how adept drug traffickers are in devising new schemes and shifting drug production and transit areas as they try to stay ahead of the law.

In the Caribbean, for instance, the Netherlands Antilles is emerging as an important new transit route for South American cocaine headed for the United States and Europe.

The Cali cartel in Colombia has gained strength since Medellin cartel chief Pablo Escobar Gaviria was killed in late 1993.

In Asia, the Board says, Vietnam is becoming a key new transit route for heroin from Burma (also called Myanmar), Laos, and Thailand. Rising cocaine use in South Korea and Japan suggests new targeting by Latin cartels, says the INCB.

The Board's report says that

drug abuse and trafficking are increasingly sophisticated and global. More countries should sign, ratify, and act on the three major drug-control treaties, says the INCB. Two are aimed at stemming the flow of narcotics and psychotropic substances, such as barbiturates and tranquilizers. The third is designed to prevent the laundering of money from illicit trafficking.

**O**NE goal of the latter treaty is to monitor the movement of chemicals used to produce illegal drugs. Yet the INCB report notes that the diversion and smuggling of such precursor materials to secret drug labs is increasing, and that drug criminals are exploiting the failure of many countries to watch and report such trade.

"By monitoring the movement of these precursors you can find out who is illicitly manufacturing drugs and get to the trafficking groups," says the INCB's Mr. Schaepe.

The report notes that 14 African nations have not signed any of the three major drug treaties. Several countries with major pharmaceutical manufacturers, including Austria, Belgium, and Switzerland, have never ratified the psychotropic drug convention of 1971. Canada and New Zealand have ratified it, but have not yet implemented import and export controls of such drugs, and are in violation of the treaty, says the INCB.

"The message of the report is that if governments would stick to the provisions of the conventions [treaties] and implement them universally, we would have far fewer problems," says Schaepe.

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# 'Fiction' holds ugly truths

By Renner Wunderlich

This year's Oscar nominations have been announced and "Pulp Fiction" is up for best picture, best director, best actor, best supporting actor and actress, best screenplay and best film editing.

Hollywood has thus rewarded obsessive and destructive violence, gunplay and killing.

"Pulp Fiction" is a story about two gangland killers and their antics, including mass murder, heroin use, an accidental shooting in which brains are splattered all over our lovable hitmen, a sadistic anal rape and torture scene, and a professional killer's moral soliloquy to a psychotic criminal couple.

Although its dialogue is clever, outrageous and skillful, it boldly exploits racist language and is joyously contemptuous of human life. The praise for this film in reviews and the industry press is virtually universal, and audiences roll with laughter and gush with appreciation.

With this film, sadism and death have ascended to a new level of fun and stylishness. It has given Hollywood a new way to embrace and exploit violence.

Is "Pulp Fiction" a better film than Oliver Stone's formless and hate-filled, "Natural Born Killers," or countless other bloody works? Based on its overwhelming success and critical raves, one would think so. But this film's

greatest success was its ability to bring sophisticated filmgoers back into the fold and to rejuvenate Hollywood's most marketable commodity, gunplay and death.

It is almost a year since last year's remarkable Academy Awards presentation, which paid tribute to many thoughtful and humane films. Hollywood seemed to have made a statement committing itself to important social issues. Tom Hanks won for best actor for his role in "Philadelphia" as a victim of AIDS and homophobia. "What's Love Got To Do With It?" which received a nomination for best actress, addressed the issue of domestic violence, and "Schindler's List" won just about everything else.

Given the avalanche of support for "Pulp Fiction," last year's awards appear to have been an aberration.

This should be the time for the industry to confront the fact that screen violence has become its stock in trade, the foundation for almost every commercial feature film. Hollywood needs to address the possibility that it is, in some part, responsible for the level of violence in American society.

But rather than face the issue of screen violence as a social pathogen, the industry rejoiced in a smooth, well-crafted film that allowed critics, cineastes and producers to feel good again about their fascination with killing. Hollywood has another

smash hit, and the public is buying its gory and antisocial message.

