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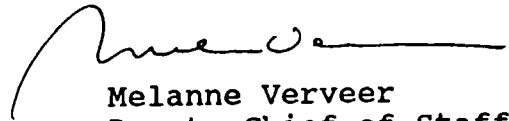
Arnold Fage
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Dear Arnold,

Thank you for joining the President, Mrs. Clinton, the Vice President and Mrs. Gore for the discussion at the White House on the issue of television violence and the v-chip legislation.

Enclosed are a transcript of the event and some photos from the meeting we thought you might enjoy. Thanks again for participating in this valuable convening. Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
of the First lady

*It was
wonderful to
work with
you again!*

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DATE: February 20, 1996

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NOTES: Per our discussion a couple of weeks ago, a letter of invitation is attached for the First Lady and Chelsea to keynote the Assembly of the California Women's Agenda on Friday evening, June 28, 1996 at San Francisco State University.

Also attached is a summary of the plans and a list in progress of women's organizations who are participating in the planning and strategies for implementing the Beijing Platform in California.

We look forward to, and will be honored to have the First Lady kick off this significant event for the women of California. We will be in touch following this correspondence to discuss her schedule and answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

cc: Interagency Council on Women

February 15, 1996

Mary Rodham Clinton
Chelsea Clinton
The White House
1600 Independence Avenue
Washington, D.C.

RE: Assembly for the California Women's Agenda

I, Mrs. Clinton and Chelsea:

On behalf of the leaders and constituents of the major California-based women's associations who are participating in the implementation of the Beijing Platform, it is our sincere pleasure to invite you to serve as Honorary Chairs of *The California Women's Agenda*, a working assembly of women who will come together June 28, 29, 30, 1996 in the Bay Area to create a California Platform for Action that will be implemented throughout California, and we especially invite you, together, to keynote our opening on Friday evening, June 28.

We are expecting San Francisco State University to host the weekend Assembly in late June and to convene *The California Agenda* on their campus. President Robert Corrigan has indicated his enthusiasm to have you return to the SFSU campus. A hosted dinner will be held in your honor prior to the 7:00 p.m. Keynote.

Our focus for *The California Women's Agenda* is girls ... the future leaders of our state. Therefore, we ask you to talk about your visions for the future of the young women of America and the linkages between the generations.

Over fifty organizations are already involved in Northern California, including San Francisco, Marin and Sonoma Counties, the Peninsula and East Bay, and coalitions are forming in Los Angeles, San Diego and Central California. There are women in every hamlet in the state meeting in groups of all sizes to discuss bringing the spirit and power of Beijing to our backyards. The working Assembly in San Francisco will be linked by Internet, teleconference and Narrowcast to an estimated 10,000 women and girls throughout California.

The California Agenda effort is being coordinated by The Women's Intercultural Network (WIN), a non-profit organization based in San Francisco, that links women across cultures globally and in U.S. communities. WIN coordinated the UN50 conference in San Francisco in June, 1995, "Women and the UN: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow".

Attached is a summary of our vision and a current list of California organizations participating to us. We look forward to your participation as we bring women of California together from all sectors, cultures, ages and classes to make our state a more equitable place for all Californians.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

THE CALIFORNIA AGENDA: BRINGING THE BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION TO THE GRASSROOTS

Dedicated to: The Girls and Young Women of California

WHAT A working assembly of California women coming together at the grassroots to implement the *Beijing Platform for Action*.

Platform Issues:

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| • Economic Justice & Poverty | • Girl/Chld |
| • Power Sharing, Political Action & Institutions | • Health |
| • Access to Education | • Violence Against Women |
| • Environmental Sustainability | • Peace |
| • Mass Media & Communications | • Human Rights |

Cross-Cutting Issues:

- Racism • Immigration • Sexism • Disabled Women
• Gay & Lesbian Rights • Religion • Globalization

WHY To develop a *California Agenda* for women with issues from the 4th World Conference on Women, Beijing, and implement them at all levels in California.

- GOALS:**
- To bring women of California together from all sectors, ages, cultures and classes to implement the *California Agenda* - a platform for action.
 - To involve the future women leaders of California... girls and young women... in the planning of the Assembly and the creation of the *California Agenda*.
 - To develop strategies for implementation of state and local action agendas.
 - To educate public officials, the media, business leaders, decision makers, etc. about resolving women's concerns, which affect all people of California.
 - To identify and get commitments from various resources for the implementation.

WHO California women representing the spectrum of issues as voiced in the Beijing Platform, including women who did not attend the Beijing conferences and organizations already addressing these issues through local and regional meetings being held in California. Over 50 women's organizations are already working together in Northern California and are linking with working coalitions in the Los Angeles and San Diego areas.

HOW Coalitions of women's organizations networking throughout California, will be coordinated by the Women's Intercultural Network, San Francisco, and funded by socially responsible corporations, foundations and individuals.

The Beijing Platform will be translated into working language and circulated to women's organizations throughout California, vis-a-vis the coalitions for review and adaptation to their local needs. Their Platforms of Action will be incorporated into a *California Agenda* at the June Assembly in San Francisco.

Marketing will be coordinated by the Women in Communications, Inc, San Francisco and Chavez & Associates, San Diego.

WHEN June 28, 29, 30, 1996

WHERE San Francisco State University

EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday evening, June 28, 1996, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

- Assembly opens with Keynote to 1000 to 1200 San Francisco attendees. Also participating will be Honorary Chairs and other California dignitaries.
- The program will be Narrowcast on Closed Circuit TV or Satellite to selected campus sites throughout California to an estimated 10,000 girls and women.

Saturday: June 29, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

- Plenary Session for 1000-1200 representatives in San Francisco to be Narrowcast to outstate campus Assemblies.

10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- Participants will work in 15-20 separate rooms on the platform issues.
- Women and girls attending concurrent assemblies at campuses throughout the state will be linked by Internet Chat Rooms and Discussion Boards.

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

- Participants will meet at a Plenary Session for reports on the Platform Issues and Narrowcast to outstate campuses.

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

- Buffet Supper and Entertainment

Sunday, June 30, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

- Participants will meet again in breakout rooms in regional groups.
- These sessions will be linked to campus sites in corresponding regions by the Internet.
- Coffee and pastries will be served.

12:00 noon - 1:00 pm.

- Closing Plenary Session followed by Lunch.
- All Plenary sessions will be linked by Closed Circuit TV, Narrowcast and/or the Internet to outstate campus sites.

TECHNICAL AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION:

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, June 28, 29, 30, 1996

- Four Plenary Sessions for 1000-1200
Closed circuit Narrowcast or Satellite to 10 to 15 selected campus sites in California.

Saturday, June 29, 1996, 10:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

- Breakout Rooms: 15-16 rooms for 50 to 150 participants in San Francisco will be linked to concurrent meetings at 10 to 15 outstate campus sites on Internet lines.

Sunday, June 30, 1996, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

- Breakout Rooms: 8 to 10 rooms for 100-150 participants in San Francisco will be linked to Regional groups at corresponding outstate campus sites on Internet lines.

THE CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S AGENDA

Bringing the Beijing Platform to the Grassroots of California

Aileen C. Hernandez, Chair • Lili Li-Luo Lim, Chair, Advisory Council
 Honorary Chairs: Senator Barbara Boxer, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, Mme. Wen Chi Chow

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

Bay Area Homelessness Program
 Bay Area Network of Latinas
 Black Women Organized for Action
 Business and Professional Women's Association
 California American Association of University Women
 California National Organization for Women
 Casa de las Madres
 Center for Citizen Initiatives
 Center for Women and Religion
 Chinese American Women's Business League
 Commission on the Status of Women, San Francisco
 Commission on the Status of Women, San Diego
 Commission on the Status of Women, County of San Diego
 The Conscious Business Group
 Disabled Women's Network
 Federal Women Program Managers
 Federally Employed Women
 International Services Assistance Fund
 Jewish Community Relations Council
 League of Women Voters of California
 Mexican American National Women's Association
 Mid-Peninsula National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
 National Association of Women Business Owners
 National Council of Negro Women
 National Women's Political Caucus of California
 Older Women's League
 Overseas Development Network
 Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Region IV
 Planned Parenthood of San Diego & Riverside Counties
 Peninsula Beijing Conference Action & Resource Network
 Persian Center
 Plutonium Free Future Women's Network
 Queen's Bench
 San Diego Economic Conversion Council
 San Francisco American Association of University Women
 San Francisco Bar Association
 San Francisco Baha'i Assembly
 San Francisco Women's Foundation
 San Francisco Women's Center - Celebration of Craftswomen
 Soroptomist International
 State of California Office of Women's Health
 Sunrise Fine Arts
 The Global Fund for Women
 The Women's Committee of the Jewish Community Relations Council
 Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
 United Nations Association of San Diego
 Winning Opportunities for Women (WOW), San Diego
 Women's Bureau, US Department of Labor
 Women in Communications, Inc.
 Women in Business, San Francisco
 Women in International Trade, Northern California
 Women of Color Resource Center
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Coordinating Organization: Women's Intercultural Network (WIN)

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April 2, 1996

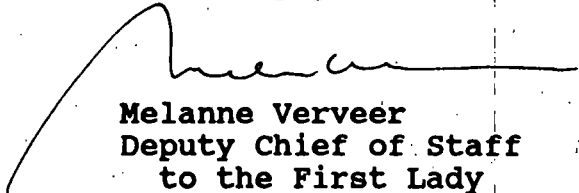
Barbara Ferris
President
International Women's Democracy Center
PO Box 32243
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Ms. Ferris:

The First Lady asked me to thank you for your recent letter and thoughtful comments. She deeply regrets that she will be unable to attend the UN Habitat II Conference in June because of schedule conflicts.

Thank you again for writing and best wishes. Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady



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February 16, 1996

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

Dear Hillary:

Following up on our brief conversation at your book signing party yesterday about the upcoming United Nations Habitat II Conference in Istanbul, Turkey, women's issues are in deep trouble. I have just returned from the Final Preparatory Committee Meeting in New York where women could lose the gains made at the UN Social Summit in Copenhagen, the Earth Summit in Rio and the Women's Conference in China. Most of the government delegations to Habitat II are headed by males and they are not interested in the issues critical to women, including health, access to credit and the feminization of poverty as they relate to Habitat II.

June 3, 1996
Your presence in the Beijing at the UN Fourth World Conference on Women in the official meeting and at the NGO Forum sent a very powerful message to the global community that we as a nation affirm that women's rights are human rights. And if you didn't notice, nearly 30 other First Ladies took their cue from you and repeated what you said about women's rights. I listened to your speech in a room of 200 non-Americans and in your litany of violations of human rights, men and women went wild with applause because they had experienced exactly what you were talking about - female infanticide, bride burning, etc.

While I understand that this is an election year and that your schedule is full, I am pleading with you to head the official delegation to the UN Habitat II Conference in Istanbul and just come for few days. Please make the opening speech at the government meeting and head over to the NGO Forum for one day. It would have a profound and positive impact on decisions that will affect over half of the world's population.

Having worked with women throughout our global community for the past two decades (most recently as the Women in Development Coordinator for Peace Corps), I know firsthand that women worldwide are ready for a place at the policy and decision making table. Through the International Women's Democracy Center, a delegation of women leaders from Anacostia will facilitate workshops and participate in the Habitat II Conference in Istanbul.

Please, if there is anything I can do to help you get there, don't hesitate to call on me.

Warmest regards,

Barbara Ferris

Barbara Ferris
President

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 29, 1996

Harley Frankel
Executive Vice President
Major League Soccer
2029 Century Park East
Suite 400
Los Angeles, CA 90067

Dear Mr. Frankel, *Harley*

The First Lady asked me to thank you for inviting her and the President to attend the inaugural game of Major League Soccer. I regret that they will be unable to attend because of a schedule conflict.

Thank you again for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Melanne
Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

Hope all is well!



Ever
his request
No

Patti

lost given
to Patti

Melanne,

Hope you had a great
Holiday Season and a well
deserved rest. Please forward
this to Hillary. By the way, the
people who love soccer most in
this country are all swing voters.

Take care good of yourself
& thanks!

Sincerely,
Harley

December 22, 1995

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Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Hillary,

Thank you very much for the fine letter you sent. Wendy and I really appreciate it. We hope that your Renaissance Weekend has been both relaxing and inspirational. I am writing to request another favor, but this is one that may be very helpful to the President.

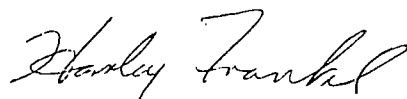
As you may know, Major League Soccer -- the fifth major league professional sports league -- is launching its inaugural season in 1996. Our first game -- Washington D.C. at San Jose -- will be played on April 6, 1996 before a sell-out crowd in the Bay Area. The game will be televised nationally during prime time on the East Coast. We would like to invite the President, yourself and Chelsea to attend this historic opening game of what promises to be a very popular league.

As you know, soccer is the favorite sport of millions of Americans, including ethnic Americans from Europe, Latin America and Asia. It also is the most popular sport among suburban girls and boys and is the second largest youth participation sport in the country. These are all important groups that would greatly appreciate the President's presence at our inaugural event.

If the President, you and Chelsea are able to attend, we will of course make whatever arrangements are necessary to accommodate your needs. Please let me know if this is a possibility.

Wendy and I wish you a great holiday season and a wonderful 1996.

Sincerely,



Harley Frankel
Executive Vice President



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January 30, 1996

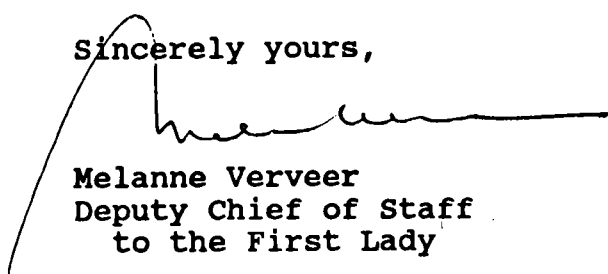
Lucy N. Friedman
Executive Director
Victim Services
2 Lafayette Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Ms. Friedman,

Thank you for the background information you sent about Victim Services. Your work on behalf of women and children is truly crucial and we all owe Victim Services a debt of gratitude. We cannot make a commitment for the First Lady to visit your programs at the present time. However, I have given the information you provided to Patti Solis, the Director of Scheduling, for future reference.

Thank you for writing and thank you for all you do.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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December 22, 1995

**Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC 20500**

Dear Ms. Verveer,

We met briefly at the New York Women's Agenda breakfast in November, where it was a pleasure to listen to Hillary Clinton. She is an inspiring leader and speaks beautifully about women's needs.

Following your suggestion, I'm writing to invite Mrs. Clinton to visit Victim Services, which is the nation's largest victim assistance organization, and its largest provider of services for battered women. Last year, we served more than 140,000 people in New York City on our hotlines, in community offices, in police precincts, and in schools. We operate over 60 programs, all dedicated to our mission of healing the wounds of violence and preventing victimization. There are three programs that Mrs. Clinton might be especially interested in visiting.

1. **Brooklyn Child Advocacy Center.** We are establishing a special center in Brooklyn for child victims of sexual abuse. Currently, these children are often re-victimized by the systems that are supposed to help them. Instead, the center will offer a safe, friendly place where child victims can be interviewed just once rather than by eight different people (police, prosecutors, social workers) which is the current practice. The center also provides a safe and quiet place for a medical exam. The center will have a grand opening sometime early next spring. We would be gratified if Mrs. Clinton could be the keynote speaker at the opening, and could arrange the date to fit her calendar.
2. **Emergency Family Day Care.** We provide a wide range of services for battered women; among our most innovative is Emergency Family Day Care. At sites throughout the city, we provide mothers who have been victims of domestic violence with a safe and educational environment for their children while they attend to court business or look for employment.

Melanne Verveer
December 22, 1995
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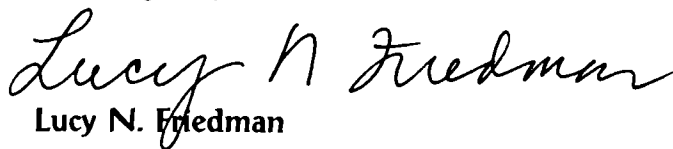
Community residents provide these services. Mrs. Clinton could visit a session of community providers, as well as a provider's home with children and parents.

3. *Generation NeXt*. We have developed a variety of school-based programs geared towards preventing youth violence. The most exciting project, *Generation NeXt*, in which students from two junior high schools with different backgrounds (one school is largely African American, the other largely Hispanic) are providing peer education in cultural awareness and violence prevention. Mrs. Clinton could visit one of the schools during a peer education session.

If Mrs. Clinton were to visit either the Emergency Family Day Care or *Generation NeXt* program, we would be delighted if she would address the participants as well as a larger audience, if appropriate.

We are confident that Mrs. Clinton would find these programs interesting and insightful. Please let us know if she is interested in scheduling a visit.

Kind regards,


Lucy N. Friedman

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January 30, 1996

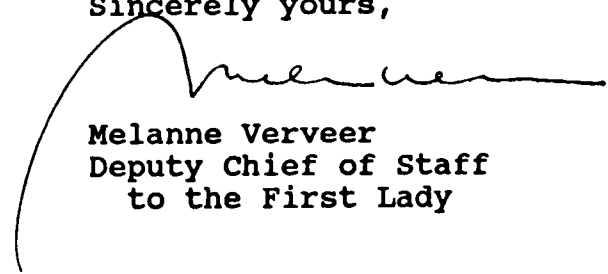
Helen C. Frederick
Artistic Director
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Dear Ms. Frederick,

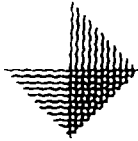
Thank you for the materials you sent me about Pyramid Atlantic. I enjoyed the *Crossing Over/ Changing Places* event and was pleased to make your acquaintance. Thank you also for the kind invitation to tour your facility. Unfortunately, because of the First Lady's very demanding schedule, for the foreseeable future we are not able to develop any immediate plans. As a result, it makes sense to defer a meeting at this time.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady



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December 19, 1995

Melanne Verveer, Office of the First Lady
Old Executive Office Building, Room 100
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Verveer,

It was a great pleasure to meet you at the Embassy of Finland last Monday, when you were introduced to me by Lee Kimche McGrath, a member of our Pyramid Atlantic Board of Directors.

Thank you for joining us for the *Crossing Over/Changing Places* consortium event, one of the many special programs of Pyramid Atlantic. I founded our *Center for Hand Papermaking, Printmaking and the Art of the Book* 15 years ago with a mission to foster the arts of paper to the public. We recently held our fourth *Book Arts Fair* at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in November and will be hosting a works on paper exhibition at this museum in 1997.

Pyramid's hand papermill and printshops are used by artists and students of all ages, including master papermakers and printmakers from across the United States. As Lee mentioned a special event such as "Paper in the White House" is something that we would be pleased to plan with you. Such an event could feature artists who craft paper in a multitude of exciting ways including sculpture, books, screens, quilts, furniture and other disciplines, along with the individuals dedicated to the nature of wood, forests and paper.

Please find enclosed materials that will acquaint you with our exciting facility. I look forward to hearing from you and would welcome the opportunity to meet with you in the near future, and to give you a private tour of Pyramid Atlantic.

I will also add your name to our mailing list for upcoming events.

With best wishes for your holidays !

Sincerely,

Helen C. Frederick

Helen C. Frederick, Artistic Director
PYRAMID ATLANTIC

THE WHITE HOUSE

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December 15, 1995

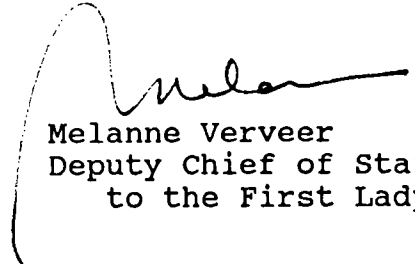
Ms. Carol Tucker Foreman
Ms. Nikki Heidepriem
Foreman & Heidepriem, Inc.
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Dear Carol and Nikki:

The First Lady asked me to thank you for your recommendation of Gracia Hillman for U.S. Representative to the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women. She has been doing a terrific job at the State Department and you can be certain that her candidacy will receive full consideration.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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December 6, 1995

Hillary Rodham Clinton
Office of the First Lady
The White House
2nd Floor, West Wing
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Hillary:

We are writing to recommend that Gracia Hillman be appointed United States Representative to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). We have known Gracia both personally and professionally for many years, and have admired her ability to work productively in contentious situations without compromising the interests of her principal. If that were not enough, she understands the issues facing women both domestically and globally, and walks with equal credibility and comfort in the women's and African-American communities.

As you so well understand, the United States has a vital interest in demonstrating its unwavering commitment to bettering the lives of the world's women and families. Your eloquence on the issue is unparalleled. That commitment now finds voice in the implementation of the Platform of Action, which emerged from the Beijing conference. Appointing Gracia, currently Senior Coordinator of International Women's Issues at the State Department, would send a strong message both internationally and domestically that the Clinton Administration will move forward to embrace this challenge enthusiastically.

While Gracia is a known and respected presence in the women's circles we travel, she also has received high marks as the State Department's link with NGOs concerned about the international human rights of women. Her stock shot up again in the months leading up to the Beijing conference. She did a splendid job serving as liaison to the NGO community that was so crucial to the success of Beijing and will be equally critical to its implementation. When she appeared at briefings, the sighs of relief from the women's and human rights leaders were audible.

Gracia would bring an invaluable combination of knowledge, experience, and credibility to the Commission on the Status of Women. We urge you without reservation to appoint Gracia to the Commission.

Sincerely,



Carol Tucker Foreman



Nikki Heidepriem

cc: ✓ Melanne Vermeer
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Hillary
She is terrific!
A consummate pro.
Carol

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November 27, 1995

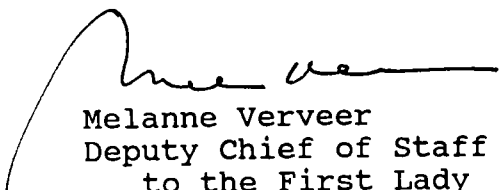
Senator Dianne Feinstein
331 Hart Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

Mrs. Clinton asked me to thank you for the invitation to meet with the International Women's Forum in San Francisco on November 14. Regretfully, however, Mrs. Clinton was not able to travel to San Francisco at that time.

Best wishes and thank you for thinking of the First Lady.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

Mrs. Clinton asked me to thank you for the invitation to meet with the International Women's Forum in San Francisco on November 14. Regretfully, ~~due to a demanding~~ *however,* ~~schedule, Mrs. Clinton was unable to do so.~~ *Mrs Clinton was not able*

Best wishes and thank you for thinking of the First Lady.

Sincerely yours,

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Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0504



November 2, 1995

Ms. Melanne Verveer
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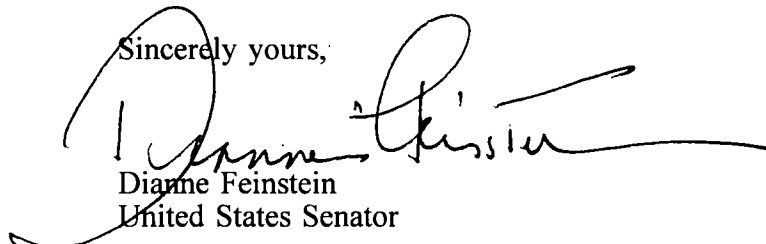
Dear Ms. Verveer:

I am writing to bring to your attention a request from Women's Forum West, who would very much like to sponsor an event for Mrs. Clinton during her upcoming November 14 visit to San Francisco.

The International Women's Forum brings together women of significant and diverse achievements in order to facilitate the communication among women. Women's Forum West is one of 38 United States and international chapters of the International Women's Forum, and it joins 150 San Francisco Bay Area leaders in the fields of business, academia, government, and the arts. It is my understanding that Women's Forum West has been in contact with your office and with Ann Stock's office. Should Mrs. Clinton's schedule permit her involvement in any way during her stay in San Francisco, I know that the members of Women's Forum West would be honored.

You may contact Joanne Howard at 415/954-5446, or Kate Larsen at 415/979-0325. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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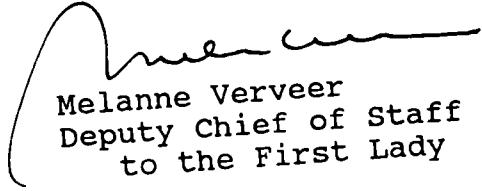
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WITH AIDS

HISTORY AND PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The wealth of a society can be measured by many means. One of the most important ways to appraise that wealth is by evaluating the health and quality of life of its children. Today our society faces a health crisis of unequaled magnitude. As in many catastrophic diseases, the AIDS epidemic struck its first deadly blows in the adult community. Now as the epidemic progresses the number of children diagnosed HIV positive or at risk for HIV is increasing at an alarming rate.

Caring For Babies With AIDS was formed in 1987 to provide a compassionate response to those needs. Our clients are all indigent and predominately from the African American and Latino inner city communities of South Central Los Angeles and East Los Angeles.

Our Residential Program

Caring for Babies With AIDS (CBA) has been providing residential services for HIV infected and at risk indigent and homeless children in Los Angeles County since July of 1990. The majority of children in our residential facilities are placements by the Los Angeles County Department of Children's Services and are in the protective custody of the juvenile court. Some children are referred to our agency by other community-based AIDS organizations or placed voluntarily by families in crisis, frequently due to multiple HIV infection in the family. The goal of the residential program is to stabilize the child's life, assess the child's medical, psychological and developmental needs and initiate a program that addresses the findings and results in re-unification with their family or long term foster placement.

Within the first month of operation all beds were full and it became necessary to turn away children needing care due to lack of bed space. Subsequently, CBA applied for and was granted \$300,000 from the City of Los Angeles to purchase the property adjacent to our first facility. We proudly opened our second home for HIV and at risk infants and children in October of 1992. The project was completed through a unique partnership of the public and private sectors. HOMEAID, the charitable arm of the Building Industry Association together with the Capital Campaign and Expansion Committee of the Board of Directors was directly responsible for donations of money, building materials, skilled labor, furnishings and appliances. This outpouring of support from the community was integral to our ability to complete construction under budget and on time. We now provide transitional living for 14 infants and children, ages birth to 5 years.

