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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 7, 1995

Sister Camille D'Arienzo
President
Brooklyn Regional Community
273 Willoughby Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11205-1487

Dear Sister Camille:

Mrs. Clinton was pleased to meet you at Brooklyn College. She found your invocation at the commencement most inspiring.

Thank you very much for giving her a copy of "Together" and the "Declaration of Life". Best wishes in the important work you do.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady



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**PHOTOCOPY
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June 1, 1995
Dear Hilary,



I'm honored to share
your platform and hope
you'll consider these
materials. Blessings!
Camille

Melanne Verveer

Ms Member
for
materials

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Together

WITH THE SISTERS OF MERCY

Vol. 19 No. 4

1994

Cherish Life, Declare Women Religious

Despite Governor George Pataki's reaffirming his support of the death penalty, a movement opposing capital punishment among Religious in New York State continues to gain adherents.

In a letter to Mr. Pataki, the leaders of women's religious orders in the State with 2,500 members in the Brooklyn and Rockville Centre Dioceses wrote:

"Many of us have worked and lived in crime-infested neighborhoods. We have experienced fear and have been tempted to desire violence; however, life experience and our Christian faith call us to reject any complicity with violence."

Sister Camille D'Arienzo, president of the Brooklyn Regional

Community of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, told the New York Times in an interview published Dec. 24: "Killing doesn't solve the societal problem or the problem of the soul. If you talk about it in terms of the soul, then you talk about people with a life beyond this one. It gives us a different perspective with what to do with a criminal."

Sister Camille and associates formed a group which they have named the Cherish Life Circle. They have created a two-page statement, called "The Declaration of Life," which says that if a signer dies from a violent crime, the death penalty is not to be meted out to the person or persons who committed the act.

The number of individuals who have signed the notarization-

required statement has swelled to some 1,200. They have directed that the petition be handed over to the judge hearing the case, attorneys, the county recorder and media, should such a woeful deed occur.

Sister Camille was one of the signers of the letter to Governor Pataki. The signatories said they opposed capital punishment because it:

- "Does not respect human life" and represents "short-term, quick-fix 'solutions' to the very deep problems of crime, poverty, unemployment, lack of education and decent housing and hopelessness."

- Does not deter crime, with studies showing that "murder rates

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Making a Difference on Rikers Island

The Rikers Island prisoner's words to the Catholic chaplain were poignant: "This is the nicest Christmas I've ever had."

For an instant, the inmate in Building C-76 had blotted out the memory of the turbulent years and dysfunctional life that preceded his incarceration. Instead, he was awash with the Nativity story and mindful that people like Sister Mary O'Connor and others, through acts of kindness and concern, had made

Christmas in jail unexpectedly joyful, - in a word, unforgettable.

The Sister of Mercy recalled the prisoner's comment, made a few years back, while taking a brief respite following the rapid pace of activity that led to Christmas '94 at the New York City Correctional

Institution for Men, or Building C-76.

Her most recent celebration of the Nativity there brought its own anecdote. This one was more practical than poignant.

"We expected 144 prisoners for Christmas Eve Mass," she said, "but 165 came." It meant that the gifts she had amassed of a pair of white socks for each prisoner would fall short by 21. It was a concern to her.

The prisoners resolved her dilemma themselves, however. Some said they would give their gift to another inmate. The others said they didn't mind at all waiting until after Christmas to receive theirs.

With six Christmases and seven years as Catholic chaplain at the

Correctional Institution for Men on her ministerial ledger, Sister Mary is a familiar and friendly face in a tense and sometimes violent environment. She is the steady presence of Christ amid 2,200 individuals who have lost their way.

While about a third of the inmates were baptized as Catholics, she reaches out to anyone who wishes to avail himself of her ministry. As the only full-time chaplain at the facility, "I deal with all of them" regardless of their religious affiliation or lack of it, she said. "The door is always open."

The opportunity for Sister Mary to work among prison inmates came about after 14 years in the

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273 Willoughby Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11205-1487
(718) 622-5750 Fax (718) 398-7866

DECLARATION OF LIFE

I, the undersigned, being of sound and disposing mind and memory,
do hereby in the presence of witnesses make this Declaration of Life.

BACKGROUND

1. I believe that the killing of one human being by another is morally wrong.
2. I am opposed to capital punishment on any grounds whatsoever.
3. I believe it is morally wrong for any state or other governmental entity to take the life of a human being by way of capital punishment for any reason.
4. I believe that capital punishment is not a deterrent to crime and serves only the purpose of revenge.

THEREFORE, I hereby declare that should I die as a result of a violent crime, I request that the person or persons found guilty of homicide for my killing not be subject to or put in jeopardy of the death penalty under any circumstances, no matter how heinous their crime or how much I may have suffered.

I believe it is morally wrong for my death to be the reason for the killing of another human being.

I request that the Prosecutor or District Attorney having the jurisdiction of the person or persons alleged to have committed my homicide not file or prosecute an action for capital punishment as a result of my homicide.

I request that this Declaration be made admissible in any trial of any person charged with my homicide and read and delivered to the jury.

I request the Court to allow this Declaration to be admissible as a statement of the victim at the sentencing of the person or persons charged and convicted of my homicide; and, to pass sentence in accordance with my wishes.

I request that the Governor or other executive officer(s) grant pardon, clemency or take whatever action is necessary to stay and prohibit the carrying out of the execution of any person or persons found guilty of my homicide.

This Declaration is not meant to be, and should not be taken as, a statement that the person or persons who have committed my homicide should go unpunished.

I request that my family and friends take whatever actions are necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Declaration; and, I further request them to take no action contrary to this Declaration.

Dear Friend,

As the cries for the death penalty mount in New York State and around the nation and as executions increase in those states which currently allow them, we invite you to make your personal statement as detailed in the above **Declaration of Life**. In signing this document, you declare that, should you become a homicide victim, you do not want your murderer executed.

SHOULD YOU DECIDE TO SIGN THIS, WE ASK YOU TO RETURN TO US THE TEAR SHEET LISTED ON THE OTHER SIDE. Keep the above signed, witnessed and notarized (if possible) document with your personal papers.

Many of our newly elected state and congressional leaders included a commitment to capital punishment in their campaign promises. Our task, consequently, has become much more difficult. **Please duplicate this tear sheet and the Declaration and try to get at least two other people to sign them.** Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Camille D'Arienzo, RSM



During my life, I want to feel confident that under no circumstances whatsoever will my death result in the capital punishment of another human being.

I request that, should I die under the circumstances as set forth in this Declaration and the death penalty is requested, my family, friends and personal representative deliver copies of this Declaration as follows: to the Prosecutor or District Attorney having jurisdiction over the person or persons charged with my homicide; to the attorney representing the person or persons charged with my homicide; to the judge presiding over the case involving my homicide; for recording, to the Recorder of the County in which my homicide took place and to the Recorder of the County in which the person or persons charged with my homicide are to be tried; to all newspapers, radio and television stations of general circulation in the County in which my homicide took place and the County in which the person or persons charged with my homicide are to be tried; and, to any other person, persons or entities my family, friends or personal representative deem appropriate in order to carry out my wishes as set forth herein.

I affirm under the pains and penalties for perjury that the above Declaration of Life is true.

WITNESS

DECLARANT

Printed Name

Printed Name

Printed Name

STATE OF _____)

SS:

COUNTY OF _____)

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the Declarant and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument this _____ day of _____ 19____.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.

My Commission Expires:

NOTARY PUBLIC

County of Residence:

Printed Name

Please fill out the bottom TEAR SHEET and send it to: Cherish Life Circle, Convent of Mercy, 273 Willoughby Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205

Because I am opposed to capital punishment as a solution to violence, I have signed the Declaration of Life. Please number me among its supporters.

NAME (PRINTED) _____

SIGNATURE _____

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NAME (PRINTED) _____

SIGNATURE _____

COMMENTS:

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 22, 1995

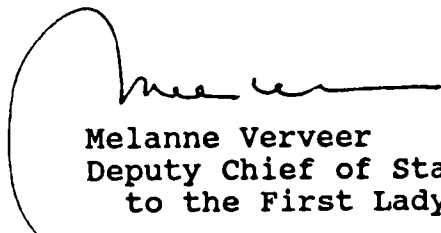
Mr. Morton A. Davis
Montgomery County Department
of Police Training Academy
10025 Darnestown Road
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you for sharing your recent letter with the President. The First Lady thanks you for your support and your efforts to bring the message of the importance of mammograms to the senior citizens of Montgomery County.

Good luck in the important work you do.
Best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Melanne Verveer', with a large, sweeping initial 'M'.

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady



Montgomery County Department of Police
Training Academy
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Rockville, MD 20850
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Voice (301) 279-1841

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To:

Ms. Melane Keen

FAX Nbr:

(202) 456-6244

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White House

From:

Morton I. Davis

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Notes:

I would like Mrs. Clinton to read
the letter I sent to the President—

Thank You
Morton

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May 14, 1995

The President
The White House
The AmeriCorps Program
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20502

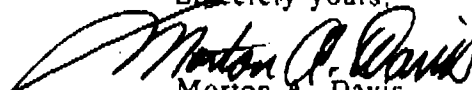
Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your letter asking for my input about AmeriCorps challenges and my personal accomplishments. AmeriCorps faces many challenges and my personal challenge is "CRIME PREVENTION" for senior citizens. I have enclosed several articles written about some of my accomplishments.

The White House Conference on Aging was a learning experience for me. It was an exceptional choice to have Mr. Robert B. Blancato as Executive Director. Mrs. Clintons message on "MOMOGRAMS" and prostate exams gave me concern for our seniors. I am now working on several ideas to bring her message to the seniors of Montgomery County in Maryland.

In closing let me say that I am proud to be serving you and my country. Again thank you for your personal interest in AmeriCorps and with the continued support of the Montgomery County Police Department. I will make a difference for all county seniors citizens.

Sincerely yours,



Morton A. Davis



Montgomery County Government

Morton A. Davis
AmeriCorps TRIAD Program
Community Assisting Police



Department of Police
801 Sligo Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 565-7575
(301) 406-6221 pager
(301) 279-1323 fax



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 21, 1995

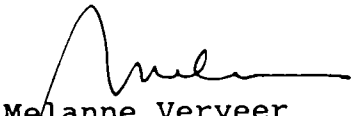
Mr. Bruce W. Davis
Executive Director
Arts Council of Santa Clara County
4 North Second Street
Suite 505
San Jose, CA 95113-1305

Dear Bruce:

Thank you for writing and for inviting me to visit Silicon Valley. I doubt I will have time to take you up on your wonderful offer, but I'll keep it in mind should it be possible.

Thanks again and I hope to see you in June. Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

*It was
great to hear
from you.*

Arts Council of Santa Clara County

4 North Second Street, Suite 505
San Jose, CA 95113-1305
Tel 408-998-2787 Fax 408-971-9458



April 12, 1995

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff to Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20005

Bruce W. Davis
Executive Director

Dear Melanne:

As the official co-host of the upcoming National Assembly of Local Arts Agencies Convention in San Jose, I am delighted to know that you and Jane Alexander will be delivering the Advocacy Keynote address on Monday, June 12.

It will be good to see you again and let me reiterate an offer I made to you when I first took the job at the Arts Council of Santa Clara County.

If I can be of any assistance to you in helping plan a visit to Silicon Valley, please do not hesitate to ask. When Jane Alexander was here last October, I helped arrange a visit and tour to Silicon Graphics, the same tour both the President and Vice-President have taken. It is really quite amazing what they are doing over there with computers, graphics, video and film technology. I recommend it highly.

You are probably aware that this is still quite a "Democratic" area -- we even elected a freshman Democrat (Zoe Lofgren) to Congress! Several of the county's Democratic leaders are on my Board of Trustees.

Consuelo Santos-Killins, the President of the Arts Council Board of Trustees, is a longtime acquaintance of Leon Paneta. She and other local supporters of President Clinton would like to host a small reception for you on Monday, June 12, to express their appreciation for your support of the arts.

As we get closer to June, please let me know if this idea has any appeal to you and I will move forward accordingly.

I am looking forward to seeing you in June at NALAA. Thank you so very much for your support of the arts during this unsettling time.

Best regards,



Bruce W. Davis
Executive Director

A private not-for-profit
agency in partnership
with the County of
Santa Clara and the
California Arts Council

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 15, 1995

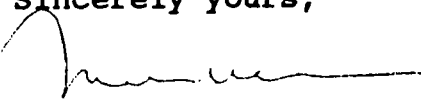
Ms. Jane Deren
Center of Concern
3700 13th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20017

Dear Ms. Deren:

Thank you for sending the press releases and the text of the press conference on the religious community's position on the UN World Summit for Social Development and its importance to the global community. Mrs. Clinton was pleased to have had the chance to participate briefly in the summit events and to underscore its critical goals.

Thanks again. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady



CENTER OF CONCERN

Thank

FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET

Today's Date: March 10, 1995Time: 1:30

Please pass the attached material to:

Addressee's Name: Melanie Verover
Organization: First Lady's Office
City/State/Country: Wash DC
FAX Phone: 456 6244
Regular Phone: _____

Originator's Name: Jane Dren
Organization: Center of Concern
City/State/Country: Washington DC, USA
FAX Phone: (202) 832-9494
Regular Phone: (202) 635-2757

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Additional Notes: Dear Ms. Verover - Texts of this
morning's Press Conference on the Social Summit. Would
Mr. Clinton be interested in the American faith community's
perception of the Summit?

News**Women of
Reform Judaism****The Federation of Temple Sisterhoods
838 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10021-7064
212-249-0100 • FAX 212-861-0831****3/6/95****For Immediate Release****Contact: Department on Religious Action**

We appeal to the leaders of the world's nations as they convene in Denmark for the United Nations World Summit for Social Development to address the issues of poverty, unemployment and social disintegration with meaningful commitments for action. Women and children are bearing the tragic brunt of poverty, illness and lives of quiet desperation in the United States and globally. In the United States more than one in five children are part of families subsisting in poverty and the infant mortality rate is one of the highest among industrialized nations. In large parts of the world, the harsh facts include the daily tragedy of children dying of malnutrition and preventable disease. Globally, more than one in five families live in absolute poverty in environments degraded by warfare and indiscriminate development.

The impact of poverty, unemployment, low wages, family stress and violence falls most heavily on women and communities of color. In the United States there has been a drastic deterioration of the quality of life for women since the 1970s.

Women of Reform Judaism, The Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, with a membership of 100,000 in 600 communities in the United States and Canada and in 13 other countries, considers that the increasingly global nature of our world requires a concerted effort to find solutions to such problems: internally - within the United States and globally - with the nations of the world.

Deeply rooted in the religious values and prophetic mandate of our tradition, the Women of Reform Judaism today urges the United States Administration and Congress to reform poverty programs to provide meaningful job training, health care and other resources to strengthen and not to harm impoverished families by cutting needed benefits.

We call on the leaders meeting at the World Summit for Social Development to use this time to build a cooperative global network of social programs and work towards sustainable development to improve the quality of life of the world's people today and create a better future for the world's children tomorrow.

People to People

NATIONAL CATHOLIC CONFERENCE
FOR INTERRACIAL JUSTICE

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Washington, D.C. 20017
(202) 529-6480
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STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC CONFERENCE FOR INTERRACIAL JUSTICE AT
THE PRESS BRIEFING "BRING THE SUMMIT HOME"
March 10, 1995 Maria Luisa Gaston, Exec. Dir.

I am Maria Luisa Gaston and I greet you with a "Buenos Dias"

Yes, I am American... a naturalized Cuban-American if you will, a Hispanic American. But I am not just a short and chubby Hispanic Catholic lay woman with Cuban roots and a Caribbean soul...

I come today not only with this voice with a slight accent... I come as Executive Director of the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice - an umbrella organization of Interracial Councils, diocesan coordinators and affiliates, and over 3,000 individual and group members and donors from throughout the U.S. - founded 35 years ago during a Civil Rights Movement times and continuing today to renew its mandate for interracial and interethnic justice in Church and society.

I come today with the voice of women of color, and men of color, of these United States and not so united states, those with a true yearning to speak to you, to paraphrase Maya Angelou in the 1992 Inaugural Poem:

... on this morning so say the Asian, the Hispanic,
the Jew, the African, the Native American...
so say the Catholic, the Muslim, the Greek,
the Minister, the Rabbi, Shiek, Preacher or Priest.
they all hear the speaking of the tree....
they are yearning to respond....

They are all, now as then, the " masses, yearning to breathe free"....

I am Vietnamese, and I greet you.... CHAO, QUI VI
I am Korean, I am Chinese, I am from the Navajo or Cherokee nation.
I am from Cameroon, and I greet you.....
I am French "Bon Jour" and Italian "Buona Sera" and German "Guten Morgen"....
I am from Haiti or Jamaica or Mexico, as much as I am a recent "balsera"
from Cuba now languishing in Guantánamo...

I speak with the voice of all the Maya Angelous who have poems in their hearts, but have not spoken them because you do not understand their language....and they are trying but not succeeding in learning English...
I speak with the voice of all the Martin Luther Kings and Cesar Chavezes, who struggle to receive decent wages for the fruits of their labors,

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and who work and pray to bring the dreams for their children a little closer to reality.

They, I, speak to you, press persons, and through you to the U.S. Government delegation to Copenhagen, and to you fellow Americans, brother and sister Americans.

"Each of you (again says Maya) descendants of some passed-on traveller, has been paid for..."

Paid for what, Maya?

As we need to pay to get on the ferry, to cross the River of life, or of death, or the sea toward freedom... so, you and me, we have paid passage, we are "paid for" by the blood and sweat and bitter tears of our ancestors, our martyrs, our saints, our holy ones. We are all paid for... we are all welcome,,, or are we?

Many of us preach from our Bibles the message that God wants the Lion and the Lamb to lie together in Peace...

We live in the country where Martin Luther King said that he had a dream, that the children of white slave owners and the children of black slaves would one day sit at the same table...

As you sit at the negotiating tables in Copenhagen, you will find among you, even in your same language group, people of many colors, warring tribes and traditionally separated religions and ethnic groups. They may look to you, the United States, with hope. If it is possible for Jew and Palestinian to live in one same city, for Protestants and Catholics and Moslems to work in the same building, and to form inter-faith Task Forces such as this one, if we can heal these divisions in America, is there a way for them...?

But if they see the so called white "majority" of Americans now turning a fearful eye to the "different" and reneging on the Civil Rights laws, on Housing Equality, on School and Health Services to recent immigrants...will it make them skeptics?

Will Proposition 187 and its aftermath haunt you in Copenhagen?

We ask that you listen to the powerful gentle voice of Pope John Paul II urging forgiveness, reconciliation, dialogue between brothers and sisters who belong to one same land, but different race, religion or ethnic background, in Bosnia, Israel, Ireland, South Africa. But also hear the soft voice of the Korean or Mexican children, the Salvadorean or Chinese immigrants here, who want an opportunity for education for their children in

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schools, and healing for their illnesses in clinics, but Proposition 187 and its aftermath threatens their very survival.

As you join other nations to address the issues of poverty, employment and social disintegration, remember that 60 million Americans, people of color in the U.S. and many other Americans of good will, also want to address these same issues at home.

Thirty million African Americans, 24 million Hispanics, 7.3 million Asian and Pacific Islanders, 2 million Native Americans, one in four of our population is a "person of color" seeking equality of opportunity and respect for their dignity as human being.

Maya's poem reminds us:
"history despite its wrenching pain
cannot be unlived
but if faced with courage
need not be lived again..."

We commemorated this week one of those historic moments of wrenching pain -
the Selma March for civil rights... so that by remembering and facing it we do not have to re-live it....

This country is a nation of immigrants, peopled by successive waves of humans of different races and cultures, from the ancestral Native Americans marching from Asia, to the most recent African immigrants from Rwanda or Afro-Latinos from Cuba.

It is not easy to work for interracial justice, to collaborate across ethnic and faith differences, across cultural stereotypes and language barriers, and unwritten customs and nonverbal indicators... which we all have.
But it is the only way left to us, to learn to do in our world today.
It is a small world after all... one with limited amount of created resources.

If we persist like donkeys tied together but pulling in opposite directions, no one will ever reach their food, no one survive for long.
But if we cooperate, and collaborate, we can first eat the pile in the left, the riches of the land, and if that becomes scarce, we can turn to the pile on the right, the hidden riches of the oceans,
and together we'll discover how to preserve and co-create these limited resources which belong to all and to no one,
they are lent for our sustenance and use,

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as our Native American sisters and many other indigenous groups tell us, and our Brother Francis of Assisi reminded us.

What the U.S. promises and commits at the World Summit, for the social development of other nations, are they not willing to give and pay for, "to protect and defend" for your own fellow Americans back home... whether their last name be Gonzalez or Pilarzchik (sp?). Tong or O'Grady?