Anyone who criticizes the new cinematic formula is either hopelessly out of touch or just doesn't get satire.

The ethical dilemma about Hollywood's responsibility to our society is being swept away with the applause for "Pulp Fiction."

For a while, at least, violence and gunplay will rule — perhaps more stylish and countercultural, but just as hateful and destructive as ever.

In many, though not all cases, film violence is a sort of sexless pornography, an easy, quick shot to our senses that pumps us up, rushes us through the triteness and keeps us coming to the ticket booth for more. We know that violence sells, but the hidden price might well be far too high to pay.

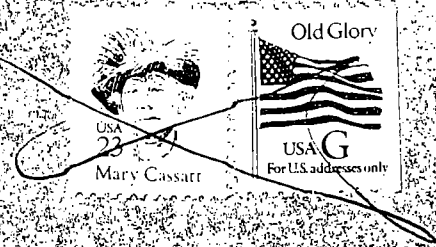
Before the members of the Academy cast their votes for this year's Oscar winners, they will have to face this single and perhaps painful question:

How can honest men and women claim to want an end to violent crime and the carnage of guns, yet continue to watch, celebrate, write, produce and profit from films like "Pulp Fiction?"

It's a question that will not go away.

Wunderlich is co-founder of Cambridge Documentary Films in Massachusetts. (Scripps Howard News Service)

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 20, 1996

Ms. Rosalind Burke-Alexander  
4005 Deerfield Street  
High Point, NC 27625

Dear Ms. Burke-Alexander:

Thank you very much for your February 20, 1996 letter. I am pleased to know that so many talented people are anxious to work for the White House.

Although the Office of the First Lady does not have any openings at this time, I will keep your resume on file. I have also forwarded your resume to the White House Personnel office and the Clinton/Gore 1996 re-election campaign headquarters.

Again, thank you for your writing.

Sincerely,

Margaret Williams  
Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

4005 Deerfield Street  
High Point, N.C. 27265

February 20, 1996

Ms. Margaret Williams  
Chief of Staff  
Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Office of the First Lady  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Williams:

My interest in continuing a career in government has prompted me to submit my resume for your review.

For ten years I have dedicated myself to provided the highest quality administrative support. I have worked in diverse areas that include voluntary staff training, facility's reorganization, casework queries, fund-raisers, campaigns, and community service coordination.

Due to the abolishment of the Committee on Government Operations, and the obvious downsizing of the State and Federal Government, I accepted a position offered in the State of North Carolina. Although, I am currently involved in challenging projects, my extensive knowledge of the legislative process would deem valuably within the Office of the First Lady. I am black, a woman, and a proud democrat who voted for President Clinton in the last election.

The enclosed resume summarizes my background in these and other areas. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. Best wishes, for a prosperous year.

Cordially yours,

*R. Burke-Alexander*

Rosalind Burke-Alexander

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**ROSALIND BURKE-ALEXANDER**  
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**OBJECTIVE**

To secure a challenging position as an Administrative/Executive Assistant. Willing to travel and/or relocate.

**SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS**

- Knowledge of legislative process, personnel functions, public relations, facility management, conference planning, and various executive level administrative tasks.
  - Computer literate; self-motivated; able to implement decisions to achieve immediate and/or long-term goals; adaptable to new concepts and responsibilities.
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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Administrative Assistant - Time Warner Communications**

**1995 to present**

416 Gallimore Dairy Road, Suite J  
Greensboro, N.C. 27265

Prepared technical correspondence, reports, meeting set-up, and travel itinerary for the Vice President. Responsible for office supplies, equipment, corporate expense, and capital expenditures for TWC construction and telecommunication division.

