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THE WHITE HOUSE
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November 27, 1995

Ambassador Robert Service
United States Embassy
1776 Mariscal Lopez Ave.
Casilla Postal 402
Asunción
Paraguay

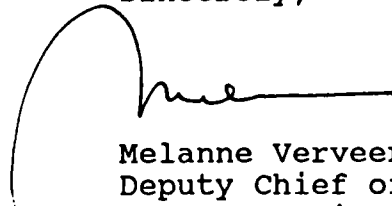
Dear Ambassador Service:

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

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

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Melanne', with a large, sweeping loop at the beginning.

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

November 27, 1995

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Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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LETTERS

Amb. Melvyn Levitsky
US Embassy
Avenida das Nacoes
Lote 3
Brasilia
Brasil

Amb. John Maisto
Km. 4-1/2
Carretera Sur
Managua
Nicaragua

Amb. Guerra
US Embassy
Codina Bldg.
1343 Agustinas
Santiago, Chile

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 27, 1995

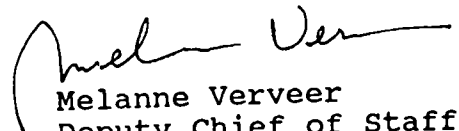
Mrs. Debbie Siebert
United States Embassy
Strandvagen 101
115 89 Stockholm
Sweden

Dear Debbie:

Enclosed are pictures of the Queen's
visit to the White House with Mrs. Clinton
in October. Could you please be so kind as
to pass on these pictures to the Queen?

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Melanne Vermeer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

November 27, 1995

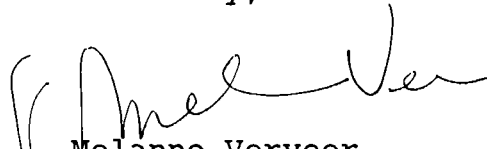
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 13, 1995

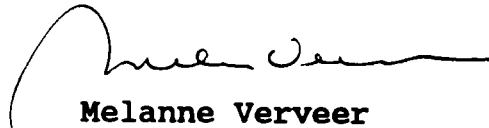
Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith
United States Embassy
42 Elgin Road
Ballsbridge, Dublin
Ireland

Dear Ambassador Smith:

Enclosed is a picture of Monsignor Diarmuid Martin and the First Lady taken in September in Beijing at the UN Fourth World Conference on Women. Could you please be so kind as to have someone in your office pass on this picture to Monsignor Martin?

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

We're looking forward to our visit to Ireland.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 10, 1995

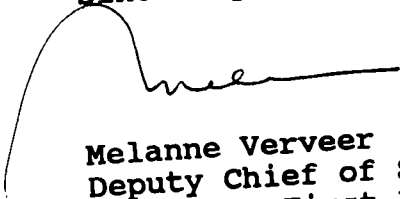
Mr. Charles Santangelo
Senior Business Advisor
Agency for International Development
320 21st St., NW room 100SA-2
Washington, DC 20523-0229

Dear Chuck:

Thank you so much for the information
about your upcoming conference regarding
business opportunities in Southeast Europe.
It sounds like a wonderful start to
investment and growth within the region.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

*I hope all is
well!*

November 10, 1995

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Charles A. Santangelo
Senior Business Advisor
Center for Trade and Investment Services

Agency for International Development
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U.S. AGENCY FOR
INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT

11/3/95

Melanne :

Hope all is well with
you.

I thought you might
be interested in my latest
project - this conference
bringing together 5 countries
and 8 U.S. Agencies.

Best

Chuck



U.S. AGENCY FOR
INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT

October 26, 1995

note to him

Dear Colleague:

It is my pleasure to invite you to participate in the Southeast Europe Conference on Trade and Investment. The conference will take place on November 19 and 20, 1995, at the Washington Court Hotel on Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C.

This conference will provide a forum for small group meetings of U.S. businesses with the ambassadors, ministers or economic officers of each participating country--Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Romania. Senior U.S. Government officials will also be on hand to provide valuable information regarding U.S. programs in the region.

The easing of tensions in Croatia and FYR Macedonia promises to increase business opportunities in all of Southeast Europe. The time is right for a trade and investment conference to better inform representatives of U.S. businesses about the region.

Foreign investment and business activity play a vital role in the performance of USAID's mission of sustainable development. We hope that the conference will play an important part in assisting U.S. businesses to become more active in the economy of Southeast Europe.

Enclosed is an agenda for the conference. If you would like to attend, please return the enclosed registration form to USAID's Center for Trade and Investment Services by fax at (202) 663-2670 or by mail. If you have further questions, please call Charles Santangelo at (202) 663-2671.

I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Sally Shelton
Assistant Administrator
Bureau for Global Programs,
Field Support and Research

Enclosures: a/s



Southeast Europe Conference on Trade and Investment
November 19-20, 1995 • Washington, D.C.
The Washington Court Hotel
525 New Jersey Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

AGENDA

Sunday, November 19

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Welcoming Reception
Atrium Ballroom

Monday, November 20

8:00 a.m. **Registration**

9:00 a.m. **Welcoming Remarks**
Marshall Adair, *Deputy Assistant Secretary for European Affairs,*
U.S. Department of State

9:20 - 10:15 **Doing Business in Southeast Europe**
Susanne S. Lotarski, *Director, Office of Eastern Europe,*
Russia, and New Independent States, U.S. Dept. Of Commerce
Fulvio Dobrich, *President, DLF Inc.*
John Clarke, *Sr. Investment Officer, International Finance Corporation*

10:15 - 10:30 **Break**

10:30 - 11:30 **Presentations by Ministers and Ambassadors**
Representatives of Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, FYR Macedonia, Romania

11:30 - 12:30 **Financing Your Projects: U.S. Government Sources**
Moderator: **Peter Ballinger**
Manager of Marketing, Overseas Private Investment Corporation
John Mullen, *President and CEO, Romanian-American Enterprise Fund*
Frank Bauer, *President and CEO, Bulgarian-American Enterprise Fund*
James C. Rosapepe, *Board Member, Albanian-American Enterprise Fund*
Tony DiStefano, *Business Development Officer, Export-Import Bank*
Geoff Jackson, *Regional Dir., Europe, U.S. Trade and Development Agency*

12:15 - 2:00 p.m. **Lunch**
Keynote Speaker: **Ambassador Sally Shelton**
Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Global Programs, USAID

2:00 - 3:30 p.m. **Industry Breakout Sessions**

Agribusiness

Moderator: Charles Uphaus
Chief, Agriculture and Agribusiness Division, USAID
Martha Cashman, *V.P., International Development, Land O'Lakes*
Maria Nemeth-Ek, *Agric. Marketing Specialist, Trade and Investment, USDA*
James Schultz, *Dir., Outreach Division, International Fertilizer Development Center*
Jack Desay, *President, Pragma Corp.*

Energy and Environment

Moderator: Jim Bever

Director of Environment, Energy & Urban Development, USAID

Tony Marcil, *President, World Environment Center*

Robert Ichord, *Chief, Energy and Infrastructure Division, USAID*

Ron Daigle, *Director of Projects, Finance, Global Environment Fund*

Nancy Hooff, *Housing and Urban Development Officer, USAID*

Infrastructure

Moderator: Ray Vickery

Asst. Secretary for Trade Development, U.S. Dept. of Commerce

Lawrence Camp, *Privatization Officer, USAID*

Mark A. Meyer, *Partner, Herzfeld & Rubin*

Fred Attalla, *President, Albane International*

Henk Busz, *Principal Financial Analyst, The World Bank*

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Representative

3:30 - 3:45 p.m. **Break**

3:45 - 5:30 p.m. **Informal Meetings**

Albania: **H.E. Lublin Dilja**, *Ambassador of Albania to the United States*
Mustafa Xhepa, *Economics Officer*

Bulgaria: **H.E. Snezhana Boutusharova**, *Ambassador of Bulgaria to the United States*
Ivan Gospodov, *First Secretary for Trade and Economic Policy*
Nikola Mishev, *Commercial Counselor*

Croatia: **H.E. Petar Sarcevic**, *Ambassador of Croatia to the United States*
Spomenka Cek, *Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Economics Division*
Nenad Porges, *Chief of Mission and Minister Counselor*

FYR Macedonia: **H.E. Jane Miljovski**, *Minister of Finance*
Ljubica Acevska, *U.S. Representative*
Mihail Apostolski, *Economics Counselor*

Romania: **Ion Pargaru**, *Deputy Minister of Commerce*
Marian Voicu, *Economic Counselor*
Dan Enache, *First Secretary*
Mihai Fercala, *Private Ownership Fund, Transylvania*
Dan Simionescu, *Private Ownership Fund, Transylvania*
Vasile Salapa, *Private Ownership Fund, Oltenia*

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Southeast Europe Conference on Trade and Investment

November 19-20, 1995 • Washington, D.C.

Albania • Bulgaria • Croatia • Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia • Romania

The USAID Center for Trade and Investment Services is pleased to announce the Southeast Europe Conference on Trade and Investment in Washington, D.C. This event will focus on the emergence of Southeast Europe as a new marketplace for American goods, services, and investment. A special welcoming reception for conference participants will be held on the evening of Sunday, November 19.

The Center for Trade and Investment Services (CTIS) is a Washington-based information center that provides a vital link between the U.S. business and development communities and their counterparts in developing countries. CTIS provides a central point of contact for inquiries about business opportunities in USAID-assisted countries; offers value-added counseling and research services for sectors of development generated by USAID activities; and disseminates information about USAID-financed procurement opportunities.

Panel topics include: Doing Business in Southeast Europe • U.S. Government Financing
Agribusiness • Energy and the Environment • Infrastructure

Participating organizations include: Embassy of Albania • Albanian-American Enterprise Fund
• Albanian-American Trade Association • Embassy of Bulgaria • Bulgarian-American Enterprise Fund
• Embassy of Croatia • National Federation of Croatian Americans • Former Yugoslav Republic of
Macedonia • Macedonian Patriotic Organization • Embassy of Romania • Romanian-American Chamber
of Commerce • Romanian-American Enterprise Fund • Congress of Romanian Americans • Embassy of
Slovenia • Slovene National Benefit Society • U.S. Business Council for Southeast Europe • U.S. Chamber of
Commerce and its Romanian and Bulgarian Councils • Washington International Trade Association •
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Department of Agriculture • United States Department of Commerce • U.S. Trade and Development Agency

Southeast Europe Conference on Trade and Investment November 19-20, 1995

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ Reception November 19
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- ☐ Plenary Session, Nov. 20
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- ☐ Luncheon, 12:30-2:00

Panel Discussions, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

(Choose one)

- ☐ Agribusiness
- ☐ Energy & the Environment
- ☐ Infrastructure

Informal Business Meetings, 3:45-5:30

(Choose all countries of interest)

- ☐ Albania ☐ Bulgaria ☐ Croatia
- ☐ FYR Macedonia ☐ Romania

Full name _____
Title _____
Company/Organization _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Telephone _____ Fax number _____

FEE: \$30/Participant
Payable at Event.

VENUE: Washington Court Hotel
525 New Jersey Ave., NW, Washington, DC
Rooms have been reserved at a special
conference rate until November 6. Call
(202) 628-2100 to reserve a room.

SPACE IS LIMITED! Please register by November 15.

**Please mail this form to: S.E. Europe Conference, USAID/CTIS, Room 100, SA-2,
Washington, D.C. 20523; or fax to: (202)663-2670 • Questions? Call (202)663-2671**

THE WHITE HOUSE
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September 21, 1995

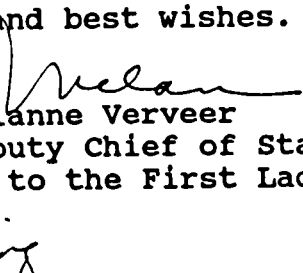
Sr. M. Sylvia, M.C.
Regional Superior
Missionaries of Charity
335 E. 145th St.
Bronx, NY 10451

Dear Sr. Sylvia:

Mrs. Clinton asked me to thank you so much for the letter informing her of the good news regarding the renovations on your new home. She appreciates the important work you and the Sisters do every day.

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Again, thank you and best wishes.


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

*I hope everything
is going well
at the Children's
Home. We are
so proud to have
been a part of it.*

September 22, 1995

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*Send a
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"As long as you did it to one of these My least brethren. You did it to Me"

335 East 145th Street
Bronx, New York 10451
August 26, 1995

Mrs. Hilary Rodham Clinton
Old Executive Office Building
Pennsylvania Avenue, 1600 NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

On August 22, we celebrated our Society Feast Day, and we remembered with deep gratitude our many friends and benefactors whose love, prayers and support help us to do beautiful things for God. We prayed in a special way for you in thanksgiving for the precious gift that God has given to us and the people of the United States through you. "Mother Teresa's Home for Infants," ("Gift of Love"), answers the fervent prayers of many people who have longed to make adoption an attractive alternative to abortion. Let us thank God for giving us each other to do His work with great love.

