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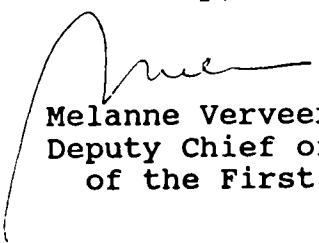
Senator James M. Jeffords
513 Hart Building
Washington, DC 20515-5141

Dear Senator Jeffords,

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

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4503

May 6, 1996

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Ms. Melanne Verveer
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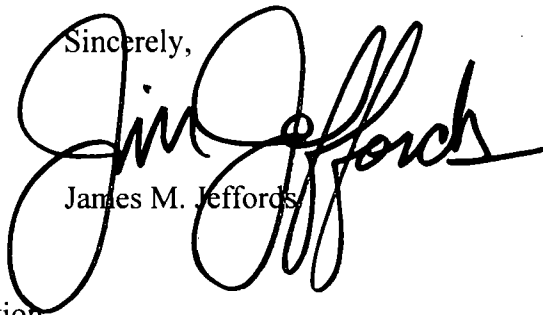
Dear Ms. Verveer:

At the request of the Brattleboro Music Center, I would like to add my voice in support of the nomination of Blanche Honegger Moyse for the President's National Medal of Arts. As you are certainly aware, Ms. Moyse is an outstanding musician/conductor, who has committed her time, energies and talent to making the very best of music available to Vermont and the nation.

I mention "availability" because I believe that outreach and accessibility of the arts are of vital importance to our nation as we approach the next century, especially when one considers the special nature of the arts in contributing to a better quality of life and better educational opportunities for individuals of all ages. Ms. Moyse shines in the commitment she has to artistic excellence and in her commitment to sharing that talent and enthusiasm with a broad audience. Not only is she a world renowned musician, she has a special dedication to the State I represent - bringing music to life and making music "a part" of life in Vermont. Ms. Moyse is the founder of the music department at the Marlboro College, co-founder of the Marlboro Music Festival, founder of the Brattleboro Music Center, founder of the New England Bach Festival and creator and conductor of the Blanche Moyse Chorale, to mention but a few of her many major accomplishments. Most importantly, as a master violinist, conductor and educator, Ms. Moyse embodies excellence in the arts, in its truest and most complete sense.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this recommendation, which certainly will be one of many you will receive in support of this exceptional artist.

Sincerely,



James M. Jeffords

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cc: National Medal of Arts Nomination
JBC Thomas, Board of Trustees, Brattleboro Music Center

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April 29, 1996

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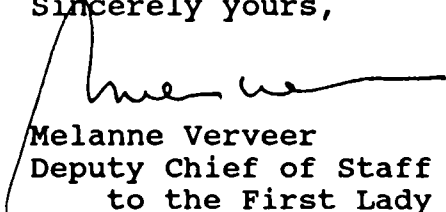
Dear Mr. Jenkins:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Schola Cantorum. We regret that White House guidelines do not permit the First Lady to offer an endorsement. We have forwarded your letter to the White House Social Office, which coordinates the holiday activities to determine whether a performance during the 1996 season is possible.

We have enclosed InterAction's guide to American humanitarian organizations in Bosnia. I hope you will find it useful.

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

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

FOR THE ATTENTION OF

EVAN RYAN

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton's Office

Fax # 202-456-6244

(2 pages)

From Peter W. Jenkins

Mailing address: P.O. Box 11039, Chicago, IL 60611

Business phone: 312-467-9255

Home phone: 847-475-6468

Fax # (via Sonia Ness): 312-222-5885

February 22, 1996

Dear Evan Ryan:

Re Bosnian Children's Relief Initiative

We were thrilled recently to see a brief shot on TV of Mrs. Clinton helping to promote Bosnian children's relief work in the USA. We hope that the following proposal to assist in this work will be of interest both to you and, in due course, to Mrs. Clinton.

Last Christmas a local Chicago choir, the Schola Cantorum of St. Peter's in the Loop, hit number 10 on Billboard's Classical List with their CD *The Chant of Christmas Midnight*.

Their success has given us the idea that a recording might be made for Bosnian children's relief. The CD (and a cassette tape) would feature Christmas carols and would include one specially written ("See Where He Lies Asleep") together with carols sung in languages native to Yugoslavia and to those countries which have sent armed forces to the peacekeeping mission in the area. The Schola Cantorum frequently sings in other languages. The choir's director, J. Michael Thompson, is also a skilled composer whose *Magnificat* was performed at a papal Evensong during the Pope's recent visit to the USA. The musicians, though associated with a Roman Catholic church, represent a diverse cross-section of religious affiliations.

Please note:

ALL 1996 AND 1997 ROYALTIES AND PROFITS FROM THIS RECORDING AND FROM SALES OF THE SHEET MUSIC OF THE NEW CAROL WOULD BE DONATED TO THE BOSNIAN CHILDREN'S RELIEF INITIATIVE.

We are hoping you can do three things for us:

- 1) Please confirm the name and address of the the Bosnian relief agency/ies supported by Mrs. Clinton at this time.
- 2) After we have supplied full details, please ask Mrs. Clinton to give her support to the recording by way of a message printed on the CD slipcover and in literature about the project.
- 3) Please find out if the White House would consider using the Schola Cantorum during the 1996 Christmas season in order to give further publicity to this charitable enterprise.

I welcome your reply. Feel free to send a fax via my wife, Sonia Ness, at 312-222-5885, or call me at my office, 312-467-9255 (Charles Schwab & Co.).

Sincerely,

Peter Jenkins

Peter W. Jenkins

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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April 26, 1996

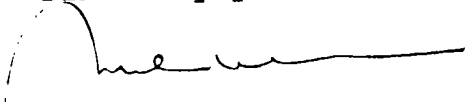
Mr. Michael Jaharis
1040 Fifth Avenue
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New York, NY 10028

Dear Mr. Jaharis:

The First Lady asked me to thank you for providing background information for her recent visit with His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew. She had a wonderful visit with the Patriarch and appreciates your assistance and support.

Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

ATTN: GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS

GEORGE.

The enclosed is a backgrounder
for the First Lady re her proposed visit.

Please call me if you have any questions

Michael J. J. J.

NY Phone 212 472 1333
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BACKGROUND FACTS AND INFORMATION

ON THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE

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THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE

The Orthodox Church, which was established by the Apostles is the original Christian Church. There are over two hundred fifty million Orthodox in the world, organized into various autocephalous Churches headed by various Patriarchs and Archbishops. The Orthodox Church is held together, not by a single prelate wielding absolute power, but by the double bond of unity in the faith and communion in the sacraments. Nevertheless, the Patriarch of Constantinople who is known as the Ecumenical (or universal) Patriarch enjoys a position of special honor among all Orthodox communities. He is primus inter pares or first among equals and thus enjoys certain special privileges such as the right to convene a Council of all Orthodox Bishops. His place resembles that of the Archbishop of Canterbury in the worldwide Anglican Church.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate is also the Mother Church of numerous other Orthodox churches to which it eventually granted independence such as Church of Russia (1589), the Church of Greece (1850), the Church of Serbia (1879), the Church of Romania (1885), the Church of Albania (1937), the Church of Bulgaria (1945) and the Church of Estonia (1923/1995).

To understand the Ecumenical Patriarchate's great historical preeminence one should view the Holy Sec of Constantinople through Hagia Sophia. This Great Church of Christ, the center of Orthodox Christianity, was built in 537 A.D. approximately 1,000 years before St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. During that period of time Hagia Sophia was the largest structure in Christendom while the Ecumenical Patriarchate was at the epicenter of Christianity's development and expansion.

Most people are aware of Asia Minor/Constantinople through the seven Churches of Apocalypse and journeys of Saint Paul, but few realize:

1. that the Seven Ecumenical Councils (325-787 A.D.) centered around Constantinople;
 2. that the Nicene Creed was first pronounced there; and
 3. that the Canon or codifying of the New Testament was ratified there.
- One can hear the echoes of history in moving about the city.

The Patriarchate's Orthodox population in Istanbul has now dwindled down to less than five thousand, hardly a threat to Turkey's sixty million Moslems. Although it remains as the first Patriarchate of world Orthodox Christianity and serves millions of Orthodox believers around the world, it needs genuine interest and support.

THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH

The present Ecumenical Patriarch is His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew who was born on February 29, 1940. He was elected Patriarch on October 22, 1991 and enthroned on November 2, 1991. (President Bush sent an official United States government delegation to attend his enthronement.) He holds a Doctorate in Canon Law. He speaks /writes seven languages fluently.

His All Holiness firmly believes that the essence of Christianity is love which will ultimately solve the world's problems. His main goal is to ensure that today's children grow up in the twenty first century in a world nurtured by love free of the horrors the world has experienced in the twentieth century.

In seeking this goal the Ecumenical Patriarch is not afraid to promote dialogue with Moslems and Jews, peace between Greece and Turkey, theological discussions with the Roman Catholic and Protestant Churches, and yes choosing right over might when it came to two daughter Churches, i.e. Russian and Estonia.

His All Holiness has extended his pastoral outreach in Turkey and has been warmly embraced by many Turkish businessmen, diplomats, educators and journalists. He was an outspoken supporter of Turkey entering the Customs Union and is a strong advocate of Turkey's admission into the European Union. He firmly believes that Turkey should be a part of the West and is prepared to be a catalyst in this regard. He also supported Turkey's bid for the Olympics in 2000 and is an advocate for the 2004 Games in Turkey.

PROBLEMS

Halki: The renowned Theological School of Halki has now been closed for 25 years by order of the Turkish Government in violation of the Treaty of Lausanne and various international human rights treaties. It must be reopened to allow students from throughout the world to attend. Many prominent Turkish Muslims support the reopening of the School. Certainly this would be in keeping with Turkey's Westward posture.

Employment: The Turkish Government gives work permits to foreigners to work for various businesses in Turkey. It should grant the same rights to the Patriarchate which requires the best and brightest from various Orthodox Churches throughout the world to serve the worldwide Church at the Patriarchate in Istanbul. Certainly since Turkey is virtually all Moslem no local people will be displaced from employment.

The Patriarchate has previously received international support with respect to its problems. For example, President Jimmy Carter visited the Ecumenical Patriarchate in 1985 and was instrumental in getting permission for the Patriarchal Offices to be rebuilt (the offices burnt down in 1941 and a building permit had been continually denied) by appealing to then Prime Minister Ozal.

LOVE OF AMERICA

U.S.A.: The Ecumenical Patriarch as the "first among equals" is the foremost voice of world Orthodoxy. He is recognized as the spiritual Father of all Orthodox Christians in America. His All Holiness is the one who will appoint the new Greek Orthodox Archbishop upon the retirement of Archbishop Iakovos on July 29, 1996. He has a deep love for the United States having visited here many times and has met Presidents Carter and Bush. His All Holiness proudly displays an autographed photograph of President Clinton brought to him by George Stephanopoulos.

THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 18, 1996

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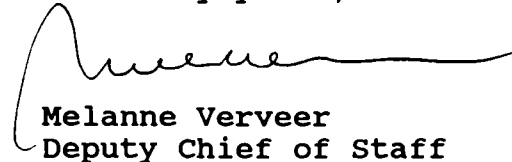
Dear Mr. Johnson,

The First Lady asked me to thank you for your recent letter concerning the Legal Services Corporation. The administration shares your concern about the harmful effects restrictions would have on non-LSC funds. This is a truly difficult time. Be assured the administration is working to save legal services. Removing the restrictions on non-public funds is a top priority for the administration.

We are all grateful for your dedication and commitment to preserve legal services for the poor.

Thank you again for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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February 26, 1996

VIA TELECOPY

Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton
Office of the First Lady,
West Wing
White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: Proposed Restrictions on Private Funding for LSC Grantees

Dear Hillary:

I have taken advantage of my friendship with your White House colleague, Todd Stern, because I think it is of vital importance for you to see the attached Memorandum regarding the Legal Services Corporation. As the memo states, from my vantage point as President of the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago, the key to saving legal services is preventing restrictions on our non-LSC funds. Please share the attached memo with your colleagues, as needed, and feel free to call me any time of the day or night.

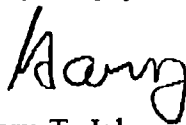
It has been a couple of years since my wife, Susan, and I saw you at the wonderful reception you gave for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. More recently, I had warm reports about the Maine South and East reunions from my sister-in-law, Kathy Moore, and our friend, John Peavoy, among others. I want you to know that your friends and admirers from Park Ridge think about you every day.

Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton
February 26, 1996
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The civic challenge that I have had as President of the LSC grantee in Chicago has been a real burden for me. Trying to keep the troops together at a time when even our current year funding has been in doubt has been a daunting task. Developing case acceptance priorities when we don't know what the scope of the new restrictions will be has been very difficult. Every day there is a new rumor; every few days we hear of the departure of another valued employee.

One of the things that keeps me going is knowing that what I face is just a pale reflection of the challenges that you face every day. I know that you are fighting the good fight, and we will, too.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gary", written in a cursive style.

Gary T. Johnson

Enclosure

MEMORANDUM

February 26, 1996

To: Hillary Rodham Clinton

From: Gary T. Johnson

Re: Negotiations Regarding Legal Services Corporation

As President of the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago, one of the largest grantees of the Legal Services Corporation, I would appreciate it if you and your colleagues could keep in mind the following point during your negotiations with Congress over the State, Commerce and Justice appropriation bill: **your top priority should be to prevent imposing restrictions on the use of non-LSC funds.** This is the key to preserving the important work of legal services to the poor.

Since the time that you served as Chair of the LSC board, a fundamental change has occurred in legal services programs. We now have greater access to non-LSC funds. With the sword of Damocles of the Reagan "zero budget" for legal services hanging over our heads, we diversified our funding base and gradually found non-LSC money from law firms, foundations, and attorneys' fee awards. State and local sources such as interest on lawyers trust accounts and, most recently, add-ons to court filing fees, have helped. We have lived with certain restrictions since the Reagan years but have remained effective by using unrestricted non-LSC funds. This non-LSC money is not sufficient to run a whole program, but it is enough to get the restricted work done.

The restrictions proposed by Congress on the LSC grant, and the proposed funding cuts, will be very difficult for us to live with, but the critical work for the poor will go forward as long as we can use our non-LSC funds. Consider our housing team, which is reshaping the West Side of Chicago through a class action involving the Henry Horner Homes. They could not carry on this work with LSC funding because of the proposed prohibition on the class action device and the use of attorneys' fees. If the lawyers handling this work leave our agency, the future of such representation will be bleak because private charity is stretched so thin. Such lawyers also will suffer from being cut off from their colleagues remaining in LSC supported programs. It is unthinkable that pro bono and other charitable programs will step into the breach and handle high-end, major

case litigation. If LSC grantees can use non-LSC money in an unrestricted fashion, then teams like these can remain with agencies like ours and their vital work will continue. The limited amount of non-LSC money available to us will be enough to get the job done.

The opponents of legal services to the poor are much smarter and more experienced now than they were in the Reagan years. They understand the point that I have made about the use of private funds, and they see this -- as do I -- as the battle that will win or lose the war. I have debated our ideological opponents here in Chicago, and know that this is simply a battle over power, not ideas. I would think that conservatives would find the idea repugnant of restricting the privately funded activities of locally controlled, locally incorporated non-for-profit corporations like the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago. But the goal here is simply to stop us dead in our tracks. Cutting our funding slows our work down, imposing restrictions on LSC grants ties our hands, but restricting our use of non-LSC funding puts an end to legal services, except for individual case work in unrestricted areas.

Please let me know if there is anything at all I can do to help you to save legal services for the poor. My office telephone is 312-269-1599. My home phone in Evanston is 847-328-2799.

Thank you for everything you, the President and your colleagues are doing to make equal justice under the law a reality.

G.T.J.

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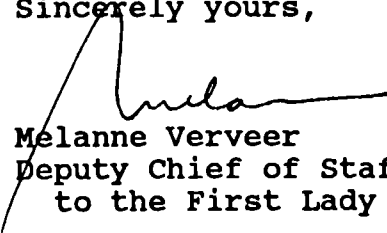
January 30, 1996

James A. Joseph
President and CEO
Council on Foundations
1828 L Street NW
Washington, DC 20036-5168

Dear Mr. Joseph,

Thank you for writing in support of Gracia Hillman. I have forwarded your letter to the Office of Presidential Personnel which handles all such appointments. Thank you again for your time and interest.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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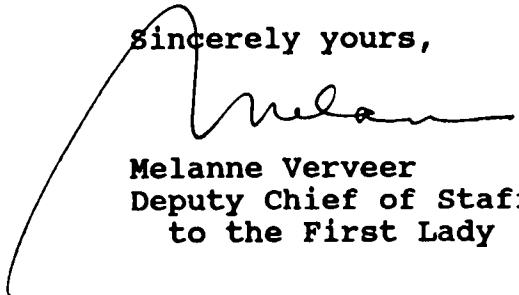
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Mr. Richard T. Jerue
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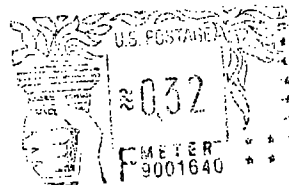
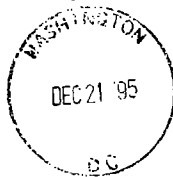
Dear Richard,

Belated congratulations on your new position with the Education Management Corporation. I have every confidence you will be an asset to the firm. Best wishes in meeting your exciting, new challenges.

Sincerely yours,


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

*I hope you're
enjoying the
job. It's a
good time
to be in
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Melanne Verveer
The White House
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Washington, DC
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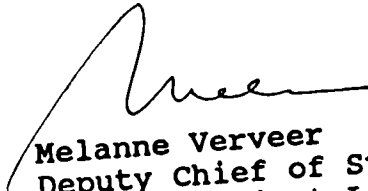
Mr. Larry Jacobs
University of Minnesota
Twin Cities Campus
1414 Social Sciences Bldg.
267-19th Ave. South
Minneapolis, MN 55455-0410

Dear Larry:

Thank you for writing and enclosing your wife's first novel. The First Lady was delighted to receive it. Mrs. Clinton was also intrigued by your presidential "polling" information.

Thank you again and best of luck with all your projects.

Sincerely yours,


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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Dear Mr. Jacobs:

Thank you for writing and enclosing
your wife's first novel. Mrs. Clinton *also* *was intrigued*
~~wanted to thank you for sharing your~~
~~"polling" information about the President.~~

Thank you again for all your support and
best of luck with ~~the new semester.~~ *all your project*

Sincerely yours,

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
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August 4, 1995

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

Dear Melanne,

Mrs. Clinton and my wife, Julie Schumacher, had some kind of agreement that in exchange for a picture Julie would send her newly minted (and first) novel along. (Although it won't be on the "streets" until September, Julie's book has already gotten great reviews.) If you'd be so kind, please pass along to Mrs. Clinton the enclosed book and letter from Julie.

As you know, it's my practice to provide a transcript of the interviews I've done with administration officials. Accordingly, I'm enclosing a copy of my interview with Mrs. Clinton.

Finally, I'm passing along for your information my most recent article, which makes it clear that Bill Clinton -- despite the conventional wisdom -- did not invent the use of polling by presidents. It was none other than Richard Nixon who pioneered the use of White House polling -- with all the typical Nixon traits of secret bag men, hidden bank accounts and clandestine operations. The Associated Press will run a story on the piece next week, which should help to put the President's efforts in context.

Once again, thank you so much for your help and I'll look forward to seeing you again.

Best,



Larry Jacobs

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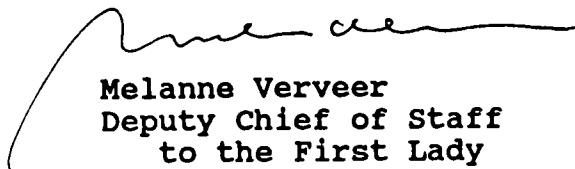
September 21, 1995

Mr. Wang Juntao
President, The China Strategic Institute
1869 Park Road NW
Washington DC 20010

Dear Mr. Juntao:

Mrs. Clinton asked me to respond to your letter urging her not to attend the UN Fourth World Conference on Women. Although the First Lady did not take your advice, I hope you would agree that she was indeed a strong voice for human rights during her appearance at the Woman's Conference.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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Dear Mr. Juntao:

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Mrs. Clinton asked me to respond to your letter asking her not to attend the UN Fourth World Conference on Women. While Mrs. Clinton understands your concerns, she chose to attend to raise the awareness of women's rights on a global scale. Your input, however, is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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August 18, 1995

Hillary Rodham Clinton
The First Lady
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

We are writing on behalf of The China Strategic Institute to respectfully express our strong reservations about you leading the official U.S. delegation to the upcoming Women's Conference in Beijing. We consider such a high-level visit to be inappropriate at this time as it would only serve to mollify the conservative hard-line policymakers in the Chinese government by conveying unwarranted prestige upon them and consequently upon their harsh policies.

The China Strategic Institute is headed by Wang Juntao and Chen Ziming. Both long-time democracy activists and were sentenced to a 13 year prison term in the aftermath of the Tiananmen massacre. As a result of your husband's efforts, they were freed in 1994, although Mr. Wang was forced into exile in the U.S. Today, through the Institute, he continues to work with many others to bring about renewal in China under a democratic framework. The enclosed list of our Board of Directors, all seasoned pro-democracy activists here and in China, reflects the breadth of participation in CSI activities and policy positions. Unfortunately, Chen Ziming, CSI Honorary President, has recently been rearrested and is being denied adequate and necessary medical treatment for cancer, an insidious form of torture.

We know you have been an outspoken advocate for children and women and we hope that you would also serve as an advocate for our cause as well. In light of the situation that will surround the conference, your attendance at the women's conference could only be a setback for the forces of democracy in Asia. Chinese authorities have already started to round-up and arrest dissidents, establish procedures to minimize contact between attendees and the Chinese people, and gear

up their state-controlled media apparatus for the purpose of influencing the Chinese people.

Moreover, the Chinese government is playing hostage politics with the U.S., using activists such as Chen Ziming and Harry Wu to win diplomatic concessions from U.S. policymakers. The U.S. should not submit to these tactics. The release of one or two prisoners is not cause for reward as doing so only validates China's use of hostage politics as an effective diplomatic tool in negotiations with the U.S. Hence, even if Harry Wu is released prior to the Beijing meeting, you are well advised not to lead the U.S. delegation. Your absence will clearly signal that this Administration's support for democratic reform in China is firm. This is an important message not only for the people of China but also for the countries of Asia.

We hope you will take our concerns into consideration and that you will refrain from leading the U.S. delegation to Beijing.

Sincerely,



Wang Juntao
President



Drew Liu
Executive Director



Elaine Finkel
VP, Public Policy

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BAO Zunxin 包遵信 b. 1937. Bao Zunxin was trained as a philosopher and historian, and long regarded as one of the intellectual leaders in China. He edited an avant-garde journal, *Pacific Review*, and authored many articles for the democratic movement. In the 1980s, Bao also served as the editor in chief of the most influential book series (*Walking Towards Future Series*). In May of 1989, Bao helped to establish the Beijing Intellectuals Union. In his capacity as a long-time member of the democratic elite, Bao supported many of the demands of the students demonstrating in Tiananmen (such as their call for Deng Xiaoping to step down). In July of 1989, Bao was arrested for his role as advisor to the student dissidents. On January 15, 1991, as the United States was commencing its bombing of Iraq, Bao was sentenced to five years in prison. He was released in 1993, due to severe health problems. Currently, Bao is working as an independent researcher.

CHEN Xiaoping 陳小平 b. 1960. After actively protesting for freedom of speech as a law student, Chen became a professor at Beijing's Politics and Law University and served as deputy chairman of the Department of Constitutional Law. Chen was active in the student demonstrations of 1986-87 and was a leading force behind the creation of the Beijing Residents Autonomous Federation during the 1989 protests. The government found Chen guilty of sedition in February of 1991, forced him to make a self-criticism and subsequently released him. Chen was stripped of his party membership, his job and his residency in Beijing. Chen is now an independent scholar and social activist.

LIU Gang 劉剛 b. 1961. Liu played a prominent role in the 1989 Democratic Movement, and was ranked third on the Chinese government's list of 21 "most wanted" student leaders after Tiananmen Square Massacre.

Throughout 1980s, Liu was active in the various student protests, campaigning for freedom of the press, human rights and political liberalization. Closely associated with SERI, the influential private think tank headed by Chen Ziming and Wang Juntao, Liu played a central role in setting up campus "democratic saloons", which in turn become the springboard for the 1989 Democratic Movement. In 1991, Liu was sentenced to six years' imprisonment, and was subject to severe physical and psychological torture because of his defiance against mistreatment in prison. In June 1995, Liu was released and remained committed to fighting for democracy.

LIU Xiaobo 劉曉波 b. 1958. Liu was one of the most influential liberal intellectuals in China. A controversial literary critic and author, Liu was regarded by many student activists as their "spiritual tutor". While teaching at Beijing Normal University, he spoke out for multiparty democracy, freedom of expression and association. During the 1989 Democratic Movement, Liu returned from the United State, where he was a visiting scholar at Columbia University, to Beijing to help the students. He worked for a peaceful solution to the political crisis. But when the troops were sent in to crack down on the peaceful demonstrators, Liu was one of the four men who started a second hunger strike to protest against government violence. Liu was arrested and imprisoned for seven months. In 1995, he played a key role in organizing petitions for greater tolerance and political reforms, for which he was again arrested in June 1995. Liu is now held in prison without charge.

WANG Dan 王丹 b. 1969. Wang Dan was considered the most intellectually impressive of the student leaders at Tiananmen. As a history undergraduate at Beijing University, Wang organized the campus democracy salons and edited the journal *New May Fourth*. In the spring of 1989, along with Wu'er Kaixi, Wang established the first autonomous student union. This thrust him into a leadership role during the student demonstrations. Wang Dan was captured in July of 1989 and sentenced to six years in prison. He was released in 1993, and remains defiant.

