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Suzanne Lewis

10/28/94

Mrs. Clinton:

It has been my honor
to do Advance for you
and the President.

Happy Birthday!

The Women's Vote Project
in my region (San Fernando
Valley) was enthusiastically
received.

Warm Regards,
Suzanne Lewis

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 2, 1994

Ms. Suzanne Lewis
4933 Alatar Drive
Woodland Hills, CA 91364

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Mrs. Clinton asked me to thank you for your birthday wishes and for giving her the brochure and button on the Women for Women Vote Project.

The First Lady supports and applauds the efforts of the Women's Vote Project. California has set a high standard for women in the political arena, and your success is an example which the rest of the states should follow *by all means*.

Good luck to you and your organization in the important work you are doing.

Sincerely yours,

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
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November 8, 1994

Ms. Suzanne Lewis
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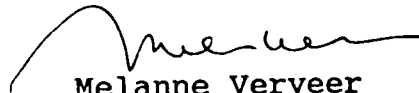
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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Melanne Verveer', with a stylized, flowing script.

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
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April 4, 1994

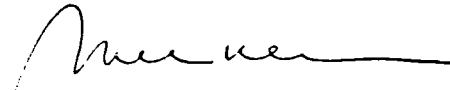
Ms. Mary Ann Liebert
President
Mary Ann Liebert, Inc.
1651 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10128

Dear Ms. Liebert:

Mrs. Clinton thanks you for writing and for sending several of your recent publications. Your publications are so important in getting vital research and health care information to health care professionals. We have forwarded your interview request to the press office, where it will be considered. You can contact Lisa Caputo to follow up. She can be reached at (202)456-6266.

Thank you again for writing and for supporting efforts to achieve lasting, meaningful health care reform in this country. Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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June 15, 1994

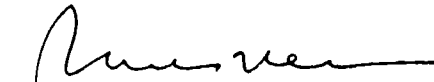
Ms. Graciela Uribe de Lozano
Transversal 1 #113-27
Santafe de Bogota, Colombia

Dear Ms. Uribe de Lozano:

Mrs. Clinton asked me to pass on her appreciation for your letter and the kind words it contained. She has long been an advocate for creating an environment in which children and families can flourish without the threat of violence in schools and neighborhoods.

You are to be commended on your work to ensure that the citizens of your country also have the opportunity to raise their families in an environment free of violence. We understand the difficulty of this task and wish you much success.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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January 3, 1995

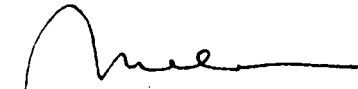
Ms. Lynn Lyss
721 South Central
Saint Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Lynn:

Thank you for sending the clips of your interview in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, along with the other clips. I was delighted to have had the opportunity to meet you and share such an historic occasion with you.

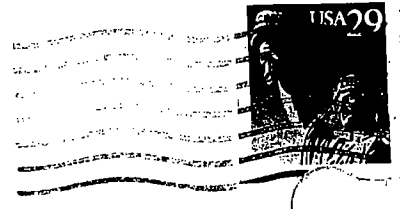
Thank you for writing, and best wishes for a very happy New Year!

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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Melanne Verveer
Deputy Assistant to the President
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Good Vibes: Mideast Accord Resounds Here

Guests At Signing — Arab, Jew — Return As Friends

By Harry Levins
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

In almost precisely the same words, a Jew and an Arab from St. Louis say they were thrilled to witness the signing of this week's peace treaty between Jordan and Israel.



Hawatmeh

The Arab is Dr. Abe Hawatmeh of Town and Country, a native of Jordan and the president of the National Association of Arab Americans. The Jew is Lynn Lyss of Clayton, head of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

Both traveled Monday to the Mideast as guests of President Bill Clinton; both returned Friday, dogged by jet lag but still excited by the experience.

Each insisted that a special pleasure was the opportunity on the long plane trips over and back to meet — and befriend — Americans on the other side of the Arab-Israeli issue.

"To sit down and talk to former enemies was impressive," said Hawatmeh (whose name is pronounced ha-WATT-muh).

"We've become really good friends. I

took down all their addresses and phone numbers."



Kevin Manning/Post-Dispatch

Lynn Lyss of Clayton was a guest of President Bill Clinton on his trip to the Mideast for the signing of the peace treaty between Jordan and Israel.

Lyss said, "All of the events since 1948 that have kept people apart — with a stroke of the pen, the climate changed."

"I met a lot of wonderful people among the Arab-Americans, and I plan to keep those relationships up."

On a trip to the Mideast a week earlier, Lyss also met Yasser Arafat of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

With a small smile, she said: "Shaking his hand was certainly an odd feeling."

Hawatmeh had his own odd feeling — See PEACE, Page 3

Peace

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being interviewed live on Israeli radio and television.

Both glowed with a sense of having been part of something special. Hawatmeh said, "Here I am, a urologist from St. Louis, a part of history."

Lyss said that on the trip home, Hillary Rodham Clinton told her, "All of our emotions are close to the surface; I feel close to tears." Lyss re-

plied that she *was* in tears.

Lyss was among the two Jewish-Americans and three Arab-Americans chosen to accompany the president to Syria, where he met with Hafez Assad.

Despite Assad's support in the past for terrorism, Lyss said she backed the president's decision.

Hawatmeh wasn't on the trip to Syria but called the president's decision a wise one. "You cannot ignore the Syrians," he said. "Peace must run parallel on all fronts."

Like Lyss, Hawatmeh was im-

pressed by Hillary Clinton — "very strong, very eloquent."

He said he had taken the opportunity to bring up the topic of health care. He added with a laugh: "Until then, we were very good friends."

Hawatmeh remains very good friends with his new acquaintance, Lyss — as does she with him.

As Lyss showed an interviewer to the door Friday, her final words were:

"Tell Abe I'll call him this weekend."

• SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1994

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

Lynn Lyss
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November 1, 1994

Melanne Verveer
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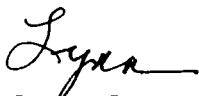
Dear Melanne,

Just a quick note to tell you what a treat it was to have the chance to meet and visit with you. I am still having a great deal of difficulty believing that I was a part of such an extraordinary trip. I have not stop talking about it. In an interview with a reporter from the Post Dispatch he asked one question and I talked for thirty minutes! He claimed he had never done an interview where he never asked follow ups!

If there is any way I can be of help in the coming months, please call upon me. I am committed to the success of this Administration and all they represent.

My best wishes - I look forward to seeing, talking, working with you in the future!

Cordially,


Lynn Lyss

Peace n 'ssion 'nspi 'es hope in Troy delegate

By SUSAN STEINMUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Tony Haddad took the trip of a lifetime last week.

Haddad, a Troy resident, was part of a group accompanying President Bill Clinton on his historic peace trip to the Middle East. Haddad traveled as a representative of the Lebanese American Council of Detroit.

"It was incredible," said Haddad, who attended the signing of the his-

toric peace treaty between Jordan and Israel. "It was something out of this world. Everybody was so amazed that it was happening in our lifetime."

Haddad is a vice president of the Lebanese American Council of Detroit, which represents a community of some 250,000 Lebanese American families in the area.

The council has been active in the

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Working for peace: Tony Haddad of Troy, vice president of the Lebanese American Council of Detroit, is pictured at a historic ceremony during his Middle East trip.

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peace issue, he said, which is why the White House extended them the invitation.

Haddad flew to the Middle East in a U.S. Air Force plane separate from the president. He was along for most of Clinton's four-day, six-nation Middle East trip, although he did not go to Syria.

The signing of the peace treaty was a highlight, he said. So was flying in a plane from Amman, Jordan direct to Tel Aviv in Israel — the first such flight. He also met and talked to President Clinton and his wife, Hillary.

"Everything was excellent," he said.

Nevertheless, Haddad said the trip did not resolve Lebanon's occupation by Syrian troops.

"The only part that I really didn't feel comfortable with is that Lebanon is not in the peace process as it should be," he said. "There were some other Lebanese on the trip, and we kind of feel Lebanon is being left at the side."

"The Lebanese had high hopes that the peace process would include withdrawal of troops from Lebanon. That wasn't the case. If it wasn't for that, the trip would have been perfect."

But Haddad said he commends Clinton for his visit.

"You can see how he put the

"I am happy and confident that he will also come through for Lebanon. You can tell his diplomacy is working. He is covering all the bases."

*Tony Haddad
on President Clinton*

pieces together," he said. "He is a fair and just person."

"I am happy and confident that he will also come through for Lebanon," he said. "You can tell his diplomacy is working. He is covering all the bases."

In the meantime, Haddad said the council in Detroit will continue to work for Lebanon by speaking out to elected officials and others for the Lebanese people.

Haddad said he also was thrilled to be on the history-making trip, from which he brought back pictures and videos.

"You can never duplicate that trip again," he said.

Haddad works for AAA Language Services in Troy. He and his wife, Nada, are six year Troy residents.