As you urge the Bosnian Serbs and Muslims to sit at the table of Peace, and carve out compromises so their peoples can live together and prosper, with mutual respect and acceptance, so we ask that you "bring home the Summit" and continue to gather your different citizens at the dialogue table of diversity, to build bridges in black and brown, to break down walls of fear and ignorance that continue to divide us.

There is much more to be done in our country to reach peace among the races and ethnic groups. The fighting between Hispanic and African American prisoners in a Texas prison this week, is it not evidence of the long road still to travel, in our prisons and out of them?

We need more, not less, bilingual education, education in diversity, education in equality, education in conflict resolution and moral values clarification for our parents as well as for our children.

NCCW represents African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, Native Americans, some of the most ancient and some of the most recent Americans. Yet each of these groups, because of shade of color, accent of speech, shape of face or "difference" of customs has been at one time or another deprived of a constitutional or civil or human right in this country, either in the workplace or searching for a home or school or place to worship. They turn to our Civil Rights laws to protect and defend them from employer, real estate agent, club owner or yes, even Church leader, who would deny them the same equal rights under the law, the same equal opportunity to prove themselves worthy "by the content of their character" and by their skills and effort, rather than be deemed unworthy by the color of their skin.

NCCW stands for and in its programs works for:

- * Interracial justice education, interethnic awareness training, of youth and adults, in Churches and College Campuses, in neighborhood schools and homes.

- * economic self sufficiency, economic development assistance of the marginalized by promoting opportunities for minority and women owned businesses to compete for the purchasing dollars of the Church

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Institutions, second only to the Government, as the largest buyer of goods and services.

*racial and ethnic inclusion in every aspect of human life, through changes in policies and practices of groups and institutions.

We join many other Civil Rights organizations in stating that Affirmative Action is a Civil Rights remedy originally created with strong bipartisan support, and still needs that bipartisan support to continue. Literally millions of men and women have had access to and equal opportunity for better education, better jobs, better housing and loans, voting rights, etc, only because of Affirmative Action laws in our books and EEOCs to enforce their compliance. At NCCIJ we have been working to make Church institutions voluntarily comply with the same standards they fought for in the 60s and 70s to establish into law, in employment, purchasing and banking, etc, but may not have enforced within their own ranks with as much zeal.

By all means let us correct the errors, improve implementation but do not step back or eliminate that which is still much needed. Serious discrimination persists today. Too often, individual or institutional discrimination, intentional or not, precludes minorities and women from participating in many levels of our society. As long as there is discrimination based on race and gender, we must fashion remedies that take race and gender into account.

Civil rights advocates and Church advocates also support other efforts to expand educational and employment opportunities, from Head Start to college assistance and job apprenticeship. Public services such as health care, child care and housing assistance also help people attain their full potential. While some well meaning people suggest that civil rights enforcement and affirmative action are less important than education, employment housing and health care, these statements suggest a false choice that the United States should not make. More than ever before, our society needs to tear down discriminatory barriers to achievement and provide all our people with the education, health care, and job training they need to make their fullest contributions to our society.

We, all the I's I started with, and the WE that we've become... we are praying for you, our delegation as you go to Copenhagen, and sit across the table with our ancestors, and yours, from Africa, Latin America, Asia, Australia and Europe.

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As you extend to them a hand in friendship, and offer economic assistance, peacekeeping and conflict resolution services, we urge you to "bring home the summit" and come back to the dialogue tables here in this country. Let us fashion domestic remedies for the violence, discrimination and economic inequalities that still plague so much of our nation.

Thus we need the world to be - to take the best from each other and work to heal the worst in each. It's a small world after all...

and we want to find food and jobs and housing and warm welcome for all the small and big people in it... and economic opportunity and equality of rights for all colors, races creeds and traditions.

It's a small world after all.... its a wonderfully diverse creation...

In diverse lands and among different peoples and cultures
we may praise the Creator in different languages
and with to us seemingly "foreign" rituals.

But the Creator has made us all, to be one family of nations and nations
filled with healthy families, united to strengthen the weakest and smallest
among us.

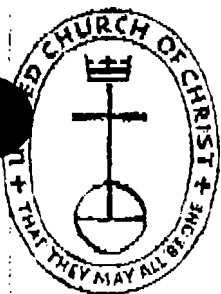
May we all some day soon extend to them from afar, and to those who are
near, un ABRAZO, not un "abrazo cubano" as my son would ask me
growing up, but

UN ABRAZO HUMANO,

for in the words of Nelson Mandela

"we are human together... or not at all..."

Thank you.



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The World Summit for Social Development is convened at a critical moment in the history of our nation. The responsibility of our government to care for the most vulnerable of our citizens, the commitment of our society to embrace the gifts of diverse racial and ethnic communities, our willingness to welcome the immigrant and the refugee to our shores, and our readiness to engage in global leadership for peacekeeping, justice making, and the care of creation are each being challenged by voices of cynicism, self centeredness, and isolation. The World Summit reminds Christians of our deepest religious commitments - hospitality for the stranger in our midst, care for the neighbor in need, compassion for the outcast and the rejected, devotion to the created world as God's gift and as the arena of God's redemption. As we consider what we can offer to our partners at the Summit, let us first reflect on the word the global community may speak to us as we struggle to discover again what it means to be a people of faith in a land of promise.

In the past few years, many in our church have found the simple phrase, "building a world fit for children," to be a meaningful statement of our ethical and religious vocation. I pray that the delegates to the World Summit for Social Development will keep before them the needs and aspirations of children, particularly those who are hungry or homeless, whose lives are threatened by ethnic conflict or urban violence, who must call refugee camps home, who are punished by governments because of the poverty or national origin of the parents, who hope for so much yet who expect so little. Surely a world fit for children is a vision faithful people can offer to those who gather to consider social policies for our common future.

Faith calls Christians to account for the hope that is within us. May the World Summit be graced by God so that hope, rather than cynicism, selfishness, or despair, is the message proclaimed and the commitment made to all our children.

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World Summit for Social Development
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Statement from Interfaith Impact for Justice and Peace
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Interfaith Impact for Justice and Peace joins the interreligious community as our eyes are turned toward Copenhagen and the opening of the World Summit for Social Development. While we wish President Clinton had been able to attend personally, we applaud the prominence he is giving to the Summit by asking Vice President Gore to be his representative.

The Summit is taking place at a time when our own country is retreating from our historic concern about the welfare of poor people both in this country and around the world. While this country already has the largest number of poor children in any industrialized nation, the Congress of the United States is making an effort to cut the WIC nutrition program for up to 100,000 women, infants and children; to eliminate housing assistance to nearly 90,000 low income households or homeless families; to eliminate programs that support drug prevention efforts in 94 per cent of the school districts in our country.

This outrageous attack on children and the poor is nothing more than a blatant effort to help pay for huge tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans.

Added to this is the push to retreat from our commitment to affirmative action, the attempt to abandon our meager progress in the areas of preserving the environment, the backing away from our commitment to social programs that have improved the quality of life for many people in this human community.

The Summit is about the spiritual and moral issues that form the foundation for human society. We should not be deceived that the Summit is only about economics. This is an international opportunity to discuss justice, dignity, quality of life, equality and the inclusion of people of every nation. It is our hope that the United States will set a moral tone to lift up a vision about the kind of values needed if we are to have a long-term commitment to social programs that improve the lives of people and advance human society.

We hope the religions of the world will become partners in the Summit by calling people to prayer, meditation and advocacy for the well being of all persons and, indeed of the world itself. We strongly agree with the Religious Task Force on the World Summit for Social Development that the bottom line must not be dollars but the quality and dignity of people's lives.

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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED ENDORSES GOALS OF U.N. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 10, 1995-- As world leaders meet in Copenhagen, Denmark this week, Church Women United-- the largest ecumenical movement of Christian women in the United States, joins the interfaith community today in support of the agenda of the United Nations World Summit for Social Development (WSSD). The WSSD agenda proposes innovative approaches to the issues of poverty, employment, and social disintegration, including the establishment of contracts between developing and donor countries to share the responsibilities of development; implementation of an international tax to fund sustainable development; and international debt cancellation and swap.

"As heads of state meet in Copenhagen to adopt the Platform for Action, we will continue to move our long-standing agenda to eradicate poverty, particularly as it addresses women and children," said Church Women United General Director, Marguerite Belisle.

In the late 1980s CWU undertook a five-year economic justice imperative, building on the aggressive social reform agenda that has evolved throughout this historic movement's 54-year lifetime. The movement is currently at the forefront of the welfare reform debate, calling on the 104th Congress to adopt a comprehensive anti-poverty strategy.

Commenting on the interdependence of the global community, Belisle stated that "We believe that the health of American society is inextricably linked to the health of nations around the world. Our work leading to the millennium will expand our initiatives in the area of community economic development, a strategy designed to foster structural change in the economy of America's neighborhoods."

Belisle also noted that study and action by CWU constituents has led to the identification of the following elements, seen as critical to the economic and social well-being of America's people, with special concern for the disadvantaged position of women and children:

- *income assistance providing a floor of adequate support for all in need*
- *universal child allowances and child care as a social, rather than an individual, good;*
- *tax structures which do not disproportionately overprivilege and underprivilege certain populations;*
- *jobs that provide wages adequate to cover basic living expenses;*
- *access to quality health care, via a single payer system;*
- *affordable housing, accessible to all; and*
- *access of disadvantaged groups to economic resources and credit.*

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Church Women United is a national movement of Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox women.

"Church Women United is concerned that public policy adopted in the United States is consistent with the concerns of our international partners and that such policy contribute to a broader global economic health and human security," concluded Belisle. "We will continue to be a presence in the legislative assemblies in the United States to insure that human needs are addressed during this period of reexamination, reprioritizing, and restructuring of our public policies."

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In a joint statement issued March 10, the Leadership Conference of Women Religious and the Conference of Major Superiors of Men's Institutes expressed their hopes for the UN Summit on Social Development taking place in Copenhagen, Denmark. The two Conferences represent the leadership of the more than 100,000 religious sisters, brothers, and priests of the United States.

"Within the United States and around the world (through more than 4,500 missionary members), religious work in education, social service, policy advocacy, feeding programs, homelessness programs, and a host of other grass roots services with and among the poor. We see daily the devastating impact of growing destitution both in the United States and in the nations of the southern hemisphere," the statement said.

After commenting on the involvement of the Conferences of the United States and religious around the world in advocacy during the preparatory period for the Summit, the Conferences shared the experiences of U.S. religious and their international missionaries from the perspective of the religious vow of poverty and its mandate to view the world through the eyes of the poor. They see an "obsessive, unintegrated, and monomaniacal pursuit of unrestrained trade and investment policies reducing human beings throughout the world to cogs in a massive economic system that brings them no hope for a secure present or future".

They refer to violations of the rights of workers to form workers' associations, and to child and even slave labor in some countries, justified as a necessary stage of economic development. They point out the special suffering of women often rendered invisible "because of inadequate reporting mechanisms that fail to count them" and crushing debt burdens that "preclude any hope for dedicating sufficient domestic

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economic resources to social development especially in Africa, Asia, and Central and Latin America".

The statement interprets present world economic policy as the export "of a cold, uncaring neo-liberalism being imposed upon the developing nations that would broadcast abroad a social and economic system that has left the United States itself reeling from new depths of poverty and unemployment generated in recent years."

The Conferences express their minimum hopes for a successful Summit as "measurable by the protection and enhancement of human rights--civil and political rights and economic, cultural and social rights". Specific outcomes need to include "a substantial economic multi-year investment in real development by the wealthier nations in the poorer nations; a way to break the logjam of intractable debt choking the poorest nations; protection of the rights of workers, both women and men, to organize their own associations, bargain collectively, and enforce the minimum standards set by the International Labor Organization of the UN, all enforced by national labor laws; careful attention to the effects of poverty upon women around the world and programs to protect them from development that too often leaves them behind; encouragement of international investment policies that emphasize the development of jobs that pay a living wage; re-enforcement of the goals of the Rio Summit that would protect the world environment from the ravages of insensitive plundering of its material resources."

The Conferences commit themselves to following up on the consequences of the Social Summit for future domestic political and economic agenda, here in Washington and around the United States.

Statement on the World Social Summit
David Beckmann
President, Bread for the World
March 10, 1995

Committees in the House of Representatives have already approved cuts in food and other anti-poverty programs of more than \$60 billion over the next five years. So the Social Summit, at which the nations of the world are vowing to end poverty, seems far away indeed.

Ending hunger and poverty is much more a matter of political will than know-how or resources. The proportion of the world's population that goes hungry has been coming down over the past 20 years. The two main places where hunger has been on the increase are Africa and the U.S.A.

\$60 billion in cuts will take an average of \$1,500 away from each of the 40 million Americans who subsist below the poverty line, which is less than \$15,000 a year for a family of four.

It is not that we can't afford to make sure that all American children have enough to eat. We Americans spend about \$60 billion each year on household cleaning and polishing supplies. We spend about three times that much each year eating out.

Congress is also poised to slash foreign aid and to orient what's left even more toward U.S. commercial and political interests. Senators Helms and McConnell, the key committee chairs in the Senate, have both especially targeted development aid to Africa.

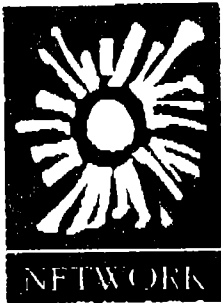
The U.S. Development Fund for Africa now amounts to \$800 million a year. That's about \$3 per U.S. family. Yet Helms and McConnell propose to eliminate the Development Fund for Africa.

The Bible teaches that harshness toward poor people sows violence and destruction. The War Against the Poor that is going on in Congress right now is not in keeping with American values, certainly not with religious values. So I hope and pray that today's rush to judgment in Congress, especially in the House of Representatives, will prove to be short-lived.

We applaud Mrs. Clinton and Vice President Gore for leading the U.S. delegation to the World Summit. I'm glad that the United States will join together with the other nations of the world in making plans to deal with problems of poverty, employment and social integration worldwide. It is certainly reasonable to commit ourselves to eradicating hunger in our own wealthy nation.

The United States could get rid of widespread hunger within a couple years by increasing funding for the federal food programs -- food stamps, WIC, and school lunches -- by about one percent of the federal budget. It's a bigger and more complex challenge to overcome poverty, but getting rid of hunger -- absolute poverty -- in the United States is an eminently feasible project.

The World Summit seems quixotic in the climate of Washington today. But we look to the Summit as an important step in global dialogue and goal-setting, and I expect it to be a point of reference over the next two decades. Maybe we will have forgotten about today's proposals for orphanages and punitive "welfare reform" by then.



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**A Catholic Lobby Urges U.S. Government Implementation of World Summit Plan of Action in Domestic and International Policy
March 10, 1995**

UNITED NATIONS' WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

NETWORK whole heartedly endorses The United Nations' World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, Denmark, March 6-12, 1995. The Social Summit presents an opportunity for the Governments of the world to advance a people-centered development agenda as together we move into the Twenty-first Century. The Plan of Action to be approved at the Summit calls to the attention of the world community the needs of the majority of the people of the world, including many in the United States and other Developed countries, who live in poverty. These people are victims of national and global social, political and economic structures which favor the minority and exploit the middle and lower classes as well as the natural resource base upon which we all depend.

In the United States poverty is increasing as meaningful employment that ensures sustainable wages, health benefits and safety is decreasing. The social disintegration which inevitably accompany these conditions is evidenced by an alarming increase in homelessness. Estimates range from 1.3 to 3 million of which 40% are working families, 25% children, 40 % are single men, 33% of whom are veterans. In addition, over 40 million Americans lack health insurance. Violence is rampant in our homes and on our streets. We, as a nation, are increasingly divided along class lines. It is an unhealthy situation which threatens the very fabric of the American experiment in an inclusive democracy.

NETWORK believes in the dignity of human persons and the dignity of work. We believe that all people should have access to their nation's resources that would enable them to participate fully in the life of the society equal to their dignity as human persons, and without destruction to the environment. Ordinarily such access is through meaningful employment which provides a living wage.

We look forward to the results of the Summit and anticipate that those results identify ways of fostering national and global policies that generate productive employment, create workable solutions toward the elimination of poverty, and promote social

structures that respect the dignity of all people and protect the environment.

In 1986 the Bishops of the United States issued a document entitled *Economic Justice for All*. Paragraph 80 of that document shows a connection between the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights and Catholic social teachings. About human rights the Bishops say:

A number of human rights also concern human welfare and are of a specifically economic nature. First among these are the rights to life, food, clothing, shelter, rest, medical care, and basic education. These are indispensable to the protection of human dignity. In order to ensure these necessities, all persons have a right to earn a living, which for most people in our economy is through remunerative employment. All persons also have a right to security in the event of sickness, unemployment, and old age. Participation in the life of a community calls for the protection of this same right to employment, as well as the right to healthful working conditions, to wages, and other benefits sufficient to provide individuals and their families with a standard of living in keeping with human dignity, and to the possibility of property ownership. These fundamental personal rights --- civil and political as well as social and economic --- state the minimum conditions for social institutions that respect human dignity, social solidarity, and justice. They are all essential to human dignity and to the integral development of both individuals and society, and thus are moral issues. Any denial of these rights harms persons and wounds the human community. Their serious and sustained denial violates individuals and destroys solidarity among persons.

The United Nations World Summit for Social Development holds the potential to en flesh in day-to-day living the principles articulated by the Bishops. We encourage the United States to implement the findings of the Summit that do lead to greater justice for all.

NETWORK is a national Catholic social justice lobby. We are a membership organization of approximately 10,000 members. NETWORK analyzes public policy issues primarily from the perspective of how the poor and vulnerable are affected. Our vision of the good society is rooted in the tradition of Catholic social teachings: we work through the political process to change societal structures which violate people's dignity, diminish the common good and/or threaten ecological sustainability. This material may be used with attribution to NETWORK.

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AS UNITED NATIONS PREPARES FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE BISHOPS WARN NOT TO DECRY DIGNITY OF HUMAN PERSON

Washington -- As the United Nations prepares for **The Copenhagen Summit**, a conference on worldwide social development, the Chairman of the International Policy Committee, United States Catholic Conference (USCC), is calling on attendees to remember that human dignity must be at the center of recommendations. Bishop Daniel P. Reilly, of Worcester, said "The Copenhagen Summit could not come at a more opportune time or have a more pertinent agenda."

Bishop Reilly is calling for a reaffirmation of the principle that "the moral test of economic activity is how it affects people and to emphasize that real progress on social development worldwide requires locating the dignity of the human person and the spiritual oneness of humankind at the center of programs of social action." The summit will address poverty, unemployment, and social disintegration.

1996 will mark the tenth anniversary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' pastoral letter *Economic Justice for All*. In that letter the bishops declared that "the fundamental moral criterion for all economic decisions, policies and institutions is this: they must be at the service of *all people, especially the poor*."

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Bishop Reilly's statement discusses the changes in the world economy since the 1986 pastoral letter, and calls for the U.S. delegation to Copenhagen to consider the moral principles that were outlined in that letter, namely: (1) the right of every person to economic participation, (2) commitment to the poor, (3) the inclusion of the excluded in the economic mainstream, (4) investment directed to improve the condition of the economically insecure, and (5) the evaluation of economic and social policies as well as the organization of work by its impact on the family.

Bishop Reilly calls on commentators and members of Congress, in the words of Pope John Paul II, "to abandon a mentality in which the poor--as individuals and as peoples--are considered a burden, irksome intruders trying to consume what others have produced." The Pope has called the upcoming summit in Copenhagen "a concrete step forward toward the desired and hoped for global solidarity."

The summit will be held in Copenhagen March 6-12.

The full text of Bishop Reilly's statement is attached.

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**Statement of Bishop Daniel P. Reilly
Chairman of the USCC Committee on International Policy**

ON THE COPENHAGEN SUMMIT

Next year will mark the tenth anniversary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' 1986 pastoral letter *Economic Justice for All*. There the bishops declared that "[t]he fundamental moral criterion for all economic decisions, policies and institutions is this: They must be at the service of all people, especially the poor." (#24)

We welcome the upcoming United Nations World Summit for Social Development as an opportunity to re-affirm the principle that the moral test of economic activity is how it affects people.

The Social Summit offers an occasion to remind ourselves, and the leaders of states, that for there to be true social development, economic activity must honor the dignity of the human person. As a gathering of people's groups and national leaders, the Summit testifies to the need for collective action on behalf of the one human family.