**Administrative Staff - Committee on Government Operations**

**1991 to 1995**

Legislation and National Security Subcommittee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Coordinated legislative hearings, mark-ups and business meetings. Prepared Subcommittee monthly legislative and investigative with emphasis on international government procurement. Lead staffer in congressional code fact-finding mission to Mexico in consideration of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

**Executive Assistant - Farnell Instruments Ltd.**

**1989 to 1991**

Osborn House, Wetherby  
West Yorkshire, England

Organized divisional project durations and work-sheets; prepared monthly and daily spreadsheet reports. Evaluated national and international marketing techniques. Scheduled divisional international meetings, conferences, and travel for subsidiary companies in Italy, Belgium, France, India and Australia.

**Special Assistant to the General Counsel - Committee on Government Operations**

**9/1989 to 11/1989**

U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Responsible for visa and immigration casework, as well as constituent inquiries; drafted SBA criteria used to evaluate and implement FTS 2000, as promulgated by the Committee's oversight and jurisdictional responsibilities to ensure compliance of AT&T and Sprint contracts.

**Executive Assistant to the Director - Congressional Black Caucus**

**2/1989 to 9/1989**

U.S. House of Representatives  
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Scheduled devised weekly agenda; assisted in the preparation of the Alternative Budget; issue forums, and workshops for the Annual CBC Legislative Weekend. Organized and participated in U.S. delegation which established the Parliamentary Black Caucus; scheduled meetings, reception, conference, and transportation. House of Commons, London, England.

**Staff Assistant - Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice**

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Served as subcommittee liaison between government agencies and congressional offices. Prepared witness invite letters, legislative correspondence, press-release, and edit transcripts of legislative hearings for the National Archive Office.

**EDUCATION**

**MONTGOMERY COLLEGE, Takoma Park, Maryland**

Academic Curriculum: business administration, computer application, and medical terminology,  
1994 to 1995.

**SPELMAN COLLEGE, Atlanta, Georgia**

Academic Curriculum: business law, economics, and corporate finance,  
1979 to 1980.

**COMPUTER SKILLS**

Software: Windows for WordPerfect 6.1, Lotus 1.2.3, Microsoft word, PowerPoint, Excel, Paradox, Quattro Pro, Wordstar.

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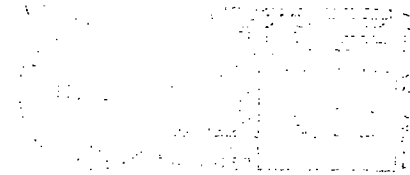
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Maggie —  
I hope this finds  
you going well.

Like ~~the~~ first lady has  
been generous enough to  
sign a photo before

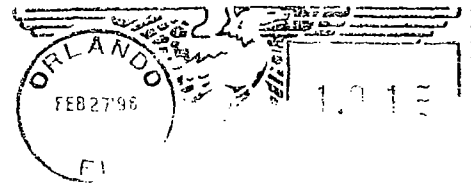
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My apologies for imposing  
but I'm very fond of

this particular photo — do  
you think she'll sign it?

Thanks for your assistance.

For HRC  
to Sign  
Dick



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March 5, 1996

Ms. Margaret A. Williams  
Assistant to the President and  
Chief of Staff to the First Lady  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Maggie:

Please have the five enclosed books autographed by Mrs. Clinton for members of my family.

The books will be given to --

1. Joanne Barnette
2. Debbie Hickman
3. Julie Hickman
4. Mabel Harner
5. Sara Johnson

Please give Mrs. Clinton my special thanks and best personal regards.

Sincerely,



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CURTIS H. BARNETTE  
CHAIRMAN  
AND  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



March 4, 1996

Ms. Margaret A. Williams  
Assistant to the President and  
Chief of Staff to the First Lady  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Williams:

Thank you very much for joining the meeting of the Business Council on February 29th. I certainly enjoyed the opportunity of being with you. If we can ever be of assistance to you or your staff in connection with matters of mutual interest and concern, please let me know.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C. Barnette'.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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May 7, 1996

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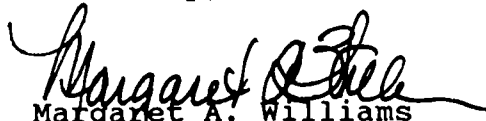
Dear Mr. Brown:

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Margaret A. Williams  
Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

P.S. I do appreciate your words of sympathy about Sec Brown and his colleagues. They are sorely missed.