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Schechter marvels at whirlwind trip to historic signing

By RANDALL CZARLINSKY



ARTHUR SCHECHTER

"It was spectacular", Houstonian and Democratic political activist Arthur Schechter said hours after arriving from a whirlwind trip to attend the historic peace treaty signing between Jordan and Israel as a member of

the U.S. Presidential delegation.

"It felt like one day, and it still feels like Monday", a sunburned Schechter declared as he reviewed his exhaustive four-day Jordanian and Israel adventure that began with a one hour briefing at Andrews Air Force base with President Clinton.

Schechter was part of a 50-person American delegation that was also making history. This was the first delegation of U.S. citizens to travel with an American President in American history. Previous delegations, he noted, travel in place of the President.

The 50 person delegation included 25 Jewish leaders representing major Jewish organizations and political activists, along with an assortment of American Christian and Arab leaders.

Schechter, who is an attorney and president of the Jewish Federation,



By signing a non-aggression pact with Israel, King Hussein moved from the sidelines of the peace process back into the center.

- Photo by The Bnai Jewish Monthly

and some of the Americans were extremely hostile.

One, who sat next to him on the plane, was extremely critical of Israeli actions vis-à-vis his family in Ramallah and was negative on the President. Their paths would cross again later in the trip.

"We left Andrews on U.S. Air Force plane number 2 and arrived in Amman

for Tuesday dinner with Jordanian officials. On Wednesday morning, while the President visited President Mubarak and Yasser Arafat in Cairo, we flew to Arava Crossing early."

Given an option to tour or stay in the hotel, Schechter said he opted for a tour of an Ottoman fort and King

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Schechter marvels at whirlwind trip to historic signing

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Hussein's grandfather's home. "They weren't worth the trip", he said.

"A small stadium had been set up and white plastic-molded chairs were put out." He added that the chairs were manufactured in Israel as was the water that was distributed in bottles.

Pausing, he added that despite initial uneasiness about leaving his office and appointments was overcome by the overwhelming experience to participate in the event.

"The trip was worth every bit of effort."

Schechter, who has attended frequent small and large events at The White House with the Clintons, said "seeing the President is always exciting and thrilling."

"To hear the President speak in such inspiring language, especially how he cares about people and his relationship with the Jewish community, made it very moving."

"It was equally moving during the playing of Hatikvah (Israel's anthem)

during the accord-signing," he added.

The Presidential delegation was whisked out of the desert and on to the Jordanian Parliament Wednesday afternoon. "We were immediately seated behind the Jordanian Royal Family and once again, the President gave a stellar address."

Schechter, by nature jovial and full of energy, gleamed as he discussed their flight out of Amman to Ben Gurion on Thursday morning.

"This was the first non-military plane from Amman to Ben Gurion. The flight is 30 minutes and we asked to be told on the anticipated air space change (Jordanian to Israeli)."

"The hostile Arab-American was seated next to me. As we entered Israeli air space I told him to compare the land below to the Jordanian land."

"We had gone from dead-ground to greenery," he proudly stated.

Upon departing the airport, Schechter advised his seatmate to look at the scenery between Ben Gurion and Jerusalem as opposed to that provided between Amman's airport and the capital.

While the President went to Damascus with two Jews and three Arabs from the delegation, the rest of the delegation went to the Jerusalem Holiday Inn and attended a luncheon with the First Lady and Mrs. Rabin.

"Jerusalem was closed tight as a drum. There were soldiers everywhere,"

he noted.

While security is always tight for visiting dignitaries the precautions for the President, in light of threats by Hamas, were extensive.

"They had cordoned off the King David Hotel area. The stores were open and with appropriate badges you could shop."

Although scheduled to depart late Thursday for the return trip to Andrews, the delegation heard Prime Minister Rabin, Likud Leader Benjamin Netanyahu and the President speak in the Knesset.

Schechter said Netanyahu spoke strongly against potential settlement with Damascus and President Assad.

While American news reports said the President would use fatigue as the reason the President couldn't tour Jerusalem, Schechter said "the President greeted the delegation following his Knesset speech and looked exhausted. The President left quickly."

"It struck me as being courteous to

send him home".

Reflecting on the globe trotting experience, Schechter, still energetic, noted that the peace treaty was signed on Hillary Clinton's birthday, Oct. 26, and the day before Secretary of State Warren Christopher's, Oct. 27.

In an hour of recollection, Schechter leaned forward saying, "It was a real experience. I am glad I went." □

To: Chairman Arafat
Palestine Authority

From: Dr. Omar M. Kader

Re: President Clinton's Middle East Trip

Mr. Chairman, I was among those Palestinian-Americans who travelled with the President of the United States to attend the signing agreement between Jordan and Israel. I understand you have issues of disagreement regarding Jerusalem, but remain a firm supporter of a comprehensive peace agreement in the region. You should know that there is broad support for your success in administering the Palestine Authority and advancing to the next phase of the negotiations with the Israelis.

The President and his advisors are well aware of the difficulties you face regarding issues of economic development and security issues. They are supportive of your efforts and understand the challenges you face in these early days of state building. I hope you understand the U.S. Government is very interested in the economic development and success of the Palestinians.

In this country the logic is simple regarding the Palestinians. If there is no success in improving the life of everyday Palestinians and in building the Palestinian governing authority and its economy, there will not be security for the Israelis. One of America's highest priorities in the region is Israeli security and regional economic growth through integration.

In Israel, I was surprised to find that the Israelis were very interested in making sure that the Palestinian Authority is strong and successful. They know you are having serious challenges and expect that it will continue to be difficult, but they are willing to assist and be patient. They also know that their cooperation is critical to your effort. They have conveyed to the President the importance of your role. However, it would be a mistake to place any issue ahead of economic development, institution building and security. I know Jerusalem is a very important symbol, but if there is a failed state and a run down economy, nothing will help the Palestinian claim on Jerusalem.

The Israelis do have problems understanding where you are placing your highest priorities. It is not clear to everyone whether it is in internal economic development, institution building or maintaining your role in the region.

In the end, the one impression that sticks in my mind the most is the very supportive attitude the Israelis and senior American decision makers have regarding your efforts. You have much good will and I hope you feel it.

change if Azerbaijan signs a lucrative oil contract with a consortium of Western oil companies, which could invest some \$9 billion in Azerbaijan's oil fields.

At the turn of the century, Azerbaijan was producing half of the world's oil. Industry experts say output could reach 600,000 barrels a day within nine years, placing it on a par with a small Persian Gulf state such as Qatar.

The consortium, which includes American oil companies Amoco, Pennzoil and Unocal, along with project leader British Petroleum, signed a "show of faith" protocol in mid-July, but Russian saber-rattling has made them jittery. "This is very high-risk for us," says a Western oil official. "We're very much in learning mode. The negotiations are at such a delicate stage."

The consortium confirms it is close to closing the deal, however. "The Russians have controlled this area for 200 years," says a spokesman for an oil company. "If the Azerbaijani government tries to resist Russia, there'll be another civil war here."

President Heydar Aliiev, who came to power when Elchibey was ousted, is hoping that the oil deal will elicit concrete support from the West on the Karabakh question. He signed up for NATO's Partnership for Peace in May and has been pressing Turkey, Europe and the United States for military and political guarantees ever since.

"The U.S. has a big task here," says a Turkish diplomat in Baku. "They have to put pressure on Russia. The Russians will listen to no one else."

The U.S. government, though, is unwilling to break with Russia over Azerbaijan. To the West, it is a question of priorities. Furthermore, Western diplomats are acutely aware of their relative impotence against Moscow. "I don't think we're going to impose sanctions on the Russians," says one senior Western diplomat in Baku, "and we're certainly not going to raise a stick at them."

The United States is hampered further by an amendment to the 1992 Freedom Support Act that categorizes Azerbaijan as an aggressor state for placing a trade embargo on Armenia, despite the fact that one-fifth of Azerbaijan's territory is occupied by Armenian forces.

Foreigners working in Azerbaijan bemoan the lack of support the country has garnered on the international stage. "This country could have so much," enthuses Roberto Laurenti, a U.N. representative in Baku. "Oil, a rich agriculture, even tourism. We shouldn't let it down."

Anti-Clinton Campaigns Dish Out Presidential Dirt

By Rod Dreher

Clinton-bashing is a money-making, headline-grabbing American phenomenon. Conservative trailblazers, fueled by far-reaching tidbits, have shaped the gift of gossip into a full-time business.

Tireless crusaders for truth, or malicious zealots? The most neutral thing one can say about those working in the anti-Clinton cottage industry is that they owe Bill and Hillary Clinton a great deal. In fact, they owe the first couple their living.

Some are crazy like foxes, others are a step or two behind the curve and a lot of them are simply around the bend. They all have discovered one salient fact: There's a mother lode of anti-Clinton sentiment running through the country, and there's money to be made mining it. Some of the stuff they are peddling is bizarre, like Gennifer Flowers's \$19.95 audiotape of her phone conversations with Clinton. Other items, such as T-shirts and bumper stickers, are relatively benign.