Aims of the Summit. The Social Summit addresses a vital agenda. Under the three headings of attacking poverty, building solidarity, and creating jobs, it proposes to address the needs of people in the new economy. It aims at eliminating absolute poverty and alleviating extreme poverty. It highlights the need for integration of marginalized groups into the material progress enjoyed by the wider society. And it seeks to stimulate the creation of work to provide sustainable livelihood so that families may live with decency and dignity.

Changes in the World Economy. The years since the publication of *Economic Justice for All* have seen rapid and dramatic changes in the global economy. Among trends that have amplified the need for world leaders to take action on social development are these:

- The command economies of Eastern Europe and China are in transition to open and free markets, but not without social dislocations.
- The countries of East Asia and South Asia have emerged as economic powerhouses, increasing economic competition.
- Even developed economies like our own have experienced extended periods of "jobless growth," widening the gap between rich and poor nations as well as individuals.
- Much of the growth in employment in industrial nations has failed to produce jobs of high quality with decent wages.
- While regional and global trade agreements have expanded

markets around the world, they could worsen conditions for workers, weaken social safety nets, and put much social and environmental legislation in jeopardy.

- In both developing and developed economies, the poor, the less educated and migrant workers often find themselves untouched by the gains made in the new world economy.
- In the midst of a global recovery, a "fourth world," a global underclass, has taken root in even the most affluent countries.

Moral Principles. As the U.S. delegation goes to Copenhagen, we urge it to consider the moral principles set forth by the U.S. bishops nearly a decade ago:

- the right of every person to economic participation,
 - commitment to the poor,
 - the inclusion of the excluded in the economic mainstream,
 - investment directed to improve the condition of the economically insecure, and
 - the evaluation of economic and social policies as well as the organization of work by its impact on family life.
- (Economic Justice for All, #85-94)

Aid: A Duty of Solidarity. At the international level, we urge the U.S. delegation to commit itself to an increase in resources for development assistance to less developed nations. As the bishops wrote in 1993, "Foreign aid is more than an optional form of largesse. It is a fundamental obligation of solidarity on the part of those who possess a plentiful share of earth's riches to promote the rightful development of those who have barely enough to survive." (*The Harvest of Justice Is Sown in Peace*, p.11)

This Conference has been constant in its support of bilateral and multilateral aid that empowers poor men and women to share in the bounty the Lord has intended for the whole human family. We will continue to so advocate.

We call on policy makers and legislators to abandon a mentality, in the words of Pope John Paul II, "in which the poor--as individuals and as peoples--are considered a burden, irksome intruders trying to consume what others have produced." (*Centesimus Annus*, #18)

We urge opinion leaders to join in crafting "a new covenant between North and South, between rich nations and poor for sustainable global development." (*Harvest*, p.10) A sense of global solidarity ought to sustain efforts to improve and re-design U.S. foreign aid and continue U.S. involvement in multilateral lending agencies with a focus on sustainable, grassroots development.

Responsibilities of Transnational Corporations. We call on the U.S. delegates to the Social Summit to find ways of engaging leaders of

transnational corporations in the promotion of social development and especially the inclusion of the poor into the global economy. These companies should assume their responsibilities to the world community in ways commensurate with their enormous influence on the conditions of life around the planet.

Accountability of Financial Markets. Bonds of accountability need to be forged for the speculative sector which realizes huge profits in the global financial markets, with ever less relation to the "real world economy" or to the everyday lives of people.

Negotiators should be encouraged to consider ways by which this sector can contribute in a manner proportionate to its power and profits to the goals of the Summit: elimination of absolute, and alleviation of extreme, poverty; the integration of the excluded; and the creation of decent jobs for sustainable livelihood.

An Unfinished Experiment. A decade ago the U.S. bishops called for a new American experiment to create an order that guarantees the minimum conditions of human dignity in the economic sphere for every person. With the economy more and more an international reality, the task today has become a global one. "The unfinished business of the American experiment," as the bishops wrote in *Economic Justice for All*, "includes the formation of new international partnerships, especially with the developing countries, based on mutual respect, cooperation, and a dedication to fundamental justice." (#322)

The World Summit for Social Development offers the opportunity to begin to undertake such an experiment on the international scale. We pray that the negotiators and their governments may not pass up this opportunity to contribute to the Global Common Good.

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***Speech for Religious Task Force on the
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*Press Conference
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Friday, March 10, 1995; 10:00 a.m.*

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here in this room call for love, peace, and social solidarity, regardless of race or origin. We share the responsibility for what happens if we don't reach the people and get the message to our politicians.

I believe that the way to build a cohesive society is by remembering that our Lord, the Creator is One. He created the Muslims, the Christians, the Jews, and everybody. We are all God's family. As the Qur'an says in Surah 49, Verse 13: "O, mankind! We created you from a single pair of a male and female and made you into nations and tribes that you may know each other. Verily, the most honored of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you, and Allah has full knowledge and is well acquainted with all things." Also, Prophet Mohammad (saws) says: "He is not a believer even for one hour of the day who spent the night full, knowing that his neighbor next to him is hungry."

This country has a lot of things to offer the world, but we must overcome greed, selfishness, and our ego. This summit should spark a national dialogue about the type of future Americans want for their children and a deeper understanding of the connections between human well-being and a full range of economic, environmental, and social factors. Remember that if we continue to achieve successes in space without improving our situation on the earth, then surely something is terribly wrong.

I hope that interfaith gatherings such as this will always be there to help build our society as well as bridge the gaps of understanding among the servants of God.



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"have's") through tax cuts and budgets balanced on the backs of the many (the "have not's") who struggle to survive in this materialistic society.

While I would like to address many of the issues before the Summit, I will speak to only a few.

The Summit agenda includes a commitment for " ... promoting social integration by fostering societies that are stable, safe and just". I urge that the United States not see this as an issue for "those people over there who live in the midst of civil strife". We must not relegate the issue to one that applies only to areas where governance is viewed as not democratic enough. We must not consider the issue satisfactorily addressed in the United States because we have laws against racial, cultural or gender segregation and therefore believe that integration is accomplished. I suspect that the poverty of the English language hands us the code word "integration" which we understand in only one narrow way - submersion into the current White, conservative ethos that is trying to dominate the current U. S. scene.

The United States must come out of this world consultation understanding that in the global context, the majority of the populace are people of color. They are people who yet are treated as second or third class citizens in the United States. The United States should provide leadership for the global community by committing itself to the examination of its own racist responses to the demographic reality of the ever-growing racial and cultural diversity of this nation.

There are some who view this growing diversity as the cause of many of the problems in this nation. I view the diversity as an asset our economy and our society have not accepted, and therein lies the problem. The systems and institutions of this nation have continued to be the gate keepers, limiting access to work, to the necessities for life and to the experiences of true community. The people who enjoy the benefits have seen no reason to reform the systems out of fear they will lose in the process. However, I believe the time is past when those persons have the luxury of choice. Change will occur. The question is how soon and how smoothly.

I maintain that the religious community has a responsibility to enable persons to be spiritually transformed from selfish to selfless members living in community. Then we will be willing to address the problems of under-employment, unemployment, lack of meaningful work and the inequities in what workers receive for their labors.

In the United States, self-esteem, dignity and worth, rightly or wrongly, are directly connected to meaningful labor. Yet, the U.S. economic system accepts as a given an unemployment rate of 6-8 percent. The rate is more than double that in many racial/ethnic minority communities in this country. Yet, we say that those who do not work are not entitled to the necessities of life.

Instead of eliminating affirmative action programs, we should work to ensure that those programs are implemented in accord with the original intent. The intent was, and still needs to be, to remedy the systemic exclusion of racial and ethnic minority persons and women from full involvement in the economic and employment arenas. We must recognize that institutional racism continues to contaminate this society and those who have benefitted from that contamination continue to limit access to the workplace.

Instead of eliminating job training and anti-poverty programs because they are perceived as not being effective, we need to enrich them so they include helping persons to build healthy relationships, to enhance self-esteem and dignity, and to participate more fully in the American society. Further stripping persons of humanity will only exacerbate the incidents of mental, and physical violence plaguing the nation. When people are denied access to the means for fulfilling the basic human needs - food, clothing and shelter - social instability results. Dean Koontz, author of the Best Seller *Mr Murder*, has his main character observe "... need leads to frustration, frustration leads to anger, anger breeds violence ... and sometimes violence brings relief."

Failure to take the hard steps today, simply passes on to subsequent generations, greater suffering by the many for the sinful decisions of the few. Even today millions of children suffer, in the United States, as well as around the globe. Nearly 16 million children live in poverty; 9 million children have no health insurance. Racial/ethnic minority children are disproportionately represented in these groups. For example, in 1993, 46.1% of all African American children were poor. It must be understood that poverty adversely affects a child's health, family stability, education and future earnings, then it is clear that the legacy for this nation is doomed to the perpetuation, and deepening, of the ills of today. (CDF Reports; January 1995; Children's Defense Fund)

Clearly, these are but a few examples of why the United States must participate in this Summit with integrity. We must acknowledge that there is a need for reform at home as well as there is for other places in the global community. We must be willing to make our contribution to the world economy and not just to the world-wide rhetoric about doing good. We must be willing to commit the resources to deal with the domestic problems as well as those of the global communities.

The religious community must accept the on-going challenge to help its members be transformed into people who understand that there must be space for all to sit at the table and there to have enough to eat and to live abundantly.

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We see workers's rights being violated throughout the developing world by efforts to justify child and even slave labor as a necessary stage in a nation's economic development, along with the brutal repression of labor organizers and workers' associations.

We see women suffering the brunt of most of the worst poverty throughout the world often invisibly because of inadequate reporting mechanisms that fail to count them.

We see debt burdens frequently incurred by oppressive regimes long gone from the political scene that now preclude any hope for dedicating sufficient domestic economic resources to social development especially in Africa, Asia, and Central and Latin America.

We see a cold, uncaring neo-liberalism being imposed upon the developing nations that would broadcast abroad a social and economic system that has left the United States itself reeling from new depths of poverty and unemployment generated in recent years.

We see the effects of 30% of the world's labor force (820,000,000 people) unemployed and underemployed, a shameful consequence of an international economics that has emphasized profits for investors over the creation jobs for workers, both women and men.

It is our clear conviction that a minimum successful outcome of this Summit would include

- a substantial economic multi-year investment in real development by the wealthier nations in the poorer nations;

- a way to break the logjam of intractable debt choking the poorest nations;

- protection of the rights of workers, both women and men, to organize their own associations, bargain collectively, and enforce the minimum standards set by the International Labor Organization of the UN, all enforced by national labor laws;

- careful attention to the effects of poverty upon women around the world and programs to protect them from development that too often leaves them behind;

- encouragement of international investment policies that emphasize the development of jobs that pay a living wage;

- re-enforcement of the goals of the Rio Summit that would protect the world environment from the ravages of insensitive plundering of its material resources.

There is not a single issue raised by this Summit that does not have its counterpart in U.S. domestic economic strategy and national politics. We commit ourselves as U.S. religious to following up on the consequences of the Social Summit for future domestic political and economic agenda, here in Washington and around the United States. We, among others, will not permit this Summit to become window dressing for a world that moves on in forgetfulness.

Our hopes for this Summit are tempered by realism about the present state of U.S. and world opinion on issues of development and by limitations on resources in the present economies of the developed nations. But we call on the powerful nations of our world to give not only from their excess but also from their substance in order to guarantee a future of peace. A significant contribution to development now can hopefully stave off the potential disasters of the next century. If world poverty is not confronted now in our generation, it will fester into a gaping wound on the future of our children and their children, depriving them of any hope for a peaceful world. Our future calls us to peace, generosity, compassion, and hope. It will accept nothing less from us.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 28, 1995

Mr. Melvin Deveau
502 Manor Road
Beverly, MA 01915

Dear Mr. Deveau:

The First Lady asked me to thank you for writing and for sending the excerpts from Mrs. Rockefeller's book. Thank you also for your support of Mrs. Clinton's efforts on behalf of children. Your own work to improve the schools of Beverly is so commendable.

Thank you again for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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502 Manor Road
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Dear Hillary Rodham Clinton,

This is a copy of page 92 of Mrs. Lucy W. Peabody's book, "A WIDER WORLD FOR WOMEN" written in 1935 while I was her chauffeur-gardener. One day while dictating to her secretary she told me that she was writing about my sainted mother and including as one of the twelve great women she had met in her lifetime.

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Mrs. John D. Rockefeller promised Mrs. Lucy W. Peabody two million dollars if she would raise one million dollars more to build the first hospital to train young women to be nurses in India. There were no nurses in India. This is a real story of dedication and perseverance. Mrs. Lucy W. Peabody raised the million dollars. Mrs. John D. Rockefeller gave Mrs. Peabody the two million dollars and the hospital in India was built. All this gave me a unique lifetime appreciation for the role of women in the world.

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PLEASE FORGIVE THE TYPING OF AN
83 YEAR OLD PERSON. I NEVER LEARNED
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fine type the wife of one of the highest officials in the land. This man's mother was the wife of a country parson. She represented in character the type her son had in mind when he chose his wife. In her he found grace, beauty, intellect, culture and Christian character. She has lived her life without publicity, doing quietly many generous and helpful things. She met a great sorrow in the death of a beloved daughter, but has great joy in the high standards of her sons and remaining daughter. The children have found in their stately home the same simple, high ideals of service that their father had found in the little parsonage. I shall not give her name, as I respect her preference for retirement, but I never meet her or hear from her, without comparing her with those who have sought and won publicity with the loss of other values.

Another mother lives in humble conditions, with a drunken husband, in a state which seeks profits in liquor taxes and loses financially more than it gains in blood money. She has been obliged to work unceasingly to support seven children, who call her "blessed." She has been able, with all the handicaps, to make a real home. The horror of drunkenness which casts its shadow through the years was lightened during the period of Prohibition. The Eighteenth Amendment, though badly enforced by men who deliberately broke it in order to repeal it, brought relief to many a home. With repeal, the tragedy is again in full effect. The only relief in the family is an occasional jail sentence for the father. There is a woman whom her neighbours and children honour—pure in heart, loyal to her vows, deeply religious, devoted to her home. She is the type of many women, who are examples to some whose names are known in society columns. These two represent the family. Between them is a wide range socially, but not morally.

Some young mothers have not understood the things that poison life, but youth can learn, and does; and we see hope among young women who, with the age-old mother-longing, choose the welfare of the children rather than selfish indul-

gence in things that would hurt the child. Nicotine poisoned babies, born dead, are the best argument against cigarettes. The recent statements of medical associations have appeared in a few papers and in medical journals. The cocktail habit lies back of many a divorce or suicide. The freedom of the press is hampered in noting such dangers, as subsidies of advertising interfere with "freedom."

Two retiring women, known as wives of two of the richest men in the world, are fine examples of wife and mother. As I have seen them in their homes, and have known some of their interests, I must include in this list Mrs. John D. Rockefeller and Mrs. Henry Ford, who maintained dignity and simplicity through changes of fortune, and have represented high types of Christian womanhood. There are many of this type.

We do not, in our democracy, have the royal woman, though there are great and fine types in Europe. Queen Victoria set a good example of reform after the disreputable monarchs who preceded her, and displayed many virtues, as well as statesmanship of high order. Cheap caricatures of Victoria, Queen and Empress, will die, while history will do justice to a great and good woman, perhaps the greatest queen that England has ever seen, unsurpassed in any nation. Victoria was a Bible student, devoted to its precepts.

Our favourite in royalty is the noble Queen of Holland, Wilhelmina. She inherited from her mother, Queen Emma, Christian ideals which she has never relinquished. She is a statesman who has shown the highest type of life as a woman, daughter, wife, mother, and is today the head of the best governed nation in the world, with the least political interference and trickery.

A day in the Palace at Appeldoorn, as a guest of Queen Wilhelmina, gave me a close-up which will never be forgotten. The gracious and beautiful hostess, who received the International Council, of which I had the honour of being the American woman member, impressed every member of the Council, and Americans almost wished they had a queen,

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Dear Hillary Rodham Clinton,

Thank you for your kind letter of June 24 1994. It was the influence of another Wellesley College graduate Mrs. Lucy W. Peabody of Beverly that prompted me to write to you. I would not write today if I were not convinced that you can initiate a program in our schools that will do more for the future of our young people than any effort offered by the wives of past Presidents.

Today after reading an interesting article about you in the Washington Post I decided to mail you a copy of a recent article in our local paper. The reporter wanted to know some of the highlights of my life since graduating from Beverly High School sixty five years ago. I had to mention that seventy years ago I worked for Mrs. Lucy W. Peabody a graduate of Wellesley College and one of the most influential woman in America during the 1920;s and that she wrote a book, A WIDER WORLD FOR WOMAN in 1935 that influenced my whole life, a book every young woman should read with care.

Would you like to have a copy of this hard to get or find book about women written by a graduate of Wellesley College?

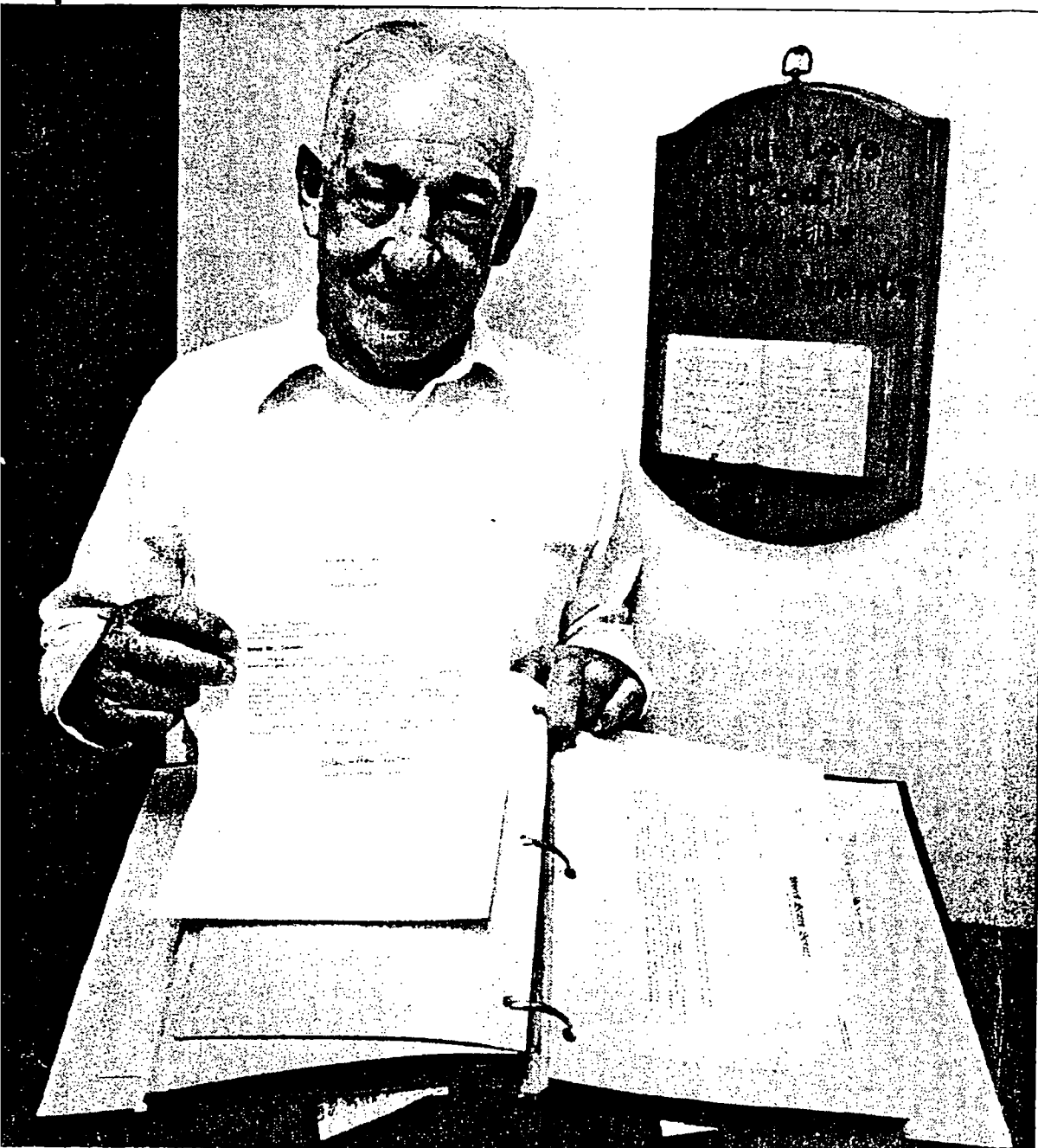
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His crusade for youth goes straight to the top

A POOR PICTURE



Mel Deveau holds a letter from Hillary Clinton and stands beside the message that motivates him to correspond with influential people in his campaign to better youth.