WANG Xizhe 王希哲 b. 1948. Wang Xizhe is a well-known theorist and writer in Canton. His writing has challenged the communist ideology since the early 1970s. From 1975 to 1980, he was regarded as one of the most influential independent thinkers in China. In 1981, he was arrested and sentenced to fourteen years in prison for his role in the 1976 protests. After his release in 1993, Wang has remained outspoken and active among the intellectual circles.

WU Xuecan 吳學燦 b. 1951. Wu Xuecan represents the conscience and democratic aspiration within Chinese communist system. Former senior editor and journalist at *People's Daily Overseas Edition*, Wu became disillusioned of the communist party, and actively supported political liberalization and transition to democracy. In May 1989, Wu helped the students by printing a special issue of the *People's Daily*, in which he showed his support for the students and condemned the martial law by the regime. Later he was sentenced to four year imprisonment. Wu was released in September 1993, and remains determined and active in promoting China's transition to constitutional democracy.

XU Wenli 徐文利 b. 1943. Xu is a well-known strategist and leading figure in China's democratic movement. A veteran in the 1976 Tiananmen Incident, Xu became known during the Xidan Democracy Wall period when he founded the independent journal, *April Fifth Forum*, and served as its editor in chief. In 1981, he was arrested and late sentenced to 15 year imprisonment. In May 1993, Xu was released by the Chinese government under tremendous international pressure. He remains active and engaged in promoting China's democratization.

ZHOU Duo 周舵 b. 1948. Zhou Duo was a sociologist and economist with the Stone Corporation, a successful Beijing computer company, and head of its Strategic Planning and Public Relations department. In 1989, Zhou frequently attended the meetings of the Capital Joint Liaison Group and drafted the May 19th "Letter to the People," warning of the imminent imposition of martial law. As a member of the four-man hunger strike that began in Tiananmen Square on June 2nd, Zhou successfully negotiated with the martial law troops for a peaceful evacuation of the several hundred remaining protesters from the square. Zhou was jailed for ten months without charges following the massacre. Since his release, Zhou has remained active in various cultural and social circles.

EUROPE:

WAN Runnan 萬潤南 b. 1946. Wan Runnan is a prime example of a member of the Red Guard generation who successfully made the transition from revolutionary to

entrepreneur. In 1984, Wan established the Stone Corporation, along with six other scientists. Wan became committed to promoting property rights and strongly believed that economic reforms could only be secured if they were accompanied by political reform. Thus, he was an active participant and financial supporter of the student demonstrations in 1989. After fleeing from China in 1989, he served as the Executive Director. Wan now serves as the President of the Democratic Front for China, a dissident organization headquartered in Paris.

ZHANG Lun 張倫 b. 1962. Zhang Lun is the son of intellectuals who fell victim to Mao's Anti-Rightist Movement. As a graduate student in sociology at Beijing University and a part-time researcher with the SERI, Zhang was placed in charge of all pickets in Tiananmen Square after May 23, 1989. Zhang narrowly escaped the government crackdown and now lives in Europe, and is a leader in the dissident community in France.

CANADA:

DU Zhifu 杜智富 b. Du's life was typical of many overseas Chinese who were committed to supporting China's democratic movement. He was born in China, grew up in Hong Kong, and received University education in Taiwan. Du later immigrated to Canada, and became a staunch supporter of democratic movement since 1989. Du is a human rights activist and a recognized leader in the dissident community in Canada.

WU Chunmeng 武春萌 b. 1962. Wu, born in Southern China and an engineer by training, is a well recognized human rights activist in Canada. He played a key role in setting up the dissident organization, Federation for a Democratic China--Canada, and served as its vice-president and president as well as in other leadership positions in dissident organizations in Canada.

UNITED STATES:

FANG Lizhi 方勵之 b. 1936. Of all the democratic intellectuals, Fang Lizhi had the greatest impact on the students. In 1986, Fang became the first prominent intellectual to publicly denounce Marxism-Leninism and embrace democracy. Due to his directness and fearlessness, he was adopted by students as a role model. As Vice-President of the University of Science and Technology in Hefei, Fang inspired the student demonstrations of December 1986. He was then expelled from the party. As a prime target of the June 4, 1989 party crackdown, Fang Lizhi and his family were forced to take refuge in the US Embassy. He was permitted to leave China a year later, and now lives in exile in the United States.

HAN Lianchao 韓連潮 b. 1956. Han became a student activist in the early 1980s in Hunan province during his

university years. After completing his graduate studies at the Foreign Affairs College, Han went to the Foreign Ministry to serve as an official and specialist in international law. In 1988, he came to the United States to study law at Yale University. After the June 4th Massacre, Han helped found the Independent Federation of the Chinese Students and Scholars, and served as its first Vice President from 1989-1990. Han is one of the three founders of the China Strategic Institute.

HU Ping 胡平 b. 1947. Hu Ping has been engaged in democratic activism since the start of the Cultural Revolution. In 1970, Hu was exiled to the countryside for five years of hard labor after writing a critique of ultra-leftism. As a graduate student in philosophy at Beijing University, Hu participated in China's first campus election and was elected the people's representative for the district. Hu has been a close friend, advisor and associate to Wang Juntao since the Xidan Democratic Wall Movement. Hu was exiled from China in 1986. Upon his arrival in the United States, Hu revitalized Beijing Spring and he currently serves as the journal's editor-in-chief. Hu also serves as the President of the New York based Chinese Alliance for Democracy.

LIU Binyan 劉賓雁 b. 1925. As an investigative journalist, Liu Binyan became known for bucking party censorship and refusing to follow the strict party line. Liu publicized cases of injustice and corruption, in order to prod the Party into action. Liu was one of three intellectuals expelled from the Communist Party on charges of provoking the student demonstrations of December 1986. In March of 1988, Liu was permitted to become a Nieman Fellow at Harvard. Presently, Liu is serving as chairman of the Executive Committee of the Princeton China Initiative.

LIU Qing 劉青 b. 1946. Liu Qing was one of the major leaders during the Democracy Wall Movement of 1978-79. He also edited the *April Fourth Forum* during this period. For these actions, Liu was arrested and imprisoned for ten years. This experience compelled him to write *The Prison Note*, which has subsequently been translated into several languages. Since coming to the United States in 1992, Liu has devoted his energy to rescuing other political prisoners in China. Currently, Liu Qing is serving as Executive Chairman of the New York based Human Rights in China.

WANG Ruowang 王若望 b. 1917. As a Shanghai author, Wang Ruowang used literature to make political statements. Wang has had the unique experience of being jailed by both the Guomindang and the Communist Party. He spent most of the Cultural Revolution in prison as a "counterrevolutionary". After his release, Wang poured forth with a continuous flow of articles criticizing the political system, party injustices and incompetent officials.

Along with Fang Lizhi and Liu Binyan, Wang was one of the principal targets of the government's campaign against bourgeois liberalization, and was expelled from the party for his role in inspiring the student demonstrations of 1986. Wang was arrested in 1989 for leading a march in support of the Tiananmen Square protesters. He was finally permitted to go abroad in 1992 and is an active freelance writer.

WU Yenhua 吳仁華 b. 1956. Wu Yenhua was an assistant professor at the China Politics and Law University. In 1989, Wu was one of the first organizers for the student demonstrations. He was also the leader of the hunger strikers who petitioned in front of the Xinhua Gate. During the June 4th massacre, Wu helped to organize the students' retreat from the Square. In exile, Wu has served as the Editor in Chief of the *Press Freedom Guardian*, which is based in Los Angeles. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Alliance for a Democratic China.

XU Bangtai 徐邦泰 b. 1949. Xu was a student leader in Shanghai. In 1980, he participated in the campus elections at Fudan University and was elected the people's representative of the district. Xu also edited *College Students*, an underground journal at Fudan, which was soon banned by the government. In the mid-1980s, Xu came to the United States to study political science, and was elected President of the Chinese Association of Political Science and International Relations. He is now the chairman of the Board of Directors of China Spring, and President of the Alliance for a Democratic China.

YAN Jiaqi 嚴家其 b. 1942. Early in his career, Yan Jiaqi served as an advisor to Zhao Ziyang, the reform-minded General Secretary. In 1985, Yan became the first Director of the Institute of Political Science of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. In 1986, he recommended the establishment of external restraints on the party's power. In his book on the Cultural Revolution (which was banned in China), Yan outlined the problems caused by unlimited power and called for the establishment of a system of rules and regulations to check abuses of power by government officials. Yan was one of the most active participants in the 1989 Tiananmen Square demonstrations, joining Bao Zunxin in calling for Deng and Li Peng to relinquish their power. Yan was able to escape abroad following the government crackdown. Yan helped found the Democratic Front for China while in exile and served as its first President. Currently Yan heads a project to draft a new constitution for China.

ZHANG Weiguo 張偉國 b. 1957. Zhang Weiguo served as Director of the Beijing office for *The World Economic Herald* of Shanghai. Zhang is best known as a tireless proponent of freedom of speech and for his opposition to government censorship. In April of 1989, Zhang organized a memorial service and 'reappraisal' of Hu

Yaobang, attended by Beijing's democratic elite. Zhang was a victim of the government crackdown and spent 20 months in prison. After his release, he refused to follow the government's restrictions and was threatened with further imprisonment for speaking with foreign journalists. In 1993, Zhang was permitted to leave China for the United States. He now does freelance reporting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

HONORARY PRESIDENT:

CHEN Ziming 陳子明 b. 1952. Chen Ziming's political career spans every important stage of the Chinese democracy movement. Arrested and imprisoned toward the end of the Cultural Revolution, Chen played a leading role in the Tiananmen Incident of April 1976, and was a member of the editorial board of the independent journal *Beijing Spring* during the Democracy Wall movement of 1978-79. From 1984-89, Chen created and ran China's most influential private network of think tanks and publishing agencies. After May 13, 1989, Chen's Beijing Social and Economic Sciences Research Institute (SERI) tried unsuccessfully to mediate the conflict between the student protesters in Tiananmen Square and the Communist Party. After the imposition of martial law a week later, Chen and Wang Juntao organized the Joint Liaison Group of All Circles in the Capital to Protect and Uphold the Constitution as a representative body of intellectuals, students, workers, and ordinary citizens. It was this, above all, that led Chen and Wang to be identified as the principal conspirators behind the 1989 protests. Both men were sentenced to thirteen years in prison.

PRESIDENT:

WANG Juntao 王軍濤 b. 1958. Wang Juntao became involved in the democracy movement as a teenager. On April 5, 1976, Wang marched at the head of his class to Tiananmen Square to deposit a memorial wreath for Zhou Enlai. He also pasted four of his poems on the Monument to the People's Heroes. Wang was jailed for seven months for his participation in this "counterrevolutionary incident". In 1978, Wang was selected to serve as Deputy Editor of *Beijing Spring*, a journal which began as a compilation of materials from the Xidan Wall and was originally supportive of Deng Xiaoping and the reformist wing of the Communist Party. In the early 1980's, Wang worked on the campuses of China's universities and colleges to promote political reform and democratic ideas. Wang traveled broadly through China's rural regions, working with different groups and the local communities to plant the seeds of democracy. In September of 1986,

Wang joined Chen at his think tank, the China Political and Administrative Sciences Research Institute, which was superseded the following year by SERI. In those harsh years of political oppression, Wang helped develop a network of democratic activists whose members came from all walks of life. During his five years in prison, following the Tiananmen Square Massacre, Wang remained defiant. He held forty-two separate hunger-strikes to protest prison conditions and inhumane treatment. In April of 1994, Wang was released from prison due to ill health and exiled to the United States. In June of this year, Wang founded the China Strategic Institute to continue the promotion of democracy in China.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

LIU Xiaozhu (Drew) 劉曉竹 b. 1957. Like many of his generation growing up during the Cultural Revolution (1966-76), Liu had a wide range of experience. He worked in factories, countryside, and in the navy before he reached 21, when he entered the University. After completing his graduate program, he taught at the Foreign Affairs College in Beijing. In 1986, he came to the United States to study sociology. He contributed numerous articles to a range of political and cultural debates within the Chinese community while in this country. Liu became involved in the student movement in 1989. He served on the Board of Directors of the Independent Federation of the Chinese Students and Scholars, and later as its Executive Director. He edited *The China Background*, a newsletter published in Washington D.C. Liu is one of the three founders of the China Strategic Institute.

CHIEF OFFICE MANAGER:

LAI Anzhi 賴安智 b. 1955. Lai earned his Ph.D in high energy physics in 1992, and then worked as a research associate at CEBAF, a national nuclear physics lab. Lai is a well recognized student activist and leader, serving as the chairman of the Board of Directors of the IFCSS in 1990-91. He also helped the organization to edit its Newsletter. Lai is widely regarded as a specialist in communication and grass-roots organizing.

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MISSION

China is a nuclear power, and has one-fifth of the world population with a fast-growing economy. China's size and potential lead many to question whether China will become an economic and military giant without democratic institutions, like a monster with ample muscle but no heart and conscience.

The mission of the China Strategic Institute (CSI) is to bring about a renewal of China in a democratic framework, in which a rediscovery of China's rich history and culture is paralleled by an infusion of new values such as human rights, respect for the rule of law, civil liberties, and other democratic institutions.

STRATEGY

We promote China's peaceful transition to constitutional democracy through educational and charitable activities both within China and abroad. We stress:

Broad-Based Coalition Building. Headed by Chen Ziming, the Honorary President, and Wang Juntao, President, CSI has a Board of Directors comprised of prominent Chinese intellectuals and recognized leaders of China's democratic movement. CSI reaches out to all political and social forces in China to advocate peaceful democratization.

Integrating Theory and Practice. CSI combines democratic blueprinting with the actual processes of change to promote China's legal reform, rule of law, civil society organizations and other democratic institutions. We integrate democratic principles with the Chinese consciousness and with the interest of the Chinese people.

Grass-Roots Organizing. CSI has a world wide CSI Friends network among Chinese students and scholars. We are also building a network inside China.

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Public education in China and in the U.S.:

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Publish Newsletters/Issue Briefs/Papers

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CSI Friends Network/Leadership Training

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- China's political, economic and social changes--periodic and systematic reports.
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- Assisting independent research by scholars who are based in China, and promoting exchange between independent Chinese scholars and the scholars in the West.
- Strategic planning and public policy studies for political liberalization in China.

PUBLICATIONS

China Backgrounder (*English*) is a newsletter, examining and reporting on political events in China expeditiously from the perspective of those fighting for democracy in China.

Monographs (*English*). Examination of major issues concerning China. Render policy alternatives appealing both to the general public and the progressive wing of the Chinese government.

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Zhongguo Zhengju Guancha (*Chinese*). These are the results of scholarly observations and academic research conducted by CSI researchers in China on the current political and economic situations.

CSI Friends (*Chinese*). A newsletter detailing CSI research and activities to the Chinese public.

CSI ORIGINS

CSI is built upon the research and network of the Beijing Social and Economic Research Institute (SERI), the largest and most prominent non-governmental think tank in China promoting political reforms and democratization. Founded by Chen Ziming and Wang Juntao, SERI organized 20 major research projects and eight major academic conferences in China, which in turn resulted in the publication of nearly a hundred books and numerous papers. SERI published one academic journal and one newspaper. It administered two correspondence schools on political and administrative studies with a regular enrollment of 220,000. During the 1989 Democratic Movement, SERI worked for social reconciliation and political reforms in the hopes of resolving the growing political crisis. When the government cracked down and opened fire on the peaceful demonstrators, SERI was banned and its leaders imprisoned.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

China: Bao Zunxin, Chen Xiaoping, Liu Gang, Liu Xiaobo, Wang Dan, Wang Xizhe, Wu Xuecan, Xu Wenli, Zhou Duo; **Europe:** Wan Runnan, Zhang Lun; **Canada:** Du Zhifu, Wu Chunmeng; **U.S.A.:** Fang Lizhi, Han Lianchao, Hu Ping, Liu Binyan, Liu Qing, Liu Xiaozhu, Wang Juntao, Wang Ruowang, Wu Yenhua, Xu Bangtai, Yan Jiaqi, Zhang Weiguo.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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November 10, 1995

Ambassador Donald Johnson
United States Embassy
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

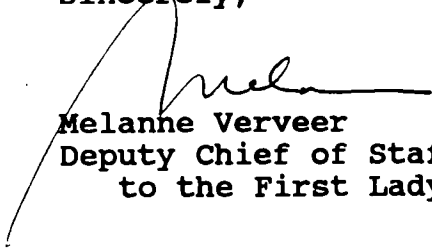
Dear Ambassador Johnson:

The First Lady would like to again extend her gratitude for the warm reception she received in Mongolia. The hard work and enthusiasm of your staff were deeply felt.

Enclosed are photographs of the visit. Would you please be so kind as to distribute the enclosed White House photos?

Thank you again for your warm hospitality.

Sincerely,


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

*We're still
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our wonderful
trip to
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Put me best -

y felt.

Ulaanbaatar

November 7, 1995

Ambassador Donald Johnson
United States Embassy
RSC 461 Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
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FPO AP 96521-0002

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Dear Ambassador Johnson:

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FAX Message for:

Alice Pushkar
Office of First Lady's Correspondence
Fax # 202-456-5199

FROM:

Llewellyn Hedgbeth
U.S. Embassy Ulaanbaatar
Fax # 976-1-320776

DATE:

September 28, 1995

REF:

Your fax of 9-27

Alice--

In Mongolia it is common practice to use only one name. If you wish, for Protocol purposes, to use both names, please refer to the following list:

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Prime Minister Puntsag Jasrai

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✓ U.S. Desk Officer, Ministry of External Relations Mrs. Ragchaa Baasan

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✓ Deputy Director, State Security Service Mr. Luvsan-Ochir Batbaatar

✓ Ambassador to the U.S. Mr. Jalbuu Choinhor (Note: This correspondence could be addressed to the Ambassador at the Mongolian Embassy in Washington, D.C.)

✓ Deputy General, Ministry of External Relations Mr. Dashdavaa Chuluundorj

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- General Manager of Ih Tenger, Ms. Namsraijav Battsengel

- ✓ Ambassador Donald C. And Mrs. Johnson

Please let us know if you need further information from us so you can get a start on this lengthy correspondence list. It will mean a great deal to all who participated in the First Lady's visit to be honored by a note from her, so our thanks in advance.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 29, 1996

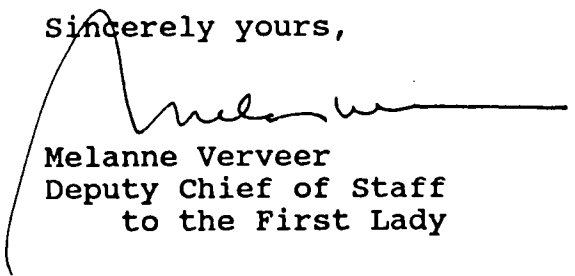
John M. Jones
HC 85 Box 91E
Myrtle Point, OR 97458

Dear Mr. Jones,

Thank you for your recent letter. I remember your visit with the Church of the Brethren group and our conversation about your work. We appreciated hearing about your concerns.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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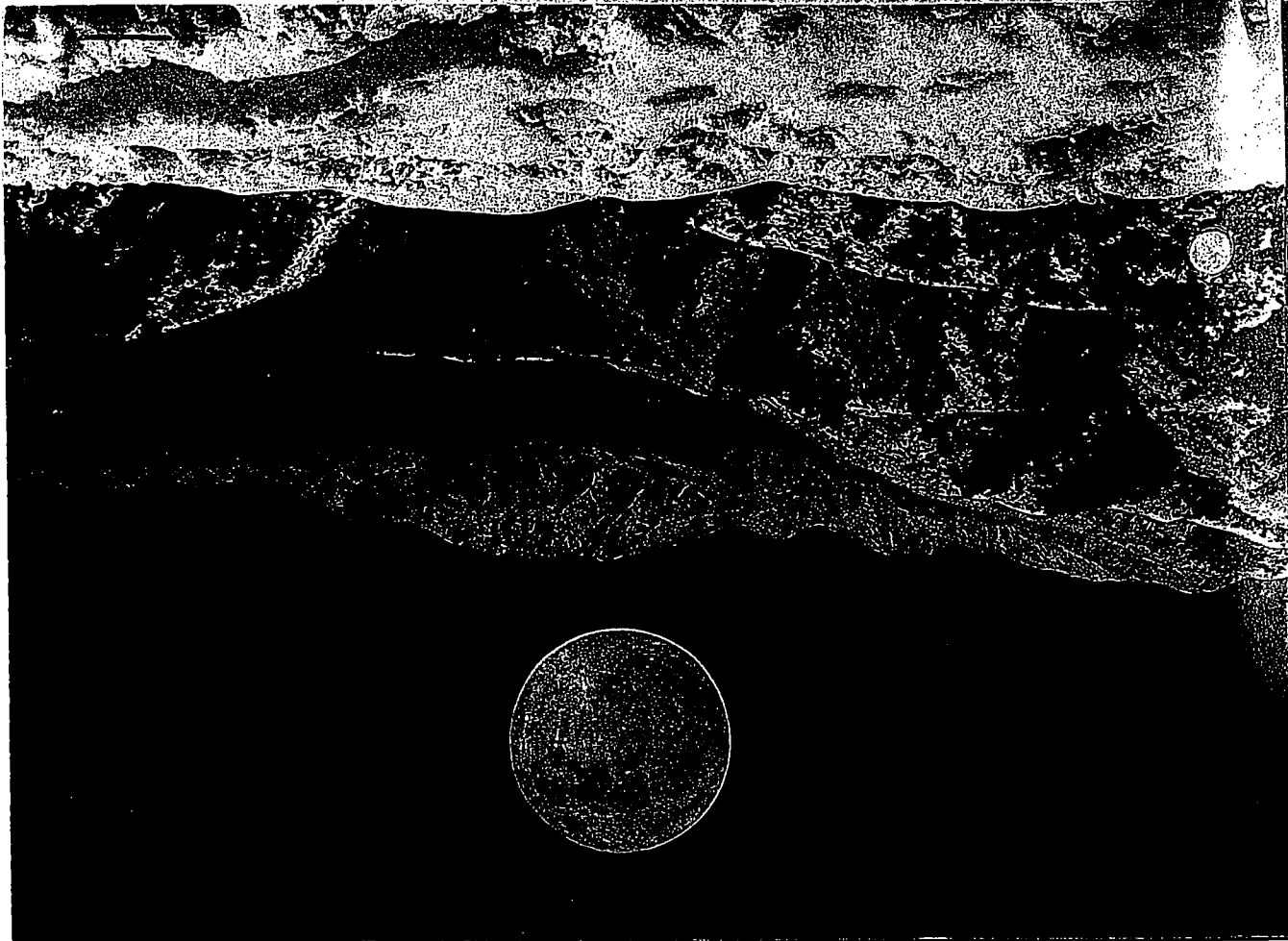
Dear Ms. Verweir,

April 3, 1996

I don't expect you to remember me but we met in the spring of 1993. I was one of 6 Church of the Brethren members who visited you in the First Lady's office. We presented you with a winnowing basket from women of Southern Sudan and some photos, which I had taken while in Sudan, that were mounted on black mat board. We did not *Peace on Earth* get to meet ~~the~~ Mrs. Clinton in person but you received the gifts for her.

Today I write to you in hopes that your personal contact with the President and First Lady might assure that I get an important message to them. I have enclosed a personal invitation for them which I hope you might pass on. It may be very informal but, I assure you, it could not be more heartfelt or sincere.

at this moment, I am camping on BLM land across 1st. Hwy 95 from Mercury Nevada and the U.S. nuclear weapons test site. Since 1988 I have come here, 5 times, to do civil disobedience and be arrested for opposing nuclear weapons testing, and supporting a comprehensive test ban treaty. I



choose to do this because of my faith. Tonight I will begin my fast and on Easter Sunday I will take communion, then enter the test site to be arrested.

I know President Clinton supports a CTB treaty and I am inviting him to attend next year's non-violent action. These actions are sponsored by Nevada Desert Interfaith Peace.



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Thank you! Sincerely,
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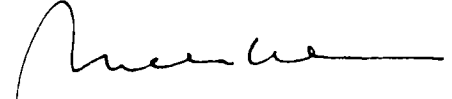
Ms. Theda Clark Radford Jessen
9138 Beaconlight Court
Dayton, Ohio 45458

Dear Ms. Jessen,

Mrs. Clinton asked me to thank you for your compelling words in support of the U.S. Food and Drug Administrations's recommendation to regulate tobacco products to protect the public's health. She appreciates your interest in this issue and will share your statements with the appropriate officials.

Many thanks for the important work that you do and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

Melanne Verveer

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Theda Clark Radford Jessen
9138 Beaconlight Court
Dayton, Ohio 45458

July 25, 1995

Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady of the United States
Office of the First Lady
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I write with a sense of urgency to express my strong support for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's recommendation to regulate tobacco products to protect youth; indeed, to protect ALL the public's health. Recent revelations regarding the tobacco industry make the regulation of nicotine a moral imperative, particularly with respect to the question of nicotine manipulation when nicotine is known to be a highly addictive drug.

No other product on earth kills three million people around the world every year, and yet we have looked the other way because, historically, tobacco products have been considered an "age-old custom" not subject to the same regulations required of every other drug sold in the U.S.. We now know that "age-old custom" is in truth, a horrendous addiction. It is a pitiful state of affairs when the backbone of preventive medical care is broken by an overwhelming continuation of tobacco-related disease which takes such an enormous human and financial toll.

With this in mind, I support comprehensive regulation by the FDA to include the manufacture, sale, packaging, advertising, and promotion of all tobacco products. Further, I support guidelines set forth by the American Cancer Society for such regulation by the FDA which include that:

The FDA should require the enforcement of laws so that tobacco products are not sold to anyone under the age of 21;

The FDA should ban all tobacco advertising and in the interim the FDA should focus on advertising that affects children;

The FDA should ban free or discounted giveaways of tobacco products. The FDA should

eliminate the brand-name sponsorship of any event such as sports, music or arts event, that uses the brand name of a tobacco product;

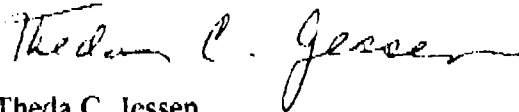
The FDA should require that all tobacco products carry warnings on addiction, stroke, environmental tobacco smoke, chemical additives and other information critical to the public's health. The FDA should prohibit the misleading claims in both the labeling and advertising of tobacco products; and

The FDA should require the tobacco industry to disclose to the public the levels of nicotine, tar, chemical additives and all other potentially harmful substances in tobacco products and to reduce or remove such substances to the greatest extent possible.