But some of it is an exaggerated and embellished version of stories that have been published in the mainstream media — or that have been investigated by the mainstream media but not reported for lack of solid evidence. Or, if you believe the purveyors of this information, because of pro-Clinton bias.

"All of the news commentators, including CNN, all of them have softball-ed the president all the way through. They cover up everything that's going on," says the Rev. Jerry Falwell. "That's why people like Jerry Falwell have decided if the press is going to play hypocrite, and the Congress, the American people are entitled to know the truth, we're going to provide it for them."

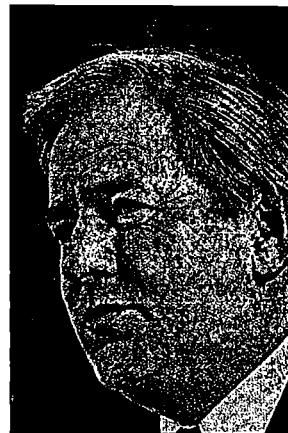
Though he did not produce either, Falwell aggressively has promoted two videotapes that have become the best-known and probably most controver-

sial Clinton-bashing products to date: *Bill and Hillary Clinton's Circle of Power* and its follow-up, *The Clinton Chronicles*. Both come from Citizens for Honest Government, a California-based operation (see sidebar, page 17). The first tape features Arkansas-based detractors, prominent among them former Clinton associate Larry

Nichols, accusing the president of being party to a series of murders. The second, now being hyped on Falwell's *Old-Time Gospel Hour* and other conservative-oriented broadcasts, links Clinton to a purported international drug-smuggling operation being run out of the tiny town of Mena in the remote Ouachita Mountains of western Arkansas. The first lady takes a caning in the video, accused of sleeping with the late Vin-

cent W. Foster Jr. and manipulating financial markets for personal gain.

Sleazy paranoia? Maybe. But some of these stories bubble up from the anti-Clinton underground and surface in the mainstream media, and they're difficult to dismiss easily. It's hard to get more big-E Establishment than the *Wall Street Journal*, which devoted an editorial-page column to the curious goings-on at Mena. And Britain's *The Economist*, perhaps the most highly regarded newsmagazine in the English language, took prominent note recently of the list of Arkansans tied to Clinton who have died under suspicious, if not ominous, circumstances. "All this may be a pack of cards piled up by over-eager conspiracy theorists and ideological opponents of the president," quoth *The Economist*. "But it remains strange."



Falwell: Chief basher.

When such stories are reported by serious publications and networks, they become useful to the president's establishment adversaries. "Republicans would be fools to sign on to the Falwell video explanation, but if they repeat something they read in *The Economist*, I don't see how they could be faulted for that," says political analyst Kevin Phillips. *Newsweek's* Washington bureau chief Evan Thomas says his staff generally examines all the anti-Clinton books, newsletters and videos delivered to their office. "We always look at it," he says. "They're not shy about letting us know what they have. If it checks out, we go with it."

Though the conspiracy-minded accuse the press of covering up for the president, Thomas says it may be as simple as the mainstream media having higher standards of verification before printing or broadcasting a story. But even if the more salacious Clinton tales are never reported in *Time* magazine or even *Prime-Time Live*, they become part of the national conversation. It's difficult and perhaps impossible to measure the correlation between the president's low standings in the polls and the success of the book *Slick Willie*, authored by Floyd Brown, the conservative gadfly who masterminded the Willie Horton ad during the 1988 presidential campaign, and its sequel, *Slick Willie II*, by Chris Manion.

"There's a market for this stuff," says Stephen Hess of the Brookings Institution. "An awful lot of opinions and information still gets passed on in coffee shops or bars or assembly lines. People talk to each other. Somehow we have the impression of everybody in a cell reading a newspaper or watching television, but it's not so."

A White House spokeswoman says the underground material is not making much difference on the administration's day-to-day operations. Says Deputy Press Secretary Ginny Terzano, "You always have distractions put in front of you, but the goal of this White House is to keep our eye focused on the ball, keep plugging away and that's what we're doing."

Others insist that the barrage of books, videos and radio talkers are making their mark. Says *Newsweek's* Thomas, "It's having the effect of making the Clintons paranoid. They're really worried that this is well-organized, and they're right about that."

Books, videos, radio talk shows, T-shirts, coffee mugs — the Clintonophobic marketplace is an exotic, ever-expanding bazaar. Merchants of Clinton-bashing say they aren't getting rich from it: They just plain can't stand Bill Clinton and will do anything to undermine his agenda. "Whatever it



Carpozi: Shuns right-wing label but is after Clinton.

takes within the restrictions of the law to get him out of there, we need to do," says Falwell. Says Larry Nichols, "star" of *Circle of Power*, declares in grim, Churchillian tones, "We've got to stop this man."

George Carpozi Jr., 74, is typical of those unabashedly raking the muck of Bill Clinton's past for fun and profit. He started looking into Clinton's past during the 1992 campaign and was "shocked" by what he found. Carpozi, a longtime New York newspaper journalist and the author of 76 books (including *The Hidden Side of Jacqueline Kennedy* and *Gangland Killers*), insists that both Clintons are going to finish out the president's term in prison. What's more, he says, *Clinton Confidential*, the 600-page tome he has out this month from a small publisher, will win him the Pulitzer Prize and cause Bob Woodward's publisher to "build a skyscraper" with remainders of *The Agenda*. "I have his mother killing two people on the operating table. Do you know about that? I have it down pat how she did it," says Carpozi, referring to the late Virginia Kelley in her career as a registered nurse. "She read the racing form while she had people on the operating table. She filed her nails while she did it. I have this absolutely documented."

The book's lurid jacket blurb claims Clinton "lusted after the presidency at

an early age. Every move he made seemed to be part of a cunning strategy to attain his ultimate tenancy of the White House." The book parades "the steamy details of extramarital affairs" and discloses "the existence of the clandestine Bilderberg Society, the powerful international group that hand-selected Clinton for the presidency."

"I'm not a right-winger," he insists. "I'm a registered Democrat. I voted for Roosevelt. I know whereof I speak."

Some mainstream conservatives say books like *Clinton Confidential* don't make converts but merely strengthen the opinions of Clinton haters. "I suspect they mostly reflect public opinion rather than shape it," says Phillips. Ironically, those anti-Clintonites working the fringes may be helping the White House more than hurting it, says William J. Bennett, President Reagan's secretary of education. He denounces the *Circle of Power* tape as "below the pale, beyond the pale. When you start to get into that bizarre stuff that, I

think, lacks any substantiation whatsoever, you discredit responsible criticism," he said recently on CNBC's *Cal Thomas Show*.

One celebrated Whitewater investigative journalist agrees. "What these things do is allow the White House to lump things that are true with things that are untrue," he says. "It's useful for them, and they've made that an issue rather than a legitimate story that's been done. They take the most outrageous thing and shoot that down and drag down some of the more legitimate stories with it."

Bill Nalty, producer of the Clinton-bashing *Keith Rush Show* out of New Orleans, argues that a hunger for information unreported by mainstream sources drives this market. "I think the mainstream media is extraordinarily too careful. You'd think they were working for [Paul] Begala and [James] Carville, is the way I see it," he says, in reference to two top Clinton political advisers. "If they can have their multimillion-dollar war room, why can't I have a small one?" Nalty's show features guests with sterling credentials as well as those who may have little more than a yarn to spin. He says he doesn't have the financial resources to check out the credibility of his guests prior to putting them on the air. "I go by gut instinct." Others, such as Carpozi,

appear to have a similarly broad threshold for determining the truth of the message they disseminate. Carpozi wrote a dismy biography of Kitty Kelley in 1991. "She never sued me, so must have been right."

Not necessarily. In most cases, it's to a prospective plaintiff's advantage

not to issue a court challenge to a party believed to be making libelous charges. Jane Kirtley, a lawyer with the Reporter's Committee for Freedom of the Press, says libel laws make it hard for public figures such as the president to sue for defamation. "They have the burden of having to prove actual mal-

ice, which is very difficult to prove," she says. "If the Clintons tried to sue them for libel, they would have to look into the minds of these [defendants] and prove that they knew what they published was false."

Additionally, plaintiffs in libel suits worry about embarrassing information being made public inadvertently. "If an elected official does have any kind of skeleton in his or her closet that has nothing to do with what they're suing on, it may come out in pretrial discovery," the lawyer says. "If your background character is not pristine, it's going to come up in pretrial discovery, and there's not a thing you can do to stop it."

Moreover, libel law gives wide latitude for outlandish accusations leveled against public figures. In a 1988 case, the Supreme Court held that publications so outrageous that nobody can take them seriously are a protected form of expression. The court also ruled that choosing to put oneself in the public arena strictly curtails one's right to sue for emotional distress. The losing plaintiff in the case was Jerry Falwell.