Our new home is doing well. Renovations are almost finished, and five women have already contacted us to come there. The Sisters have settled in nicely. They have begun a soup kitchen and carry food to the homeless in the city parks and streets. Visiting the hospitals, nursing homes and people in their neighborhood round out an already fruitful mission. Let us pray that many people will come to know God's tender love for them through His "Gift of Love" and that many women will choose life and bring their babies to us.

We were delighted to receive the beautiful photographs of your visit to our home. They will give Mother much joy! Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending them to us.

We hold you up in prayer that God will give the people of the world another gift through you at the upcoming International Conference on Women in China and use you as His instrument to promote the dignity and value of every human life from the moment of its conception until its natural death. Please pray for us also that we may not spoil God's work but may do all with great love for His greater glory.

Sincerely in Jesus,

S. M. Sylvia

Sr. M. Sylvia, M.C.
Regional Superior

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September 20, 1995

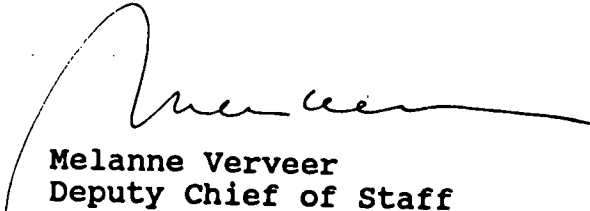
Mr. Ira Sharenow
4817 Sheboygan Ave. #617
Madison, WI 53705

Dear Mr. Sharenow:

Thank you for your suggestion regarding an anti-smoking kit for students. Teen-age smoking is indeed a serious issue and we are pleased to know that committed people like you are working to combat the problem.

Thanks again and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



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Deputy Chief of Staff
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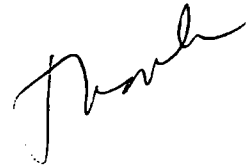
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combat the problem. *working*

Thanks again and best wishes.

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Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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



August 13, 1995

Dear Ms. Verveer,

Several months ago, I invited you to visit Madison. I am sorry that you did not have the opportunity to be present when Madison's 100% smokefree restaurant ordinance went into effect, but the day was a great joy nonetheless.

With the vote of your son, Mike, we also passed one of the strongest tobacco youth access compliance checks in the country—an average of 4 compliance checks per vendor per year.

I was very pleased to hear of President Clinton's efforts with regard to teenage smoking. When I spoke to Hillary Clinton during the election campaign, she agreed that smoking was an important issue. I am glad to see that she has kept her campaign pledge. However, I believe that a truly effective program needs local involvement. ***I also see this as a way for the President to help his reelection efforts.***

I am encouraging a Madison high school class president to work on a tobacco billboard ban as a school or as a citywide high school project. If we did not have a compliance check program, I would have recommended that as well.

I would like to suggest that the President develop a kit for schools to use so that students can work on local ordinances. As I see it, President Clinton would be sending a very positive message to a very large number of voters and children. Of course, the President's picture could be on the documents. This could be an outstanding civics lesson. It could become a way for more citizen involvement. We need that.

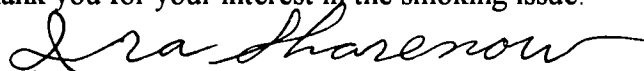
President Kennedy had the Peace Corps. There have been programs for inner cities. I see this campaign in the same light. I hope the administration will review my idea and find it useful.

Should the President like my idea, I assume that organizations such as the American Cancer Society would be involved. However, I would like to suggest Americans for Nonsmokers Rights, Berkeley, California (510-841-3032), as the most capable and experienced organization for local ordinances.

Finally, I would like to bring to your attention the failed efforts of the National Cancer Institute Program, Project ASSIST. I hope that the President will review its failures and replace the program with support for the starving, hard working and successful tobacco control activists.

Ms. Verveer, thank you for your interest in the smoking issue.

Ira Sharenow



Ira Sharenow
4817 Sheboygan Ave. #617
Madison, WI 53705



Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
and Assistant to the President
Room 100, 111 E. ...
Washington, D.C.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 19, 1995

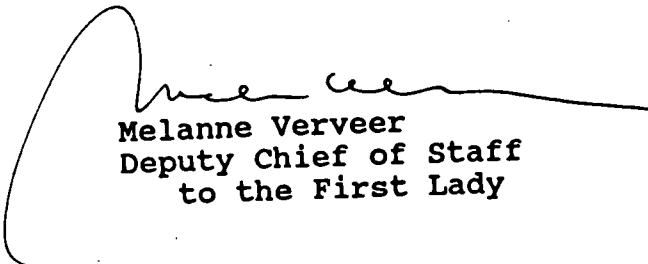
Ms. Karen Scott
Federally Employed Women, Inc.
1400 Eye St., NW
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Scott:

The First Lady asked me to thank you for the press release of Federally Employed Women which you sent regarding Ambassador Albright's statements about our government's commitments to supporting women's progress. We appreciate your recommendation.

Again, thank you and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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September 16, 1995

Ms. Karen Scott
Federally Employed Women, Inc.
1400 Eye St., NW
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Scott:

The First Lady asked me to thank you for
the comments you sent regarding Ambassador
Albright's ~~commitments~~. Mrs. Clinton
~~appreciates your important work to raise the~~
~~status of not only working women, but all~~
~~women.~~

Again, thank you and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

*statement about
our government's
commitments
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supporting
women's
progress.*

*press
release
of
Federally
Employed
Women
which*

*We appreciate
your efforts
recommendation.*

PRESS RELEASE: FEDERALLY EMPLOYED WOMEN, Inc. (FEW)
Washington D.C. Tel: (202) 998-0994
Fax: (202) 998-0998
POC Beijing: Sarah Newton, Olympic Hotel

11 September 1995, Beijing, China

REACTION TO THE U.S. COMMITMENTS

Federally Employed Women, Inc. (FEW) is pleased with the initial commitments announced by Ambassador Madeleine Albright.

In particular the fact that the Department of Labor will conduct a grassroots campaign for women in order to improve workplace conditions, promote equitable pay and promotion policies and help families in balancing the twin responsibilities of family and work.

It is our hope that the DOL will not neglect the hundreds of thousands of women who are employed by the U.S. Federal Government, which is the largest employer of women in the U.S. and who continue to be plagued by the same obstacles as their counterparts in the private sector.

It is imperative that the Congress of the United States recognise that the world wide agenda of women that includes health, education, human rights, the end of violence toward women, peace and the environment are NOT partisan issues but rather the concerns of all of us. That American women share a common ground of concern for family, community and world.

Director →

Raven Scott

address →

1400 Eye NW

Suite 425

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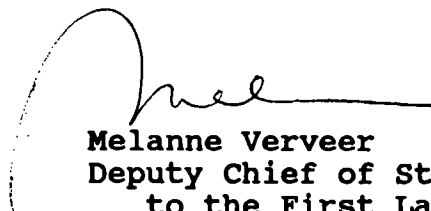
November 1, 1995

Mr. Bill Shore
Share Our Strength
1511 K St., NW
Suite 940
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Bill:

It was such a wonderful surprise to receive your new book, I look forward to reading it and reflecting on it. You're an inspiration for so many of us. Thanks for all you do.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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November 1, 1995

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Dear Bill:

wonderful
It was such a pleasant surprise to receive your new book, I look forward to reading it. ~~Your organization is to be commended for its help not only to the needy but to the community as a whole.~~ *You're an*

~~Thanks again and best wishes.~~ *inspiration*

Sincerely yours,

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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*for so
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*Thanks
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SHARE OUR STRENGTH

Thank

September 27, 1995

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Office of the First Lady
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington , DC 20500

Dear Melanne :

I thought you might be interested in seeing an advance copy of *Revolution of the Heart*, a personal account of my transition from presidential politics to working in the private sector to fight poverty. Based on my ten years experience since founding Share Our Strength, I've tried to lay out some provocative ideas for creating "community wealth" and rebuilding civil society.

I'd like to know what you think after you've had a chance to take a look at the book. It will be published by Putnam's Riverhead Books on November 2.

Hope all's well.

Sincerely,

Bill Shore

Leading The Fight Against Hunger

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
September 13, 1995

Rev. Bebb Wheeler Stone
Third Presbyterian Church
5701 Fifth Ave. at S. Negley
Pittsburgh, PA 15232-2799

Dear Rev. Stone:

The First Lady wanted me to thank you for your advice regarding whether she should attend the UN Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing. Although you disagreed on her participation, we appreciate your expression of your position.

Sincerely,


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

To <u>Melanne</u>	
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Sincerely,

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August 22, 1995

The White House
 Office of the First Lady
 Hillary Rodham Clinton
 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
 Washington, DC 20500

Impact enormous if you would bless the American delegation to raise all the tough issues in Beijing while you announce that you're staying home because Mrs. Wu asked you to!

Rev. Bebb Wheeler Stone
 with Presbyterian Church (USA)
 NGO delegation leaving Sunday for China.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 8, 1995

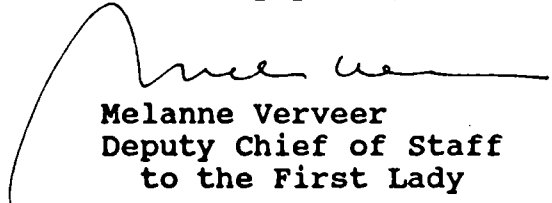
Miss. Yasmin Sultana
House No.25, Road No.2
Block-B, Ground Floor
Section-12, Mirpur
Bangladesh

Dear Miss. Sultana,

Mrs. Clinton asked me to thank you for writing and to convey her enthusiasm for your visit to the United States. She hopes that you will find it as exciting and enlightening as her visit to Bangladesh. She appreciates your interest and the important work that you do on behalf of women in Bangladesh.

Thank you again for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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To
The Honourable First Lady of U.S.A.
The White House
Washington D.C., U.S.A.

Sub: Visit to U.S.A.

Dear Madam

At first you take my heartiest congratulation as you inviled me when you came to Bangladesh last April'95. Now I am fully prepared to visit your country.

You enquired about our country and I gave some information about the living standard of women of Bangladesh. I am related with various social political & cultural organisations. I have some enclose photograph with you and our P.M. I am also a women leader of B.N.P. and social worker.

I want to visit your state because (a) you invite me (b) to do soming for the women of our country having experience from your country (d) to render service for the mafs people.

The women-falk of Bangladesh are not helpless now getting your espiration. They want to because self dependent as you. I wish to get best wishes from you and an invitation as if I can visit your country.

I also pay my profound respect and thanks to Mr. Clinton the Honourable President of U.S.A and the greatest husband of the greatest lady.

Yours Sincerely

YASMIN SULTANA

Miss Yeasmin Sultana
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Section-12, Mirpur
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Mrs. Hillery Rodham Clinton
The First Lady of U.S.A.
The White House
Washington DC
U.S.A

fax : 202-395-4198

Honourable Lady,

Please accept my profound respect and heartfelt love.

On behalf of women Folk of Bangladesh including University going students, I congratulate you for your kind visit to our country. Your inspiring words and comments enriched our Developing nation and we felt proud for your VISIT.

I pay my deep respect and thanks for taking so much trouble all the way you have taken for your recent VISIT to this sub-continent.

I also pay my profound respect and thanks to Mr. Clinton the Honourable President of U.S.A and the greatest husband of the greatest lady.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this letter.

With Kindest regards.

Sincerely Yours.

Yasmin SULTANA
(Yasmin Sultana Nailly)
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Sec.-12, Mirpur.
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October 11, 1995

Mr. Alexander C. Sanger
Planned Parenthood of New York City
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New York, NY 10012-2413

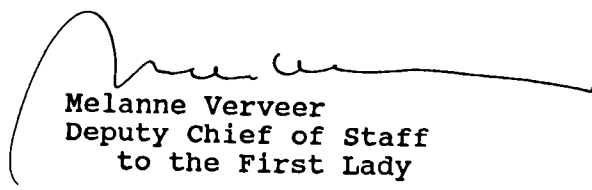
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Dear Mr. Sanger:

The First Lady asked me to thank you for your words of support for her remarks to the UN Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing and for your comments.

Thanks again and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

October 11, 1995

Mr. Alexander C. Sanger
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New York, NY 10012-2413

Dear Mr. Sanger:

and for your comments.

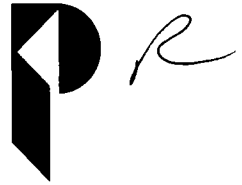
The First Lady asked me to thank you for your words of support for her remarks to the UN Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing. Maintaining safe and legal access to abortion is still of utmost importance to the Clinton Administration. Mrs. Clinton recognizes and appreciates the important work of Planned Parenthood.