ESSAY/ADVICE  
ON BOSNIA

KENDALL BROWN

Standard Thank  
you for  
information

April 7, 1996

Dear Ms. Williams:

The accompanying essay addresses how President Clinton has been ill-served by those who have been attempting to graft upon his Administration a weak American posture towards the Balkans and towards Caucasian and Central Asia.

In the case of Caucasian and Central Asia, some senior military officers and Department of Defense executives have engaged in a campaign to have the U.S. cede its interests in the region to the dictates of the Russian Federation and its aggressive projects.

Likewise, in the case of the Balkans, some have urged a deferring to the U.S. partners in Europe (Germany, France, England, and Italy).

The effect of carrying this through on both U.S. commercial and security outcomes could potentially be damaging. For one item, by letting the Russian Federation set the pace and course of events in Caucasian and Central Asia, the U.S. will let the Russian Federation control the transport and sale of petroleum and natural gas from Central Asia and the Caspian basin.

The logical outcome of the U.S. laissez-faire attitude in Europe is an increasing destabilization and polarization of Europe.

Please consider the enclosed essay and recommendations. If you have any questions please feel free to call or write. Thank you for your assistance.


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Please let me offer my sympathies on the tragic death of Secretary Brown and his colleagues. 

GUIDING U.S. ACTIONS IN THE BALKANS AND CENTRAL ASIA  
USING RATIONAL LONG-TERM AMERICAN GOALS

Over the last eighteen months, President Clinton has been ill-served by those who have been trying to weaken American strategy towards the Balkans and towards Caucasian and Central Asia.

Who are these advocates of withdrawal? They are, in part, within the Pentagon and the Department of Defense, and have been influencing America to move towards weakness in Bosnia and toward marginal responses in the Balkans. These exponents are adamantly opposed to American leadership in security for Europe.

For instance, the U.S. has failed to enforce crucial portions of the Dayton Peace Accords. The U.S. Armed Forces have not stopped ethnic cleansing, nor stopped terrorism against civilians, nor has it ensured the free transit of civilians within Bosnia.

Perhaps it is true that some of the provisions of the Dayton Peace Accord are impractical or difficult to enforce. However, these deficiencies in enforcement have not been due to impracticality or difficulty of enforcement. The difficult operation to close down a training center that included Iranian paramilitaries and terror-type anti-civilian methods of warfare was completed quickly and successfully. This rapid response added to the credibility, the reputation, and the visibility of the U.S. Armed Forces in Bosnia.

On the other hand, the U.S. Command in NATO and the U.S. Armed Forces in Bosnia made a deliberate decision not to interfere with the ethnic cleansing of the suburbs of Sarajevo by paramilitary parts of the Yugoslav National Army (JNA) and its auxiliaries, despite their use of standard weapons of terror-type anti-civilian methods, including timed incendiaries, bombing and booby-trapping of civilian targets, and direct violence against civilians, emergency response, and fire emergency personnel.

Then, at the penultimate point of the ethnic cleansing of the Sarajevo suburbs, the NATO-led Implementation Force (IFOR) took limited steps (after nation-wide and world-wide horror at its passivity), by first catching and then releasing terrorists to the Serbian police. IFOR has put minimal efforts into preventing ethnic cleansing.

Most notoriously, IFOR has had a hand in preventing the Federation police from halting ethnic cleansing. IFOR restricted the numbers of Federation policemen that could enter Ilidza immediately following the removal of the Serb occupation forces. On March 29, IFOR turned reality on its head by its claims that attempts by the Federation police to halt arson and looting in

the Sarajevo suburbs constituted a violation of the Dayton Accords.