"It's so important for these kids to get the special level of care they need," says Greg Penske (right), with dealership general manager, Bob Evanovich, and Harriet Baron at the CBA residential home.



TERRENCE MOORE

Babies With HIV Find A Heart And Home In Los Angeles

If having one baby seems like a handful, imagine caring for 14 at once. But at the Caring for Babies with AIDS (CBA) residential home in Los Angeles, the staff wishes they had room for more.

Indigent and at-risk children who are HIV-positive receive constant care and attention at this special place in the City of Angels.

"Little miracles happen here all the time," says Harriet Baron, CBA director of development.

A miracle certainly was in store for one 5-year-old, who came to CBA angry and confused after losing

her ability to walk. "Within six weeks, she was blossoming," Baron says. "The therapists were able to give back her mobility and restore her good nature."

To maintain its comprehensive level of care, CBA depends on supporters like Greg Penske, president of Penske Toyota in Downey, Calif.

Penske Toyota is a major sponsor of the CBA Stroll-A-Thon, a 5K walking event that raised \$156,000 for the facility in 1994.

"Underwriters like Greg Penske allow every dollar raised to be used in direct service to children and their

families," Baron says.

Service to others is something Penske knows all about. His dealership has earned the Toyota President's Award, recognizing dealers who most successfully meet the needs of customers in their communities.

When babies in Southern California need some extra-special care, CBA is on duty, 24 hours a day. And that's why Greg Penske is on call.



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**Send your tax-deductible donations to Caring For Babies With AIDS
PO Box 351535, Los Angeles 90035 or call (213) 931-9828..**

Caring For Babies With AIDS would like to thank Los Angeles Magazine for this donated advertising space.



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Los Angeles organization offers a home for babies affected by AIDS or HIV

Tiny tennis shoes line a counter top near the backdoor, suggesting a home filled with childish giggles and the energetic patter of small feet. But a closer look reveals leg braces attached to the shoes. A visitor knows this house is different from the norm.

In it, and inside another house only a few yards away, love and care are given in large doses to the children there. The people who combine their professional skills with tender regard at the homes are vital to the small charges at the Caring for Babies With AIDS homes in Los Angeles.

Caring For Babies With AIDS, a nonprofit organization established in December 1987, is a unique program for children infected with or directly affected by the AIDS virus. Executive Director Ginny Foat heads the team of pediatric specialists, social workers, therapists and volunteers who attempt to create a safe, stable and loving family environment for the children and babies.

It is the only nonprofit agency dealing solely with residential and support services for HIV-positive or AIDS-affected babies and toddlers in Southern California.

Fourteen children, from newborns to 5-year-olds, live in the homes, but the program's support services assist more than 160 clients from 50 families. The family companion program pairs volunteers with families in a buddy system to provide relief for familial caretakers. Weekend volunteers take the children on recreational, cultural and entertainment excursions.

Foat and Glenne Rich, family support services program director, said the program's goals are to assure a better quality of life for the children and to improve the coping skills of parents and relatives. Staff members act as surrogate family members in a program charged with emotion — and the need for professional balance.

"We're always walking around with children in our arms," Foat said.

Rich said: "If we don't hold them, they'll fail to thrive. We're not holding the babies just to be holding them. They need to bond and be loved. Holding them has therapeutic value, but it also is a tremendous emotional boost for our children."

Foat stressed the individualized nature of treatment. Each child has a specific plan that addresses his or her physical and psychological problems and needs.

for each activity, children are singled out for individual attention.

On a recent day, two staff members and a young boy sat in the home's parklike grounds, the boy shyly munching a sandwich. The adults spoke quietly to him, and every now and then, he smiled at something said or giggled when they hugged him.

The boy had just arrived from a foster home, and was uncertain of his new home and the people in it. Sharing lunch and chatting with him is aimed at making him feel comfortable and accepted.

Away from the others, child care worker Chris Grogan tossed a ball to another toddler. He then walked beside the boy as the child peddled a tricycle.

Inside, physical therapist Gil Kaan massaged the arms of a 5-month-old girl and cooed gently to her. Kaan comes to the house daily to work with the babies. Gentle play helps the children's muscular and motor development.

Increasing need

Pediatric AIDS arrived late on the West Coast, mainly because the drug of choice was cocaine

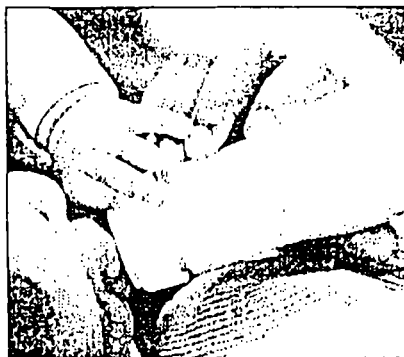
rather than the intravenous variety, Foat said. But as cases increased, health care and social service workers noticed and began contacting associates from a variety of backgrounds to respond to and resolve the problem.

"They didn't really have any idea of how large the scope of the problem was. They just wanted to open a residential facility for the babies," Foat said. "It evolved into more because of the needs. When you're dealing with an adult with AIDS, you just have the adult. With babies, there are a myriad of problems, including infected parents and siblings, uninfected siblings, what happens after the parents die."

The first house opened in 1990 and filled immediately, so organizers started plans for the second house. And they created related programs to explore the root of the problem, examine auxiliary problems and develop techniques to improve parents' abilities to cope with and care for their children.

There is no other residential service for children with AIDS in California, Foat said. There are licensed foster care homes, but Caring for Babies With AIDS provides a continuum of care, both for the children and their families.

"The continuum is unbroken from residential placement to after-care," Foat said. "We formally follow the children for two years after discharge from the residential program."



Making it work

The program relies on a committed professional staff and the contributions of individuals, groups and corporations.

Its \$1.8 million annual budget also is supported by Aid to Families with Dependent Children funds from county placements, Title I and Title II funds from the federal Ryan White Care Act program and Los Angeles County AIDS residential housing money.

The congregation of a Los Angeles church donated the first residential placement home. A second one was built with the help of benefactors from the entertainment industry, foundations, corporate executives, entrepreneurs and philanthropists.

Disney Imagineering contributed a Little Mermaid mural. Artists created and donated art that grace walls in living and therapy spaces. Toys, clothes

and materials are donated. A 12-member volunteer board, chaired by businessman Robert Lee Thomas, sets program policies.

The program's social workers are aggressive, Rich said, and go out looking for cases. Working closely with hospitals, AIDS service organizations and community-based groups, they contact children living with someone who has AIDS or is HIV-positive.

Foat said the residential placement program serves babies and toddlers whose mothers have tested positive or are suspected of being infected.

"Not all babies born of HIV-positive mothers are HIV positive," she said. "The national average shows 30 percent of children born of HIV-positive mothers are actually positive themselves."

Helping the child

Children come to the program under various circumstances. Some have been abandoned, others arrive with an AIDS-infected parent also seeking help. Or a county Children Protective Services worker may have taken the

child from the family. In cases involving abuse, neglect or endangerment, the child is placed in protective custody until the case is adjudicated.

Three shifts of caretakers provide 24-hour care for the children. There are 15 child care workers, four licensed vocational nurses and three pediatric registered nurses. Debi Reed, child-life supervisor, works with physical therapists and program specialists to help the children learn, cope with medical procedures, develop physically and communicate their joys and frustrations through art and play therapy. Reed accompanies the children to medical appointments to help allay their fears.

Kari Tucker coordinates volunteers who assist in the family support and residential programs. Rich, four social workers, a mental health specialist and a child development specialist handle the client-centered support services for families.

They act in cooperation with community agencies, programs and individuals and serve as family advocates to resolve problems and improve parenting skills. Their responsibilities range from getting food or government benefits to a family to finding housing. They also put adults in touch with treatment programs, if needed.

There are three fund-raisers, two bookkeepers, one personnel specialist, an administrative assistant, and a receptionist.

The program's objective is to keep the children alive and as happy as possible.

"In the four years we've been open, we've not lost a child in

our residential program. The hospitals speak very highly of us. You keep children healthy and happy by meeting their emotional needs, assuring their medications are administered properly, and responding to problems immediately," Foat said. "Immediate response helps a child live longer. A baby or toddler can't communicate pain. He cannot articulate pain.

Information: (213) 931-9828.

METRO

Care Home for Children With HIV to Expand

■ **Health:** Eight beds will be added for youngsters with the deadly virus. Medical facilities are also planned.

By JAMES RAINEY
TIMES STAFF WRITER

The only home on the West Coast for children infected with the AIDS virus announced plans Monday to more than double its size to cope with the growing ranks of children in need of care.

Caring for Babies with AIDS will add eight beds to the home for HIV-infected children that it operates near Culver City.

City and state officials have agreed to remove bureaucratic impediments to the opening of more homes to care for children infected with the deadly disease.

"A growing number of children are going to need other places to live because their parents are unwilling or unable to take care of them," said Marcy Kaplan, director of the Los Angeles Pediatric AIDS Network, which coordinates care for children with AIDS. "It's going to take its toll on the child welfare system."

About 40 to 60 children are born each year in Los Angeles County with the human immunodeficiency virus, a number that has remained constant for several

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years. But the number of total cases, now at least 255, is increasing, said Dr. Laurene Mascola, head of acute communicable disease control for the county.

"The cumulative number is increasing," Mascola said. "And as we get further on into the epidemic, these [mothers] are getting sicker and are less able to care for their children."

The problem has been compounded because most of the children come from dysfunctional families. Many are born with drug dependency. Often their parents have no stable income. And almost

all have mothers who, themselves, must cope with the disease.

HIV-infected children are also difficult to place in foster homes because of the stigma surrounding the disease and because of the tremendous amount of care they require, said the home's executive director, Ginny Foat, former president of the California chapter of the National Organization for Women.

The house near Fairfax Avenue provides a haven for HIV-infected children until more permanent homes can be found, Foat said. Six children under age 5 live there now. A total of 18 children have

stayed at the home since it was established as the first facility of its kind on the West Coast in June, 1990.

Some children have developed symptoms of the disease, but most have only tested positive for HIV.

With children staying for an average of eight months, few beds become open. That means that 35 children had to be turned away last year, said Sheri Szeles, the home's program director.

"We are only taking care of a very small part of the population right now," Szeles said.

With a \$300,000 grant from the city of Los Angeles, the group

purchased two adjoining properties, where it plans to build medical facilities and rooms for eight more children.

CBA hopes to raise \$200,000 for the new facilities and have them open by July, Foat said.

Mayor Tom Bradley announced at a groundbreaking ceremony Monday that the city will assign an "expediter" to ensure that the application to expand the home will move quickly through the bureaucracy.

Bradley said all AIDS facilities that ask for it will receive faster service from city departments, cutting a month or more off the time it takes to approve their projects.

In the Legislature, Assemblyman Terry B. Friedman (D-Los

Angeles), has introduced a bill that would allow pediatric AIDS homes to provide medical treatment.

Now, the state Department of Social Services does not recognize such facilities with a distinct licensing category. That means that caretakers at the Los Angeles home must apply to the state each

time they want to provide medical treatment to a child.

"Every time a kid runs a fever or has diarrhea, we have to apply to the state to care for them," said Szeles. "Not just the big things. The little things too."

"This [legislation] will make it much easier."

CARING FOR BABIES



WITH AIDS

PEDIATRIC AIDS FACTS SHEET

It is estimated that by the year 2000, there will be ten million children infected with the AIDS virus (World Health Organization)

- * There are approximately 20,000 children infected with the AIDS virus in America today (Assistant Secretary of Health) and approximately 1 million HIV+ children worldwide.
- * As of December, 1993, 5,234 diagnosed cases of AIDS in infants and children under the age of 13 have been reported in the United States (Centers for Disease Control).
- * AIDS is the eighth leading cause of death among children aged one to four. By the year 2000, AIDS is expected to move into the top leading causes of death for children.
- * Over 88% of the AIDS cases in children result from perinatal transmission.
- * The following states are ranked according to reported diagnosed cases of pediatric AIDS as of December, 1993:
 - New York
 - Florida
 - New Jersey
 - California
 - Texas
- * Los Angeles ranks #5 among U.S. cities with reported diagnosed cases of children with AIDS.
- * As of March 1994 there are 146 identified cases of pediatric AIDS in Los Angeles County, (23% White, 30% Black, 42% Hispanic and 3% other). By 1996 the Centers For Disease Control estimate that the cumulative number of pediatric AIDS cases in Los Angeles County will have risen to 350.

- * AIDS has become a chronic illness because children are living longer with the disease. This is due to advances in medical care; however, there is still no cure for AIDS.
- * 20-30% of children born to HIV-infected mothers acquires AIDS.
- * In five years, one out of ten pediatric hospital beds will be occupied by a child with AIDS.
- * Children with HIV-infection are usually diagnosed within the first two years of life.
- * Pediatric AIDS has different manifestations and characteristics than AIDS in adults. 50% of HIV infected children have symptoms by age one year; 80% of HIV infected children have symptoms by age three.
- * Children with AIDS suffer from ostracism and discrimination because of the disease.
- * Minority children are at the greatest risk and comprise 70% of children in Los Angeles County who are HIV+.
- * Failure to thrive is a striking feature of AIDS in children; the majority of those infected are below the tenth percentile for weight in their age group.
- * Infants who acquire AIDS early have more rapid disease progression than those who have a later onset.
- * Most infants and children with HIV-infection or AIDS are born into poor and/or fragmented families.
- * A pregnant woman may not know she is infected with HIV; she is often identified as infected after the child is diagnosed with AIDS.
- * Currently there are no day/respite care facilities for HIV infected children in Los Angeles County.
- * 45% of women who have transmitted HIV through perinatal exposure are unable to determine how they became infected.

Data from the National Institute of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization

Babies born to HIV-infected mothers find refuge

By Deborah Hastings
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — The 9-month-old boy arrived in a full body cast. His father had thrown him across a room.

A 16-month-old girl toddled around her first home that wasn't a car or a cardboard box. She came here after her drug-addicted mother was sent to jail.

These tiny victims of abuse and neglect also were born to HIV-infected mothers, a double plight that brought them to Caring for Babies with AIDS. The 14-bed temporary home serves a small but growing population in need.

A nationwide study for The Orphan Project in New York

estimated that AIDS already has left up to 40,000 children and adolescents without parents to care for them. The study, published a year ago in the Journal of the American Medical Association, projected that number will double by the end of the decade.

The study's authors concluded "a social catastrophe is unavoidable" unless more is done.

"When I first got involved with this, I thought this is not going to be something I enjoy. This is children and death and dying," said Ginny Foat, 52, the home's executive director.

"You hear them laughing and playing and you realize that in many ways, you've

saved their lives."

This work is not easy. HIV-infected children often suffer nerve and brain damage. They are prone to diarrhea, vomiting, spiking fevers, painful rashes, and thrush — a fungus that forms milky white lesions in the mouth and throat.

Too young to understand why they feel so bad, some children lash out in frustration. After one toddler lost her ability to walk, she began banging her head against a wall.

Though they tested positive for HIV at birth, not all of these babies will develop AIDS. No one knows why, but the virus' antibodies disappear from 70 percent of

such infants within 18 months.

Still, Foat and her staff take extreme care not to expose themselves or the children to illness. Employees with the slightest trace of a cold don't come to work. Walls are washed with bleach. Gloves are worn for diaper changes. Every substance that goes in and out of these children is monitored.

The 27 full-time caregivers tend to 14 children under the age of 5. Other staff offer family intervention services and counseling. Caring for Babies with AIDS also tracks for two years every child who leaves its doors. None has died.

The children are placed

here by Los Angeles County Juvenile Court, on their way to placement in foster care or with other relatives.

Caring for Babies with AIDS occupies four houses in a commercial and residential section at the city's western edge. Its \$1.5 million budget comes from government support and private donations. Capacity has doubled since the home opened in 1990.

Seated recently in the compound's courtyard, Foat talked over the laughter and chatter of children at play. Scattered about were pint-sized walkers for tiny legs that now buckle.

A gay rights and AIDS activist in recent years, she has lost five friends to AIDS.

"I got so angry, I wanted to do something to make a difference," Foat said. In the late 1980s she began holding monthly AIDS fund-raisers at a West Hollywood restaurant she managed. In 1989 she joined the board of a new group called Caring For Babies with AIDS.

Compared with other cities with large AIDS populations, Los Angeles has relatively few pediatric cases, which include children up to age 13.

This is especially surprising since Los Angeles ranks second among U.S. metropolitan areas in the number of adults and teen-agers with AIDS — 21,704 as of September.

Bradley to ease permit process for AIDS facilities

By Rick Orlov
Daily News Staff Writer

Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley announced plans Monday to streamline the processing of city permits for facilities that care for people with AIDS or with the virus that causes the disease.

Under the new program, Bradley said, organizations planning to build or open AIDS treatment facilities can contact the city's AIDS coordinator, Phill Wilson, who will work with the various departments that need to issue permits.

"We are taking a step to help these facilities cut through the bureaucracy and save four to five weeks and allow them to open," Bradley said. "That will not only get facilities in the community, but it will save them money that can go for care."

Bradley made the announcement before a groundbreaking ceremony for construction of a second facility by an organization called Caring for Babies with AIDS, a residential facility opened in 1990 to care for children with AIDS or the AIDS virus who have been abandoned or taken from their parents. The facility is located at 5930 Comey Ave. in Los Angeles.

"Caring for Babies with AIDS reflects the compassion and love that can be given to persons and children with AIDS," Bradley said. "With no cure to the disease in sight, it is critical that we all work together to ensure adequate

facilities are available to serve people in need."

Bradley said the latest figures show that there are 14,000 people in Los Angeles County with acquired immune deficiency syndrome and 50,000 with the human immunodeficiency virus, which leads to AIDS.

Caring for Babies with AIDS, which received \$300,000 from the city for its new facility, is the type of project that would be assisted, Bradley said. "Now is the time for every level of government to eliminate the red tape that could deter a non-profit group from providing a service," the mayor said.

Susan Pace, president of the group's board of directors, said the new facility will provide eight beds to go along with the six-bed facility now in use.

Pace said the residential facility cares for AIDS or HIV-infected children up to 5 years of age who are assigned to them by the county Department of Children Services.

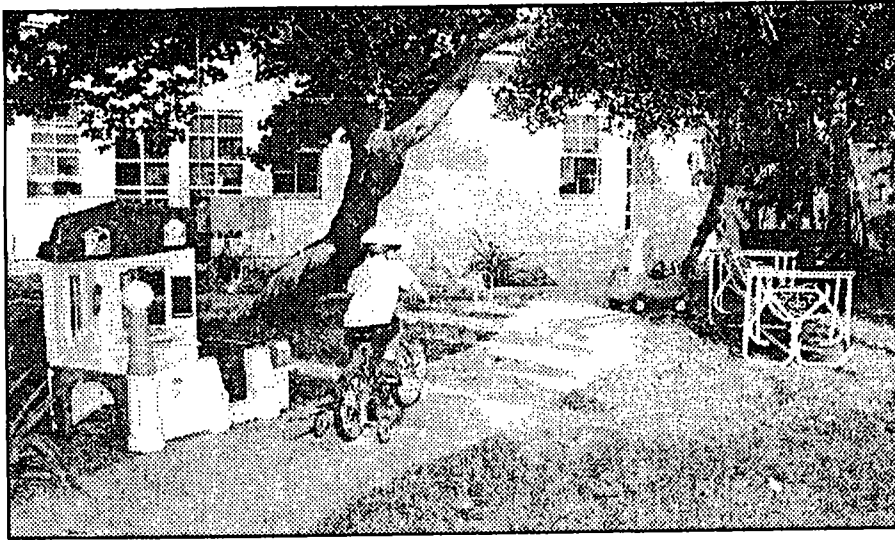
"Our first goal is to try to reunite the children with their families," Pace said. "Secondly, we try to find foster parents for the children."

She estimated the group has been able to place successfully 25 children in its two years of operation, which was the first of its type to open in Los Angeles and the western United States.

Los Angeles was the first major city to adopt an AIDS policy to prohibit discrimination and ensure workplace safety and confidentiality for people with AIDS. In addition, the city has spent more than \$2.25 million in grant funding for AIDS-related facilities.



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A preschooler infected with the HI virus, left, rides his bike through the courtyard of the center. A caregiver at the Caring for Babies with AIDS center, inset, gives a little love and a bottle to a baby with HIV.

Caring for patients is a team effort

Teamwork is the operative word for the professionals charged with keeping children healthy and happy in the Caring for Babies With AIDS program.

Registered dietitian Marcy Fenton, child-life supervisor Debi Reed, pediatric registered nurse Shirley Hammers, and development director Harriet Baron are just part of the staff serving babies and children infected with or affected by AIDS.

"CBA's success with kids is three-fold," Fenton said. "First, they're daily fed three meals and three snacks. Nutrition is crucial to the babies' health. If someone doesn't get nourishment on a regular basis, he's at risk for debilitating diseases and malnutrition. Secondly, their drugs and medical care are administered on a regular basis. And, thirdly, they get a tremendous amount of love and attention. There's a lot of touching and hugging."

Staff members always work together. This is crucial, said Hammers, if the children are to live and thrive. "Care" meetings are held so nurses, child life specialists, social workers, house managers, care givers, therapists and the dietitian can formulate individualized plans of treatment and response.

Good nutrition is particularly relevant for pediatric AIDS patients, who often were born prematurely or suffer delayed development of gastrointestinal and respiratory systems.

Babies on medication may become lethargic and fall asleep during feeding, so the care giver must gently stimulate them to awaken them and continue the meal. Or medicine may

make a child agitated, requiring additional hugging and holding, Hammers said. Just as important, mealtimes must be pleasant and loving.

Staff members must combine medical and personal skills. "Our role is a combination of parenting and nursing," Hammers said. "You must establish a sense of trust in the children, become a familiar face in situations that can sometimes be frightening for them."

Reed's job revolves around playing so the children nicknamed her "The Play Lady." They play for therapy and just plain fun.

"The children go to the hospital and doctors many times, sometimes as much as 10 times a month. It is always painful and stressful and they never get used to it," Reed said.

Her job is to help them explore, examine and master their fears and frustrations. She uses puppets, clay, finger painting, dramatic play, toys and role playing.

Baron said the World Health Organization predicts 10 million children will be infected with the AIDS virus by the year 2000. There are about 20,000 children infected with the virus in America and about 1 million worldwide, she reported. The Centers for Disease Control said that as of December 1993, there were 5,234 cases of AIDS in children younger than 13, Baron said. It is the eighth-leading cause of death among children ages 1-4, she said.

California ranks fourth in states with pediatric AIDS cases, behind New York, Florida and New Jersey. Los Angeles ranks fifth among U.S. cities in diagnosed cases of pediatric AIDS.



City of Los Angeles State of California

COMMENDATION

Caring for Babies with AIDS

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAVE ADOPTED POLICIES TO SUPPORT EFFORTS WHICH EXPAND THE SUPPLY OF QUALITY, AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE CHILD CARE IN LOS ANGELES; AND

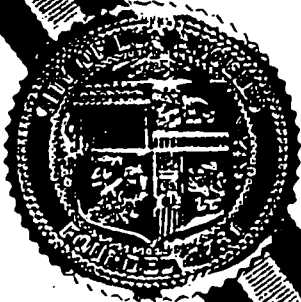
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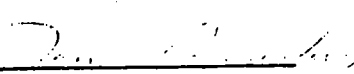
WHEREAS, THE CHILD CARE ADVISORY BOARD AND THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES ARE SPONSORING THE FIRST CHILD CARE INNOVATOR AWARDS, TO RECOGNIZE NEW, INNOVATIVE MODEL PROJECTS WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROVISION OF QUALITY, AFFORDABLE, AND ACCESSIBLE CHILD CARE IN LOS ANGELES; AND

WHEREAS, CARING FOR BABIES WITH AIDS OFFERS FULL-TIME CARE FOR VERY YOUNG CHILDREN INFECTED WITH OR AT HIGH RISK OF HIV, IN A WARM, HOME-LIKE SETTING, WITH SERVICES ADDRESSING THE DEVELOPMENTAL, HEALTH, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND RELATED NEEDS OF THESE CHILDREN;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOM BRADLEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, ON BEHALF OF ITS CITIZENS, DO HEREBY COMMEND CARING FOR BABIES WITH AIDS FOR THEIR EXEMPLARY EFFORTS IN MEETING THE CHILD CARE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.

DECEMBER 3, 1991




MAYOR

Our Community Outreach Program

Recognizing that it would soon become impossible to keep up with the demand for residential placement, CBA created an outreach program specifically designed to address the needs of HIV infected families with children in an effort to provide ongoing family support, crisis intervention and long term family preservation. The Family Support Services program is comprised of a multi-disciplinary team of social workers, child development specialists, nurse, nutritional consultant and mental health professional. The Family Support Services program has one major goal: to keep HIV infected families together in as healthy an environment as possible for as long as the disease allows. The team also provides emotional assistance to remaining family members surviving the death of their loved one(s). All of the essential services of the team are provided with the clients as a full partner of the team and are delivered in the home of the client. Families can obtain medical reviews from our registered nurse, the services of a child development specialist, a nutritionist, mental health professional and case management planning from a social worker. A member of the team always accompanies families in any court related visits and acts as an advocate.

CBA provides multi-lingual case management team services to clients from all over Los Angeles County. Historically, the ethnic breakdown of our client population has been 50% Afro-American, 40% Latino, 5% Caucasian and 5% mixed race. This program is unique as it is the only program of its kind in Los Angeles County and, as far as we know, in California.

The Family Resource Center

The demand for services has increased dramatically since the inception of the HIV Family Outreach program and yet we feel we have only seen the tip of the iceberg. A wall of silence still surrounds the inner city, minority family dealing with HIV that can only be penetrated through education and guidance. Additionally, the incidence of HIV infection is growing very rapidly in women of child bearing age.