Nancy Shackleton photo

By SUSAN FLYNN
Times staff

BEVERLY — Mel Deveau sat down to write a letter to Hillary Clinton last month to outline his deep-felt concerns for the youth of today.

A reply with an authentic signature from the first lady arrived last week at the Manor Road apartment of the 82-year-old resident.

Deveau, well known in the community for his work in youth sports, has launched a crusade to help the children he says are besieged by media messages of sex, violence and drugs.

He already grabbed the attention of Clinton, and, two weeks ago at a barbecue in Peabody, Deveau got the ear of U.S. Rep. Peter Torkildsen. Deveau plans to send the congressman a letter this week.

In 1990, Deveau went to the School Committee to advocate for a "Code of Conduct." He passionately believes lessons in values should be taught in the schools, beginning with kindergarten and continuing until graduation.

"We are spending billions of dollars on a crime bill. We can spend a couple of million dollars to help youths conduct themselves better," Deveau said last week. "The heck with the little guy. I am now going right to the top and I'll work my way down."

While it may be four years after Deveau's visit, the School Committee recently has started work on a code of conduct. The board plans to survey parents to find out what lessons in morals, ethics and values the schools should teach their children.

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A subcommittee will soon be created to work on the challenging, and likely controversial, undertaking.

The letter from the first lady was hardly the first to arrive at 502 Manor Road from a famous person. Deveau has made it his hobby to write to celebrities across the United States to offer compliments and seek support for his youth crusade.

He also has spent years writing to business executives, presidents, and even Supreme Court justices to find out what verse in the Bible they consider the most challenging.

Letters have arrived from Lee Iacocca, the former chairman of the board at Chrysler; Barbara Bush, Nancy Reagan, U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and Sandra Day O'Connor, the first female Supreme Court Justice.

Deveau said much of his work has been inspired by a book written by Lucy Peabody in 1935. Deveau had worked as a chauffeur and gardener for Peabody, who had lived in the Montserrat

section of the city.

In the book, Peabody wrote that the only way to improve our society was by reaching out to the youth. Deveau decided to write to Hilary Clinton after learning she went to Wellesley College because Peabody went to Wellesley College and he figured he had an "in."

Deveau even wrote a letter to Pope John Paul II in Rome, but never heard a reply. Instead, he received a letter from a man with an Italian name "this long," Deveau said, extending his arms out in both directions to demonstrate.

"The pope was too busy to listen to Mel Deveau — that was the gist of it," he said.

These days, Deveau, who has never been into politics, plans to embark on a new strategy by seeking the help of politicians.

"I'm not going to see the youths go down the wrong road if I can do something to help," Deveau said. "As Mrs. Peabody would say, it's unconscionable — whatever the heck that means."

I LIKE THIS PHRASE
Mel Deveau



spective of the father, the prodigal son and the good son, who had to feel left out, when the father took back the boy who had squandered his birthright, you read through that and there's a passage that just struck me," Hillary Clinton says. "And the phrase is, the discipline of gratitude. . . I don't mean to sound out of touch, but there's so much that goes on in my life on a daily basis that I'm grateful for despite everything else that's going on. And then to think about gratitude as a discipline so that every day gives you an opportunity to practice that gratitude, is very important to me. So there are days when I'm more chipper than others, but there isn't a day when I'm not trying at least to remember and be grateful for all that I have."

It is typical of Hillary Clinton that even in her gratitude there would be a discipline.

TO THE FIRST LADY'S STAFF, any talk of how she has receded from the public fray since the health care defeat is preposterous. Hillary Clinton, says Melanne Vermeer, her deputy chief of staff, is "constitutionally incapable of being inactive." She has spent the last two months shaping her course for the next two years, her aides say. The new course she has begun

ary Rodham Clinton is trying to find a balance between the many interpretations of her role

appears, so far at least, to be a more traditional one. She intends, Hillary Clinton says, to pursue her long-
ing interests in women, children and health in
realm, concentrating less on legislation and more
on the bully pulpit

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 20, 1995

(b)(6)

[0012]

Dear (b)(6):

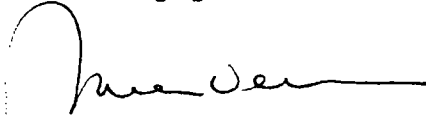
Mrs. Clinton asked me to thank you for your two letters. She greatly appreciates your writing to share your experiences as a myasthenia gravis patient who has experienced adverse reactions to pyridostigmine bromide, and to describe the problems you and your husband experienced after your husband's military service in Vietnam.

The Administration has made important strides in the last few months. For example, the President signed a new law that will require the Department of Defense to expand funding for research that we hope will lead to conclusions about the likely causes of Gulf War illnesses, including research on pyridostigmine bromide and research on the possible transmission of illnesses to spouses and offspring.

We are making every effort to learn from the mistakes that resulted from lack of research and lack of candor regarding Agent Orange. We realize that veterans exposed to Agent Orange, such as your husband, are still suffering and that current law does not allow VA to provide medical care or disability compensation if a veteran's family member has an illness related to the veteran's military service. Mrs. Clinton has asked me to forward your letter to the V.A. regarding your husband's application for disability compensation.

Thank you for your encouragement. The President is fully committed to improving medical care for all veterans, especially those with service-connected illnesses.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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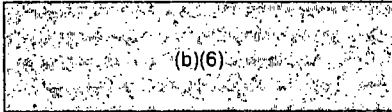
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 19, 1995



[0016]

Dear (b)(6):

greatly

Mrs. Clinton asked me to thank you for your two letters. She appreciates your writing to share your experiences as a myasthenia gravis patient who has experienced adverse reactions to pyridostigmine bromide, and to describe the problems you and your husband experienced after your husband's military service in Vietnam.

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~~We believe that we have made important strides in the last few months. For example, the President signed a new law in October that will require the Department of Defense to spend millions of dollars on research that will determine the likely causes of Gulf War illnesses, including research on pyridostigmine bromide and research on the possible transmission of illnesses to spouses and offspring. The law requires that the research be done by independent researchers (such as university scientists) who do not have any financial ties to the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, or to chemical companies.~~ *about me exposed funds for*

(like your husband?)
We are making every effort to learn from the mistakes that resulted from lack of research and lack of candor regarding Agent Orange. We realize that veterans exposed to Agent Orange are still suffering and that current law does not allow VA to provide medical care or disability compensation if a veteran's family member has an illness related to the veteran's military service. Mrs. Clinton has asked me to forward your letter to the V.A. to ask for their help regarding your husband's application for disability compensation.

Thank you for your encouragement. The President is fully committed to improving medical care for all veterans, especially those with service-connected illnesses.

Sincerely yours,

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Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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(b)(6)

[001C]

FEB 24TH 1995

DEAR MRS CLINTON,

I DO HOPE YOU GET TO READ THIS LETTER.

BECAUSE IT IS GOING TO TAKE SOMEONE LIKE YOU TO HELP
PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF AND THE VETERANS OF THIS COUNTRY.

THIS IS URGENT I KNOW WELL WHAT PYROSTIGMINE
BROMIDE DOES TO SOMEONE WITH THE SYMPTOMS OF MYASTHENIA
GRAVIS I CONTACTED SENATOR JIM ROCKEFELLER AND SENATOR ALAN
SIMPSON WITH THIS INFORMATION.

MY SYMPTOMS FROM PYROSTIGMINE BROMIDE WAVES OF NAUSEA LIKE
BEING PREGNANT - MUSCLES THAT TURNED TO JELLY REALLY BAD
DIARRHEA I HAD TO WEAR A PAD - EXCESSIVE SALIVA - SLURRING
OF SPEECH - MUSCLES TWITCHING FORGETFULNESS
STILL HAVE THE WAVES OF NAUSEA

THERE IS A CONNECTION TO THESE DRUGS USED ON OUR TROOPS

I MUST ALSO ADD THAT THE BOTULISM INJECTIONS
CAN CAUSE SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS ALSO

UNLESS THE DOCTORS HAVE TAKEN ANY OF THIS NOTICE
THEY DO NOT KNOW

1969 I WAS CONTAMINATED FROM AGENT ORANGE

NO I WAS NEVER IN VIETNAM

MY HUSBAND WAS

I GOT CHLORACNE - DIAGNOSED AT CHAMUTE AIR FORCE BASE

ILLINOIS, GIVEN THE SAME MEDICINES AS THE MEN IN NAH
ONE WEEK LATER SEVERE MUSCLE WEAKNESS, EYES THAT WOULD
NOT STAY OPEN, MANY DOCTORS - FINALLY A DIAGNOSIS OF
MYASTHENIA GRAVIS -

TWO BLOWN NOSES BECAUSE OF EYES BEING CLOSED - 3400 FEET 41
SURGERIES

26 YEARS OF BEING TOLD I DO NOT COUNT BY THE VETERANS
ADMINISTRATION.

TOLD REPEATEDLY IF I WAS A VETERAN, I WOULD QUALIFY FOR
BENEFITS CIVILIANS FORGET IT

I DO NOT QUALIFY FOR SOCIAL SECURITY, NEVER WORKED LONG ENOUGH
I ALSO HAVE PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY.

T. GOVERNMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MY PROBLEMS FROM AGENT
ORANGE

I KNOW YOU ARE A BUSY WOMAN

I THANK YOU IN SHOWING AN INTEREST IN THE GULF WAR
VETERANS -

I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY HELP YOU COULD OFFER ME
AND THE VETERANS STILL SUFFERING FROM AGENT ORANGE

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ THIS

GOD BLESS YOU AND PRESIDENT CLINTON

Margaret Crowder

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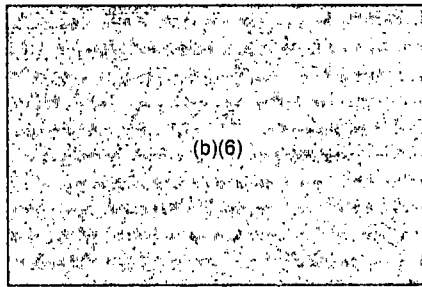
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[001d]

APRIL 11TH 1995

DEAR MR. CLINTON,

I HOPe you READ My LETTER OF FEB
23RD 1995

I AM NOT SUPRISED TO PICK UP LOCAL PAPER, THAT
SAYS STUDY BACKS POSSIBLE CAUSE OF GULF SYNDROME
CAUSED BY CHEMICAL COCKTAIL OF ANTINERVOUS GAS
'IS AND INSECTICIDES GIVEN THE SOLDIERS

I HAVE WRITTEN MANY TIMES ON JUST THE PYROSTIGMINE
BROMIDE SIDE EFFECTS - ADDED TO THAT THE
TEST DRUG BOTULISM INJECTIONS

TAKEN TO READ THEY HAD ALSO BEEN GIVEN
ATROPINE I REALLY CAN NOT BELIEVE, THAT ONCE
AGAIN, OUR TROOPS USED AS GUINEA PIGS
BY THE SAME GOVERNMENT THAT SHOULD OF BY NOW
LEARNED A LESSON

RADIATION - MUSTARD GAS - AGENT ORANGE -
WHICH PROVED BY DOCTORS SCIENTISTS ETC
DURING THE 101ST CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON

JUNE 26 1990 BY THE HUMAN RESOURCES AND INTER
GOVERNMENTAL SUBCOMMITTEE.

THAT AGENT ORANGE DID MAJOR DAMAGE TO OUR
TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

BUT BECAUSE OF COST

IT WAS SWEEPED UNDER THE RUG.

HOW CAN I A CIVILIAN CONTAMINATED BY AGENT
ORANGE

EVER TRUST THE GOVERNMENT AGAIN.

I SENT MY HUSBAND TO VIETNAM, BECAUSE THAT
WAS HIS JOB.

THIS MAN SERVED IN THREE WARS ONLY TO BE
! IT ASIDE BECAUSE HE CAN NOT PROVE HIS
DISSABILITIES ARE SERVICE CONNECTED

THEY LOST HIS RECORDS - LIKE A LOT OF VIET-
NAM VETERANS

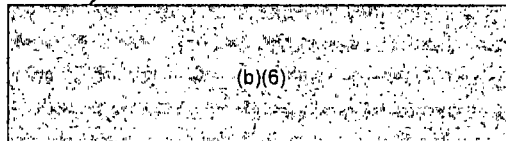
DISSABILITIES ARE HEART DISEASE - TRIPLE BY PASS
SURGERY - DIALYSIS - KIDNEY FAILURE - CANCER
BLOCKAGES IN BOTH LEGS - IMMUNE SYSTEM BROKEN
DOWN - STRESS - AGENT ORANGE - MUSTARD GAS
TESTING - NOT SERVICE CONNECTED SAYS THE
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

IF THIS IS NOT SERVICE CONNECTED - I REALLY DO

NOT KNOW WHAT IS

I HOPE YOU READ THIS AND MY OTHER LETTER
WE DESPERATELY NEED SOMEONE TO HELP THE
VIETNAM VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES
AS WELL AS GULF WAR VETERANS
26 YEARS IS A LONG TIME TO WAIT FOR
HELP.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.
Sincerely,



P.S - PLEASE READ REPORT ON AGENT ORANGE
DURING 101ST CONGRESS 1990

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 13, 1995

Ms. Sharta Dixit
Rato Bangala School
PO Box 42
Patan Dhoka
Lalitpur, NEPAL

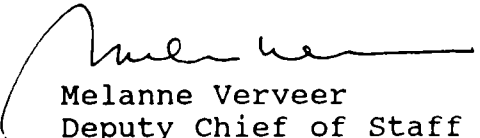
Dear Ms. Dixit:

Mrs. Clinton asked me to thank you for providing her with the information on the Rato Bangala School. She was disappointed she was unable to visit the school, but truly enjoyed her trip to South Asia.

Jan Piercy of the World Bank shared her positive impression of the school with the First Lady.

It was a pleasure to meet you at the tea and to hear your moving account of the founding of the school. Thanks again and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 22, 1995

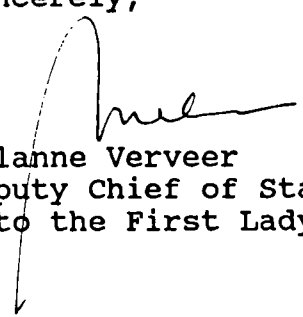
Hon. Christopher J. Dodd
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-0702

Dear Senator Dodd:

Thank you for your letter and invitation for Mrs. Clinton to participate in the 1995 SNET Classic. She regrets that she will be unable to attend.

Thank you again for thinking of the First Lady. I hope that the 1995 SNET Classic is a success. Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

CHRISTOPHER J. DODD
CONNECTICUT

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May 26, 1995

Regret

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

Dear Ms. Williams:

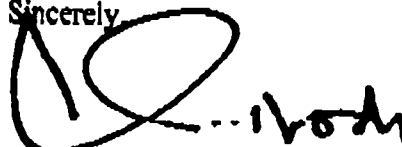
I am pleased to enclose correspondence to the First Lady regarding an invitation for her to participate in the festivities of the 2nd Annual SNET Classic this August.

I would appreciate your assistance in forwarding this request to the First Lady and the appropriate office within the White House.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Stanley Israelite, my Senior Advisor, in the Connecticut office at (203) 240-3470.

With all the best, I am

Sincerely,



CHRISTOPHER J. DODD
United States Senator

CJD/mh
Enclosure

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Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20006-9900

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

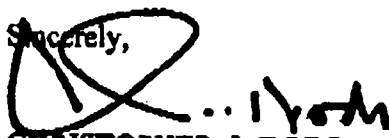
It is with great pleasure that I extend an invitation for you to participate in the festivities of Connecticut's 2nd annual women's tennis tournament - the SNET Classic. Coinciding with the 75th anniversary of women's rights to vote, the Classic will be held at Yale University and the Tennis Center in New Haven, Connecticut from August 24 -26, 1995.

As you may know, last year's tournament proved to be a tremendous success. Attracting thousands of families and children from Connecticut and surrounding states, the attendance even surpassed that of the Volvo International men's tournament.

The 1995 SNET Classic promises even greater success. Hosting a number of activities and exhibits to honor the 75th anniversary, the Classic will also sponsor a fundraiser to support various women's causes. In addition, the tournament anticipates the exciting return of such world-renowned players as Martina Navratilova, Gabriela Sabatini, and Brenda Schultz.

I truly appreciate your consideration of this invitation and hope that your schedule will permit your participation in the 1995 SNET Classic. Should you require additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Stanley Israelite, my Senior Advisor, in the Connecticut office at (203) 240-3470. With all the best, I am

Sincerely,


CHRISTOPHER J. DODD
United States Senator

CJD/mh

In reply:

Connecticut office
Putnam Park
100 Great Meadow Road
Wethersfield, Connecticut 06109

THE WHITE HOUSE

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April 11, 1995

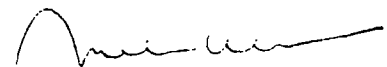
Mr. Bill Drayton
Ashoka Innovators for the Public
1700 North Moore Street
Suite 1920
Arlington, VA 22209

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your thoughtful offer to put Mrs. Clinton in touch with the members of Ashoka in South Asia. Mrs. Clinton was fortunate to meet with a representative of Ashoka and she is well acquainted with the important service Ashoka performs throughout the world.

Thank you for your interest and thoughtfulness.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

To: Ann Bartly —

MEMO FROM:
BILL DRAYTON

3/3/95

Dear Ann,

Would you kindly pass
the attached on? I'm
confident the Fellows could
add a valuable dimension
to the trip.

Give me a call
and let's have a meal
one of these days.

Cheers,

Bill

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March 3, 1995

Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

*R from MV
Sorry HRC
couldn't meet
w/ them, etc*

Dear Hillary,

We'd be delighted to put you together with some of the leading public entrepreneurs who constitute Ashoka in South Asia (and that your contributions over the years have helped launch) while you're there. Just have your office give me a ring.

I attach several sample profiles of the roughly 150 Fellows in the region. They represent a different and very independent perspective.

With warmest wishes,

Cheers!,



Bill Drayton

Attachments

Ashoka Fellow

SUNITA SATYARTHIA

Sunita Satyarthia, a lawyer from Jaipur, Rajasthan, is using strategic combinations of the law, the press, and institutional reform to change ancient patterns of discrimination and brutal behavior against women.

The New Idea

Indian society values boys, not girls. From birth onward women suffer, often grotesquely.

Several years ago, for example, a young widow was burned alive on the same funeral pyre as her husband in Deorala, Rajasthan. The woman was drugged and pulled by her hair to the pyre crying. Although this practice of sati is illegal, thousands participated in the ceremony, including politicians and the police.

No one acted.

Sunita then filed a public interest suit in the Rajasthan High Court on behalf of the victim. When the day of the hearing came, thousands of villagers with guns and swords surrounded the court. They were not supportive of her position. Her colleagues at the bar stayed home. She pressed on, and ultimately the court ordered the state government to act.

Sunita also forced the issue in the press, bringing national attention to this brutal demonstration of many Indians' failure to value women as equal human beings. Finally the National Parliament enacted legislation barring anyone who attends a sati from subsequently running for public office.

This case illustrates most of the key elements of Sunita's approach. First, the courage to see the problem and to act. Second, the orchestrated use of the courts, the press, and the administration, providing each the impetus it needs to take action. Finally, the ability to spot and develop the particular case that provides the precedent-making earthquake that changes the prior landscape of relationships.

Sunita will continue to seek such opportunities to shake the patterns of abuse Indian women suffer. She has recently struck a blow against India's widespread female infanticide by bringing a successful, highly publicized case against a leading state politician whose family had not had any girls for generations. She has also closed over half the state rescue homes for girls after demonstrating that officials were exploiting and even selling the girls brought to them.

The second half of her strategy involves creating a statewide chain of emergency homes for women in crisis. While her litigation pushes the patterns, soon more and more women still face personal crises and have no safe place to turn to. Sunita hopes to have a safe haven within reach in all parts of the state.

These centers would provide more than a safety net; they would help the women develop the awareness, confidence, literacy, and job skills they need to stand and support themselves independently. Ultimately, the ability to support themselves economically is what will allow them to look anyone in the eye.

These centers will also support Sunita's legal, press, and policy work. Women in trouble coming for legal help often will need broader human and more immediate help as well.

The Problem

India, almost unique in the world, has more men than women in its population. Even more striking, the men live longer on average than the women. Moreover, the proportion of men in the population has been increasing over the last several decades.

Female infanticide and systematic neglect of girl children are key explanations. An Indian woman's problems only begin with infancy. Dowry and death are another extreme outcropping of the underlying problem, the failure of so many Indians to value women as equal beings.

The Strategy

Women fear approaching the courts. For most, the legal process results in public humiliation. Most lawyers are men and insensitive to the abuses carried out against women and the state of victimization in which they live. Only a handful of individuals in the legal community are addressing this particular aspect of women's oppression. However, if women fear losing their privacy in court, those who harass them are equally afraid of the publicity that a case generates. Sunita brings the public attention generated by these cases to bear on the perpetrator of the crimes, rather than on the victim.