"Now he's one of the prime beneficiaries of that ruling," says Kirtley. "I guess it shows that if you can't beat 'em, join 'em."

Somebody may be making money from all those tapes, but it's not clear who. "A lot of people who call say they aren't in this to make money, they just want to express their feelings about the president and have fun doing it," says Nicky Roberts, who oversees the anti-Clinton marketplace in the back pages of *The American Spectator*. The magazine has seen its classified pages, where T-shirts and bumper stickers are sold, jump 300 percent recently. "People are driven by their dislike of this president. It's purely ideological," says David Bossie of Citizens' United, publishers of the *Clinton Watch* newsletter. "I think it all comes from the fact that he's seen as a socialist, as a guy who's interested in social engineering, in making government a bigger part of your life."

Brookings' Hess, who writes as an authority on the presidency, says the kind of vitriol reserved for Clinton contrasts dramatically with that the public has had for his predecessors. "It differs in that your reaction to them was based on an event — Watergate, the recession — or an ideology. You were a conservative; you were a liberal. With this president, and to some degree with his wife, it's not what he stands for but who he is. That's an important distinction."

Policing the Gates of Heaven

Martin Luther wrote about how he would throw dung at the devil to torment him. Jerry Falwell throws videos at Bill Clinton, to the same effect. To say the Baptist clergyman and political activist dislikes the president is to say that Sherman went to Georgia to play with matches.

Here's Falwell on Clinton's marital difficulties: "There are 12 women on record as having had affairs with the president. It's probably more like 1,200. That's never happened to Bob Dole, or Lloyd Bentsen or Al Gore, because those guys don't live like animals."

Here he is on Clinton's tenure as governor: "By the time he left Arkansas, he had developed a virtual police state down there. Everyone's afraid to say anything, and he had a lot of people in high places in bed with him, so they can't tell on each other."

On Clinton's religiosity: "Bill Clinton is probably the consummate hypocrite. If he did not profess to be a Christian, if he did not spend great effort and time to sell himself to religious conservatives in America, this kind of consensus resentment would not exist. No one attacked John Kennedy or Lyndon Johnson for their lifestyles because neither claimed to be evangelicals. Neither wore their religion on their shoulder. It is Bill Clinton's attempt to dupe the religious public while performing as the most radical left-wing president to ever sit in the Oval Office that really upsets thinking Christians."

Falwell has aggressively promoted two Clinton-bashing videotapes: *Bill and Hillary Clinton's Circle of Power* and its follow-up, *The Clinton Chronicles*, produced by the California-based Citizens for Honest Government. *Bill and Hillary Clinton's Circle of Power*

features interviews with Arkansas figures who hurl dramatic accusations at Clinton without rebuttal or an attempt at balance. *The Clinton Chronicles* travels many of the same dark, conspiratorial Arkansas backroads and has become a best-seller in the For the People Bookstore, a mail-order service connected with a Florida-based radio show, *Chuck Harder's For the People*, heard locally on WDCTAM.

Ken Phillips, the show's executive producer, says sales of anti-Clinton products account for only a small part of the show's income. However, interest in anti-Clinton products and anti-Clinton talk radio come from the same source. "People want to hear about it, because a lot of that stuff out there is amazing if you sit down and look at it," Phillips says. "If a tenth of it is true, it should be reported more in the mainstream media." He describes average *For the People* listeners as "working-class Americans, blue-collar, white-collar, Joe Lunchbucket."

Falwell, pastor of *The Old-Time Gospel Hour*, seen on more than 200 television stations nationwide every week, knows a number of conservative leaders think he has gone too far with his attacks on the president. Denouncers include William J. Bennett, an early favorite among evangelicals in the 1996 presidential contest before he took his name out of contention.

"I'm a strong supporter of Bill Bennett, and if he runs for president, I'll vote for him," Falwell said. "All of these fellows are trying to tiptoe through the tulips, and I understand they have to do that. When all this comes out to be proven generally true; and I believe it will, then all these men like Bill Bennett are going to be thankful that we did this." — RD

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 8, 1994

Mr. John Maguire
Office of the President
Claremont University Center
Harper East 105
Claremont, CA 91711

Dear John,

Thank you for sending me the excerpts from American Journey. After reading the moving story I can easily understand your great appreciation of and dedication to the Legal Defense Fund. The Civil Rights movement can document much progress since the Freedom Rides but there is still much that needs to be accomplished. It was a pleasure seeing you again.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and for your kind words.

Best Wishes,

*It was a treat
to visit with you.*


Melanne

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 15, 1994

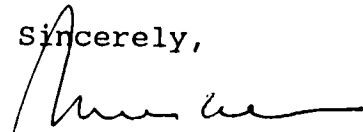
Mr. Robert L. Mahan
2800 Jeanetta #411
Houston, TX 77063

Mr. Mahan:

Thank you for your letter stating your concerns regarding the problems which arise from the sale and use of tobacco. Unfortunately, we cannot schedule a meeting with the President or First Lady at this time. We appreciate your input as we work to achieve lasting, meaningful health care reform in this country.

Again, thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 11, 1994

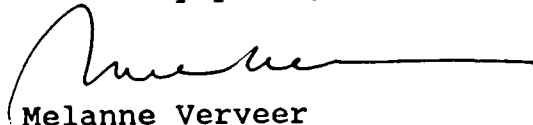
Ms. Mary Dahl Maher
Health Reach
265 Warwick Avenue
Rochester, NY 14611

Dear Ms. Maher:

During the First Lady's recent visit to Rochester, Congresswoman Louise Slaughter brought to Mrs. Clinton's attention some materials on nurse midwives and on your organization, Health Reach. Your support and your suggestions were very welcome.

Thank you for bringing these materials to Congresswoman Slaughter's attention and thank you for your endorsement. Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 24, 1994

Mr. David Mahoney, Chairman
The Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives
1001 G Street, NW
Suite 1025
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Mahoney:

It was a pleasure to hear from you, and I appreciate hearing your views regarding the role of brain and biomedical research in the health care initiative. The Dana Alliance has played an important role in the dramatic progress of neuroscience research. Your views are very helpful as we continue our efforts to achieve lasting, meaningful health care reform in this country.

Mrs. Clinton thanks you for your letter and for your support of the Administration's efforts.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 24, 1994

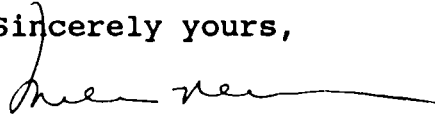
His Excellency Thomas Mar Makarios
Episcopal Diocesan House
1114 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14209

Dear Bishop Makarios:

It was a pleasure to hear from you, and I appreciate your interest in serving the Clinton Administration. It is gratifying to know that someone with your wonderful qualifications is interested in government service. Regretfully, however, there are no openings in the Office of Public Liaison for Religious Affairs at this time.

Thank you again for writing and for your support of the Administration's efforts to help address the needs of our fellow citizens.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 19, 1994

Ms. Deena Maloy
Communication Coordinator
Mississippi Health Advocacy Program
748 North President Street
P.O. Box 2248
Jackson, MS 39225-2248

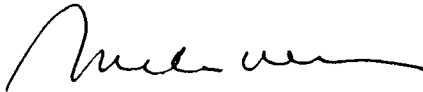
Dear Ms. Maloy:

Mrs. Clinton asked me to thank you for the kind letter inviting her to act as the Honorary Chairperson of the International Ballet Competition and to lead a town hall meeting on health care reform in Jackson, Mississippi. Regrettably, she is unable to accept your kind invitation.

Your continued support and active involvement in health care reform issues is very important to her and is greatly appreciated.

Thank you again for your letter. Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
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July 28, 1994

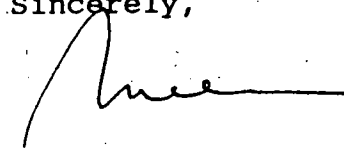
Neal S. Manne, Attorney at Law
5100 First Interstate Bank Plaza
1000 Louisiana
Houston, TX 77002-5096

Dear Mr. Manne:

Enclosed please find the baseball caps you left with me in hopes of securing the First Lady's signature. We unfortunately are not able to accommodate your request.

Best wishes for a successful fundraising event.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

*It was
great to
see you!*

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July 19, 1994

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Ms. Melanne Verveer
Office of the First Lady
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Melanne:

It was great to see you when Nancy and I were in Washington for the Emily's List event last month. I just learned that I will receive the National Women's Political Caucus' "Good Guy" Award for 1994, so Nancy and I will be back in Washington in mid-November. Perhaps we can cross paths then.

Please don't forget about Planned Parenthood of Houston's baseball caps that I left with you for signature by HRC. If you can get them signed, great. If not, at least have them sent back to me since Planned Parenthood already has collected some other signatures on them. The Houston affiliate plans to use them as an auction item at one of their non-profit fundraisers.