In order to enhance the provision of critically needed services, CBA has embarked on an ambitious plan to create the Family Resource Center. This cutting edge approach to pediatric and familial AIDS healthcare issues and services will stand as a model for California and the nation. This model facility will include our Family Support Services staff and an HIV community child care center, Support groups for natural, foster and adoptive parents and uninfected family members will become part of this comprehensive facility, as well as assistance with housing, employment and legal referrals. This means that families with very few financial assets will be able to access a myriad of services in one location.

The Volunteer Program

CBA's backbone is the volunteer community. To maximize the services available through CBA, we have an active and comprehensive volunteer program. Our House Volunteer program allows CBA trained volunteers to work directly with our professional staff in caring for the children in our residential facilities. Available positions on the volunteer schedule are always sought after as our House Volunteers quickly become as devoted to the children as our staff.

Volunteers augment the Family Support Services program through the newly created Family Companion Program. This "buddy" system of families and home companions establishes a stable and dependable means of support with services provided on a regular basis by responsive and trained volunteers. Family Companion services include child care, transportation to clinic and doctor's visits, educational/tutorial assistance with school age children and, perhaps most importantly, emotional support.

Volunteers services are utilized in our administrative offices, fundraising efforts and almost every other facet of the organization and have become a valuable and valued asset.

Funding

Portions of our budget are covered through Los Angeles County AFDC funds and Ryan White Federal Act disbursements. Those funds are not sufficient, however, to cover the quality of care or multiple programs that CBA provides. The remainder of the budget must be raised through grants and private donations to initiate and maintain the special programs we have developed.

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August 8, 1995

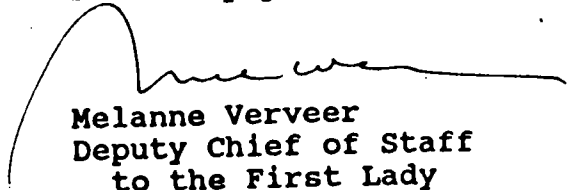
Ms. Joan Fox
Box 367
Truro, Mass. 02666

Dear Ms. Fox,

Mrs. Clinton asked me to thank you for your letter recommending Patricia Eber. We appreciate your interest and will forward this information to the Office of Presidential Personnel.

Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

DRAFTjes

July 18, 1995

Mr. Rob Ferish
Food Research and Action Center
1875 Connecticut Ave., NW
Suite 540
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Mr. Ferish,

Thank you for sending the results of
your Community Childhood Hunger
Identification Project. I appreciate ~~this~~ ^{the}
information and am grateful for the important
work that you do. Mrs. Clinton ~~much enjoyed~~ ^{was pleased to have}
the opportunity to speak at the recent FRAC
dinner, ^{to salute Fran's work and to}

Thanks again for writing and best
wishes.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

*to keep me all
fresh.*

Continue to be

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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: July 14, 1995

TO: Melanne Verveer

FROM: Rob Ferish *Rob*

SUBJ: Release of Our Childhood Hunger Survey Next Week

I wanted you to know that we will be releasing the results of our Community Childhood Hunger Identification Project (CCHIP) study next week. On Monday, July 17, we will be briefing the press on the report which is embargoed until July 20.

Enclosed is our basic packet about the report. As you may know, it culminates over three years of work interviewing over 5,000 low-income households across the country. Our key findings indicate there remains a significant childhood hunger problem in the United States and that this hunger affects children's health, school attendance, and other areas of their lives.

I hope this information is useful to you. Please feel free to call me, Lynn Parker, or Marcia Stein on our staff, should you have any questions about the study.

RJF:kdb
Enc.

*Wanted you & the First Lady
to know about this.
Hope all is well.*

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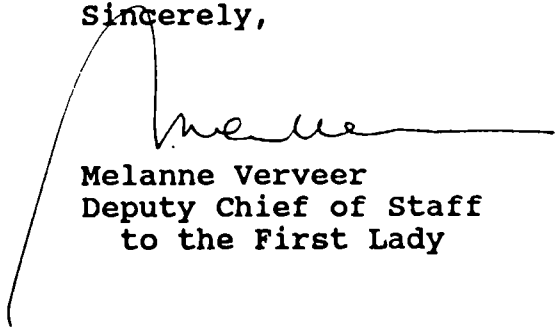
July 5, 1995

Dr. Harvey Fernbach
Diplomate
American Board of Psychiatry
& Neurology
7726 Finns Lane
Lanham, MD 20706

Dear Dr. Fernbach:

Thank you for your letter and for sharing your ideas with me. There's much wisdom in it about the good government does. I will be sure to share it with others. Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

HARVEY FERNBACH, M.D., F.A.
DIPLOMATE
AMERICAN BOARD OF PSYCHIATRY & NEUROLOGY
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LANHAM, MARYLAND 20706
TELEPHONE (301) 423-3338

November 23, 1994

Al From, President
Democratic Leadership Council, Inc.
316 Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Mr. From:

In the light of our recent election losses, we Democrats must start to explain our philosophy clearly to the public in terms the current climate dictates. We cannot let Republicans pin labels without an effective response. Governor Dukakis, for example, should have accepted the "liberal or L" word with pride and tell America what it means. We should tell the public what conservative can mean to them!

I hope the following thoughts of this Democrat can be useful to Democrats in leadership positions.

We, too, prefer individuals and their families to solve problems for themselves, but we know they cannot solve all.

We, too, prefer local and state governments to solve problems, but recognized many problems exceed their capabilities and require a Federal solution.

We, too, are for the smallest, most efficient and least wasteful government bureaucracy needed to get the job done.

We are not for welfare, but are for helping people who fall into unfortunate circumstances. *Welfare is a middle class safety net also, not just a program for the poor.*

We are not for greedy, selfish special interests, but recognize each individual and group has a uniquely special interest which needs to be heard.

We are not pro-abortion, but most are pro-choice.

We are for big and small business since they create wealth, but insist they be good corporate citizens who respect free and fair competition and who give their workers a fair shake and safe workplace.

We are for workers and know a healthy, happy workforce is a key to successful business.

We are for farmers and family farms since we like to eat.

We are pro-family and seek laws to protect it and eliminate laws that harm it.

We believe in hard work and individual initiative.

We are for civic responsibility and civil rights.

We are for private charities, but recognize they are not sufficient.

We are for rugged individualism, as long as it doesn't mean roughing up another individual.

We are for the right to one's religion, not for the religious right.

We, too, are for as few regulations as possible, but respond to the people's request "there ought to be a law."

We are not for tax and spend but we are for paying for what we spend.

We believe government, just like people, must live within its means.

We are for a strong military, but not waste in military or unnecessary military.

We are for campaign and lobby reform that's fair to all parties.

We are for universal access to quality health care.

We, too, want to be tough on crime, but also believe an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

We are a great country not only due to the efforts of individuals, business, farmers, etc. but also because we have a great Constitution and stable, responsive government.

We realize perfection is not achievable by our government, but recognize the difference between the government of America and the government of North Korea.

We remind America this is still a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

If we Democrats are going to take the rap for the failings of big government we should take the credit of big government where credit is due. The NIH, FDA, NEA, Head Start, Social Security, Medicare, Coast Guard, Smithsonian, FAA, NASA, Pell Grants, etc. are just some worthy programs Americans should be proud of their government and of Democrats.

Additionally, we must not let Rush be the Voice of America. We need a counterveiling Radio Free America that gives our perspective.

We cannot let Phil Gramm's canard about tax and spend Democrats who love big bureaucracy go on. We must let the people know what we stand for and the benefits of our government. We cannot let Newt call President Clinton the enemy of the people without a swift counter-offensive. We cannot keep our contribution to America a secret or let others misrepresent us or defame us.

In my view 99% of Americans do not wake up in the morning thinking the Federal government does too much.

I could go on, but you have the thrust of my ideas. The Democrats and the President are not perfect but we must get back the majority in Congress and get Bill Clinton re-elected.

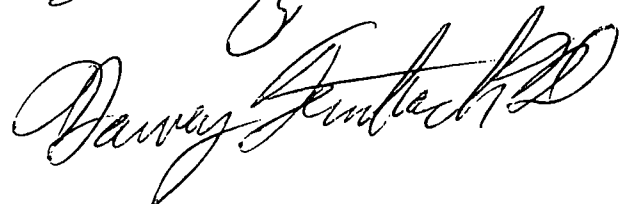
Sincerely,


Harvey Fernbach, M.D.

HF/soc

6/16/95

Dear Ms Verwee,
I enjoyed your introduction of Mr. Panetta at
last night's People for the American Way dinner.
I hope ~~these~~ the ideas in this letter can help
the President & the Democrats.

Sincerely,


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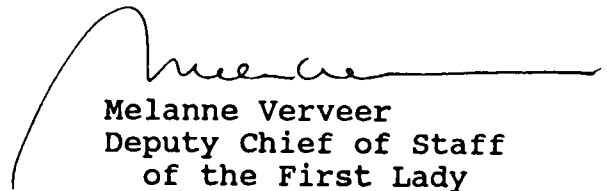
Eileen Goldblatt
Executive Director
Young Audiences
One East 53rd St.
New York, Ny 10022

Dear Eileen,

Thank you for your letter recommending Peter Max for the National Medal of Arts. We have forwarded your letter to Sandy Crary at the National Endowment for the Arts where the initial decisions are made by the NEA Council.

Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
of the First Lady

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April 29, 1996

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
Old Executive Office Building
Suite 100
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Ms. Verveer:

At the suggestion of Sabrina Corlette, I am enclosing a letter to First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton recommending artist, Peter Max, for the National Medal of Arts. It is my understanding that decisions regarding the Medal will be made this week, and I would greatly appreciate your ensuring that Mrs. Clinton sees this letter before that time.

Please call me at (212) 319-9269 if I can provide you with any additional information.

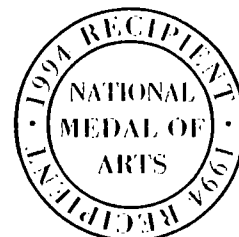
Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Eileen Goldblatt
Executive Director

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April 29, 1996

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I am writing to you to express my enthusiastic and unconditional support of artist, Peter Max, for the National Medal of Arts. All of us at Young Audiences/New York, a former recipient of the National Medal of Arts, are acutely aware of the importance of this type of recognition for the continued growth of the arts in the United States. I strongly recommend Peter Max for this distinguished honor, knowing personally of his extraordinary artistic and humanitarian contributions.

As you are aware, Young Audiences/New York honored Peter with our first Annual Children's Arts Medal at a Gala celebration on April 23rd, 1996. This event was our largest and most successful benefit to date, raising significant funds to extend our arts-in-education programming to greater numbers of New York City public school children and families. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the beautiful videotape you provided for our Gala. You were wonderfully received, and we greatly appreciate your participation.

Young Audiences/New York's first Annual Children's Arts Medal recognized Peter Max as one of this century's true artistic visionaries — an innovator and creative spirit who inspires children to explore, appreciate and create the arts. Our Gala celebrated the importance of the arts, education, cultures, patriotism and dreams, based on the theme, Visions of Liberty. Prior to this event, New York City public school students worked with Peter to create their own World Wide Web page, using technology and their own artwork as a focal point of discovery and learning. Peter brought these children into his studio, showing them his artwork and sharing his knowledge and experience with them. With his warm and thoughtful guidance, these students learned new ways of both accessing knowledge and expressing themselves. Their accomplishments included an original Visions of Liberty opera, performed at our Gala against a backdrop of Peter's magnificent Liberty mural.

In February, 1996, Young Audiences/New York and the New York Institute of Technology presented Peter with the first Arts & Technology Award, as well as an Honorary Doctorate, for his numerous contributions to the merging of art with technology. On April 23rd, in addition to receiving our first Annual Children's Arts Medal, he was presented with the Environmental Quality Award by the United States Environmental Protection Agency — as you know, these are but a few of his hundreds of honors.



First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
April 29, 1996
Page Two

Peter Max's heartfelt commitment to young people, in addition to his many artistic achievements, that has earned him our highest esteem and accolades. We can think of no one more deserving of the nation's highest arts award.

I am enclosing our Children's Arts Medal Gala program for your review. Please have your staff contact me at (212) 319-9269 if I can provide any additional information or for further discussion. It would be my great honor to speak on behalf of Peter Max.

Thank you again for your support of our Gala, and for your consideration of Peter Max for the National Medal of Arts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Eileen Goldblatt". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Eileen Goldblatt
Executive Director

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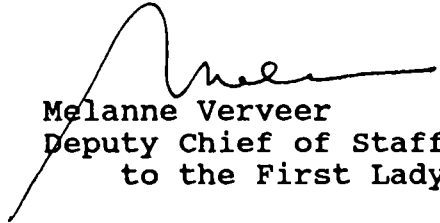
April 29, 1996

Peter G. Gosselin
The Boston Globe
229 West 43rd Street
New York, NY 10036

Dear Peter:

Congratulations on your recent move to the Globe's New York bureau. Best wishes for continued success in your new environs.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady



MELANNE VERVEEK
Office of The First Lady
The White House
WASHINGTON, D.C.
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The Boston Globe

Peter G. Gosselin is moving to the newspaper's New York bureau. After April 1st he can be reached at:

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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April 23, 1996

Michael J. Gerhardt
Professor of Law
The College of William & Mary
PO Box 8795
Williamsburg, VA 23187-8795

Dear Professor Gerhardt: *Mike*

Congratulations on your new position as Dean of Case Western Reserve University School of Law. They are most fortunate to have you join them. I wish you the best in meeting your new and exciting challenges.

Sincerely yours,

Melanne
Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

*Do you ever
get to DC?*



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April 1, 1996

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 writing to let you know that recently I have decided to accept the position of Dean of Case Western Reserve University School of Law. This decision has been especially difficult, both personally and professionally. I have greatly enjoyed being a law professor at The College of William & Mary; I have many friends in the area, I have enjoyed the proximity to Washington, and the law school has been wonderfully supportive of my scholarly and community and political activities. Nevertheless, I am excited by the prospect of giving some new direction, energy, and prominence to an already well-established law school. I hope also that I can both continue some of my scholarly activities and expand the contributions that I can make to civic affairs. I am looking forward to these challenges as one of the two or three youngest law school deans in the nation.

It has been a great privilege for me over the past several years to have provided as much volunteer assistance as I have to the current administration and other Democratic candidates and causes. I look forward some day, particularly after honing my skills, knowledge, and experience as a law school dean, to making an even greater contribution than I can at present to full-time service with this administration or in public affairs. In the meantime, I greatly appreciate your efforts on my behalf. I also look forward to assisting the re-election campaign in any way that I can from my new vantage point and to serving you now or whenever you think I can be of assistance.

I wish you the best of luck in all of the important work you are doing. I have no doubts you will continue to make all of us very proud of this administration and of your contributions. If for any reason you need to reach me in the near future, I will be here until July 1. After that date, my appointment as dean becomes effective, and I can be reached at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, 11075 Easy Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44106.

Very truly yours,

Michael J. Gerhardt
Professor of Law

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February 5, 1996

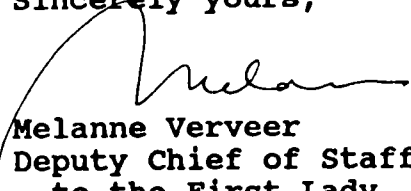
Mrs. Danielle Gardner
U.S. Embassy
Serrano 75
28006 Madrid
APO AE 09642
Spain

Dear Mrs. Gardner,

Thank you for your hospitality during the First Lady's trip to Spain. Enclosed are photos from the visit. We appreciate the assistance of your office in distributing the photos.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

*It was wonderful
to meet you.
We had a
de lightful
but all too brief
time in Madrid.*

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February 29, 1996

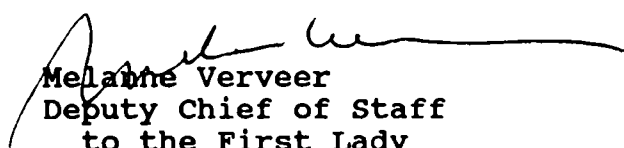
Laura Gasparis Vonfrolio
Publisher
Revolution
56 McArthur Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10312

Dear Ms. Vonfrolio,

Thank you for inviting the President and First Lady to attend the May rally of nurses and health care workers. I have forwarded your request to the Scheduling Office.

Thank you again for writing and best wishes for your important work.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
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to the First Lady

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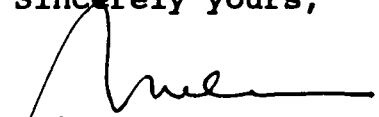
February 6, 1996

Mark Green
530 East 90th Street
New York, NY 10128

Dear Mark,

Thank you for your recent note and the great clippings. It is always good to hear from you and the encouraging words were much appreciated. Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

*Am me
best!*

MARK GREEN
530 EAST 90th STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10128

(R)

Jan. 20

Dear Melanne,

My heart goes out to the
First Lady for her grace-under-pressure.
(And whomever came up with the
'Sofire apparently still working for Nixon'
line deserves a medal.)

Since "revenge is a dish best
served cold," I'm writing just to cheer
you & her on and up... and to let you know
that while D'Amato is strutting & grandstanding
in D.C., back home his numbers are collapsing.
When he defeated me (57-41%) in '86,
he had a 60%-30% favorable rating; today
it's exactly the reverse. (See enclosed.)

Count on me to pull my oar for the
ticket here in NYS. And in '97-'98, after the
Whitewater hearings are done & the President's
re-elected, let's reconvene on Sen. Alfonse
McCarthy.

all my best,
Mark

NEW YORK



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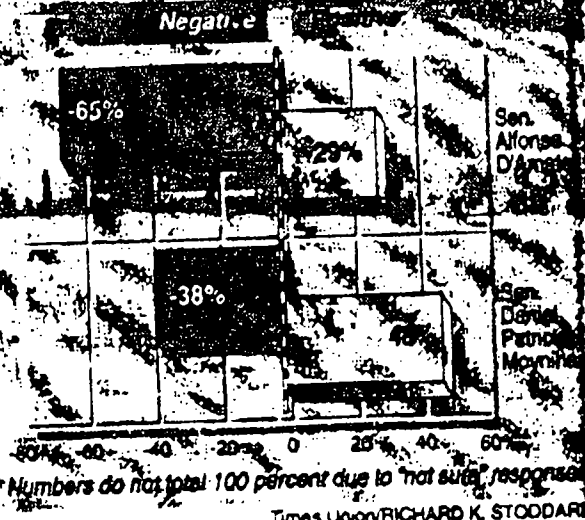
The conventional wisdom has **Mark Green** gearing up for a challenge against Rudy Giuliani in 1997, but his real target, it seems, is Senator **Al D'Amato** in 1998. Though the New York City public advocate is typically coy about his plans, his confidants say he is itching for a rematch against D'Amato, his long-time nemesis. And though he suffered a painful loss to D'Amato in 1986, a recent poll obtained by *New York* shows Green could give the powerful Republican senator a real fight. According to an independent statewide survey conducted by the Global Strategy Group, if the election were held now, Green would beat D'Amato by ten percentage points, with 45 percent of the vote to D'Amato's 35 percent, with 20 percent undecided. An unabashedly liberal Democrat, Green manages to hold his own even in conservative upstate counties, where he squeezes by D'Amato 39 percent to 36 percent. Tipping his hand just a little, Green eagerly points out that "Al's numbers are even lower than Pataki's. My favorable rating statewide is, like D'Amato's, 30 percent. But my unfavorable is 8 percent and his is 63 percent."

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Rating New York's senators

U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan continues to have the highest approval rating of any statewide politician, though his popularity has slipped from previous polls.



D'Amato sizzles in D.C., but fizzles in New York

BY MARK MCGUINNE
Staff writer

U.S. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato is at the height of his power — and the depth of his popularity.

Chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, head of the Senate Whitewater investigation and the political chieftain of New York Republicans, D'Amato wields more clout in Washington and here in his home state than ever before.

But according to a poll conducted for the Times Union and the Syracuse Herald-American by the Zogby Group International of Utica, D'Amato is also more unpopular than ever.

Only 28.9 percent of respondents gave the three-term senator a favorable rating (either "excellent" or "good"). Meanwhile, 65.2 percent of New Yorkers rated D'Amato's performance "fair" or "poor."

According to Zogby, D'Amato's negative rating is evident in every subgroup, including Republicans (65 percent) and independents (64 percent). But Zogby said New York's junior senator has remarkable political resiliency.

"He's at a low point, but he is at the high point of his power," Zogby said. "He's been here before, and he can never, never be counted out."

D'Amato representative Lisette McSoud did not attach much significance to the poll numbers. "Sen. D'Amato has a reputation among New Yorkers for fighting and deliver-

About this series

SUNDAY: A year into Governor George Pataki's administration, New Yorkers give him a lukewarm rating.

MONDAY: New Yorkers give mixed reviews to some of the key issues on the governor's agenda this year.

TUESDAY: People around the state remain uneasy about their economic prospects.

TODAY: If it comes down to President Clinton vs. Sen. Bob Dole, Republicans had better not count on any electoral votes from New York.

ing for New York," she said, "and in the end that's what counts most."

Republican State Committee officials, given the poll results and a list of reporter's questions orally and in writing, declined to comment on the survey.

D'Amato's Democratic counterpart, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, scored a 47.3 percent favorable rating, although only 8.4 percent of poll respondents gave him an "excellent" rating.

"He's the most popular elected statewide official in New York," said Kevin Sheekey, Moynihan's chief of staff. "And Sen. Moynihan's support is consistent throughout every group polled."

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 6, 1996

Archibald L. Gillies
President
The Andy Warhol Foundation
for the Visual Arts
65 Bleecker St., 7th Floor
New York, NY 10012

Dear Mr. Gillies, *Gene*

Thank you for sending me a copy of
Susana Torruella Leval's paper. I enjoyed
reading it.

Thanks again and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Melanne
Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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well.*

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Susana Torruella Leval

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November 27, 1995

Ambassador Gabriel Guerra
United States Embassy
Chile

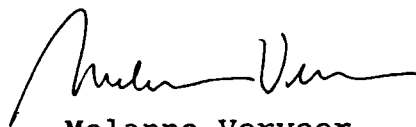
Dear Ambassador Guerra:

The First Lady is very grateful to you, Mrs. Guerra, and your staff for the warm reception she received in Chile. The hard work and enthusiasm of your staff were deeply felt.

Enclosed are photographs taken during the visit. Would you please be so kind as to distribute them?

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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

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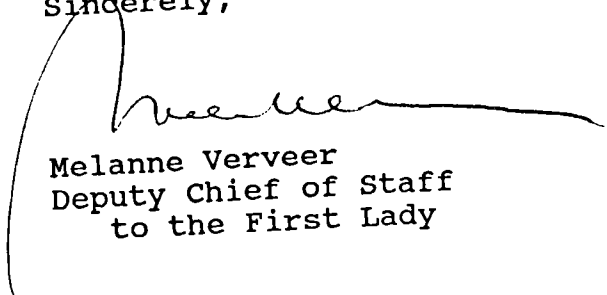
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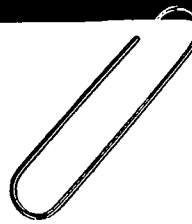
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Dear Phyllis:

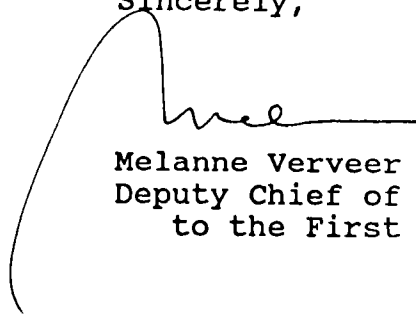
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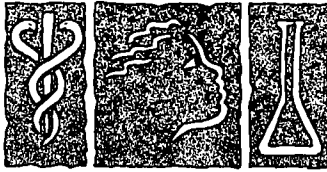
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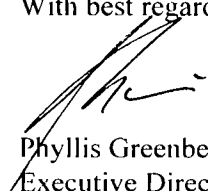
Dear Melanne:

I thought you would be interested in seeing a copy of our Journal of Women's Health; it is the Society's official peer reviewed journal. Please note page 337 where Hillary's speech from the Achievement Awards Dinner in Women's health is reprinted in its entirety as well as a reference to it in my message on page 351.

I hope you will share this with the First Lady and you will both agree that her remarks and presence at the dinner had a much more far reaching affect than the immediate audience in that room.

I hope that she will be receptive to future events the Society's has that will afford her similar exposure.

With best regards,


Phyllis Greenberger, MSW
Executive Director

Hope all is going well —

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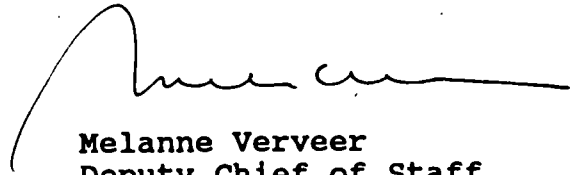
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cc: Nirupama Rao

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Nirupama Rao
Embassy of India
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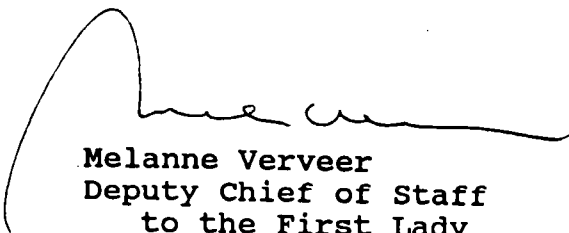
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University of York
Heslington, York
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England

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Thank you for sending your informative report demonstrating that a reduction in smoking may result in an increase in the ranks of the employed. The Administration is committed to working to reduce not only teenage smoking but tobacco use generally. We appreciate your work.

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25 August, 1995

Ms Melanne Verveer
Office of the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington DC
USA

Dear Ms Verveer,

We were interested to read about the proposed rules drawn up by the Food and Drug Administration to reduce smoking among minors. It was reported that if the measures reduced under-age smoking there may be a loss of 1000 jobs per year.