IFOR and NATO have given the astonishing appearance that they are encouraging the ethnic cleansing of the Sarajevo suburbs, by issuing statements "telling the Serbs that they "have the right to burn their own houses.""

At the same time, no visible efforts have yet been made to ensure the free and safe passage of civilians across lines of separation of armed forces within Bosnia, with some limited exceptions in Mostar and a single late-stage initiative beginning at the end of March.

Given that the Dayton Agreement is to be adhered to, flaws and all, then it should not be selectively enforced, especially in not in such a way as to increase or maintain ethnic cleansing.

In these matters, the approach of the U.S. Armed Forces and the NATO Command, especially that of the senior U.S. command in NATO, has been to defer to the wishes of Germany, France, Italy, and England in how the Dayton Peace Accords are enforced.

However, the European powers have been complicit in the ethnic cleansing of Bosnia and attempts at annexation by Croatia and Serbia. A prime example of this is the overturning by the Rome Conference in March, 1996, of the Koschnick Settlement for peace in Mostar, replacing the Koschnick Settlement with a plan for the final partitioning and ethnic cleansing of Mostar, and by implication, Bosnia.

There are those within the U.S. NATO Command and within the Department of Defense that wish to cede the decision-making on enforcement of the Dayton Accords to the European powers (who were never happy with the potential positive outcomes of these accords to begin with, not least because of the U.S. leadership role).

In the case of Caucasian and Central Asia, these same advocates of passivity have engaged in a campaign to have the U.S. cede its interests in the region to the dictates and the whims of an aggressive and dangerous push by the Russian Federation.

The outcomes of war in the Caucasus will have real significance for the United States. This significance does not just originate in the changes in U.S. influence over the transport of transport and sale of Central Asian petroleum and natural gas through the Caucasus.

We only have to look at the impact of the Russian war against the Caucasus on Russian domestic politics to realize the serious global impact of how American decisions are made and what decisions are made in response to the crisis in the Caucasus.

There was an explicit decision made, again following the influence of some groups within the Department of Defense and parts of the U.S. Armed Forces command structure, to comply with the Russian Federation decision to send the Russian Army and Interior Ministry troops into a war against Chechnya, and now Ingushetia.

The origin and explanation for such an agenda is not plainly visible. However, its outcome is apparent. As a consequence of refusing to halt the war, the U.S. has drastically weakened Yeltsin's political position, and with it the political position of the liberals and reformers within the Russian Federation.

The United States has had a major hand in creating a situation in the Russian Federation where Boris Yeltsin will be in the same position that Prime Minister Alexander Kerensky was in July of 1917. Kerensky and his cabinet made the decision to defer to the Russian General Staff and to carry through on the Romanov war plans for a June offensive in 1917. Within one month, there had not only been a victorious German counteroffensive, but the Kronstadt sailors and the Vyborg district workers had almost carried through a seizure of Petrograd, even without the encouragement of Lenin and the Bolsheviks.

Yeltsin and the reformers and liberals (even if they oppose him on the war) are now tainted with being the war party. The Communists and their political allies (even if they are imperialistic or jingoists) will get the popular political credit for at least not having started the war.

Of course, many Russians to this day believe that it was the machinations of the English, the French, and the U.S., that led to Alexander Kerensky not reaching a separate peace with Germany in 1917. And the Communist Party, with Lenin at its head, got the popular credit for being the party of peace; it was this popular credit for being the party of peace that drove the political revolution into a status where the Communists could seize power.

Although it is extremely unlikely that the Communists, if in power once more, would withdraw the Army and the Interior Ministry troops from Chechnya and Ingushetia, they will benefit prior the election from the public anti-war sentiment.

By inserting deficiencies into American actions affecting the Caucasus and Central Asia, this network within the Joint Chiefs and the Department of Defense has hindered our strategictasks in Russia, North Asia, Central Asia, and Europe.

Likewise, in the case of the Balkans, parts of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and some civilian executives within the Department of Defense have urged that we defer to the principal powers in Europe (Germany, France, England, and Italy).