Because she has a reputation for fighting difficult cases, women in trouble, once afraid to voice their complaints, increasingly come to Sunita on their own and ask her to present their cases to the courts. To the extent she and her colleagues can, she tries to help.

Her biggest impact, however, comes from her use of India's newly liberalized rules for public-interest litigation to press cases likely to set important precedents. She spots and defines an outrageous pattern of abuse against women, typically exemplified in a vivid case example. She pins it down in court and spotlights it in the press. The perpetrator loses the anonymity that previously cloaked the abuse, and Sunita (backed by press attention) prevents the male-dominated courts from viewing the offense as perhaps acceptable in the light of community standards.

Sunita's methods not only discomfort the defendants she is after; they build the self-confidence of the women who are her clients. To realize that the full sovereign power and majesty of the law will stand behind them is profoundly empowering.

The safe shelters Sunita is now about to set up will also make a major difference. In addition to helping protect the complainants in these key cases, these shelters will provide a second home for women facing the consequences of trying to stand up in the male world. In such moments

of stressful change women are often ostracized by their families and other normal support systems. The centers will provide the missing housing, physical protection, and psychological support.

The Person

Both Sunita's grandfathers were active members of the progressive reform Arya Samaj. Their values gave her a childhood unlike most Indian girls; she was respected and encouraged to go to school.

She went to the University of Rajasthan and was drawn into student activities, quickly emerging as the first woman vice president of the student union. This experience helped her develop her organizing skills and endowed her with a contact network across the state that she puts to good use.

After finishing her legal studies, she served as a junior to a senior advocate at the high court, handling the full range of legal matters. As she matured professionally, she took on an increasing proportion of public-interest matters, and will now devote herself entirely to her public work. "Anything that infringes on human dignity, anything that is unjust moves me strongly," she says. Her whole life is testimony to that.

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Ibrahim Sobhan Arms Bangladesh with its Greatest Tool: Educated Children.

The economically deprived children of Bangladesh everyday find themselves torn between the present and the future. Should they pursue an education or should they work to support their families' day to day life? Because Ashoka Fellow M. Ibrahim Sobhan understands the urgency involved in both roles he created an alternative school system that addresses both sets of needs. Sobhan's schools are currently educating some 150,000 low-income students all over Bangladesh. His innovations are specifically designed to remove many of the barriers which prevent children of poor families from attending school.

Sobhan, elected a Fellow in 1988, found that traditional Bangladeshi schools rely heavily on parental tutoring and home study. However, the parents of impoverished households are typically illiterate and lack not only the ability to tutor their own children, but also the funds to hire an outside tutor. Furthermore, these families rely on their children's labor at home in the evenings and cannot forego any study time for the children.

Realizing that education is not a luxury, but a necessity, Sobhan has developed an educational framework that takes these conditions into account. Sobhan's reforms start by doubling classroom instruction time so that students will spend more time in the classroom and less time doing homework. He then divides the class into small groups, each with its own student leader, utilizing cooperative learning techniques - peers guiding peers. This approach builds self-

confidence and leadership skills, and allows students to move at their own pace. In addition to revamping the ineffectual structure of the classroom, Sobhan has also launched cooperative programs run by the schools. These co-ops include a wholesale school supplies store, a tree nursery, and a poultry farm. The children learn valuable skills and entrepreneurial strategies from working in these enterprises. At the end of the school year, each child still enrolled in school receives a dividend of the profits earned - a further incentive to remain in school.



Sobhan's Association for School Based Education is dedicated to improving rural primary education for children in Bangladesh through teacher training programs in non-governmental schools, Islamic schools, and public secondary schools. Since founding his organization, Sobhan has seen enrollment in schools using his ideas rise 44.8%, as compared to the national rise of 5.6% over the same period. In his first year, he cut the dropout rate in his schools in half. Sobhan has successfully found a way to make schooling more appealing to both Bangladeshi children and their parents.

Sobhan is investing in the future of Bangladesh everyday by giving its children the chance to develop their minds. He has created a system that is sensitive to the plight of these children, but fully aware of the importance of a good education.

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Ashoka Fellow

DR. R. THARA SRINIVASIN

India has somewhere between four and eight million people with schizophrenia and tens of millions with other forms of severe mental illnesses. To deal with this and all the many less acute forms of mental illness, the country has only 1500 psychiatrists and an equal number of paraprofessionals.

Dr. R. Thara Srinivasin, who grew up with the social stigma of a relatively minor physical deformity, has committed herself to finding a way to help these millions of sufferers and their families. She took her degree in psychiatry from Madras Medical College. Since then, she has been conducting research into the causes of the illness, and three years ago co-founded the Schizophrenia Research Foundation. She now chairs the Foundation's public education work.

Dr. Thara will go to work to develop a model approach that can practically reach these sufferers, their families, and communities. She feels the family is especially critical -- psychologically, economically, and socially. Second, given the unequalled strength of the family as a social unit in India and the extremely limited access to professional psychiatric care, it must provide much of the early identification and subsequent care and rehabilitation. To make this family-centered approach work, Dr. Thara feels she must also win over the families' neighborhood community.

By working intensively over the next several years with 100 severely affected families in Madras's Chintadripet slums, Dr. Thara plans to develop a broadly replicable model for such family-focused, community-backed intervention. This model will include basic education regarding the disease and how to cope with both its medical aspects and its periods of crisis. Mutual support groups for the families will help to break down their sense of isolation and their acceptance of the stigma. Getting families to take major responsibility for aftercare should not only encourage them to believe in the possibility of a cure, but will also engage those best positioned to observe small changes and to support, even discipline the patient.

Although she plans also to work with local leaders and social workers, Dr. Thara considers the families to be the most effective avenue to winning over the neighborhoods. Furthermore, she hopes eventually to integrate the growing number of such family groups into the core of a national advocacy organization pushing for major policy changes.

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Ashoka Fellow

BHARAT KOIRALA

Bharat Koirala is helping to introduce modern journalism to Nepal. A former reporter and editor of two of the country's largest newspapers, he is well qualified.

The Idea

Bharat left his safe, prestigious work to found the independent, non-profit Nepal Press Institute (NPI), an organization devoted to improving the press skills of Nepal's urban and rural journalists, both established and just starting out. "Our job is to help create a new generation of journalists. They will bring life to the press."

The Problem

Today in Nepal, despite the rising literacy rate, there has been a decrease in the readership of the nations' newspapers. Readers complain that newspapers are poorly written and that the news is uninteresting.

There are probably limits to how interesting a constrained press can become, but the press has recently won greater freedom, and Bharat believes he can help by strengthening the journalists. He can give them skills, and can help them develop a modern sense of intellectual and professional standards.

He also believes he can help journalists write about development issues of concern to the common person, and increase their reach in the process.

The Strategy

At the Institute, located on the south side of Kathmandu, Bharat and his colleagues conduct training classes for students who are the equivalent of college sophomores. These students pay an admission fee and are trained in the fine art of reporting and writing a news story.

Bharat and his colleagues are also training established journalists in better methods of reporting and writing. At a seminar the Institute just conducted for 25 leading journalists in radio, television and the press, journalists were trained in new technologies and were given refreshed courses on reporting and writing. At the other end of the scale, he's also helping many of the journalists putting out one person journals at the (lively) bottom of Nepal's press. He is also running a program of seminars for rural journalists.

Bharat has hopes that he will eventually be able to support the Press Institute through consultancies that the Institute can do on contract for the Nepal government and for international organizations. For instance, The National Press Counsel, a government body, recently commissioned a paper on the working conditions of journalists in Nepal from 1901 to the present. The National News Agency, which is presently being subsidized by government, also commissioned a study on how they could become self-sufficient financially. It's a beginning.

Bharat believes that building a research effort will be an added element of not just income but also prestige for the Institute. He notes that there is nowhere for people inside or outside of Nepal to run for even the most basic information on media within Nepal. For instance, simple questions such as: how many radio listeners or television viewers does the country have, or what do readers of newspapers in the country like to read about, are unanswerable at present. The Institute is beginning to fill this need.

The Press Institute has also recently begun a wall newspaper for the villages. It focuses on rural development and local news for rural people in Nepal and in the first effort of its kind in Nepal.

UNICEF has just pledged six years of support for the wall newspaper, which will come out once a month. Bharat's co-workers travel throughout the country looking for relevant stories and developing the newspaper's sales and distribution.

A recent issue had articles on the need for vaccinations for rural cattle, oral rehydration formula and how to mix it yourself, a plant that protects crops from insects and animals with its strong smell, a type of manual pump that is effective in many areas of Nepal, helpful hints on the storage of seeds during winter, a Bangladesh hen that has a higher egg yield, and a story on a Japanese peanut with higher nutritional content that can be grown easily.

He also uses carefully researched success stories. A recent issue featured a town that had worked together to install an innovative small scale irrigation system. Another issue had a story about a cobbler's wife who was able to get credit and begin her own business.

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WASHINGTON

May 5, 1995

Father Robert F. Drinan, S.J.
Professor of Law
Georgetown University Law Center
600 New Jersey Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20001-2022

Dear Robert: *Father Drinan*

Thanks so much for writing and for sending a copy of your remarks to the Loyola University Chicago School of Law. Your words were such an important reminder of all that we can and need to do for the world's children. This is a subject of great interest to the First Lady.

Thanks again for writing and best wishes.

*and thanks for
all you do!*

Sincerely yours,

Melanne

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

Robert F. Drinan, S.J.
Professor of Law

April 24, 1995

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Office of Mrs. Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melanne:

I thought that you and Mrs. Clinton might be interested in the attached address which I gave at the opening of the new clinic on children's rights at Loyola University Law School in Chicago.

I was immensely impressed at the potential of this unique law school clinic.

With every best wish, I am

Cordially yours,

Robert F. Drinan, S.J.

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Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 27, 1995

Mr. Nicholas Duplak
Editor
Narodna Volya
440 Wyoming Avenue
Scranton, PA 18503-1290

Dear Mr. Duplak:

Thank you very much for your letter and for the article. I hope your readers enjoyed it as much as I did. I also was pleased to get the information about your daughter. I'm sure you are very proud of her. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Sybil Gregory!


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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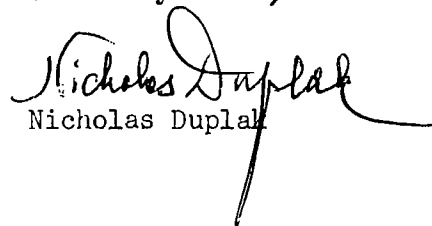
Dear Melanne,

Enclosed you will find a copy of "Narodna Volya". In it is an article about the interview I feel honored to have had with you.

I am also enclosing an article published in a Syracuse, NY newspaper The Post Standard about my daughter Orysia, who is a junior at West Genesee High School in Camillus, N.Y. I hope you will enjoy it.

If I could be of any assistance to you in the future, please feel free to let me know.

Sincerely Yours,


Nicholas Duplat

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

West Genesee student sees need for reform in society

Orysia Duplak's dream job is "something in politics."

She said, "I think I could make a difference."

Like any budding politician, the Camillus resident is not short of opinions.

"I love President Clinton," she said. "I think it's important to follow what people want and address their problems, but he gets criticized for having his ear to the ground."

Duplak, 16, attends West Genesee High School. In January, she won second place in the annual "Voice of Democracy" speech-writing contest sponsored by Camillus Post 8664, Veterans of Foreign Wars. She was presented a certificate at a Jan. 14 ceremony.

Duplak's speech was titled "My Vision for America." That vision includes social reform.

"We need social reform," Duplak said. "I work at P&C, and I see a lot of people using welfare who shouldn't. We should take care of our own people first before we help other countries."

Taking after her father, the editor of a Ukrainian-American newspaper, Duplak grew up paying close attention to the news.

"I guess my dad rubbed off on me," she said.

My college plans: I want to go to Le Moyne. Both my sisters went there. It's a small, private school. I don't want to feel like I'm just a number. It's definitely my No. 1 choice.

What I like about my neighborhood: It's home. When you go to the store, you're bound to see at least three people you know.



Orysia Duplak

In my spare time: I play tennis and the violin. I like to swim.

Best advice I ever received: I can do anything I set my mind to.

— John Hilton

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Orysia Duplak, at right, accepts her award from Voice of Democracy program Chair Pat Fletcher, left. Fletcher also chairs the hospital and V.A.V.S. programs for the state ladies auxiliary.

WG speech contest winners honored by VFW

West Genesee High School students Tim Zawacki and Orysia Duplak were honored Jan. 14 by members of the Camillus Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8664 for their entries in the post's annual Voice of Democracy speech writing contest.

Zawacki placed first in the local level of the contest, while Duplak took second place. Their speeches were on the topic, "My Vision for America."

Zawacki's recorded speech also earned second place at the VFW council level which includes a five-county area of Central New York.

Speeches which win in the council level can go on to district,

state and then national levels to compete against speeches which won in past competitions throughout the United States.

During the Jan. 14 ceremony, Zawacki received a certificate and a savings bond from the post, while Duplak was presented with a certificate for her achievement.

"We honor two bright young students (who) participated in our Voice of Democracy program which is a speech writing contest for 10th, 11th and 12th grade students," post Quartermaster Ed Fletcher said of the winners.

"Many thanks to West Genesee teacher Dianne Emmick for her involvement," he added.



Camillus's Voice of Democracy contest winner Tim Zawacki, at left accepts his award from program chair Pat Fletcher, while post Quartermaster Ed Fletcher (third from left) and Commander Hank Polech, at far right, look on.

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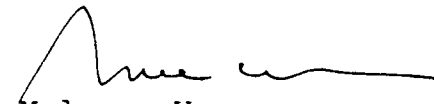
Jorgen Ejbol
Editor-in-Chief
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Denmark

Dear Mr. Ejbol:

Mrs. Clinton asked me to thank you for the photos from her trip to Denmark, which Ambassador Elson kindly forwarded. The First Lady enjoyed her all-too-brief trip to Copenhagen and hopes someday to be able to return for a longer visit.

Thanks again and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

*Send a
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*Ambassador of the United States of America
Copenhagen*

Edward Elliott Elson

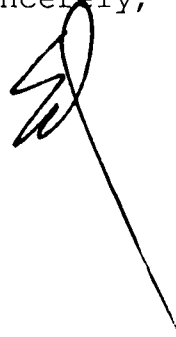
March 20, 1995

Ms. Melanie Verveer
Office of the First Lady
The White House

Dear Melan:

My great friend, Jørgen Ejbøl, Editor-in-Chief of the *Jyllands-Posten*, most generously sent the enclosed photographs, which I know the First Lady will enjoy having. Each of these appeared in an edition of the *Jyllands-Posten* during Hillary's visit. Jørgen's address is: *Jyllands-Posten*, Grøndalsvej 3, 8260 Viby J, Denmark.

Sincerely,



Enclosures

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 14, 1995

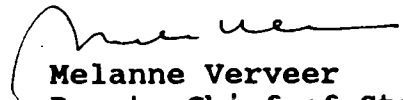
Ms. Marlene T. Elias
377 South Walter Avenue
Newbury Park, CA 91320-4346

Dear Ms. Elias:

Mrs. Clinton asked me to thank you for introducing yourself and for sending the article, music and album of the songs which you wrote for Mother Teresa. She found the music to be very inspirational.

Thank you again for writing and for all the important work you do on behalf of Mother Teresa. God bless you.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

Thank you
from HRC

Marlene T. Elias
377 South Walter Ave.
Newbury Park, Ca. 91320-4346
805-498-3431
January 31, 1995

Mrs. Hillary Clinton
Office of the First Lady
Washington, D.C. 20050

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

By way of this letter, I'd like to introduce myself to you, so that when we meet in the near future we'll be new friends. My name is Marlene Elias, wife, mother, freelance writer, singer, songwriter and since 1987 an "adopted daughter" of Mother Teresa of Calcutta. She is the reason I am writing to you. When I called Mother at Christmas, she made a point of asking me to contact you concerning the project she asked you to help her with, when she spoke to you last February after the breakfast in Washington. In speaking with Sister Sylvia today after her meeting with you, she informed me that you were very much into the plans for the home.

Later, trying to get in touch with you, I spoke to lovely Melanne, who told me that you have been tireless in your efforts, spending the better part of last year to see this come to fruition. GOD BLESS YOU! You've sent a personal letter to Mother filling her in on the progress and explaining the process it took. And the letter hand delivered by Sandy MacMurtrie who accompanied Sister Priscilla. Thank you for caring enough to help Mother. You will be blessed greatly by God for your efforts.

My brother, Monsignor John Esseff, a priest from Scranton, Pa., is Mother Teresa's confessor and the spiritual director of Mother and her nuns around the world. It was he who took me to Calcutta in 1987, where I met and worked with Mother Teresa. This humble, dynamic, gallant woman touched my heart as I watched her in the streets of Calcutta, caring for the poorest of the poor. Never had I seen such tenderness and love. Her total giving of self, prompted me to write dozens of articles, sharing my experiences with this Saint of the Gutters. Words to songs, melodies and music exploded in my mind. Out of this came six albums of original songs. Photos which I took in Calcutta, and subsequently in the Bronx, became the basis for a Slide Presentation with the music, which I've taken around the country. We began sending the proceeds from the concerts and tapes to the Missionaries of Charity to help in their work.

Now I am in the process of writing a book about Mother with stories she's shared with me through letters, tapes, by phone and in person. And you, dear Hillary Clinton, First Lady, will play a very significant part in Mother Teresa's life and so, will be a very special chapter in the book about her life.

It would be an honor and a privelege if my brother and I could be at the dedication of Mother's facility....Monsignor John to give a special blessing, and my daughter MaryAnn and I to sing a song for the occasion, the one I wrote for the homeless, "AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?" I'll be speaking to Mother this week, after she's had a chance to visit with Sandy and read your message.

Enclosed please find a copy of "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" and one of the albums I wrote for Mother Teresa, along with a recent article I wrote. I would appreciate your letting me know when the dedication will be, so we can arrange our schedules.

God bless you, your husband Bill , daughter Chelsea (and Socks,too). My husband Tony and I and our family, pray for you, our First Family, asking God to help you in all things.

Love in Him,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marlene T. Elias". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'M' and a long, sweeping tail on the 's'.

Marlene T. Elias

MOTHER TERESA, THE "AMBASSADOR OF LOVE"

by Marlene T. Elias



Those who have heard Mother Teresa speak attest that she is the communicator extraordinaire. This diminutive, humble, yet dynamic lady, is known throughout the world for her love of the poor and destitute. She became my guide on a special odyssey when I gazed with wonderment into her penetrating eyes, hardly able to believe I was actually in her presence in Calcutta, India.

Why has she touched so many lives? Why was I so blessed and privileged to be there with her? I hungered for an insight into what makes Mother Teresa so beloved and revered by people of all persuasions.

Went to Calcutta

I wanted to learn what makes her so fascinating. I watched her with the poor and the rich, dignitaries and common people. As I saw her with her nuns and saw her speak to each person she met, the solution to the mystery began to unfold. Her great gift is humility. She demonstrated it from the first moment I met her.

I had traveled to India with my brother, Monsignor John Esseff, a priest in the Diocese of Scranton, PA. He was to conduct a retreat for Mother Teresa and her Sisters in Calcutta. I could hardly contain my excitement during the 26 hour flight. On entering the airline terminal, I was rendered speechless as I spotted Mother Teresa. She approached us with outstretched hands and a radiant smile.

Here was one of the most famous of women in the world, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. She could have sent someone else to pick us up, but instead chose to come in person. Then she began hoisting our luggage into the dilapidated ambulance which was to be our transportation. I was bowled over!

As we rode with her to her Motherhouse she pointed out the devastating effects that poverty and hunger create in Calcutta.

I was horrified at the sight of emaciated shells of human beings barely able to walk. They ambled aimlessly along filthy disease infested streets. I will never forget the smell. Little naked children begged for food. Lepers approached our truck hoping to get alms. I began crying. These scenes are etched into my soul.

Mother Teresa told me to stop crying, for these unfortunates had enough misery. She told me they needed smiles, not tears. Their pinched faces turned from dour to radiant when Mother Teresa smiled at them. She reached out to touch them, giving them consolation and hope.

Her gentleness with the sick and dying is a quality I so admire. She makes each one feel that they are special. Mother and her nuns go out the streets daily and bring as many as possible to the hospital. Food cooked by the sisters and volunteers is given out until it is gone. Then they pray to God to send food enough for the next day. Each day we watched in amazement as the larders were replenished for that day's needs. She has total trust in the Lord to provide.