Thanks again and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

speeches? yes



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September 15, 1995

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I was honored to hear you speak twice in Beijing at the Convention Center. Unfortunately, the downpour kept me from your speech at the NGO Forum. But I can say, without fear of contradiction, that your speech at the Plenary was nothing short of magnificent.

It therefore came as a shock that you did not mention in your talk the thousands of women who die every year from pregnancy-related causes, including those who die from illegal and unsafe abortions. I know this must have been an oversight, as you are a supporter of the President's campaign promise (repeated by Vice President Gore in Cairo) that U. S. policy is to work to make abortion "safe, legal, and rare."

Not referring to this humane example of social justice was indeed a missed opportunity. Needless to say, safe and legal abortion saves women's lives and preserves their health, as well as the health of their future children.

As you know, silence is one of our greatest dangers. Therefore, we hope you will continue to use your influential voice to speak out for women's safety and freedom in all reproductive health issues, including safe and legal abortion. The United States has always stood for compassion, justice, and equality for all; we are very grateful to you for helping to lead the way.

Sincerely,

Alexander C. Sanger
President

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August 8, 1995

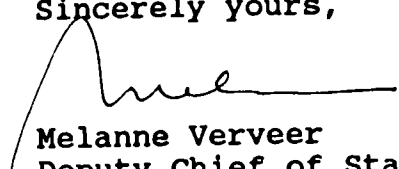
Ms. Joanne Symons
J. Symons Public Affairs
Suite 900
Three McPherson Square
927 15th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Joanne,

Thank you for sending an invitation to Mrs. Clinton to speak at the INMED/PAHO 6th Millennium Conference. She shares the concerns of these two organizations and appreciates this opportunity. We will keep your invitation in mind as her schedule develops.

Thanks again for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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July 21, 1995

Melanne Verveere
Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
OEOB Room # 185 1/2
Washington, DC 20500
via fax

Dear Melanne;

A while ago you helped me make arrangements for Mrs. Clinton to appear by satellite on a teleconference for the National Association for Female Executives. I hope that appearance was as well-received by Mrs. Clinton as it was by the thousands of NAFE members who participated.

I now seek your assistance with an invitation for Mrs. Clinton to speak to a different organization that has the same concerns at heart - those of women and families - only in an international context. In view of Mrs. Clinton's highly successful trip with Chelsea to visit with women in countries with developing economies, her appearance at the INMED/PAHO 6th Millennium Conference would provide for an underscoring of that success.

INMED (International Medical Services for Health) is a not-for-profit international health education organization based in Virginia, that brings together partners from multiple sectors to find ways to involve communities in learning and maintaining healthy behaviors. INMED focuses on creating permanent change in individual health behaviors through the combined efforts of the community as a whole.

For its 6th Millennium Conference, INMED is joining with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) in a program exploring INMED's innovative program of educating children to be agents of change in their community. The conference will be widely attended by representatives from the US and around the world.

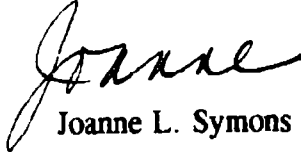
Mrs. Clinton is being asked to give the opening dinner address on September 11 at the Kennedy Center. I know that the First Lady may well be in Beijing. However, if she determines that she will not attend the Beijing conference, we believe that the INMED/PAHO conference offers her the platform to address many of the same issues that will be on the agenda in Beijing.

I have attached the official invitation to Mrs. Clinton from Linda Pfeiffer, President of INMED.

Either Linda or I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

On other fronts, I was deeply moved by the President's statement on Affirmative Action. It is good to hear him speak from his heart and remind all of us why we care deeply about this administration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joanne", written in dark ink.

Joanne L. Symons

cc: Linda Pfeiffer, Ph. D.

6th MILLENNIUM CONFERENCE



Washington, D.C. • September 10-13, 1995

Children and Youth Promoting Healthy Futures

July 6, 1995

Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
OEOP Room # 185 1/2
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

INMED, together with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), would be honored to have you as the keynote speaker for the opening dinner of our Sixth annual *Millennium Conference* on September 11, 1995 at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. This dinner will honor corporations supporting children's initiatives, and will be attended by conference participants from around the world who are working to improve the lives of children through public and private partnerships.

This year's action-oriented conference, "*Children and Youth Promoting Healthy Futures*," will link the efforts of the public and private sectors to implement innovative programs in which children and youth create positive change in their communities. It will advocate and highlight strategies that include children as active participants - rather than merely targets - in health and development initiatives around the world.

Children can become important agents of positive change by learning how to become healthier, and by teaching what they have learned to their families and communities. In all cultures, children have the power to influence those who love them and those whose lives they touch. That influence can be used to promote healthy behaviors and help prevent disease.

INMED's domestic and international health programs are built on multi-sector partnerships among service groups, national and international agencies, industry, government and academia. The *Millennium Conference* is a unique forum that brings together individuals from all of these sectors, representing more than 40 countries, to confront global health challenges and develop new partnerships. The synergies are sometimes unexpected, always exciting.

As First Lady and author of *It Takes a Village, and Other Lessons Children Teach Us*, you are uniquely suited to inspire this international multi-sector audience dedicated to the welfare of children worldwide.

We hope you will accept our invitation.

Sincerely yours,


Linda Pfeiffer
President, INMED

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August 8, 1995

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

Dear Melanne:

I assume you receive most clippings but am enclosing one in case you haven't seen it. I called Ela immediately after I returned from hearing Mrs. Clinton speak at Gandhiji's 125th birthday celebration. I thought her speech was exceptionally good and was heartsick it wasn't reported here. The Indian press covered it well and, of course, Ela was delighted. She asked me to thank Mrs. Clinton and find out if you could possibly send her a copy of the speech.

Ela also reported that she enjoys Mrs. Clinton's columns in the Indian newspapers and she will send me copies of them! She was also very happy to see the photos and to hear about the White House display of the South Asia trip, photos and artifacts, including the SEWA Bank passbook. You may want to know Ela has not received one word from the USAID mission in India since you left. I have been meeting regularly with Linda Morse, the new USAID Mission Director designate. She's smart, knowledgeable and committed and will try to make changes. I hope so. More important, I wish you continued courage and some good fortune.

You need not take time to answer; Ela will tell me when she receives the speech. Thanks so much.

Sincerely,

Kathy Sreedhar
Director

DRAFTjes

July 24, 1995

Ms. Terrie Senteney
415 School Street
Weiner, AR 72479

fine!

Dear Ms. Senteney,

I am writing to congratulate you on the outstanding work you have done in support of accessible day care in Arkansas. The letters from families who rely on and benefit from the Play School Day Care Centers reflect the tremendous impact your organization has on the rural community of Arkansas. Their words reveal the wonderful opportunities you provide for children and their parents.

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

Sincerely yours,

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

MEMORANDUM

TO: Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff

FROM: Mary Mel French *MMF*

DATE: July 17, 1995

RE: Play School Day Care Centers

*Judy/Katie
Write to
woman in
HRC or
congratulate
on program*

This is the Play School information I was telling you about that HRC or the President possibly could use.

One outstanding point is that she worked with and was able to help families who were unemployed. The success rate for their getting jobs and off welfare is impressive.

I know Terrie Senteney well and can get more information. She is a great person.

DRAFTjes

July 19, 1995

Mr. John Sewell
President
ODC 1875 Connecticut Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Mr. Sewell,

Thank you for your invitation to the conference on the role of the multilateral development banks in improving the status of women. I regret that I was not able to attend. I share your interest in these issues and appreciate the important work that you do.

Thanks again and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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ICRW

*International Center
for Research on Women*

July 6, 1995

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

Dear Ms. Verveer:

ICRW and ODC cordially invite you to a conference on the role of the multilateral development banks in improving the status of women. The conference will be held on Friday, July 21, at the J.W. Marriott in Washington, D.C. from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. An agenda for the conference is enclosed.

Although greater attention has been given to the importance of women's participation in development over the past two decades, women in many countries still fall behind men in educational attainment, employment opportunities, and income. The role of the multilateral development banks is particularly important not only because of the magnitude of their lending resources, but also because of their potential influence with member countries through policy dialogue. The arrival of a new World Bank president and the upcoming United Nations' Fourth World Conference on Women have sparked considerable interest in this important topic.

We hope you will join us for this important and timely discussion on the evolving status of women and ways in which their lives can be improved and their contributions to society and the economy can be enhanced. Please RSVP to ODC's receptionist at (202) 234-8701 **no later than Tuesday, July 18th.**

Sincerely,

Mayra Buvinic
President
ICRW

John Sewell
President
ODC

NO

International Center for Research on Women

and

Overseas Development Council

conference on

The Role of the Multilateral Development Banks in Improving the Status of Women

*J.W. Marriott Hotel
1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.*

Friday, July 21, 1995

9:00 a.m.

Welcome

Mayra Buvinic-President, International Center for Research on Women
John Sewell-President, Overseas Development Council

9:15-10:45 a.m.

The Evolving Status of Women: In the Economy, In Society, and In Development Thinking

Panelists:

Nancy Birdsall-Executive Vice President, Inter-American Development
Bank

Mahbub ul Haq-Special Advisor to the Administrator, United Nations
Development Programme

11:00-12:30 p.m.

The Role of the MDBs in Improving the Status of Women

Moderator:

Catherine Gwin-Vice President for Studies, Overseas Development Council

Panelists:

Mayra Buvinic-President, International Center for Research on Women
Margaret Catley-Carlson-President, The Population Council

Sven Sandstrom-Managing Director, The World Bank

Marguerite Berger-Chief of the Women in Development Unit, The Inter-
American Development Bank*

*Invited

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 5, 1995

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Ms. Sana Shtasel
President and CEO
Planned Parenthood of Maryland
610 North Howard Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

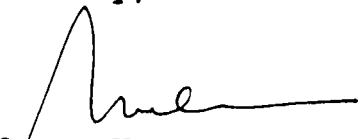
Dear Sana:

Congratulations on your appointment.
It is great to know that someone with your
experience and knowledge will be heading
Planned Parenthood of Maryland.

Good luck with your new position. Best
wishes.

Sincerely,

What good news!


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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Congrats
to Sana

June 29, 1995

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

Dear Ms. Verveer,

I am extremely pleased to announce that the Board of Directors of Planned Parenthood of Maryland appointed Sana Shtasel, a women's rights attorney and advocate with 20 years of experience, as president and CEO.

Ms. Shtasel brings to our organization a wealth of experience in the health arena and of service in both public and nonprofit sectors. She possesses extensive health care experience particularly in the area of building service delivery and advocacy coalitions. Her vision and talent will successfully lead PPM through these complicated times for health providers.

Ms. Shtasel has supported health care advocacy issues that directly impact PPM and its seven health centers. Specifically, she has worked on Medicaid managed care legislation and implementation with a concentration on women's health needs and the roles and rights of Title X family planning providers, and she has managed successful federal legislative and executive campaigns to preserve and enhance reproductive freedom for both women and men.

In addition, Ms. Shtasel draws on an impressive record of women's advocacy work. As a member of the Clinton/Gore campaign advisory and transition teams, she prepared reproductive freedom briefing materials and coordinated policy participation with the women's reproductive health community. She has served in senior executive positions in several not-for-profit organizations committed to women's rights and health; in politically appointed, high-level positions in the federal and Massachusetts state governments and on Capitol Hill; and as a political and policy consultant to many women's and civil rights advocacy organizations.

PPM is proud to welcome Ms. Shtasel to her new position. Her role as an advocate for reproductive freedom and her experience in health care provide the ideal combination to successfully lead this organization.

Sincerely,



Ann Gallant
Chair, Board of Directors
Planned Parenthood of Maryland

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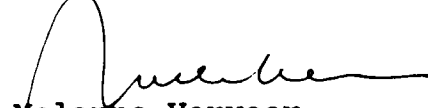
Kate Tamarkin
Vermont Symphony Orchestra
2 Church St.
Burlington, Vermont 05401

Dear Ms. Tamarkin

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

Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
of the First Lady



V E R M O N T
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KATE TAMARKIN, MUSIC DIRECTOR
THOMAS PHILION, GENERAL MANAGER

May 6, 1996

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

Dear Ms. Verveer:

It is my privilege to recommend Ms. Blanche Moyse for the Presidential Medal of the Arts. Ms. Moyse has been an outstanding musical presence in Vermont for decades, while at the same time maintaining an international career. A true pioneer, she has been successful in a career that is almost completely male dominated. Now 86 years old, her music making is as deep and sensitive as ever. Please consider her strongly for the Presidential Award, as she is an inspiration to us all.

