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for Mrs. Clinton

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Dear Lee:

Your caring and thoughtful letter meant so much to me. Our friends continue to be an enormous source of encouragement, support and strength -- we are richly blessed and deeply grateful.

Bill and I realized full well that this journey would take us through valleys and along uncertain paths, as well as over mountaintops. We will continue to press forward with the important goals of his Presidency which will affect people's lives and make lasting differences for our great country.

That special prayer -- "Dear Lord, be good to me; the sea is so wide and my boat is so small" -- is most appropriate for each of us, regardless of our age. Do continue to keep our family and our nation in your prayers. Thanks for sharing our goals and especially for being a friend of children.

With best regards and gratitude, I am

Sincerely yours,

Hillary

Your letter really meant a lot to me and
I've passed on your name to other women who care too

cc to me +
cc to Maggie -
How shall we
process names like
these

Hillary -

I've transcribed her letter for you because it was difficult to read, but it is very well written. Any suggestions for her offer to help?

Milli

Dear Hillary,

While I have not wanted to take up your precious time reading a fan letter over the last 2 years, I thought this might be a good time to let you know that you've been a model of encouragement and strength to a fellow Wellesley alumna for 25 years, on and off. I was 2 years behind you; you and Kris Olson inspired my student government work and my going to law school. Because I've been active a lot in children's issues, I was delighted when I learned about your CDF work.

I was so excited when you achieved national prominence. The combination of Bill as president and your combination of competence and caring and consensus building skills is a blast of fresh air after 12 years of discouragement and alienation. To everyone from my divorce clients to my medical clients, I've said "There will be health care reform. Hillary can do it. You'll see." I still believe it.

I so regret that a year of triumph has been touched by tragedy for you. I lost my dad 2 years ago and as much as a death with time to be together, and to say goodbye in this world, can be a blessing, it still hurts in insidious ways for a good year. Why God now lets the national stage where you've walked with such warmth and candor and skill pick this very moment to display its collection of pitfalls and booby traps is His mystery. Prominence in a country which pitches at half tied moral moorings and confuses cynicism with knowing is always a nasty business. I know that your integrity is as precious as your soul, and that these attacks are the worst that the demonization will ever get. I believe that your conduct through this ordeal may be a greater legacy than health care reform. While the country has no business demanding that you evolve a new moral philosophy in your spare time, I do think that the way you face down America's tendency to devour its leadership may be the most important job you do. The sea is wide, and anyone's boat is quite small, but you have the stars you need to navigate and the love and prayers of thousands of women and kids and men are with you. Please let us know how we can help.

Very truly yours,
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Box 302
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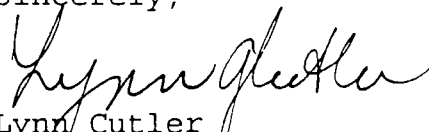
I thought you'd enjoy the enclosed op-ed piece by Victor Kamber which ran in several newspapers over the last couple of weeks.

In the column, Victor slams media coverage of Whitewater, writing that comparisons between it and Watergate are as absurd as mentioning David Letterman and Jeffrey Dahmer in the same breath.

Victor defends Hillary Rodham Clinton, arguing that those who vilify her reveal more about their own insecurities than about anything to do with the First Lady. And he points out the ridiculousness of the "senator-for-sale," Alfonse D'Amato, trying to be a spokesman on ethics.

Hopefully, this op-ed can make some small contribution to giving this town the "reality check" it so desperately needs.

Sincerely,



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VIEWPOINT

Reality check on Whitewater

By Victor Kamber

WHILE reality and perspective are often alien concepts to the national capital's politicians and news media, the flap over Whitewater sets new records for absurdity.

Consider the following:

▲ Some politicians and pundits are actually comparing Whitewater with Watergate. That's like mentioning Jeffrey Dahmer and David Letterman (recipient of several speeding tickets from the Connecticut state police) in the same breath.

Watergate was a conspiracy by Richard Nixon and his key associates to misuse the levers of presidential power to destroy his so-called "enemies" and obstruct justice. It merited impeachment and any action short of that or his ultimate resignation would have ignited a constitutional crisis. Many of his aides were thrown in jail — and Nixon might have wound up behind bars, too, if not for Gerald Ford's pardon.

By contrast, Whitewater is a complicated series of financial transactions involving the governor of Arkansas and his wife in the 1980s. Republican Justice Departments did not see sufficient evidence of wrongdoing to take action. Now that ex-Gov. and Mrs. Clinton are in the White House, this deserves to be investigated. But remember, if any inappropriate activities occurred — a questionable possibility at best — they would be the equivalent of a traffic violation next to the Watergate serial killer, and not involve presidential behavior.