During my work in many areas of tobacco control over the last four years, never have I sensed a time where there is more need for your and President Clinton's support, than with the FDA's recommendation for regulation of tobacco products. To explain my position, included is a statement I made in April of 1994 before the Board of Directors and stockholders at the annual stockholders meeting for Kimberly-Clark Corporation. This corporation was founded by my great-great grandfather and three others. In a little over one year since my statement and subsequent correspondence with the Chairman of Kimberly-Clark, I have seen the corporation change directions and work to spin-off its tobacco-related products division. There is a sense of shame in corporate America that cannot ignore the moral implications of involvement in the manufacture of tobacco products.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my request.

Very Respectfully Yours,



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President-elect, Montgomery County Medical Society Alliance

Vice-Chairman, Tobacco Control Subcommittee, American Cancer Society, Ohio Division

Chairman, Tobacco Control Task Force Committee, ACS, Montgomery County Unit

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Commissioner of The U.S. Food and Drug Administration

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Dear Ms. Jamuna,

Thank you for your letter. I appreciate your enclosing the published article about Mrs. Clinton's interest in India. She asked me to convey her enthusiasm and encouragement for the important work that you do in the service of women and girls.

Thank you again for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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Response

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1 July, 1995

To

Ms.Melanne Verveer
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Washington

Dear Melanne Verveer

Thank you for your letter and enclosure dated May 18th informing about Mrs. Clinton's interest in India.

You will be glad to know that the article has also been published in the regional language newspaper in Telugu. The newspaper cutting is enclosed herewith for your information.

The First Lady interest in the cause of women and especially in girl children strengthens our work. We are very happy for the time she has spent with the voluntary women's group and grassroot women during her stay in India. Hope she will continue to display this interest in future also and encourage us in our activities.

Thank you once again for your response.

Sincerely yours



P.JAMUNA

వసుంధర

సోనియల్ యూనియన్ విచ్చిన్నం అయిన తర్వాత ఈ భూగళం మీద మిగిలిన ఏకైక మావర్ పవర్ అమెరికా ఆ దేశం తీసుకొనే ఆర్థిక రాజకీయ ఔత్సాహికతను నిర్ణయం ఏదైనా అంతర్జాతీయంగా వలు దేశాలమీద తన ప్రభావం చూపిస్తుందనేది

ఇబ్బందులకు ఎదురు నిలుస్తూ బారతీయ మహిళలు తమ జీవితాలను తీర్చిదిద్దుకోంటున్నారు. దక్షిణాసియాలో నా వర్తకుల తర్వాత నాలో మిగిలిన భావాలలో ఇదొకటి. నాలో నా 15 సంవత్సరాల కుమార్తె కూడా ఉండటంతో

ప్రపంచవ్యాప్తంగా ఉన్న మహిళలలో విద్యే ఇశ్వర్యానికి బీజాలు వేస్తుంది. దక్షిణాసియాలోని పాఠశాలలు సాంఘిక రాజకీయ స్వరూపాలను ఎలా తీర్చిదిద్దుతున్నాయనడానికి నేనెన్నో నిదర్శనాలు చూశాను. ఇండియన్ జనస్థిట్యూట్ ఆఫ్ టెక్నాలజీలోని

“విద్య ఇశ్వర్యానికి బీజం వేస్తుంది”

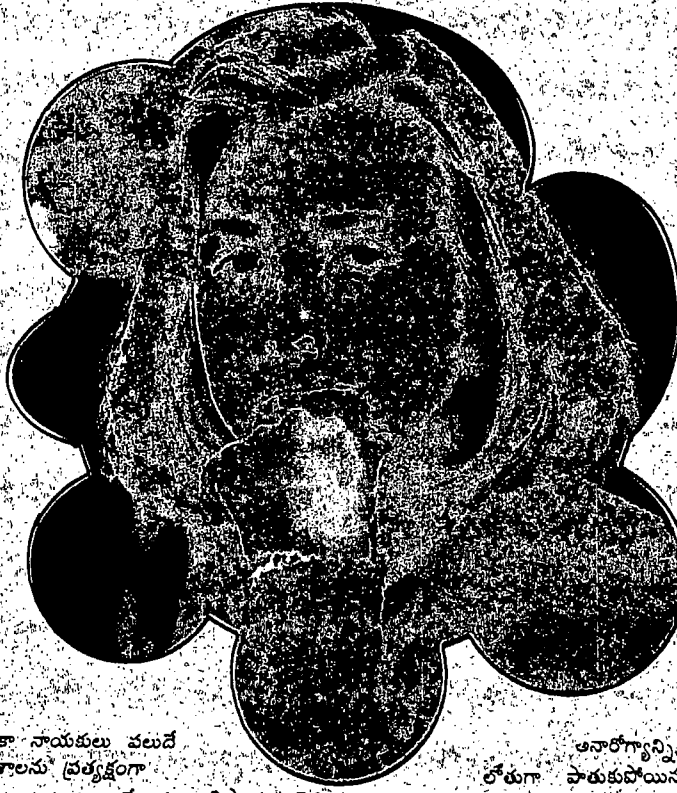
నిజం. అయితే అనేక సందర్భాలలో అమెరికా ఏకపక్షంగా అన్ని కోణాల నుంచి ఒక నమ స్వస్థ. వీక్షించకుండానే నిర్ణయాలు తీసు కొంటోందనే విమర్శ అధికమయింది. ఆ విమర్శలో నిజానిజాలు ఎలా ఉన్నా అమెరి

ఈ వర్తకుల మరొక ఆధ్వర్యమయింది. మేం సందర్శించిన అన్నిదేశాలలోనూ పాకిస్తాన్, ఇండియా, నేపాల్, బంగ్లాదేశ్ శ్రీలంకలలో మేం ఎందరో మహిళలను చూశాం వారు బీదరికాన్ని నిరక్షరాస్యతను

హెల్లర్ క్లింటన్

ప్రొపెనర్, సరీమణులు స్వచ్ఛందంగా స్థాపించిన ప్రయాన్ స్కూల్ను గురించి ఇక్కడ పేర్కొనాలి. స్కూల్లోని మురికివాడల్లో నివసించే అతిబీద మహిళలు, యువకులకు ఆ స్కూల్ సేవ చేస్తోంది. పింగాణి వస్తువులు, ఆభరణాలు, ఇతర వస్తువులు తయారుచేసి, రవ్వంత లావానికి అమ్ముకొనేందుకు తగిన శిక్షణనిస్తోంది.

మహిళల్లో అక్షరాస్యత 29 శాతం మాత్రమే ఉన్న బంగ్లాదేశ్లో (మగవారిలో అక్షరాస్యత 49 శాతం వరకూ ఉంది) ఒక ప్రభుత్వ తర సంస్థ 27 వేల పాఠశాలలను నెలకొల్పింది. వీటిలోని విద్యార్థులలో అధిక సంఖ్యకులు బాలికలే. బంగ్లాదేశ్లో నేను చూసిన ఒక పాఠశాల అయితే తమ పిల్లల్ని ముఖ్యంగా బాలికలను పాఠశాలలకు పంపే తల్లిదండ్రులకు ప్రోత్సహాలను ఇస్తోంది. ఇలాటి అతి ప్రాథమికమైన కృషి చేస్తున్న అనేక సంస్థలు విజయం పొందటం వెనుక అమెరికా అందజేస్తున్న ప్రత్యక్ష సహాయం ఉండటం ఒక అమెరికన్ గా నాకెంతో గర్వాన్ని కలగజేస్తోంది. నేరుగా అమెరికా నుంచో లేదా అమెరికా మద్దతున్న ప్రపంచ బ్యాంకు వంటి అంతర్జాతీయ సంస్థల ద్వారానో ఈ సహాయం ప్రభుత్వాలకు, ప్రభుత్వేతర సంస్థలకు లభిస్తోంది.



కా నాయకులు వలుదే కాలను ప్రత్యక్షంగా

సందర్శించటం మేలన్న ఆభిప్రాయం పెరిగింది. ఈ ఆభిప్రాయంలోనే అమెరికా ఆద్యక్షుడు బిల్ క్లింటన్ సరీమణి హిల్లరీ రోడమ్ క్లింటన్ ఇటీవలే అయిదు దశాబ్దానియో దేశా

అనారోగ్యాన్ని లోతుగా పాతుకుపోయిన సాంస్కృతిక హద్దులను అధిగమించేందుకు పరస్పరం చేతులు కలిపి, తమ సంపాదనను పెంచుకొనే ప్రయత్నాలు చేయటాన్ని చూ

బంగ్లాదేశ్ లాగనే పాకిస్తాన్ కూడా తమ గ్రామీణ పాఠశాలలను అభివృద్ధి చేస్తోంది. అమెరికాలోని యుఎన్ ఎయిడ్ ఫర్ ఇంటర్నేషనల్ డెవలప్ మెంట్ మద్దతుతో రూపొందించిన ఉన్నత విద్యాలయమైన లా

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కా నాయకులు వలదే

కాలను ప్రయోగంగా

సందర్భించటం మేలన్న అభిప్రాయం వెలిగింది. ఈ అభిప్రాయంతోనే అమెరికా అధ్యక్షుడు బిల్ క్లెంటన్ సతీమణి హిల్లరీ రోథ్ ముక్తింటన్ ఇటీవలే అయిదు దక్షిణానాయా దేశాలలో వర్తించారు. మన దేశంలో బిటు పోస్టాన్ శ్రీలంక, బంగ్లాదేశ్, నేపాలలో అమె. తన కుమార్తె చెలియాలో బిటు వలు నగరాలను సందర్శించి స్వయంగా తిలకించారు. 1980-1983లో అమెరికాను పాలించిన జాన్ కెన్నెడీ సతీమణి జాక్వెట్ కెన్నెడీ తర్వాత మన దేశాన్ని వర్తించినవచ్చిన అమెరికన్ వ్యక్తి లోడీ హిల్లరీయ్. అమెరికా అధ్యక్షునికి అమె. తన వర్తించిన గురించిన విషయాలు తెలియజేస్తారనేది స్పష్టం. ఇంటి ఇల్లాలు చెప్పే విషయాలనుబట్టి క్లెంటన్ భవిష్యత్తులో కొన్ని నిర్ణయాలు తీసుకోగలరని ఆశించవచ్చు. బిల్ క్లెంటన్కు అమె. వ్యక్తిగతంగా ఎంత చెప్పారో మనకు తెలియకపోవచ్చు గానీ తను జరిపిన వర్తించిన తన అభిప్రాయాన్ని అమె. ఒక వ్యాసం రూపంలో ఇటీవలే వెలువరించారు. ది వాషింగ్టన్ పోస్ట్ లో ప్రచురితమైన ఆ వ్యాసానికి యథాతథమైన తర్జుమాను ఇక్కడ ప్రచురిస్తున్నాం. ఆసియన్ మహిళలపట్ల వారి అభ్యుదయంపట్ల అమె. దృక్పథాలు ఈ వ్యాసంలో ప్రస్తుతమవుతున్నాయని భావిస్తున్నాం.

వాషింగ్టన్, భారతదేశం వశ్యము భాగంలో ఉన్న వస్త్ర పరిశ్రమ కేంద్రమైన అహ్మదాబాద్ నగరంలో కేవలం ఒకే గదిలో పనిచేస్తోంది ఆ వుమన్స్ బ్యాంక్ ఒక పాత వంటింటి టేబుల్ మీద గుడ్డవేసి దాన్ని ఆ బ్యాంకులో టెల్లర్, కౌంటర్ గా వాడుతున్నారు. బ్యాంకు గుమాస్తాలు లావాదేవీలన్నిటినీ పాతబడి పనుపువచ్చి రంగులోకి మారిన ప్లీట్ మీద నమోదు చేస్తున్నారు.

నేను ఆ బ్యాంకును సందర్శించినపుడు తమతమ గ్రామాల నుంచి 12 నుంచి 15 గంటలపాటు నడిచి అక్కడికి రుణాలు తీసుకొనేందుకు వచ్చిన బీద మహిళలనెందరినో చూశాను. వీరు తీసుకొంటున్న రుణాలు ఒక్క డాలరు అంత తక్కువ కూడా ఉన్నాయి. ఈ రుణాలను వారు పాడి పకుపు లను కొనేందుకో, నాగళ్ళను కొనేందుకో, కాకుంటే బజార్లలో అమ్మగల వస్తువులు కొనేందుకో కొరుకొంటున్నారు.

గ్రాండ్ గారి శిష్యురాలైన ఇలాబట్ ఆలోచనలవల్ల రూపొందిన ఈ బ్యాంకును సెల్ఫ్ ఏంప్లాయ్డ్ వుమన్స్ అసోసియేషన్ లేదా సేవా (SEWA) సంస్థ స్థాపించింది. ఈ వ్యాపార సరస్థలోని వలుపురు మహిళలు భారతదేశంలో బీదాతి బీదలు అతి తక్కువ చదువు కున్నవారు.

ఈనాడు ఆ బ్యాంకుకు 40,000కు మించిన సభ్యులున్నారు. దాని ఆస్తిపాస్తులు 20 లక్షల డాలర్లకు పైగానే ఉన్నాయి. మహిళలే ఆ బ్యాంకును నిర్వహిస్తారు. మహిళలే డిపాజిట్లు వేయాలి. మహిళలే రుణాలు తీసుకోవచ్చు.

దీని ఫలితాలు ఆశ్చర్యకరంగా ఎవరినైనా మరిపించేలా ఉన్నాయి. ఎన్నెన్నో కష్టాలు

అనారోగ్యాన్ని

లోతుగా పాతుకుపోయిన

సాంస్కృతిక హద్దులను అధిగమించేందుకు వరస్పరం చేతులు కలిపి తమ సంపాదనను పెంచుకొనే ప్రయత్నాలు చేయటాన్ని చూశాం. రుణగ్రహీతలుగా, రుణదాతలుగా పొదుపు చేసేవారుగా మహిళలు మరింత ఆర్థిక స్వాతంత్ర్యం కోసం తమ కుటుంబాల ఉన్నతి కోసం ఎలా కృషిచేస్తారో తెలియజేసే అనేకానేక నిదర్శనాలలో సేవా ఒకటి మూలమే.

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విద్య ఆరోగ్య సంరక్షణ రుణ సదుపాయం, రాజకీయ అవకాశాలు, చట్టపరమైన హక్కులు అందజేసినపుడు రాము బీదరికం నుంచి తమను కాము తమ కుటుంబాలను తమ ఇరుగుపొరుగులను తమ దేశాలను కూడా ఉద్ధరించుకోగలరని మహిళలు దేశం తర్వాత దేశంగా ఎన్నో దేశాలలో రుజువు చేస్తూనే వచ్చారు.

బంగ్లాదేశ్ లాగనే పాకిస్తాన్ కూడా తమ గ్రామీణ పాఠశాలలను అభివృద్ధి చేస్తోంది. అమెరికాలోని యుఎస్ ఎయిడ్ ఫర్ ఇంటర్నేషనల్ డెవలప్ మెంట్ మద్దతుతో రూపొందించిన ఉన్నత విద్యాలయమైన లాహోర్ యూనివర్సిటీ ఆఫ్ మేనేజ్ మెంట్ సైన్సెస్ లో మగవారిలో బాటు పోటీబడుతూ తమదేశ వ్యాపార పెట్టుబడుల రంగాలలో నాయకులు కావాలని ఆశిస్తున్న మహిళల నెందరినో నేను చూశాను.

ఈ దేశాలలో ప్రజలకు అభివృద్ధి చెందేందుకు ప్రజాస్వామ్యంవల్ల మార్కెట్ ఆర్థిక వ్యవస్థవల్ల సాహసోపేతమైన నిబద్ధత కలిగి ఉండేందుకు ఆర్థికపరంగా సాంకేతికపరంగా అమెరికా అందించిన సహాయం ఎంతో కీలకమయిందని చెప్పేందుకు ఈ ప్రాజెక్టులే సాక్షి. ఇప్పుడు అమెరికా సహాయం ఎంతో కీలకమైనది.

మహిళలు బాలికలపట్ల శ్రద్ధ చూపటం ముఖ్యమైనది. మగవారి హక్కుల్ని తగ్గించటం లేదా వారి ప్రయోజనాలను కాలరాచటం కానీ కాదని ఇక్కడ గుర్తించాలి. తమ కుటుంబాల బాధ్యతలు నిర్వహించటంలోనూ ఎదుగుదల సాధించటంలోనూ మగవారు ఎక్కడి వారైనా సరే ఎన్నెన్నో సవాళ్ళను అడ్డంకులను ఎదుర్కొంటూనే ఉంటారు. కానీ ప్రపంచవ్యాప్తంగా ఉన్న బీదలలోనూ దాడులకు గురవు తన్న దుర్మలులలోనూ మహిళలే అత్యధికులు. మహిళల అభివృద్ధిలో పెట్టుబడులు పెట్టటం అంటే కుటుంబాలు సమాజాలను బలపరచడం చేయటమే అవుతుంది. అది సమాజంలో అందరికీ సాయపడుతుంది.

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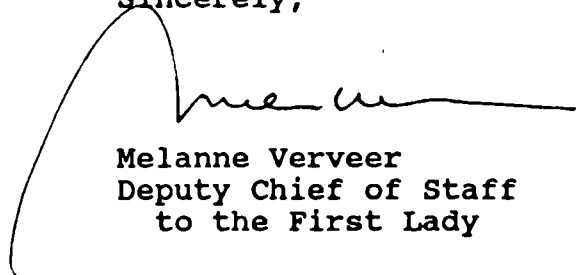
July 5, 1995

Ms. Martha J. Johnson
6804 Russel Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55423-2022

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Mrs. Clinton asked me to thank you for your letter and for the information you sent her. She also appreciates your support in the work she does with low income women. Thank you for thinking of the First Lady. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

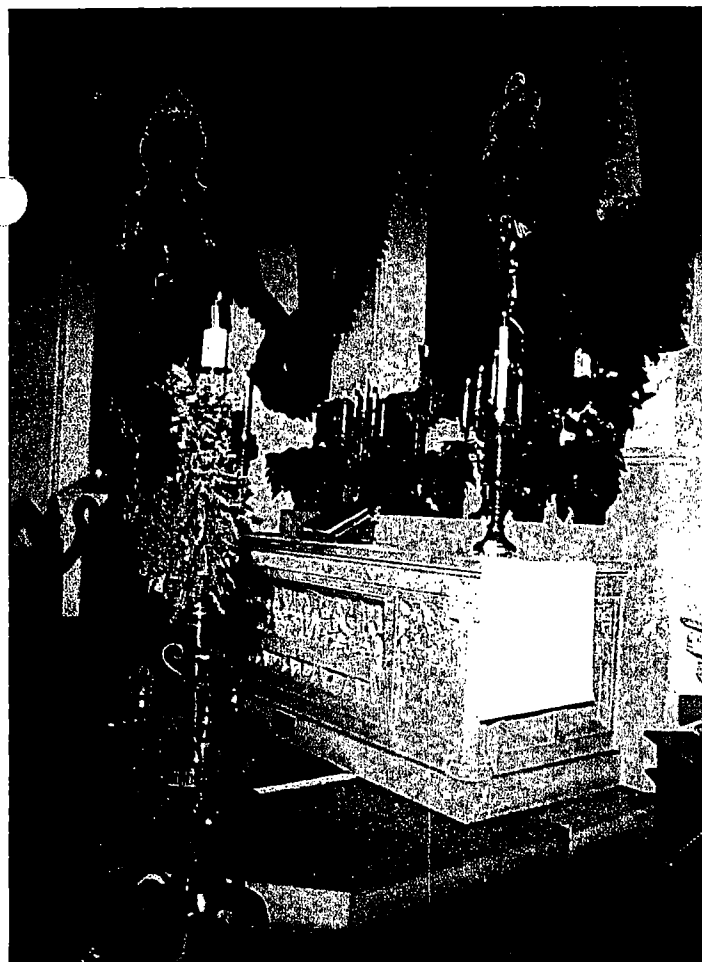
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Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR MERCIFUL SAVIOUR, FARIBAULT, MINNESOTA
Building of the "Bishop's Church," the first Episcopal Cathedral in the American Church, began in 1862 and was completed and consecrated June 24, 1869. The memorial tower dedicated All Saints Day, 1902, is the Thanksgiving of many people for The Rt. Rev. Henry Benjamin Whipple, first Bishop of Minnesota. Entered on National Register of Historic Places October 10, 1979.

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THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR MERCIFUL SAVIOUR, FARIBAULT, MINNESOTA

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Mrs. Hilary Clinton

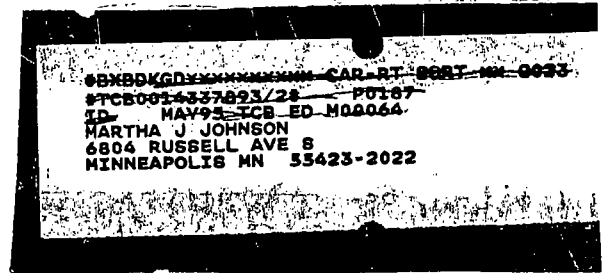
% Melanne Verweir, Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House, Washington, DC

The Honorable Mrs. Clinton,

I am pro-choice and a
tomka Beach, MN. My
Social Security and Ed's
concern in 1982. My
servation and Clean Water.

Yours truly, Mrs. Martha J.
Johnson, (Mrs. Edwin Johnson)

continued: Thank you for your
great jobs helping low income women.
Episcopalian at St. Martins, Minne-
income is 98.6% from
my husband, death was from
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Mrs. Martha J. Johnson
6804 Russell Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55423

Sexual Harassment
Minnesota Statute 363, the Minnesota
Human Rights Act.

Sexual Violence Center at 612-824-5555
Sexual Harassment is serious problem
affecting a large proportion of women
in our society.

MN WOMEN'S CONSORTIUM, ST. PAUL, MN

Continued

A study done by the federal government reported
that the annual cost of sexual harassment
among federal workers was \$95 million.
This does not include fees or settlements.

Copy from MN WOMEN'S CONSORTIUM,
office in downtown St. Paul, MN

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Martina J. Johnson
6804 Rusk Ave S.
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Richard Nixon



Mrs. Hilary Clinton, First Lady
% Melanne Berwick, Deputy Chief of Staff
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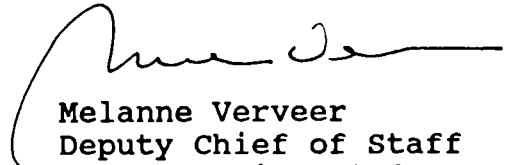
LaTanya Bailey Jones
407 East 28th Street
Baltimore, MD 21218

Dear LaTanya,

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,

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

Melanne Verveer
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April 2, 1996

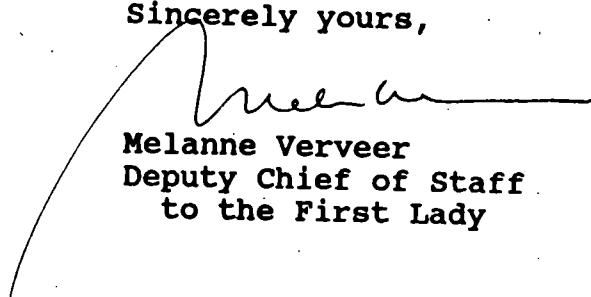
Kenneth M. Kolaski
Reed, Smith, Shaw, & McClay
2500 One Liberty Place
Philadelphia, PA 19103-7301

Dear Mr. Kolaski,

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the premiere of "Requiem for the Children." 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,



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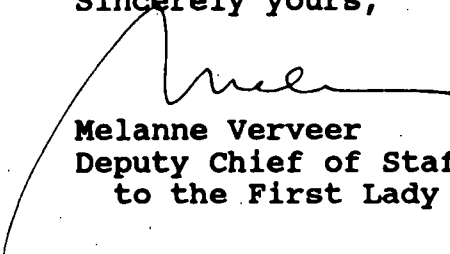
Annette Kane
Executive Director
National Council of Catholic Women
1275 K street, NW
Suite 975
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Annette:

The First Lady asked me to thank you for sending her the NCCW pamphlet on domestic violence. The problem of domestic violence is of great concern to the administration and we appreciate the important work of your organization.

Thank you again for writing and best wishes in your continued efforts.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
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March 18, 1996

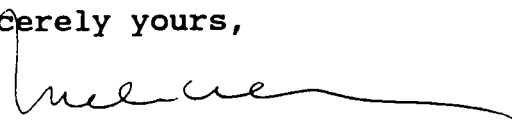
Allen V. Koop
6107 Reed Hall
Dartmouth College
Hanover, NH 03755-3506

Dear Mr. Koop,

The First Lady asked me to thank you for your kind invitation for her to address your class at Dartmouth College. I regret that she will be unable to do so because of schedule conflicts.

Thank you for writing and best wishes for your important work and that of your students.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
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*Call with
regrets*

January 20, 1996

To: Melanne Verveer
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC

Fax: 202-456-6244

From: Allen V. Koop

Fax: 603-526-6107

Tel: 603-526-4523

RE: INVITATION FOR MRS. CLINTON TO SPEAK TO STUDENTS AT
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, HANOVER, NH IN APRIL OR MAY 1996

This is to follow up on a fax I sent on November 9, 1995
(attached).

Although I would welcome Mrs. Clinton any time in April or May,
if it would help if I suggest some dates, I'll propose May 27,
May 20, May 15, May 6, or April 23.

Thank you for your consideration.



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November 9, 1995

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This is to provide a little more information on the subject I discussed on the phone with someone in your office earlier this afternoon.