After you and I chatted at the White House, I bumped into both Rikki Seidman and Steve Hilton, so it was like old home week. How come everyone has an important job now except me?!

Best regards,

Neal S. Manne
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*Nicole -
Pis give me
hats back
from Caprice*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 13, 1994

Mr. Robert Manning
4507 Davenport Avenue
Oakland, CA 94619

Dear Mr. Manning:

Thank you for writing and sending your innovative proposal to showcase national grass-roots support for health care reform. I appreciate your interest and concern and regret that we are unable to assist you in your efforts.

Thank you again for sharing your ideas with us. It is only with the commitment of citizens like you that we will achieve lasting, meaningful health care reform in this country. Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

August 4, 1994

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief Of Staff To the First Lady
Old Executive Office Building Rm 100
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Verveer:

The accompanying portfolio is an opportunity. An opportunity to create an exceptionally powerful National statement demanding universal health care. By fusing modern communications technology with powerful charismatic personalities and then creating a presentation that includes a people-to-people 'rolling' petition, a truly grass roots force for positive change is created. This futuristic technology provides the means for creating four to six locations nationally that are simultaneously audibly and visually interactive for as long as it is necessary. Charismatic leaders can 'hold hands electronically' and create a presentation that has broad appeal to millions of people. A commitment of ten to twelve hours, spread out over a period of one to two weeks provides the appropriate foundation for the introduction of a month long petition.

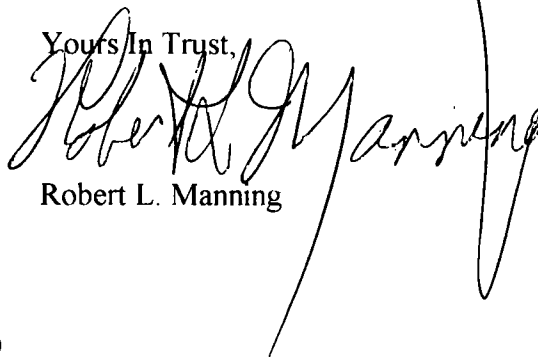
The wording of the petition itself is designed to appeal to citizens across the political spectrum and utilizes various principles of easy citizen access, growth, and proof of its existence to 'signers' of the petition and to people in power. The application of other aspects of the whole field of modern National communications technology completes the process. The use of telephones, faxes, e-mail, and computer bulletin boards creates a concentrated force on Congress that is focused on bringing about appropriate changes in National health care. All of the preceding, in reality, is an attempt to broaden the scope of all of this revolutionary technology. Instead of just being utilized for modern warfare; making money; selling products; or playing interactive games; the intention in this instance is to combine this technology with a very powerful human appeal and apply it in solving one of our Nation's most critical problems. Exponential growth of the petition is guaranteed by repeating the presentation in three or four television markets.

Of course, 'seed' money is required for such an ambitious venture. A 'loan' that will be re-paid out of contributions from citizens nationally who are just waiting to participate in and contribute to an effective process that will create appropriate National health care. Please do not underestimate the power of this approach in solving an exceptionally difficult problem in our Nation. Remember, this is a first time project that really has almost unlimited possibilities for the betterment of all citizens.

By asking for donations at the end of two weeks of the month long 'rolling' petition, money will be generated for repayment of 'seed' funding. Both my wife's and my experiences with the Gulf War Petition has created a profound confidence in this process. It appropriately appeals to the better side of human nature and will create revolutionary changes in our Nation's health care.

Please contact Robert L. Manning for additional information.

Yours/In Trust,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert L. Manning". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Robert L. Manning

Return Information:

Robert L. Manning 1-510-482-5290
4507 Davenport Avenue
Oakland, California 94619

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 20, 1994

His Excellency Serguei N. Martynov
The Embassy of Belarus
1619 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20008

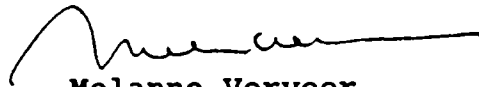
Dear Mr. Ambassador,

Thank you for your letter to the First Lady and for your kindness in enclosing the videotape of the Belarusian Ballet. The tape will provide a lasting and yet always fresh reminder of her visit to Minsk.

With regard to a U.S. tour by the Ballet, I have asked the Director of the United States Information Agency, Dr. Joseph Duffey, to look into the matter. He advises that there are some firms engaged in business with Belarus that have shown an active interest in fostering artistic and cultural exchange between our two countries. In order to pursue the matter, Dr. Duffey has asked USIA's Country Affairs Officer for Belarus, Monica O'Keefe, to be in touch with your office.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Assistant to the President
and Deputy Chief of Staff to the
First Lady

bcc: Dr. Joe Duffy

Nicole -

Let me about this
we need to get it out.

Serguei N.
Am. Martynov

Me

1619 Nix Ave, 20009

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DIRECTOR

November 21, 1994

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
The White House

Dear Melanne:

I have been gathering information since our conversation on ways in which it might be possible to bring the Belarusian Ballet to the United States. I believe the most fruitful avenue would be to enlist the aid of one or more companies which have business and trade relations with Belarus.

USIA's Office of East European and NIS Affairs has compiled information on American firms conducting business with Belarus, including at least one firm that is already engaged with U.S. foundations to bring Belarusian performing and fine arts to the United States.

I recommend that you respond to Ambassador Martynov and say that USIA's Country Affairs Officer for Belarus will be in touch with him to work on the details. I have taken the liberty of enclosing a possible draft letter to the Ambassador.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Joseph Duffey

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 29, 1994

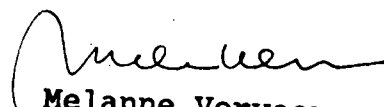
Ms. Gertrude Mastroianni
1517 Arrowhead Circle
Clearwater, FL 34619

Dear Gert:

Mrs. Clinton has learned of your wonderful support of the President's efforts and she asked me to express her gratitude to you. Your friendship and encouragement mean a great deal.

Best wishes for a happy holiday and a healthy new year.

Sincerely,


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

Enclosure

Alice -
is it possible
to have this
picture signed,
"To Gert, with best
Mastroianni
wishes,"

Hillary
Let me know if you
can + will come pick it up. Shzy
Encl. x67265

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 2, 1994

Ms. Gladys Mendelson
Communication Workers of America
308 Pacific Gateway, #239
Pacifica, CA 94044

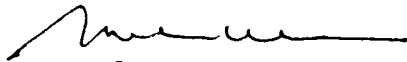
Dear Ms. Mendelson:

Mrs. Clinton asked me to thank you for your thoughtful letter and for your attendance at the White House reception on April 25th. She appreciates and understands the problems the disenfranchised face in attaining affordable, quality health care and is grateful for your comments.

Mrs. Clinton also thanks you for the invitation to the Lesbian/Gay Labor Alliance's reception. Unfortunately, she is unable to come to California on May 12th.

Thanks again for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 10, 1994

Ms. Denise P. Meredith
Deputy Director
Department of Land Management
1849 C Street, NW
MIB 5660
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Ms. Meredith:

Thank you for your kind note and for sending copies of some of your speeches. It was a pleasure meeting you last week and I very much enjoyed looking over the speeches you sent. They address some of the challenges that the Clinton Administration has faced in implementing its agenda to diversify the Federal Government.

Thanks again for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


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meet you*

With all the talk about diversity, minorities in BLM management in 1992 could be counted in single digits: six African-Americans, five Hispanics, three Asian-Americans and three Native Americans.

With all the talk about diversity, the average grade level of white males was 10.5, while it was 8.9 for African-American males, and 7.0 for Hispanic women.

With all the talk about diversity, a November 1992 study on "Satisfaction with Human Resource Management" within the Department of Interior, showed:

- 69% of respondents, especially white employees, saw high to moderate success in hiring minorities
- 35% said the emphasis on EEO in their organization is too high and 57% thought emphasis was just right

This, despite the statistics, such as African-American males comprising 1.2% and African-American women 0.9% of the professional BLM workforce. Equally revealing, 59% of supervisors said they were not being held accountable for accomplishing EEO responsibilities and Affirmative Action plan requirements.

All that talk! And money. BLM alone spent over \$800,000 a year on the HBCU initiative and we are a small contributor to the effort.

I do not mean to pick on BLM, there are other bureaus who have made less effort and are in the same or worse shape. The Forest Service is showing some progress in employment of women, primarily resulting from court-ordered and monitored response to losing a class action suit in California. But, Agriculture is still having problems recruiting and retaining minorities in professional positions.

I have been in BLM for 20 years and I am tired of talking about diversity. Enuf talk! It's time to do something!

What should managers do? We have a unique opportunity with this administration. Increasing minority participation is one of Clinton's, Babbitt's, Espy's and Baca's priorities. In my experience, while, obviously there are white males committed to diversity, there is, generally, faster and greater progress when minorities are in the position to hire. Jim Baca, the first Hispanic Director of BLM, selected me, the first woman and minority Deputy Director.