Our own research in the UK, however, suggests that a reduction in smoking, rather than resulting in a loss of jobs may actually increase the numbers employed. This occurs because of the jobs created from taking into account the effects of the released tobacco expenditure being spent on other goods and services. This independent research confirms the findings of other studies both in the US and the UK. We thought you may be interested in the results of our study and have enclosed some copies of the report.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries about this research or if you would like any further copies.

Christine Godfrey can be contacted on:

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or by e-mail at cg2@york.ac.uk

Yours sincerely



Christine Godfrey
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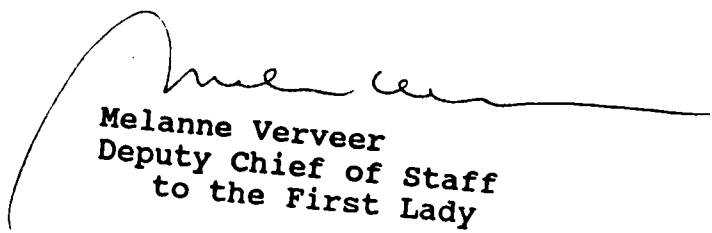
Ms. Brenda Golden
Brenda Golden Media Relations
707 18th Ave. South
Nashville, TN 37023

Dear Ms. Golden:

Thank you for writing and sending information regarding Mr. Blackstone's talents and performance record. Unfortunately, due to Mrs. Clinton's brief stay in China, we were unable to arrange a meeting.

Again, thank you and best wishes.

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TO: MELANNE VERVEER
FROM: BRENDA GOLDEN
RE: THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN CHINA
DATE: AUGUST 17, 1995

I have attached a biography of my client, Harry Blackstone, for your perusal. I am aware that you are currently making arrangements for the First Lady to visit the People's Republic of China. As the "International Ambassador of Magic" for both the Society of American Magicians and the International Brotherhood of Magic, Harry would be honored to perform during the Women's Conference as a culture exchange during Mrs. Clinton's possible visit. Blackstone speaks Mandarin Chinese, fluently, which would eliminate a language barrier.

This legendary magician captures the legacy of an American theatrical tradition that dates back over a century. When it comes to performing live, Harry Blackstone's versatility and inventiveness allows him to be equally comfortable in such diverse settings as China, as he has appeared with the Shanghai Circus in the past.

I thank you for your time and consideration. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to call me.

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Harry Blackstone

"Harry Blackstone," says Calvin Trillin in The New Yorker, "is regarded as one of the finest magicians in the country — the leading exemplar of the formal tradition of grand illusion."

Every time Harry Blackstone steps on stage for a performance, he brings with him the legacy of an American theatrical tradition that dates back over a century. Harry Blackstone is the gifted son and professional heir of The Great Blackstone, America's legendary creative magical genius who led the art of stage magic and illusion to heights never achieved before his era. The son is doing a great deal more than merely following in his father's footsteps. Harry Blackstone is an author, an actor, an inventor, a casino showroom headliner, a TV personality, a teacher, a father, and the creator and performer of the longest running magic and illusion show ever to play Broadway.

No magician in history has been more honored by his peers than Harry Blackstone. In March, 1994, Harry Blackstone was named a recipient of the prestigious Masters Fellowship, presented by the Academy of Magical Arts and Sciences. Named "Magician of the Year" in 1979 and 1985 by the Academy of Magical Arts, Harry is currently the "International Ambassador of Magic" for both the Society of American Magicians and the International Brotherhood of Magic. He and his wife, Gay, are Honorary Life Members of the Academy of Magical Arts at the Hollywood Magic Castle. He is also the recipient of the coveted "Star of Magic" an honor bestowed to only 11 other magicians in history, including his father. On June 11, 1994 Harry was made an honorary member of the International College of Surgeons. Since the College's founding in 1936, there have been only 14 other honorary members including one other from the entertainment industry, Bob Hope.

Born in Colon, Michigan, "The Magic Capitol of the World," Harry's career in magic began at the age of six months, appearing and disappearing in his father's illusions. Under the master's watchful eye, young Harry grew up learning the elements of his exacting craft. Today he performs such world-famous illusions as The Floating Light Bulb, The Vanishing Birdcage, The Dancing Handkerchief, and the frightening Buzzsaw, all of which he learned and perfected with his father's guidance and encouragement.

Far from satisfied with repeating the feats of his father, Harry has developed the art of magic into something both uniquely and arrestingly modern, injecting not merely innovation, but transcending the stage barrier to touch his audiences with a presentation that is not only reverent of the past, but very much of the present, of the future and of his own creation. As he puts it, "What I am undertaking is the challenging, but delightful task of bringing this magnificent art to even higher levels, building on what has gone before, injecting a modern, innovative presentation that is very much of the present, of the future and of my own creation."

Harry proved the popularity of this modern approach in 1980, when after touring the U.S. and setting box office records in 16 major cities, he arrived at the Majestic Theater on Broadway, where to unanimous rave reviews he presented the longest running magic and illusion show in the history of the New York theatre. His show continues to receive rave reviews and standing room only audiences in its world-wide tours, most recently performing in Manila, Philippines during December, 1990; Lausanne, Switzerland in July, 1991; Madrid, Spain, in May, 1992 and Buenos Aires, Argentina, in June, 1992.

Harry then set his sights on television. He has starred in three of his own magic specials (one for PBS and two for HBO). He has also appeared as a guest on numerous other television shows such as "Donahue," "The Today Show," "The Oprah Winfrey Show," "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson," "The Arsenio Hall Show," "The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour," the NBC pilot of "Mandrake, the Magician," "The New Mickey Mouse Club" and "Hart to Hart."

Harry has also appeared on international television in the BBC's "The Children's Royal Variety Gala" from London; "The Blackstone Family TV Special" for NTV-Japan; "Sabado Noche" and "The Juan Tamariz Show" from Madrid, Spain, and Thames TV's "The Best of Magic." And in November, 1991, he hosted the "International Magic Awards," a two-hour television special originating in five countries on three continents and seen by half a billion people worldwide. But if you ask him which are his favorites, he'll mention two: his role as "Dr. Mephisto" on the NBC-TV daytime drama "Santa Barbara," and his recurring segment "Backstage With Blackstone," where he teaches conceptual mathematics through magic to viewers on the daily PBS series "Square One TV." This show was nominated for a 1991 Emmy.

When it comes to performing live, Harry Blackstone's versatility and inventiveness allow him to be equally comfortable in such diverse settings as China, appearing with the Shanghai Circus; and on stage at the Tropicana Hotel in Atlantic City, where reviewers unanimously proclaimed his 90-minute magic review the "Show of the Year."

To unanimous critical acclaim, Blackstone continues to present his unique "Magic of Music and Music of Magic" in symphonic halls throughout the country. This performance is an examination of the four thousand year history of mystery, with live illusions, full stage graphics and an entire symphony orchestra.

Away from the bright lights, Harry continues to meet with success in a broad spectrum of entertainment-related careers. In 1985 he was honored as "Speaker of the Year" by the International Platform Association. He has co-authored three books (The Blackstone Book of Magic and Illusion, There's One Born Every Minute and My Life As A Magician released in the summer of 1991) and re-edited his father's Blackstone's Secrets of Magic.

BLACKSTONE BACKGROUND

- At age of six months, Harry Blackstone, Jr., begins appearing and disappearing from his already famous father's illusions.
- At age of four, Blackstone performs feats of "mental telepathy" for visitors to Blackstone's home in Michigan.
- At seven, Blackstone travels with his father's celebrated illusion show.
- Under watchful eyes of his father and uncle, Blackstone learns the elements of his craft. All the world famous Blackstone illusions (The Dancing Handkerchief, The Vanishing Birdcage, even the terrifying Buzzsaw) are mastered by young Blackstone.
- During his late teens, Blackstone tries his hand at theater management, acting, studying foreign languages and television production.
- Blackstone handles production for "Hair," CBS-TV's "Smothers Brothers Show" and master-minding elaborate shows for other stars.
- Host of British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) "The Magic Show" in 1976 in London, England. Invited to perform for Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Gala.
- Blackstone named America's official Bicentennial Magician, 1976.
- Blackstone headlines at top night clubs, hotels, doing television specials including his own syndicated special "Magic! Magic! Magic!" in 1977.
- Blackstone produces the largest traveling illusion show the world has seen since the Great Blackstone, 1978-1979.
- "Blackstone on Tour" for Home Box Office, 1979.
- Named "Magician of the Year" by the Academy of Magical Arts, 1979.
- Blackstone awarded the Star of Magic, an honor bestowed only 11 times in 80 years. The Great Blackstone also received this honor.
- "The Blackstone Magic Show" sets box office records in 16 of 151 major U.S. cities during a 30-week, \$3 million tour. Show receives enthusiastic reviews from major critics, 1979-1980.
- "Blackstone!" opens on Broadway. It becomes the largest, longest running illusion and magic show in the history of New York Theater. The Show receives terrific reviews, 1980-1981.

- Blackstone named "Magician of the Year" by Society of American Magicians, 1982.
- The Magic World of Blackstone magical toys and games is introduced by Pressman Toy Corp. and rapidly becomes the largest selling magic line in America.
- PBS and Blackstone produce a two-hour special, "Magi!!!" as the centerpiece to PBS' fundraising week.
- Blackstone hosts the "2nd Annual Magical Musical Halloween" a 90-minute syndicated special produced by Dick Clark Productions.
- Blackstone signed by ABC as one of the co-hosts for the Weekend Afternoon Specials.
- Blackstone hosts a series of segments on "strange and unusual phenomena" for PM Magazine.
- Named "Magician of the Year" for the second time by the Academy of Magical Arts, 1985.
- Blackstone named "Speaker of the Year" by the International Platform Association, 1985.
- Blackstone co-authors The Blackstone Book of Magic and Illusion, There's One Born Every Minute, and My Life As A Magician.
- Blackstone appears on BBC's "The Children's Royal Variety Gala."
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- Blackstone creates the recurring character of Dr. Mephisto on NBC's "Santa Barbara."
- Blackstone appears on the daily PBS series "Square One TV," where he teaches young people by combining conceptual mathematics with magic. This show was nominated for a 1990 Emmy.
- Blackstone creates a symphony show "Magic of Music and Music of Magic." This performance is an examination of the 4,000 year old "History of Mystery," with live illusions, full stage graphics and an entire symphony orchestra.

- Blackstone designs and produces magic illusions and special effects for the New Kids on the Block "Magic Summer Tour" and subsequent "No More Games Tour," 1990.
- Blackstone's Tropicana Christmas Spectacular is voted Atlantic City's "Show of the Year."
- Blackstone takes his Holiday show to Manila where they perform seven sold-out shows.
- Blackstone stars in "The Blackstone Family TV Special" for NTV, Japan, 1990. This special marks the first time that three generations of Blackstone's appeared on the same stage together via film footage of Blackstone Sr. and the live performances of Harry Blackstone, Jr. and youngest daughter Bellamie.
- Blackstone awarded "Performing Fellowship" from Academy of Magical Arts and Sciences, March 1993.
- Blackstone hosts and performs in Disney's "Night of Magic," a 90-minute international television special, filmed at EuroDisney, that airs in over 40 countries including the U.S. in early 1994.
- Blackstone is awarded the "Entertainer of the Year" at the International Magic Awards in November, 1993.
- Blackstone appears on Broadway with "The Boys Choir of Harlem" in 1993
- Harry Blackstone is the only magician that in 1993 performed:
 - on Broadway
 - in Las Vegas
 - in nightclubs and theatres
 - in a continuing television series (Square One)and
 - toured throughout the world
 - developed magic kits
 - wrote the book My Life as a Magician (Pocket Books)
 - dedicated the Blackstone Theatre Collection in honor of Harry B. Blackstone III at California State University, San Bernardino
 - and updated the soon to be re-released in soft-cover The Blackstone Book of Magic & Illusion (Newmarket Press)
- Blackstone initiates a record-breaking Northern California tour for Great Performances, completing 16 shows in 9 cities over 11 days.
- Blackstone makes a presentation for Unites States Congressional assessment of High Definition Television (HDTV), sponsored by General Instruments and MIT, using Sony Digital equipment.

- In 1994, Harry Blackstone is a recipient of the prestigious Masters Fellowship, presented by the Academy of Magical Arts and Sciences.
- Blackstone is interviewed for a German Television Special, "The Enchantment of Magic."
- Blackstone speaks on Houdini for the "A&E Biography" series.
- Blackstone is made an honorary member of the International College of Surgeons, June, 1994.
- Blackstone is honored for his philanthropic work with the American Cancer Society, Goodwill Industries and Public Service Announcements for National Voluntary Health Association, May 1994
- USC students select Blackstone as Commencement speaker in 1994 and 1995.
- Blackstone is presenter on "American Hero Awards" Television Special, May 1994.
- Blackstone co-hosts the Saturn Awards, October 1994.
- Blackstone awarded Michigan Arts Council International Achievement Award, November 1994
- Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade, with 97% United States and Canada television coverage, honors Blackstone as Grand Magic Marshall.
- Blackstone appears in Universal's Magic of Christmas Television Special, 1994
- The Blackstone Holiday Magic Show becomes the number one Holiday Show in Las Vegas, 1994

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July 18, 1995

Ms. Leanne Grossman
Advisory Committee
NIS-US Women's Consortium
ISAR
1601 Connecticut Ave., NW
Suite 301
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Ms. Grossman,

Mrs. Clinton asked me to thank you for writing and sharing the concerns of the women of Chechnya. She appreciates your interest and the important work that you do.

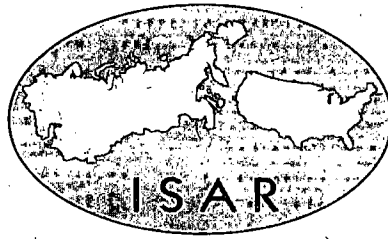
Thanks again for writing and best wishes.

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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

While in Moscow recently I met a number of female victims of Russia's war on Chechnya. I spoke at length with eight courageous women from Samashki who witnessed their loved ones dying helplessly as grenades and flamethrowers wielded by Russian soldiers and paramilitary troops set their houses aflame.

The first thing expressed by one of the survivors, Animat Gynasheva, when I interviewed her was her disappointment that the President did not raise the issue of the war with Yeltsin at the Summit. On the other hand, she shared her hope that you, as First Lady of one of the most democratic countries in the world and as a compassionate woman, could influence the President not to ignore the human rights violations taking place daily. Gynasheva's experience, like that of hundreds of other survivors, testifies to the violations of the Geneva Convention that have become a routine part of Russian tactics in the Chechen war.

Please consider the attached appeal, written jointly by a number of leaders of the Russian, Ukrainian and US women's movements to encourage leaders of the international community to take steps to stop the war on Chechen civilians.

Sincerely,

Leanne Grossman
Advisory Committee,
NIS-US Women's Consortium

cc: Melanne Vermeer, Office of the First Lady

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APPEAL TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

We, representatives of the women's movement in Russia, Ukraine and the United States, appeal to the President and Government of Russia to take all necessary measures to stop military activities in Chechnya.

We also address the Presidents of Ukraine and the United States, the international community—the Committee of the United Nations on Human Rights, the General Secretary of the United Nations, and the Conference for Security and Cooperation in Europe — to employ internationally recognized norms, principles and mechanisms of international human rights law, for immediately stopping the killing of people in Chechnya.

The right of human beings to life is independent of nationality — it is the highest human value.

Signed June 14, 1995:

Elena Kochkina,

Legal Committee, Moscow Center for Gender Studies, Russia

Galina Kolobkova

Petersburg Center for Gender Issues, Russia

Lyudmila Vansovska

All-Ukrainian Committee in Defense of Human Rights, Kyiv, Ukraine

Lyubov Mikhailova

Women's Legal Defense Initiative, Kaluga, Russia

Leanne Grossman

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Marina Liborakina

Information Center of the Independent Women's Forum;

Feminist Orientation Center, Moscow, Russia

Larisa Fedorova

Women's Information Center, ADL, Moscow, Russia

Elizabeth Bazhkova

Information Center of the Independent Women's Forum, Moscow, Russia

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Women's Information Center, ADL, Moscow, Russia

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Sexual Assault Recover Center, "Sisters," Moscow, Russia

Irina Zhrebkina

Kharkov Gender Studies Center, Ukraine

Elena Bayalieva

"Women in Business," Ulan-Ude, Russia

Marjorie Lightman

International League for Human Rights, Washington, DC, USA

Isabel Marcus

Professor of Law, University of Buffalo, New York, USA

Tertia Speiser

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[Translated from the original Russian by Leanne Grossman]

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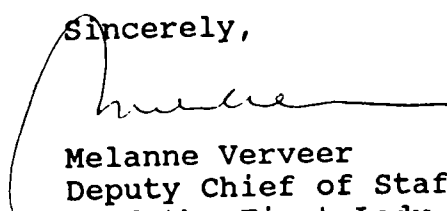
Jon Humphrey
Professor of Music
University of Massachusetts
Fine Arts Center
Box 32520
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Dear Mr. Humphrey,

Thank you for your letter recommending Ms. Blanche Moyse for the Presidential Medal of the Arts. We have forwarded your letter to the National Endowment for the Arts, where the initial decisions are made by the NEA council.

Thank you again for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
of the First Lady



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Department of Music and Dance

May 20, 1996

Ms. Melanie Verveer
Assistant to the President
Department Chief of Staff for First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Verveer:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Blanche Honegger Moyse.

My experience as a performing artist has included work with many conductors in the United States and Europe, several of whom have received the Presidential Medal of the Arts, and seldom have I had the honor of associating with such a complete musician as Blanche Moyse. The New York Times critics have been unanimous in their praise of her concerts. Her ability of achieving the highest level of music making is unsurpassed both for the many professional musicians she leads as well as the amateurs she inspires.

Blanche Moyse is a most deserving candidate for this prestigious award.

Sincerely yours,

Jon Humphrey
Professor of Music

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May 21, 1996

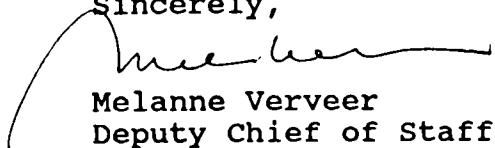
La Tasha Harris
The Sister Fund
116 East Street
7th Floor
New York, NY 10003

Dear Ms. Harris,

Thank you for your letter. We are enclosing a card from the White House Photo Office that will allow you to reproduce the official White House photo for personal use. We hope this will be of assistance to you.

Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
of the First Lady

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

March 18, 1996

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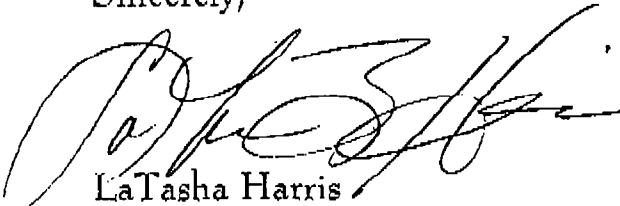
Dear Ms. Verveer:

Enclosed you will find a photocopy of a photograph of Hilary Rodham Clinton and Kimberly Otis, Executive Director of The Sister Fund.

This photograph was originally mailed to Kym Mulhern, Executive Director of the Nokomis Foundation in Michigan. She forwarded it to our offices. I am writing now to provide you with the necessary information for updating your files. But more importantly, to thank you for attempting to forward the photograph to The Sister Fund in the first place. I am enclosing a copy of our most recent newsletter and informational brochure for your reference and record.

As Ms. Mulhern states in her note, it is a lovely photograph! If at all possible, could you please contact me with information concerning obtaining additional copies. I can be reached at the address and telephone numbers listed below.

Sincerely,



LaTasha Harris
Executive Assistant

116 EAST 16TH STREET 7TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10003

TEL: 212/260-4446 FAX: 212/260-4633



**THE
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FOUNDATION**



*I hear the singing of the lives
of women,
The clear mystery, the offering,
and the pride*
Muriel Rukeyser

Kim~

I received this photo in the
mail with no explanation.
I'm sending it on to you,
though I assume you
already have several copies!
Great photo! ☺

Happy holidays~

Kym Muirhead

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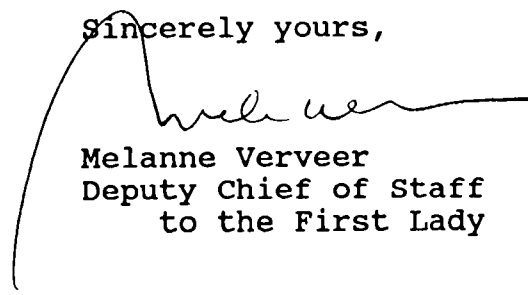
April 25, 1996

Katie Glass
c/o G. Frederick Glass
300 North Meridian Street
Suite 2700
Indianapolis, IN 46204-1782

Dear Katie:

The First Lady asked me to thank you for the kind things you wrote about her in your English class essay. She enjoyed the essay very much. We hope you enjoy the enclosed photograph of Mrs. Clinton.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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G. FREDERICK GLASS
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 23, 1996

Linda Moore
Office of Political Affairs
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Linda:

Enclosed is a short essay my nine year old daughter, Katie, wrote for her 4th grade English class. Until I found it in her school papers, I had no idea that she was writing an essay on this topic nor that she had even formed these opinions. I wanted to share her essay with you, and if you deem it appropriate and not too presumptuous with the First Lady, to underscore the positive impact she continues to have on many Americans, particularly young girls like my daughter who need strong role models like Mrs. Clinton. The great grace that the First Lady has displayed in the face of the outrageous and unwarranted attacks on her is appreciated and admired by millions of Americans.

Things are going well here in Indiana. We recently completed the ballot access petitions and are starting to focus on the state and national convention delegate selection process. Linda, thank you again for your part in my opportunity to visit the White House and meet with the President. I trust things are continuing to go very well for all of you (it sure looks like it from out here).

Sincerely,



G. Frederick Glass

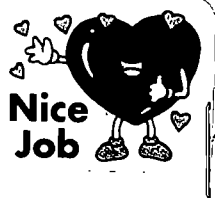
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Enclosure

Katie

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English

I think that Hillary Clinton is a leader. She has been working hard on putting children first, telling people not to abuse children. A lot of people think poorly of her. I don't know why. Some of the first women just sit back and do nothing and give speeches. Hillary Clinton takes action and doesn't act the least bit snobby. Hillary Clinton is a leader to me.



THE WHITE HOUSE

April 25, 1996

Mrs. Haliun
c/o Ambassador Donald Johnson
U.S. Embassy Beijing
Micro Region II
Ulaan Batar, Mongolia

Dear Mrs. Haliun,

Thank you for your recent letter. I am very pleased to hear that you received the pictures from our visit. I have often thought of you and your family with great fondness and am glad to know that you are all well.

I am enclosing a photograph of me with my husband, President Clinton, and my daughter, Chelsea, for you and your family. It was taken during our Christmas celebration.

Allow me to also offer my best wishes for the Lunar New Year and for health and happiness for your family.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE
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April 23, 1996

Dana E. Jones
Editor
Response
475 Riverside Drive
Room 1363
New York, NY 10115

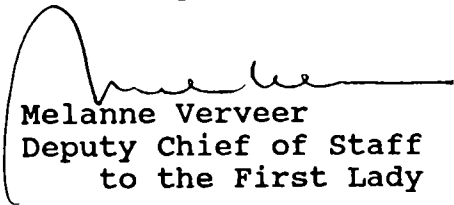
Dear Ms. Jones:

The First Lady asked me to thank you for your recent letter. She is very interested in receiving *Response*. If you would please have the magazine sent to me, I will make certain the First Lady receives it. My office address is:

Melanne Verveer
Office of the First Lady
Room 100
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20500

Thank you again for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115



WOMEN'S DIVISION, 15th floor
(212) 870-3600 (Cable: missions new york)

Dana E. Jones
Editor, *Response*

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

March 20, 1996

Dear Ms. Verveer,

Please find enclosed a letter to Mrs. Clinton. When I participated in the Briefing to Advocacy Groups on TV Ratings at the White House March 4, she asked that we add her to our subscriber list for *Response* magazine, the national publication of United Methodist Women. We are pleased to honor this request, and I am seeking your assistance in doing so. Will you please FAX or mail me the address to which the subscription should be sent.

When I spoke with Mrs. Clinton on March 4, she asked if perhaps the magazine was being sent to her but she was not seeing it. When I indicated such was not the case, she said she would like to receive it. I wanted to be sure we routed the magazine as best we could for her attention. My address is: 475 Riverside Drive, Room 1363, New York, NY 10115. 212-870-3755. FAX: 212-870-3940.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


Dana E. Jones

P.S. I am enclosing copies of our 1996 issues so far. Please share them with Mrs. Clinton. Thank you.

*P/S write to
her & tell
her to send
magazine
c/o me.*

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Dana E. Jones
Editor, *Response*

Hillary Rodham Clinton
100 Old Executive Office Building
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

March 20, 1996

Dear Ms. Clinton,

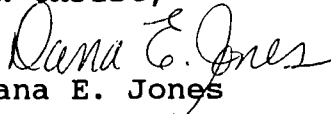
It was a pleasure to meet and talk with you at the March 4 Briefing to Advocacy Groups on TV Ratings at the White House. I continue to enjoy reading *It Takes A Village* as I find much agreement with your beliefs and solutions. (Though as a divorced mother, I did find myself arguing a bit with your statements about divorce, but that's a discussion for another time...)

This letter is to follow up on your request to receive *Response* magazine. I am enclosing our three most recent issues -- January through March 1996. I will ask Ms. Verveer to notify me of the appropriate address for the subscription so you will start receiving it each month. I do appreciate your interest in *Response*, your support of United Methodist Women, and your continued insertion of faith perspectives into public dialogue.

I would like you to consider writing an article for *Response* or granting an interview in which you could share your themes from *It Takes A Village* with a specific focus on how they are rooted in your United Methodist faith. Please let me know if you are open to doing this. The last time a First Lady wrote for us was in November 1947 when our name was *The Methodist Woman*. As you can see from the enclosed copy of that article, Eleanor Roosevelt explained the process that led to the International Bill of Human Rights.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to visit the White House, and for considering a request to write for or be interviewed by *Response*. My God continue to bless the work you and the President are doing for our nation, especially for our children.