Sincerely Yours,

Kate Tamarkin
Music Director

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WASHINGTON

May 21, 1996

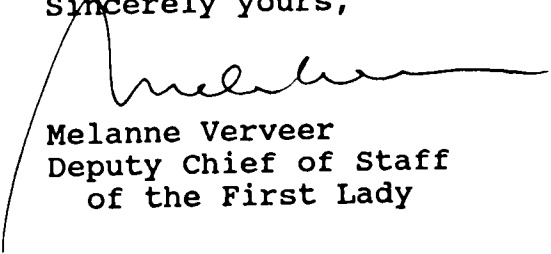
Ed Taylor
WritersCorps National Coordinator
The Nancy Hanks Center
1100 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20506-0001

Dear Ed,

Thank you for your letter and information about WritersCorps. We will be in touch if Mrs. Clinton's schedule permits her to make a visit to the Hart Junior High School in Washington DC.

Thank you for writing and thank you for faxing us the Post article.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
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TO Melanne Verucci

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FROM Ed Taylor

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This transmission is 2 page(s) long. If you did not receive all pages, please call Ed Taylor at 202.682.5796.

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an update on WritersCorps -
call if you have any
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Best,

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May 15, 1996

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
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Dear Ms. Verveer:

I hope you received the information I sent - following our conversation at the April 26 "Coming Up Taller" release event - concerning WritersCorps, and our invitation to Mrs. Clinton to visit our Hart Junior High School site here in Washington. If you have any questions please call me at 202-682-5796.

The program year at most of our Washington school sites will be ending when school ends in June.

Washington Post reporter Jackie Trescott is currently preparing a story on WritersCorps, focusing on our Hart program. Hart is "East of the River," in Anacostia, and presents a perfect counter both to stereotypes concerning the mean streets of urban America and to local perceptions of Anacostia. Six Hart students who are WritersCorps participants won prizes in the citywide Parkmont Poetry competition - the first time Hart has ever had any winners in the contest's 25-year-history. Teachers and staff attribute this to both the talent brought out by WritersCorps, and also the "legitimizing" of Hart as a strong school through its WritersCorps participation.

WritersCorps isn't about making poets, however, it's about making better lives for participants. One WritersCorps group exercise at Hart was a letter-writing project to the Washington Post in response to its Sunday, January 21, 1996, "Style" feature profiling a young Anacostia drug dealer, which the students felt presented a sensationalized and stereotyped picture of young African Americans. The students' letters were eloquent, passionate, and articulate. They also demonstrated the clear presence of another Anacostia that isn't as sexy as the prevailing images of violence, drugs, and dead end lives. Their Anacostia is one where kids work hard, care about the future, and care about their community, overcoming daunting challenges to achieve what they do. And AmeriCorps WritersCorps is there, helping this happen by strengthening literacy, communication, and classroom skills, and offering creative self-expression as an alternative to choices like those made by "Pablo," the drug dealer profiled in "Style."

Sincerely,

Ed Taylor
WritersCorps National Coordinator

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 29, 1996

Linda Tarr-Whelan
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1875 Connecticut Avenue, NW
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Washington, DC 20009

Dear Ms. Tarr-Whelan: *henda*

The First Lady asked me to thank you for inviting her to attend NOIA/NIAF in Rome, June 13 and 14. She regrets that she will be unable to attend because of a schedule conflict.

Thank you for the important work you do every day. Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

I am adding my voice, to that of the NOIAW/NIAF Rome Co-Chairs, Geraldine Ferraro, Matilda Cuomo, Arthur Gajarsa and Dr. Aileen Siery, the organizers and participants along with Kay Goss, to urge you to speak to us all in Rome, June 13 and 14.

Following the Administrations's initiatives and the call to action enunciated in Beijing, I view this conference is important in the evolving international dialogue. Your leadership and participation is key to keeping the flame of Beijing alive. The conference will complement the President's and your vision, raising some of the following substantive issues:

- How women are voices for leadership and justice.
- How women's needs are fueling medical breakthroughs.
- How women are turning to informal activism to impact social change.
- How women seek to strengthen the fabric and stability of their families.
- How women are exercising political power.
- How women are calling for easier access and improvements in specific areas of health care.

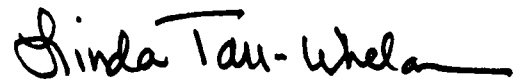
I appreciate so much your participating in the March 8th event in Fairfax County. We provided 300 copies of the Beijing report, *A Matter of Simple Justice: Women's Rights are Human Rights* to the U.N. Human Rights

Hillary Rodham Clinton
April 19, 1996
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Conference in Geneva, and we've been asked to make 4000 copies available for distribution world-wide celebrating World Mental Health Day this October.

I really hope your schedule will permit you to join us in Rome, June 13 and 14. We need you!

Sincerely,

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Linda Tarr-Whelan
President/CEO

THE WHITE HOUSE
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April 26, 1996

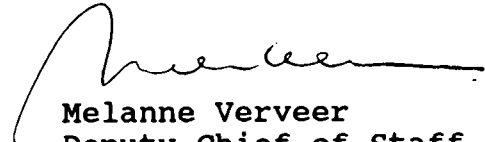
H.B. Thakur
Chair
International Society Against
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Dear Mr. Thakur:

The First Lady asked me to thank you for your recent letter and invitation for her to participate in The Second International Conference on Dowry and Bride-Burning in India this Fall. She regrets that she will be unable to attend your significant convening on an important issue of humanitarian concern because of schedule conflicts.

Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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January 30, 1996

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington D.C. 20500

Subject: International dimensions of US Presidential Campaign.

Attention: "Committee to re-elect President Bill Clinton".

Respected First Lady,

Enclosed please find a copy our reply (dated January 15, 1996) to your letter dated January 3, 1996 and a copy of the January-February 1996 issue of "Harvard Magazine". On pages 18 and 19 of this world renowned magazine, there is a report on "The First International Conference on Dowry and Bride-Burning in India" which was held on September 30 to October 2, 1995 at Harvard Law School, sponsored jointly by Harvard University and our Society.

By condemning Dowry and Bride-Burning in India at the Beijing Conference in September, 1995, you have not only brought hope to the lives of thousands of victims in India, but you have also given an unprecedented, new dimension to the world leadership of the US President. Throughout history, whether it be First World War, Second World War, Korean War, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama or Bosnia, or the multitude of foreign aid programs, critics see US role only as a military or economic overture.

You created history by condemning Dowry and Bride-Burning in India, because this is the first time a First Lady has spoken for the conscience of humanity on a purely ethical and moral issue.

In the ranks of world leaders, you are our only hope. Watching the television news where the Republican politicians have tried everything to tarnish your image, we panicked: if you lose, we do not have any other place to go. However, the clouds cleared very soon. Gold shines brighter in fire. Humanitarian issues like your medical insurance program and your world leadership for down-trodden millions are pieces of pure gold that will shine for ever in the history of mankind. We cannot imagine this to come from Republican leadership.

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We most respectfully invite you to preside over "The Second International Conference on Dowry and Bride-Burning in India", planned to be held at Harvard University on September 30, October 1 and October 2, 1996. We are trying to conclude the Conference on October 2 which is the 127th Birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, a great advocate for the emancipation of women and down-trodden millions. The dates, place and format of the Conference, however, will be finalized to conform with your schedule.

We also request you to consider whether this transmittal may be reviewed by the "Committee to re-elect President Bill Clinton". I appeal to them to examine following campaign strategy:

By early October 1996, i.e., after about 240 days from now, the political bickering on domestic issues and negative campaign will reach a saturation point, and the electorate will be yearning for a dash of fresh air.

At that point, a large section of the electorate may like to hear about international dimensions of US President's role, other than war and economic aid. The moral and ethical aspects of the homage to Mahatma Gandhi and condemnation of Dowry and Bride-Burning in India, a non-political and non-controversial subject in the USA but a strongly emotional question for humanity, will revitalize the ideology of political purity. The Republican leadership is not likely to have any countermove to these points.

By advocating the truth at Beijing, you have kindled a light of hope. We pray to God that President Bill Clinton remain in the office for one more term and you be our First Lady again.

With the best regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H.B. Thakur', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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January 15, 1996

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington D.C. 20500

Subject: Presidential Campaign in the USA: its international aspect.

Respected First Lady,

Many thanks for your letter dated January 3, 1996 and your strong condemnation of Dowry and Bride-Burning in India at the Beijing Conference in September, 1995.

Encouraged by your stance, I enclose herewith the January-February 1996 issue of "Harvard Magazine". On pages 18-19, there is a report on "The First International Conference on Dowry and Bride-Burning in India", which was held on September 30 to October 2, 1995 at Harvard Law School, sponsored jointly by Harvard University and our Society.

As you said in your Beijing speech, in most of the dowry-deaths in India, the bride is doused with kerosene and set to fire; the death is reported as a "kitchen accident". It is a very peculiar kind of domestic violence, because almost the entire family of the husband takes part in the killing and there is hardly any feeling of guilt. About 6,000 brides are killed every year in India according to Government statistics. Unofficial numbers range between 12,000 to 15,000 every year. Unlike child labor problem in India and Pakistan where the victims lose their childhood education but still can be photographed alive while working in the factories, the victims of dowry suffer in the secrecy of the home; people hear about them only when they are dead.

The election of the President of the USA is actually an international concern, because in many cases the President and the First Lady are the last hopes for suffering humanity in many parts of the world, far away from the United States. The Republican leadership of the USA has traditionally overlooked this side of the US Presidency.

I seek your permission to write an article about your struggle against pain and injustice not only in the USA, but on behalf of the burn victims of India's dowry holocaust. By advocating the truth at Beijing, you have kindled a light that must be kept shining till pain and injustice are expelled from the remotest parts of the world. The people of the USA must recognize this aspect of world leadership of the USA in the next ten months of Presidential campaign.

With the best regards,

Sincerely yours,



H.B. Thakur

THE WHITE HOUSE

April 25, 1996

Ruth F. Tannenbaum
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Dear Ms. Tannenbaum,

Thank you for your recent letter. I am delighted to hear of the efforts of "Granny Read" and her students. We are all grateful for the important work you do by sharing your time reading to elementary school children.

My best wishes to you and the children at the Greenfield School. Please give my regards to Lauren. She is involved in critical work and I so value her efforts in Kiev. You must be very proud of her.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton
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Ms. Melannie Verveera
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Attn: Ms. Hillary Rodman Clinton

Dear Hillary:

My niece, Dr. Lauren Arnold, of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, sends her regards. If you recall, around V-E day, 1995, she took you on a tour of the medical and hospital facilities in the Ukraine which she was using to set up a Woman's and Infant's program.

Enclosed are some of my reactions to reading your book, "It Takes a Village And Other Lessons Children Teach Us." The children in the Greenfield School to whom I read, are hoping to have your answer before the Spring terms ends.

Sincerely yours,
"Granny Read"
Ruth Freedman Tannenbaum

GRANNY READ

Ruth Freedman Tannenbaum

March 24, 1996.

Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady of the White House
Washington, D.C.
Dear Hillary:

The thought of writing to you came to me as I listened to you respond to an interview on C-Span about your book, "**It TAKES A VILLAGE** And Other Lessons Children Teach Us." I went out and purchased the book on March fifth and was aware that March is Women's History Month. I'm seventy five years old and have never before stayed up until four A.M. reading a book. Perhaps my motivation came from the title given to me eleven years ago by the reading specialist of a Philadelphia Public School, ALBERT M. GREENFIELD.

Granny Read was the name that signified my function both as a reader of children's stories and a senior citizen.

On page seventeen you wrote that your book is "a statement of your personal views, a reflection of my continuing meditation on children."

Your book does promote an honest conversation with you and others of why I value what you wrote about your being a woman who cares about all children, sick or well, handicapped or well endowed, American or any child anywhere.

Reading to children and having dialogue with them increases my sense of worth as I search for books I feel will meet their needs of joy, pain, laughter etc.. It also meets my needs. I cannot get over how much I learn and keep growing through their love of what I do with them.

Your second chapter grabbed me in my soul experience. Before I became "Granny Read", I was called Suzy Snowflake. It was the first costume I wore as I reached out to the youngest

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children at Greenfield. I told them that I belonged to a choral group who tried to cheer up old and infirm people by performing for them. In a winter holiday program the group sang, "Here Comes Suzy Snowflake." Dressed to personify a snowflake, I entered, wand in hand, reaching to our audience. Yes, we were a mini-village.

What was good for the old and infirm was also good for the young and vibrant. With the children, my readings were often supplemented by costumes. And this was more so at less privileged schools where some children suffered child abuse, loss of a parent from an overdose of drugs, and harassment from some people desperate to cope.

Those schools were the children's oasis. At one of them, I gave all the fifth graders, the graduating class, a book about Bill Clinton. These, I was able to purchase with a gift certificate I earned by giving a children's program at a Border's Book Store.