And I, in turn, will be instrumental in hiring and promoting minority and women managers. Just last week, we appointed Larry Bemby, an African-American senior executive as the new BLM Service Center Director, another first. The number of SES women has about doubled in Interior, under this administration. The trick will be

for new political appointees to change the composition of the career executives, so that a lasting multiplier effect is created.

When we get into positions of power, we need to aggressively push initiatives, like the HBCU program, with two differences. First, we need to change the performance measures and emphasize results, not just time and money expended. How many contracts are issued? How many students are hired permanently? How many faculty members are invited to take temporary assignments in mainstream agency operations? What is the retention rate for minorities once they are hired?

Not how many career fairs we sent how many people to or how many workhours were spent talking about the HBCU program within our offices? We need to stress long-term gains and benefits, instead of quick, one-time "looks good" efforts.

Secondly, we need to hold government managers accountable for these results. Teresa Trujeque, the new Assistant Secretary for Human Resources in Interior, has made it clear that bonuses for executives will be raised or reduced and eliminated based on performance in human resources areas. This is time when we do want a "trickle down" effect, everyone down to the first level supervisor should share in the responsibility for progress.

We have to be prepared for the excuses. We've been hearing them for years. We can't find any qualified minorities (funny, I'm looking at a whole room full right now!). We're downsizing. Yes, certain areas and professions are changing; priorities are shifting. But new priorities, whether we're talking about rural sociology, economics or automation, require skills NOT present in current workforce and will require new people. Also, at least in BLM, there are more foresters eligible for retirement now or in the next few years than other professions. Some will have to be replaced.

What can private industry do?

Industries, particularly forest-related ones, are going through some hard times. But, as in government, the aging workforce will be retiring and need to be replaced. As timber production is reduced on Federal lands, but demand domestically and internationally remains high, greater and more efficient production will be needed on private lands. Again, new skills, not available among the current workforce, in areas such as forest health, GIS mapping, and ecosystem management, can produce new opportunities.

Private industry also has more flexibility in providing incentives--scholarships, start-up expenses, bonuses, etc.--than government and should take advantage of that in recruiting its future workforce. Diversity is profitable, whether it is in your workforce or your customer base; you can't expect to take

advantage of future markets, if your workforce continues not "to look like America."

What can students do?

Be prepared. New technologies and professions will require more, not less, education. Build credibility. Get a reputation for being the smartest, the quickest, the most talented. Even if you are the best, you will be challenged. You can't afford to be anything less.

Be assertive. Minorities still tend to be "invisible" to whites; that's why some people think we all look alike. They never really see us in the first place. I always sit down front and center. Too many African-Americans died and sacrificed to give me that opportunity for me not to take advantage of it. I will not be ignored.

At the same time, you should try to get along with others. "Teamwork" is a new buzz word in the reinventing government lingo. You have to be comfortable and able to function well in either the member or leader role.

Get a well-rounded education--readin', writin', 'rithmetic, as well as hard science. Communication skills (i.e. public speaking, technical writing) and knowledge of automation are critical.

You are taking a major step forward in just being here. Networking, with fellow students, faculty, government and private industry officials, has several advantages. It helps overcome isolation, still a burden for women and minority professionals. It helps you identify trends in employment, "what's hot." Networking provides mentors, which everyone needs to succeed. Finally, it can produce job or training opportunities; many positions are still decided before they are advertised. You can't always wait for someone to give you opportunities; sometimes you have to create your own.

Whether you are in school, in public service or private sector, as a minority you will face many hurdles. They may not be as obvious or strong as they were when I was the first woman field biologist hired by BLM in 1973; but they can be formidable. One of my most popular speeches is "Ten Hurdles Women Must Hurtle." The hurdles are present or, in some cases, even higher for minorities. they include:

- 1) *You couldn't possibly want to.* People will tend to try to discourage you from going into resource management.
- 2) *There must be some mistake.* People are often trying to make you feel uncomfortable and out of place, either intentionally or naively.

3) *But there are no women's dorms/restrooms/etc.* For minorities, this translates to "You wouldn't want to come here; there are no other Asians here."

4) *We don't want any.* That is self-explanatory and still goes on.

5) *We already have one.* This type of "quota" is much more common than the ones conservatives accuse us of wanting.

6) *We don't need any.* Said when they already met their quota. See hurdle 5.

7) *We had one.* Someone interviewing me for a job, actually said this, in reference to a woman they had employed last time, but who did not work out. As logical as me saying I will not hire anyone named Mike again.

8) *You're not ready.* Some managers feel women or minorities will ever be qualified enough.

9) *You'll fit in right here.* Opposite of Hurdle 5--we already have one. It means we have a lot of other minorities, usually in low-graded or staff positions,

10) *Nobody will work for a woman or a minority.* Our goal should be getting to the point that if you want to work, you will have to work for a minority or woman.

Enuf talk.

The theme of this conference is "A Need, a Goal, A Commitment."

We know the need. Looking forward to a future where the majority of job applicants will be women and minorities, we have to make natural resources attractive and welcoming to the best and brightest minorities, or we will not have quality management of our critical resources. Other speakers will outline the current and future opportunities.

The goal is simple...more. We need more minorities--highly skilled and motivated--in the professions.

I think this administration is committed. I am here representing Secretary of Interior Bruce Babbitt and BLM Director Baca, and would not be here if they were not. But we have to hold this and all future administrations to that commitment. Let them know we're ready and we're tired of waiting.

Let me here you say "Enuf talk!"

BLACK EXECUTIVES IN INTERIOR--OPPORTUNITIES
AND CHALLENGES
by Denise P. Meridith¹

INTRODUCTION

First of all, I would like to thank Edgar Johnson, Charles Bush and the other members of Blacks in Government (BIG) who invited me to speak today. I am honored and flattered to address such an excited and exciting group of professionals.

Many people feel that the words "African-American", "Executive" and "Interior" are terms which are not realistically mentioned in the same breath. Or that "Interior" is the antonym of "Opportunity." Everyone in this room can attest to the close relationship between "Interior" and "Challenges." It will be a challenge, in itself, today to talk about opportunities for Black executives in Interior. But I hope two years from today, if my ideas catch on, the luncheon speaker will have an easier time of it.

BACKGROUND

There should be many opportunities for new executives in the future. January 1994 is anticipated to be a month of unequalled exodus of Senior Executives (three years after the major pay increase). Some agencies face up to 40% turnover in their SES ranks. In BLM, over 80% of SES members could retire.

Whether the SES vacancies will be filled by African-Americans or other minorities is another matter. In 1990, less than five percent of SES employees in the government were Black. There are less than 10 in Interior. Only 10% of GM-15's, 11% of GM-14's and 14% of GM-13's were minorities of any sort. Unless hiring patterns change, the prognosis for that major takeover by minorities, so feared by majority males, is nil.

TAKE 'EM

Too often I feel we sit around complaining about no one making opportunities for us. We wait for someone to give us something, then get disgruntled when they don't. We should realize that power is not easily shared. Many of those in power have gotten there because they are aggressive and possessive. Many of them feel, wrongly, that sharing power diminishes them or limits options for their children or relatives. Many of them, rightly, feel that the system provides no incentives for sharing power, so why should they bother?

¹Presented at Scholarship Luncheon for DOI Chapter of Blacks in Government; Howard Inn, Washington, DC; August 16, 1992

A lot of opportunities are denied, not maliciously, but because those in power don't even think about it. They are so used to things as they have always been, they aren't conscious of the fact that there are no minority executives and therefore, not motivated to do anything about it. They don't see any minorities around, so they assume there are no minorities capable or interested in participating.

If we cannot...and I maintain we *cannot* depend on someone to give us opportunities, that means we must take 'em.

We must keep our eyes and our minds open. There are a wide variety of "fast-track opportunities" in DOI. They are not always well-advertised. Despite the constant refrain "We're encouraging women and minorities to apply," chances are slim that anyone in DOI will call us. We will probably not be specifically invited; we have to crash this party. The Departmental Managers Development Program, the Legis Program, Intergovernmental Personnel Act assignments, the Women's Executive Leadership (WEL) Program and, especially, the Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program, are important stepping stones to the top.

And it does take perseverance. I applied for DMDP several times and was never selected. I did get to the "finals"--the assessment center--once, where I was told, in 1979, that they didn't think I was assertive enough to supervise men.

I applied for the SESCDP one year and was told that GS-14's could not apply. The next time I did not see any announcement and did not apply. Evidently the word got out to certain people that the announcement was out and the rules had changed, as eight white males, including several GS-14's, from my agency did apply and were selected. I made sure I tracked all the interest announcements after that. I eventually was selected and completed the program in 1990, about six years after my initial application. I was appointed to my current SES position in 1991.

We also have to exhibit more confidence. I have lost count of the times I have had to try to talk women and minorities (and sometimes myself) into applying for high level positions. I think we have been put down so long, we underestimate our own abilities. We feel we have to be overqualified, before we even think of applying for a job.