More Blessed to Give

Mother never has fund raisers. She asks that God put the desire in

people's hearts to help, then they will share what they have. It breaks her heart to see countries such as the United States waste so much.

Once when speaking at a banquet for the Knights of Columbus she looked at the grand ballroom with its elegant chandeliers, opulent decor, and gourmet dinners being served. She told the audience that the exorbitant cost of this evening would feed thousands of her poor. The Knights were so touched, they matched the cost of the dinner, and donated it for her work.

Miracle in Beirut

She speaks honestly from her heart. No gimmicks, no rehearsed gestures. My brother was in Beirut for four years helping refugees and orphans. He worked with the Missionaries of Charity and through them met Mother Teresa. Monsignor John shared a story about how her prayers brought miraculous results.

Beirut was in the midst of a horrendous war, shelled and bombed relentlessly. Many were homeless. Mother Teresa heard of retarded children left behind to die. She approached President Jamail of Lebanon to ask for permission to cross the Green Line to rescue them. He told her it was too dangerous. "If the war stops, may I go in after them?" she asked. He agreed, though he knew it was impossible.

She gathered her nuns around her in the Chapel and prayed all night. Suddenly the noise of the bombing stopped. She rushed to call President Jamail. "May I go for the children now?"

He not only allowed her to go, but sent several Red Cross trucks, personnel and equipment with them to rescue the children. They found 64 retarded children, half starved, crying. They cleaned them up and got them aboard the trucks. As they crossed back over the Green Line, the shelling and bombing resumed.

"Just Good Boys"

My brother witnessed her powers of communication and loving persuasion when he went to Ethiopia with Cardinal John O'Connor of New York, accompanied by an entourage of hierarchy and film crew from the United States. Their mission was to check conditions and to send aid from the Mission Societies to the starving people. At Addis Ababa they discovered the trip by land to the Famine Center was not possible. They would have to fly.

The Russian pilots, learning that these were hated Americans, became angry. They did not want the famine area filmed. They refused to help.

It was hopeless

Then my brother spotted Mother Teresa and several of her Sisters. As he watched she went directly to the Russian pilots and spoke to them in Russian (She is of Slavonic descent). Mother Teresa took some medals of the Virgin Mary from her pocket. Then this tiny lady reached up to the big, fierce, atheist Communist soldiers and placed a medal over each one's head, while asking God to bless them.

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The Russians began to smile and react to her love. Within minutes, the Cardinal, my brother and the rest of their group were aboard the plane and taking off down the runway.

Her simplicity and love cut through the hatred and barriers. Her title of "Mother" fits her. She did not see them as young soldiers or communists. She remarked to the group as they boarded the plane, "They are nice boys."

The Opportunity of Love

Mother Teresa's persuasive powers lie in her ability to tell people simply that she is giving THEM the opportunity of serving God's poor, who to her are not pathetic, but treasured brothers and sisters. To watch her as she gently cares for the retarded is edifying. They respond, smile, feel special.

Whoever meets her, regardless of their language, religious beliefs or mental capabilities, understand her love. She is real, simple, direct. Each word she speaks is so filled with unconditional love that people are drawn to that light that emanates from Mother Teresa. Her heart is joyful. Her mission of love brings to everyone she meets the Face of God.

Marlene says, "My life has been enriched more than I could have ever hoped. Watching Mother Teresa in the streets of Calcutta, in the wretched slums of the Bronx, in the miserable poverty of Tijuana, I saw her selflessly give of herself to the poor. She stirred in my heart a desire to emulate this 'Saint of the Gutters.'"

Mother Teresa, the gentle persuader is the little pen in the hand of God. She writes her message of love indelibly upon her listeners' hearts.

Ed note: When a friend met Mother Teresa, he noted that she is bent far over from the arthritis in her back. He told her he was so sorry. She replied, "I am grateful that God lets me be bent over so that I can be closer to those souls in the gutters of the world, who need me."

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: A MOST UNUSUALLY GIFTED WOMAN

Marlene T. Elias is a noted gospel singer, entertainer, song writer, speaker and author who hailed from Wilkes-Barre, PA before moving to California. In addition to her active church work, she performs as a soloist, organist and pianist singing music reminiscent of the Big Band Era.

When Marlene produced an audio cassette album of her gospel songs called "In His Name," she was invited to speak on the new Los Angeles Catholic TV station KHLS for a new show entitled "Port of the Nation." She appeared on this show for over a year.

She has since created two videos featuring her own songs. She has appeared on shows with Patrick Wayne, Jack Knight, Barbara Valentine and other celebrities.

During the '84 Olympics, she was chosen to sing the United States national anthem and "God Bless America" at the Celebrity Tennis Tournament. Other benefits followed as well as many Catholic functions. Soon new singing albums followed.

A New Message

Marlene speaks and sings about her journey to Calcutta and her experience with Mother Teresa.

She has now composed two new albums of music inspired by Mother Teresa and her work.

Her music is used in churches throughout the country. Her song, "A Message from Mother Teresa," was used for World Mission Sunday. Her "Send Me" was used for the World Day of Youth. At the Mission Awareness Conference her song "Angel on My Shoulder" was featured. Marlene wrote the lovely "Candles in the Darkness" and later "Kateri, Lily of the Mohawks" in honor of the canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha.

She has written articles about Mother Teresa in Scene Magazine, Columbia, the Ligourian, The Catholic Light, Tidings, Times Leader, Sunday Independent, News Chronicle, Le Brigand, The Marian Helpers Bulletin and the Catholic Golden World Magazine.

This remarkable photograph of Mother Teresa opening the door of her Motherhouse in Calcutta to a starving man seeking comfort and assistance has been used as the cover of Columbia and CGA magazines. Marlene took the picture in a split second. When the poor man had been given food and had gone, Mother Teresa turned to her and asked, "Do you know who that was?" Marlene replied that she did not.

"That was Jesus," Mother Teresa answered. "In as much as you do unto the least of these, you do it unto me."



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The Honorable Ed Elson
United States Embassy
Copenhagen, DENMARK

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Enclosed are photos from Mrs. Clinton's visit to Copenhagen which we thought you and Susie might enjoy. We would appreciate your help in distributing them to the appropriate people.

Thank you again for your wonderful hospitality and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

*Love to Susie -
and again a
million thanks.*

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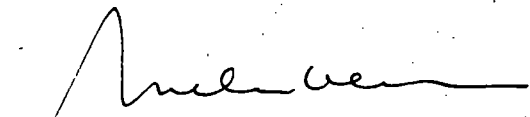
Mr. Ronald H. Field
Senior Vice President
Office of Public Policy
1319 F Street, NW, Suite 204
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Field:

Thank you for your letter and for
sending a copy of your annual report. Good
luck in your important work.

Thank you again for your letter and for
your support. Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
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May 22, 1995

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Verveer:

Enclosed please find a copy of our new annual report. You may find it interesting in its descriptions of the many things we do as a not-for-profit human service provider.

I especially want to draw your attention to page 1 inside, where you will find President Clinton's special message to and about family services and Family Service America. We were pleased to receive that earlier this year and are especially happy to be able to display his support of our work in this way.

I feel confident that we share with the Clinton Administration the goal expressed in our vision statement: "A health society built on strong families and communities." We look forward to our continued work with you toward that end.

Sincerely,

Ronald H. Field
Senior Vice President
Public Policy

Ms Verveer —
Peter Goldberg
has told me how
much he enjoyed
meeting you. I hope
we can do the
same some day soon.

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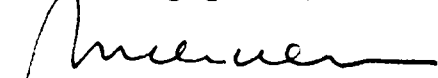
Dr. Julie E. Fisher
Visiting Fellow
Yale University
Program on Non-Profit
Organizations
88 Trumbull Street
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New Haven, CT 06520-8253

Dear Dr. Fisher:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your book, The Road From Rio. It provided very useful background material on the importance of NGO's. We found the book helpful in preparing Mrs. Clinton's visit to South Asia.

Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Good luck in the important work you do.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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Thank you

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Room 100
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Verveer:

Since Mrs. Clinton will be visiting Asian nongovernmental organizations such as the Grameen Bank, I thought she might be interested in the enclosed copy of my book. I would be very grateful if you could get this to her before she leaves.

I also enclose some recent articles on NGOs in the Third World.

Sincerely,

Julie Fisher

Julie E. Fisher, PhD
Visiting Fellow

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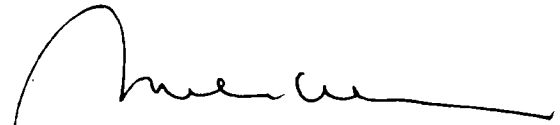
Mr. Bruce Merlin Fried
Vice President, Federal Affairs
FHP International Corporation
1401 Eye Street, NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Fried:

Thank you very much for your letter and for sharing "FHP: The Evolution of a Managed Care Health Maintenance Organization" with Mrs. Clinton.

Thank you again for thinking of the First Lady. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady



FHP International Corporation
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R" followed by a diagonal line.

June 5, 1995

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Melanne:

I would greatly appreciate your assistance in having the enclosed book delivered to The First Lady.

In his book, Robert Gumbiner, M.D. founder and Chairman of the Board of FHP International Corporation, relates the story of the creation and growth of one of the nation's leading health maintenance organizations. I hope The First Lady finds "FHP: The Evolution of a Managed Care Health Maintenance Organization" to be enlightening and thought provoking.

I trust all is well with you. Thank you for your assistance with this matter. With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Bruce Merlin Fried".

Bruce Merlin Fried
Vice President, Federal Affairs

cc: R. Gumbiner, M.D.

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February 28, 1995

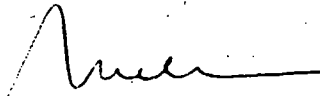
Mr. Bruce M. Fried
VP, Federal Affairs
FHP Health Care
FHP International Corporation
1401 Eye Street, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Bruce:

Thank you for writing and sending a copy
of The FHP Journal of Clinical Research. I
hope you're enjoying the new job.

Thanks again and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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February 9, 1995

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff to First Lady
100 Old Executive Office Building
17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Verveer:

It is my pleasure to provide you with a copy of the Winter issue of *The FHP Journal of Clinical Research*.

The FHP Journal of Clinical Research provides an important forum for the dissemination and exchange of timely, medically relevant issues within the context of managed care. In the enclosed edition, for example, you will find articles on a study conducted by FHP Hospital in Utah on a new method of diagnosing dizziness; how HMOs are using cancer registries to improve the quality and cost effectiveness of cancer treatment; and a look at FHP's Senior Plan, which provides comprehensive coverage to more than 350,000 Medicare beneficiaries.

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With your interest in health care policy, I am hopeful that you will find the material in *The FHP Journal* of interest. Should you wish to continue to receive complimentary copies, please fax the enclosed form back to me at (202) 408-7628. With every good wish I am,

Sincerely,

Bruce M. Fried
Vice President, Federal Affairs

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 28, 1995

Mr. David Furchgott
Executive Director
International Sculpture Center
1050 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Furchgott: *David*

I wanted to write and let you know how wonderful it is that the sculpture exhibit from the White House will be extended at the Gibbes Museum. It is so gratifying to know that this wonderful collection will be made available to an even wider audience.

Thank you for all your important work in making this possible and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady



International Sculpture Center

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February 7, 1995

Mr. Rex Scouten, Curator
The White House
1400 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Scouten:

As you already know, the International Sculpture Center is preparing to extend the exhibition *Twentieth Century American Sculpture at The White House*, to the *Spoletto Festival USA*, in South Carolina. We have been securing loan extensions from the various lending institutions and obtaining insurance coverage. You will of course receive documentation of all loan extensions and insurance coverage for your records soon.

I am making preliminary arrangements to transport the entire exhibit from your Riverside storage facility, to South Carolina. Would it be possible to use the funds that you have allocated for the return shipment of the twelve individual sculptures to their respective lenders, for transportation of the exhibition to it's new site at the Gibbes Museum in South Carolina. Transportation costs for shipping the exhibition as one unit would be less expensive, and your assistance would enormously help with this project. Please let me know if this is a viable possibility. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

David Furchgott
Executive Director

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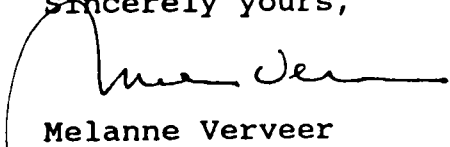
Ms. Eddah Gachukia
Executive Director
FAWE
12th Floor, International House
Mama Nigina Street
PO Box 53168
Nairobi, KENYA

Dear Ms. Gachukia:

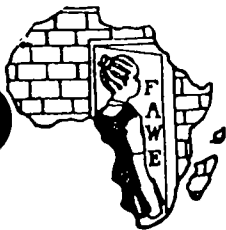
Thank you for writing and for sending information about FAWE. FAWE's commitment to promoting girls' education is commendable; I have forwarded your information to Carol Lancaster at the U.S. Agency for International Development for further review.

Thanks again for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady



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12 April 1995

Ms Melanne Verveer
Deputy Assistant to the President
and Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500
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pend to
Carol Lancaster
- USMIL

Dear Ms Verveer

The Forum for African Women Educationalists (FAWE) is an unprecedented group of 34 women cabinet ministers and women vice chancellors of universities in Africa who assume leadership for education planning and implementation in their countries. Created in 1992, FAWE has built a strong operational base from which to address female education as it relates to long-term economic development and its centrality and urgency in education sector planning.

FAWE's structure, through its General Assembly and Executive Committee brings together women policy makers from 24 countries with a commitment to the philosophy of self-reliance to confront female education problems specific to the African region. Together, they have developed an innovative work programme and modality for collaborative activity. FAWE has also extended its base to include as associate members male ministers of education who have a growing awareness of and commitment to the education of African girls. FAWE recognizes the importance of creating partnerships with other actors - NGOs, teachers, researchers etc. who play a key role in determining access, survival and performance of girls in education. This awareness has led to the expansion of the FAWE membership base through the creation of National Chapters in Seventeen countries. These Chapters bring together concerned people to address issues which eventually must and only can be dealt with at the local level.

FAWE is registered as an international, non-profit organization with headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. FAWE is the coordinator of African NGOs participation at the Beijing Conference on the Education sub-theme.

Enclosed please find materials with more background information on FAWE.

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12 April 1995
Ms Melanne Verveer

The reason we decided to write to you is because of the well publicized announcement on the support forthcoming from the United States of America Government targeting education of poor girls in Africa.

It is our hope that you will find FAWE a useful ally in your efforts to assist poor girls' participation in education.

Please do not hesitate to request for any other information you may require from and about the Forum.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely


Eddah Gachukia
Executive Director

cc. Hon Gennet Zewide
Chairperson, FAWE
Minister for Education
Ministry of Education
P O BOX 1367
Addis Ababa
ETHIOPIA

Ambassador Sally Shelton
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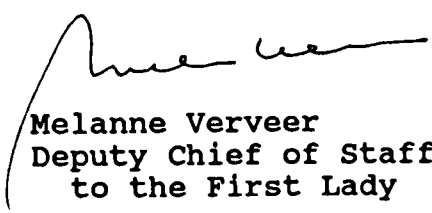
Dr. Pradeep Ganguly
President
ICCC, Inc.
9236 Copenhaver Drive
Potomac, MD 20854

Dear Dr. Ganguly:

The First Lady asked me to thank you for your invitation to attend the India Day festival in the Greater Washington area on August 19, 1995. However, she regrets that she cannot attend.

Good luck with your work and thank you for thinking of the First Lady.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
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May 30, 1995

Ms. Melanne Verveer, Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Subject: **INDIA DAY** in Washington

Dear Ms Verveer:

I am writing to solicit your help in inviting Mrs. Clinton to the **INDIA DAY** festival in the Greater Washington area on August 19, 1995. This annual community event is organized by **ICCC** which has been in existence since 1976.

For several reasons I believe that Mrs. Clinton (and Chelsea) should attend this event. First, her recent visit to India has stirred the Indian American community who have always held her and the President in high regard. Her participation will further cement the bond of friendship between the two nations and their people. Second, this gesture is likely to promote U.S.-India cooperation on trade and investment that will benefit both nations and create jobs here in America. Third, Indian Americans are great supporters of the First Lady and the President, especially for their emphasis on health care, education and family values. Fourth, this is the largest event of the Indian American community in the Greater Washington area. Last year over 2,000 people attended this event. Finally, **ICCC** organizes this annual event in cooperation with many local organizations and talented artists. Therefore, this truly is a community event, and it will provide the First Lady an opportunity to reach out to the entire Indian American community.

If I can provide further information, please have your office call me at home (301) 279-8794 or at work (410) 333-6948.

Sincerely yours,

Pradeep Ganguly

Dr. Pradeep Ganguly
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May 25, 1995

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Subject: **INDIA DAY** in Washington

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

It is with great pleasure that I invite you and Chelsea to join us on Saturday, August 19, 1995 as we celebrate **INDIA DAY** in the Greater Washington area. The program will be held at the John F. Kennedy High School, 1901 Randolph Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20902.

ICCC takes pride in organizing this annual event in cooperation with local organizations and talented artists. This is the largest event of the Indian American community in the Greater Washington area. The event will feature an outdoor bazaar, live entertainment and cultural presentations. The outdoor bazaar and entertainment will start at 2:00 PM. The cultural program inside the auditorium will begin at 5:30 PM.

The members of the **ICCC** Board and the Indian American community feel especially honored that you and Chelsea recently visited India. We hope that you can arrive early so that you may see the outdoor bazaar, address the community and enjoy the cultural presentation. If you need further information, please ask your office to call me at home (301) 279-8794 or at work (410) 333-6948.

Sincerely yours,

Pradeep Ganguly

Dr. Pradeep Ganguly
President

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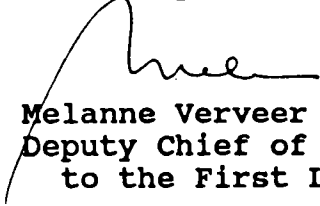
May 18, 1995

Mr. Michael J. Gerhardt
Visiting Professor
Cornell Law School
Myron Taylor Hall
Ithaca, NY 14853-4901

Dear Michael:

Thank you for sharing with me your essay on Stephen Carter's book on the confirmation process. I look forward to reading your upcoming book. Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady



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May 6, 1995

Ms. Melanne Verveer, Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Melanne:

I am terribly embarrassed that my enclosed essay on the confirmation process that I hoped to send to you several months ago has just now for reasons beyond my control gone to the printer. I thought the piece would be of interest to you. Although the essay is a critical review of Stephen Carter's book on the confirmation process, it includes my analysis of various confirmation episodes that were not dated at least as of the time I finished it last fall. In offering my opinions about the confirmation process, I have tried to balance my commitment to the current administration and my academic integrity. I suspect many of my opinions are shared by many people in the administration. In any event, as I think I have previously indicated to you, the review essay touches on a number of themes that I will develop more extensively in my forthcoming book on the federal appointments process, which I have recently contracted with the Princeton University Press to publish. Obviously, I welcome any comments.

I will, of course, keep you posted on whether I am able to come to Washington this summer. As always, I greatly appreciate your interest, support, and patience with me.

Very truly yours,

M. J. Gerhardt

Michael J. Gerhardt
Visiting Professor

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 2, 1995

Mr. Peter B. Goldberg
President and CEO
Family Service America, Inc.
11700 West Park Lake Drive
Park Place
Milwaukee, WI 53224

Dear Peter:

Thank you for writing and for sending a copy of "An Advocacy Agenda for Children and Families." Nothing is more important. Your message is a clear and compelling reminder of our responsibilities to our nation's children and families in need.

It was so nice to meet you at the Kiwanis luncheon. Thanks again for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

*I enjoyed our
conversation
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Thank

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Assistant to the President, and
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The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melanne:

It was a pleasure to sit with you at the February 8th luncheon honoring the Kiwanis Clubs for their commitment to children. I enjoyed our conversation about communications and advocacy agendas for children very much.

I am enclosing for your information a copy of a speech I gave a few months ago, imploring family service agencies to strengthen their efforts in the area of public communications. I think you will resonate to this message; it amplifies on the discussion we had at lunch.

Please let me know if there are ways we can strengthen the family service movement.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Peter B. Goldberg
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Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

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March 14, 1995

Ms. Leslie Gottlieb
Director of Communications
The League Treatment Center
30 Washington Street
Brooklyn, New York 11201

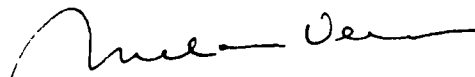
Dear Ms. Gottlieb:

Thank you for your invitation to Mrs. Clinton to visit The League Treatment Center. The First Lady is aware of the wonderful work your organization has done over the years on behalf of needy children.

At this time Mrs. Clinton's schedule is quite full. However, if circumstances should permit, we will advise.