In Christ,


Dana E. Jones

INTERNATIONAL BILL OF HUMAN RIGHTS

By MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

THE MAIN PIECE OF WORK given to the Human Rights Commission was the writing of an International Bill of Human Rights. In the Charter there are various places where Human Rights are mentioned, but it was felt that the best basis on which to build peace would be to produce an International Bill of Rights in which the rights of all human beings would be clearly stated and each nation would have to meet the challenge to bring its own internal government and customs up to the standards set internationally.

I think many of us thought that the best thing we could do was to write a detailed declaration and get it accepted by the Assembly of the United Nations, but as we were told to actually write a Bill, some member of the Human Rights Commission decided that that meant not just a declaration which would have only moral force back of it, but a convention which would have the legal force of a treaty as each nation signed it.

The first drafting committee was appointed by the Human Rights Commission and consisted of the three officers, myself as chairman, Dr. Chang of China, vice-chairman, and Dr. Malek of Lebanon, as rapporteur. We were told to work with Dr. John Humphrey and the secretariat of the Human Rights Commission, and to draw a preliminary Bill, but this committee was enlarged by the Economic and Social Council so that eight nations' representatives met at Lake Success for two and a half weeks in this past month of June to draft this working paper to present to the next Human Rights Commission which met the latter part of August.

When you begin to define the rights of human beings the world over, you find yourself up against great difficulties. Fifty-five nations can produce a great variety in the way of religions, customs, background, government, and language. We finally decided that while we could approve certain principles for inclusion in a convention, the actual writing of it would have to be done by experts who are familiar with the differences in the various nations and the legal wording which would have to go into such a convention.

A declaration we were able to cover fairly well, though on a variety of points we will offer the different wordings which were favored by different members of the committee. We all agreed on the opening sentence—"All men are brothers." The principle that all men are equal was argued at

length by our Soviet colleague and I think there was practically no opposition to this as a basic objective in our attitude toward all human beings.

After the Human Rights Commission goes over this first working paper, I imagine we will have a document which will consist of a general declaration and a convention, both to be presented to the United Nations Assembly in the autumn, 1948.

In the meantime, these proposals which emerge from the next meeting of the Human Rights Commission, will be submitted to all the member governments of the United Nations for comment. They will probably be referred when these comments are received, to another drafting committee and then to a second session of the Human Rights Commission. They will also be gone over by the Economic and Social Council before they are finally presented in 1948 to the United Nations Assembly.

I personally hope that we can get a convention even though it deals with comparatively few points which can now be accepted universally because that would give legal force to the document, and I think the people of the world who have suffered and been downtrodden for many years want something more than words and good intentions.

The writing of this Bill is a challenge to all of us as individuals and particularly when we are citizens in a democracy, because we have to examine our own communities and make sure that nowhere are the rights of human beings ignored. That puts a heavy burden on each and every one of us, and yet only by doing our fair share can we feel we are putting our nation in the position where it can lead in this great step forward through universal acceptance of human rights to ultimate peace.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt discusses the Human Rights Commission with Mr. John P. Humphrey of Canada



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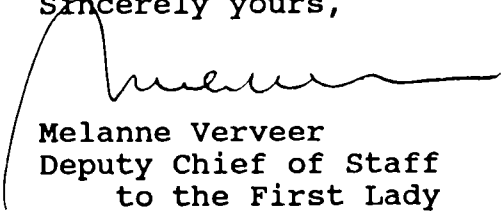
April 23, 1996

Margaret Huang
4500 S. Four Mile Run Dr. #1032
Arlington, VA 22204

Dear Ms. Huang:

Thank you for your interest in working with the Clinton administration. I have forwarded your resume to the Office Of Presidential Personnel. I wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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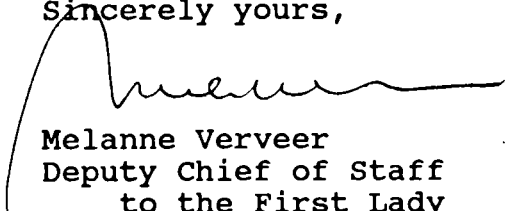
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Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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March 27, 1996

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
Room 100, OEOB
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Verveer:

I am writing to express my deep interest in the possibility of working for your office. As a long-time admirer of First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, I know that I would find great reward in assisting the First Lady in her projects. I had the good fortune of hearing Mrs. Clinton's address last summer at the Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Forum in Beijing, and I have followed with enthusiasm her trips overseas to promote women's and girls' issues. Because of my strong support for these efforts, I have attached a resumé in the hopes of having an opportunity to discuss employment with your office.

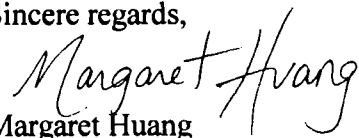
My background is in the field of international relations and more specifically human rights. During my graduate work at Columbia University, much of my focus in both academic and extracurricular activities lay in the promotion and study of women's rights. Last year, I co-founded an organization designed to bring greater attention to the problem of violence that is particularly targeted at young women and girls. This organization organized two activities at the NGO Forum to encourage both experts and young women themselves to speak out on what responses have been most successful in tackling discrimination and violence against young women.

My current position is with the Democratic staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. As a Javits Fellow, I have been responsible for conducting research and drafting statements and legislation on human rights, East Asia, and the United Nations. I have worked closely with Senator John Kerry's staff on the State Appropriations bill, as well as several other initiatives where we sought to support the Administration's position. I am now very interested in moving to the executive branch and working on the objectives of the Clinton Administration. My position here ends the first week of September, though that is a flexible date.

Whether or not there are any current openings in your office, I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss future possibilities of employment with your staff. Please feel free to contact me at my home address, or to reach me at my work number, (202) 224-7796.

Thank you very much for taking the time to look over this letter and resumé. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincere regards,


Margaret Huang

MARGARET L. HUANG

4500 S. Four Mile Run Dr., #1032
Arlington, VA 22204

Office: (202) 224-7796
Residence: (703) 578-9209

EXPERIENCE

U.S. SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, Washington, DC

Jacob K. Javits Fellow. Analyze and monitor human rights and international organization issues for the minority staff. Prepare statements and assist in writing legislation for Committee Senators on human rights, United Nations activities, peacekeeping operations, and East Asian affairs. September 1995 - present.

NGO FORUM, Huairou, People's Republic of China

Liaison Team Representative. Served as the liaison between the UN Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing and the NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) Forum in Huairou. Coordinated briefings by officials from government delegations to update Forum participants on the progress of the UN conference. Assisted NGOs in lobbying governments for changes in the official Platform for Action. Translated for the directors of the Forum and facilitated communication with the Chinese hosts. August - September 1995.

WORKING GROUP ON WOMEN AND VIOLENCE, New York, NY

Center for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University

Co-Founder/ Project Associate. Created an organization to raise awareness of the problem of violence against women and to prepare for the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, September 1995. Wrote amendments and successfully lobbied governments to revise sections of the U.N.'s draft Platform for Action in the areas of "Violence Against Women" and "Effects of Armed and Other Conflict on Women". Participated in the March 1995 Preparatory Meetings for both the NGO Forum and the UN conference. Hosted two activities at the Women's Conference in Beijing to examine the particular impact of violence against young women and girls. January - September 1995.

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH/ ASIA, New York, NY

Research Assistant. Researched U.S. and European corporate investment in the People's Republic of China (PRC). Wrote a draft code of conduct for distribution to U.S. corporations outlining reforms to make business operations more compliant with international human rights law. Lobbied businesses and governments to increase pressure on the PRC to improve human rights standards. November 1993 - November 1994.

CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF HUMAN RIGHTS/ EAST ASIA INSTITUTE, New York, NY

Columbia University

Research Fellow. Traveled to the PRC to research and collect current indigenous writings on constitutional reforms in China. Interviewed Chinese scholars and government officials in the field of Constitutional Law. Assisted in a Columbia University project to produce a collection of original essays on Constitutionalism and China. May - August 1994.

CLOSE UP FOUNDATION, Alexandria, VA

Senior Program Instructor. Coordinated and trained a staff of 15 instructors. Managed a weekly program for 200 high school students studying federal government and debating public policy. October 1992 - June 1993.

Program Instructor. Researched and developed a curriculum of civil rights, foreign policy, domestic politics, and international affairs. Taught high school students from around the country and provided special programs for recent immigrants, the physically disabled, and international students. October 1991 - June 1992.

EDUCATION

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, School of International and Public Affairs, New York, NY

Master of International Affairs, May 1995.

Concentrations: Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs. East Asian Studies.

Honors: Jacob Javits Fellowship. Member of 1995 Admissions Committee. International Fellows Seminar.

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, School of Foreign Service, Washington, DC

Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service, May 1991.

Concentration: International Relations, Law, and Organization.

Honors: Asian Studies Certificate.

SPECIAL SKILLS

Proficient in Mandarin Chinese; four years study of French and Spanish.

Extensive travel through Asia and Europe.

Experience in WordPerfect 6.1, Lotus, SPSS, Microsoft Word and Excel.

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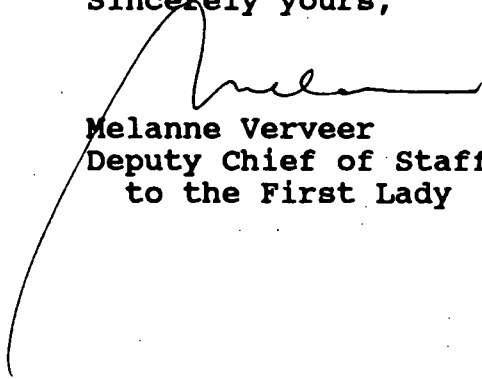
April 2, 1996

Jon Haber
4914 43rd Street, NW
Washington, DC 20016

Dear Jon:

Congratulations on your new position
with Robinson, Lerer, Sawyer, and Miller.
They are fortunate to have you. I wish you
all the best.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 2, 1996

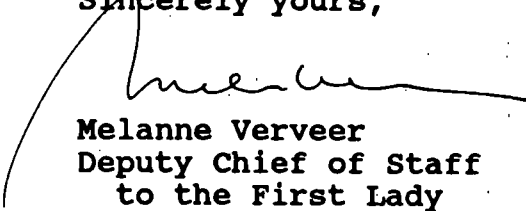
Joanne Hanley
136 Fall Street
Seneca Falls, NY 13148

Dear Ms. Hanley:

The First Lady asked me to thank you for sending her a copy of "Dreams of Equality." Mrs. Clinton enjoyed the film and is grateful to you for sending it to her.

Thank you again for your kindness. Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady



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

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 22, 1996

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC 20501

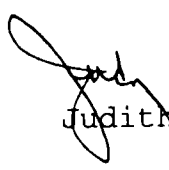
Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Knowing of your deep concern for the needs of girls and women at home and abroad, I am enclosing three pieces I believe are important reading. These pieces clearly illustrate the need for ensuring that the needs of disabled girls and women are effectively integrated into our international agenda.

For your information, the Board of Directors (30 members) of the Disabled Peoples International (DPI) will be meeting here in the United States this summer. They will be receiving funds from the United States Information Agency (USIA) and the Department of Education. They have some of the most articulate and involved members throughout the world. Would you be interested in talking with them about disabled girls' and women's issues?

I would be pleased to discuss these issues or any other matters of interest and importance with you. Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,


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FACTSHEET: WOMEN & DISABILITY

This factsheet was prepared by Rehabilitation International and the World Institute on Disability in July 1995 for use of delegates to the UN 4th World Conference on Women and associated NGO Forum event. Its purpose is to provide basic facts and data (together with references) about the situation of women and girls with disabilities worldwide. For further information, contact: RI, 25 E 21st St., NY, NY 10010 USA, fax 212-505-0871; or WID, 510 16th St., Suite 100, Oakland, CA 94612 USA, fax 510-208-9494.

Survival: In some countries disabled females have a higher excessive mortality rate than do disabled males. For example, although polio strikes females and males equally, research in one country recorded more than twice the number of boys with effects of polio than girls. The one explanation is that boys survived polio twice as often. (*Prejudice & Dignity*, UNDP, 1992, p.33) This study supports the common observation in many developing countries that family response to sickness or disability among male children is much more serious, resulting in more visits to medical and health authorities. Additionally, when coupled with traditional practices of males being fed before females, and female children receiving what is leftover, the result is that often the disabled female child becomes malnourished as well. In this manner, diseases and disabilities which can be survived by boys, become life-threatening to girls. In countries where son preference is culturally dominant, girls and especially girls with disabilities, are particularly endangered. Action is needed to help disabled girls survive and obtain a better quality of life.

Armed Conflicts: The armed conflicts of the past decade have created more than 30 million (1989 numbers) refugees and displaced persons and the vast majority of these, approximately 80%, are women and children. (*Population at Risk: Disabled, War-injured and Refugee Children*, RI 1992 World Congress Proceedings, p.266) At the beginning of this century, only about 5% of casualties of wars and conflicts were civilians, with the majority being women and children. Recently the rape of girls and women has been used as a systematic weapon of war. (*The State of the World's Children*, 1994, UNICEF, p.4) In other words, those who have the least influence on the conduct of armed conflict are its most frequent victims.

Landmines: Current UN estimates are that landmines kill at least 35,000 civilians each year and disable, blind or injure thousands more. Children and women are sustaining lifelong disabling injuries, including orthopedic trauma, emotional trauma, spinal cord and brain injuries, and loss of vision, hearing and mental capacity due to landmines, bombing and other explosives. (RI/UNICEF *Study of the Effects of Armed Conflict on Women and Children*, 1991) They are in immediate need of rehabilitation services, including technical aids and appropriate technology, yet are last in line to receive them. Their needs wait until injured soldiers and other men are aided.

The social needs of injured women and girls may be significant, according to a recent UNICEF workshop on "Women, Children & Landmines," held in June 1995 in Cambodia. There, disabled women and girls gave testimony as to how their disabilities had ended their marriages, isolated them from their families and communities, and destroyed their futures. The girls recounted how they were no longer regarded as future wives or mothers, but were instead hidden away from society. They need assistance to rejoin their communities.

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Literacy: Women make up more than 65% of the world's illiterate - about 600 million women do not know how to read or write. (*World of Work*, ILO, May/June 1995, p.4) In Africa, this percentage rises to 85%. (*Women and disability*, UN Non-Governmental Liaison Service, 1991, p.31) Recent UNESCO studies have suggested that approximately 1-2% of disabled children in developing countries receive any education, and it is well-known from field studies that disabled boys attend schools much more frequently than disabled girls. These studies are confirmed by presentations made to the UN Experts Seminar on Women and Disability (Vienna 1990) that in many countries it is still the norm that a girl with a disability will be hidden at home. A 1994 conference on "Blind Women in Africa" presented information from 32 countries demonstrating that access to literacy programs and education was often their only way to avoid a life of begging in the streets for survival. (*World Blind*, July 94-March 95, p.66-69)

The belief that girls, and therefore girls with disabilities, will not benefit from education predates women's participation in the labor force. According to the ILO (*World of Work*, *ibid.*, p.4) in the space of this last decade, women's participation rates in the labor force have greatly increased, both in the developing as well as in the industrialized world. Awareness that educating girls with disabilities can and does lead to their participation in the community, including work, needs to be intensified.

Economic Status: Regardless of country or culture, from the least developed to the most highly developed nations, disabled women are employed at rates far lower than disabled men. The pattern is established early on and is similar from country to country: as girls they have less access to education, as adolescents they have fewer chances to socialize or receive guidance about planning their futures, and as adults they have fewer chances to receive rehabilitation services, enter training programs or the labor market. Additionally, unlike other women, they have little chance to enter a marriage or inherit property which can offer a form of economic security. (Studies include: *Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Women in the European Community*, 1988, *Vocational Rehabilitation of Women with Disabilities*, ILO, 1986, *Women with Disabilities: the Economics of Double Jeopardy*, RI 1992 World Congress Proceedings)

Socio-Cultural Status: For women in any society, having a disability signifies dependency, weakness, loss of status and relegation to an unproductive, asexual role in the community. Any girl or woman with a disability who chooses to fight this demeaning stereotype and take part in her community and society has an uphill, lonely battle. Studies have shown that the disabled women who do manage to break through the walls of prejudice and discrimination usually have benefited from strong role models and/or support groups of their peers. Strong networks, both national and international, are needed to enable girls and women with disabilities to support each other in their efforts to join the world. (*Pride Against Prejudice*, 1991, London)

Personal Assistance and Caregiving: The world over, responsibility for care of people with disabilities, whether as infants or as aging parents, is overwhelmingly consigned to women. The Alternative Copenhagen Declaration (1995 World Summit on Social Development) called for men to begin sharing the responsibility for assistance needed by children and adults with disabilities.

UN Conference on Women: Challenging & Rewarding for Women with Disabilities

by Kathy Martinez, World Institute on Disability, RI delegate

The Fourth World Conference on Women proved to be both difficult and rewarding for the estimated 200 women with disabilities and their supporters. Although somewhat hampered by the mud and logistical difficulties, disabled women made significant progress in making visible a myriad of issues, including accessibility and overall inclusion in the conference agenda and policy-level decisions.

Women with various disabilities from around the world participated in the official conference as delegates and at the parallel NGO Forum as representatives of their organizations. Countries which included disabled women as part of their official delegations were: Pakistan, Sweden, the Sudan, South Africa, and the USA and Zimbabwe. Additionally, women with disabilities from 32 countries participated in the International Symposium on Disabled Women's Issues and other workshops and seminars held as part of the NGO Forum.

A number of key, well-publicized speeches cited disability issues, including those delivered by U.S. First Lady Hillary Clinton and Ambassador to the UN, Madeleine Albright. Ms. Albright addressed the NGO Forum from the disability tent. Sub-

stantive meetings were held with the UNIFEM, the UN division on women's issues, and with other UN representatives on developing plans for barrier-free UN meetings in the future.

Beijing Declaration and Platform of Action

Thanks to valiant lobbying by the disability caucus, this comprehensive document makes numerous references to disabled women. The Platform recognizes their health care needs, the importance in involving them in development and anti-poverty projects, as well as in quality education and training programs. Emphasis is also placed on the urgency of involving disabled women in community-based, gender-sensitive health services. Additional recommendations call for action to reduce violence against disabled women, such as in situations of armed conflict and in institutions.

The Platform of Action also calls for governments, employers and trade unions to "implement positive public and private sector...programs to address systemic discrimination against women in the labor force, in particular women with disabilities and women belonging to other disadvantaged groups...and to develop special programs to enable women with disabilities to obtain and retain employment, and ensure access to education and training at all proper levels, in accordance with the (UN) Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for People with Disabilities..."

The Platform also recommends that governments strengthen and encourage implementation of the Standard Rules, with particular attention to the equal rights and fundamental



freedoms of women and girls with disabilities. It requests the UN, international organizations and governments to ensure that their documents, conventions, covenants and other outcomes of conferences and summits be made available in alternative formats appropriate for people with disabilities.

Concerning the girl child, the Platform recognizes that "In some areas of the world, men outnumber women by five in every hundred. The reasons for the discrepancy include...female genital mutilation, son preference (which results in female infanticide and prenatal sex selection), early marriage, including child marriage, violence against women, sexual exploitation and abuse, and discrimination against girls in food allocation...As a result, fewer girls than boys survive into adulthood.

"The girl child with disabilities faces additional barriers and needs to be ensured non-discrimination and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms..."



SUMMARY OF REPORT

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES FOR WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES: A CROSS-CULTURAL SURVEY.

This summer, we interviewed 30 disabled women leaders whom we met at the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) Forum on Women (parallel to the United Nations' Fourth World Conference on Women), and at the first International Symposium on Issues of Women with Disabilities. These events took place in Beijing, China, between August 29 and September 12, 1995.

Based on the premise that disabled women have both the right and the potential to be leaders in their communities, we hoped to identify the barriers that prevent disabled women's leadership potential from being realized, and to suggest strategies for eliminating those barriers. In particular, we aimed to use the interview responses to better understand the leadership training needs of women with disabilities. Our research did yield some interesting and important information about disabled women's leadership experiences and training needs.

The Questions: Interview Methods

We asked each woman in our study a series of questions regarding her own development as a leader, and her thoughts and opinions about leadership. These questions were open-ended; we did not provide multiple-choice answers, nor suggest possible answers in any way. Therefore, the responses we received reflect our interview participants' spontaneous reactions to the topics we raised. We have attempted to group these spontaneous responses together so as to identify meaningful trends, while staying true to the points each of the women made. These methods should be kept in mind when studying the data. For example, if a question elicited a particular answer from eight women, it is quite possible that many or all of the other women would agree with that answer if they were asked. On the other hand, in some cases, answers might reflect opinions held by a minority of the women, with which the other women would disagree.

The Women: Interviewee Demographics

In all, we interviewed thirty women, with a range of physical disabilities. The women we interviewed were primarily those with mobility impairments (23) and vision impairments (6). One woman identified herself as having multiple disabilities, a mobility impairment and a medical condition. One woman identified her disability as short stature.

The women we interviewed came from all over the world. The best-represented continents were Africa and Asia, with eight (8) interviewees each. South/Central America and North America each had five (5) women included in the study. Three (3) women came from Europe (England, the Netherlands, Denmark). One (1) woman came from Australia.

The women we interviewed were extremely well-qualified for inclusion in a study focusing on leadership. Almost all the women were sent to the Forum by organizations within which they play a key role. More than half of our interviewees (17) held a position of leadership within a national disability organization (9), or within an umbrella group of disability organizations (4), or within an international disability

network (4). (These were organizations of and for both women and men with disabilities.) A comparable number (14) held such a position within a national disabled women's organization (10), or within a "women's wing" or women's committee of a national or international disability organization (4). (These were organizations that were gender-specific in their membership and/or in their focus.)

The Responses

Becoming an Activist

What motivates disabled women to get politically involved? What spurs them to take on the risks and responsibilities of leadership? We asked women, "Why and how did you first become an activist and/or a leader?" Their responses covered a range of personal circumstances and political convictions.

Recognition and awareness of disabled women's marginalization, exclusion, or oppression was a key motivating factor for many of the participants. Over one-third (11) of the women offered variations on this theme; most of these (8) expressed the sense that, in their societies, discrimination against disabled women was pervasive; most also declared their commitment to ending such discrimination. Others (5) made more specific points about disabled women's lack of representation and/or involvement in organizations and/or in their communities; two (2) of these attributed the problem directly to sexism within disability organizations.

One-fifth (6) of the women said that they became politically active following a period of adjustment, depression, isolation, or inactivity.

Encouragement, either from organizations or from other individuals, drew some (12) women into the disability-rights movement. Six (6) stated that they were urged by others to get involved. Four (4) were elected or appointed to more active roles within their advocacy groups. Two (2) said that they responded when an opportunity to affect policy presented itself.

The Current Situation: Opportunities for Leadership

We asked our interview participants, "What leadership opportunities do you see for women with disabilities in your community?" About one-third of the women identified leadership opportunities for disabled women within existing organizations. Most of these (8) saw opportunities within mixed (men and women) disability organizations; four (4) identified opportunities to become leaders within non-disabled women's organizations (1), or to enhance leadership possibilities by affiliating with women's organizations or campaigns (2), or by emulating the leadership of non-disabled women (1). One mentioned leadership positions within already-existing disabled women's organizations. One-sixth (5) of the women referred to leadership opportunities in the area of governmental leadership positions and/or advocacy positions.

The Current Situation: Barriers to Leadership

We asked those whom we interviewed, "What are the primary barriers to leadership for women with disabilities in your community?" Unfortunately, the barriers are numerous. Whereas the question about leadership opportunities elicited only 44 responses, the question about barriers yielded a total of 116 responses.

Nor are the barriers simple. They are, according to our respondents, located in both the individual woman, and in the society in which she lives. For example, an equal number of interviewees replied that the major barriers were: lack of confidence and/or self-esteem (10); and lack of basic education, including literacy (10).

Economic factors, although described in several different ways, cannot be overlooked as large barriers to disabled women's empowerment as leaders. The poverty of disabled women, with so many unemployed, underemployed, and exploited, was stated as a major factor by nine (9) of our interviewees.

The attitudes of others were named as powerful deterrents to disabled women's leadership goals. These included generally negative social attitudes toward disabled women, i.e. the almost universal negative assumptions about our worth or competence (9); as well as more specific cultural factors, i.e. rules or attitudes derived from particular religious or tribal traditions, or from other local practices, which devalue disabled women (10).

Family attitudes, their discomfort with and/or resistance to the independence or risk-taking of disabled women and girls, were also noted as barriers.

Sexism is another particular factor which many disabled women activists face. Seven (7) of the interviewees named, as a significant barrier, opposition and/or lack of respect from disabled and non-disabled men within disability organizations. (On the other hand, three (3) felt there were no or few barriers against disabled women in particular, as distinct from barriers against disabled men.) Other respondents (4) noted the barriers created by general sexism and discrimination against all women.

Disabled women's lack of practical leadership training, skills, or experience was indicated by one-fifth (6) of the interviewees. One-sixth (5) mentioned a general lack of encouragement from other people, and/or especially the lack of disabled, female role models to lend encouragement. Three (3) noted disabled women's isolation from society and/or from each other.

Leadership Skills and Qualities: The Participants' Self-Identified Needs

We asked the interview participants, "What do you need to make you a better leader? What more would you like to learn in order to be a more effective leader?" Responses to this question tended to be more concrete and specific than answers to the previous question.

Organizational skills of various kinds were mentioned by a number of respondents. One-sixth (5) listed skills related to starting an organization -- strategic planning, program operation, and project evaluation. Related goals for other leaders included management skills (4); fundraising skills (4); community organizing -- the ability to involve other disabled women in advocacy activities (4); and community empowerment -- the ability to train and/or educate other disabled women (4).

Many respondents wanted to develop their advocacy expertise -- in terms both of political/legislative skills, and in terms of knowledge of communities or of specific, key issues. Communication skills were frequently mentioned as desirable abilities.