I think 500 years of dominance have bred these "self-doubt" genes out of the American white male. I have never heard a white male say "I don't really think I am ready for that position," even when it is obvious to everyone else that he is not. Or "John Doe gave me a break by hiring me here. He would really have a difficult time finding someone else right now. I owe it to him to stay a while longer." Yet I hear this from women and minorities all the time.

We need to be bigger risk takers in both applying for jobs and selecting the types of jobs for which we apply. Interior is one of the best agencies to work for because it has such a wide variety of occupations throughout the US and its territories. To make inroads into the upper ranks, we must be more willing to take positions in places outside of Washington, DC and less willing to be pigeonholed into a few occupations.

We must personally target high level positions, do some *research* about what's required in the position and do what it takes to *prepare* ourselves to get them. Studies have shown that many successful CEOs have written goals. Insist on development and review of an Individual Development or Training Plan which outlines short- and long-term goals and yearly training assignments. Again don't count on or wait for the agency to hand you something. If your bureau won't or can't afford to provide you the necessary training, sign up for courses yourself at the university. If you can't afford the university (again you need to be aggressive about seeking financial assistance), try the community college. If you cannot get formal training, look for less formal means, such as shadowing someone in the type of job you want. Volunteer on or off the job for special assignments. Be creative.

If and once we make it, as African-American executives, we need to **provide a different perspective**. The major media tend to ignore favorable stories about Interior. If they should happen to accidentally shine a spotlight in our direction, Black executives should use their access to tell of our successes. Remember that still, unfortunately, a bad story about one of us is an indictment of all of us; again be alert and be careful. We should make more contact with minority media. Give Black publications, radio and TV a shot at our stories; they may also more amenable to highlight the good features of our work.

MAKE 'EM

If we are effective enough in taking opportunities to become executives, we then have to start making them for others. Networking is critical to this.

The modus operandis of, what OPM defined in 1990 as the average Senior Executive (i.e. Caucasian male, 51 years old with 22 years of Federal Service), is "competition." You get ahead by knocking off or showing up the other guy. Black executives need to either get a better "mo" (coordination and collaboration) or get mo' better! Replace the "Good Ol' Boys" with the "Better Young Men and Women" system.

Build up, instead of sniping at, African-Americans who get ahead. Let other talented women and minorities, especially ones at high levels from other agencies, know about vacancies in your bureau and recommend them to selecting officials. You issue the special invitations which won't be forthcoming from the establishment.

If you are one of the critical few, reach back and help others. Be a mentor. Make the bold selections. You won't look good unless your employees look good; share the credit. Your strength is determined by the success of those who work for you. Their support and appreciation will pay off in the years ahead.

Find out all the available hiring authorities and use them to hire students, veterans, Peace Corps graduates. Those in power claim they cannot find "any." Show them where they are: right under their noses or at schools with high female or minority enrollments or at your alma mater.

When they are afraid (and many of them are) to visit Historically Black Colleges and Universities, volunteer to go for them. Get them to establish contact with your alma mater. Even if you did not go to an HBCU, it was also probably not BYU, Montana State, ASU or one of the traditional schools Interior works with; we need new sources of diverse employees and fresh perspectives in our research.

Black executives should use their stature to seek to change the rules which give unfair advantage to majority members. Point out inequities in the system, which those in power do not even think about: knowledge, skills and abilities which are no longer (or never were) relevant; job series which are too restrictive; and areas of consideration which are too narrow.

Another tried and true trick of the majority culture is "divide and conquer." As part of our new "mo," we need to be supportive of all minorities. Let's not kid ourselves. We--Blacks, Latinos, Koreans, East Indians, Native Americans, etc.--have all been set adrift in a very small lifeboat and some whites are trying to saw through the tow line, while others shoot darts in the rubber. We had better stop squabbling with each other and figure out how to get on the main ship together before the darn dinghy sinks! None of us can get ahead by leaving others behind.

DON'T FAKE IT

My final advice to those who are executives or aspiring to be ones is "Don't fake it." We must be technically competent. We must work very hard. Seek constant self-improvement. We never know-it-all. Read. Participate in professional societies and community activities. And hone your communication skills. For some reason, people seem shocked that African-Americans can speak English. Take advantage of it; being "so articulate" will take us a long way. Consider other languages--such as Spanish or sign language--which will make us more competitive in the future.

While we can protest the unfairness of it all, the reality is that all eyes will be upon you as an African-American executive and few mistakes will be tolerated. You had better be very familiar with all the codes of ethics and be especially careful.

We have yet to achieve equality in either the judicial court or the court of public opinion. Certain behavior and attitudes of white males may be tolerated, excused or even encouraged, while the same actions and attitudes in women or minorities are grounds for limiting advancement or even dismissal. After all, have you ever heard of a bitchy or uppity white male?

CONCLUSION

Are there challenges for Black Executives in Interior? Plenty. Always have been. Always will be. We can't expect the agency to be any different that life.

So are there opportunities or not for Black Executives in Interior? Maybe. But you will have to TAKE, MAKE and not FAKE. Just BE GREAT!

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 28, 1994

Ms. Alida Messinger
4224 Fremont Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55409

Dear Alida:

Thank you for your letter recommending Diana Murphy's appointment to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. Your suggestions are always welcome as President Clinton seeks to appoint well-qualified individuals to the court. I have forwarded your letter to the appropriate people in the Office of Presidential Personnel.

Thank you again for writing. It was nice to hear from you. I am, as always,

Sincerely yours,

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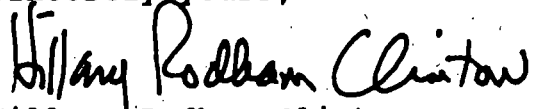
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STELLA K. PROSEPOFF

May 25, 1994

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

I have learned that Diana Murphy is under consideration for appointment to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. I think she would make a splendid addition to the court. She is a well organized, caring, and effective person who will uphold the rights of all.

As a trustee of Twin Cities Public Television, I have served with Diana and had the opportunity to observe Diana's leadership qualities as board chair. She succeeded in getting a diverse group of people to develop a common mission, and she did this with sensitivity to the views and priorities of other trustees and staff. I also appreciate the concern she has for under-served parts of the community, an area to which I devote a good deal of my own work.

Judge Murphy is an outstanding individual and role model for other women. I hope she will be appointed to serve as the first woman judge in the history of that court.

Sincerely,

Alida Rockefeller Messinger

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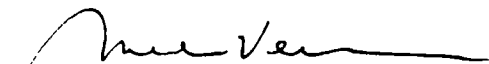
Harriet Meyer
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Dear Ms. Meyer:

Thank you for the information on the Head Start on Head Start: Effective Birth-to-Three Strategies. The information is invaluable as the Administration works to expand and enhance the Head Start Program. Congratulations on your continuing efforts to support the families with whom you work and immeasurably improve the quality of the life of their children.

Best wishes to you and thank you for all you do.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff to
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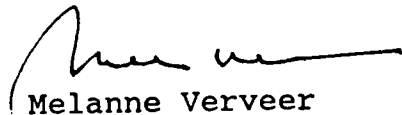
Mr. Jack A. Meyer
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Dear Mr. Meyer:

Thank you for sending us a copy of your study on restructuring government health care programs. We agree that cost containment is integral to achieving lasting, meaningful health care reform in this country.

Thank you again for the report and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
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NEW DIRECTIONS FOR POLICY

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President

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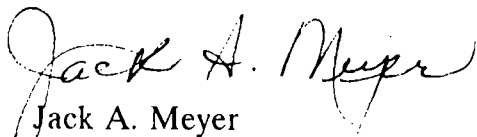
New Directions for Policy, Inc., a Washington-DC-based research and consulting firm, has just completed a study of government health care programs and other major government entitlement programs. I am pleased to send you a copy of this study. I hope that you will find it useful as the health care debate is crystallizing.

Our report devotes special attention to the prospect of adding new benefits to the Medicare program. We analyze alternative ways to add affordable coverage in such areas as outpatient prescription drugs and long-term care.

Our report suggests several ways of meeting our health and social needs in a fiscally responsible fashion. These include targeting benefits to need, achieving the proper blend of public and private insurance, consumer cost-sharing, and creating appropriate tax incentives.

We would be pleased to discuss the issues raised in this report with you and welcome your interest.

Sincerely,


Jack A. Meyer
President

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January 31, 1994

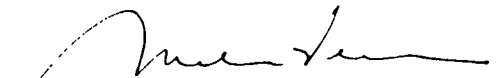
Ms. Inabeth Miller
Executive Director
MCET
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Dear Ms. Miller

It was a pleasure to hear from you. Mrs. Clinton was very grateful for the invitation to serve on your advisory panel. Unfortunately, as a matter of policy, she is unable to serve on such panels.