During his most recent conversation with Mrs. Clinton, my father, C. Everett Koop, suggested that she might welcome the opportunity to speak with the students in the multi-disciplinary course I will offer at Dartmouth College this spring on the American Health Care System. She responded that this was something that she would like to do, if we could schedule it to suit her needs, and that I should follow through on this.

Although Mrs. Clinton and the President have visited Dartmouth before and have participated in several major events, I thought that Mrs. Clinton might enjoy the opportunity to meet with students in the informal atmosphere of the classroom and to share with them her perspective on her efforts to create a reformed health care system. If, in addition, she would like to arrange a larger forum for the community, I'm sure we could do that as well. We would set the date according to her preference.

I hope that this is something that Mrs. Clinton would like to do, and that she would derive as much from it as would my students.

Thank you for your consideration.

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March 15, 1996

Mr. Alexander B. Kuzma
Ms. Laryssa Chopivsky
Chornobyl Challenge '96
272 Old Short Hills Road
Short Hills, NJ 07078

Dear Alex and Laryssa:

Thank you very much for your kind letter inviting the First Lady to serve as the honorary chair of Chornobyl Challenge '96. Mrs. Clinton is pleased to accept your gracious invitation for this important commemoration.

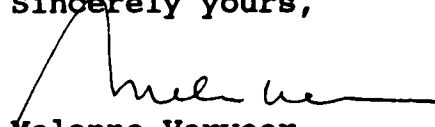
Although it is unlikely Mrs. Clinton will be able to attend your scheduled activities, she will be hosting a special Chernobyl commemoration at the White House on April 10. Please be assured that we will keep your events in mind and our scheduling office will contact you if we can accommodate your requests.

Because White House policy restricts the use of the First Lady's name, it is necessary that we review any printed materials, including press releases, which mention the First Lady's participation. My office can assure prompt review, but please allow two weeks prior to press time.

The First Lady's agreement to serve is extended for this purpose only and is not transferable to other functions or bodies.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office if we can be of further assistance to you.

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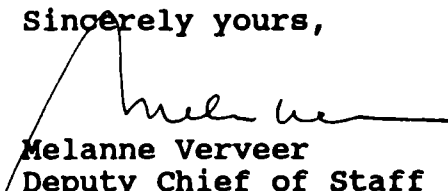
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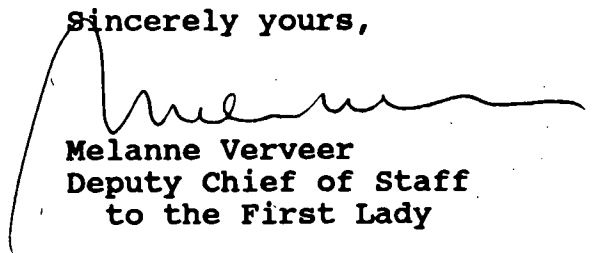
Suzanne M. Kulesia
Publicity
Academy Chicago Publishers
363 West Erie, 7th Floor East
Chicago, IL 60610

Dear Ms. Kulesia,

The First Lady asked me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending her a copy of Facets Non-Violent, Non-Sexist Children's Video Guide. She is happy to have the guide. Mrs. Clinton continues to be very concerned about violence in the media and its impact on children. She is grateful for efforts like yours to help parents.

Thank you again for writing and best wishes. Yours is a truly important contribution to the well-being of our children.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady



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Hillary Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

February 16, 1996

Dear Hillary Clinton:

Because of your concern for today's children, I thought you might be interested in a book we have recently published. FACETS NON-VIOLENT, NON-SEXIST CHILDREN'S VIDEO GUIDE is for parents who are searching for quality entertainment for their children. It is an invaluable resource for those parents trying to find an alternative to violence, sexism and racism in the overwhelming market of children's videos.

As you can see by the reviews I've included from the New York Times and the Los Angeles Times, this first of its kind guide has been critically well received. I hope that you can take the time to look it over. We'd be delighted to have your comments.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Suzanne M. Kulesia
Publicity

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Home Video | Peter M. Nichols

Caution is the byword in two new guides on children's fare and movies.



Murray Close/Warner Brothers

Andrew Knott, left, Heydon Prowse and Kate Maberly in "The Secret Garden," a selection in a new guide to children's videotapes.

With all the video guides available, two newcomers have carefully picked their niches. One, "Facets Nonviolent, Nonsexist Children's Video Guide," carves its own finely delineated path through the wilds of kid-vid. The other, "Mark Satern's Illustrated Guide to Video's Best," is a general film reference with an individual twist.

The guide from Facets, a large Chicago distributor, evolved from the annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival, which is sponsored by the company. Among the 800 titles, all of them available for rent or sale from Facets and other dealers, are films (Agnieszka Holland's "Secret Garden," for example) and an eclectic selection of tapes on subjects from indoor activities, astronomy and African culture to starting school and women's history.

"We included popular items, but we also looked for things on the periphery of the education market," said Milos Stehlik of Facets. Mixed in with well-known titles like "Maurice Sendak's Library," "Free to Be You and Me," "Joe Scruggs in Concert" and "The Little Engine That Could" are productions like "Maricela," a film about Latino culture told from the perspective of a 13-year-old girl from El Salvador, or "There's a Cricket in the Library," a video written by a group of fifth-graders from Pennsylvania.

Each listing includes age recommendations and warnings about parts that might upset young viewers. But the emphasis, as the title states, lies in the terms nonviolent

and nonsexist.

Mr. Stehlik said the goal was to identify videos that dealt with violence, not ones that excluded it. "Nonviolent is often confused with namby-pamby," he said. "When there is violence, we indicate that. The object was to find films with peaceful solutions."

Nonsexist, he added, refers to films that have girls in central roles or in parts as strong as those of boys. "Children's films tend to keep gender stereotypes even longer than adult ones," he said.

The Facets guide is available in book and video stores and can be ordered by mail. The price is \$12.95. Information: (800) 331-6197.

Mark Satern, a publisher in Phoenix, calls his book a practical movie guide. About 3,800 films are listed by genre and are rated according to appropriate audience: true family entertainment, largely designed for a family audience but of little interest to younger children; older audiences (may or may not include objectionable material), and adult fare. Warnings to parents cover sex, nudity, violence, language and adult situations.

Movie descriptions, all written by Mr. Satern, are clear and opinionated, despite his assertion that they leave out opinion. "I just try to tell what the film is about," he said. "The only time I get critical is when a movie goes off in a direction that excludes a part of the audience."

The price of his guide is \$19.95; it can be ordered by mail. Information: (800) 668-4379.



SAN EMERSON



Walt Disney Co.

GOOD AND NOT SO GOOD: "The Baby-Sitters Club" is recommended for its strong girls' roles; a certain Disney classic is seen as sexist.

VIDEO

Thumbs Down on 'Cinderella'?

Tradition doesn't matter, but political correctness reigns in a guide that takes a hard look at kids' videos.

By Diane Garrett

Barney made the cut. But Cinderella did not pass muster. That's according to "The Facets Non-Violent, Non-Sexist Children's Video Guide," a political correctness compendium from Facets Multimedia, a Chicago outfit dedicated to diversity in the arts.

"I was constantly surprised by what didn't make the cut," said Virginia A. Boyle, who compiled the guide and serves as Facets' educational services manager. All told, 2,500 titles were considered during a lengthy screening process with children, parents and teachers from a variety of Chicago neighborhoods. In the end, 500 videos got the "child-safe" stamp of approval. The "thumbs down" movies are not listed, however, in keeping with the guide's goal of being positive.

"Cinderella"—recently brought out of the Disney vaults for a video re-release—was considered sexist, along with such notable rejects as "Aladdin" and "Thumbelina." "Mighty Morphin Power Rangers" was deemed too violent.

The big children's titles of the season, in fact, are noticeably absent. There's no sign of "Casper," "Free Willy 2" or the third in the popular animated "Land Before Time" series.

Nicole Dreiske, Facets' co-founder, said timing was responsible for the omission of "A Little Princess," along with "Babe," a highly anticipated video release due next month.

"If they'd been out at the time, we would have put them in," she said.

Some major studio releases that did get thumbs up are Warner Bros. lush "The Secret Garden" (1993) and golden oldies such as Disney's "Mary Poppins" (1964) and "National Velvet" (1944). Familiar figures from children's television are also represented in the guide. Besides Barney, there's Winnie-the-Pooh and Thomas the Tank Engine, along with offerings from Mister Rogers, "Sesame Street" and Shelley Duvall. For the most part, however,

the book concentrates on lesser-knowns rather than popular fare. That's intentional.

"Parents don't need our book to hear about those videos," Dreiske said. "They're so well reviewed in so many magazines and have huge marketing campaigns."

Two years in the making, the \$12.95 guide grew out of Facets' long-standing involvement in the Chicago International Children's Film Festival.

"It was a labor of love," Dreiske said. "It came about because for years parents have been coming to the International Children's Film Festival and saying, 'Where can we get films like that?' When they said that, they meant films that were humanistic. Things that they weren't getting from the mainstream culture."

In part, the guide is intended to give parents stereotype-free alternatives to children's programming—and they weren't that easy to find at first, despite Facets' connections through the festival and its video store and distribution arms.

"Actually, the process of finding the videos was a very, very long process," Dreiske said. "I thought we were going to come out with a pamphlet with two

videos. Come on—nonsexist and nonviolent?"

Said Boyle: "In the first three months, I was very disturbed because I was canning stuff left and right." Then, through Facets' extensive distribution contacts, she began uncovering video treasures from a variety of sources. (Facets now carries each title for sale and rental.)

"What is [included] are mysteries, science, nature, how-to, plenty of fairy tales—just not the ones everyone's heard of—documentaries, travel, sports," she said.

More than 30 cultures are represented in six languages. The guide is heavily cross-referenced by age, grade and category. For example, the Great Girls section includes the entire "Ramona" series and "The Baby-Sitters Club," while the Amish culture section contains a single title. Other categories address issues such as divorce, friendship and moving to a new town. Each entry includes a brief description, along with viewing tips.

"We wanted it to be completely parent-friendly and also speak the language of teachers," Boyle said. The videos target children as old as 12 and as young as 3 months. Boyle considers one of those infant titles, "Water Is Wet," to be one of her favorites. "It's like looking out the window on a rainy day," she said.

Boyle also cited the You Can series as a find ("an expressly nonviolent" series that shows girls and boys equally), along with videos from Bo Peep Productions, which are distributed by two mothers. These relatively obscure titles share company with such award-winning children's videos as "Tommy Tricker and the Stamp Traveller." Other videos with impressive pedigrees made the cut despite problematic sections.

"It's a guide—it's not entirely nonviolent and nonsexist, but they all passed what we called the child-safe criteria," Boyle said.

Videos with problematic sections are flagged. "The Maurice Sendak Library" description, for example, notes that "Native American evaluators were offended by Sendak's 'Imitating Indians,' featuring a red-colored cartoon Indian holding a tomahawk and dancing around a campfire."

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A strong lead girl character in "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" earned the classic C.S. Lewis story a place in the book despite its violence and a scary witch. But other titles, no matter how popular, couldn't compensate for their basic premise—such as a king preoccupied with marrying off his daughter in movies such as "Aladdin" and "Thumbelina."

"I decided I don't need to pass along that bad message," said Boyle, who would much rather talk about what's included instead of what didn't make the cut.

After all, Dreiske said, the point is to promote positive videos, not point the finger at those that don't measure up. If that's too politically correct for some people, Facets can live with it.

"People are going to say it," Dreiske said. "If people want to criticize us because we're positive and proactive, fine, let them say it and be controversial. This is a service for parents."

■ "The Facets Non-Violent, Non-Sexist Children's Video Guide" is available from Academy Chicago Publishers, (800) 248-READ.

Diane Garrett is a Los Angeles-

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February 8, 1996

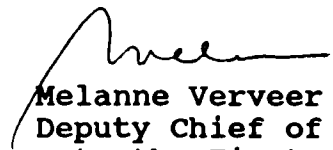
Sr. Dorothy Ann Kelly, O.S.U.
President
College of New Rochelle
29 Castle Place
New Rochelle, NY 10805

Dear Sister Kelly,

The First Lady asked me to thank you for sending the recent issue of College of New Rochelle's Quarterly magazine. Its coverage of the U.N. Fourth World Conference on Women is tremendous and was delightful to read.

Thank you again and best wishes. We will let you know soon whether Mrs. Clinton can be the commencement speaker.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

 COLLEGE OF
NEW ROCHELLE
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January 31, 1996

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

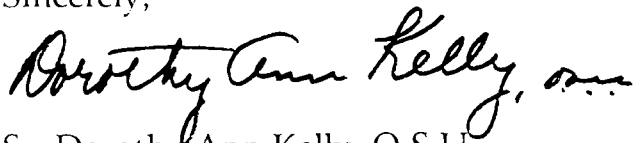
I thought you would enjoy seeing this issue of the College of New Rochelle's Quarterly magazine since its lead story is about the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women.

The opportunity to serve on the American Delegation was a great privilege for me. I have been able to share the experience and the message of Beijing with many audiences since my return. It has been very gratifying in each of these twenty speaking engagements to see how moved women and men are by the work of the Conference. They are also eager to know about the follow-up activities of the Interagency Council on Women and of the Delegates and the NGO members.

When your calendar is prepared in March for the following weeks of the spring, I hope you will be able to accept my invitation to be the Speaker at the College of New Rochelle's Commencement (May 26 at noon) and receive an honorary degree from the College.

The Board of Trustees join me in urging you to come to New Rochelle for this grand occasion. I know you will be well-received.

Sincerely,



Sr. Dorothy Ann Kelly, O.S.U.
President

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 3, 1995

Sister Dorothy Ann Kelly
President
College of New Rochelle
29 Castle Place
New Rochelle, New York 10805

Dear Sister Kelly:

Thank you for your kind letter inviting Mrs. Clinton to speak at the College of New Rochelle's Commencement Exercises on May 26, 1996.

The 1996 commencement speaking engagements will be determined in March. Your invitation to the First Lady will be considered at that time.

Mrs. Clinton appreciates your thoughtfulness and sends her best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patti Solis". The signature is stylized with a large, circular initial "P" and a cursive "Solis".

Patti Solis
Special Assistant to the President
Director of Scheduling
for the First Lady

 COLLEGE OF
NEW ROCHELLE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 29, 1995

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

Before the afterglow of the World Conference on Women in Beijing fades, I want to thank you and the President for the opportunity to serve on the American Government Delegation. It was a very special experience for me. I hope you are as pleased as I am with the accomplishment of the U.S. Delegation. Of course, the real work begins now in formulating and actualizing the strategies which will carry the Platform for Action forward in our country and around the world.

Your appearances in Beijing were the highlight of the Conference, not only for me and the members of the American Delegation, but for all the participants. In the days following your speeches, women from various countries and organizations said you were a boost to their morale, a real sign of hope for them.

Since returning to New Rochelle and after coping with the backlog of mail and telephone calls, I have been thrilled by the level of interest expressed in hearing from me about the Conference. I have more requests for speaking engagements than I expected. At two of the board meetings I have attended in the last week, TIAA-CREF and The Catholic University of America, space was made on each agenda for me to talk about my Beijing experience. In both cases, they were very receptive audiences.

The task of disseminating and actualizing the message about Beijing is one, I know, you are fully committed to and expect to be engaged in personally. With this in mind, I want to extend an invitation to you to be the speaker at the College of New Rochelle's Commencement Exercises on May 26, 1996. Let me describe briefly who comes to the Commencement and why I think it is an ideal occasion for you to deliver your message to a very diverse audience.

The graduating class will number about 900 and with their guests, the total

number present will be about 3500. The graduates will come from the College's four schools: School of Arts and Sciences (100 graduating, all traditional age young women, 30% African American and Latino American); School of Nursing (100 undergraduates half of whom are licensed nurses who returned to college to earn their baccalaureate degree and 50 master's level graduates, including 35% minorities). The largest unit of the College is the School of New Resources, for adult learners, located in New Rochelle and in six branch campuses in New York City. There will be about 500 graduates from New Resources, of whom 85% will be women and 85% minorities. The Graduate School will award 250 master's degrees to teachers and other professionals including about 25% minorities.

Commencement is a lively, happy celebration of the achievement of an inspiring cross section of America today. We would proudly add your name to the Class of 1996 by awarding you an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters. In one place, in a brief afternoon, you can reach a large, receptive audience.

I can imagine the demands on your schedule, but I am hopeful that you will accept this invitation. The day is Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend, May 26, 1996, at noon in New Rochelle. I am sending a copy of my letter to Melanne Verveer to expedite any arrangements which would facilitate an acceptance on your part.

Whatever followup meeting occurs for the Delegates to Beijing, I hope it will include an opportunity to see you again.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dorothy Ann Kelly, O.S.U.".

Sr. Dorothy Ann Kelly, O.S.U.
President

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cc: Melanne Verveer

THE WHITE HOUSE

February 5, 1996

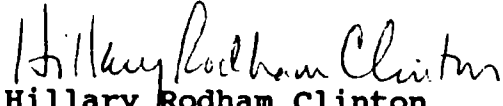
Suzanne Kindervatter
Director
Commission on the Advancement of Women
InterAction
1717 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Suite 801
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Ms. Kindervatter,

Thank you so much for your kind letter. I appreciate your warm sentiments and encouragement. I agree with you that we made many positive strides for women's empowerment in 1995 and look forward to continued progress in 1996.

Thank you for your hard work and support. Best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

• MELANNE VERVEER •

This is
Very, very
nice + so true!

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December 18, 1995

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

**President &
Chief Executive Officer**
Julia Vadala Taft

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

Chairperson
William Reese

As the year draws to a close, I would like to send you thanks for the many ways in which you have promoted women's empowerment around the world in 1995. I thank you for...

Vice Chairperson
Linda Pfeiffer

Secretary
Vivian Lowery Derryck

...sharing the slides of your Asia trip at the White House; I have worked extensively in Asia, and you captured the plight and promise of the women there and made those who attended feel warm and at home and as sisters...

Treasurer
John Costello

Assistant Secretary
Jose A. Aponte

...coming to the InterAction Forum in May, which enlivened and energized our own efforts for gender equity in development...

Assistant Treasurer
Thomas H. Fox

...making the trip to Beijing and presenting the most inspiring and quintessential speech of the Conference and the Forum...

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...supporting US participation in the Women's Conference and Conference follow-up, which give women needed structures for strengthening our efforts for the advancement of women...

...and serving as a role model for us all, but especially for our daughters.

Warm wishes to you and your family for a most wonderful Christmas season and peaceful new year.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Kindervatter
Director, Commission on the Advancement of Women

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January 30, 1996

Carolyn L. Johnson,
Executive Director
National Adoption Center
1500 Walnut Street
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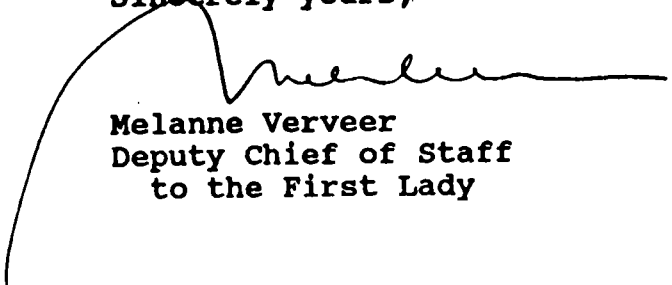
Dear Ms. Johnson,

Thank you for your recent letter. We are pleased to hear that the efforts of President and Mrs. Clinton have enabled more children to be placed with adoptive parents. The welfare of the children is of utmost concern to all of us. I am also forwarding your letter to Carol Williams, Associate Commissioner of the Children's Bureau.

I thought you might also be interested in the enclosed transcript of the First Lady's remarks on the White House Adoption Event.

Thank you again for writing and thank you for all you do. Let me know how we can continue to help this important cause.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady



NATIONAL ADOPTION CENTER

Carolyn L. Johnson
Executive Director

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December 5, 1995

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

Dear Ms. Verveer:

All of us at the National Adoption Center want to thank Hillary Rodham Clinton for having taped a wonderful public service announcement to call attention to the more than 100,000 children in this country who wait to be adopted. We understand that the announcement will air in about a month, and we'll be happy to keep you posted about the kind of results we get.

We are still receiving calls as a result of the public service announcement that President Clinton made for us earlier this year. That announcement was distributed to more than 400 television stations around the country and many children have found families as a result.

For most of these children with special needs, the National Adoption Center is their last hope of finding a family. Many have lived in foster homes for years waiting for permanent parents.

Unfortunately, funding for the National Adoption Center, which is provided through the Adoption Opportunities Act, will be in serious jeopardy if funding under that Act becomes block granted.

We would very much appreciate your letting Mrs. Clinton know that we would be grateful for any support she can gather to keep this national program out of the block grant. The futures of thousands of children are at stake.

I'm enclosing a copy of the Maury Povich Show which aired November 27. It is the second time that producers of that show have worked with us to feature waiting children; last year we received 8000 calls as a result, and 16 of the 20 children shown were adopted as well as an estimated 800 other children not on the show. In the last week, we have already received 5000 calls, and the phones are still ringing constantly.

"There are no unwanted children . . . just unfound parents."

Ms. Melanne Verveer
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December 5, 1995

We have also featured children on the following national shows: Phil Donahue, Sally Jessy Raphael, Today, Good Morning America. Essence Magazine gives us full page ads at no cost when there is remnant space in the magazine, and we consult with dozens of radio, television and newspaper outlets on adoption related shows and articles.

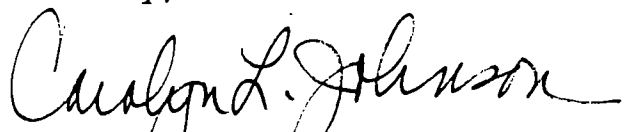
Our National Adoption Exchange, a computerized registry lists waiting children and families approved to adopt throughout the country. Through the Exchange, a child in Minnesota, for example, can be "matched" with a family in Washington, DC.

This year, we have begun placing photos and descriptions of children on the Internet, opening with President Clinton urging people to consider adoption. Enclosed are copies of our home page and description pages of two waiting children.

The enclosed information tells you more about the Center and what we do to create families for children. Please call if you would like more information. If you have trouble getting through because of the Povich show, please fax me at 215-735-9410 and I'll call you back.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn L. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carolyn" being more prominent than the last name "Johnson".

Carolyn L. Johnson
Executive Director

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WASHINGTON

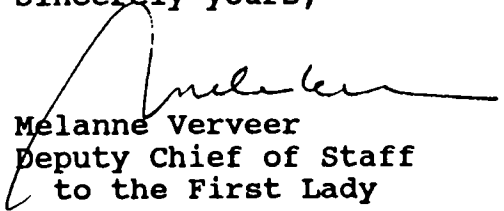
January 22, 1996

Peggy Kerry
72 Barrow Street, Apt. 4-U
New York, NY 10014

Dear Ms. Kerry,

Thank you for expressing an interest in serving on U.S. Delegation to Habitat, the U.N. Conference on Human Settlements. I have forwarded your letter to the Office of Presidential Personnel which handles all such appointments. Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

*It was
great to
hear from you!*

(R)

PEGGY KERRY

72 Barrow Street, Apt. 4-U
New York, NY 10014
212-242-9757

January 4, 1996

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
Suite 100
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20050

Dear Ms. Verveer:

I am sending you a copy of my resume, as advised by Undersecretary of State Timothy Wirth. I believe you will be hearing from my brother, Senator John Kerry. I am very interested in serving on the U.S. Delegation to the upcoming Preparatory Committee meeting in New York in February on Habitat, the UN Conference on Human Settlements, as well as to the conference itself next June in Istanbul.

I served as a consultant to Planned Parenthood of New York City, which has a number of international programs, helping to prepare for and serving as a member of their delegation to both the Population Conference in Cairo and the Women's Conference in Beijing. I attended the Preparatory Committee meetings and the Social Summit in Copenhagen independently.

The U.S. Delegation played key roles at all three conferences and I feel it is important to continue that leadership. I was thrilled to listen to Dr. Fred Sai in 1994, when he was chair of the main committee of the Preparatory Committee meeting for the Cairo Conference, welcome Undersecretary of State Tim Wirth "back into the UN fold." Watching the First Lady in Copenhagen last year and months later in Beijing brought home the respect that she carries around the world. I got to catch up with her for a few minutes at the WHO meeting in Beijing. I watched her give her UN speech on a tv monitor, and there was incredible enthusiasm as we cheered and clapped her on.

Clinton policies have made such a difference worldwide, and I would so much like to serve as a delegate to this last conference of the century. As you can see from my resume, I have spent many years lobbying low income housing issues on the city, state and national levels. I believe that my housing knowledge, coupled with my understanding of how UN conferences work, would be helpful to the U.S. delegation.

I also know what an important role the U.S. delegation plays in relating to the non-governmental organizations at these conferences, especially U.S. NGOs. The daily briefings and total access is

Letter to Ms. Melanne Vermeer - January 4, 1996

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so important, especially in this key election year. Most of the NGOs that follow UN activities are very liberal, with the obvious exception of the right to lifers.

I have met with many of the chief players at the UN Secretariat. I also know many of the NGOs, especially those who have participated in previous conferences in which I have been involved. I am currently working with the National Council of Churches and the Urban Assembly, a not-for-profit international organization of urbanists based in New York City, on a one day conference on the theme "The Spiritual Meaning of Cities" to take place during the upcoming Preparatory Committee meeting. This is being done in cooperation with the Undersecretary General for Habitat II, Wally N'Dow.

I am about to rejoin Planned Parenthood of New York City as a consultant on national and international issues. I also am a consultant for the New York State Democratic Committee working on fundraising and women's issues. Recently the First Lady was in town to help us out. My commitment to the Democratic Party is long and deep. As Harold Ickes can tell you, I was involved in the Clinton campaign in New York State from the primary to the victorious November election.