Leadership Skills and Qualities: The Participants' Recommendations

We asked, "What skills, knowledge, and/or qualities do you think women with disabilities need to develop in order to become leaders? What leadership abilities, what information, is most important for

disabled women to learn? If you were designing a leadership training program for women with disabilities, what would you include?"

Again, the respondents emphasized both personal qualities and practical skills. Many (21) of the answers dealt with self-direction and self-concept. Eight (8) stated that disabled women need to develop both the ability and the willingness to speak up, speak out, and take risks. Other interviewees stressed the importance of developing self-esteem and self-confidence (7); and the ability to recognize one's own significance, importance, and/or power (6).

Our respondents named numerous practical abilities as being essential to disabled women's leadership development. Foremost among these skills was planning, starting, running, and evaluating projects and organizations (5).

Half of all the interview participants commented that disabled women leaders need to be effective public communicators. Specific skills include those related to media and public relations (3); educating and sensitizing non-disabled society about disabled women's issues (3); and getting disabled women's issues included in other kinds of programs and political movements (3).

Over one-third (12) of our interviewees offered responses relating to what might be called cultural awareness and commitment, based on an identification with the disability community and/or the women's movement. These areas were: knowledge of and commitment to disabled women, in other words, a sense of sisterhood with disabled women (4); knowledge of, and/or involvement in, grass-roots issues and/or grass-roots community organizing (3); understanding of disability oppression (2); knowledge of disabled women's organizing in other countries (2); and knowledge of disability history and culture (1).

Finally, five (5) women replied that leaders must be supported in learning and/or attaining economic self-sufficiency, through income-generation and job skills.

Our final report will offer interpretation and discussion of these findings, and will make recommendations for designing a leadership training program for women with disabilities.

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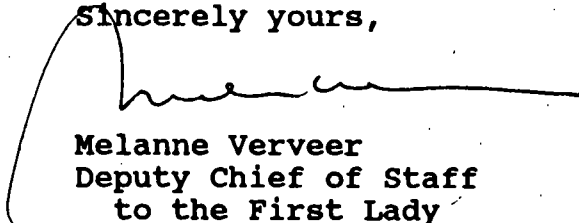
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Dear Ms. Hayes, *Sherry*

Thank you for your kind invitation for the First Lady to the annual spring meeting of InterHealth and Volunteer Trustees for Not-for-Profit Hospitals. I have forwarded your request to Patti Solis, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady.

Thank you again for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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February 22, 1996

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

We write today to cordially invite you to speak at our annual spring meeting with Volunteer Trustees for Not-for-Profit Hospitals in Washington, D.C. on April 29 or 30, 1996. As you may recall, our members were very active in the health care reform debate and continue to be impressed by your recognition of the human and moral values implicit in the delivery of health and social services. We would be honored by your presence and greatly appreciate if you could speak about values in health care. Our meeting theme is not-for-profit, community accountable care.

InterHealth is a values-driven group that brings people together to share ideas and improve community health. Our members are opinion leaders with religious roots in their communities. They hope to contribute to a sophisticated examination and discussion of the political and legislative forces which will affect the development of federal health policy in the 1990's.

Your insights and contributions would be very much appreciated, and we sincerely hope you can join us. We will be in contact with your office concerning your availability, and are prepared to accommodate your demanding schedule. Your consideration is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Sherry Hayes
Vice President

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March 4, 1996

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Dear Ms. Hewitt, *Emily*

Thank you for sending me the information regarding recycling and childcare. I appreciated receiving it. Please feel free to keep us apprised of the progress of this initiative.

Thank you again and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Melanne
Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

*I gave me
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not go your
way. Regardless,
know that it
was a very
competitive situation
for the best way*

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

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Greetings:

I enclose the package of GSA materials on recycling and childcare discussed at the meeting of the President's Interagency Council on Women at HHS on February 13, 1996. Please call if you would like to discuss this initiative.

Emily C. Hewitt



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT'S INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON WOMEN

FROM: EMILY C. HEWITT 
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Strategic Objective K.1 of Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, 4-15 September 1995) is "Involve women actively in environmental decision making."

The General Services Administration (GSA) actively supports recycling programs in GSA buildings nationwide. These initiatives are described in the attached Special Issue of GSA Update. The Administrator of GSA will soon be writing to the heads of agencies that occupy space in GSA buildings to urge them to designate their recycling receipts for child care tuition assistance. GSA has itself designated its receipts in this way pursuant to the attached memorandum from GSA's Deputy Administrator Thurman Davis.

There is an opportunity here for members of the President's Interagency Council on Women to become actively involved in the decision on how to spend recycling receipts in their agencies.

The names of persons involved in recycling and other environmental efforts at GSA are on page 6 of the attached Special Issue of GSA Update.

Attachments

GSA *Update*

1995 ENVIRONMENTAL EDITION

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GSA Invests in the Environment

GSA employees shape the direction of environmentally sound policies and actions through conservation, pollution prevention, and employee safety and health. By focusing the Federal Government's vast buying power, GSA stimulates a market response for many products and services that can help preserve our natural resources. GSA's Office of the Environmental Executive is responsible for coordinating GSA's environmental efforts, providing technical expertise, and monitoring GSA's environmental compliance. This special edition of the *GSA Update* highlights many of the GSA's accomplishments.

Employees Recycle 20 Percent More in Fiscal Year 1994

In fiscal year 1994, over 500,000 Federal Government employees in more than 1,000 government owned and leased buildings participated in the Federal Recycling Program administered by PBS. About 43,425 tons of material such as office paper, cardboard, aluminum cans, glass bottles, and newspapers were recovered—20 percent more than in fiscal year 1993. The sale of the recovered material yielded about \$350,000. Additionally, an estimated \$2 million was saved in dumping fees (payment for using landfill), and another \$4 million was saved in transportation costs to and from landfills. In 1994, recycling approximately 34,740 tons of paper, the primary material recycled in Federal buildings, resulted in the following savings:

- 114,642 cubic yards of landfill
- 590,580 trees
- 43,180,000 gallons of water
- 13,201,200 gallons of oil
- 142,434,000 kilowatt hours (KWH) of electricity

Making paper from recycled material uses 64 percent less energy than making it from pulp; it also generates 74 percent less air pollution, 35 percent less water pollution, and saves 142,434,000 KWH of electricity.

GSA Helps Protect Wildlife

In recent years, GSA has conveyed 90 properties, valued at \$25.2 million for use as parks and recreational areas. These donations let people enjoy nature and gain a greater appreciation of the importance of preserving the environment.





GSA Works with Other Federal Agencies

Since the passage of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, GSA has provided energy management and conservation workshops in each Federal region for Federal, State, local, and tribal governments. GSA has also hosted The Energy and Environmental Management Conference (TEEM '94) featuring exhibits and discussions on alternative-fuel vehicles, recycling, heating and air-conditioning systems, and energy conservation. Plans are underway for a TEEM '96 which will be held on the West Coast and target domestic and international energy and environmental officials. GSA has co-sponsored conferences with the Environmental Protection Agency and works closely with the Council on Environmental Quality and the Office of Management and Budget to ensure that the environment is considered when decisions are being made.

GSA Recycles More Than Paper

Although GSA's recycling program focuses heavily on recovery of office paper, employees at many GSA facilities also recycle other materials, including: aluminum cans, glass, polystyrene, telephone books, copper wiring, carpet, ceiling tiles, grass clippings, and cardboard. In Central Office, the Office of Management Services and Human Resources, in cooperation with PBS, opened "The Green Room," where excess office supplies are made available to others at no cost. To encourage recycling, the room also contains desktop recycling containers, and a list of excess carpet and furniture available in the GS Building, and information on various recycling initiatives in and outside of government. In its first year of operation, this venture is expected to save about \$55,000.

Ridesharing Promoted Nationwide

Since 1980, GSA has managed the Federal Ridesharing Program promoting the use of carpools, vanpools, and public transportation to conserve gasoline, improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion, and reduce commuter expenses. Nearly 65 percent of all GSA employees nationwide rideshare or use public transportation to commute to and from work saving about five million gallons of gasoline each year, and reducing air pollution by 100 million pounds of carbon dioxide. GSA also permits telecommuting, flexible starting and quitting times, and alternative work schedules to help employees and reduce traffic which wastes gasoline and causes air pollution.

Over 290,000 Energy Star Purchases Made in Fiscal Year 1994

In fiscal year 1994, Federal agencies made over 290,000 Energy Star purchases from GSA's multiple awards schedules. Agencies can choose from over 2,000 energy-saving computers and printers on contract. These computers, designed to power down automatically when not in use, are expected to save the Federal Government over \$5 million in fiscal year 1995 alone.

Alternative-Fuel Vehicles Reduce Pollution

More than 10,400 alternative-fuel vehicles (AFVs) in the FSS Interagency Fleet Management System (IFMS) run on methanol, ethanol, and natural gas fuel. Besides meeting environmental goals, AFVs reduce U.S. dependency on foreign oil and reduce air pollution. GSA actively works with the private sector to establish the refueling, maintenance, and repair infrastructure necessary to support the growing AFV fleet. GSA's goal is to accelerate the acceptance of AFVs by customers, the Federal Government as a whole, State and local governments, and the general public. To reduce pollution, all IFMS vehicles purchased for fiscal year 1995 will be equipped with CFC-free air-conditioning. IFMS also implemented a nationwide policy of using CFC recovery systems for servicing vehicle air conditioners.





FSS Contracts for Environmentally Oriented Products

In fiscal year 1994, the GSA supply system provided over \$300 million worth of environmental products and services to the Federal community through a variety of programs. Of this, more than \$200 million was for recycled paper products. The FSS Stock, Schedules, Special Order, and Customer Supply Center programs provide about 3,000 environmentally-oriented products items including: recycled content paper and paper products, energy and/or water conserving products, and reformulated paint and chemical products. The *Environmental Products Guide* contains information about all environmental items in the supply system. To help customers identify these items in the *GSA Supply Catalog* and Customer Supply Center catalogs, they are highlighted in green. Also, FSS Schedule contractors are encouraged to identify environmental items in their catalogs and brochures. *Markettips*, a bimonthly newsletter for GSA customers, also contains announcements for any new environmental items. GSA contracts for environmentally oriented products and services such as:

- Paper products, such as office stationery, copier paper, file folders, labels, calendars, envelopes, notebooks, index cards, drafting paper, toilet paper, paper towels and cardboard boxes.
- Rechargeable toner cartridges for computer printers, copiers, facsimile machines, and microphotographic equipment. In fiscal year 1994, Federal agencies purchased reused toner cartridges worth about \$14 million, keeping about three to four pounds of plastic from entering the landfill for each cartridge recycled.
- Carpet made from recycled plastic soda bottles.
- Repair and refurbishing of furniture.
- Insulation products containing from 9 to 50 percent recycled paper and glass.
- Retread tires in 60 popular sizes and tread patterns for trucks and busses.
- Water degradable foam packing materials.

FSS Products Curb Ozone Depletion from the Atmosphere

To improve air quality, curb ozone depletion, and meet most stringent State and Federal laws, GSA has moved to the forefront in providing reformulated paints, preservatives, and cleaning agents. Many of GSA's applicable products now offer lower volatile organic compounds, are lead, chromate and mercury free, and offer the latest in non-toxic, phosphate free formulations. Over 2,000 products are now available from aerosol, marine and architectural coatings to environmentally sensitive biodegradable cleaners and degreasers. Chlorofluorocarbons or CFC's also have been removed from applicable products.

PBS Storage Tank Program Prevents Contamination

In 1993, PBS began leak testing about 600 underground storage tanks to ensure that they don't leak oil and fuel. By 1994, GSA began providing corrosion prevention and spill devices four years ahead of EPA requirements. Many of the requirements for underground tanks will voluntarily be employed for above-ground tanks. For Federal agencies facing new environmental regulations concerning fuel storage tanks, GSA has a new easy-to-use program for buying above ground storage tanks from GSA's New Item Program (NIP). The tanks comply with Federal and State environmental regulations and industry standards. This particular program is a Reinvention Laboratory project created under the National Performance Review.

Water Conservation Program Established

In areas with water shortages, GSA landscapes Federal buildings with shrubbery that requires little or no water. Additional water conservation initiatives include the installation of low-flow toilets, aerators to reduce water flow, automatic shut-off controls, and use of rainwater for landscaping.



Control of Chlorofluorocarbons Protects the Atmosphere

GSA is responding to the accelerated phase out of ozone-depleting refrigerants (1995 instead of 2000) by replacing the oldest, inefficient, and worn chillers and by improving the operations and maintaining chillers to reduce the amount of refrigerant vented or lost to the atmosphere. GSA has also eliminated halon fire extinguishers from the GSA supply system and requires that disposable plastic foam cups supplied under its contracts, be manufactured without the use of CFC's.

PBS Improves Indoor Air Quality

As part of its indoor air quality program, PBS tests its leased, owned, and delegated buildings once every five years to assess indoor air quality. At a minimum, carbon dioxide levels, temperature, and humidity are measured. The program provides for prompt response to occupant complaints. PBS rigorously monitors its buildings to ensure the ventilation, filtration, and air handling systems are fully maintained. In recent years, PBS has undertaken a number of additional initiatives to further improve the quality and safety of its internal environment including the removal or control of asbestos, polychlorinated biphenyls, removal, hazardous waste, radon, integrated pest management, and control of smoking.

Integrated Pest Management Uses Fewer Chemicals

In the National Capital Region, scheduled pesticide applications were eliminated in all buildings. When called in, pest control contractors apply only about five percent of the amount of pesticide used prior to the implementation of the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program that began in 1988. Also, instead of sprays, most of the pesticide now applied are in a solid form. The National Capital Region has also assisted several State and municipal agencies in setting up IPM programs.

GSA Develops Conservation Contracts

Executive Order 12902 and the National Performance Review gave GSA new responsibilities to assist other agencies in furthering conservation efforts by developing contracts, methods and techniques that can be used by other agencies. The first contract allows agencies to contract for a building walkthrough to identify possible opportunities for conservation, a full building conservation audit, and design, and/or construction management for conservation projects. Each Region has term contractors available who can provide architect/engineer services to any agency on a cost reimbursable basis. Several other contracts are under development and should become available to other agencies over the next year.

Energy Conservation Projects Return Investment in Five Years

Over the past year, GSA has initiated energy projects that will pay back the initial \$44 million investment in just five years. GSA gives a high priority to retrofit lighting projects and computerized energy management and control systems, insulation, replacement windows, and improved heating and air-conditioning systems in many facilities. GSA performs most of its cleaning operations during normal working hours to conserve electricity. PBS has also initiated a pilot project with other Federal agencies to purchase natural gas at wholesale and store those purchases at cost-effective, government-owned sites. As needed, gas from those sites can be delivered to PBS buildings and the buildings of our other Federal partners at a substantial savings.



FSS Contracts for Energy-Efficient Appliances

GSA contracts for refrigerators, freezers, ranges, washers and dryers, dishwashers, and window air-conditioners using a life cycle cost (LCC) formula with energy use as a major component. The energy savings from LCC appliances is expected to exceed \$3 million over the useful life of the products. Other GSA contract products that provide energy savings, without the use of LCC cost analysis, include: electrostatic copier machines with automatic standby features, lighting fixtures and controls, motion and occupancy sensors that turn off lights, and energy management systems.

GSA Develops Environmental Guidebook

The Interagency Fleet Management System (IFMS) issued a Environmental Guidebook entitled *Guidance for Managing Environmentally Responsible Fleet Operations* in April 1994. The guidebook provides a comprehensive outline of Federal environmental requirements for automotive fleet operators are facing today. It also lists additional sources for information on State and local requirements. Specifically, the guidebook addresses requirements or issues concerning the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, first aid, brake repairs, hazardous waste, underground storage tanks, used oil, retread tires, air-conditioning repairs, emission inspections, contractor-operated facilities, vendor inspections, and numerous other topics.

GSA Offers Products To Recover and Recycle Hazardous Waste

GSA offers products, equipment, and services relating to the recovery, recycling, and disposal of hazardous waste such as solvents and antifreeze. GSA ensures that hazardous waste emergency procedures and contingency plans are in place at all of its facilities nationwide. GSA is also preparing a policy designed to ensure that communities, impacted by any agency activity, are provided with full information on the hazardous waste. Under this policy, GSA will notify appropriate local authorities on any releases of waste into the environment, and/or hazardous materials used, stored, or produced by any agency activity.

Electronic Communication Reduces Need for Paper

GSA makes extensive use of electronic mail, forms, data interchange, and data storage to save paper. Since 1983, computers have been used to save about 2,000 tons of paper. Electronic data interchange (EDI) lets GSA and its customers "talk" by computer, saving millions of pages of paper. It is projected that, when fully operational, the EDI program will save 6.5 million pages per year in transportation bills alone. GSA is also saving paper while making information retrieval easier for its customers by computerizing the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and permitting them to access GSA computers. Since the FAR is updated every five to seven years, an estimated 28 million pages can be saved during this time frame. To reduce the need for costly storage of printed forms, GSA plans to eliminate 90 percent of its entire stock of Standard and Optional forms by using automated forms. GSA is also looking into the feasibility of electronic signature, which will also reduce hard copy output and the use of recycled content paper in the remaining forms. Through the introduction and implementation of optical media technology, GSA will reduce the storage of hard copy documents and files. GSA is currently purchasing subscriptions and publications available on Compact-Disk-Read-Only-Memory (CD-ROM) that reduce storage space, eliminate the problem of disposal and speed up the process of locating articles. (One CD-ROM disk is capable of storing the equivalent of 200,000 pages of paper—40 boxes of storage photocopy paper). GSA's Federal Information Center responds to about 6,000 calls per day for information on the Federal Government. Without the center, it is estimated that at least 25 percent of these calls would result in letters to Members of Congress or other Federal agencies. Therefore, 150,000 pages per year are saved.

**Do You Want More Information on GSA's Environmental Programs?**

The following telephone numbers are provided if you want more information or have questions about GSA's environmental programs:

GSA Environmental Executive
Office of Property Management, PBS
(202) 208-7929

Energy Conservation in Federal Buildings
Office of Property Management, PBS
(202) 208-1626

FSS Environmental Products & Catalogs
Environmental Programs Branch, FSS
(703) 305-5149

Ridesharing and Telecommuting
Office of Workplace Initiatives
(202) 273-4660

Vehicle Management and Operation
Fleet Management Division, FSS
(703) 305-6278

For more information about the recycling program, call the National Office in Washington, DC, or contact the Federal Recycling Coordinator in your Region:

National Office	(202) 501-1116
National Capital Region	(202) 708-6948
New England Region	(212) 264-6801
Northeast & Caribbean Region	(212) 264-6801
Mid-Atlantic Region	(215) 656-5997
Southeast Sunbelt Region	(404) 331-1841
Great Lakes Region	(312) 353-5534
The Heartland Region	(816) 926-7741
Greater Southwest Region	(817) 334-4440
Rocky Mountain Region	(303) 236-0837
Pacific Rim Region	(415) 744-5215
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the date of enactment of this Act who, being eligible for citizenship, has filed a declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States prior to such date and is actually residing in the United States, (3) is a person who owes allegiance to the United States, (4) is an alien from Cuba, Poland, South Vietnam, the countries of the former Soviet Union, or the Baltic countries lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence, (5) South Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Laotian refugees paroled in the United States after January 1, 1975, or (6) nationals of the People's Republic of China that qualify for adjustment of status pursuant to the Chinese Student Protection Act of 1992: *Provided*, That for the purpose of this section, an affidavit signed by any such person shall be considered prima facie evidence that the requirements of this section with respect to his or her status have been complied with: *Provided further*, That any person making a false affidavit shall be guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction, shall be fined no more than \$4,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both: *Provided further*, That the above penal clause shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provisions of existing law: *Provided further*, That any payment made to any officer or employee contrary to the provisions of this section shall be recoverable in action by the Federal Government. This section shall not apply to citizens of Ireland, Israel, the Republic of the Philippines or to nationals of those countries allied with the United States in the current defense effort, or to international broadcasters employed by the United States Information Agency, or to temporary employment of translators, or to temporary employment in the field service (not to exceed sixty days) as a result of emergencies.

SEC. 607. Appropriations available to any department or agency during the current fiscal year for necessary expenses, including maintenance or operating expenses, shall also be available for payment to the General Services Administration for charges for space and services and those expenses of renovation and alteration of buildings and facilities which constitute public improvements performed in accordance with the Public Buildings Act of 1959 (73 Stat. 749), the Public Buildings Amendments of 1972 (87 Stat. 216), or other applicable law.

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SEC. 608. In addition to funds provided in this or any other Act, all Federal agencies are authorized to receive and use funds resulting from the sale of materials recovered through recycling or waste prevention programs. Such funds shall be available until expended for the following purposes:

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As in previous years, I am designating child care as the authorized use for funds collected in GSA agency locations. This income from the sale of recovered materials in space occupied by GSA employees will continue to be used for tuition assistance in child care programs. The entire amount of revenue generated from recycling by each region will be returned directly to that region for this purpose.

In addition, the Administrator will send a letter to Federal Executive agency heads urging them to also designate their receipts for child care tuition assistance.

Should you have any questions, please contact either myself or Dr. John L. Stanberry, GSA's Environmental Executive, at (202) 208-7929.

Attachment

cc: Assistant Regional Administrators - 1P, 2P, 3P, 4P, 5P,
6P, 7P, 8P, 9P, 10P, WP
Robert Peck - P
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GSA Recycling Coordinators



Deputy Administrator
General Services Administration
Washington, DC 20405

February 7, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS

FROM:

THURMAN M. DAVIS, SR. *Thurman Davis*
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR - AD

SUBJECT:

Use of Recycling Income

In addition to recovering office waste materials from Government-owned and operated buildings the General Services Administration's (GSA) Federal Recycling Program also sells these materials. Through GSA-negotiated sales contracts, approximately \$810,000 was collected in fiscal year 1995. As more markets continue to become available nationwide, this figure could increase substantially.

In accordance with GSA initiated legislation contained in Section 608 of Public Law 103-329, 108 Stat. 2417, all fiscal year 1995 income generated by individual Federal agencies is in the process of being returned to them. In operating this program, GSA deducts no overhead expenses or otherwise reduces the income generated from these sales contracts by reimbursable expense charges.

GSA also generated income from each of its locations where sales contracts existed. GSA's portion of the fiscal year 1995 Federal Recycling Program income totaled \$49,167. These funds will be used to support GSA's Federal Child Care program.

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February 29, 1996

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Mrs. Haliun
c/o Ambassador Donald Johnson
U.S. Embassy Beijing
Micro Region II
Ulaan Batar, Mongolia

Dear Mrs. Haliun,

Thank you for your recent letter. I am very pleased to hear that you received the pictures from our visit. I have often thought of you and your family with great fondness and am glad to know that you are all well.

Allow me to also offer my best wishes for the Lunar New Year and for health and happiness for your family.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton

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February 7, 1996
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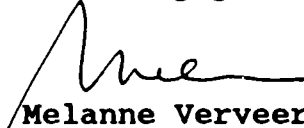
February 27, 1996

Jill Hanauer
The Interfaith Alliance
1511 K Street, NW
Suite 738
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Jill,

Thank you for sending me information containing the important work of the Interfaith Alliance. It is good to have the update. Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely yours,


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

*The materials
are good to
have -
Thank you*

THE WHITE HOUSE

February 26, 1996

Tony P. Hall
United States Congress
1432 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-3503

Dear Congressman Hall,

Thank you for joining me at the recent White House reception on Bosnia relief efforts. Your attendance meant a great deal to me and to the representatives of the many humanitarian organizations in attendance.

I look forward to hearing from you about the UNICEF immunization initiative. Please keep me apprised of the progress of this important work.

Thank you again and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Hillary Rodham Clinton

TONY P. HALL
THIRD DISTRICT, OHIO

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January 26, 1995

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Thank you for inviting me to this morning's event on Bosnia. I am especially grateful to you for taking a leadership role in children's issues - both here in America and overseas. As you know, I traveled to Bosnia last year and can personally attest to the very real need for humanitarian intervention. The children of Bosnia were the most helpless victims of the four-year long war.

I am also grateful for the President's leadership regarding Bosnian children. His support of the UNICEF initiative to immunize and educate Bosnian children has been essential. It is my understanding that this program is performing exemplary work. I would enjoy discussing the project with you further when more details become available following the February trip to Bosnia by UNICEF Executive Director, Carol Bellamy.

UNICEF is implementing the six-month program to provide the children of the former Yugoslavia with benefits and reestablish normalcy in their lives. The plan aims to immunize 150,000 children against six vaccine-preventable diseases, and initiate sustainable services which will continue to meet immunization needs following the end of the six-month period. In addition, the program authorizes the reconstruction of schools which have been severely damaged during the war, teacher training, and the purchase of school supplies. The teaching of informal subjects such as mine-awareness, and social and psychological assistance will also be of tremendous value to these children. By developing sustainable educational facilities, the program's impact will continue for years to come.

The initiative is a fruit of the peace agreement, and I believe that it will contribute to the maintenance of that peace. Restoring the welfare of the children is perhaps the most fundamental aspect of reconstruction of the Bosnian region.

Thank you again for inviting me to be here today.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Tony P. Hall
Member of Congress

Project for Increased Immunization Coverage of Children and Women in Bosnia & Herzegovina, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Croatia

I. Background

The war in Bosnia & Herzegovina and Croatia, the strain placed on basic services by hundreds of thousands of refugees and displaced persons in Bosnia, Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and the economic difficulties linked to the transition from centrally-planned to market economies have led to a deep crisis of the national health systems of all three countries. As a result, the levels of immunization coverage of women and children against the six main communicable diseases have declined markedly in B&H and threatened to do so in FR Yugoslavia and Croatia if continued support is not provided.

UNICEF has been supporting efforts to re-establish, maintain and expand immunization coverage for all children since it began its programmes in 1991. Past cooperation has focussed on supplies of basic materials and training. UNICEF has also facilitated joint meetings of technical staff from the different sides to agree on vaccination calendar and associated policies.