In particular, the U.S. has allowed Germany to influence our activities in the Balkans. The State Department, when it reflects these views, asserts that "the German government and public are deeply averse to all forms of militarism". Such an assurance has no basis in reality; the Bundestag is now considering a law to criminalize further any public statements against the German military, putting it even farther beyond either public scrutiny or criticism.

In similar assurances, the Department of State has said that "over the past forty-five years, the Federal Republic of Germany has proved itself to be a reliable ally which shares many of our interests and values." As for the present reliability and extent of shared interests with Germany, please consider the following:

(1) German industrial interests have played a key role in supplying equipment to construct chemical weapons factories in Libya, which may soon become operational.

(2) German industries supplied weapons and arms technology to Iraq.

(3) Germany is a primary financier of Iran, allowing it sufficient cash to finance terrorism, revolution, and weapons of mass destruction. Germany has refused to assist with the embargo on Iran.

(4) Germany has directed a tremendous flow of weaponry to the Croatian Armed Forces, both in violation of the arms embargo and with damaging consequences for European peace.

Germany has been attempting to reinsert military and economic influence back into Croatia, Bosnia, Slovenia, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, and Poland, using money and arms where these will work (in Slovakia and Croatia), and political intimidation, based on its position at the political fulcrum of the European Union, where arms and money will not work (such as towards the Czech Republic). It has also exhibited an interest in extending similar influences into Moldova and Bulgaria.

In this effort, Germany will have to come into some medium-term agreement with the Russian Federation. Again, the State Department has reassurances. "The Germans have no desire to repeat these policies, which ended in disaster for their country." It is useful to point out that past German agreements with Russia on spheres of influence in Europe have not been based on rational long-term interests, but on short-term political criteria. At the present, as in the 1920s, Germany is near the edge of an economic and political crisis, with resurgent militaristic habits. However, in this case, a stale nationalist government is attempting to fend off an even worse economic

crisis and the potential political consequences. In such a context, any faith in continuity and rationality of the German role in Europe is poorly placed.

The model for such an agreement with Russia can be seen in the negotiations between West Germany and the U.S.S.R. on the merger with East Germany. Clearly, the West Germans, under Kohl, were able to get what they wanted. What did the U.S.S.R. get in return? The Russians have stated publicly that the quid pro quo was to be a secret German effort for waiver of restraints on Russian military activity in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (such as the Conventional Weapons in Europe treaty or the arms embargo on Serbia).

In the same way, Germany has been able to place its armed forces back into the Balkans without any visible protests by the Russian Federation. What else has the Russian Federation obtained in return?

There are strong indications that what the Russian Federation received in return was a free hand, with no complaint from the Europe Union (or Germany, France, England, or Italy individually) to reconsolidate a military and economic hegemony in the Caucasus and in Central Asia.

For instance, in visits by German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel and German Chancellor Helmut Kohl to the Russian Federation, there have been no criticisms of the war in the Caucasus, which has generally been at its most gruesome and hellish during these placid congratulatory visits by high German officials. In the follow-up to the heavy lobbying by the European Union for the new \$12 billion loan by the IMF to the Russian Federation, Germany followed this with a new \$4.5 billion loan (on top of the tens of billions of dollars that the Russian Federation already owes Germany).

Even more ominous are the military and diplomatic tentacles that Germany has put into the Balkans. For instance, Germany now has a plan afoot to train the Croatian Army on German territory, this September (agreed to by German Defense Minister Volker Ruhe and his Croatian counterpart Gojko Susak in January, 1996).

In the normal course of geopolitics in Europe, one would expect the Russian Federation to oppose the military, economic, and diplomatic entrance of Germany into the Balkans, particularly into Bosnia and Croatia. Nevertheless, and most curiously, the Russian Federation has been silent during this reentry.