Thank you for writing and best wishes in the important work you do.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

The League Treatment Center

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Ms. Melanie Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of Hillary Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Verveer:

As you may recall, my mother Doris Brickner introduced us at the People For the American Way reception during the Democratic National Convention in New York.

I am contacting you now in my position as Communications Director of the League Treatment Center, the nation's oldest program treating children with autism (we now effectively treat children and adults with multiple handicaps). We are a model for other programs in Boston, Los Angeles and other cities in this country and overseas.

Our Executive Director Hannah Achtenberg Kinn knows Hillary Clinton and has met her on a number of occasions. She was also a classmate of Bill Clinton's at Oxford.

We have been committed to treating the most vulnerable children in our society -- the mentally handicapped, the abused, the crack baby, the low birth weight infants, and the angry, violent teenager. Most of our clients are from the inner city, from deprived backgrounds, many come from foster homes. Our programs are almost completely funded by city, state and federal funds.

And we have results. Fifty percent of our children we test have raised IQs (contrary to the supposed "theories" in the Bell Curve) from below normal to normal; and 50% progress so far that they leave our program for kindergarten or programs transitional to kindergarten. Take Cynthia for example, When she came to us she was retarded, diagnosed as autistic and would not speak or let anyone touch her. After intensive therapy 3 years later her IQ was normal, she speaks and laughs and hugs and is now in a public school. Her life has been transformed.

In short, our commitment mirrors the commitment Hillary Clinton has made to the poor and deprived children of this country when she was president of the Children's Defense Fund and in her leadership as First Lady.

A visit to our programs offers a great opportunity to have photos with the children and for Mrs. Clinton to her to talk about the needs of some of the most vulnerable children in our

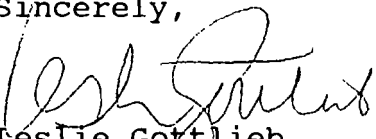
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society.

Located conveniently in Brooklyn Heights, just minutes from Wall St. we would be glad to accommodate Mrs. Clinton's schedule in one of two ways: any weekday she is in New York and can schedule about an hour we would be glad to arrange a tour of the nursery, photos with some of our children (from our roof overlooking the Manhattan skyline) and perhaps a brief talk about the importance of programs that help the most needy and vulnerable in our society. Or we could feature her in one of our many upcoming events which include: Spring Festival on April 20th; Mother's Day celebration on May 12th Field Day on May 18th and Graduation for the nursery June 9th and for our school (ages 5-20) June 15th. Finally our major corporate dinner featuring many Wall Street leaders is tentatively scheduled for June 8th.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter we have sent to Kelly Craighead and would greatly appreciate it if you might assist in furthering its progress. I would be glad to provide additional information or answer any questions you might have. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Leslie Gottlieb
Director of Communications

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Ms. Kelly Craighead
Office of Hillary Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Craighead:

When Hillary Clinton was president of the Children's Defense Fund and as First Lady she has spoken movingly about the plight of our nation's children.

The League Treatment Center, the nation's oldest program treating children with autism has been helping these children overcome tremendous odds. We have helped raise low IQs from the retarded range to normal; teach them to speak for the first time in their lives.

I have met Hillary Clinton on many occasions and am a classmate of Bill Clinton's at Oxford. I believe our programs are ideally suited for her messages of responsibility and compassion and our results prove that expertise combined with caring does make a difference. We help people fulfill their abilities, not be burdened by their disabilities.

I hope the enclosed material is of interest and that we can schedule a visit this year. If you have any questions please let me or Leslie Gottlieb, Director of Communications know.

Sincerely,

Hannah Achtenberg Kinn
Executive Director

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Self-Esteem Is the Best Lesson

By Cara Matthews
STAFF WRITER

Avrom Mosofsky remembers what life was like before he entered the League Treatment Center in 1979 — the food in the institution where he was living was terrible and counselors were known to hit patients with belts.

Mosofsky, 39, said his life has changed dramatically since he entered the center, which treats about 500 children and adults who are both mentally and emotionally handicapped and claims to be the oldest center in the country treating autistic children.

Mosofsky, who is developmentally disabled, lives in a group home run by the agency and helps cook and make the beds. He gets paid for a job at the center making boxes and packaging products, he said.

In Empire-Fulton Ferry State Park, located at the foot of Main Street in Brooklyn, Mosofsky and more than 100 members of the center's Morgan Stanley-Forest City adult program attended the center's fall festival recently.

The members planted flowers and pumpkins, painted canvasses and participated in sports events.

"We're helping improve the quality of life in our community," Robert Schwartz, program director, said.

The center, which has four locations in Brooklyn, was founded as a children's program in 1953 and was expanded to include adults.

Adults in the program who need the most assistance are placed in the center's day treatment program. Others work five hours a day assembling products on-site or have jobs in the community.

The center also has a community-services program for people with both developmental disabilities and psychiatric impairments. Many of the program members need treatment for violence and behavioral problems, said Hannah Achtenberg Kinn, executive direc-

tor at the center. "Our goal is to get the kids to a point where they can make it in the larger society," she said.

Sherrill Bryant, 24, who entered the Morgan Stanley-Forest City day treatment program last year, said the program has given her self-esteem and a better

attitude. "They teach you stuff, and they go slow with you," Bryant said, adding that counselors taught fast in her previous program. Bryant said she was well with people, and many come to her seeking advice.

As social problems such as homelessness, AIDS and drugs become more acute, the need for the center's programs increases, Kinn said.

The children's program, which stresses early intervention, will be expanding to Manhattan next year, Kinn said.

Eighty percent of 2- to 5-year-olds who enter the program without language skills are able to communicate when they leave. 95 percent of them enter public schools at that time, the center's literature says.

The center continues to monitor people who have graduated from its programs.

"We provide a safety net for them. People just don't wind up on the street," Kinn said.

Brooklyn resident Teresa Keegan's son Christopher has been in the program since he was 5. Now 28, he was still autistic when he entered the program and would not even speak.

"I used to pray that I would hear him talk," Teresa Keegan said. "Autism is characterized in part by an inability to interact socially and language dysfunction."

After entering the program, her son learned to speak well, draw and write cursive, she said. Now he has a job packing and assembling products at the center.

"It's a real vast difference," Teresa Keegan said.



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Morgan Stanley-Forest clients work the soil for their garden.

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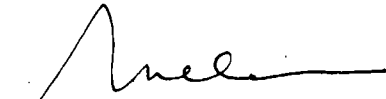
June 1, 1995

Ms. Winifred Green
2641 Lake Circle
Jackson, MS 39211

Dear Winifred:

Thank you for your letter and sending
the Southern Coalition proposals. Good luck
with your project. Best wishes.

Sincerely,


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

*It was great
to hear from
you.*

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**Winifred Green
2641 Lake Circle
Jackson, MS 39211**

May 23, 1995

Dear Melanne:

Hope you are well and bearing up under what seems to us on the outside the never ending pressure and that you will get a little time off this summer.

I wrote the First Lady a note today telling her that the Southern Coalition is applying for an AmeriCorp grant and for funding under the Faces Program of the Safe and Drug Free Schools Act and said that I would send you a copy of both proposals. AmeriCorp is such a wonderful way of giving young people an opportunity for service and of building a new generation of servant leaders for our country. Our proposal will have AmeriCorp members working in inner city Jackson and in the Delta of Mississippi to increase academic achievement of at risk middle school children.

Would love to see you when next in Washington. I remember so fondly the day I had to opportunity to ride back to the White House with you and the First Lady. I have a new office phone number, 601 362-6774 and a new fax, 601 362-6779. My office address remains the same, P. O. Box 22904, Jackson, MS 39225 - 2904 and my home address is listed above.

Best regards

Winifred



The International Center
For The Health Sciences, Inc.

Nicole

April 17, 1995

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Verveer:

Thanks to your recommendation, I had the privilege of meeting with Ambassador Akmaral Kh Arystanbekova at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations in New York last week. Both Ms. Anita Gordeuk, our Director of Nursing Programs, and I were very pleased with our discussions and appreciate very much their personal involvement and commitment to the children of their Republic. We reviewed a potential agenda for our visit to Kazakhstan during the week of May 15, 1995, if that proves convenient for the BOBEK Foundation. Again, thank you for your help and encouragement.

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I understand from discussions between Ambassador Talbot and our nurse educator in Moscow that Mrs. Clinton may inspect our neonatal program at Municipal Hospital Number 13 and Maternity Hospital Number 15 during her visit the week of May 9, 1995. That would be a distinct privilege for our Russian colleagues. I can assure you that Mrs. Clinton would be warmly welcomed, just as she was at our program in Belarus last year, should she elect to see the progress we have made. Our program has developed the first regional neonatal and perinatal outreach network for integrated patient care and training. The program has also developed a performance-based certification in neonatal resuscitation which is currently being tested by the Russian Ministry of Health in seven Oblasts with positive results. Please let me know if more information would be useful.

Ambassador Arystanbekova told me that Mrs. Nazarbayeva, First Lady of Kazakhstan and President of the BOBEK Foundation, will be in Moscow at the same time. Since we will be meeting with representatives of her Foundation the following week in Kazakhstan, it may be of interest for her to see in person the palpable progress we have made in Moscow. Should you feel it appropriate, and if the agenda allows, we would certainly be honored to have Mrs. Nazarbayeva participate.

Please let me know how we can be of service.

Sincerely yours,

Warren E. Grupe, M.D.
Warren E. Grupe, M.D.
Medical Director, ICHS

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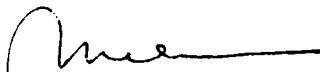
Mr. Val Halamandaris
Speak Out! USA
505 C Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002-5809

Dear Val:

Thanks so much for writing and for sending the videotape of the Cicero mammogram forum. We are so grateful for your help in organizing the event -- it is such an important issue.

~~Thank you again~~ for your thoughtfulness and best wishes. ~~---~~

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

Hope all is well.



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February 27, 1995

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Ms. Melanne Verveer
Office of the First Lady
Old Executive Office Building
Room 100
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Verveer:

It was an honor to work with First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and her staff on the forum in Cicero, Illinois, to promote Medicare screening mammography. I am always delighted to assist the First Lady in any way, and I appreciate your hard work.

The forum demonstrated that the promotion of early breast cancer detection among older women will do so much to save lives and ease the pain of so many families who are affected. The forum also underscored the importance of annual mammograms for older women as preventive care that can save countless dollars in medical costs. With your help, the event proved to be an educational and memorable experience for everyone involved.

I am pleased to send you a videotape of the forum at your request, and I look forward to working with you again in the future.

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Sincerely,
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Val Halamandaris
Speak Out! USA

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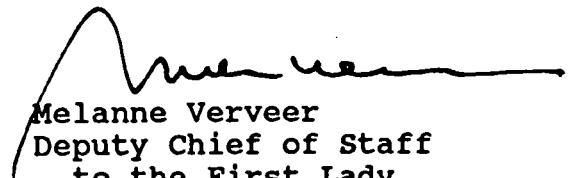
June 7, 1995

Ms. Tara Hagerty
3003 Van Ness Street, NW
Apartment W410
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Tara:

Thank you for your letter. It is gratifying that talented people like yourself are interested in public service and advocacy. I regret that I don't know of any fitting openings at this time, but I will certainly keep your resume on file. Good luck with your search. Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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Tara Hagerty
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Washington, D.C. 20008
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May 30, 1995

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady
Old Executive Office Building, Room 100
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Verveer:

Recently, I had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Susan Sauntry to discuss public policy career opportunities in the Washington, D.C. area, and Ms. Sauntry recommended that I contact you regarding my career search.

I am an attorney who has recently relocated to Washington with my family. I am particularly interested in public policy career opportunities in areas related to women and children. When I met with Ms. Sauntry, she told me that you are very knowledgeable about women's and children's advocacy organizations, and she suggested that you might agree to share some of your expertise and advice with me. I am a great admirer of the First Lady, and I know that she and her staff are very dedicated to promoting the welfare of children.

As the enclosed copy of my resume indicates, I am a 1993 graduate of the University of Louisville School of Law. After graduation, I worked as a Staff Attorney with the Jefferson District Public Defender in Louisville, Kentucky. I represented juveniles charged with criminal offenses, as well as children who were the victims of abuse and neglect. This experience provided me not only with extensive advocacy experience, but also with an understanding of the larger social issues that children and families face. I am now pursuing an advocacy or public policy position that will address those issues and utilize my training and experience.

I realize that you have a very demanding schedule. I would greatly appreciate an opportunity to speak with you and gain your insights regarding women's and children's advocacy opportunities. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Tara Hagerty

TARA HAGERTY
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CAREER GOAL

To obtain an attorney position which utilizes my training in social services related to women and children, as well as my leadership and oral and written communication skills.

SUMMARY OF LEGAL EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, University of Louisville School of Law, 1993; elected to membership on the Journal of Law and Education; member of Who's Who Among American Law Students and Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity; student representative on Law School Academic Support Committee; student volunteer for Legal Aid Society Will Clinic.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

As Staff Attorney for the Jefferson District Public Defender from October 1993 to September 1994, I appeared daily in Jefferson County District and Traffic Court, representing juveniles charged with criminal offenses. I also represented children in Jefferson County Family court in cases involving truancy, habitual runaway and beyond control status offenses. My experience included criminal defense work and representation of children who were the victims of abuse and neglect. My duties included brief and motion writing, direct and cross examination, supervising the work of investigators assigned to my criminal cases and advocacy in numerous hearings and trials.

As Law Clerk for Judge Daniel Schneider in Jefferson Circuit Court from September 1992 to October 1993, I researched and drafted opinions in both civil and criminal actions. My research addressed a variety of matters and legal issues, including insurance claims, employment law and decedents' estates.

As Law Clerk for Hargadon, Lenihan, Harbolt, Breen & Herrington from December 1991 to August 1992, I researched and drafted briefs and memoranda and assisted in trial and appellate court preparation for cases involving insurance fraud, medical malpractice and personal injury claims. My experience included writing an appellate brief that was successfully argued before the Kentucky Supreme Court.

As Research Assistant to Mr. Larry Owsley, Vice President for Administration at the University of Louisville, I researched and wrote proposals regarding contract negotiation, management efficiency, personnel policies and real estate acquisitions. I also researched, developed and implemented a service training program which became mandatory for University staff. In addition, I was the on-site coordinator for Operation Brightside, a cooperative program between the University of Louisville and the City of Louisville, which provided mentoring, career counseling and summer employment for inner city youths.

BAR MEMBERSHIP

Member, Kentucky Bar Association (since 1993); Waiver application on file with District of Columbia Bar; Member, Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

I am currently a volunteer attorney with the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless. In preparation for my work, I attended eight hours of training related to public benefits and social services available to the homeless. As an attorney for the Clinic, I conduct intake interviews at an area shelter, refer my clients to the appropriate agencies, assist with the application process for benefits and provide legal advocacy when necessary.

I am a volunteer attorney with the District of Columbia Bar Association Family Law Pro Bono Series. I attended ten hours of training related to divorce, custody, adoption, domestic violence, paternity and child support litigation in the District of Columbia. My responsibilities include representing two clients pro bono in family law actions.

I also serve as a volunteer with the American Association of University Women Legal Advocacy Fund. My duties include providing counseling to plaintiffs involved in sexual harassment and gender discrimination actions.

My community involvement in Louisville, Kentucky included acting as University of Louisville volunteer coordinator for the Metro United Way, serving as secretary for the Quality and Charity Care Trust Committee (which supervised the indigent care agreement between the University of Louisville and Humana Hospital), serving as the University of Louisville student delegate to the Jefferson County AIDS task force, and serving as Chair of the Committee on Youth Involvement for the 45th Legislative District.

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION AND HONORS

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of Louisville, 1990. Associate of Arts, Paralegal Studies, University of Louisville, 1989. Member of Pi Sigma Alpha Honorary Society. During my undergraduate study, I was elected Student Government Association (SGA) President and served as a voting member of the University Board of Trustees. As SGA President, I represented 22,000 students from all colleges of the University. My activities included supervising the SGA staff, developing and implementing a \$335,000 budget, providing leadership for all SGA programs and lobbying the Kentucky General Assembly for higher education funding. Other honors included election as SGA Academic Vice President and serving as a voting member of the University Faculty Senate. I also researched and co-wrote the business plan for the University of Louisville Student Federal Credit Union, a federally chartered credit union run entirely by students and supported by non-member deposits in excess of \$150,000. Subsequently, I served on the Credit Union's Board of Founders and Board of Directors.

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April 13, 1995

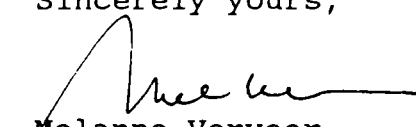
Dr. Robert J. Haggerty
Executive Director
International Pediatric Association
Department of Pediatrics
Room 4-08104
University of Rochester School of Medicine
601 Elmwood Avenue
Rochester, NY 14642

Dear Dr. Haggerty:

Thank you for writing and for recommending Dr. Jane Schaller for the position of Executive Director of UNICEF. As you know, Secretary General Boutros-Gali selected Carol Bellamy to the post.

Thanks again for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady



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ROBERT J. HAGGERTY, M.D., Rochester

April 2, 1995

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Head, Policy Section
The White House
Washington, D.C.

VIA FACSIMILE: 1-202-456-6244

Dear Ms. Verveer:

The International Pediatric Association strongly supports the nomination of Dr. Jane Schaller, Tufts University, Boston, Massachusetts, for the position of Executive Director of UNICEF to replace Mr. James Grant.

The enclosed copy of a letter of support from the current President of the International Pediatric Association, Professor Mamdouh Gabr, who knows His Excellency Dr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali personally, describes her qualifications very well. I add my enthusiastic personal and professional recommendation.

Very sincerely,

Robert J. Haggerty, M.D.
Executive Director

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Enclosure



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MAMDOUH GABR
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H.E. Dr. Boutros B. Ghali
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United Nations, New York,
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Prof. Mamdouh Gabr
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Cairo, Egypt
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Dear Dr. Ghali:

Cairo April 1st 1995

I am writing to your excellency both on a personal basis as a friend and admirer of your deeds as well as President of the International Pediatric Association.

Since Mr. Grant's death, all pediatricians and those who care for children world wide felt the great loss. I was delighted to know that Dr. Jane Schaller is one of the proposed candidates to replace him. Dr. Schaller, chair of the Department of Pediatrics, Tufts University, is well known to pediatricians all over the world. Apart from her scientific talents, she has been extensively involved in children's issues in developing countries. A recent example are her deeds in former Yugoslavia. She enjoys an amiable personality who is committed and devoted to all aspects of child welfare. Her leadership, administrative and innovative capabilities are highly needed for UNICEF and will boost U.N. humanitarian and social efforts under your leadership.

I have received several communications from various pediatric societies supporting her nomination and I would like to add enthusiastically my personal support.

Wishing you all the best in all your efforts for the welfare of mankind in spite of global problems, please accept my best regards.

Sincerely,

Mamdouh Gabr
President of the International
Pediatric Association

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WASHINGTON

April 20, 1995

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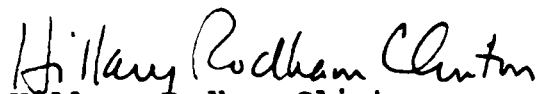
Dear Mr. Haney:

Thank you for writing and for sharing your views regarding the potential causes of Gulf War illnesses. Diana Zuckerman has told me of her conversation with you on this issue, and I appreciate your taking the time to write such a detailed explanation.

As you know, the President has announced that he is creating a fully independent Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses, to ensure that this Administration is doing all it can to help Gulf War veterans who are ill. This Advisory Committee, which will be comprised of scientists, physicians, and veterans, will review all the government's efforts, including research, medical care, and diagnostic services. We will save your letter and bring it to the attention of the Advisory Committee when they begin their work later this spring.

Again, thank you for your letter and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

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o/c

Mar. 13, 1995

To: Ms. Hilery Clinton
Office of the First Lady
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From: Bruce Haney
2494-181 Cispus Rd.
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Dear Ms. Clinton:

I am writing this correspondence directly to you because I have in the past hour talked to Brian and Kim Martin. During the conversation with the Martins I was informed that Mrs. Martin would soon try or will be talking to you. You will remember that Mr. Martin was awarded 200% military disability as a consequence of Desert Storm Illness, his wife complains of extremely painful intercourse since her husband has returned from duty in the Persian Gulf, and now displays many of the same symptoms as her husband.