Immunization Coverage Rates in 1993 (1 year-olds fully immunized against):

	Bosnia & Herzegovina	FR Yugoslavia	Croatia
Tuberculosis	94 %	67 %	96 %
Diphtheria/Pertussis /Tetanus	55 %	89 %	85 %
Measles	31 %	84 %	90 %
Poliomyelitis	49 %	82 %	86 %

II. Objectives

- Achieve and maintain a minimum of 90 % immunization coverage of children under one against the six vaccine preventable diseases;
- Develop sustainable immunization services able to function during the recovery period and beyond with decreasing external support.

III. Strategies

UNICEF seeks to strengthen the capacity of national professionals and institutions to improve the health delivery mechanisms.

The main focus will be the restoration of acceptable level of immunization in Bosnia and Herzegovina and more disadvantaged regions of Croatia and the FR Yugoslavia. The following strategies/activities will be undertaken in order to reach the objectives stated above:

- Provision of basic vaccines to health authorities where appropriate and requested;
- Provision of cold chain equipment and training of cold chain managers in order to ensure availability of vaccines even in the most remote areas;
- Support to social mobilization efforts, especially in B&H where "Days of Immunization" will be organized locally;
- Technical support to health authorities for the progressive adoption of more efficient and cost effective immunization practices, including the adoption of a rational calendar of vaccination and new policies on contra-indications;
- Technical support for the restoration of local production of vaccines, in particular in the FR Yugoslavia;
- Technical support for the re-establishment of disease surveillance systems within and between countries;
- Technical support for coverage surveys, in particular in highly vulnerable regions;
- Support to emergency response mechanisms in order to address increased immunization needs resulting from a sudden movement of population. This activity will be part of the overall emergency preparedness effort developed for the region.

Through these strategies, UNICEF intends to support the creation of the necessary conditions for the return of refugees from Bosnia and Herzegovina to their country of origin and the resettlement of internally displaced. Until this repatriation process starts, UNICEF will give the necessary priority to the assistance to the 112,000 refugee and displaced children under 18 living in Croatia and the 215,000 refugee children in the FR Yugoslavia.

IV. Partners

UNICEF will support the efforts of the respective Ministries of Health both at the central and the local level. UNICEF will continue to work closely with other partners; UN agencies, institutes of public health, the European Union and bilateral organizations.

V. Time Frame

The proposal covers a six months time frame. During this period, priority is given to raising immunization rates among poorly covered child populations. However, investment will also be made on long-term activities which can be sustained beyond the six months time frame. On completion of the initial phase of the project, an assessment of its impact will be conducted and further necessary activities will be identified for the future.

VII. Budget (in US\$)

	Bosnia & Herzegovina	FR Yugoslavia	Croatia
Supplies	400,000	200,000	100,000
Cold Chain	450,000	250,000	100,000
Technical Assistance	300,000	300,000	250,000
Training	225,000	170,000	270,000
Social Mobilization	150,000	100,000	100,000
Operational Support	350,000	230,000	180,000
Total	1,875,000	1,250,000	1,000,000
Total Child Immunization: 4,125,000			

Project for the Reconstruction of Educational Opportunities for Children Affected by War in Bosnia & Herzegovina, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Croatia

I. Background

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- Schools destroyed or occupied by refugees, internally displaced and army (it is estimated that 40% of primary school in Croatia and 55% in Bosnia & Herzegovina have been either damaged or destroyed);
- Education authorities and families unable to provide the necessary basic school supplies necessary;
- Teachers killed, displaced or demotivated by low salaries and lack of psycho-social support;
- Lack of training of both teaching and administrative staff;
- The eruption of new problems implying a need for specific teaching skills: mine-awareness, psycho-social assistance to children, conflict resolution and tolerance education.

UNICEF has been supporting efforts to re-establish or maintain the education services through the conflict. This includes support to basement schools in front-line cities and assistance to refugee centers through the provision of basic school supplies and training. UNICEF has also initiated a planning process for the development of more cost effective post-war education systems.

II. Objectives

- Allow full access to primary education with special attention given to refugee and displaced children as well as children in particularly vulnerable areas;
- Improve the quality of education through the introduction of active learning methods and non-formal subjects such as mine-awareness, psycho-social assistance and education for development;

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December 9, 1995

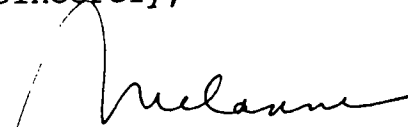
Ms. Antonia Hernández
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Dear Ms. Hernández:

Thank you for your letter regarding the importance of funding for the Legal Services Corporation. The Administration is strongly supportive of legal services and recognizes the restrictions imposed on the representation of clients individually limits their access to the justice system.

Thank you for your continuing support for legal services and best wishes. Congratulations again on your NAPIL award.

Sincerely,


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Deputy Chief of Staff
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December 5, 1995

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Thank you for your support and best wishes.

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November 28, 1995
Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady
100 Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Verveer:

As the Commerce-Justice-State Appropriations Conference Committee meets to consider funding of Legal Services Corporation, the challenge continues in providing access to legal services for all Americans. On behalf of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, I urge the President's continued leadership and support of effective legal services for all through specific migrant farmworker programs is crucial in this fight. _____

Without legal access, the Latino community will be dealt a severe and devastating impact. Studies by both the Legal Services Corporation and the American Bar Association show that migrant farm workers have very specialized legal needs and face unique barriers to legal assistance. Additionally, because of the recent anti-immigrant backlash facing those who are even perceived as immigrants, many migrant workers must face further discrimination on the basis of language, race, and ethnicity.

Through the migrant legal services delivery scheme created by LSC, migrant workers are currently able to resolve problems unique to agriculture. Farmworkers are now able to seek fair and prompt determination of agriculturally defined wrongful employment practices, labor contractor abuses, substandard housing, health and safety violations, access to education and other issues that would otherwise go unheard. Without programs that specifically and efficiently consider migrant farmworkers' issues, both employers and employees will be harmed. Employees will be cut off from access to the legal system, while unscrupulous employers will gain an obvious competitive edge over employers who comply with the law.

MALDEF supports efforts by the Administration in recognizing the successful eighteen year history of migrant farmworker programs, and the unique and necessary delivery of services directly to migrant workers.

Sincerely,

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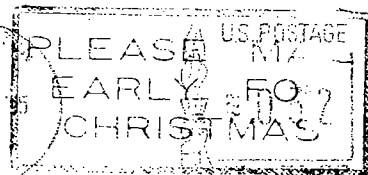
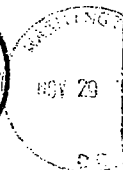
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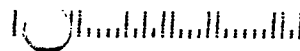


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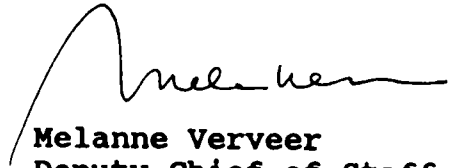
Mr. Michael Henderson
10605 SW Terwillinger Place
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Dear Michael:

My very belated thanks for your letter and "A Call to Community." There is no more important challenge, I believe, than that in which you are engaged. I am enclosing a collection of three speeches by the President on the same theme.

Best wishes in your important work.

Sincerely,

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November 6, 1995

Dear Melanne,

When I was in touch with you about a year ago I said that I would like you to have the chance to see a 30-minute video I had made, "Healing the heart of America," about race relations.

You said at the time that you were so into health care that you would not then have time.

I wonder, with all that has happened after the OJ Simpson trial and the Million Man March, whether you would now be able to find the time to see it. One development since then, connected with this Richmond, Virginia initiative is the enclosed Call to Community which you may noticed William Rapsberry mentioned in a recent "Washington Post" column.

I have a colleague in Washington. DC, Richard Ruffin (incidentally a descendant of Edmund Ruffin who fired the first shot of the Civil war!) who is closely involved in this initiative and he could show you the video.

Sincerely,

Michael Henderson

PS I thought that the First Lady's speech in Beijing was particularly good. My book, "All Her Paths Are Peace," was the basis of a workshop there and was published in Chinese in time for the UN summit.

Hope in the Cities

Purposes

- Convene national, regional, city-wide and neighborhood dialogues to provide opportunities for honest conversation.
- Develop public education programs to recognize the nature and root causes of racism and point to the possibility of healing.
- Highlight and encourage models of hope which demonstrate effective partnerships and personal responsibility.
- Create a spirit of community across jurisdictional lines.

Resources

A prize-winning documentary film, "Healing the Heart of America," with study guide, is a resource for schools, businesses and community groups. Inter-racial teams to give support and training.

Comments

"Never before have I heard people speak so openly and so passionately about things that really matter." Michael McQuillan, Director, Intergroup Relations, Brooklyn Borough, NY.

"It has helped me to reconcile and erase the line I drew between the north and the south; to feel that I can embrace the United States as one nation made up of many diverse people who must work together." Carolyn Leonard, Coordinator, Multi-Cultural/Multi-Ethnic Education, Portland, OR.

"I heard people say things I didn't ever think I'd hear." Former gang member, Los Angeles.

"Moving past and not getting stuck in the blame game is critical for real leadership. 'Hope in the Cities' provides an arena for unselfish leadership and partnerships for building trust and hope." Walter T. Kenney, Mayor of Richmond, 1990-94.

"What's wrong with having a society where we talk about inclusiveness? We don't need to talk about percentages but about how everyone can participate in a meaningful way. We came in different boats but we are all in the same boat now." W. Curtis Thomas, State Representative, Philadelphia.

Hope in the Cities grew out of the work of **MRA Initiative for Change**, a world-wide network of people working for new motives and relationships at all levels of society.

***Hope in the Cities*, 1103 Sunset Avenue, Richmond, VA 23221
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A Call To Community

Working Document

An honest conversation on race, reconciliation and responsibility

At the close of the twentieth century, the toxic issue of race confronts societies everywhere. It is at the core of the crises facing America's cities. *Hope in the Cities* is an inter-racial, multi-faith coalition of individuals in government, business, education, media, religious and community organizations. Its purpose is to set in motion a process of healing through honest conversations on race, reconciliation and responsibility.

In June, 1993, *Hope in the Cities* and leaders of metropolitan Richmond, Virginia, sponsored a national conference, "Healing the Heart of America." Residents of the former Capital of the Confederacy, from city and suburbs, both black and white, came together in an unprecedented walk to acknowledge events and sites in the racial history of their city. Among the sites marked for the first time was Manchester Docks, a principal entry point for Africans brought to the New World in slave ships. The 1000 conference participants included people from 50 U.S. urban areas and 20 foreign countries.

This example of "walking through history" has inspired diverse teams across America, from Los Angeles to Philadelphia, to work together in creative ways to build partnerships based on trust and to hold honest conversations on the impact of racial issues on the social, economic and spiritual health of their cities. A Call to Community arises out of their ongoing experience.

This is a working document. In its final form it will be offered to the American people by political, business, religious, artistic, academic and community leaders representing a broad spectrum of opinion. The aim is to rally all Americans around a vision of community that transcends our divisions. If you wish to join in this call, please contact *Hope in the Cities*.

A CALL TO COMMUNITY

America is at a crossroads. One road leads to community; the other to the chaos of competing identities and interests. We have all hurt one another, often unconsciously, in ways we would never intend. We need each other. We need to eradicate the scourge of racial division. We must demonstrate that our diversity is our greatest strength and that out of this diversity is rising a new American community. We can offer hope to a world torn by divisions of every kind.

We invite every citizen to join us in a renewed commitment to an American community based on justice, reconciliation and excellence. The original promise of this country, that out of a rich diversity of peoples a great nation would rise, has only partially been fulfilled. This unique experiment remains incomplete because the promise of equal opportunity and dignity for all has not been fully realized. Much of the distrust, resentment and fear in America today is rooted in our unacknowledged and unhealed racial history.

For many of us, race determines where we live, where we send our children to school and where we worship. Because racism is deeply embedded in the institutions of our society, individuals are often insulated from making personal decisions based on conscious racial feelings and do not experience the daily burden that their brothers and sisters of color have to carry. We must change the structures which perpetuate economic and racial separation. But no unseen hand can wipe prejudice away. The ultimate answer to the racial problem lies in our willingness to obey the unenforceable.

The new American community will flow from a spirit of giving freely without demanding anything in return. In the new American community, when any one individual is injured, exploited or demeaned, all of us will feel the pain and be diminished. It will be a place where hearts can put down roots and where each feels accepted and at home. Some painful memories cannot be erased. But forgiving is not forgetting; it is letting go of the hurt.

To build this new American community, we must empower individuals to take charge of their lives and take care of their communities. In cities across America, bold experiments are taking place. Citizens have initiated honest conversations - between people of all backgrounds - on matters of race, reconciliation and responsibility. They have chosen to move beyond blame and guilt, beyond hatred and fear, deciding to face the past with courage and honesty. They are demonstrating that through honesty, a willingness to embrace each other's painful experiences, and with God's power to change us, the wounds of the past can be healed and our nation become one community.

This approach calls us to a new concept of partnership and responsibility. It means:

- * Listening carefully and respectfully to each other and to the whole community.*
- * Bringing people together, not in confrontation but in trust, to tackle the most urgent needs of the community.*
- * Searching for solutions, focussing on what is right rather than who is right.*
- * Building lasting relationships outside our comfort zone.*
- * Honoring each person, appealing to the best qualities in everyone, and refusing to stereotype the other group.*
- * Holding ourselves, communities and institutions accountable in areas where change is needed.*
- * Recognizing that the energy for fundamental change requires a moral and spiritual transformation in the human spirit.*

Together we will share our lives and the resources God has given us to make America a community of hope, security and opportunity for all our citizens.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 10, 1995

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Ms. Dorothy M. Hartman
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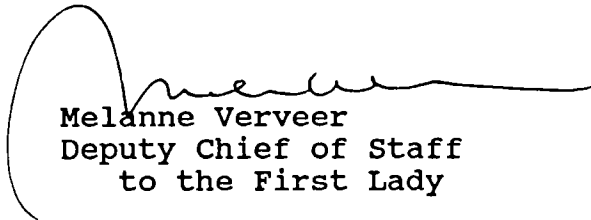
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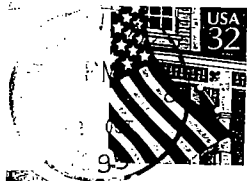
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*Melanne - Father Catolr is -
(Catholic priest)*

Is Compassion a Liberal Monopoly?

By Fr. John Catolr
Director of
The Christophers

My cousin, Mary Caslin Ross, serves as the director of the Goldwater Institute's Federal Mandates Project in Arizona, and she contends that compassion is not a liberal monopoly.

Mary is a devout Catholic and one of the most compassionate people I know. She worked for 11 years as a grant maker for the Bodman and Achelis Foundations, helping to dispense over \$34 million in grants to address the effects of poverty and homelessness.

In the process she came

to realize that too often the private philanthropies were only correcting a poor public policy aimed at assisting the poor but sometimes only making matters worse.

"After 30 years of federally mandated welfare and health relief," she says "we know (that) ... welfare recipients are worse off today and have little reason to hope, to secure employment, or to change their lives. There is a difference between good intentions and good incentives."

Conservatives like Mary feel it's the government's job to empower people by providing the tools and

creating the right incentives to help them care for themselves.

"Liberals care for people, conservatives care about them." She cites Bob Woodson, the black founder of the National Center for Neighborhood Enterprises, who says, "caring for people simply perpetuates the liberal plantation system."

All this sounds interesting, but how will it play out when the new Congress votes to return block grants to the states? We have already begun to see the downside of this policy in New York State where Gov. George E. Pataki proposed deep cuts in the welfare budget while the same time planning huge tax reductions.

New York's Cardinal O'Connor, and Bishop Howard Hubbard of Albany met with Pataki on the same day to discuss the

devastating impact that the welfare cuts will have on the poor. The governor came away saying he would not change his mind.

This kind of cold-turkey destruction of the welfare safety net will surely hurt women, children, the sick and the handicapped. Cardinal O'Connor called it immoral. Surely we can find a better way to frame our public policy, and surely we can put in place a better incentive system to break the never-ending cycle of welfare dependency.

The Republican Congress can not ignore the cries of the poor, and the liberals know we can no longer afford to go on as we have in the past. Somehow, we have to forge a compromise. But Congress, unwisely I believe, seems to be in no mood for compromise.

A recent New York Times/CBS News poll revealed that 31 percent of Republicans, 57 percent of Independents and 61 percent of Democrats disapprove of the way the new congress is handling its job. What does this portend for the future? It remains to be seen.

We need a public policy that will reduce the deficit without hurting the weak-

*Blessed are the
merciful.*

-Matthew 5:7

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with you Melanne
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the article tells you
that we are strong
supporters of President
Bill Clinton - I found
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The date of the article
November 20, 1992 tells
you that we have
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seen them to support
him at all times and
will continue to be there
and do all we can
to re-elect President
Bill Clinton in 1996 -
President Clinton is a
man of Compassion,
honor etc. We are
senior citizens and have
many worries of the
message of the Republican
party - "Friends of Bill"
will be there to help
President Clinton with
his campaign for President
in 1996 -

² Our prayers will be
and have been since
1992 - We ask where
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right came to power
in November a climate
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stereotyping, race and
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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September 20, 1995

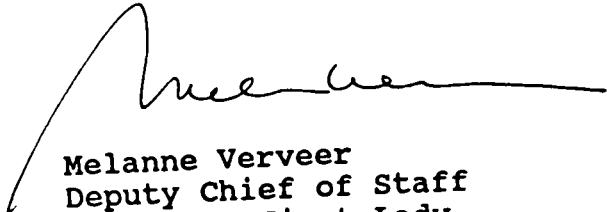
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Thank you for thinking of the First Lady and best wishes.

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Ms. Hilary Clinton
THE WHITE HOUSE
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20006

July 24, 1995

Re: The 4th United Nations International Conference on Women
and the International Symposium on Issues of Women with
Disabilities in Beijing

Dear Hilary:

This letter is an invitation for you to meet with the Bay Area
Disabled Womens Alliance while you will be at the United Nations
International Conference on Women in Beijing.

The Bay Area Disabled Womens Alliance, a group of women with
various disabilities, will be attending the International Symposium on
Issues of Women with Disabilities which will be taking place in
Beijing, from August 30th through September 9th, 1995. After that,
the group and I will also be attending the 4th United Nations
International Conference on Women.

I will also be going to the International Conference on Women as an
official "observer" for the delegation from the World Federation of
the Deaf.

Additionally, I shall be representing the Center for the Study of
Language and Information, a research group I work with at Stanford
University that does research and development on technologies that
are being used to aid in communications for people with disabilities. I
have been teaching American Sign Language at Stanford University
since 1976 and I have been Deaf since age two and a half.

We would very much appreciate it if you could meet with The Bay Area Disabled Womens Alliance to help share your insights and experiences with various issues concerning disabled women throughout the world.

Some of those issues are as follows:

- 1) 90% of the disabled women in the world are unemployed
- 2) In many countries, disabled persons are often cast aside and no educational opportunities are available to them, and vocational opportunities are almost non-existent
- 3) In many countries, disabled women are not even allowed to marry nor even have children.
- 4) In the aftermath of several recent conflicts, such as in Rwanda and in Somalia, and in the present fighting in Bosnia, so many people are newly disabled and those countries are not equipped to help deal with the problems of disabled and there will be so many people left to suffer that the rest of the world must do what they can to help.

We also want to share with the world the great advances that are being made in the United States with regard to the opportunities and treatment of women with disabilities, and we want to let the world know that they should try to enact the same legislation that our country has done with the American Disabilities Act.

We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you at the conference. You could speak to us on any topic you would like such as Womens Rights or disability issues and we would be glad to support you by showing how progressive the United States has been in furthering the opportunities, access and services available to disabled persons.

If you would like to contact me to set up a meeting, please call me at any of the following numbers:

On TTY: 415-343-4486 at home
On Voice: 415-344-4405 at home

On TTY: 415-725-8532 at my office at Stanford University
On Voice (Through a relay operator) at 415-723-1224 at Stanford

You can also contact me via E mail at: clhaas@jessica.stanford.edu

Thank you very much for the opportunity of inviting you to meet with us. Please let me know if you will be able to do so.

Please give me a call if you have any further questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathy Haas".

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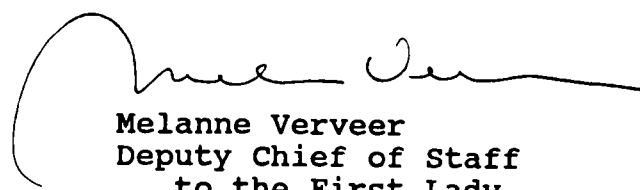
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Facing fear

Hollis Sigler paints a picture of hope, tragedy of breast cancer

By Abigail Foerster

PRAIRIE VIEW, Ill.—Chicago-area artist Hollis Sigler hardly fits the image of someone in the advanced stages of cancer. A trim, exuberant college professor whose outpouring of drawings and paintings is exhibited nationwide, Sigler has been living with breast cancer for eight years.

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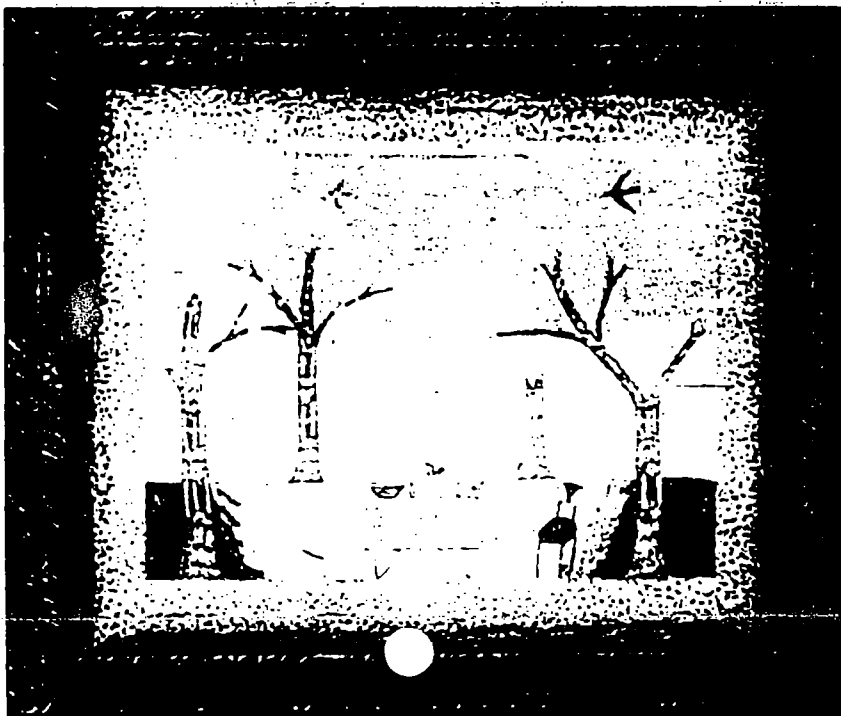
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"When you get to the point I've gotten to, the prognosis isn't good, the percentages aren't good. But there are endless possibilities of what can happen to people. Breast cancer doesn't make me unique. I've lived with it for eight years, and I hope I'll live with it for another 20 years at least," she says.

Sigler, 45, learned of her cancer in 1985 after discovering a swelling under her arm in a lymph node. There was never a lump evident to the touch in her breast, but a mammogram confirmed the presence of a tumor. She was 37 and considered at higher risk of getting breast cancer because her mother, Marilyn Ryan Sigler, already had the disease. She had a mastectomy within days of the mammogram.

"My mother came to stay with me a month after the surgery and my arm was so sore, I couldn't lift it. But she said, 'Look, see? I can use my arm again and you're going to be able to use yours.'"



metastasized. Since she learned she had breast cancer, loss of control has been a theme in her art, but changes in her personal life have become a vehicle of regaining control.

At the start of her illness, she changed to a vegetarian diet and continues with it in the belief that a low-fat diet inhibits cancer.

She began meditating with audio tapes that promote and work in part with visualization of the body's immune system attacking cancer cells. Sigler says the tapes taught her relaxation techniques that she still uses and confidence that her body could fight the cancer.

She changed doctors a couple of times, replacing them with physicians who more wholeheartedly encouraged questions. Sigler helped one of her own doctors who recently discovered she has breast cancer through the first round of fear following the diagnosis.

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lined with her childhood toys. Brushes, canvases, books and paints fill the room. One cozy corner with two blue wicker chairs overlooks her garden.

Sigler, who was born in Gary, Ind., and grew up in New Jersey, moved her childhood dollhouse to her home two years ago, a white dollhouse with green shutters that her father built. The tiny rooms of the dollhouse, like the rooms in Sigler's paintings, suggest the intimate havens of the imagination that hover above the passage of time and the toll of disease.

The news that her cancer had metastasized ignited a change in Sigler's paintings of rooms where swirls of household objects are rendered in sunburst colors as a child might draw them. The work has leaped from domestic metaphors about experiences shared by women to issue-oriented art that decries the low research priority given to breast cancer, for example.

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at Rockford College in Rockford, Ill.

Drawings that are part of the same series go on exhibit Sept. 10 through Oct. 16 at Printworks Gallery, 311 W. Superior St., Chicago. Sigler's earlier paintings are on exhibit at One Illinois Center, 111 E. Wacker Dr., Chicago, through July 28.

Sigler, who teaches art at Columbia College in Chicago, has won grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Illinois Arts Council for her work. She has exhibited at the Art Institute of Chicago and the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago, at the Museum of Modern Art and the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York, at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington and at other museums and galleries across the country.

She risked a lot in changing her acclaimed and well-established themes of women's universal experiences for stark visions of mortality that tend to intimidate viewers.

Her whimsical settings, painted in bright colors, briefly numb the painful meanings of chilling scenes with shattered mirrors, broken statues, scarred trees and skies that weep blood.

"Some people have come up to me, terribly upset by the work. It's not sunny side. People don't want to be reminded about this," Sigler says.

But confronting the advance of a disease like breast cancer made the need to state the public stronger than the need to stay safe in her work, Sigler says.