With regard to the infamous meetings between White House staff and regulatory officials, by all accounts these represent efforts to learn what was going on so they could better answer media inquiries — not to stop the investigation. Still, the meetings should not have occurred, and the White House has pledged never to allow anything like this to take place again. We're not talking about lying to Congress or investigators, cooking up "national security" excuses, invoking "executive privilege," creating 18-minute gaps on tapes, or the many other illicit activities of the

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Watergate cover-up.

▲ Hillary Clinton — hailed until recently as Superwoman — is suddenly being vilified by the pack media. For example, U.S. News columnist Michael Barone wrote that "On issue after issue, she has shown startlingly bad judgment." New York Post writer Jack Newfield called her "an Ozark Leona Helmsley." "The problem here is Hillary Clinton," said Evan Thomas of Newsweek on one of the weekend gabfest talk shows.

The maliciousness and spitefulness of the attacks on Mrs. Clinton make it crystal clear that many of her critics have been lying in wait, looking for the smallest vulnerability, just to tear down an intelligent, forceful and powerful woman who threatens their masculinity.

The fact is that Mrs. Clinton is a trailblazer, single-handedly redefining the role of first lady. She is a brilliant attorney, strategist and policy-maker who will deserve the lion's share of the credit when health care reform becomes law. She is a woman of unquestionable integrity. She is not perfect — after all, she's from Planet Earth, not Krypton — but the degree to which she has suddenly become a villain tells us more about those doing the name-calling than it does about her.

▲ Alfonse D'Amato, the most investigated senator in history, has suddenly

become the Republicans' point man on ethics. More than anything, that speaks volumes about the GOP's notion of ethical behavior.

From his early days as a go-fer for since-jailed Nassau County Republican Chairman Joseph Margiotta to the last 13 years as senator, D'Amato has treated public office as a business that sells favors in exchange for campaign contributions. As a result, he has been investigated by the Justice Department, the special counsel in the HUD scandal and the Senate Ethics Committee.

The committee found that D'Amato "conducted his office in an improper and inappropriate manner" by allowing his brother, Armand, to use the senator's office — including staffers, telephones and letterhead — to lobby on behalf of a major defense contractor, Unisys (which gave big bucks to the D'Amato campaign). In fact, Armand D'Amato was convicted of federal criminal charges for his Unisys influence-peddling.

The senator systematically pressured HUD to give grants to developers who were large campaign contributors — even to projects outside New York state. This continued a long practice of milking the HUD cow to pay off friends, relatives and donors that started when he was a Long Island township supervisor.

The notion of this senator-for-sale being an ethical watchdog shows just how topsy-turvy things have become in the nether world that exists inside the Beltway.

It's time for the American people to demand that Washington's politicians and news media do a reality check. Maybe then, the issues that really make a difference in people's lives — say, health-care reform — will get the banner headlines, while Whitewater is relegated to the much smaller story the evidence merits.

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YEAR OF THE WOMAN -- REDUX

**It is not
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that
there
could
be 12
women
in the
104th
Senate.**

There are currently seven women in the U.S. Senate. In 1994, with only the Feinstein and Hutchison seats up and both relatively safe, it looks like the number of women in the 104th Senate could increase by up to five. Here is a review of races to watch.

ARIZONA -- Open Seat/(D): Conventional wisdom has Freshman Rep. Sam Copper-smith or Arizona Secretary of State Dick Mahoney as the likely Democrat to face Rep. Jon Kyl the uncontested, undisputed Republican nominee. But watch for State Senate Minority Leader Cindy Resnick, the first woman in Arizona to hold this position. Resnick's considered a strong candidate but to date hasn't raised a lot of money. Arizona's late primary (September) may give Resnick ample time to catch up. Resnick could be a serious primary challenger to Copper-smith and Mahoney.

CALIFORNIA -- Feinstein Seat/(D): Incumbent Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) will most likely face Freshman Rep. Michael Huffington (R). Feinstein will likely hold the Senate seat, but her re-election will not be a "shoo-in." Feinstein's vote getting and fund-raising abilities are well-proven, but pro-choice, pro-environment, pro-gays-in-the-military Michael Huffington, a multi-millionaire who's willing to spend his own money to win, may present a serious challenge. Huffington, however, has alienated some of his Republican constituency by running for the Senate after only one term in the House of Representatives and this kind of blatant political ambition could cost him votes.

MAINE -- Open Seat/(D): The two Maine members of the U.S. House of Representatives, Olympia Snowe (R) and Tom Andrews (D), will meet in a highly contested run-off. This could turn out to be the most exciting Senate race of 1994. It will go down to the wire.