The goals of the UN conferences on which I hope to work at Planned Parenthood can only be achieved with the reelection of the President and Vice-President. Helping to achieve those ends, I believe, is sending a strong U.S. delegation of women and men to the PrepCom and final conference. I would be honored to be a part of that team and hope it is possible. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Peggy Kerry

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

1995 NEW YORK HOUSING CONFERENCE
Consultant

Helped to develop strategy to advocate for maintenance of low income housing programs and to analyze HUD's "reinvention" and budget recisions.

1994 - PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NEW YORK CITY
1995 Consultant to Public Affairs Department

Prepared for and participated in United Nations International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in Cairo, Egypt. Also attended regional meeting of Economic Commission for Europe in Vienna, preparing for the World Conference on Women. As a volunteer, monitored PrepCom II and III for the World Summit for Social Development and monitored the Summit in Copenhagen. Participated in the NGO Forum for Women and monitored PrepCom III for the World Conference on Women, following closely language on reproductive rights and health. Attended NGO Forum and World Conference on Women in Beijing in August and September, 1995, as a member of the Planned Parenthood of NYC delegation.

1979 - COMMUNITY SERVICE SOCIETY
992 Director of Government Relations

Effectively promoted Community Service Society public policies at the City, State and Federal levels, with greatest time and energy devoted to influencing State legislative and administrative policy.

Areas of focused attention included the impact of the Federal budget cuts, welfare reform and income security, support for continued funding for education, health and housing programs for low-income people and continued Medicaid funding for abortions.

Major lobbying successes: welfare grant increases, the special needs housing bills, shelter capitalization bill, the bankruptcy bill establishing tenant protections, homeless housing assistance program, housing trust fund and worker cooperatives legislation.

Lobbying skills include the ability to organize and mobilize coalitions around issues, an in-depth understanding of the legislative process, a perceptive and analytical skill at developing strategy for effective advocacy, and a talent for articulating and negotiating the Community Service Society agenda with legislators, staffs, State agencies and the Executive.

1975 - NEW YORK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
1978 Trial Preparation Assistant

In collaboration with the assistant district attorneys, worked on jury selection, witness preparation, trial tactics and legal research -- primarily major felony cases. Maintained liaison with New York City Police Department and other relevant City agencies for the purpose of screening evidence.

RESUME

PEGGY KERRY

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- 1973 - 1974** **COUNCILMAN CARTER BURDEN'S OFFICE**
Researcher and Administrative Assistant
- Revised proposed New York City Corrections Code. Maintained collaborative relationship with Department of Corrections, Board of Correction, and penal reform groups in New York City. Staff for Special Committee on Drug Treatment Programs in City Council. Coordinated hearings and worked with Federal, State and City agencies and community groups on methadone maintenance programs.
- 1972** **PENAL REFORM INSTITUTE**
Administrative Director
- Responsible for setting up institute in Washington, D.C. which later merged with American Civil Liberties Union Prisoners' Rights Project. Extensive work with legislators on a national and state level and with executives of other prison projects. Responsible for fund raising.
- 1971** **MAYOR'S EDUCATION TASK FORCE**
Task Force Member
- Mayor John Lindsay's representative to the Southern Christian Leadership Council, United Farm Workers Organizing Committee and all peace groups in New York City. Served as Mayor's representative with colleges, schools, police and community groups in the Bronx and reported their concerns to City Hall for inclusion in policy determination.
- 1969 - 1970** **NEW YORK CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION**
Assistant to Associate Director and Assistant Legislative Director
- Staff representative to other agencies and groups on issues from abortion reform to school decentralization. Coordinator of group of lawyers to handle cases for United Farm Workers Organizing Committee and to serve as legal observers at demonstrations in New York City. In charge of Legislative Action Committee in New York State.

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:

- 1995** **NEW YORK STATE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE**
Fundraiser and Women's Constituency Organizer
- 1994** **McCALL FOR STATE COMPTROLLER**
Fundraiser
- 1993** **COMMITTEE FOR DAVID N. DINKINS**
Fundraiser / Constituencies Organizer
- Worked on fundraising. Worked on women's and environmental groups' support. Helped set up New York Citizens for Dinkins, a semi-independent group of prominent citizens. Co-organized the Arts and Letters Committee.

RESUME

PEGGY KERRY

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1992 NEW YORK CLINTON/GORE CAMPAIGN

Volunteered in last weeks of New York primary election with national surrogate speakers desk. Volunteered during Convention with VIP desk. During general election, volunteered with Women Working for Clinton/Gore on Hillary Clinton/Tipper Gore breakfast. Worked for Director of New York State Coordinated Campaign on communication with county chairs and state committee.

OTHER EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE:**1968 ROGER BALDWIN FOUNDATION OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION**
Administrative Assistant to the Director-Counsel

Assisted with fund-raising in New York City and served as liaison with the Foundation's programs in other cities.

1966 - 1967 CARE, INC.
Field Representative in Boston, Massachusetts

In charge of writing fund-raising materials and fund-raising projects in high schools and colleges in the New England area.

1963 - 1967 TEACHER OF ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE
Employment in Cambridge, England and Cambridge, Massachusetts**AFFILIATIONS AND INTERESTS:**

Member, New York State Democratic Committee (elected in 1990)
National Board Member and UN Representative (1995), Women's Action for New Directions (WAND)
Member of UN Representative Team for Economists Allied for Arms Control (ECAR) (1995)
Member, National Women's Political Caucus
Member, New York Civil Liberties Union
Member, Catholics for a Free Choice
Former Board Member, Veritas Foundation Therapeutic Drug Rehabilitation Program
Former Board Member, Bellevue Hospital Community Board
Member of Committee on AIDS
Co-Chair of Bellevue Shelter Oversight Committee
Former Member, Steering Committee, SRO Tenants Rights Coalition
Former Member, Coalition for the Homeless
Former Board Member, Americans for Democratic Action (1973-1983)
Former freelance writer for *Village Voice* (1971-1973)

EDUCATION

B.A. Degree, Smith College

References will be supplied upon request.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 28, 1995

The Hon. C. Everett Koop, M.D.
6707 Democracy Blvd.
Suite 107
Bethesda, MD 20817

Dear Dr. Koop:

During his State of the Union address in January, 1995, the President identified teenage pregnancy as "the most serious problem facing our nation today," and called for a national initiative to reduce teen pregnancy. In a series of private meetings since that address, the President has asserted that any national effort to reduce adolescent pregnancy must be bipartisan, non-political, and long term, and that especially in a presidential election year, those ends were best achieved by organizing an effort in the private rather than the public sector. With the full support of the President, a group has been hard at work over the last few months to develop specific plans for a private sector campaign.

On behalf of the President, I am writing to ask that you help to lead this campaign by agreeing to serve on a national campaign leadership board. In this role, you will be joined by a number of other prominent Americans drawn from the media and entertainment industry, the foundation community, academia, medicine, the clergy, child and adolescent advocacy, and local programs concerned with teenage pregnancy. The time required will be limited, but your visible support and commitment to this issue is essential to the campaign's success. You are widely known, deeply respected, and highly skilled in talking with Americans about a wide variety of health topics, including very sensitive ones such as HIV/AIDS.

The purpose of the campaign will be to focus communities, parents, and teenagers themselves on the serious problem of teen pregnancy. Reducing pregnancy among unmarried teenagers is an essential step in creating a better life for young people themselves and for the next generation as well. There are multiple pathways to this goal, and communities will vary in their preferred methods of reducing adolescent pregnancy. Fortunately, there is a large body of experience and research in this area that can be drawn on to craft specific messages and strategies.

The President has asked Dr. Isabel Sawhill of the Urban Institute to develop specific plans for the national campaign, and we have requested that she follow-up with a call to you shortly. She will provide more details about campaign plans and will explain more precisely what we have in mind. I have also attached a recent paper that she and others developed to provide additional background.

The Hon. C. Everett Koop, M.D.
December 28, 1995
Page Two

I hope very much that you will agree to work on this important campaign leadership group. The President joins me in sending kindest regards and best holiday greetings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Hillary".

Hillary Rodham Clinton

Attachment

Hope all is well with you and yours —

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 23, 1995

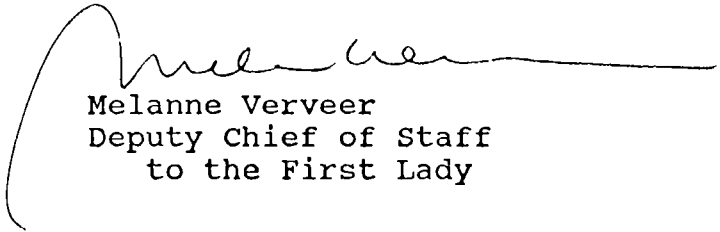
Mr. Daniel Kozak
59 Priscilla Avenue
Dix Hills, NY 11746

Dear Mr. Kozak:

Thank you so much for the kind words regarding my presentation at the TWG Leadership Conference. It was a wonderful gathering. We enjoyed receiving your essay and poems regarding Ukraine and the tapes.

Thanks again for your thoughtfulness and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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Daniel Kozak



59 Priscilla Avenue
Dix Hills, NY 11746
October 9, 1995

Ms. Melanne S. Verveer
Deputy Assistant to the President
& Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melanne:

I was delighted to have gotten the chance to meet you at the TWG Leadership Conference last weekend. Your presentation was very, very nice, indeed....

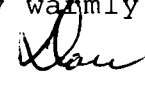
Thank you for giving me a few moments to talk to you. You are indeed a very gracious person. I know you met a lot of people there, but I'm sure you'll remember me from my red, white & blue calling card - same as the one attached here-upon. If you recall, we spoke about my mini-literary effort on the history of Ukraine (that is, my essay co-authorship with Mr. Walter Billy).

In the event that Mrs. Clinton hadn't seen the copy I sent the President, I thought perhaps she might - through you.... So, I've therefore enclosed a copy for that purpose - or for whatever you may see fit. Incidentally, the reason Walter and I wrote it, was for "Ukrainian Night" at Eisenhower Park, Nassau County, LI, NY, back in 1983. I've since tried to disseminate copies of it to whomever I thought would be interested - and perhaps where it might be useful in formulating a better understanding of Ukraine....

Again, it was a pleasure meeting you - perhaps we'll meet again somewhere along the (Ukrainian) path....

P.S. I know President Clinton likes to "ham-it-up" with his sax. I'm a Karaoke Singer-DJ - and my son, Dan, Jr. does the sax with his own jazz group in Topeka, KS. We (Dan, Jr. & I) did the enclosed tape for my daughter Renee's 1993 wedding. She & I did the "daddy-daughter dance" to it. Please accept the two tapes, one as a personal gift to you - and the other to Mr. & Mrs. Clinton (perhaps to be used for their own daughter's wedding day....)

Very warmly yours,



"Cap'n Dan" Kozak

Encl: Copies of: Essay, UKRAINE; Poems, PASSION FOR FREEDOM, UKRAINE (Land of Beauty - Land of Pain), 2 "DADDY'S LITTLE GIRL" tapes & Karaoke flyer

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 21, 1995

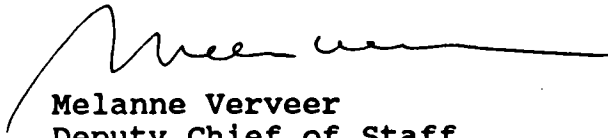
Mr. John H. Kim
Secretary General
The Korean-American Coalition on JungShinDae,
Inc.
276 5th Ave, Suite 806
New York, NY 10001

Dear Mr Kim:

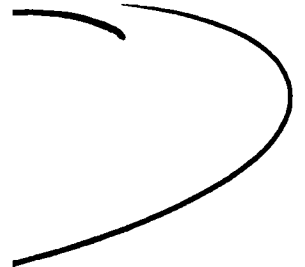
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Thanks again and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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The Korean-American Coalition on JungShinDae,
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276 5th Ave, Suite 806
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Dear Mr Kim:

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important in relation to women's rights and
your input is greatly appreciated.~~

Thanks again and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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(가나다순)

BY FAX

DATE: 8/25/95

TO: The White House

ATTN: The First Lady

FAX NO: 202) 456-6266

RE: Beijing Conference

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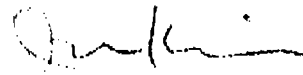
Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Our group is sending about 25 delegates to the World Conf. on Women in Beijing.

Our group has been campaigning for justice on behalf of the "comfort women" victims from Korea.

We would appreciate very much if you could also add your voice for the "comfort women" at the Beijing Conference. We look forward to your help and leadership in resolving this issue.

Respectfully yours,


John H. kim,
Secretary General,
KACJ

PS. For your info. I am faxing you a copy of our appeal.

Comfort Women *an unfinished ordeal*



JAPAN: REDRESS FOR JUSTICE, NOT CHARITY MONEY!

Japan is now asking for a permanent seat on the UN Security Council as if it has done enough penitence for its past war crimes. Nothing is further from the truth.

WW II is not over in Asia yet--especially for those non-Japanese victims of Japan's war of aggression in Asia-Pacific region, including many surviving "comfort women" who were forced into sexual slavery for the Japanese military. These Korean, Chinese, Taiwanese, Filipino, and other Asian-Pacific women victims who are in their 60s and 70s are still seeking justice from Japan.

So far, Japanese officials have offered only words of apology and charity money by forming a private foundation, etc. Instead of taking direct responsibility for the victims, Japan is still refusing to pay any direct compensation to the individual victims--nor has it prosecuted any war criminals on its own. We must stop this evasion, delay and hypocrisy.

Please add your voice! Write to Prime Minister Murayama and others whose names appear below. Urge them to take immediate steps to provide full rehabilitation and restitution to the victims.

Prime Minister Murayama
2-3-1 Nagatacho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan

President Clinton
The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500

Secretary General Boutros-Ghali
United Nations, New York, NY 10017

Korean American Coalition on Jungshinda, Inc.
276 5th Ave., #806, NY, NY 10001 212)679-3482



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Marcela von Vacano
Peter Wilderottter
Susan Wysocki

August 23, 1995

Ms. Melann Verveer
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

VIA FACSIMILE # 202/456-6244

Dear Melann:

The following is the letter I called you about yesterday. I hope you can see that it gets to Mrs. Clinton.

Thank you for your help.

Cordially,

Frances
Frances Kissling
President

FK/sa

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Respond ? Don't
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Francis Kissling

August 23, 1995

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Dear Mrs. Clinton,

We've all been talking about you and China, about whether or not you should go to the 4th World Conference on Women in Beijing. Many in the women's movement are urging you to go; many conservatives are insisting that you stay away. The *New York Times* says go; the *Washington Post* says don't. I have no idea what advisors in the White House or the State Department prescribe, although you are reported to have a "passionate interest" in attending the meeting.

I wish you could go incognito. Clearly your recent international travel has expanded your agenda on behalf of women. Clearly your history as a woman who understands women's rights -- and, dare I say it, feminism -- and who has participated in the development of women's rights perspectives here in the United States makes many of us want you to be there.

I wish you could go officially. I would hope to see you make the kind of intelligent and passionate speech on behalf of women's rights that your history would dictate, a speech that would have all the more impact given your stature as the "first lady" of the United States.

But you cannot go incognito, and I strongly believe you should not go officially.

I know there are those who say you would not be going to China, but to a UN conference which merely happens to be in China -- that the issue of the conference is not China and human rights, but women and our human rights.

Yet this facade crumbles when one sees that China, not the United Nations, is deciding who gets to go and who gets left out. American citizens have been and are being denied visas by the Chinese, among them, US women of Tibetan ancestry and human rights activists who have been so bold as to announce that they will

bring books the Chinese consider unreadable. It would seem to me that our State Department -- and you -- should strongly protest these decisions, and not even consider gracing China with your presence if even one US citizen is denied a visa for the conference.

China is no mere bystander as policy is set for the conference. All of the Chinese women who will attend the non-governmental forum have been selected by their government. I call this to your attention, not as a criticism of these women, many of whom are working diligently and creatively on behalf of women, but to underscore the ways in which the conference is inextricably tied to the Chinese government. Because China is in charge of logistics, Chinese government officials have been able to limit the number of women who will have access to the official government meeting at any one time and they situated the NGO Forum far from the government meeting.

The deterioration of US relations with China over the last months is not an accidental phenomenon. In large part, the Clinton administration's appropriate expressions of concern about human rights in China have contributed to a worsening of relations. Even so, there is a great risk that the presence in China of one who holds your "rank" would signal a lack of appropriate horror by the administration in the face of human rights abuses by the Chinese government. Within the last week, the *New York Times* has reported the execution of 16 dissidents in China, executions reportedly carried out partly in preparation for this very conference. With your ambiguous status -- wife, not official -- it is unlikely that you would be allowed to address frankly and openly your feelings or the administration's positions about such matters.

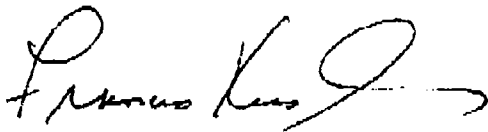
Very likely, you would need to ignore the plight of political prisoners whose sentences and conditions are abominable and life-threatening and, it has been reliably reported, have even involved the execution of prisoners so that their organs can be sold and transplanted. You certainly could not mention Harry Wu in your speeches, nor be free to speak out for the women who were denied visas to participate in a UN meeting which happens to be in China.

Would you be able to speak of the Chinese women who find their rights violated, sometimes by government, sometimes in the private sphere but with the government's acquiescence or indifference? Would your presence and your silence on these issues not be interpreted as indifference of a sort? Forced abortion is not a myth, nor are controls on the right of women, as well as men, to associate, to speak, and to publish what is on their minds. The Chinese government's assertion that universal human rights are limited by "cultural differences" is surely cause for concern.

Perhaps it is unfair to place so large a burden on your shoulders. After all, I am going to the conference, and I support the presence of a strong, high-level US delegation. Again, my friends in the women's movement say that it is better to go and deal with these issues to even the limited extent that will be possible, than to absent ourselves from so important an event. While that is a reasonable position for most of us to take, you are (rightfully, I believe) held to different standard. It is surely correct that your presence, like that of the President, reflects the highest principles and values of our country. You are not just any woman, not everywoman. You are the wife of the United States President, and where our country sends you speaks volumes.

I know this is a difficult decision, and you may in the end decide that significant good would come of your participation. Should you lead the US delegation, I hope that the issues raised in this letter will find their way into your public expression of solidarity with women worldwide.

Sincerely,



Frances Kissling
President

cc: Madeline Albright
Timothy Wirth
Marjorie Margolies Mezvinsky
Geraldine Ferraro

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 7, 1995

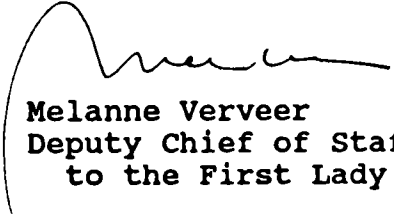
Ms. Emily Kass
Director
Fort Wayne Museum of Art
311 East Main Street
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

Dear Ms. Kass,

Mrs. Clinton asked me to thank you for your kind invitation to visit the exhibition of Hollis Sigler's work at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art. Mrs. Clinton appreciates the power of this exhibition in raising awareness about breast cancer, an issue with which she is deeply concerned. Unfortunately, she has no plans to be in Indiana at this time. She will keep your invitation in mind in case her plans change.

Thank you again for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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July 26, 1995

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311 East Main Street
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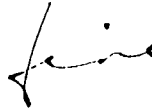
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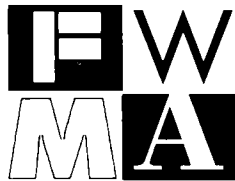
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FORT ■ WAYNE
MUSEUM OF ART

July 11, 1995

Hillary Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington DC

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

The Fort Wayne Museum of Art is privileged to host an important exhibition that combines the power of the visual arts with the community's concern about the issue of breast cancer. As several members of our advisory committee for the exhibition have indicated that you may be making a trip to Indiana in October or November to attend a breast cancer event, it is my hope that you will be able to include a visit to the exhibition at that time. Your presence here at the museum would be a significant addition to what promises to be a profound event in the museum's season.

Hollis Sigler: Working Towards Paradise explores the experience of breast cancer through Sigler's larger than life charcoal portraits of women who are breast cancer survivors, as is Sigler, and oil pastel drawings of interiors and landscapes expressing Sigler's experience with cancer. These drawings depict not only loneliness, despair, anger, and futility but also dignity, resolve, and a sense of purpose. Members of the advisory committee who have seen similar work by Sigler have indicated that the exhibition has emotional power similar to that of the AIDS memorial quilt. We know that the exhibition is a powerful statement that will raise awareness about breast cancer. Perhaps you saw the similar 1994 Sigler exhibition at the National Museum of Women in the Arts; it drew the largest attendance for an exhibition at that museum. We expect a similar response here.

Based in Chicago, Hollis Sigler has been a nationally known artist for more than a dozen years and has been painting professionally since 1973. In 1985 she was diagnosed as having breast cancer and underwent a mastectomy and chemotherapy immediately. In the late 1980s the breast cancer was found again and Sigler underwent radiation treatments. When it was discovered in 1992 that the cancer had metastasized to her bones, Sigler decided to acknowledge her own cancer through her painting.

Among the educational programs that we will present in conjunction with the exhibition, one may be of particular interest to you. We are planning a book signing by Marcia Adams, a nationally known cookbook author and the author of the forward for Just Peachy: Cooking up a Cure, a cookbook to which you and President Clinton contributed a recipe. As you may recall, the cookbook

contains, in addition to recipes, important information about cancer and women's health. Proceeds from sale of the cookbook go to the Indiana University Cancer Center's research program.

Our education programs have been designed by a community advisory committee working with our curator of education. Organizations represented on the committee include the American Cancer Society, Cancer Services of Allen County, the Catherine Peachey Fund, the Conquering Breast Cancer Support Group, Erin's House (a local facility that helps children cope with loss and grief), Fort Wayne Women's Bureau, Indiana Breast Cancer Coalition, and Purdue Cooperative Extension Office. As with previous exhibitions, we are finding that the mix of social service activists and visual arts professionals is yielding a broad range of programming that will bring Sigler's message to the community.

We have included an information packet that contains several articles on Hollis Sigler and a catalogue that includes works similar to the works that will be a part of the exhibition here at the museum. Breast Cancer Journal: Walking with the Ghosts of My Grandmothers will give you a sense of the quality of Sigler's work, the power of her message, and her ability to move audiences.

Hollis Sigler: Working Towards Paradise will touch a broad range of audiences in northeast Indiana, northwest Ohio, and southern Michigan. I hope that you will be able to include this exhibition in your itinerary when you are in Indiana. It will be an honor to welcome you to Fort Wayne.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Emily Kass". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Emily Kass
Director

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July 10, 1995

Rev. Dr. Gerald Kuhn
Pastor Emeritus
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
7426 Idylwood Road
Falls Church, VA 22043

Dear Reverend Kuhn:

Thank you once again for your wonderful gift to Mother Teresa and the Missionaries of Charity on behalf of your wife, Muriel Kuhn. Enclosed is a photo from the dedication of Mother Teresa's new Home for Infants and Children that Mrs. Clinton thought you might enjoy. *As you can see the First Lady personally*

It was a pleasure to meet you. Thanks again and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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In memory of Muriel R. Kuhn
who passed away on 12 February 1995.

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Rev. Dr. Gerald E. Kuhn
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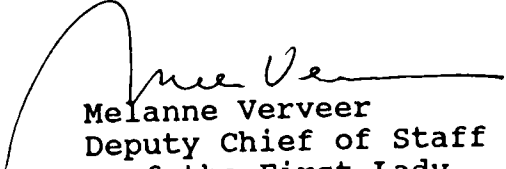
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Dear Miry and Leila,

Mrs. Clinton has asked me to thank you for inviting her to participate in your conference entitled, "Economic Empowerment of Women in the Middle East". Mrs. Clinton is devoted to improving the lives of women, wherever they may live, and she appreciates the important work you do.

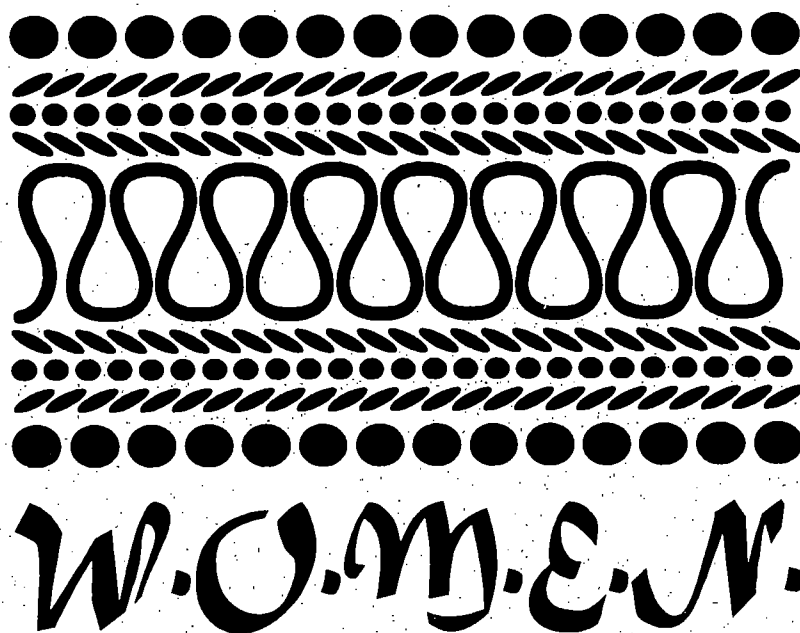
Regretfully, Mrs. Clinton will be unable to attend your conference. Thank you for thinking of the First Lady. Best of luck with your conference.