It is not possible to conclude other than that Germany and Russia have come to an understanding. If Russia permits Germany to place troops and military bases in Croatia and Croatian-occupied Bosnia, then Germany will turn a blind eye to

the Russian actions in Central Asia, the Caucasus, Serbian-occupied Bosnia, and Serbia.

Consistent with this close political relationship between the governments of Boris Yeltsin and Dr. Helmut Kohl, there has been not a word of dismay from Germany in response to the open plans by Yeltsin to continue arming the JNA, and by extension, its paramilitary auxiliaries in occupied Bosnia.

What has been the American response? We can be no less than astonished at the level of American complicity in the arming and training of the Croatian Army. Rather than providing a swift veto to both the German and Russian actions, the U.S. has stood aside and let arms and training flow to the two occupying armies. It is impossible to assume other than U.S. compliance when these arms were transferred from countries very sensitive to U.S. viewpoints, such as Germany, Ukraine, Hungary, and Austria.

The Department of State has accepted these German actions, even defending them, and has posited absurdities such as, in May of 1995, saying that "Chancellor Kohl has said that the tragic history of the German occupation of Yugoslavia precludes deployment of ground troops there." Of course, his government never intended to do so, and chose to ignore this commitment within a matter of months, sending one installation of ground troops to Croatia in June of 1995 and another in December of 1995.

The consequences of the U.S. laissez faire approach will be that these two occupying armies will be strengthened, and American interests in Central Europe and Eastern Europe will be damaged. The outcome for Europe is increasing destabilization and regional polarization. The countries of Central and Eastern Europe will find that they are forced to choose military and economic alignment with either Germany or Russia, a sure recipe for undermining the broad western alliance led by the United States.

In much the same way, in the case of Caucasian and Central Asia, there have been powerful advocates within the U.S. government who wish to have America cede its interests in the region to Russian designs.

The outcome will have real significance for the United States; both the commercial and the military results are potentially damaging. On at least one account, by letting the Russian Federation set the pace and course of events in Caucasian and Central Asia, the U.S. will let the Russian Federation control the transport and sale of petroleum and natural gas from Central Asia and the Caspian basin.

In the context of the issue of oil in the Caspian basin, it is useful to consider how American decision-making on Central Asia has been driven. The rational way forward is to consider

America's broad commercial and security interests, develop a plan to enhance them, and then let individual companies make their own way within those outlines. But rather than this approach, we have been swayed by company particulars.

For instance, specific companies have influenced U.S. traffic with Iran. Rather than maintaining a stable regime over the volume and particulars of commercial and financial transactions, we have oscillated between permissiveness and rigor.

The rational approach to the Iranian government is to openly assert that we recognize their intentions to sponsor terrorism, violent revolution, and weapons proliferation. Then, having done so, American diplomats or intermediaries (such as retired U.S. diplomats and politicians) can sit down with the government in Teheran and establish a working channel for communication that will not give the Iranian regime the benefits of public friendliness by America.

Iranian actions in the Middle East and Central Asia have been no more hostile than those of Russia, China, Pakistan, or Syria. Fortunately, the American strategy of containment has at least been clearly put forth, but because of the loose cannons of private industry and the foolishness of the Republican Congress, there have been difficulties in implementation.

One aspect of this difficulty in implementation has been what to do about the transshipment of oil and natural gas from the Caspian basin to Europe and East Asia. Private U.S. companies have different interests in different routes, but American interests lie in giving neither Turkey nor Iran nor Russia a lock on transshipment. If possible, the countries of origin (Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, and the Caucasian Republics) should have as much autonomy as possible to choose routes without susceptibility to military or economic pressure.

For this reason, the route through Iran must be left open, and although it is in our interest to do so, we should be getting something from the Iranians in return. This could include, for instance, restraint in nuclear weapons development, perhaps coupled with Iranian willingness to provide diplomatic support for a test ban treaty and a nuclear-free zone in Central and South Asia. In return, Iran would have U.S. technology and financing for a small oil transshipment pipeline from a Caspian Sea port to the Gulf. This would be a small price for the U.S. to pay for something that is in our natural interests (i.e., a viable alternative to a transshipment route through Russia or Armenia). For face-saving reasons, the U.S. could nominate commercial proxies in Pakistan, Azerbaijan, or Kazakhstan to carry out the transactions.