MICHIGAN -- Open Seat/(D): Look for Rep. Bob Carr and Lana Pollack -- a candidate who's been greatly underestimated -- to lead the Democratic list. On the Republican side, the real primary contest will be between Spencer Abraham, former Chief of Staff to former VP Quayle, and Ronna Romney, a radio talk-show host. This could turn into a two woman general election.

Lana Pollack has raised \$600,000 and should not be underestimated. Ronna Romney (R) is pro-life, well-known, polished, smart and articulate. Romney could edge out Abraham, skeptically viewed by some voters as too much of an "inside guy."

MINNESOTA -- Open Seat/(R): A crowded field for both parties. Democratic hopefuls are attorney Tom Berg, state Senator Linda Berglin, Ramsey County prosecutor Tom Foley, and former state House majority leader, Ann Wynn. On the Republican side front runners appear to be Rep. Rod Grams, and Bert McKasy, former Chief of Staff for Sen. Durenberger.

Expectations are that Wynn, who's been endorsed by the Minnesota AFL-CIO, will win the DFL endorsement. If endorsed, Wynn will face Foley and Berg in the primary but the real contest will be between Wynn and Foley. Tom Foley is a DLC leader and was President Clinton's state chairman -- it's likely that the moderates will coalesce around him.

Former Rep. Lt. Gov. Joannell Dyrstad, after being dumped by Gov. Carlson, is now running for the Senate and will be endorsed by the IR Convention. She will face a primary challenge from Rep.

Mark Siegel's Washington Insider

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To Hillary Rodham Clinton
From Carol L. J. Bergen Date 5/24/93

This letter will probably
not get published, so I
am sending you a copy.
I hope it gives you a
lift to know that
Kelly's article only served
to expose his faults,
not yours.

Good luck!

21 East Pleasant Street
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Letters to the Editor
"The New York Times Magazine"
The New York Times Company
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Dear Editor:

I've been maintaining a hopeful neutrality about our First Lady, but Michael Kelly's profile of "Saint Hillary" ("The New York Times Magazine," 23 May 1993) has tipped the scales for me. His facile, mean-spirited cynicism only highlights the courage it takes in these times to venture a passionately idealistic utterance. iViva Hillary!

Then there is Kelly's sophomoric, naked manipulation of language in order to cast the First Lady in the worst possible light. I would expect something less crude from a correspondent for "The New York Times."

Sincerely,

Carol L. J. Bergen
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I hope that you will join with us in any way you can to make the coming years a time for renewed opportunity in America.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton

Carol Mackay Mertz
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May 6, 1993

Dear Hillary Rodham Clinton,

I just finished reading the article written about you by Martha Sherrill in the May 6, Washington Post. Thank you for voicing your hard earned life knowledge and integrating it into your everyday intent. You have an awesome opportunity to voice what woman know about life and to help integrate it into the values upon which this nation conducts its business. The Chalice and the Blade by Riane Eisler speaks of this challenge of changing our "mission statements" from profit motives to sharing motives which will very easily make tremendous change in what we value as societies and how we live each day.

Thanks for refusing to be put into categories...old ones. Thanks for being courageous enough to create new models of behavior and trying very hard to live them. All of us who are changing and growing into our whole selves cherish the companionship of like minded sojourners. Good Luck in your efforts to redefine, we so desperately need a strong voice in this area.

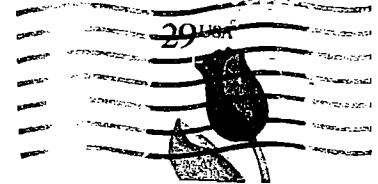
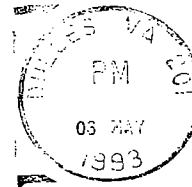
I felt compelled to write this note to you today, just to let you know that you are among a great many struggling souls who are striving towards a world where children are all wanted, cared for and loved; where each person's ability to live a congruent day is fostered by and not hindered by the institutions man has created; where all of life is held sacred and appreciated in its full interconnected context. I want you to hear from another woman, that your chosen course isn't easy, and its lonely sometimes. In the isolation of your position, I want you to remember that you are connected and cheered on by a great many others who really understand that the solutions of the future need to be forged with different stuff from the old, need to be defined by new definitions of love, respect, quality of life, and personal power.

So, thanks for choosing to voice. Have a great day!

In appreciation,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carol Mackay Mertz". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large, stylized 'C' at the beginning and a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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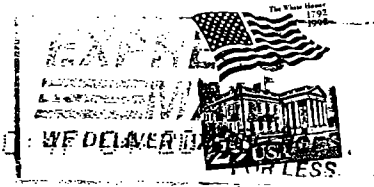
My dear Mr. Clinton:

What a rare thing to encounter a First Lady who would acknowledge so graciously a letter of condolence! Your reply touched me and I extend to you and your family my continued and prayerful support in this time of deep loss.

Sincerely,

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