At Greenfield, the giving is on-going. Children consider helping others a privilege. One day, a child ran to me joyously with the news that she was designated to push the wheel chair of a student needing help. She was practicing for the job by pushing her guinea pig in her old baby carriage.

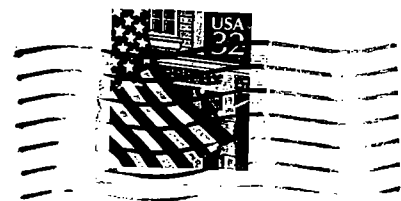


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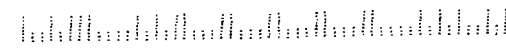
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 23, 1996

Charles H. Tower
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Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Tower: *Church*

On behalf of the President and First Lady, many thanks for your Presidents' Day message. The First Family appreciated receiving your inspiring compilation and have enjoyed reading the collection of historical messages.

Thank you again for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Mel
Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Clinton:

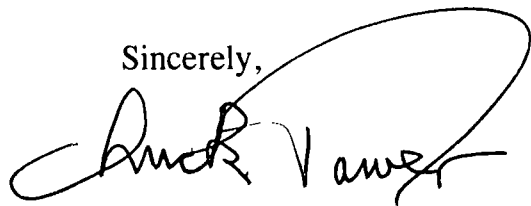
My Presidents' Day message is running a little bit behind schedule this year. I hope that it will not become submerged in the electronic clamor of the current competitive nominating process, vital as that process is in selecting a president.

The enclosed small collection of a dozen or so messages relates primarily to key presidential events and issues in the history of our country. They come from a manuscript chapter which has as its title "Messages About Country," a chapter containing more than fifty such messages.

Included here are messages by or about Patrick Henry, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt, and several others.

I hope that you will enjoy reading or re-reading these messages as much as I have enjoyed collecting them over the last few years.

Sincerely,

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March 4, 1996

Messages About Country

The story of a country is written in the unfolding chapters of its experience and is ultimately inscribed in the character of its institutions and in the hearts of its people.

The elements of that story include the strength and validity of its defining concepts and the writings that reflect them . . . the stability of its political, economic, social, and religious institutions, and their ability to accommodate needed change . . . the willingness of its people to work for and, if necessary, sacrifice for the common good . . . the cohesiveness within appropriate diversity of its people . . . the fabric of its family life . . . and the shared hopes, expectations, values, opportunities, and dreams that are so much a part of life.

Some of the messages relating to that story for our country are set forth on the pages of this chapter, largely in the order of their time and place in the history of this nation.

A CALL TO ARMS

The seeds of conflict eventually leading to military action between the thirteen colonies and their mother country, England, were both economic and political. For some it was more a matter of restrictive economic policies, particularly taxation, imposed by the Crown. For others it was an issue of liberty, a desire for the freedom to manage their own affairs.

An eloquent and persistent advocate of separation from England was Patrick Henry, a member of the Virginia Colony's House of Burgess. The concluding paragraphs of his speech of March 23, 1775, made just several weeks before the first military action at Concord and Lexington in Massachusetts, were a ringing call to arms.

Let us not, I beseech you, sir, deceive ourselves longer. Sir, we have done everything that could be done to avert the storm which is now coming on. We have petitioned; we have remonstrated; we have supplicated; we have prostrated ourselves before the throne, and have implored its interposition to arrest the tyrannical hands of the ministry and Parliament. Our petitions have been slighted; our remonstrances have produced additional violence and insult; our supplications have been disregarded; and we have been spurned, with contempt, from the foot of the throne! In vain, after these things, may we indulge the fond hope of peace and reconciliation. There is no longer any room for hope. If we wish to be free -- if we mean to preserve inviolate those inestimable privileges for which we have been so long contending -- if we mean not basely to abandon the noble struggle in which we have been so long engaged, and which we have pledged ourselves never to abandon until the glorious object of our contest shall be obtained -- we must fight! I repeat it, sir, we must fight! An appeal to arms and to the God of Hosts is all that is left us!

They tell us, sir, that we are weak; unable to cope with so formidable an adversary. But when shall we be stronger? Will it be the next week, or the next year? Will it be when we are totally disarmed, and when a British guard shall be stationed in every house? Shall we gather strength by irresolution and inaction? Shall we acquire the means of effectual resistance by lying supinely on our backs and hugging the delusive phantom of hope until our enemies shall have bound us hand and foot? Sir, we are not weak if we make a proper use of those means which the God of nature hath placed in our power. Three millions of people, armed in the holy cause of liberty, and in such a country as that which we possess, are invincible by any force which our enemy can send against us. Besides, sir, we shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations, and who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us. The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave. Besides, sir, we have no election. If we were base enough to desire it, it is now too late to retire from the contest. There is no retreat but in submission and slavery! Our chains are forged! Their clanking may be heard on the plains of Boston! The war is inevitable -- and let it come! I repeat it, sir, let it come.

It is in vain, sir, to extenuate the matter. Gentlemen may cry, Peace, Peace! -- but there is no peace. The war is actually begun! The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!

GEORGE WASHINGTON AND THE BATTLE OF MONMOUTH

"And now, having ridden past his men, Washington, on a great white horse, a recent gift, became convinced that his plans had miscarried. A fifer running away had said the Americans were retreating. His news, at first discredited, was confirmed by volunteer informants who had ridden hard to warn the general. Guns were heard in the distance; perhaps they were altogether enemy guns. Fury waked in Washington's heart. As a fox hunter he knew how to kindle zeal in his mount, which answered nobly to the spur. They galloped, fuming and lathered, down the long straight road toward the Wemrock Brook. As they approached the brook the swift eye and the quick understanding of the general took in the whole situation. Far off beyond the brook the road skirted a morass and passed the base of a hill. There a stand might be made. Straight toward him straggling American regiments were retreating. Beyond, through the haze of dust and glare, gleamed the brilliant uniforms of the British advance.

The whole of Lee's column was now in full retreat, pressing back toward Englishtown, the officers enraged and sullen, the men confused and disheartened. The moment before Washington rode up, the situation appeared hopeless. As if by magic it was transformed. 'Never was General Washington greater in war than in this action,' wrote Lafayette. 'His presence stopped the retreat. His dispositions fixed the victory. His fine appearance on horseback, his calm courage, roused by the animation produced by the vexations of the morning, gave him the air best calculated to excite enthusiasm.' And again he wrote, 'I thought then as now that never had I beheld so superb a man.' John Laurens, who was in the thick of the fight, wrote his father, 'The merit of restoring the day is due to the General; and his conduct was such throughout the affair as has greatly increased my love and esteem for him.' Hamilton struck the same note. 'I never saw the General to so much advantage . . . A general rout dismay and disgrace would have attended the whole army in any other hands but his.'

The turning of the tide began when Washington met two very brave officers, Colonel Stewart of Pennsylvania and Colonel Ramsay of Maryland, who were slowly leading back their men, they knew not why. But all previous orders vanished in the presence of the general. When Washington said, 'I shall depend on your immediate exertions to check with your two regiments the progress of the enemy till I can form the main army,' Colonel Ramsay replied, 'We shall check them.' The third battle line of the Americans was formed by these regiments on the British side of the ravine through which flowed the Wemrock. There was a brief space of hard fighting east of the brook. Stewart went down. Ramsay, severely wounded, was taken prisoner. Other troops, including Wayne's, were thrown in as support, while the slowly approaching British poured upon them both cannon fire and musketry. But the tired perplexed line held its place just long enough to save the day."

THE LEADERSHIP OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

Washington's major contribution to his country was his military leadership in the War of Independence. And an enormous contribution it was. He was away from Mount Vernon for six long years. If the war had been lost, he had the most to lose.

There were other able generals. There was no one else who had his extraordinary leadership presence. It kept the war effort going during some very dark days. If the battle of Monmouth had been a serious defeat for the revolutionary forces, the consequences would have been severe and perhaps catastrophic. Washington had his critics -- and some of them were quite vociferous at times -- but the people trusted, admired, and almost idolized him as their natural leader and that was one of the most important ingredients required for victory.

In his role as presiding officer of the constitutional convention, he had the prestige to provide for an orderly consideration of the subject at hand, although there was no lack of strong-willed, vocal participants. Washington was not, nor did he claim to be, an expert on the theory of government. He did, however, have several key ideas. First and foremost was his dedicated belief in a strong central government, but with appropriate safeguards to prevent abuse. It is certain that his views on that and related matters that were part of the mix that led to the government we have today.

As to becoming president, his initial reaction to the request that he serve was negative. He loved Mount Vernon, it had languished for lack of his attention during the war years, and he found satisfaction in the running of such an enterprise. He was pushed hard to accept the selection, and he finally said yes. Partisan politics was not an exercise he enjoyed, although he realized that, within limits, it was an essential element in a democratic society.

He was strongly against serving a second term. It was presented to him as an obligation that only he could fulfill. With very great reluctance, once again he

said yes. His prestige was an important element in getting the new government and its policies in working order.

The extraordinary career of George Washington came to an end with his death at his beloved Mount Vernon on December 14, 1799. As was his custom, he had taken a long, early morning horseback ride on a cold, wet morning. He became ill with respiratory problems and passed away within a few days.

The known tributes to this great man at the time of his passing numbered in the hundreds. Two, however, stood out -- those of Thomas Jefferson and Abigail Adams. That wise and perceptive woman who was the wife of the first vice president and then the second president, John Adams, wrote "Simple truth is his best, his greatest eulogy. She alone can render his fame immortal." Fourteen years after Washington's death, Thomas Jefferson spoke these words of praise:

"Perhaps the strongest feature in his character was prudence, never acting until every circumstance, every consideration, was maturely weighed; refraining when he saw a doubt, but, when once decided, going through with his purpose whatever obstacles opposed. His integrity was the most pure, his justice the most inflexible I have ever known, no motives or interest or consanguinity, or friendship or hatred, being able to bias his decision. He was indeed, in every sense of the words, a wise, a good and a great man."

"I doubt whether any other convention we can obtain may be able to make a better constitution, for when you assemble a number of men to have the advantage of their joint wisdom, you inevitably assemble with these men all their prejudices, their passions, their errors of opinion, their local interests, and their selfish views. From such an assembly can a perfect production be expected? I cannot help expressing a wish that every member of the convention who may still have objection to it would, with me on this occasion, doubt a little of his own infallibility."

Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790) . . . one of the most accomplished, multi-talented, and respected men in the history of his country. These few words of wisdom were delivered to the Constitutional Convention in 1787, when Franklin was in his eightieth year. Reading them again, the editor of this book is reminded of the words of the noted essayist, E.B. White, when he observed that "most men are upright, but few are perpendicular." Benjamin Franklin would have agreed.

THE CONSTITUTION

Following the successful conclusion of the war against England in 1783, the thirteen colonies agreed among themselves to be governed by the Articles of Confederation. This document, however, was soon found to be inadequate as a structure of government.

On May 25, 1787 fifty-five delegates representing twelve of the thirteen colonies gathered in Philadelphia for the purpose of revising the Articles. George Washington was named as the presiding officer. Many differences needed to be resolved, so the delegates stayed at the task all summer long. Seventeen weeks later on September 17, 1787 agreement was reached, and delegates from nine of the colonies approved the document.

The creation of this enduring statement of self government in such a short span of time stands as one of the most remarkable achievements in the annals of world history. Reproduced here is the Preamble and Article Two which enumerates the powers of the President.

The Constitution of the United States of America
September 17, 1787

Preamble

We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Article Two

SECTION 1. The executive power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold his office during the term of four years, and, together with the Vice-President, chosen for the same term, be elected, as follows:

SECTION 2. The President shall be commander in chief of the army and navy of the United States, and of the militia of the several States, when called into the actual service of the United States; he may require the opinion, in writing, of the principal officer in each of the executive departments, upon any subject relating to the duties of their respective offices, and he shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons for offenses against the United States, except in cases of impeachment.

He shall have power, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to make treaties, provided two-thirds of the Senators present concur, and he shall nominate, and by and with the advise and consent of the Senate, shall appoint ambassadors, other public ministers and consuls, judges of the Supreme Court, and all other officers of the United States, whose appointments are not herein otherwise provided for, and which shall be established by law: but the Congress may by law vest the appointment of such inferior officers, as they think proper, in the President alone, in the courts of law, or in the heads of departments.

The President shall have power to fill up all vacancies that may happen during the recess of the Senate, by granting commissions which shall expire at the end of their next session.

SECTION 3. He shall from time to time give to the Congress information of the state of the Union, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient; he may, on extraordinary occasions, convene both houses, or either of them, and in case of disagreement between them, with respect to the time of adjournment, he may adjourn them to such time as he shall think proper; he shall receive ambassadors and other public ministers; he shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and shall commission all the officers of the United States.