By these means, if we have the political resilience to resist specific commercial lobbies, we would keep Iran on our

active communication list, while enhancing our clout in Iraq, Turkey, the Russian Federation, and all of Central Asia.

Again, this strategy will not be pursued if we simply follow the lead of Russia and Turkey in their separate pursuits of selfinterest and agendas in the region. Those who have advocated abdicating our directive role have made assurances similar to those made about Germany. And they suggest that "exercises with the Russian military improve our understanding of this key institution in Russian society and lays the foundation for effective cooperation with Moscow on important security issues of common interest like Bosnia."

This brand of neglect could be characterized as willful naivety. It certainly will neither produce positive outcomes or enhance our diplomatic and military reputation.

Perhaps the type of cooperation that can be expected from the Russian Federation in Central Asia can be extrapolated based on the following:

(1) The senior Russian military officer sent to oversee American officers in Bosnia at Bjeljina and to share U.S. intelligence windfalls in Bosnia was a senior Russian officer in the battle to capture Grozny in 1995 (Colonel Alexander Lentzov). This fact alone is a damning indictment of the current American approach to military cooperation with the Russian Federation. The primary fact of the war against Chechnya is that more than 40,000 civilians have been intentionally slaughtered, while the Russian General Command and Ministry of the Interior has succeeded in brutalizing an entire generation of young Russian men.

One would think that after experiences in Vietnam, Haiti, and El Salvador, that the U.S. Armed Forces commanders would be shy of close and supportive association with such war criminals and sociopaths. However, the U.S. senior commanders appear to be as indifferent as ever to the contamination of American fighting men and women, in this case by close cooperation with the Russian and Serbian armed forces. It seems to remain the Pentagon's unwritten rule to enforce passivity on American soldiers in the face of war crimes and attacks on civilians.

(2) The Russian Federation has adamantly proceeded with sales of nuclear technology to Iran. It continues with arms sales, including advanced fighters, to China and to India.

(3) It remains to be seen what the Russian role has been and continues to be in the development of Indian ballistic missiles.

Boris Yeltsin has been habitually deceptive in his public statements on the Russian war against Chechnya. For example, he has repeatedly stated that the assault on the Caucasus will cease, while in fact, these attacks continue unabated.

The Russian President has made it clear that it is his intention that neither Chechnya nor any other part of his dominion will be allowed to determine its own future. This dictum has been accompanied by a final solution that includes the razing of villages and towns, the subjection of surrounded towns and villages and their populations to sustained air and ground artillery attacks, and the use of concentration camps, as well as an enlargement of the war to Ingushetia. The Russian war plan is to use massive retaliation against the civilian population in return for any armed resistance; these acts will inevitably lead to greater political decay in Central Asia and Russia.

To see where the Kremlin's war in the Caucasus and expansion in Central Asia is aimed, one need only consider that Russia, under new Foreign Minister Yevgeni Primakov's direction, by arming Iran and encouraging Iraq, will now directly oppose U.S. dual containment strategy.

Again, the U.S. cannot encourage this behavior. Just as we blundered by permitting the rearming and training of Croatia, prior to the expulsion of the Krajina Serbs, we have too long acquiesced to German and Russian intentions.

It is not hard to find where the sources of this error are. There are those, both in the private parties used in such mistaken actions (such as Military Professional Resources Inc.) and in the portions of senior officer staff linked to them (such as those in the DIA), who are intentionally undermining our influence over the European powers. We cannot continue to do so and retain our national safety.

We must place American strategic needs ahead of any private or institutional players. This means recognizing that we cannot continue to sponsor the Russian Federation's plans for empire and its wars in Asia. And we cannot let Germany create satellites in Central Europe, in either Croatia or elsewhere.

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