Sincerely yours,



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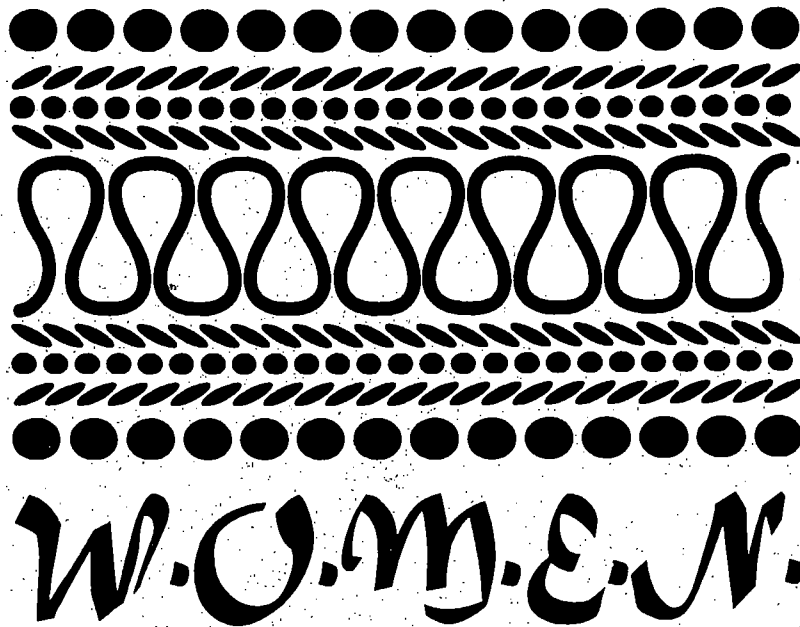
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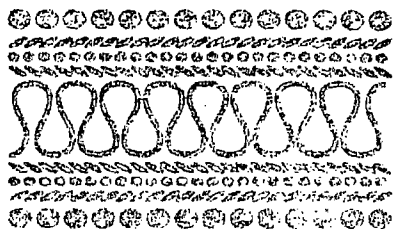
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Ms. Margaret Williams
Assistant to the President and
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

May 2, 1996

Dear Ms. Williams:

We are sending this proposal to you at the suggestion of my friend, Melinda Bates. We hope Mrs. Clinton will participate in our efforts to help women in the Middle East create peace for themselves, their families, and their communities. Although we are planning for September 1996, we will welcome any date suggested by the First Lady.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Cordially,

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Miry Livnat
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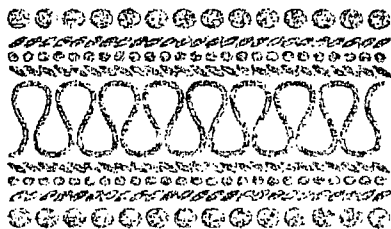
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The First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

May 2, 1996

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Your efforts to enhance the status of women worldwide has been an inspiration to women organizations in many countries. Similarly, yours and President Clinton's valiant efforts for peace has become a legend, especially to us in the Middle East.

It is in this vein that we, the Women of the Middle East, have come together to create a unique organization to do both: to promote peace and help women. Our organization is called W.O.M.E.N. - Women's Organization Middle East Network. W.O.M.E.N. is led by Arab and Israeli women who are advocating Arab-Israeli coexistence by assisting in the economic empowerment of women from the region. Our mission is endorsed by Ambassadors to the U.S. from six Middle Eastern countries.

As the USAID has written to us, *"USAID applauds the efforts of your organization to support peace and provide meaningful economic benefit to women in the Middle East... the need to alleviate poverty and improve the educational status of women is important element in any sustainable regional development plan"*.

In an effort to showcase the work of women from several Arab countries and Israel, W.O.M.E.N. is preparing to host an exhibit entitled *"Weaving Peace"*, and a workshop conference entitled *"Economic Empowerment of Women in the Middle East"* here in Washington, D.C. in late September, 1996. Enclosed please find copies of endorsement letters and further information about W.O.M.E.N.

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At this tenuous time, when terrorists are trying to do all they can to derail the peace process, W.O.M.E.N. provides an excellent contrast. We would welcome your support for the goals and mission of W.O.M.E.N. in expectation of our exhibit and conference. That support could be expressed in the form of a letter, similar to the congressional letters enclosed, or, even better, your participation in our conference in September. Queen Noor of Jordan has also been invited to attend. Your joint attendance would send a message around the world about America's commitment - and your personal investment - in peace in the Middle East. (We will send your office firm dates for the conference as soon as they are confirmed).

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of our request.



Miry Livnat
President/Founder

Sincerely,



Leila N. Hakki
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March 26, 1996

Mrs. Miry Livnat, President
W.O.M.E.N.
2317 Ashboro Drive
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815

Dear Miry:

On behalf of the 200 member bipartisan Congressional Human Rights Caucus, which Congressman John Porter (R-IL) and I chair, I would like to invite the Women's Organization Middle East Network (W.O.M.E.N.) to display the exhibit, "Weaving Peace," on Capitol Hill. We are very pleased to sponsor this exhibit.

We understand that W.O.M.E.N. is a non-profit, non-governmental organization established to reduce poverty, promote development, and foster cooperation and peace in the Middle East by providing poor and disadvantaged women artisans an opportunity to improve their livelihood and increase their economic productivity by becoming successful business managers and entrepreneurs. These goals and your initiatives are truly admirable, and we share your belief and hope that such endeavors can promote understanding and good will as well as improve the economic conditions.

The W.O.M.E.N. exhibit will take place in the Rotunda of the Cannon House Office Building on Capitol Hill. This display will be viewed by numerous Members of Congress, government officials, diplomats, and visitors to our nation's capital.

We look forward to working with you on this very special exhibit.

Cordially

Tom Lantos
Member of Congress

"Weaving Peace"

On behalf of our governments and people, we share the initiative underlying W.O.M.E.N. and its goals.

We believe, like the founders of W.O.M.E.N., in promoting dialogue, understanding and good will among women in the region, as well as improving their economic status.

We salute W.O.M.E.N.'s success in bringing under its wings key members of Arab and Israeli affiliations in the United States, as well as establishing outstanding support among members of NGOs in the Middle East and North Africa.

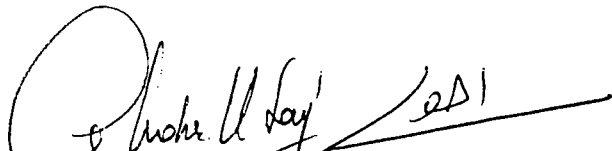
We therefore believe that this organization deserves the support and assistance of all those who share its ideals. W.O.M.E.N. certainly serves as an excellent model for peaceful coexistence and the encouragement of creativity and training to promote the fruits of peace.

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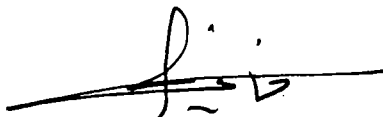
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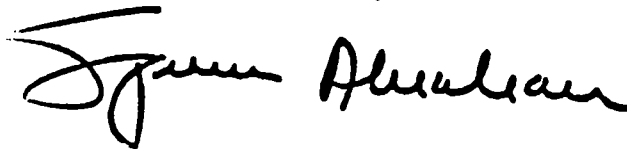
Ms. Miry Livnat
Ms. Leila Hakki
Women's Organization
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2317 Ashboro Drive
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Dear Miry and Leila:

I am writing to let you know of my support and endorsement for Women's Organization Middle East Network (W.O.M.E.N.). I commend your foresight in encouraging American, Arab, and Israeli women to actively work to promote peace in the Middle East through economic empowerment and cultural exchange.

Your efforts will not only assist women directly in the Middle East by encouraging entrepreneurial activities, but it will also fully encourage cross-cultural dialogue among Arab and Israeli women. I fully endorse this program and I wish you great success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

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Spencer Abraham
United States Senate

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Miry Livnat
President
Women's Organization Middle East Network (W.O.M.E.N.)
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Dear Mrs. Livnat:

On behalf of Secretary Ronald Brown, we are writing to you to say that Secretary Brown is pleased to welcome the W.O.M.E.N. event to the Commerce Department on September 25 through 29th. Secretary Brown is looking forward to greeting you personally at the Gala Evening Event on Wednesday, September 27th. He is delighted that you have selected the Commerce Grand Foyer and Auditorium as your exhibition site for the W.O.M.E.N. exhibition of handicrafts, household wares and apparel.

Sincerely,

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Connie Stack
Executive Secretariat



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Mr. Brian Atwood
Director
Agency for International Development
Department of State Building 320
21st Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20523

Dear Mr. Atwood:

I am writing to ask for your agency's support for a grant proposal being submitted by the organization W.O.M.E.N, Women's Organization Middle East Network. This is a non-profit, non-governmental group of American, Israeli, and Arab women who are working to promote peace in the Middle East through cross-cultural exchange and economic empowerment of poor and disadvantaged women artisans.

The requested grant is to be used for a workshop conference entitled, "Economic Empowerment of Women in the Middle East," and for the exhibition, "Weaving Peace." Congressman John Porter and I co-chair the 200 member bipartisan Congressional Human Rights Caucus, and we are anxious to sponsor this exhibit on Capitol Hill. I also plan to assist the group with the workshop conference.

W.O.M.E.N.'s goals and initiatives are truly admirable, and I strongly urge USAID to provide the necessary funding for their programs.

Cordially,

Tom Lantos
Member of Congress

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0504

April 29, 1996

The Honorable J. Brian Atwood
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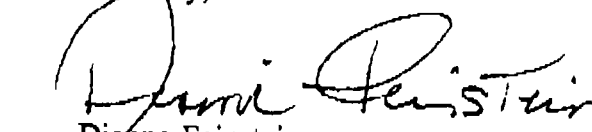
Dear Mr. Atwood:

I would like to bring to your attention the work of the Women's Organization Middle East Network (W.O.M.E.N.), which I wholeheartedly support. W.O.M.E.N. works to promote peaceful Arab-Israeli co-existence through economic empowerment and cultural exchange in the Middle East. This non-profit organization, not only promotes understanding and dialogue between Arab-Israeli women, but also strives to improve their economic and social status through vocational training and encouragement of entrepreneurial activities.

W.O.M.E.N.'s most recent efforts to further their goals include an exhibit entitled "Weaving Peace" and a conference entitled "Economic Empowerment of Women in the Middle East," both planned for Fall 1996. In order to fully implement these programs, W.O.M.E.N. intends to submit a grant proposal to USAID. Recognizing the potential this program has, I fully support W.O.M.E.N.'s efforts and encourage you to consider W.O.M.E.N.'s request for funds.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate

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March 20, 1996

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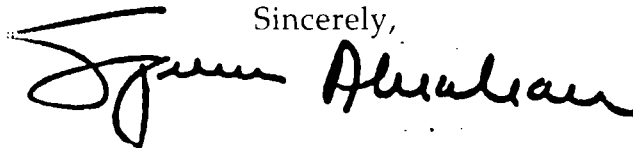
Dear Mr. Atwood:

I am writing to let you know of a wonderful organization, whose purpose and goals I wholeheartedly support. This organization, Women's Organization Middle East Network (W.O.M.E.N.), consists of American, Arab, and Israeli women who have been actively working to promote peace in the Middle East through economic empowerment and cultural exchange. Specifically, this organization provides disadvantaged women artisans in the Middle East with the opportunity to improve their livelihoods and well-being.

W.O.M.E.N. intends to submit a grant proposal to USAID for an upcoming exhibit entitled "Weaving Peace," and a workshop conference entitled "Economic Empowerment of Women in the Middle East," scheduled to occur in the Fall of 1996. This program will not only assist women directly in the Middle East by encouraging entrepreneurial activities, but it will also fully encourage cross-cultural dialogue among Arab and Israeli women. I fully endorse this program and I hope that you will seriously consider granting the necessary funds to W.O.M.E.N. so that they can carry out this worthy project.

I greatly appreciate your consideration of this request, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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جمهورية مصر العربية
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Mrs. Miry Livnat
President, W.O.M.E.N.
2317 Ashboro Dr.
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Dear Mrs. Livnat,

It was with great pleasure that I learned of your W.O.M.E.N project. I commend you on yet another fine example of a lifetime devotion in assisting underprivileged women in the Middle East.

The promotion of Middle Eastern handicraft and artware through a joint exhibit in Washington deserves the support of everyone familiar with the high quality of our products and who shares the desire for strengthening a peace fueled by economic activity and improvement in the standard of living.

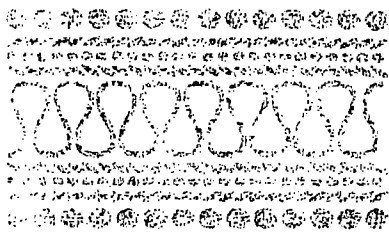
There is no doubt in my mind that the world would be a better place if the enthusiasm and goals of W.O.M.E.N were to become commonplace. I therefore wish W.O.M.E.N. success in realizing its goals, and I am looking forward to further cooperation.

Again I commend you and W.O.M.E.N. on your efforts and I can assure you that you have my full support in this project.

With my best wishes,

Amal Osman

Dr. Amal Osman
Minister of Social Affairs



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W.O.M.E.N, Women's Organization Middle East Network

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W.O.M.E.N. is a non-profit, tax exempt organization founded in May 1994 in Washington, D.C. Its mission is *to foster peace in the Middle East by advocating Arab-Israeli coexistence and assisting in the economic empowerment of women from the region.*

W.O.M.E.N. was inspired by the September 1993 handshaking between the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Chairman Yasser Arafat. Following the historical White House ceremony, a group of Arab, Israeli, and American women who believe that women have a particular responsibility to promote peace have been actively working together towards the realization of this goal. At a time when the death toll of innocent people is sadly on the rise, our joint effort in fostering peace is even more timely than ever. Recently, at President Mubarak's invitation to gather at Sharm El Sheikh, leaders from all countries of the world found it imperative to join forces and recommit their countries to the peace process.

W.O.M.E.N. aims to serve as an international umbrella organization, striving to bring together Arab and Israeli women and women's organizations by:

- Promoting dialogue, understanding, and good will among Middle Eastern women through participation in cross-cultural workshops, conferences, and exhibits;
- Improving the economic and social status of low-income Arab and Israeli women by providing them with vocational training. Enhancement of existing skills will enable the women to manufacture high-quality products geared to a broad market;
- Supporting efforts of women in the region to become self-sufficient by encouraging entrepreneurial activities in poor, rural and urban areas of the Middle East.

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Projects

- W.O.M.E.N. has been invited by Her Excellency Dr. Amal Osman, Egypt's Minister of Social Affairs to improve the quality and market competitiveness of bedding products manufactured by Egyptian women under the auspices of the *Productive Families Project*. We are currently working to secure funds for the first two phases of this project.
- W.O.M.E.N. prepared project proposal for training Ethiopian women in Israel in the manufacture of embroidery and for training Israeli Bedouin women in the Negev, in jewelry production.
- W.O.M.E.N. prepared project proposal for training Palestinian women affiliated with embroidery centers in the West Bank, and for conducting a pre-feasibility study for manufacturing citrus preserves in Gaza.
- W.O.M.E.N. is preparing a joint exhibit - "*Weaving Peace*", and a workshop conference entitled "*Economic Empowerment of Women in The Middle East as a Means of Promoting Peace in the Region*".
- W.O.M.E.N. exhibited crafts from the region at the Tart Gallery, Washington, D.C.

Support

- W.O.M.E.N.'s charter and activities have been endorsed by the Ambassadors to the U.S. of all the participating countries (enclosure).
- W.O.M.E.N.'s mission has been endorsed by Her Majesty Queen Noor El Hussein; the Queen also expressed interest in assisting W.O.M.E.N. in its future activities.
- W.O.M.E.N.'s activity has been endorsed by H.E. Dr. Amal Osman, Egypt's Minister of Social Affairs (enclosure).
- Senators Spencer Abraham (R-Mich.) and Dianne Feinstein (D-Cal.) are circulating in the Senate an endorsement letter for W.O.M.E.N. (enclosure).
- Congressmen John E. Porter (R-Ill.) and Tom Lantos (D-Cal.) are enlisting Congressional support for W.O.M.E.N.; they will host an exhibit for W.O.M.E.N. at the Rotunda of the Cannon Building on Capitol Hill (enclosure).
- Senior officials in the Agency for International Development (U.S. AID) expressed strong interest in supporting *Weaving Peace*, W.O.M.E.N.'s international exhibit project. A proposal is in the works to formalize AID's financial support.
- *The Builders of Peace*, an organization established by Vice-President Al Gore to promote peace and economic cooperation in the Middle East, has generously allocated an office space for W.O.M.E.N. at the organization's headquarters in Washington, D.C.

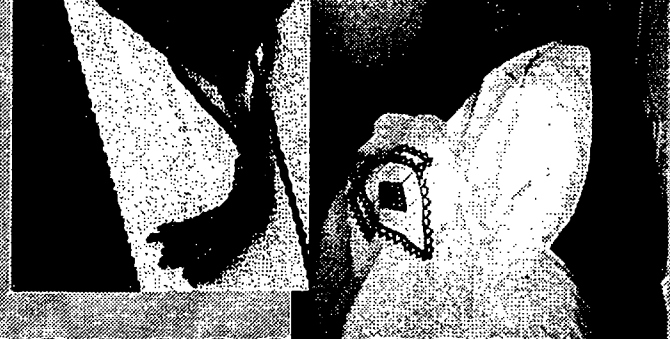
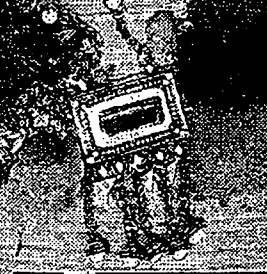
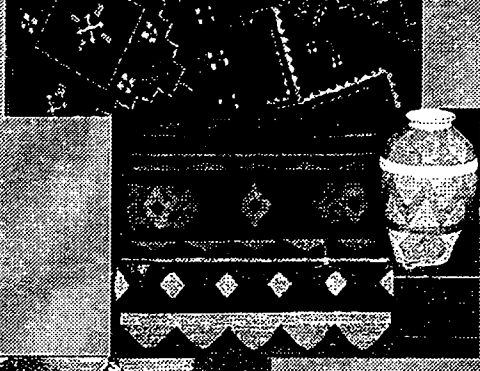
Needs

Several Middle Eastern and Maghreb entities concerned with women issues have expressed a need for training, credit, and technical assistance. Many women in these regions have skills in an array of traditional crafts and home products. Once provided with vocational training, equipment, working capital, and marketing channels, these women could apply their skills towards the establishment of self-supporting enterprises. A modest investment combined with a work setting cognizant of cultural and societal constraints, would promote the women's integration into the productive economic sectors of their respective countries.

Networking

W.O.M.E.N. has:

- Established numerous contacts with senior officials, non-profit and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco, the Palestinian Authority, Tunisia, and the U.S., specifically:
 - The *Productive Families Project*, an umbrella for numerous NGOs under Egypt's Ministry of Social Affairs.
 - The *Queen Noor Al Hussein Foundation* and *Queen Alia Fund for Social Development* in Jordan.
 - The *Women's Technical Affairs Office (WATC)* of the Palestinian Authority that oversees numerous craft centers in the West Bank and the Gaza area.
 - Ethiopian and Bedouin women in Israel, and
 - Moroccan women in sub-Saharan carpet weaving cooperatives.
- Conducted fact-finding trips to the Middle East. In the course of these trips, W.O.M.E.N.'s Board members contacted women and women's organizations in the region, visited numerous women's craft centers, and assessed their technical needs.
- Established coordinating committees in Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Tunisia and the West Bank to serve as liaisons between NGOs and W.O.M.E.N.'s Washington headquarters.
- Been portrayed on a special program produced by the *Arab Network of American (ANA)* and aired in twenty Arab countries.
- Attended the *1994 Casablanca Middle East Economic Summit* and made a formal presentation at the *1995 London International Middle East Businesswomen's Conference*.
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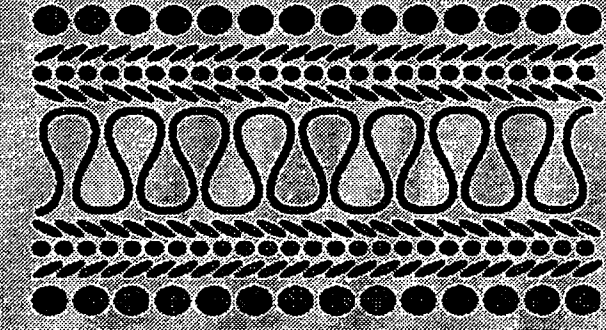
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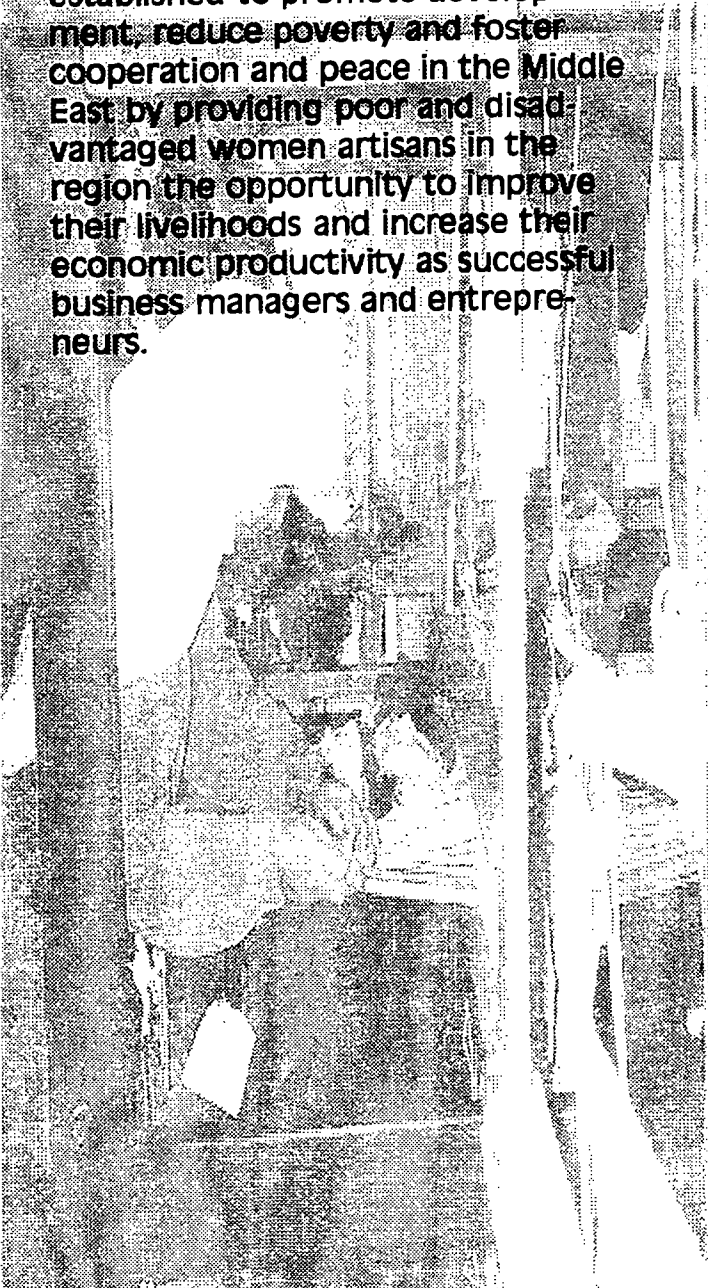
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- ❧ open new channels, distribution systems and outlets in the international market for women micro-entrepreneurs and artisans in the Middle East and the Maghreb
- ❧ promote social services for the women involved in the program enabling them to balance their business and family responsibilities

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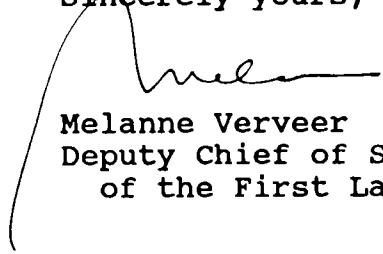
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Dear Wendy and Laurie,

Thank you for your letter and update on the Children's Partnership programs. It was nice to hear from you.

Thanks for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


Melanne Verveer
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Cheers,
Wendy*

Melanne Verveer
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Dear Melanne:

Spring Greetings. We're pleased to provide you with this update on The Children's Partnership's work along with some information that we hope will be useful to you.

During the past six months, our work has moved increasingly towards connecting our program strategies with community engagement and action, putting us in touch with people all across the country. What is most extraordinary is the energy and innovation that people nationwide are bringing to children's issues. While the current policymaking and public opinion climate presents many hurdles and uncertainties, there is also a new flurry of activity for kids -- in communities and nationally. We hope this letter will give you a flavor of this activity, and how we at The Children's Partnership are helping to move these emerging efforts forward.

Uninsured Children and the Changing Policy Environment: A Strategic Audit

One of the areas of greatest change has been health care and health insurance. Following the historic events of the past few years -- from unsuccessful health reform at the federal level to large-scale realignment of the health care industry -- nearly 10 million children now have no health insurance, and millions more are at risk of losing it. Between September 1995 and January 1996, The Children's Partnership interviewed more than 100 diverse actors in the health arena and analyzed the latest data and literature to assemble a contemporary snapshot of children who need insurance. Our mission was to identify the openings and the obstacles to extending health coverage to needy children.

The summary of our findings and recommendations for action are contained in our new Strategic Audit, an analytic tool developed by The Children's Partnership to gather timely information on an issue and present it in a manner that leads to strategic decision-making. This new product, Uninsured Children and the Changing Policy Environment: A Strategic Audit of Activities and Opportunities, is designed to help spark activity on this issue, and to guide state and federal officials, corporate leaders and advocates as they make important decisions related to children's health. We will continue to monitor activities across the country in this important and fluid area and help put together new and promising approaches.

We are pleased to enclose for you a copy of the Executive Summary of this publication which was developed with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. RWJ has also helped us make this information available for distribution, so if you would like a copy of the full Audit (roughly 35 pages, plus extensive reference materials), please contact Carrie Spencer in our Los Angeles office.

America's Children & The New Politics

The Children's Partnership has launched a multi-year project to develop long-term strategies for advancing a child and family agenda. One of our first efforts was to examine the history of social movements in America to identify the lessons that might strengthen the cause for children and families.