SECTION 4. The President, Vice President and all civil officers of the United States, shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and on conviction of, treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S FIRST INAUGURAL ADDRESS

(The Concluding Paragraphs)

The Chief Magistrate derives all his authority from the people, and they have conferred none upon him to fix terms for the separation of the States. The people themselves can do this also if they choose; but the executive, as such, has nothing to do with it. His duty is to administer the present government, as it came to his hands, and to transmit it, unimpaired by him, to his successor.

Why should there not be a patient confidence in the ultimate justice of the people? Is there any better, or equal hope, in the world? In our present differences, is either party without faith of being in the right? If the Almighty Ruler of nations, with his eternal truth and justice, be on your side of the North, or on yours of the South, that truth, and that justice, will surely prevail, by the judgment of this great tribunal, the American people.

By the frame of the government under which we live, this same people have wisely given their public servants but little power for mischief; and have, with equal wisdom, provided for the return of that little to their own hands at very short intervals.

While the people retain their virtue, and vigilance, no administration, by any extreme of wickedness or folly, can very seriously injure the government, in the short space of four years.

My countrymen, one and all, think calmly and *well*, upon this whole subject. Nothing valuable can be lost by taking time. If there be an object to *hurry* any of you, in hot haste, to a step which you would never take

Background Note: Lincoln's inauguration as the sixteenth President of the United States was held on March 4, 1861. His election had taken place on November 6, 1860. In that balloting Lincoln received 1,866,452 popular votes, while his opponents (Douglas, Breckenridge and Bell) had a combined total of 2,815,617. Lincoln did, however, carry every Northern free state except New Jersey. His trip with his family from Springfield, Illinois, to Washington in February, 1861, was marred by the rumor of an assassination attempt in Baltimore which caused him to secretly change trains for the last leg of the journey to Washington.

deliberately, that object will be frustrated by taking time; but no good object can be frustrated by it. Such of you as are now dissatisfied, still have the old Constitution unimpaired, and, on the sensitive point, the laws of your own framing under it; while the new administration will have no immediate power, if it would, to change either. If it were admitted that you who are dissatisfied, hold the right side in the dispute, there still is no single good reason for precipitate action. Intelligence, patriotism, Christianity, and a firm reliance on Him, who has never yet forsaken this favored land, are still competent to adjust, in the best way, all our present difficulty.

In *your* hands, my dissatisfied fellow countrymen, and not in *mine*, is the momentous issue of civil war. The government will not assail *you*. You can have no conflict, without being yourselves the aggressors. *You* have no oath registered in Heaven to destroy the government, while *I* shall have the most solemn one to "preserve, protect and defend" it.

I am loth to close. We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battle-field, and patriot grave, to every living heart and hearthstone, all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.

March 4, 1861

THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

November 19, 1863

Background Note: On November 19, 1863, four-and-one-half months after the battle of Gettysburg, a new National Soldier's Cemetery was to be dedicated on part of the battlefield. The principal speaker for the occasion was the foremost orator of his time, Edward Everett, whose career had included President of Harvard College, Governor of Massachusetts, United States Senator, and Secretary of State. President Lincoln had been asked to participate following Dr. Everett. A large crowd, including many distinguished guests, had assembled for the occasion. Dr. Everett spoke for two hours. President Lincoln's speech lasted two minutes. Afterwards, he expressed to a friend concern about his remarks and the response to them. History has judged otherwise. Lincoln's address, brief as it was, has over the years become the best-known and the most admired statement in the history of our nation.

LETTER TO MRS. LYDIA BIXBY

Executive Mansion,
Washington, Nov. 21, 1864

Dear Madam, ---- I have been shown in the files of the War Department a statement of the Adjutant General of Massachusetts, that you are the mother of five sons who have died gloriously on the field of battle.

I feel how weak and fruitless must be any words of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save.

I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours, to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of Freedom. Yours, very sincerely and respectfully,

On Sunday, December 7, 1941, the Japanese fleet conducted a surprise attack on the United States naval base at Pearl Harbor. On the following day President Roosevelt addressed The Congress and the nation describing the events of the previous day and asking the Congress to declare that a state of war has existed between the United States and the Japanese Empire as of the time of the attack on December 7, 1941.

"Mr. Vice President, and Mr. Speaker, and Members of the Senate and House of Representatives:

Yesterday, December 7, 1941 -- a date which will live in infamy -- the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the empire of Japan.

The United States was at peace with that nation, and, at the solicitation of Japan, was still in conversation with its government and its Emperor looking toward the maintenance of peace in the Pacific. Indeed, one hour after Japanese air squadrons had commenced bombing in the American island of Oahu, the Japanese Ambassador to the United States and his colleague delivered to our Secretary of State a formal reply to a recent American message. And, while this reply stated that it seemed useless to continue the existing diplomatic negotiations, it contained no threat or hint of war or of armed attack.

It will be recorded that the distance of Hawaii from Japan makes it obvious that the attack was deliberately planned many days or even weeks ago. During the intervening time the Japanese Government has deliberately sought to deceive the United States by false statements and expressions of hope for continued peace.

The attack yesterday on the Hawaiian Islands has caused severe damage to American naval and military forces. I regret to tell you that very many American

lives have been lost. In addition, American ships have been reported torpedoed on the high seas between San Francisco and Honolulu.

Yesterday the Japanese government also launched an attack against Malaya.

Last night Japanese forces attacked Hong Kong.

Last night Japanese forces attacked Guam.

Last night Japanese forces attacked the Philippine Islands.

Last night the Japanese forces attacked Wake Island.

And this morning the Japanese attacked Midway Island.

Japan has, therefore, undertaken a surprise offensive extending throughout the Pacific area. The facts of yesterday and today speak for themselves. The people of the United States have already formed their opinions and well understand the implications to the very life and safety of our nation.

As Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, I have directed that all measures be taken for our defense.

But always will our whole Nation remember the character of the onslaught against us.

No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory.

I believe that I interpret the will of the Congress and of the people when I assert that we will not only defend ourselves to the uttermost, but will make it very certain that this form of treachery shall never again endanger us.

Hostilities exist. There is no blinking at the fact that our people, our territory, and our interests are in grave danger.

With confidence in our armed forces -- with the unbounding determination of our people -- we will gain the inevitable triumph -- so help us God.

I ask that the Congress declare that since the unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on Sunday, December 7, 1941, a state of war has existed between the United States and the Japanese Empire."

From the Congressional Record, July 29, 1987, a personal postscript . . .

"For me it has been a privilege to be able to get to know the Members of the Senate and House who are here as well as some of your colleagues who could not be here. I respect, admire and like you. And I respect and admire the venerable institution which you serve so well.

In our society there is a persistent tendency, often encouraged by the competitive media, a tendency to denigrate the Congress of the United States . . . to make it seem fractious, inadequate and self-serving.

We the people too often forget that the institution of the Congress occupies a very special place in the long history of human development on our planet. It is the centerpiece of our two-hundred-year-old experiment as a free people to live together in accordance with a self-imposed rule of law. And that experiment is, in turn, the centerpiece in the uncertain journey of mankind to develop and maintain an enduring system of self government.

In the daily grind of legislative activity . . . the tedious, contentious and often erratic pace of the legislative process, the clamor of conflicting special interests and the insensitivity of some constituents . . . in all this it is easy to lose sight of the majestic meaning and purpose. Yet it is there nonetheless.

Indeed, as I know you realize, this shining edifice on the Hill where we are gathered this evening stands as a living monument to self government for free men and women everywhere, past, present and future generations, both in our own country and throughout the world. And you, ladies and gentlemen who have been elected to serve here, have the rare and extraordinary privilege of being the custodians of the unique legacy at this particular moment in history."

R/w
Hanks

The President & Mrs. Clinton



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ON WOMEN

In North Jersey, praise for beleaguered first lady

By PERRY O'GROWLEY
Staff Writer

When her husband became president, Hillary Rodham Clinton was hailed by many professional women as a groundbreaker who would revolutionize the role of first lady. And as she appears today before a grand jury investigating the Whitewater scandal, some North Jersey women are standing by her despite ambivalence about whether she did something wrong.

"I feel supportive of her, and I think it's a disgrace that we have to spend \$28 million on hearings when we're speaking about balancing the budget," said Sister Petri-

cile Lynch, chief executive officer of Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck.

Lynch said she thinks the first lady is being vilified for political reasons and because she is a "professional woman." "She's a prominent woman who is extremely well qualified to express the needs of the nation, and we find it difficult," said Lynch, comparing her to Eleanor Roosevelt.

"I guess I am pro-Hillary. I have doubts like everyone else, but I don't feel I have all the information to make a fair conclusion," said Joanne Pavata, manager of

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Hillary Rodham Clinton in New Hampshire. Story, Page A-10.

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community affairs for AT&T wireless services in Patamun.

Pavata, a mother of two, said she admires Clinton because she successfully provided a "normal" life for her daughter, and because "she's out assertively working on really good issues. She's doesn't sit back and enjoy being first lady."

Their support flies in the face of many public opinion polls that find the popularity of the first lady sliding as questions increase about her role as a corporate attorney representing a savings and loan owned by the Clintons' partner in a failed real estate deal in Arkansas.

Today, Clinton is expected to answer questions about how law firm billing records, which were subpoenaed two years ago and never found, suddenly appeared in a White House room restricted to the first family and their guests.

In a CNN/Time poll released last week, 82 percent of those questioned believed she had about her role in Whitewater and her involvement in the White House travel office, and 47 percent believed she did something "illegal."

Marcia Beer, an Oradell attorney, did not discount any potential findings of wrongdoing, but she wondered whether Clinton was being held to a higher standard because of her political position and her gender.

"My opinion of her has not changed at all. I think she's a feisty lady and a hard worker, and like all of us, she does some things right and some things wrong. I have empathy because you're a woman, and a woman who is making her way in a man's world...." Beer said. "I've practiced law for

nearly 20 years, and you can find things and sometimes you can't. If she had wanted to get rid of them [the records] she would have."

Others were more circumspect about her guilt or innocence, but they felt a strong political motive was at work.

"Al D'Amato is the junkyard dog who's investigating her.... He also heads up Bob Dole's campaign in New York, which leads me to question seriously the integrity of the investigation," said Jacqueline Grindrod, who practices family law in Totowa.

Grindrod, who said she admires Clinton as someone who successfully combines work and family, said the billing records seem to indicate that Clinton's work for the savings and loan was minimal. But her handling of the savings and loan was not skillful, she said.

But Beth Summers, a analyst with Ryan, Deck & Co. in West Orange, said it would be damaging to all professional women if the first lady were viewed simply as a victim of political machinations or an aggressive press.

"I don't want to use the term victim, because every time you portray it as a victim, it's thing back. She shouldn't get special treatment one way or another. There was talk of a co-presidency and getting two for one, and that's right there sets it up for a target," said Summers, of Pine Brook. "Somebody made a comment she's behaving like a corporate lawyer."

Cornelia Baltoanu, a pediatrician who practices in Hackensack and Fort Lee, said she believes Clinton is guilty of wrongdoing. "She was never a role model for me. I was neutral before. Now I have a negative opinion. I don't think she tells the truth," she said.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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February 12, 1996

Ms. Ludmilla Tereshchenko
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Dear Ludmilla:

The Ukrainian Ambassador to the United States, His Excellency Yuri Shcherbak, personally brought to my office your and the children's inspirational letters, the photographs and the children's art.

I thank you sincerely for the thoughts expressed in your letter, and for your commitment to children through your work with the Children's Fund, "Dryada."

Thank you for sharing the aim of your fund -- to further peace and friendship around the globe through the creative work of children. The motto of the children's enterprise, "Today we are children; tomorrow the masters of the earth," is one with which I wholeheartedly agree.

As we observe the tenth anniversary of the tragedy of Chernobyl, your work with the children who personally experienced the disaster can teach us all important lessons. Your effort to reach out to children around the world, including America's children, is one in which we all join. Your concern and dedication has my personal thanks.

Thank you also for your generous words about my own work with children and for my speech to the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing. (Enclosed is a copy of all the speeches I made in Beijing.)

By working for children, wherever we live, we will help to create a better world for all our children.

God's blessings on you and your work.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton
Hillary Rodham Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 30, 1996

Dorothy Q. Thomas
Director
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Dear Ms. Thomas,

Mrs. Clinton asked me to reply to your letter concerning the human rights of women and the UN Fourth World Conference on Women. She shares your belief that the time has come for the world to take concrete steps to halt violations of the human rights of women.

Integrating the human rights of women into the foreign relations of the United States is certainly challenging; in particular, the calculus involved in reaching decisions on foreign assistance and trade relations is complex, and involves a wide range of actors in the public and private sectors.