Thank you again for writing and for your support of the Administration's efforts. Mrs. Clinton regrets that she is unable to join in the implementation of your project.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
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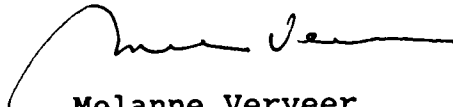
Mrs. Svetlana Mishina, M.D.
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Leninsky District
Settlement Moskvsky 18, Apt. 17
Russia

Dear Dr. Mishina,

Mrs. Clinton has asked me to thank you for sharing information on your daughter's plight with us. The strength and persistence you have shown throughout this ordeal is admirable. You might want to contact the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, which might be able to find a way to assist you.

I hope that your daughter will get better. Mrs. Clinton sends you both her best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Assistant to the
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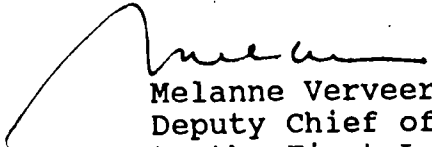
July 18, 1994

Dear Madame Mitterand:

Enclosed are photographs which we thought you might enjoy from the President and First Lady's recent trip to Paris. The President and Mrs. Clinton are so very grateful to you and President Mitterand for your many kindnesses and for making their visit so rewarding.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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January 12, 1994

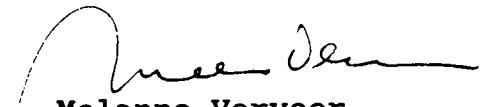
Mr. Fred Morley
Principal
Drew Elementary School
1775 NW 60th Street
Miami, FL 33142

Dear Mr. Morley:

Enclosed are some photos from Mrs. Clinton's visit to Drew Elementary that we thought you might enjoy. Mrs. Clinton had a wonderful time visiting with you and your students. You should be justifiably proud of what you have accomplished at Drew.

Thank you for your hospitality and best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 17, 1994

Mr. Bill Moyers
356 West 58th Street
New York, New York 10019

Dear Bill:

I thought you would like a copy of Mrs. Clinton's remarks to the National Prayer Luncheon. Thank you for your suggestions to contact Jim Wall and James Dunn. Both were very helpful.

As I mentioned to you, I am involved with the New World Foundation. I am sure Colin has told you about the year long evaluation and review of the Foundation's mission and program. I am also in conversation with others regarding a national survey of some grass roots organizations. I am still hoping that you are able to send me the Schuman Foundation report you described to me. If it is appropriate to send to me, I am sure it would be very helpful in our survey of grass roots organizing.

I was sorry that you did not stay after your panel on Citizen Participation for Mrs. Clinton's presentation of the Harold Fleming Award to Henry Hampton. It would have been good to see you and the reception afterwards was terrific.

I hope this finds you and your family well. I was sorry to hear about your mother.

Best wishes,



Anne Bartley
Assistant to the
Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE

January 5, 1995

Mrs. Suzanne Mubarak
Egypt

Dear Mrs. Mubarak:

Enclosed are some photos from our trip to Egypt that I thought you might enjoy. The opportunity to experience the culture and beauty of your country, however briefly, is one I will treasure.

Thank you for your hospitality and best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton
Hillary Rodham Clinton

Oak Spring
Upperville, Virginia 22176

8 October 1994

Dear Miss Verreet -

Thank you so much
for your telephone call about
the Jackie Kennedy Garden. It
would be a great pleasure
to find friends again in the
White House. - I worked with
Mrs Kennedy so much in
putting things together, and
the gardens for both The President
& Mrs. Kennedy. I found Mr Williams

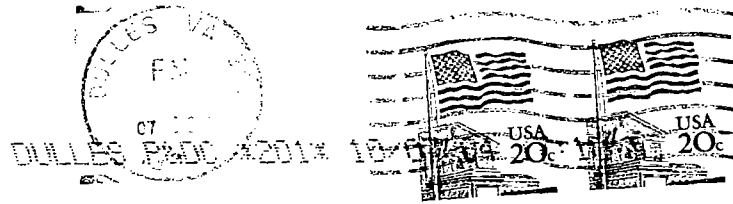
who is wonderful & together -
love making the gardens -

When time allows I
will call you. Please

Thank Mrs Clinton for the
Reception the other day -

It was charming & like
the past. - If my Tackie
were here for me to tell her -

Most Sincerely
Bunny Mellon -



Ms. Melann Verrett
Secretary to Mrs Clinton
The White House
Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington D.C.

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August 12, 1994

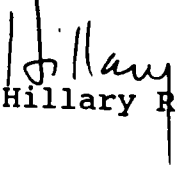
Ms. Mary Murtagh
Executive Director
Ecumenical Assoc. for Housing
2169 East Francisco Blvd.
Suite B
San Rafael, CA 94901

Dear Mary:

It was so nice to hear from you and to learn more about your work with the Ecumenical Association for Housing. There is a critical need for affordable housing and it is gratifying to know that you are involved in such an important undertaking.

Please know that I truly appreciate your kind words of support and encouragement. Thanks again for writing. With best wishes to you and EAH, I remain

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 28, 1994

Michael L. McCray
Cleveland Eye Clinic
2740 Carnegie Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44115

Dear Mr. McCray:

I appreciate the information you sent me on the generous efforts of community leaders to help address the eyecare needs of the homeless. The services provided by Dr. Wiley and the collective efforts of Bishop Pilla and Cole Vision attest to the fact that such generous acts can reap significant benefits for many in need.

You and your colleagues are to be commended for your participation in this health care project.

Sincerely,

Hillary Rodham Clinton
Hillary Rodham Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 20, 1994

Ms. Jill McGowan
Designer
130 Hartley Street
Portland, ME 04103

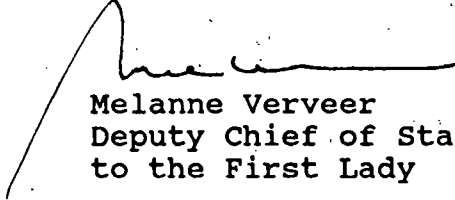
Dear Ms. McGowan:

Mrs. Clinton asked me to thank you for the lovely blouse that you sent her through Betsy Myers. It was so very thoughtful of you.

Women-owned businesses like yours play an increasingly significant role in our economy. It is encouraging to see one of the products from this important sector.

Thank you again and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 10, 1994

Ms. Corinne McLaughlin
Baker Road
Shutebury, MA 01072

Dear Ms. McLaughlin:

Mrs. Clinton asked me to thank you for writing and for sending a copy of your book, **Spiritual Politics: Changing the World from the Inside Out**. It provides an insightful look at both our nation and its politics.

Thank you again for your kind words of support. Best wishes. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

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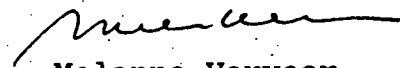
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Baker Road
Shutesbury, MA 01072
(413) 259-1505; 259-1227

June 30, 1994

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

Enclosed is a copy of our new book Spiritual Politics that the President asked me to send when I first told him about it last year at the reception for the Health Care Task Force (which I worked on as a volunteer) and later on Earthday this year. The publication date is August 1, but I thought you might like to see an advance copy. (I have sent one to him as well, but I'm not sure if he received it.)

It is my hope that this book will present an inspiring and expansive perspective on the world today, and be of help to you and other dedicated public officials who are interested in exploring the deeper causes of world events. It has the potential for making a significant contribution to the spiritual/political dialogue initiated by Stephen Carter's Culture of Disbelief, and deepen reflection by thoughtful people everywhere.

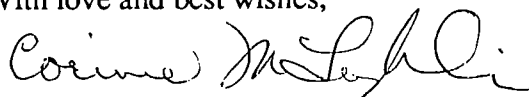
The following sections might be of special interest to you:

- pp. 57-60 on the transformational aspects of Mr. Clinton's presidency
- pp. 88-97 on the synthesis of polarities: going beyond right and left
- pp. 229-250 on the invisible government
- pp. 256-263 on the forces of light and darkness
- pp. 413-414 on a meditation for our government

I was working for The President's Council on Sustainable Development this Spring, as I am very dedicated to its mandate, and have been working at an environmental center here for many years. I just returned to my teaching work at the University of Massachusetts for the summer, but will be back in Washington in September to begin a 20 city book tour.

I will continue to hold you and the President in my prayers and meditations for all the excellent work you are both doing--despite the media's negativity. I attended all three of the President's first major policy addresses at Georgetown University in 1991, and was an early supporter. I knew inwardly then that he was more spiritually aligned than most politicians, as he radiates great light and compassion. There are many of us around the country who are quietly aware of this and support you both on an inner level--far more people than you realize. From our perspective, we deeply honor those who take on such awesome responsibilities and sincerely ask for God's guidance to do the highest--you are both great souls. Thank you for having the courage to talk publicly about spirituality, values and the "politics of meaning"--thousands of Americans understand what you mean, even if the media doesn't get it!

With love and best wishes,



Corinne McLaughlin