To examine that question and to focus on the need for and possibility of a broad-based constituency for children, The Children's Partnership helped bring 27 people to The Wingspread Conference Center in Racine, Wisconsin in mid-February. They came to

participate in the discussion "Building a Constituency for Children: Community and National Strategies." The Conference was co-sponsored by the Coalition of Community Foundations for Youth, the Johnson Foundation and The Children's Partnership in association with Dr. Raphael Sonenshein, Political Science Professor at Cal State Fullerton. The funders included the Ford, Kellogg, and Packard Foundations and the Foundation for Child Development.

The discussions were challenging and vigorous -- with a general consensus that broadening the base for children and families, while keeping true to the spirit of helping every child, is a top priority. The group felt that one important next step was to extend the discussions to a broader circle of colleagues. To that end, we will be publishing a Wingspread Conference Highlights booklet, as well as a monograph of Harvard Professor Theda Skocpol's presentation on the history of American social movements -- both of which we will send to you shortly.

We were delighted to receive very positive feedback about the meeting at Wingspread, including: "We have not in some years had so rich and powerful and sophisticated a discussion of an important national issue as your conference produced." (Charles Bray, President, The Johnson Foundation).

America's Children & The Information Superhighway

As we previewed for you in our last update, our program in the area of children and information technologies is of the "soup to nuts" variety. It integrates community-based demonstration projects with the release of timely data about children to the media and national and community leaders. In addition, we have targeted parents and corporate leaders as key audiences in order to ensure that accessible and quality information resources are available for every child.

- We have just completed the 1996 update of our original report, and you will be receiving a copy soon. We are grateful to the Carnegie Corporation of New York and ATT for enabling us to distribute this up-to-date information to a large leadership group. Please let us know if you have suggestions for people who should be on our regular mailing list.
- Our Parents' Guide to The Information Superhighway, created in partnership with the National PTA, the National Urban League, and the National Council of La Raza, will be released in June in conjunction with the 100th anniversary celebration of the PTA.
- The "Computers in Our Future Initiative," a \$6 million, five-year investment by The California Wellness Foundation to start-up community computing centers in 10 low-income communities in California is beginning to take shape in very exciting ways. This initiative combines a policy strategy, media and communications, public awareness, community organizing and corporate partnerships all directed towards preparing low-income youth for the jobs of the 21st Century.

On the home front, we are pleased to welcome Steven Weise, a partner with Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe, as our newest national advisor. Steve brings us legal expertise that we value greatly as we grow our efforts both organizationally and programmatically.

We will continue to provide you with updates on our work. As always, we welcome your comments, suggestions and counsel on these programs and materials. Thank you for your interest and support in our efforts for children.

Best wishes to you and your family,


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America's Uninsured Children and the Changing Policy Environment

A Strategic Audit of Activities and Opportunities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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THE CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP

The Children's Partnership is a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization whose mission is to inform leaders and the public about the needs of America's 70 million children, and to engage them in ways that benefit children. The Partnership undertakes research and policy analysis, publishes reports and materials, develops multimedia campaigns, and forges new alliances among parents, policymakers and the private sector to achieve tangible gains for children.

The Partnership focuses particular attention on identifying new trends and emerging issues that will affect large numbers of America's children and on providing early analysis and strategies for action.

The Children's Partnership was founded in November 1993. It benefits from the expertise of a distinguished board of national advisors who are leaders in diverse fields.

The Children's Partnership is a project of the Tides Center. Its work is supported by private foundations, corporations, the entertainment community, interested individuals and others with whom it partners on projects. The Children's Partnership has offices in Los Angeles and Washington, DC.

Current Programs

America's Children and the Information

Superhighway: A multi-year project exploring how the information superhighway and related technologies can best serve children, including a particular focus on how the corporate sector and parents can get involved. Publications include: America's Children & The Information Superhighway, and A Parents' Guide to the Information Superhighway which is currently being developed in conjunction with the National PTA.

America's Children and the New Politics: The 1994 elections recast national politics, and the results will significantly affect social policy for children. The Children's Partnership has developed strategies and materials to help mobilize national and community leadership on behalf of children's interests, including: The New Politics and America's Children and

The Contract with America: Its Impact on Children and Families as well as An American Children's Movement: Ten Essential Ingredients, published in conjunction with Dr. Raphael Sonenshein, Political Science Professor at California State University.

Children and Health Care Reform: A multi-year project to monitor changes in health policy and identify openings to improve health insurance coverage of and services for children. The project also seeks ways to help parents become effective advocates for their children within a new health care system.

Publishing Ventures

The Children's Information Service: A national information service for the media, which provides timely bulletins about children's issues and stories, and frames news and events from the perspective of their effect on children, is currently in development.

Strategic Audits: The Children's Partnership researches and writes strategic analyses on select issues. For example, the Partnership has published Community Organizing and Advancing a Children's Agenda, in conjunction with the Coalition of Community Foundations for Youth; and America's Uninsured Children and the Changing Policy Environment with the support of The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

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AMERICA'S UNINSURED CHILDREN AND THE CHANGING POLICY ENVIRONMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Not since the enactment of Medicaid in 1965 has there been so much at stake for children's health insurance in the United States. The profound changes taking place in the health marketplace -- along with the major policy and fiscal changes Congress is contemplating -- pose serious risks and perhaps some opportunities for the millions of American children who are uninsured or on the brink of becoming uninsured.

Over the next few months and years, Congress, governors, employers, insurers, legislators, and others will make vital decisions determining which children get insurance or retain it and what health services their insurance buys. For the 16.7 million American children who are insured through Medicaid, and the 9.6 million more who have no insurance (neither public nor private), these extremely high-stakes decisions will be made in a political environment where children's interests are severely underrepresented.

Based on extensive research undertaken between September and December 1995, this Strategic Audit provides health leaders, policymakers, funders, and others who are concerned about children's health with a current and concise briefing on an increasingly serious problem. It also suggests short-term and longer-term strategies for improving insurance coverage for children, using approaches tailored to the new and changing policy environment.

About this Strategic Audit

This work was made possible through a grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The Audit was conducted by The Children's Partnership, a national nonprofit, nonpartisan policy and strategy center, as part of its mission to identify new trends affecting children and craft new strategies to address them. This Audit is one in a series produced by The Children's Partnership on subjects of national importance to America's children. It is written for a broad audience concerned with the well-being of children, including health professionals, policymakers, civic and corporate leaders, and grantmakers.

How We Conducted this Audit

This Audit is based on four months of analysis and research, including a review of available literature and data; interviews with dozens of clinical and academic experts, leaders of health and children's organizations, employers, and other key health players; an investigation of relevant public opinion research; and a sampling of state and local activities encompassing public sector initiatives, private sector initiatives, and public-private partnerships.

The Baseline: Children and Health Insurance Today

Children and Insurance: At a Glance (1993)

Number of Children in the U.S: 69.8 million
Number Insured by Employers: 37.4 million
Number with Other Private Insurance: 9.6 million
Number Insured by Medicaid: 16.7 million
Number with No Insurance: 9.6 million

Health insurance has been -- and remains today -- a crucial link to needed health care for children. In this Audit, we use the term "health insurance" to mean the financing of health benefits through a private plan or a public program such as Medicaid. It encompasses payment as well as a package of benefits. Children without insurance are more likely than insured children to have untreated health problems and to be inadequately immunized. Yet:

- The number and proportion of American children with no health insurance is on the rise. By 1993, more than one out of every eight children -- 9.6 million -- had no health insurance;
- Increasing numbers of children have had to turn to the publicly-funded Medicaid program because they are poor and cannot afford private insurance. In 1992, one in four American children was insured through Medicaid, and nearly half of all Medicaid beneficiaries were children.

This Audit documents that, without a concerted effort to counteract this trend, the number of uninsured children will almost certainly continue to rise.

- The number and percentage of children who have health insurance through their parents' employers are on the decline and appear likely to continue to decline.
- The rate of federal and state-level Medicaid expansions, which have served to cushion the impact of declining employment-based coverage, will level off at best.
- Federal proposals to convert Medicaid into a block grant and reduce its funding over time place at risk the largest and most significant source of insurance for children who would otherwise have none.

Finally, this Audit recognizes that the debate about health care has shifted almost exclusively to costs, cost-containment and financing. Yet, the public continues to be concerned about the quality of health care, access to services, and children's health in particular. Improving health coverage for our nation's children is an opportunity to address both the public's concerns and the realities of spiraling health costs.

Building from the Present:

A Contemporary Look at What's Going on Across the Country

Over the past few years, there has been a great deal of activity in some states and localities designed to extend health insurance to uninsured children. While state and local leaders led these efforts, the financing for most children's coverage has come through the federal Medicaid program. Today, most state and local activities are "on hold" as planners and policymakers wait to see what the proposed federal changes will mean.

- The most common efforts are state initiatives to expand Medicaid eligibility beyond the minimum populations designated by federal law. As of April 1995, 37 states and the District of Columbia used Medicaid expansions as part of their strategies to insure more children.
- Other enterprising states including Minnesota, California, Massachusetts, and New York have established programs that go beyond Medicaid, using separate revenue sources such as taxes on health providers, cigarettes and/or alcohol, and surcharges on hospital rates. Most also rely on patient cost-sharing.
- Programs increasingly use managed care providers, based on the belief that managed care makes the most of available dollars. Some initiatives take unconventional approaches, such as Florida's Healthy Kids program, which designates school districts as "groups" which qualify for group insurance.
- Private sector efforts and public-private partnerships have sprung up in a number of communities, but still remain rare and extremely limited in reach. By far the largest is the Caring Program for Children, a Blue Cross/Blue Shield initiative to provide private insurance to poor children ineligible for Medicaid, which now insures 200,000 children in 23 states.
- Some pioneering community agencies, such as the ones in Fairfax County (Virginia), East Central Texas, and Roanoke Valley (Virginia), have raised special funds and recruited practitioners to provide preventive health care and support services to uninsured children. Hillsborough County (Florida) enacted a dedicated sales tax to finance managed care coverage for low-income uninsured persons.

These initiatives are extremely valuable models, but they barely make a dent in reducing the ranks of the 9.6 million children who have no health insurance. In addition, some of the states with the greatest unmet need are doing little to address it.

Shifting Sands:

Important Changes Now Underway and Implications for New Strategies

A number of profound changes taking place across the country are redefining the political environment in which health policy decisions are made. The emergence of the conservative right has changed the political playing field upon which health decisions are made, injecting important new proposals, players, and philosophies into the mix. In addition, shifts in public opinion, the role of employers, behavior by states, and federal policy-making are all influencing how the problem of uninsured children can best be addressed over the next three to five years.

Public Opinion: Polling conducted since the '94 election and interviews with pollsters suggest that public support for children's health is particularly strong -- especially for helping children whose parents work, but cannot afford insurance. The challenge is that the public knows remarkably little about the extent of the problem children face and holds negative views about reform efforts because of the failed federal attempts in 1994. It should be possible, however, to tap into the growing insecurity many Americans feel about losing their jobs and their health insurance to educate them about children's special vulnerability.

Employers: The role of employers, historically a principal source of health insurance for children, is undergoing significant change. Employer-based insurance now covers roughly 54% of American children, down from 61% just five years ago. Our Audit found that employers alone are unlikely to take the lead in covering dependent children, and that government and parents need to take on responsibilities as well. If this decline in employer-based insurance for children continues, it might create a larger middle class constituency that is more interested in health insurance security.

States Getting Ready for New Federal Policy: While some states are beginning to plan for block grants and fewer federal dollars, most of the state representatives we interviewed are taking a "wait and see" position. The states that have creatively used Medicaid and other financing to reach large numbers of uninsured children are concerned that they may not be able to cover those children in the future. And states that use

revenues other than Medicaid worry that they will need those funds to fill the gaps that may be left by Medicaid cuts. Only a few of those interviewed expressed optimism about reaching as many, or more, children as they do now.

Prospects for Reform at the Federal Level: Although a strong federal role on social issues runs against the current political tide, this Audit identified several scenarios in which federal leaders might decide to move forward to establish a national children's health plan. For example, if substantial reductions are made in human services programs, Congress may look for a politically saleable, sympathetic and relatively inexpensive initiative. Health insurance for children could be the humane choice of policymakers forced to make difficult choices in a tight fiscal environment.

Strategies for 1996 and Beyond

This Audit identified five immediate leverage points that, with targeted resources, could make a significant difference in the short-term for large numbers of children. Likewise, there are five longer-term strategies that ought to be deployed toward the goal of extending health coverage to all children within the next five to ten years.

If acted upon together, these suggestions could form the base for a comprehensive strategy which would link the needs of the uninsured with the insecurity of the insured and the interests of employers. A national policy for covering all children could be designed to offer coverage to the uninsured, insurance security to the middle class, and a reliable health insurance system plus financial relief for employers.

A. Seizing Immediate Opportunities -- Short-Term Strategies

1. Make Policymakers, Community Leaders, and the Public Aware of the Children's Perspective

The children's perspective has been largely invisible as key decisions are made at the federal, state, and local levels. This void can be filled by working with the media and others to create a steady flow of images that personalize the problem and show how various proposals affect children's ability to get needed health care.

2. Target the New Decision-Makers: State Lawmakers

As they respond to federal changes, governors and state legislators will exercise enormous influence during the next year. They are eager for guidance and should receive practical information about how to protect children now covered, how to make programs work better for children and families, and how to stitch together an effective health safety net.

3. Prepare to Move National Legislation

There could be opportunities in 1996 to move national legislation for uninsured children. Leaders for children ought to be ready with a plan. Next steps include enlisting the best policy talent and public opinion experts in the country to craft an initiative that incorporates sound public policy, fiscal common sense, and resonates with key constituents such as the insecure middle class and employers.

4. Develop Strategies for 1996 and Beyond

The 1996 presidential race offers a very important opportunity to raise the visibility of uninsured children, an issue the public says it cares a great deal about. Building on strategies used in the past few election cycles by the Coalition for America's Children, the Children's Defense Fund, Children Now and others, new elements focusing on uninsured children should be added in 1996. Polls, insider briefings, prime-time TV shows, and many other vehicles can help raise visibility and strengthen public support.

5. Act on Other Immediate but Less Obvious Opportunities

There are less obvious openings that ought to be acted upon now. Efforts should be redoubled in the states where important children's health initiatives are set to expire (such as New York's Child Health Plus Program) or where there is unfinished business (such as Arizona's tobacco tax fund for indigent children's care, which has not been fully implemented). A survey should be conducted nationwide, identifying such opportunities in every state, then using local efforts to help build a broader national constituency around the issue of uninsured children.

In addition, by maximizing the now under-utilized health insurance opportunities that exist in the child support system, hundreds of thousands of children could be helped and substantial Medicaid dollars could be saved. The enforcement of medical support orders should be strengthened, first, through a series of demonstration projects that experiment with different ways to increase performance. In addition, low-cost plans -- such as state employee health programs, Medicaid managed care plans or private insurance pools -- should be made available to non-custodial parents with support orders.

B. Extending Insurance to All Children -- The Next Five Years

1. Develop Contemporary Policy Approaches

The changed health market and political landscape described in this Audit require highly-tactical ideas, tailored to these unique times. Among the ideas that merit serious consideration at this time are ways to strengthen the work incentive feature of health insurance, target tax credits, increase access to low-cost plans, address coverage for children in the broader context of family health coverage, and involve schools and other child-serving institutions in local communities.

2. Craft and Carry Out a Sustained Communications Campaign

Public support for children's health is an incredibly powerful but as yet undeveloped resource. Further public opinion research should be conducted within a strategic framework and used to shape a sustained communications campaign that builds public support behind a health insurance strategy for all children.

3. Implement State Strategies in Tandem with the Federal Effort

Even as leaders work on a national solution, it would be a mistake to pin all hopes and efforts on a federal strategy. Especially with so much decision-making devolving to states and localities, states should be a core part of any strategy to reach all uninsured children. State demonstrations to provide universal coverage for children should be undertaken, and states with the necessary leadership in place should receive intensive technical assistance and private resources. Untested state approaches, including putting this issue before the voters as a ballot initiative, ought to be explored.

4. Engage the Employer Community

Given how important employers are to the children's cause -- as health care brokers, purchasers, financiers, and sometimes providers -- new research should be commissioned to identify how to motivate business leaders on this issue. Research should also explore specific ways in which business leaders might join forces with government in addressing the problem.

5. Build New Coalitions and Strengthen and Expand Leadership for Children's Health

Building upon polling results showing that the public trusts and respects physicians and pediatricians on health issues, these trusted leaders should join with other powerful new allies to move this issue forward. Ideal partners include leaders from the employer community, women, churches, local media, elected officials from both sides of the aisle, and senior citizens.

Conclusion

These extraordinary times of major change in public and private health insurance systems offer great risks and, at the same time, significant opportunities. The major conclusion that emerged from four months of intensive research is that now is the time to develop a forceful and comprehensive strategy to convert these changes into platforms for better policy for children. The ideas laid out here are intended to serve as the basis for a series of detailed, focused and directed conversations which we hope will lead to a comprehensive strategy and sustained action.

This Executive Summary is an abstract of the much more comprehensive report, America's Uninsured Children and the Changing Policy Environment. For further information, please contact The Children's Partnership (310-260-1220).

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April 23, 1996

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Dear Dr. Love: *Susan*

Thank you for your recent letter. I appreciated receiving the article from *The Cancer Journal from Scientific American*.

Thank you for writing, for keeping us apprised of your research, and for what you do every day.

Sincerely yours,

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March 22, 1996

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

Dear Melanne,

I thought you might be interested in our newly published paractice guidelines for breast diseases. I believe they are the first to be published and certainly the first to be tested in the clinical setting. I hope they are of use to you.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Love, M.D.
Director, Revlon/UCLA Breast Center

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WASHINGTON

April 23, 1996

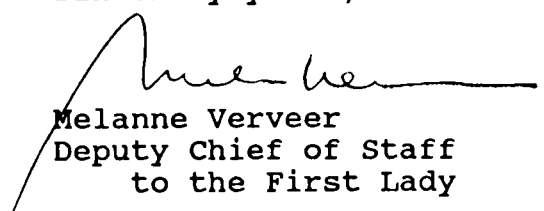
Sister Patricia Lynch
President
Holy Name Hospital
718 Teaneck Rd.
Teaneck, NJ 07666

Dear Sister Patricia:

The First Lady asked me to thank you for your recent remarks in The Record. Mrs. Clinton appreciates your continuing support and encouragement.

Thank you for caring and thank you for what you do every day. It was wonderful to hear from you again.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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April 2, 1996

Francis J. Lostumbo
President
National Council for International Health
1701 K Street, NW
Suite 600
Washington, DC 20006

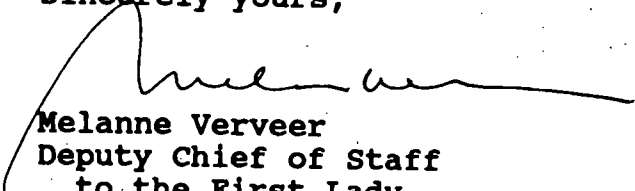
Dear Mr. Lostumbo,

The First Lady asked me to reply to your kind invitation for her to address NCIH's 23rd Annual Conference on Global Health. She regrets that because of a schedule conflict she will be unable to join you.

Mrs. Clinton would be happy to provide a video message for the conference. If you are interested, please contact my office and we will make the necessary arrangements.

Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
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FAX TRANSMITTAL

5 March 1996

Ms. Melinda VerVeer
Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20500

*Pls do a
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re: VIDE*

Dear Ms. VerVeer:

We are forwarding a letter to the First Lady inviting her to address our 23rd Annual Conference on Global Health June 9-12, 1996, in Crystal City, Virginia, and respectfully ask that you bring this invitation to her attention.

We are, of course, in an election year and strongly believe that our constituency -- usually between 1,200 and 1,400 at the conference, plus several hundred more connected via the Internet -- can benefit from hearing her perspective on women's health.

We have considered asking our network member Ms. Elise Smith of Winrock International to introduce the First Lady if she is able to join us, but will be happy to consider other individuals that you might recommend.

A hard copy of this fax follows by mail. I will call your office next week to see if you have a reply for us.

Thank you for your assistance.

Zuheir Al-Faqih
23rd Annual Conference Manager

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First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

The National Council for International Health, a non-profit health organization that is a network of national and international health professionals, academicians, private organizations, and public agencies, cordially invites you to address the 23rd NCIH Annual Conference, "Global Health: Future Risks, Present Needs," in Crystal City, Virginia, between June 9 and 12, 1996.

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We are keen to invite you because we feel that our country is at a crossroads of isolationist retreat and international leadership. The former seeks to focus concern exclusively on the US, while the latter recognizes *de facto* integration of human development. Budget cutbacks have put into serious jeopardy advances in health made by numerous public and community organizations. We are at risk of dismantling the mechanisms that protect the health of future generations through highly cost-effective health programs and we are undermining key agencies at a time when new and re-emerging diseases require additional, not less, research and surveillance funds. Your participation can be of significant help to us--by inspiring international our health membership and, through their networks, many thousands more. We believe the conference affords you an opportunity to touch more than 1,000 attendees and to reassure them about the Administration's commitment to human development.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Francis J. Lostumbo".

Francis J. Lostumbo
President

cc: Amb. Madeline Albright



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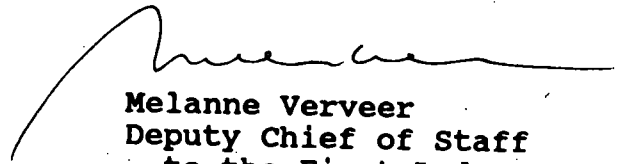
Richard A. Lippin, MD
Medical Department
3801 West Chester Pike
Newton Square, Pennsylvania 19073-2387

Dear Dr. Lippin:

The First Lady asked me to thank you for sending her your 1996 Medical forecast. Mrs. Clinton continues to be interested in the very important issue of health care reform. We appreciate your counsel and interest.

Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

To - Office of the First Lady

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June 27, 1995

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From

Richard A. Lippin, M.D.
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Dear Dr. Lippin:

Thank you for writing to me. I appreciate that you took the time to share with me George Will's article, along with your health care reform plan, "Grow Up America".

The President and I welcome the thoughts and opinions of concerned individuals. Your support and the support of all Americans can be invaluable to the President and his Administration as they work toward meaningful and lasting change.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton

Hillary Rodham Clinton

Dear Mrs. Clinton -

2/14/96

enclosed my 96 forecast

Be Well

Richard

**R. A. Lippin
1996 Medical Forecast**

General Medicine

- **Continued worldwide pressures on medical expenditures.** Corollaries include increase in managed care, outcomes management, efficacy-based medicine, inpatient over outpatient, primary care over specialty care, and prevention over intervention.
- **Democratization of medical information.** Corollaries include increased access by consumers to health information including provider performance. Increased information leads to educated but sometimes confused patients, emphasis on patient responsibility for health outcomes and the collaboration in health care decisions, shift from the physician as healer, and patient as helpless victim to doctor as teacher and patient as student.
- **Recognition of the limits of excessive application of surgery and medication.** Corollaries including reduction in total surgeries, less invasive surgeries, and moderating of "America's second drug epidemic", i.e., the use of multiple medications in patients over 65.
- **Re-emergence of physics parity with biology in research and clinical medicine; i.e.,** light, electricity, sound, body mechanics, orthotics, robotics vs pharmacology, and molecular biology.
- **Paradigm shift from reductionism to holism.** Emphasis on multicausality of all disease. Emergence of a bio-psycho-social model for all diseases. Corollaries include interdisciplinary team approach to case management with physicians sharing management with PhD colleagues; supplementing the microscope with "the macroscope".
- **Continued emphasis on Neuroscience.** Corollaries include attention to neurological diseases of aging including Alzheimer's, Parkinson's Disease, dementia, integration of neuroscience with somatic medicine stimulating mind/body medicine where psychosocial events or stimuli such as perceptions, thoughts, attitudes, become real and measurable medical events.
- **Growing wellness movement driven by increasing recognition of the huge health and economic impact of the abuse of tobacco, alcohol, illicit drugs, and medication.** Growth fields in this area include increased emphasis on nutrition, exercise, habit modification, etc.

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- Continued growth of so-called "Alternative Medicine" based on increased public disaffection with organized medicine, more emphasis on medical free market, increased impact of cross-cultural medical practices, and efficacy of many of the alternative medicine interventions.
- Growth of humanities in medicine including ethics, theology, literature, and the arts based on a re-emphasis on the humanities as a buffer to the excesses of the technical medical science and ethical issues precipitated by technology. Examples: prolongation of death; embryo research, human Genome project, etc.
- Continued political emphasis on child's health, women's health, and minority health as a reaction to research emphasis in the past on white male health issues. Political tide is moving toward abortion becoming more restrictive.
- Increasing interest in emerging, re-emerging, unique, and, in some cases, antibiotic resistant infections. Corollaries include increased emphasis on host factors as well as pathogen factors, no cures for AIDS in the near future, because of its complexity and the scientific rigidity of most of the scientists receiving funding.
- The Human Genom Project continues. Its corollary, gene therapy, projected to "revolutionize medicine" continues to disappoint from both the scientific and economic perspective. This is an example of excessive emphasis on a reductionistic paradigm and the overselling of promises in the competitive medical world.
- The growing violence epidemic continues to be defined as medical issue.
- Growing and appropriate interest in the field of death and dying, including hospice which represents a maturation of the American public in regard to the limits of medical technology.

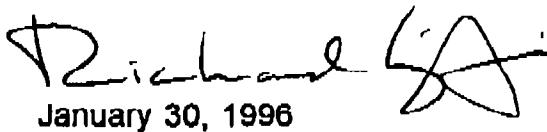
Public Health

- The most serious single health issue of the future clearly is overpopulation, especially in the so-called booming cities. All other issues pale by comparison to this one. The other and related issue is poverty and all its public health implications including poor sanitation, limited access to quality affordable health care.