"I did these pieces and I tried to take on everything—the attitudes that exist, the stigma, what science has to say. What's appalling to me is that this disease has been around for centuries and nobody knows why. Even with AIDS, we know how it's transmitted. We know how to prevent it. This is not known with breast cancer. Could be your diet; maybe it's the environment; maybe it's something hereditary; maybe it's your disposition."

Sigler writes across the spaces and frames of her work, but the poetic references she usually uses have been replaced by unsettling statistics in "Breast Cancer Journal."

"Forty-five thousand women die every year from breast cancer. ... Bette Davis ... Jill Ireland ... Lynn Sage ... Sarah Anna Tuitt Ryan. ... Women are dying," she wrote on one frame for a painting. (Ryan is her great-grandmother.)

"In 1960, one in 20 women diagnosed with breast cancer. In 1992, in nine will be diagnosed with breast cancer alone," she wrote on another frame.

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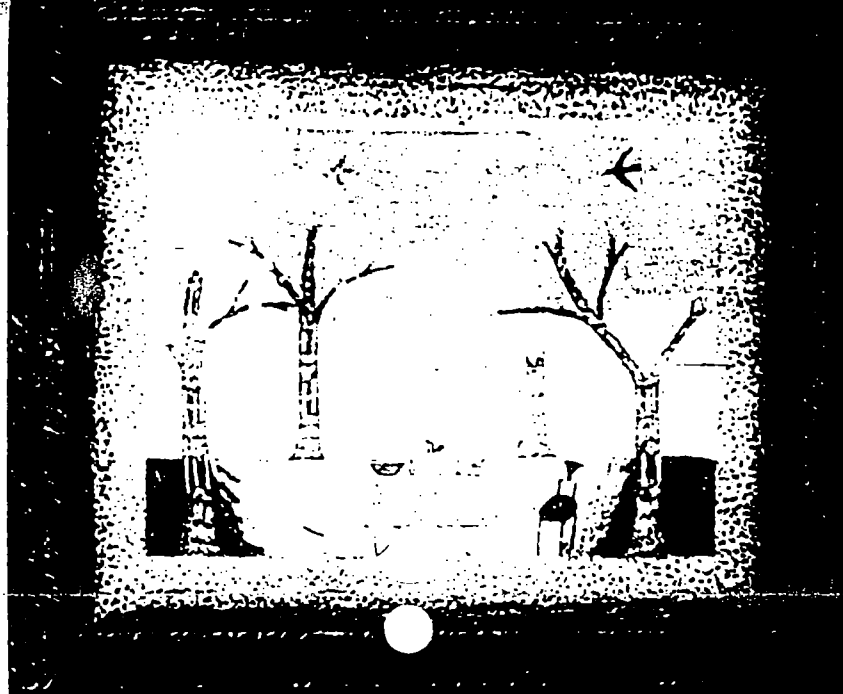
"When you get to the point I've gotten to, the prognosis isn't good, the percentages aren't good. But there are endless possibilities of what can happen to people. Breast cancer doesn't make me unique. I've lived with it for eight years, and I hope I'll live with it for another 20 years at least," she says.

Sigler, 45, learned of her cancer in 1985 after discovering a swelling under her arm in a lymph node. There was never a lump evident to the touch in her breast, but a mammogram confirmed the presence of a tumor. She was 37 and considered at higher risk of getting breast cancer because her mother, Marilyn Ryan Sigler, already had the disease. She had a mastectomy within days of the mammogram.

"My mother came to stay with me a month after the surgery and my arm was so sore, I couldn't lift it. But she said, 'Look. See! I can use my arm again and you're going to be able to use yours.'"

After surgery and six months of chemotherapy, Sigler had no further signs of cancer until breast cancer was found again in the late 1980s. She underwent radiation treatments. She also joined a support group, the I Can Cope group, sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Sigler says confronting the initial breast cancer diagnosis caused her far greater shock and anxiety than learning it had recurred and, more recently, that it had



metastasized. Since she learned she had breast cancer, loss of control has been a theme in her art, but changes in her personal life have become a vehicle of regaining control.

At the start of her illness, she changed to a vegetarian diet and continues with it in the belief that a low-fat diet inhibits cancer.

She began meditating with audio tapes that promote and work in part with visualization of the body's immune system attacking cancer cells. Sigler says the tapes taught her relaxation techniques that she still uses and confidence that her body could fight the cancer.

She changed doctors a couple of times, replacing them with physicians who more wholeheartedly encouraged questions. Sigler helped one of her own doctors who recently discovered she has breast cancer through the first round of fear following the diagnosis.

"It helps a lot to help other women. You verbalize your feelings and bring to a conscious level things you have thought about in the back of your mind," Sigler says. Writing her diary helps her do that as well, she says, another anchor for the courage, candor and unquenchable optimism that animates her life.

Sigler lives in far north suburban Prairie View where deer and rabbits bolt across the unfenced yard of the country home she has shared for 15 years with jewelry-maker Patricia Locke.

Her second-floor studio is an addition to the house, connected by a slanting walkway at the top of a staircase where the walls are hung with her paintings and the banister is

lined with her childhood toys. Brushes, canvases, books and paints fill the room. One cozy corner with two blue wicker chairs overlooks her garden.

Sigler, who was born in Gary, Ind., and grew up in New Jersey, moved her childhood dollhouse to her home two years ago, a white dollhouse with green shutters that her father built. The tiny rooms of the dollhouse, like the rooms in Sigler's paintings, suggest the intimate havens of the imagination that hover above the passage of time and the toll of disease.

The news that her cancer had metastasized ignited a change in Sigler's paintings of rooms where swirls of household objects are rendered in sunburst colors as a child might draw them. The work has leaped from domestic metaphors about experiences shared by women to issue-oriented art that decries the low research priority given to breast cancer, for example.

Sigler's paintings from the series, "Breast Cancer Journal: Walking With the Ghosts of My Grandmother," will be exhibited Sept. 2 through Nov. 14 at the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington. The National Breast Cancer Coalition in Washington plans to culminate a nationwide petition drive with signatures gathered at the exhibition. The petition asks President Clinton to develop a "comprehensive plan to end the breast cancer epidemic." The museum also plans to make available information on breast-cancer prevention and detection as was done at the debut of the exhibit this spring

D... that part of the ... go on exhibit Sept. 10 through Oct. 16 at Printworks Gallery, 311 W. Superior St., Chicago. Sigler's earlier paintings exhibit at One ... Wacker Dr., Chicago, through July 28.

Sigler, who teaches art at Columbia College in Chicago, has won grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Illinois Arts Council for her work. She has exhibited at the Art Institute of Chicago and the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago, at the Museum of Modern Art and the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York, at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington and at other museums and galleries across the country.

She risked a lot in changing her acclaimed and well-established themes of women's universal experiences for stark visions of mortality that tend to intimidate viewers.

Her whimsical settings, painted in bright colors, briefly numb the painful meanings of chilling scenes with shattered mirrors, broken statues, scarred trees and skies that weep blood.

"Some people have come up to me terribly upset by the work. It's not sunny side. People don't want to be reminded about this," Sigler says.

But confronting the advance of a disease like breast cancer made the need to state the public stronger than the need to stay safe in her work, Sigler says.

"I did these pieces and I tried to take on everything—the attitudes that exist, the stigma, what science has to say. What's appalling to me is that this disease has been around for centuries and nobody knows why. Even with AIDS, we know how it's transmitted. We know how to prevent it. This is not known with breast cancer. Could be your diet; maybe it's the environment; maybe it's something hereditary; maybe it's your disposition."

Sigler writes across the spaces and frames of her work, but the poetic references she usually uses have been replaced by unsettling statistics in "Breast Cancer Journal."

"Forty-five thousand women die every year from breast cancer. ... Bette Davis ... Jill Ireland ... Lynn Sage ... Sarah Anna Tuitt Ryan. ... Women are dying," she wrote on one frame for a painting. (Ryan is her great-grandmother.)

"In 1960, one in 20 women was diagnosed with breast cancer. In 1992, one in nine will be diagnosed with breast cancer alone," she wrote on another frame.

"Breast Cancer Journal" extends her work in new directions but Sigler has returned to realism for a series of portraits of women living with breast cancer. The prototype portrait shows a proud, self-assured woman with a rose tattooed over the scar left by a mastectomy. Sigler has photographed friends for future portraits, and she hopes to generate an exhibit of the work and a book of reproductions, with sale proceeds benefiting cancer research.

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The City of Fort Wayne

Paul Helmke, Mayor

July 11, 1995

Hillary Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton: *H. Helmke*

On behalf of the City of Fort Wayne and the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, it is my pleasure to invite you to visit our city in October or November 1995, during the Museum's exhibition of Hollis Sigler: Working Towards Paradise. As you read the enclosed information packet, you will find that Ms. Sigler's creativity in exploring the experience of breast cancer through her nationally recognized art makes this exhibition a compelling focus for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month activities in October.

In bringing this exhibition to Fort Wayne, our museum (of which I'm a past board member) is cooperating with a number of organizations concerned about breast cancer, including the Indiana Breast Cancer Coalition, the Fort Wayne unit of the American Cancer Society, Cancer Services of Allen County, and the Fort Wayne Women's Bureau. Your presence in Fort Wayne in support of this exhibition will be a reminder of the significance to the national health agenda of all the work done by these groups. Your visit will also attest to the important role of the arts in addressing issues of critical concern to our society.

It is my understanding that you are considering attendance at a major breast cancer-related event elsewhere in Indiana in October or November. I hope you will combine that visit with a visit to the Fort Wayne Museum of Art for the Hollis Sigler exhibition. The City and the museum will be proud to host you, and you will discover the broad range of concern and artistic quality that characterizes Fort Wayne.

Sincerely,

PH
Paul Helmke
Mayor

PH/sjg

*— it would be great if
you could get here to
Fort Wayne! — all
my best, PH*

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'I find in a lot of work, they deal with the image of the body. I wanted to go beyond that.'

Hollis Sigler

Sorrow creates art

Form follows dysfunction of breast cancer

By Barbara Brotman
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

A card table and two chairs hang suspended from a ceiling above menacing yellow and orange flames. That was how Hollis Sigler felt while she waited for test results that would reveal whether her breast cancer had spread to her bones, which it in fact had.

So that was what Sigler depicted, in oil pastel on paper, in a work that forms part of a series titled "The Breast Cancer Journal."

Sigler is one of a growing number of artists whose experiences with breast cancer are finding expression in their art.

For artists accustomed to making autobiographical art, it seems a natural progression.

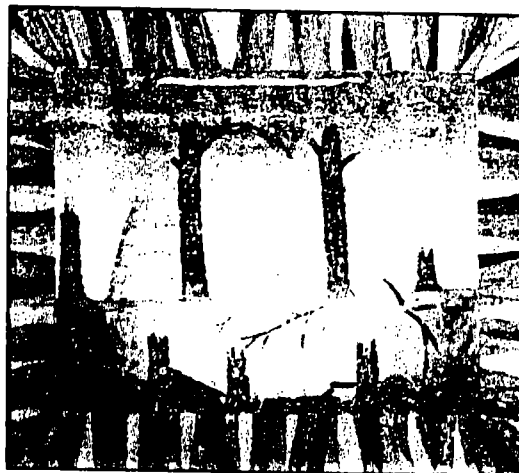
"I never set out to do work about having breast cancer or not having a breast," said New York sculptor Nancy Fried. "It was just telling a story about what was happening to me."

The story has sometimes been agonizing. Her first show after her 1986 mastectomy included a piece called "The Nightmare." It was a terra cotta sculpture of the head of a woman. She is screaming, and a torrent of breasts are tumbling from a crack in the back of her head.

"It's about that fear in the middle of the night -- you wake up and think, 'How do I know the cancer is gone?'" Fried said.

Other artists—and non-artists—have felt compelled to tell their own breast-cancer stories. When the Breast Cancer Action Group in Burlington, Vt., placed notices in arts and breast-cancer-organization publications asking for

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Above is a painting by Hollis Sigler, "When She Lost Control She Only Wanted It Back." At left is "Mourning," a terra cotta sculpture by Nancy Fried.

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contributions to a breast-cancer collection, response was overwhelming.

There was a flood of artworks that came in," said Virginia Soffa, group's executive director and arts administrator.

and it was all great. It wasn't amateur artwork, even though not all these people were professional artists. But you could see the work was soulful. It came from a very deep place."

The organization put together a group of artists to select the best works. The mixed-media collection, called "Healing Legacies," opened in a rotunda in the House of Representatives building in Washington in November 1993. Pieces from the collection were also on display earlier this month in Columbus, Ohio, in a show sponsored by the Cancer Hospital and Arch Institute.

Breast cancer and its accompanying technologies have made some cases become not just the matter, but the art itself.

Chicago photographer Alice Fried, who is healthy but has lost her grandparents, mother and aunt fight cancer, makes monochromatic, landscape-like pieces of photographic enlargements and a monogram film.

"It's a way for me to look inside myself, beyond the surface," Fried said.

Hofstadter, owner of a Northbrook jewelry and art gallery, collaborated with California artist Dana Vandermeijer to create a series of pins incorporating the re-tinted pathology slides of her cells removed during her mastectomy.

"They were like medals or awards that I made for myself to celebrate what I had survived," Hofstadter said.

Hofstadter is also one of 11 artists featured in a limited-edition book written by breast-

cancer survivors and illustrated by Sigler. The book is on display through Nov. 18 at the Columbia College Chicago Art Gallery.

Fried worries about the possibility of the issue overpowering the art.

"I would never want to be seen as the Queen of Breast Cancer," she said. "I wouldn't want my work to be seen as good only because it's dealing with this issue. I want it to be strong art."

Breast cancer art "is very in right now, in a certain way," she said. "A lot of it became chic, like AIDS art."

Regardless of how the work is perceived, she said, she felt driven to make it. Two weeks after her mastectomy, she was in her studio making a tiny torso that fit in her hand—she was too sore to make anything bigger.

Sigler found it cathartic to draw the emotions she felt in her battle with the illness.

"I get all my feelings out there," she said.

Soffa said that so many of the contributors to "Healing Legacies" reported that making the art had given them a sense of healing that her organization is putting together a breast-cancer art therapy program.

"There's this whole world that has opened up," she said.

But Hofstadter worries that displaying works in which women work through their worst terrors of death and disfigurement will terrify women who view them.

"It's fine if you want to do cathartic work, but I don't know if you want to display cathartic work," she said.

"So many women are afraid anyway; we don't want to add to it. Not everyone loses their breast. And just because one woman was mourning the loss of her breast doesn't mean it will be that way for someone else."

In the pins she helped create, she said, she portrayed breast cancer as a transcendent experience.

"In a lot of ways, I really felt I moved to a higher level," she said. "I had been transformed."

James Yood, who teaches art history at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and art theory and criticism at Northwestern University, draws a distinction between art created as therapy and work by established artists like Sigler.

"Having a disease doesn't make you an artist," he said. "These are professional artists who, later in life, encounter a life-transfiguring disease and are incorporating it into their art."

Breast cancer and AIDS have become regular subjects of art because they are part of a number of artists' lives, in an age of highly autobiographical art, said Yood.

"Artists' own personal experience is what their art is about," he said.

For Fried, looking at breast cancer meant looking realistically at the bodies of women who grow older. She models her pieces using photographs of her own body. The sculptures show a woman with a pendulous breast on one side, and a sharp, diagonal scar on the other.

"I'm acknowledging the true female figure," she said. "It ages, it wrinkles, it gets scars."

Sigler's work is more allegorical.

"I find in a lot of work, they deal with the image of the body," she said. "I wanted to go beyond that."

She also wanted to make a clear political statement about breast cancer. Lest anyone miss the point, she painted statistics and commentary about breast cancer on and just inside the frames.

"One out of every nine Women in the United States of America will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime," she wrote around "When The Future Dominates The Present," the piece showing the suspended table and chairs. "In 1989, one American woman was diagnosed with cancer every minute and one woman died of cancer every 2.2 minutes."

She intends her work as a call both to political action and personal action, like getting a mammogram.

The opening of a show of her works at the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington in 1993 served as the kickoff of the National Breast Cancer Coalition petition drive asking for more money for breast-cancer research. When the drive ended, Sigler presented the petitions to President Clinton at the White House.

She wanted her work to capture frustration, fear, anger, joy, she said, emotions familiar to people undergoing all kinds of crises.

"I hope it stands the test of time for other reasons," she said, "that it outlives this cause."

"At the same time, I want art to serve the community, to be more than art for art's sake."

Fried, too, feels that her work is about more than her illness. "For me, the breast became a symbol, not for cancer but for loss, anger and fear," she said.

Artists engaging in this work have encountered extremely personal responses. At a preview of her show, a woman asked Sigler to autograph a catalog for her daughter, who was undergoing chemotherapy.

"She wanted me to write a little note to her," said Sigler.

A 70-year-old woman who had had a double mastectomy 20 years earlier told Fried that after seeing her work, she and her husband had gone home and looked at her chest for the first time.

She hopes that her matter-of-fact sculptures of one-breasted women will help women to lose some of their terror of losing a breast, which Fried regards as the least frightening part of breast cancer.

"Art should change culture," she said. "I think that's the purpose of art."

After a recent show of Fried's work, a reviewer questioned when she would move on from breast cancer.

"I did move on," she said. What the reviewer didn't realize, she said, was that the pieces featured one-breasted women simply because Fried is a one-breasted woman. The art had nothing to do with breast cancer at all.

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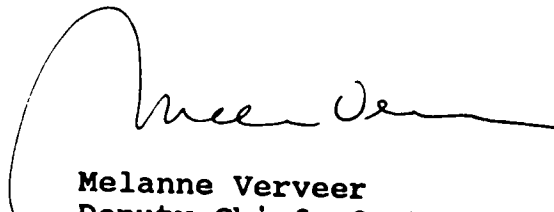
Ms. Shannon Huang
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Dear Ms. Huang:

Thank you for your offer to volunteer as an interpreter at the UN Fourth World Conference on Women. However, arrangements for interpreting assistance were provided to the First Lady through the State Department.

Best of luck in the future and thank you for your offer.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady



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Dear Ms. Huang:

Mrs. Clinton wanted me to thank you for your interest in assisting with translation for her trip to China. I have sent your resume to the State Department for future consideration.

Best wishes in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

Melanne Verveer
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August 29, 1995

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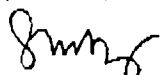
RE: Translation and Organization Services
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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Further to my letter of August 28, 1995, I have compiled a more detailed resume for your review. I am sure that you already have very competent staff. However, I feel I can still offer useful services that's rare and unique because of my experience and knowledge from both sides of the Pacific. On top of the devotion and conscientiousness common to many, I also have a good understanding of the culture and customs which will greatly facilitate the communications between our delegates with other delegates and the local organizers of the U.N. Conference.

I look forward to the opportunity of working for your distinguished office.

Respectfully,


Shannon Huang

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(December, 1991 - August 1994)
(July 1989 - November, 1991)

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- Research: cases, statutes, legislative intent, international trade regulations, patents, trademarks, corporate and individual information.
- Assist prosecution of domestic and foreign trademarks and patents including: drafting response to Patent and Trademark Office Actions, Notice of Oppositions, Notice of Cancellations and other substantive legal documents and correspondence.
- Litigation support including complex document management, deposition summary and trial preparation.
- Docketing, and reporting status of matters.
- Consultation for Chinese clients, English/Chinese translation of legal articles for publications.

Administrative Duties

- Paralegal recruitment and initial screening of attorney candidates.
- Accounting back-up.

American Technical Supply - Los Angeles, CA

(1988-1989)

Executive Secretary - Secretarial support to top company executives.

Pacific InfoTech - Chatsworth, CA

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Program Coordinator - for a PC board production joint venture in Dalian, China

Berlitz Translation Services, Inc. - Woodland Hills, CA

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Foreign Affairs Coordinator

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Shannon Huang

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Southwestern University, School of Law

- Audit Courses in Intellectual Property Law (1990)

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- **M.A.:** Linguistics (July, 1987)

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Computer research - Lexis, Westlaw, Dialog, Compumark

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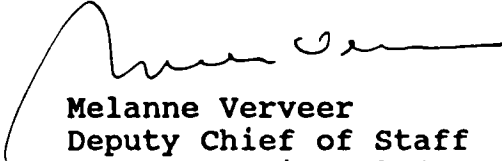
Mr. Walter Hays
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Dear Mr. Hays:

Mrs. Clinton wanted me to express her thanks for your letter to the editor on her participation in the UN Fourth World Conference on Women. She appreciates your support and thoughtfulness.

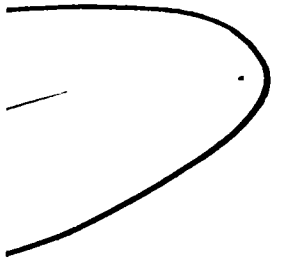
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Women. She appreciates your support *in her*
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Thank you again and best wishes.

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Send Speeches

Don't go, Hillary

First Lady's presence could muddy China conference's message

TO send Hillary Rodham Clinton to Beijing, or not to send her, is wrongly coming down to a question of scheduling the White House press pool.

Much of the debate over whether the First Lady should attend the United Nations conference on women later this month in China centers on whether her presence would guarantee global media coverage, and whether her absence would mean TV cameras would be absent too. Some debaters worry that if the First Lady isn't there, men will blow off the conference as an expensive women's tea.

Not to worry. China is already doing a fine job of keeping the conference in the headlines. Here's the Front Page strategy: Imprison Harry Wu. Shoot missiles near Taiwan. Block Tibetans and some Taiwanese from the conference. Round up dissidents. Execute prisoners.

There will be plenty of serious news coming out of the conference. The United Nations Development Program has issued a report full of depressing statistics about how women continue to lag

behind men around the world in pay, political power and often respect. Reporters looking for drama can focus on domestic violence; rape used as a war tactic; and bloody and painful practices, such as female circumcision. A fight over abortion is guaranteed.

A visit by Hillary Rodham Clinton to China, for whatever reason, would be a political event. Skip it. The United States has major quarrels with China on a long list of high-profile issues. Whatever the First Lady says or does, she risks muddying the message.

If she says nothing about human rights or other hot issues, Beijing may think that Washington is not serious about them. If she makes a strong speech on human rights, U.S.-China relations could go from bad to worse.

There are plenty of ways the First Lady can focus attention on the problems women face without going to the conference. Consider this: Stage a discussion of conference issues among welfare mothers, teachers and corporate executives who don't have the money, time or stomach to go. And bring the White House press pool.

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August 23, 1995

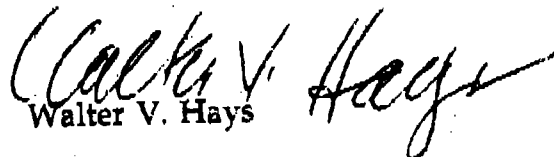
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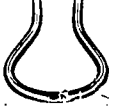
Your editorial entitled "Don't Go, Hilary" is an example of where your desire to be cute has led you to give shallow treatment to an important issue. A more serious analysis would take a look at what goals would be accomplished by her attendance and compare them with the alleged drawbacks.

The goals: The U.N. Conference on Women has the potential to achieve significant progress in the rights of women. Most experts agree that such advances are key to solving major threats to humanity's future, such as overpopulation, poverty and environmental degradation. Hilary Rodham Clinton is rightfully recognized as an outstanding leader on the rights of women and children, and her participation in the conference therefore presents a unique opportunity to move the world forward.

The alleged drawbacks are all based on speculation about what China's aging leaders might think; i.e., would Hilary's presence condone their detention of Harry Wu; would a strong statement on human rights offend them, etc. In reality, however, the U.S.-China relationship is so huge and multi-faceted that the effect of whether Mrs. Clinton attends or stays home—or what she says or doesn't say—will be miniscule compared to actions in many other areas where the two countries interface. To think otherwise grossly exaggerates how much China cares about our approval.

This a classic situation where we need to "keep our eyes on the prize." In this case that calls for ignoring the venue of the conference and doing all we can to make it succeed—and that means sending Hilary.


Walter V. Hays



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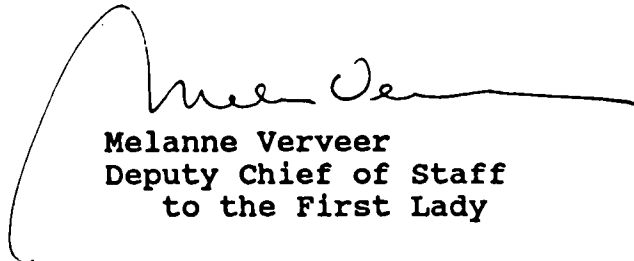
Mr. David Henry Hwang
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Dear Mr. Wang:

Thank you for writing and recommending
"Young Playwrights, Inc." for a National
Medal of Arts award. The nominees for the
medal are forwarded to the President by the
NEA and the announcements of the awardees
will be made in early October.

Again, thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,



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Again, thanks ~~again~~ and best wishes.

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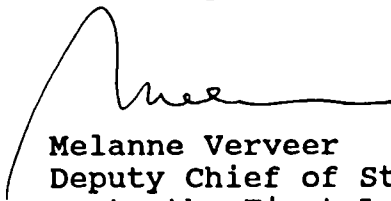
Ms. Pamela Harriman
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Dear Ambassador Harriman:

The First Lady wanted me to extend her appreciation for the letter you sent regarding her appearance at the UN Fourth World Conference on Women.

Thank you again for your counsel and best wishes. We hope all is going well. We miss you in Washington. Our love to Avis and Janet Howard.

Sincerely,


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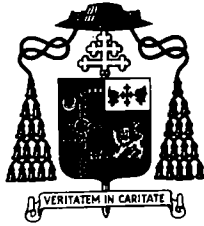
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My dear Mrs. Clinton,

In these days following the dedication of Mother Teresa's new home in Northwest Washington, I write to thank you for all that you did to make that dream a reality. Without your intervention, it would still be tangled up in red tape.

It is my hope that this initiative will prompt many to chose adoption instead of abortion. Thank you again for your crucial role in the opening of this home.

With prayers and best wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

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