Nonetheless, the United States is committed to weighing information concerning violations of the human rights of women when making foreign policy decisions. We look forward to working closely with your group and others.

As noted in your letter, the Administration recently established the President's Interagency Council on Women, charged with following up on the US effort to implement the Platform for Action adopted at the UN Fourth World Conference on Women. If you have information concerning abuse of the human rights of women that bears upon bilateral and multilateral aid decisions, please do not hesitate to forward it to the Council offices, where it will be channeled to the appropriate agencies. The Council is located at:

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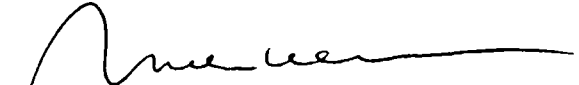
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The Administration considers ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women to be its highest priority among those international human rights

instruments pending. We continue to urge the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to reconsider the package of reservations, understandings and declarations first submitted by the Administration during the 103rd Congress, a necessary step in the ratification process. Unfortunately, it appears there is little hope of that happening in the near future.

Thank you again for your interest in these issues. I look forward to hearing from you again.

Sincerely,



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From: Jeff Meer

Date: 12/14/95

To: Nichole Rabner

Of: 1st Lady's Office

Fax Number: _____

Subject: Dorothy Thomas Letter

Message: Nichole...some time ago, you had asked me
to draft a letter for the First Lady to reply to
Dorothy Thomas of Human Rights Watch. Attached is
a draft response for Melanne to review. It has been
cleared by State, USAID, Commerce, and USTR. Please
forgive the delay in responding (computers here would
have helped!).

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Hillary Rodham Clinton

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October 24, 1995

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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

We are pleased to note that the United States is acting quickly to follow-up on commitments made at the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, as evidenced by, among other initiatives, the establishment of the President's Interagency Council and your meeting tomorrow with members of the U.S. delegation to the conference.

As you know, we strongly supported your statements defending women's human rights at the Beijing Conference and feel that your speech set the tone for future U.S. leadership in promoting women's human rights, including as an integral part of U.S. relations with foreign governments. However, we are deeply concerned that, at present, violations of women's human rights figure inconsistently, if at all, in the United States' bilateral aid and trade relations with abusive governments. Moreover, the U.S. commitments, as outlined in Beijing, did not explicitly recognize the urgent need to remedy this problem if accountability for women's human rights abuse is ever to be achieved. We are hopeful that your conversation with the delegation tomorrow will include an emphasis on the need for concrete steps by the United States government to integrate concern for women's human rights into U.S. foreign policy at both the bilateral and multilateral levels.

We also think it important to stress that U.S. advocacy on women's human rights with respect to its foreign policy should be reinforced by actions to guarantee that American women also benefit from international protections of their rights. To this end, we concur with Ambassador Albright that the United States should be a party to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. We urge that members of the interagency commission, to the degree possible, lend much needed support to the stalled effort to secure U.S. ratification of this treaty.

We look forward to working together with you and the interagency council in the

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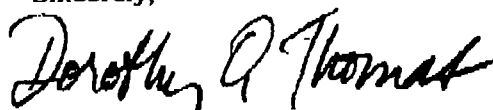
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months ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information or if we can be of any assistance. I can be reached in our New York office: (212) 972-8400.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dorothy Q. Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dorothy Q. Thomas
Director

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

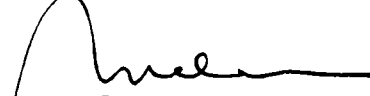
February 6, 1996

Dorothy Thayer
Principal
Saint Camillus School
1500 St. Camillus Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20903

Dear Dorothy,

Thank you for your recent letter. I regret that it appears that the First Lady will not be able to visit your school in the foreseeable future. I will, however, keep your invitation in mind. Thank you again for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

*It was
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Saint Camillus School
1500 St. Camillus Drive
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(301) 434-2344

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January 16, 1996

Dear Melanne,

It was a pleasure seeing you and Phil at Alan and Karen's Christmas party. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to tell you about St. Camillus School - for certain, a topic on which I never tire of talking!

Our diverse student body is truly a microcosm. We are proud that our rich and caring parish community has gained the attention here in the neighborhood, with Channel 7 News and the Montgomery Gazette, and throughout the metropolitan area. How happy I am now to tell you that Cardinal Hickey has selected St. Camillus School for a visit on February 12.

What an honor it would be to have you and Mrs. Clinton visit our school! In light of the First Lady's strong advocacy on behalf of our country's children, I believe she would be pleased to see how enthusiastically our children pursue their learning. At St. Camillus School, we strive to provide an atmosphere that values cultural differences. Our staff is dedicated to open all opportunities for each and every child.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Thayer

Dorothy Thayer
Principal

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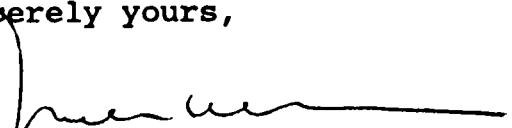
January 30, 1996

Judy Taylor
President
Colorado Press Women
9807 E. Bayou Ridge Trail
Parker, CO 80134

Dear Ms. Taylor,

Thank you for writing to invite Mrs. Clinton to address the Colorado Press Women. I regret the First Lady will be unable to accept your kind offer because of a schedule conflict. However, if you would like her to provide a video message for your gathering, please let us know and we will be happy to arrange it. My thanks to you again for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

*Thank you
for your comments
on my Ovisitation
speech. It's
a wonderful place.*



COLORADO PRESS WOMEN

Affiliated with the National Federation of Press Women

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Regret

December 15, 1995

Dear Mrs. Verveer:

As a 1962 graduate of Georgetown Visitation (the Junior College at the time) I enjoyed the photos and your commencement speech comments in the fall 1995 notes. I go back to Visitation upon some of my visits to Washington.

I am writing to you today on behalf of Colorado Press Women, an affiliate of the National Federation of Press Women. One of our Arkansas members, Charlotte Schexnayder is an acquaintance of the Clintons.

Colorado Press Women would like to extend a friendly invitation to First Lady, Hillary Clinton, to our annual spring awards banquet as the keynote speaker on Saturday, April 27, 1996 in Denver, Colorado.

We plan on a cordial, bipartisan audience of between 300-500 women and some men. We would ask Mrs. Clinton to deliver a luncheon address of twenty-five to thirty minutes with time for brief questions, if possible. Her topic could include her views on education, children, the future, working with the media, women's issues etc. We could focus on this question at a later time when her availability has been determined.

Last month, I returned from Virginia where I worked for the homestretch week on Democratic Delegate George Grayson's campaign. We were part of a Democratic victory that hopefully will help begin the reversal of extreme negative campaigning.

My sister, Carmen Grayson, recently met President Clinton and later sent him a book he had wanted but the volume was out of print. My sister had one extra copy of this book by famous Georgetown professor, Carroll Quigley.

I look forward to your response about the April 27th request. I am also faxing the office of Scheduling In Advance with the same request.

All good wishes for a pleasant holiday season.

Cordially,

Judy Taylor, President
Colorado Press Women
c/o 9807 E. Bayou Ridge Trail
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 12, 1995

Mr. Charles H. Tower
1026 16th St., NW
Apt. 503
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Tower:

The First Lady asked me to thank you for your inspirational collection of messages which are appropriate to this Christmas season. It was thoughtful of you to convey them to the First Family.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

What a
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Thank you.

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President Bill, First Lady Hillary & Chelsea —

Christmas is the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Each day should be a day when we celebrate his teachings.

This, the 17th year of our Christmas messages, comes at a time when all of us are concerned about the increasing divisiveness in our society, which is so contrary to the underlying meaning of Christmas. That concern is reflected in this year's selections.

First, from The Gospel According to St. Mark, the First and Second Commandments. Then, two unusual and contrasting Christmas poems: the first by W.H. Auden, one of England's most celebrated twentieth century poets, and the second by Edwin Arlington Robinson, a well-known, turn of the century American poet. And finally, a true story about two people who, in an interracial environment, are among those who seem to have found a way to put something of the meaning of Christmas into their daily lives.

Charles H. Tower

The 1995 Christmas Season

28 ¶ And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?

29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments *is*, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: *this is* the first commandment.

31 And the second *is* like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:

33 And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love *his* neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

34 And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him *any question*.

CHORUS OF ANGELS

Unto you a Child,
A Son is given.
Praising, proclaiming
The ingression of Love,
Earth's darkness invents
The blaze of Heaven,
And frigid silence
Meditates a song;
For great joy has filled
The narrow and the sad,
While the emphasis
Of the rough and big,
The abiding crag
And wandering wave,
Is on forgiveness:
Sing Glory to God
And good-will to men,
All, all, all of them
Run to Bethlehem.

A CHRISTMAS SONNET

(For One in Doubt)

While you that in your sorrow disavow
Service and hope, see love and brotherhood
Far off as ever, it will do no good
For you to wear his thorns upon your brow
For doubt of him. And should you question how
To serve him best, he might say, if he could,
"Whether or not the cross was made of wood
Whereon you nailed me, is no matter now."

Though other saviors have in older lore
A Legend, and for older gods have died —
Though death may wear the crown it always wore
And ignorance be still the sword of pride —
Something is here that was not here before,
And strangely has not yet been crucified.

DOCTOR HONORED FOR HEALING COMMUNITY

The ceremony was brief, but it paid tribute to work that spans a lifetime.

At the South African Embassy on Monday night, LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr., chief of surgery at Howard University for 35 years, received the Mary Alice Stoddard Award from Family and Child Services of Washington, D.C., a 114-year old social service organization. The award is named for a former board member who served 35 years with the group.

Leffall was introduced as a man who got an early start, graduating *summa cum laude* from Florida A&M University at age 18. But that also might have been a reference to the fact that Leffall starts his day by arriving at Howard at 5 a.m.

"I've been doing it so many years now, it's hard to think when I wasn't doing it," he said, adding that his days often last 12 to 14 hours.

Leffall, who was the first African American president of the American Cancer Society, said he regards his most important role as that of professor, helping to train black physicians.

He said it is critical that young people see black doctors and be able to say, "Aha, I can become that." In 1992, he was named the Charles R. Drew Professor, holding the first endowed chair in the surgery department at Howard University Hospital.

Leffall also has been a visiting professor and guest lecturer at more than 200 medical institutions around the world. In 1987, a biennial award was established in his name at the Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute in Houston, recognizing his work in cancer prevention, treatment and education in minority and disadvantaged communities. And in 1996, he will be inducted as an honorary fellow of the College of Surgeons of South Africa.

Leffall said Monday's award has special meaning to him. "There is nothing more important that we can do than to help children and families," he said. He called Family and Child Services one of the most important organizations serving the District's needy children and senior citizens and said that in "an era of financial crises and government cutbacks, everyone must get involved. "It sounds cliched," he said, "but everyone can make a difference. Volunteer to provide transportation, volunteer your time and certainly your money, but each of us has to do something."

Rhoda Veney, executive director of Family and Child Services, said Leffall is "an example of a person who has given his life to his community. He has helped to make things better, especially for the African American Community."

In 1968, Mary Alice Stoddard and her husband, D.C. lawyer Buster Stoddard, donated 400 acres of property in Markham, Va., in the Shenandoah Valley, to the Family and Child Services organization. It has been used since then as a residential camp. Mary Alice Stoddard died in 1994 at age 82.

The Family and Child Services organization sponsors community outreach programs such as the Alzheimer's Weekend, a respite for caregivers' the Homes for Black Children adoption program; and a foster-care program. The organization is funded primarily by the federal and District governments and the United Way.

D.C. Council Chairman David A. Clarke (D) was at the awards reception and said the organization "helps by bringing good will and money" as well as "that spirit and sense of priority." Even in boom times, he said, "we still needed this organization. We certainly need it now."

Leffall said he and his wife, Ruth Leffall, who has been on the Family and Child Services board on and off for 20 years, share a passion for civic service. Between the two of them, he said, they must be "involved in almost every organization there is."

Ruth Leffall said: "I think we live in a wonderful city. It's an important city. And if we just think in terms of what happens at the beginning - the family structure - if that's okay, we don't have to worry so much about the city."

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 25, 1995

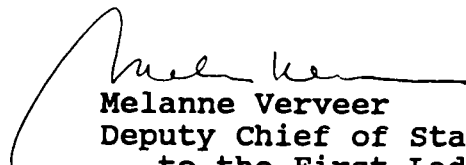
Olga Trifonova
Leningradskii pr. d. 5, kor.3, kv.53
Moscow 125040
Russia

Dear Ms. Trifonova:

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Again, thank you for thinking of the First Lady and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

cc: Victor Miller
Department of the Treasury



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

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October 15, 1995

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
Room 100 OEOB
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Verveer:

Treasury's Office of Technical Assistance places financial advisors with governments of central and eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union to help create fiscal structures consistent with movement toward a democratic process and a market economy. One of our advisors in the Russian Finance Ministry, Ms. Carol Scott Leonard, has been asked to transmit the attached letter and book to Ms. Rodham Clinton.