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Occupational and Environmental Medicine

- The major issues remain as **cancer and reproductive hazards**. Other issues include all industry ergonometics, indoor air, stress, shift work, and overtime. Specific chemical industry issues include multiple chemical sensitivity, neuro-toxicity, allergy and asthma, damage to the immune system and related diseases, nuisance effects including odor, dizziness, headache, and the chronic effects of low-level exposure differential to major diseases being caused by single high dose acute chemical exposure.
- Continued rejection of a single agent/single disease model or a causal model to a multifactorial or a contributory model.
- Another major trend is the differential growth of epidemiology to toxicology with less confidence in extrapolating from animals to man.
- Increasing professional and public rejection of the zero threshold or no-risk model as well as the linear dose response model as the only valid model. Continued interest in the concept of Hormesis.
- Growing interest in management of outrage, risk communication, and public/employee perception of risk.
- Growing interest in "locus of control" variable as the basis for chemophobia. Locus of control is defined as a fatalism ("illness happening to us") versus a self-determination scale in regard to disease causation/contribution. It correlates with lower socio-economic class and religiosity (not spirituality).


January 30, 1996

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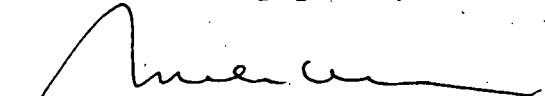
David Levy
Director
The Corcoran Gallery of Art
500 Seventh Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006-4899

Dear Mr. Levy:

The First Lady asked me to respond to your kind invitation to view "Hospice: A Photographic Inquiry." If her schedule allows, we will contact you at that time.

Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

March 13, 1996

*Regret
Response*

MEMORANDUM

To: Melanne Verveer
Nicole Rabner

From: Julia Moffett *JM*

Subject: Potential Event for Mrs. Clinton

This invitation came to me through Aviva Goldfarb who used to work for Arnold Bennett at Families USA. As you can see in the letter from the head of the Corcoran, viewing this exhibition could be a moving experience which, if you wanted, could also generate some "soft" press.

If you are interested, you can contact the Corcoran director, David Levy, at 638-3211, or Aviva Goldfarb at the Widmeyer Group.

Thanks.



March 12, 1996

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

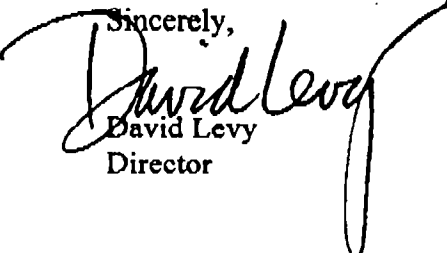
An extraordinary new exhibition, "Hospice: A Photographic Inquiry," opened this weekend at the Corcoran Gallery of Art. I am writing to invite you to visit the Museum at your convenience to see this exhibition of groundbreaking photographs on hospice care in America.

As you know, there is little understanding among Americans about the inevitability of death and the great transformation that takes place during this ultimate passage from life. Death is a taboo subject; thus, many are unprepared for the serious choices that terminally ill people, along with their families and friends, must make. "Hospice: A Photographic Inquiry," the first exhibition of its kind, is an incomparable series of personal explorations looking closely at the philosophical and physical issues faced by the dying and their loved ones.

Five American photographers allow us to journey into the unknown and emerge with a real understanding of how dying is about living and hospice is there to bring people to this point of comprehension. Sally Mann followed Joan, an exceptional hospice nurse. Her photographs capture metaphysical images of places and experiences patients described in their last days. At Cabrini Hospice in New York City, Nan Goldin photographed and interviewed patients. Jim Goldberg photographed his father, who died at home in 1993.

The project, which will travel to at least twelve cities after leaving the Corcoran, also includes a documentary film produced by Maysles Film, Inc. for HBO, and a hardcover book published by Bulfinch/Little Brown and Company.

The show will be at the Corcoran until May 5. The exhibition's curator and I would be honored to give you a private tour. If you don't mind, we would also like to invite a few journalists to accompany you. Please let me know if you can find the time to join us.

Sincerely,

David Levy
Director

The Washington Post

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 1996

SUNDAY

Arts

Capturing the Last Light

The Corcoran's 'Hospice' Photographs Reveal Truths About Dying

By Paul Richard

Washington Post Staff Writer

On Dec. 25, 1993, at 7:41 a.m., Jim Goldberg the photographer watched his father die.

In moments such as this, the universe cracks open. Goldberg took a photograph. It shows his artist's arm upraised—warding off? or blessing? It shows his wristwatch with the time, and beyond his watch, the corpse.

Death should be attended, human beings believe, by prayer and prayerful

gifts, one of which is art. Sixty thousand years ago, the Neandertals of Shanidar cared enough for beauty to put flowers in their graves, and we sort of know why they chose to do so. We still look at death through art. "Hospice: A Photographic Inquiry" would be unbearable to look at were it not for art.

The commissioned exhibition—five photo essays and a documentary film—opened yesterday at the Corcoran Gallery of Art. It honors, as will you after you have seen it, those who

work in hospice helping people die. Herb Goldberg dies here. Robby Rupp dies here. So do Gill and Honky, Sheila, Pete and Barney. Hospice—it's a movement, not a place—bathes their wasting bodies, combs their thinning hair, loves them unreservedly, diminishes their pain, sees to their joy, and improves their ending lives as if to do so were an honor rather than a chore. Hospice workers are nurses and physicians and social workers and volunteers. All their patients die.

Hospice workers call it "crossing over." The image is antique as the Styx or the River Jordan. In his section of the show, photographer Goldberg projects on the wall a blue unhurried picture, a video, not a still, of his dying father swimming, observed from below. Fluidities of light shiver all about him. Herb Goldberg might be flying. We know that image too.

We know it from the birds that symbolize the soul in medieval churches and in Pharaonic tombs. Wings and soaring souls are embroidered in the shroud with which we cover death; so are rivers, so are roses. In poetry, in music, in pictures of all kinds, images of flowings, of flowers and of flight attend thoughts of dying.

Art veils death.

This is not only true of art produced by softies. Even Nan Goldin's photographs are touched by wreathe and laciness, and soft her art is not.

Goldin is tough. Mostly she chronicles what might be called the lower depths—of Tokyo, Berlin and Lower East Side Manhattan: Nipple rings, tattoos, syringes, sexual dependents and sexual explorers appear often in her photographs. Her strongest color is piercing red. She's used to degradation. Still, when she started working with New York's Cabrini Hospice, an inevitable softness stole across her art.

Her "Amanda, New York City" shows a beautiful little girl hugging a teddy bear. You'd never guess this photograph was a Goldin. Her "Curtain in Amalia's Room, New York City" shows little colored songbirds flying against lace.

Lace also appears in Kath Varg



"7:41 A.M., 1993" by Jim Goldberg. The moment of his father's death: "No whispering. No breathing. No more nothing."

Photographs in a Fading Light

HOSPICE, From G1

photographs. She works with lace a lot. She also shows us roses (glorifying transience) and butterflies (which symbolize transience-in-flight). Vargas, who is Mexican American and from San Antonio, has watched people dying and then built them little shrines.

As you wander through this show, the sick people get sicker and death is all around you wherever you turn. "Where is her end of it," asked T.S. Eliot, "the soundless wailing, the silent withering of autumn lowers?" Jack Radcliffe, from Baltimore, is the only photographer here who does not reach for that elegiac tone. Radcliffe made his crisp, square, determinedly documentary photographs in York House Hospice, York, Pa. His gaze is unsparing. Sheila's skinny arms are raw and fleshless. Jimmy's skin is waxy. Pete's eyes have gone dull. Radcliffe doesn't flinch. He's a first-the-facts photographer who shows us what he sees.

Against such reportorial prose, elegy sets poetry. She, too, worked in hospice (in Lexington, Va.) and sat beside the dying and looked into their beds, but that's

not what she shows us. Her photographs invite us to flow into their minds.

Mann writes, "One hospice worker reports driving 250 miles to take a patient to see the ocean one last time." Next to that framed text is an eerie, darkly glowing photo of the sea.

Mann writes: "At the count of three, Joan [the hospice nurse] and her assistant hoist the dying man into a wheelchair and roll him from the dark bedroom to a window. With obvious emotion he watches his cat gaily cavorting on the striped stage of etiolated winter lawn. Glancing out, Joan and I remark it is as if the cat is performing a ballet for him. Taking a longer look, we realize that the patient has been watching the cat torment a small garter snake to death." We, too, see the dancing cat, the dying snake, the gray grass of the lawn.

After visiting a mountain man, a tracker of black bear, Mann produced a photograph—all snout and fangs and lunging—that seems a picture of pure fear.

What will you be thinking of just before you die?

The modern hospice movement

owes much to Cicely Saunders, an English physician who blended into her work lessons learned from old religions and from modern medicine. It was she who popularized the "Brompton Cocktail," a concoction of morphine or heroin, cocaine, alcohol and anti-nausea medication, which opens up the vise of pain enough to let the dying meditate on closure and on life.

There are now 2,100 hospices in America. Last year, 340,000 dying patients received hospice care.

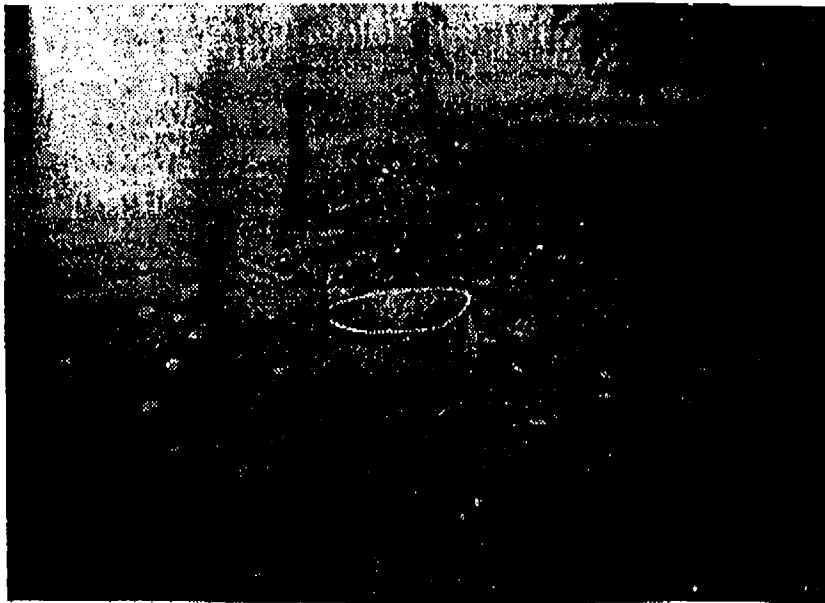
"Hospice: A Photographic Inquiry" began when Zachary P. Morfogen, chairman of the National Hospice Foundation, approached David C. Levy, director of the Corcoran. Levy gave it his best shot.

The museum once was famous for its knowing, daring work with contemporary painters. Not anymore. In photography, however, the Corcoran is still a world-class institution. Levy turned to the people who had made it so—first to Jane Livingston, now a freelance curator who, in her many years there, was the person most responsible for the museum's photography program, and then to Dena Andre, who had often worked

with Livingston. (Together they had mounted there the "Odyssey" exhibit of National Geographic Society photographs in 1988. Next summer, another of their efforts, a survey of sports photography, will be shown in Atlanta, at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History, during the Olympic Games.)

The third to join the team was Philip Brookman, the gallery's current curator of photography and media arts. It was Brookman who organized "Raised by Wolves," Jim Goldberg's exhibition on the lives of teenage runaways; before that he'd co-curated the Robert Frank retrospective at the National Gallery of Art.

Funds were raised. The Warner-Lambert Co. provided \$150,000; the National Endowment for the Arts also came up with a grant, as did half a dozen American foundations. And a film was commissioned. Made for Home Box Office by Maysles Films Inc., "LETTING GO: A Hospice Journey" will be shown nationally on HBO at 10:15 p.m. on March 18, as well as in the exhibition, which begins a four-year national tour after closing here May 5.



Many art shows nowadays are almost casually ingested. Not this one. If you go to see it, plan to feel surges of dread and grief and helplessness and admiration for hospice. Art seldom really shows us death. Art is memorial. Art comforts by providing intimations of permanence. The pictures at the Corcoran are not inappropriate. They're not just documents, they're gifts.

Something should be said before one leaves this exhibition, some somber and respectful message for the dead, and for those who served them, and perhaps for ourselves. Eliot's verses will suffice.

*We die with the dying:
See, they depart, and we go with them.*

*We are born with the dead:
See, they return, and bring us with them.*

*The moment of the rose and the
moment of the yew-tree
are of equal duration.*

"Untitled," 1992, above, by Sally Mann.

What patients see from their windows become vital to them. Hospice workers stress the importance of moving patients to allow them a view outside, even if it means a major disruption of the medical set-up. When they look out, the scene is often unprepossessing, the objects in their view random and unaffecting. The old bucket, the dog sprawled under the eaves, become touchstones, become their very world.—Sally Mann

Mann's drifty, dream-touched picture of a bucket in an orchard may be unprepossessing, but it shivers with death's symbols—the offering on the altar, the Chalice of Redemption, the funerary urn.—P.R.



**"Joseph at Cabrini Hospice,
New York City, 1995" by Nan
Goldin.**

*I photographed people with
AIDS because, with the illness
and deaths of so many of my
friends, that's what I've been
close to. . . . Joseph is angry,
and I think his anger has kept
him alive. . . . He'd worked as a
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First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

An extraordinary new exhibition, "Hospice: A Photographic Inquiry," opened this weekend at the Corcoran Gallery of Art. I am writing to invite you to visit the Museum at your convenience to see this exhibition of groundbreaking photographs on hospice care in America.

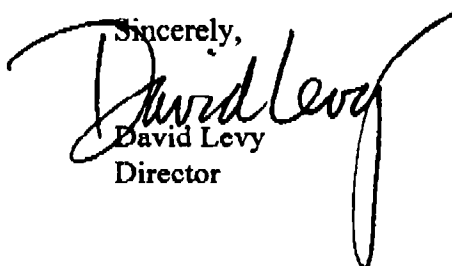
As you know, there is little understanding among Americans about the inevitability of death and the great transformation that takes place during this ultimate passage from life. Death is a taboo subject; thus, many are unprepared for the serious choices that terminally ill people, along with their families and friends, must make. "Hospice: A Photographic Inquiry," the first exhibition of its kind, is an incomparable series of personal explorations looking closely at the philosophical and physical issues faced by the dying and their loved ones.

Five American photographers allow us to journey into the unknown and emerge with a real understanding of how dying is about living and hospice is there to bring people to this point of comprehension. Sally Mann followed Joan, an exceptional hospice nurse. Her photographs capture metaphysical images of places and experiences patients described in their last days. At Cabrini Hospice in New York City, Nan Goldin photographed and interviewed patients. Jim Goldberg photographed his father, who died at home in 1993.

The project, which will travel to at least twelve cities after leaving the Corcoran, also includes a documentary film produced by Maysles Film, Inc. for HBO, and a hardcover book published by Bulfinch/Little Brown and Company.

The show will be at the Corcoran until May 5. The exhibition's curator and I would be honored to give you a private tour. If you don't mind, we would also like to invite a few journalists to accompany you. Please let me know if you can find the time to join us.

Sincerely,



David Levy
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Capturing the Last Light

The Corcoran's 'Hospice' Photographs Reveal Truths About Dying

By Paul Richard

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On Dec. 25, 1993, at 7:41 a.m., Jim Goldberg the photographer watched his father die. In moments such as this, the universe cracks open. Goldberg took a photograph. It shows his artist's arm upraised—warding off or blessing? It shows his wristwatch with the time, and beyond his watch, the corpse.

Death should be attended, human beings believe, by prayer and prayerful

gifts, one of which is art. Sixty thousand years ago, the Neandertals of Shanidar cared enough for beauty to put flowers in their graves, and we sort of know why they chose to do so. We still look at death through art. "Hospice: A Photographic Inquiry" would be unbearable to look at were it not for art.

The commissioned exhibition—five photo essays and a documentary film—opened yesterday at the Corcoran Gallery of Art. It honors, as will you after you have seen it, those who

work in hospice helping people die. Herb Goldberg dies here. Robby Rupp dies here. So do Gill and Honky, Sheila, Pete and Barney. Hospice—it's a movement, not a place—bathes their wasting bodies, combs their thinning hair, loves them unreservedly, diminishes their pain, sees to their joy, and improves their ending lives as if to do so were an honor rather than a chore. Hospice workers are nurses and physicians and social workers and volunteers. All their patients die.

Hospice workers call it "crossing over." The image is antique as the Styx or the River Jordan. In his section of the show, photographer Goldberg projects on the wall a blue, unhurried picture, a video, not a still, of his dying father swimming, observed from below. Fluidities of light shiver all about him. Herb Goldberg might be flying. We know that image too.

We know it from the birds that symbolize the soul in medieval churches and in Pharaonic tombs. Wings and soaring souls are embroidered in the shroud with which we cover death; so are rivers, so are roses. In poetry, in music, in pictures of all kinds, images of flowings, of flowers and of flight attend thoughts of dying.

Art veils death.

This is not only true of art produced by softies. Even Nan Goldin's photographs are touched by wreathe and laciness, and soft her art is not.

Goldin is tough. Mostly she chronicles what might be called the lower depths—of Tokyo, Berlin and Lower East Side Manhattan. Nipple rings, tattoos, syringes, sexual dependents and sexual explorers appear often in her photographs. Her strongest color is piercing red. She's used to degradation. Still, when she started working with New York's Cabrini Hospice, an inevitable softness stole across her art.

Her "Amanda, New York City" shows a beautiful little girl hugging a teddy bear. You'd never guess this photograph was a Goldin. Her "Curtain in Amalia's Room, New York City" shows little colored songbirds flying against lace.

Lace also appears in Kath Vargas's



"7:41 A.M., 1993" by Jim Goldberg. The moment of his father's death: "No more whispers. No more breathing. No more nothing."

Photographs in a Fading Light

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photographs. She works with lace a lot. She also shows us roses symbolizing transience) and butterflies (which symbolize transience-in-flight). Vargas, who is Mexican American and from San Antonio, has watched people dying and then built them little shrines.

As you wander through this show, the sick people get sicker and death is all around you everywhere you turn. "Where is an end of it," asked T.S.

"the soundless wailing, the silent withering of autumn lowers?" Jack Radcliffe, from Baltimore, is the only photographer here who does not reach for that elegiac tone. Radcliffe made his crisp, square, determinedly documentary photographs in York House Hospice, York, Pa. His gaze is unsparing. Sheila's skinny arms are now nearly fleshless. Jimmy's skin is waxy. Pete's eyes have gone dull. Radcliffe doesn't flinch. He's a the-facts photographer who shows us what he sees.

Against such reportorial prose usually Mann sets poetry. She, too, worked in hospice (in Lexington, Va.) and sat beside the dying and looked into their beds, but that's

not what she shows us. Her photographs invite us to flow into their minds.

Mann writes, "One hospice worker reports driving 250 miles to take a patient to see the ocean one last time." Next to that framed text is an eerie, darkly glowing photo of the sea.

Mann writes: "At the count of three, Joan [the hospice nurse] and her assistant hoist the dying man into a wheelchair and roll him from the dark bedroom to a window. With obvious emotion he watches his cat gaily cavorting on the striped stage of etiolated winter lawn. Glancing out, Joan and I remark it is as if the cat is performing a ballet for him. Taking a longer look, we realize that the patient has been watching the cat torment a small garter snake to death." We, too, see the dancing cat, the dying snake, the gray grass of the lawn.

After visiting a mountain man, a tracker of black bear, Mann produced a photograph—all snout and fangs and lunging—that seems a picture of pure fear.

What will you be thinking of just before you die?

—
The modern hospice movement

owes much to Cicely Saunders, an English physician who blended into her work lessons learned from old religions and from modern medicine. It was she who popularized the "Brompton Cocktail," a concoction of morphine or heroin, cocaine, alcohol and anti-nausea medication, which opens up the vise of pain enough to let the dying meditate on closure and on life.

There are now 2,100 hospices in America. Last year, 340,000 dying patients received hospice care.

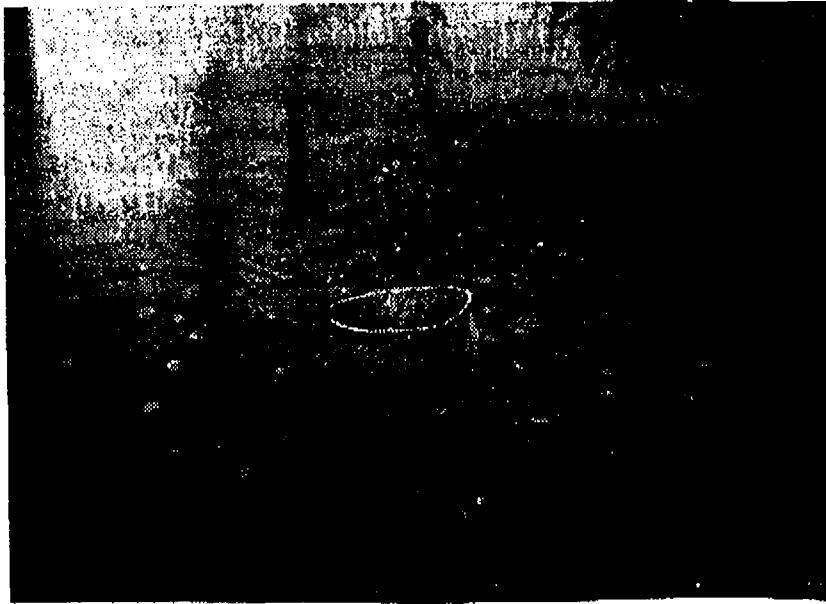
"Hospice: A Photographic Inquiry" began when Zachary P. Morfogen, chairman of the National Hospice Foundation, approached David C. Levy, director of the Corcoran. Levy gave it his best shot.

The museum once was famous for its knowing, daring work with contemporary painters. Not anymore. In photography, however, the Corcoran is still a world-class institution. Levy turned to the people who had made it so—first to Jane Livingston, now a freelance curator who, in her many years there, was the person most responsible for the museum's photography program, and then to Dena Andre, who had often worked

with Livingston. (Together they had mounted there the "Odyssey" exhibit of National Geographic Society photographs in 1988. Next summer, another of their efforts, a survey of sports photography, will be shown in Atlanta, at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History, during the Olympic Games.)

The third to join the team was Philip Brookman, the gallery's current curator of photography and media arts. It was Brookman who organized "Raised by Wolves," Jim Goldberg's exhibition on the lives of teenage runaways; before that he'd co-curated the Robert Frank retrospective at the National Gallery of Art.

Funds were raised. The Warner-Lambert Co. provided \$150,000; the National Endowment for the Arts also came up with a grant, as did half a dozen American foundations. And a film was commissioned. Made for Home Box Office by Maysles Films Inc., "LETTING GO: A Hospice Journey" will be shown nationally on HBO at 10:15 p.m. on March 18, as well as in the exhibition, which begins a four-year national tour after closing here May 5.



Many art shows nowadays are almost casually ingested. Not this one. If you go to see it, plan to feel surges of dread and grief and helplessness and admiration for hospice. Art seldom really shows us death. Art is memorial. Art comforts by providing intimations of permanence. The pictures at the Corcoran are not inappropriate. They're not just documents, they're gifts.

Something should be said before one leaves this exhibition, some somber and respectful message for the dead, and for those who served them, and perhaps for ourselves. Eliot's verses will suffice.

*We die with the dying:
See, they depart, and we go with
them.*

*We are born with the dead:
See, they return, and bring us
with them.*

*The moment of the rose and the
moment of the yew-tree
are of equal duration.*

"Untitled," 1992, above, by Sally Mann.

What patients see from their windows become vital to them. Hospice workers stress the importance of moving patients to allow them a view outside, even if it means a major disruption of the medical set-up. When they look out, the scene is often unprepossessing, the objects in their view random and unaffecting. The old bucket, the dog sprawled under the eaves, become touchstones, become their very world.—Sally Mann

Mann's drifts, dream-touched picture of a bucket in an orchard may be unprepossessing; but it shivers with death's symbols—the offering on the altar, the Chalice of Redemption, the funerary urn.—P.R.



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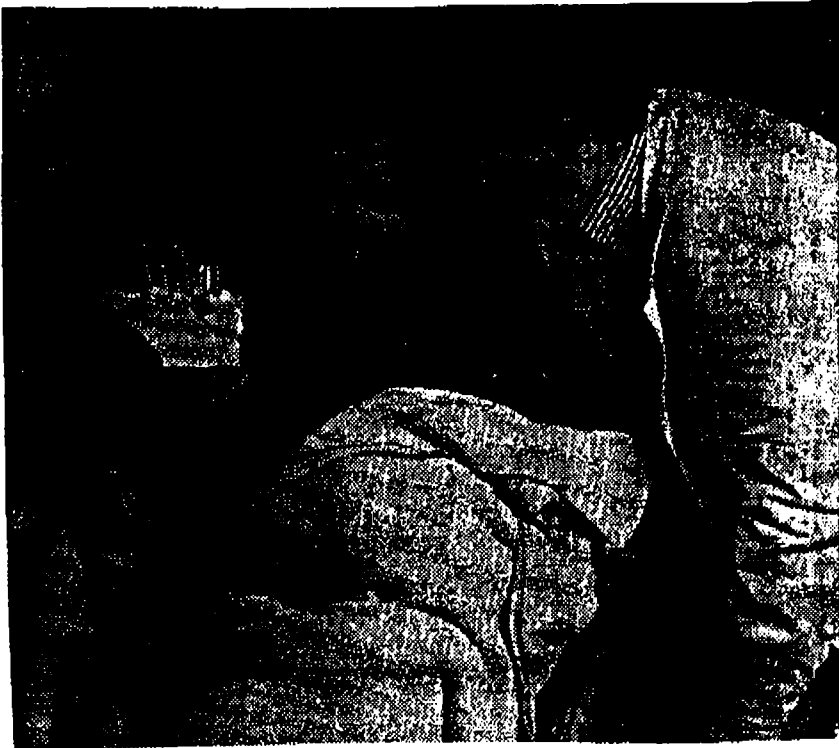
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