Additionally, I am addressing this correspondence directly to you because of a conversation I had on Friday last with Dr. Diana Zuckerman of your office. In that conversation Dr. Zuckerman directed me to put what I had to relate in lay language. It, therefore, is my belief that if you, Ms. Clinton, as Dr. Zuckerman's superior, are able to understand the connections in Desert Storm Illness and Mrs. Martins complaints then perhaps other lay people will begin to understand. Forgive me if the last is an affront to your intelligence and also forgive the fact that I am going to try to bring what I have to say down to the lowest common language which I am able. I am going to extend this, however, to incorporate the problem of those Desert Storm veterans who are complaining of children who have birth defects.

First, as I wrote to Senator Rockefeller's Senate hearings, there is ample evidence of nerve agents, Sarin and Tabun, being present during Desert Storm and that I do not believe that these agents are the "smoking gun" with the complaints of the Veterans. Although, I do think that these substances are the catalyst to the problems. Be that as it may, when the Senate committee asked for my opinion I assumed that the information I submitted would be read and, as is the custom (or should be) of good science, the references I used would be checked.

This does not seem to be the case because I will be using nearly the same documentation in the following with the exception of work published on the day I wrote my brief. Even that work was referenced in a way because I heard of the announcement of its release on the radio while I was working and made mention of it. I have my own ideas of the whys and wherefores but those are not important at this time. What is important is the health of the veterans and their families.

To begin it is needed to understand some things known about chemical nerve agents such as Sarin and Tabun. They belong to a class of substances known as organophosphates or simply OPs. A quick inspection of the Merck Index, available in any pharmacy, will cross reference them with the insecticide parathion; a now highly restricted substance because of its extreme toxicity. Both Sarin and Tabun have an LD50 number of 0.01 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) of body weight. Simple arithmetic shows this number means that being considered is one part per 100 million. Parathion has an LD50 of 21 mg/kg, 2100 times less toxic than Sarin or Tabun. LD50 literally means lethal dose 50% or the amount to which animals are subjected until half die.

Indisputably this is a form of averaging and, as a person, one must hope that they correlate to the most resistant animal in the test and really hope they do not correlate to the first animal which died. But to further the extent of the problem with OPs, the Merck Index states that the effects of parathion are cumulative. Of course, the Department of Defence is denying any presents of nerve gas in Desert Storm. Cumulative toxic action of OPs is a fact that the Department of Defence is denying according to the letter I received from the Senate hearings concerning this issue. Why are they stating that there is no cumulative action with OPs if nerve gas wasn't present? Could it be that too many OP insecticides were used in the Gulf? Time will tell. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that when one is dealing with a substance which causes death in such minute quantities not very much is need to cause some rather "dire consequences".

There is another number value that toxicologists use which is probably more important. This value is what is called the threshold limit value or TLV. Essentially this is a value which has nothing to do with lethality but is intended to establish where a level of safety exists before toxic action begins on the human body. The TLV is furthermore stated as the amount of a substance which is safe in ambient air and not the amount assimilated by the body directly. While I cannot find a TLV for Sarin or Tabun, the TLV for parathion is 0.1 milligrams per cubic meter (mg/cu m) of air. But, to use the LD50 comparison then Sarin and Tabun would have a TLV of 0.0000476 mg/cu m.

I've gone into this diatribe about how toxic OPs, and in particular Sarin and Tabun, are because it is necessary to understand the very small amount being dealt with. The small amount needed to induce health problems is just the beginning though. Contact with an OP, no matter from what source, greatly magnify the effects of contact with the next OP. Now it is vitally important to understand that organophosphorous compounds are not just nerve gas or pesticides but also gasoline and oil additives, fabric waterproofing, fire retardants, and plasticizers found most abundantly in plastic which is the most resilient and pliable.

These are products we are exposed to every day and there should be concern for each and every one of us. Most assuredly these substances were present in the field with the Desert Storm troops. It is only the Desert Storm troops who contacted an OP as toxic as nerve gas and that nerve gas toxic effect magnified by

the OP containing substances of everyday life. Research further indicates that the crude oil from the Persian Gulf area, itself, contains OP constituents. The LD50 nor the TLV take the magnifying action of OPs into account. Nor do the safety values address the fact that other everyday products from deodorant to birth control pills will also magnify OP toxic action. Or, that 3% of the general population is genetically predisposed. And, remember OPs mode of action is on the entire nervous system involving both behavior and movement with the EPA and Congressional reports stating toxic manifestation can be on a delayed basis and then progress thereafter.

All the proceeding is why I stated that exposure to nerve gas in Desert Storm was not the "smoking gun" but the catalyst. When all of the magnifiers for increased OP toxicity are added together there may or may not be a problem. But, when a substance which is as toxic as nerve gas is added to the equation then there is all likelihood that massive nonreversible damage to the human animal would result. The partners of veterans who experience Desert Storm Illness could get exposure from the material brought back from the Persian Gulf. For instance, when a pesticide worker using OPs is admitted to a hospital the EPA says to not handle the clothing with bare hands and to carefully launder that clothing. Further, leather products, such as boots, which become contaminated should be destroyed along with head gear.

I know what I've just said is not good news, in fact quite unbelievable, but I carefully documented this information in the brief I sent to the Senate committee. Most damnedably is that the documentation is not new but existed long before Desert Storm. Actually, the more I study the issue of OP neurotoxicology the only thing left to me is to laugh. You see, Ms. Clinton, the first documentation of OP permanent neurologic involvement I have been able to find in medical literature is dated 1899 and it involved a raw petroleum product. Because OPs, as is readily admitted by the EPA, cause psychiatric disorders which can persist for years or be permanent I ask; "The Devil made me do it?" Nope. OPs. So I laugh at our culture for its ostrich approach to the subject of toxicology and, indeed, that laughter includes myself.

Maybe more aptly put would be the words of Rep. Roe who stated in 1990 when addressing a Congressional Report on neurotoxicology, "We can defend our population against these chemicals if we have the will to do so." It is my hypothesis that what has become the norm today concerning both physical and mental health is so abnormal that science no longer has a base from which to start in order to make an adequate study.

Now to be specific about the Martin's problem. The jury is still out in the scientific community concerning what is exactly the mode of action which causes OPs to be neurotoxic. 1.) There is direct action on the brain and spinal cord creating cell damage consequently lesions especially at sites responsible for memory and emotion. This is thought to come about by the toxic substance to actually chemically bond to nerve enzymes (neurotoxic approach). Research indicates that this is very true.

2.) The toxic substance imitates hormones in the body, travels to the appropriate site in the brain responsible for secretion of the hormone then becomes chemically bound only to repeat the process over and over (immunotoxic/endrinotoxic approach). Research indicates that this, too, is true.

What ever the scientific jury finds is not relevant to people like the Martins. Many, if not all, OPs are stored in fat tissue throughout the body. Sometimes this fat storage is the original chemical and sometimes it is an even more toxic form of OP which is a break down product of the original. Of course the brain, depending on who you talk to, is 30-50% fat. Whether neurologic or endrinologic these fat stored substances are rereleased into the human system at a time of excitability, say during intercourse. Because these substances imitate hormones then they will travel to the appropriate site in the body for which the hormone is designed.

In the case of the Martins, Mr. Martin, who was exposed would have minute amounts of extremely toxic nerve agents in his fat stores plus, of course, a plethora of other substances which are nerve gas magnifiers. The hormone imitating substance would travel to his sex organs and thereby travel through his semen to his wife. The hormone involved, I believe, is the gonadotropic hormone and is responsible for the manufacture in the testicles of testosterone. Small amounts of this gonadotropic hormone would have to be present in his semen because it can be found in urine samples to test if a male is producing enough for fertility. It wouldn't take very much of an imitating hormone substance like nerve gas to create problems. The exact hormone isn't important except to my ego. I like to be right. Also, the seminal fluid is a possible carrier.

If Mrs. Martin was one who had a predisposition to OP exposure then that would explain her complaint of "hot semen" or painful intercourse. Additionally, by passing the extremely toxic substance through semen then every time Mr. Martin has relations with his wife only exacerbates the problem of extending his wife's further illnesses.

Of course this leads to the susceptibility of the fetus starting with conception. OPs, as I indicated in the research sent to the Senate, have involvement with DNA and RNA. The developing fetus, of course, is far more susceptible to OP toxic action. Congressional investigation before Desert Storm indicated that the first 10 days after conception were critical. In the first weeks exposure could lead to poor nervous system growth resulting, on the extreme, as spinal bifida and, of course, everything between normal and SB. Exposure after the first weeks then becomes involved with the cerebrum and cerebellum, the areas responsible, in part, for proper physical growth. Exposure here does not necessarily mean that it must come from semen. But, if the conceptual semen contained a minuscule amount of nerve gas toxin masking as hormone or hitch hiking in seminal fluid then the mother's further exposure to other OPs, from what ever source, could be catastrophic.

Allow me here to enter a quote from a book published by the National Academy of Sciences, Pesticides in the Diet of Infants

and Children, "Vorhees (1986) attempted to define the areas of behavioral dysfunction that could be affected by prenatal brain damage, stating that behavioral teratogenesis (my note substances that cause behavioral changes from parental exposure and passed to the offspring) could be expressed as impairment of several categories of neurobehavioral function (e.g. sensory, cognitive, motor), delayed behavioral maturation of these functions, or other indices of compromised behavioral competence. He further noted that "the behavioral effects of some teratogens, even if concomitant with physical defects, may be the most significant devastating and noncorrectable of all the effects observed within the syndrome (associated with the teratogen)." And on the following page, "The evidence on chronic (my note, long term/low dose) effects, particularly neurobehavioral effects of organophosphate and carbamate exposure is strongly suggestive." It would appear now, Ms. Clinton, in Desert Storm we have one giant epidemiologic EXPERIMENT.

I don't know if the problem can be fixed but I do know that there are laboratory tests which can identify if OPs are present in semen. It is thought by current medical practice that identification of OP exposure in body samples can only happen soon after that exposure. This is not entirely true. I sent a video tape of the work done by a Japanese Dr., Dr. Ishakawa, who revealed a methodology of finding OPs long after exposure. I know that tape made it to the VA committee because it was hand carried by Rep. Jolene Unsoeld. While I went through the therapy described in that tape I would not recommend it for eradication of nerve gas as the therapy nearly took my life and my exposure was to OP insecticides much less toxic than parathion, let alone nerve gas.

However, a similar approach, as is discussed in the video, could be used to check semen. This I have verified with a couple of laboratories and biochemists. Indeed, the approach would be somewhat experimental as the amount of chemical needed to break the chemical bond is not fully known in semen samples. Nor is it known if live or frozen semen would work. What is known is that each try until identification of the presents of OP contamination was demonstrated would be not too expensive - in the range of \$300-400 hundred dollars. Of course, this would not indicate, necessarily, Sarin or Tabun but it would indicate presents of OPs which the veterans were exposed to in abundance besides nerve gas. I did learn, since talking Friday last with Dr. Zurckerman, that it might be possible to put the findings through further analysis and identify Sarin or Tabun.

As is the custom of all proposed expenditures for science, some idea of total cost is necessary. What I think is 3 veterans and to use live semen of those who have partners also affected and/or children born with birth defects. Given that it might take 10 tries to establish where the chemical bond was broken that would mean a possible high of \$12,000 dollars for the three veterans. An additional, probably, \$10,000 for further analysis and I'm assuming 5-6 thousand for administrative costs. Therefore there would be a high of \$28,000 dollars. Naturally, if the results were positive then a further study using Desert Storm

Veterans and control subjects would be necessary. All that I'll let someone else worry about. I'm a literature researcher and have no idea what a full blown study of the magnitude here involved would cost. Frankly, I don't even want to think about it.

Keep in mind that OPs in this proposed test will be found. Whether or not they can be linked directly to Desert Storm or not is something you, as an attorney Ms. Clinton, could probably answer better. However, if this test is run, and it will be whether by this current investigation or not, litigation is going to follow. God I hate this culture in which we live sometimes. It seems that we just cannot admit a mistake. Money, somehow, does not seem relevant when human life is concerned. But history tells me that the opposite is true.

Sincerely

Bruce Haney

Bruce Haney

cc. Every reporter with whom I have ever worked

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March 2, 1995

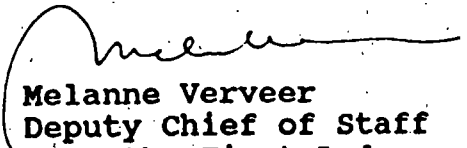
Ms. Susan Harvey
S.U. 1725
Williams College
Williamstown, MA 01267

Dear Susan:

Thank you for writing and for sending a copy of your resume. It is so gratifying when qualified young people like yourself are interested in politics and public service.

I have forwarded your information to the White House Personnel Office and to the DNC for review as you requested. Thanks again for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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June 22, 1995

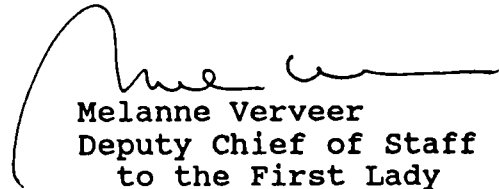
Dr. Robert Herron
Institute of Science, Technology
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Maharishi International University
1000 North 4th Street
Fairfield, Iowa 52557

Dear Dr. Herron:

Thank you very much for your letter and request to meet with the First Lady about Medicare spending. Regretfully, due to a demanding schedule, she was not able to meet with you and Dr. Hagelin. However, we would be happy to arrange a meeting with appropriate White House Staff. Let us know if we can arrange such a meeting for you.

Thank you again for thinking of the First Lady. Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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To: Hillary Rodham Clinton

Location: The White House

From: Dr. Robert Herron

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Attention: Capricia Marshall

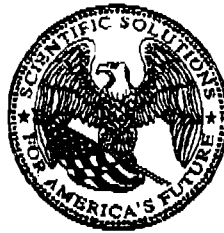
Dear Ms. Clinton:

Dr. John Hagelin and Dr. Mike Tompkins would like to speak with you between June 12 and 14 about reducing spiraling Medicare expenses through scientifically-validated, cost-effective prevention.

- To balance the budget, we must reduce Medicare spending.
- But cutting costs by decreasing payments for the treatment of ill senior citizens would be both inhumane and politically sensitive.
- The only way to save money safely in Medicare is to keep people healthy through preventive health care that has been proven cost-effective.

Our current strategy misdirects our health dollars to areas that have little impact on health.

Dr. Hagelin would like an appointment with you to explain how Medicare costs can be reduced at least 50% or more.



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Cost-Effective Prevention As the Key to Medicare Expenditure Reduction

1. Both the Republican and Democratic Parties are committed to balancing the budget. To do this Congress must reduce Medicare expenditures. But research shows that the approaches currently being considered for reducing these costs, including Health Maintenance Organizations, would produce small savings at best.
 - Moreover, the cost-reduction programs under consideration could deny medically necessary treatment or reduce the quality of care for ill senior citizens.
2. Most Medicare reform focuses on restructuring the financing and delivery of medical services. However, this approach fails to address the real problem: a disease-oriented health care strategy.
3. New medical technologies have obscured the fact that much of the current medical paradigm is out-of-date. This paradigm misdirects our health funds: Only 1% of our health sector budget is used to avoid disease, and 99% is spent to treat illness after it occurs. Note that real prevention is not screening, early detection, and other types of "secondary" or "clinical" prevention, because they treat disease after it occurs.
4. In contrast, certain types of prevention can cut costs dramatically—by 50% or more.
 - Research shows that most disease is produced by unhealthy behaviors such as improper diet, smoking, and drug/alcohol abuse. In fact, studies show that 50% of all deaths and approximately 70% of disease are caused by these habits. Thus, spiraling medical expenses are caused mainly by an epidemic of unhealthy behaviors.
 - Consequently, we need effective behavioral prevention programs to cut costs. Currently, however, this need is not being addressed effectively.

Dr. John Hagelin will present several preventive proposals to enhance the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of health care. He will also present research published in prominent journals that shows that prevention can reduce Medicare expenditures.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 1, 1995

Mr. Gary Hocevar
Principal
Lyndon B. Johnson Middle School
Albuquerque Public Schools
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Dear Mr. Hocevar:

Thank you for your invitation for the First Lady to attend the first "Bring Your Parent to School Day". She regrets that she will not be able to be in Albuquerque on October ninth, but wishes your undertaking much success. It is so important to increase parental involvement and Mrs. Clinton salutes your effort.

Sincerely,


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
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Dear Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton:

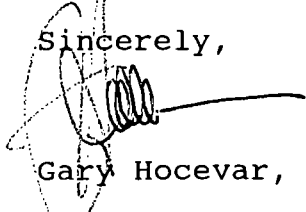
The staff, parents, students, and I at Lyndon Baines Johnson Middle School of the Albuquerque Public Schools invite you and Chelsea to attend the first "Bring Your Parent to School Day" to be held on October 9, 1995, a Federal holiday. The purpose of this event is to encourage increased parental involvement and awareness of the complex decisions that our children regularly face. We are confident that this grass root effort to improve parental/child communication through the schools would be a success if you agreed to be the National spokesperson for 1995-1996.

Lyndon Baines Johnson Middle School rests in a middle to upper middle class neighborhood. Most of our students are affluent latchkey kids who are at risk because parents' work demands often overshadow the needs of their adolescents. This is a community of denial. Gangs, drugs, and teenage sex are beginning to creep into our neighborhood. We firmly believe that improved parental/child communication is the solution for reducing the number of school dropouts, gang affiliation and illegal drugs.

Our concept of "Bring Your Parent to School Day" is only the beginning. The New Mexico Media Literacy Project, funded by the Downs Media Education Center, the New Mexico Department of Education, and Albuquerque Academy, will be conducting seminars during our "Bring Your Parent to School Day." The topics include: mass media and our kids; subliminal messages in network advertising and movies; selling products and dubious values to teens; media literacy and other solutions to our growing media mediocrity.

We are also extending an invitation to Hugh Downs, Deirdre Downs, Mayor Martin Chavez and his wife, Margaret deAragon Chavez. We hope that all schools will adopt October 9, 1995 as the first "Bring Your Parent to School Day."

Sincerely,


Gary Hocevar, Principal

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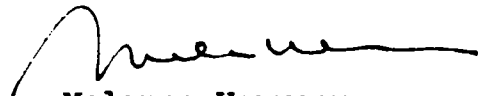
June 1, 1995

Ms. Carole Horowitz
Information Specialist
Office of the Dean
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Iowa State University
208 Carver Hall
Ames, Iowa 50011-2061

Dear Ms. Horowitz:

Thank you for generously sharing with me the wonderful script for "The Yellow Rose of Suffrage". It is such a moving play! Thank you also for Jane Cox's invitation to present the play to the First Lady. It is unlikely that Mrs. Clinton will be in Washington in late August, however she is much grateful for the offer.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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May 19, 1995

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Verveer:

I am writing on behalf of Professor Jane Cox. Thank you for your kind words about "The Yellow Rose of Suffrage" and Jane's performance.

Enclosed is a copy of the play. As I explained to Katy Button, of your staff, the script is great, but only Jane can do it justice. She would be honored to present the play to the first lady.

Jane will be in Washington, August 22-25 for the national celebration of the 75th anniversary of the nineteenth amendment. Of course, she would be pleased to arrange another date to suit your schedule.

We look forward to hearing from you. You can reach me in the office of the Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences 515-294-4185, FAX 515-294-1303.

Sincerely,



Carole Horowitz, Information Specialist
Carrie Chapman Catt Center

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 22, 1995

Mr. Sandford D. Horwitt
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Arlington, VA 22203

Dear Sandy:

Thank you for sending information on
"Hands Without Guns" for Chelsea. It sounds
as if it will be a successful project.

Good luck and thank you for thinking of
the First Teenager.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

*It was so good
to see you,
at least under
such circumstances.*

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SANFORD D. HORWITT
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ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22203

May 6, 1995

Melanne,

A week or so ago, I was at Sidwell Friends where I saw Chelsea at a forum on gun violence but didn't have a chance to speak with her. As it turned out, I didn't even give my speech to the student assembly because the speaker who preceded me rambled on and on. Nonetheless, I thought that the topic was of some interest to Chelsea and, if so, I thought she might like to know about a model public health project on violence prevention targeted to youth that is under way in the Boston area. Perhaps this is something she might even consider getting involved in as a form of community service.

The project is called, "Hands Without Guns." I am board member of the lead sponsoring organization, The Educational Fund to End Handgun Violence. A number of Boston-area organizations have joined this effort, including the Harvard School of Public Health, the New England Medical Center, youth serving agencies, etc. There is a strong media component, including new, innovative interactive media, PSA's on MTV, etc. In fact, in addition to support from the Public Welfare Foundation, there is a substantial in-kind contribution by television stations.

A prime component of "Hands Without Guns" is peer-to-peer communication and education. We're interested in involving young people from diverse backgrounds in the media spots as well as in other ways. I've enclosed a description of the project that we've sent to foundations; please share this with Chelsea if you think it's appropriate.

Hope all is well.

Sincerely,