The book is a biography of Ms. Rodham Clinton that was originally written in German, and Ms. Trifonova has translated it into Russian to make it accessible to the Russian public. Ms. Trifonova is an obvious admirer of the First Lady, who may be pleased to note the scope of her quiet influence outside of North America.

I would appreciate it greatly if the letter could generate an appropriate response.

Sincerely,

Victor J. Miller
Senior Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 25, 1995

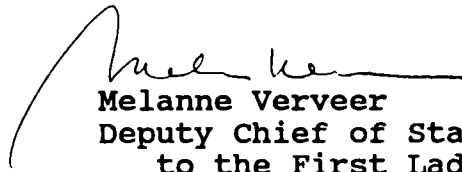
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Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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September 5, 1995

Ms. Hilary Rodham Clinton
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Rodham Clinton:

This exceptionally interesting book, written by Mario R. Dederichs, will open our series, "Women and Power." For this troubled period of our history, the series will be current and critical

Women's search for stability and purpose are, in my view, decisively important in this era. This biography, presenting your views and demonstrating your character, is evidence of the real strength of women today.

As a writer and, I hope, a perceptive reader, I was also impressed by your role in the history of the women's movement in America.

Accept my expression of deepest respect and admiration,

Yours sincerely,

Olga Trifonova



Russia
Moscow 125040
Leningradskii pr. d. 5, kor. 3, kv. 53

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Oct 10

Julia Vadala Toff
President & CEO

Dear Melanne,
As you launch the First Lady
on her Latin American Tour, this
book is worth a review. It
holds some wonderful insights
on Latina women.

Francesca is the niece of
former Sen. Charlie Goodell (didn't
Mrs. Clinton work for him in her youth?)
Anyway, I hope you will give
this book to Mrs. Clinton.

I don't know how Latin Am.
will top China in terms of Mrs.
Clinton's electrifying presence and
contribution to the global women's
movement - but we all are
so pleased she is investing
her time and energy on L.A.

Have a great trip —
bon voyage

Julia

October 12, 1995

Julia Vadala Taft
President and CEO
InterAction
1717 Massachusetts Ave., NW
suite 801
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Julia:

It was so thoughtful of you to have sent Mrs. Clinton the book on Latina women for her trip, ~~to Latin America. Beijing represented a great increase for the awareness of women's issues, and the First Lady hopes to maintain this awareness while in Latin America.~~

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 19, 1995

Julia Vadala Taft
President and CEO
InterAction
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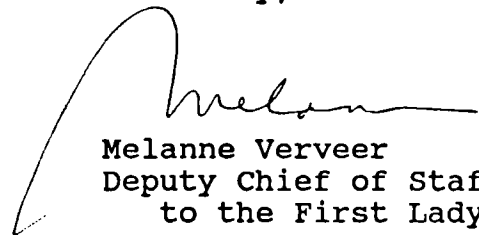
It was so thoughtful of you to have sent Mrs. Clinton the book on Latin American women to prepare for her trip. We immersed ourselves in it.

You were a great addition to the delegation. We're so proud of what was accomplished. Now we have to do the hard work to bring progress to women in their everyday lives.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

*I hope to see
you soon.*


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 27, 1995

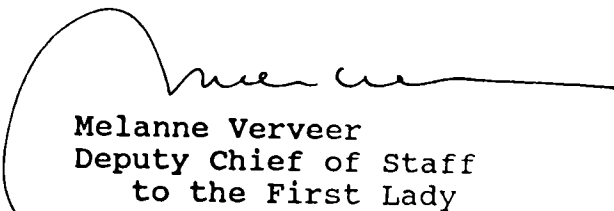
Ms. Leila Takala
Social Secretary
Embassy of Finland
3301 Massachusetts Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Ms. Takala:

Thank you for the photo taken during
Mrs. Ahtisaari's visit to the White House. I
greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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September 27, 1995

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Best wishes.

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EMBASSY OF FINLAND
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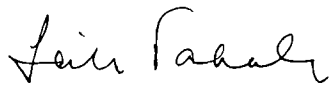
Send Thanks

September 15, 1995

Dear Ms. Verveer,

I am sending you herewith a photograph which was taken during the visit of Mrs. Eeva Ahtisaari, wife of the President of Finland, to the White House on November 8, 1994.

Sincerely,



Leila Takala
Social Secretary

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

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
September 22, 1995

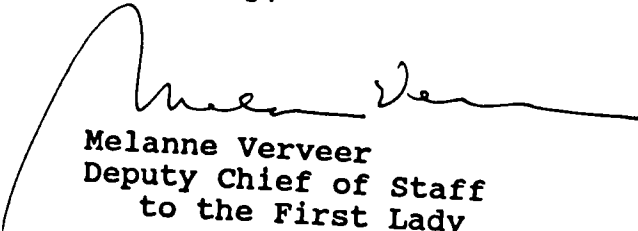
The Hon. Marie Tehan, MP
Minister for Health
555 Collins St.
22nd Floor
Melbourne, Victoria 3000
Australia

Dear Minister Tehan:

The First Lady and I would like to thank you for the informative report regarding the restructuring of the Victorian health care system. It is so useful to learn about the health care systems of other nations. Mrs. Clinton appreciates your thoughtfulness.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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September 22, 1995

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Minister for Health

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(GPO Box 4057 Melbourne 3001)
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8 SEP 1995

Ms Melanne Verveer
Deputy Assistant to the President and
Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Ms Verveer

The Victorian Government recently initiated a review of the structure and governance of metropolitan public hospitals. The report of the first phase of that review conducted by a body appointed independent of government, the Metropolitan Hospitals Planning Board, is enclosed for your information.

By way of background, the Victorian health care system services a population of approximately 4.5 million people treating over 800,000 patients a year at a cost of \$(A)2,000 million. In Melbourne, Victoria's capital city, 40 public hospitals offer a range of acute care services with combined net assets valued at over \$(A)1350 million, including buildings, land and equipment.

Over 30% of Victoria's acute hospital activity occurs in six teaching hospitals located within a five kilometre radius of Melbourne which means services are concentrated in the inner rather than the outer metropolitan growth areas.

Against this background, together with an acknowledgment of other pressures affecting the health system, such as an ageing population, medical advances, the cost of new health technologies and the development of community based services, this major review was commenced in February 1995.

The Metropolitan Hospitals Planning Board's Phase 1 Report *Developing Melbourne's Hospital Network* was completed in June 1995 after wide consultation with health care professionals on local, national and international levels. The Report makes recommendations on strategies to tailor the Victorian health care system to provide a full range of services more effectively, efficiently and in a manner which will better meet the needs of patients into the next century.

The basis of the Planning Board's recommendations is the establishment of health care Networks - an aggregation of existing hospitals under one board of directors. By aggregating existing hospitals into networks of health care providers, service planning issues for a local population can be addressed more effectively. With Networks offering a range of services such as aged care, psychiatric services, palliative care, rehabilitation, home based care as well as acute services, patients will have access to a fully integrated service and are given the opportunity to move between levels of care without difficulty.

The Victorian Government accepted the key recommendations of the Report in July 1995 and Networks, as proposed in the Report, commenced on 1 August 1995.

The challenges facing the provision of health care in Victoria are not unique. For this reason, I am pleased to be able to share with you Victoria's model for addressing these challenges. The enclosed Report is a scholarly and thought provoking piece of research which I wholeheartedly commend to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marie Tehan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a trailing flourish.

The Hon Marie Tehan, MP
Minister for Health

HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES...

1 WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY JOB?

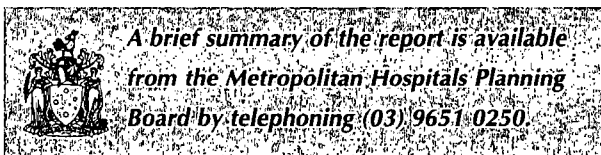
The development of networks is about a better health system that is accessible, flexible and responsive to patient needs. Over the next few years, network Boards will need to closely examine the functions, services and organisational arrangements of each hospital in their network to identify common activities, potential duplication and opportunities for new service development. While this will mean that some positions will change, affected staff will be offered the opportunity to take up new positions within the network, with additional training if appropriate.

2 WHO WILL MY EMPLOYER BE AND WILL MY CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT CHANGE?

Staff of individual hospitals will become employees of the network when the network takes over from individual hospitals as the legal employer, except in the case of denominational hospitals which will continue to employ their own staff. Employment conditions and entitlements currently enjoyed by staff will be retained. If, over time staff move to new positions within their organisation, new arrangements may be required and these will be negotiated with staff and their representatives when required.

3 HOW WILL THE RELOCATION OF SOME SERVICES TO THE OUTER SUBURBS AFFECT ME?

Some services will need to be relocated to provide services closer to where people live. This will be done over the next few years following detailed health planning and in consultation with both network staff and the community. Staff affected by relocations will be fully involved in the process and will be given the opportunity to take up another position within the network.

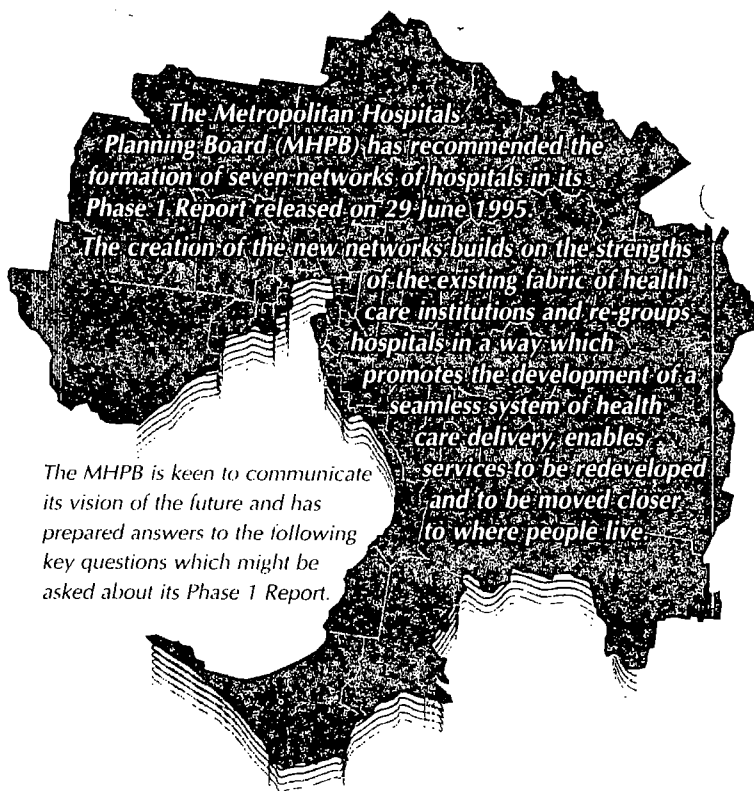


METROPOLITAN HOSPITALS PLANNING BOARD



PHASE 1 REPORT

*Some of your
questions
answered...*



THE COMMUNITY...

1 *HOW WILL MY LOCAL HOSPITAL BE AFFECTED?*

Individual hospitals will continue to exist to serve their communities. Networks will bring hospitals together into groups that can better plan for the health needs of the community and share resources. Individual hospitals will no longer have a separate Board of Management, but will be part of an invisible network of patient care.

2 *WILL MY LOCAL HOSPITAL CHANGE ITS NAME OR BECOME MORE REMOTE FROM THE COMMUNITY?*

No. There will be no necessity for a hospital to change its name or to lose its identity. It will still be important for a hospital to be responsive to the needs of its community and to establish mechanisms to ensure that community concerns are addressed. The Metropolitan Hospitals Planning Board has recommended that community advisory committees be formed to ensure close links with the community are maintained.

3 *WILL I BE ABLE TO SEEK HEALTH CARE FROM ANY PUBLIC HOSPITAL OR WILL I HAVE TO GO TO ONE IN THE NETWORK WHERE I LIVE?*

While networks are constructed to reflect where people live, patients and their doctors are not constrained in their choice of health care provider. People can choose to access services in any of the networks to meet their own particular needs and preferences. Doctors will continue to refer their patients to where they believe they will receive optimum care.

4 *WILL LOCAL COMMUNITIES BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH NETWORK BOARDS OF DIRECTORS?*

Yes. Networks will be responsive to the needs of patients and their carers to ensure that hospitals continue to provide superior health care. Network Boards will be looking to the community for input into the provision and location of services. Aside from the Community Advisory Committees established by the Boards, network Boards will develop strategic health service plans with community and health care provider input to meet the needs of their communities. The development of these network health plans will be a key priority of all new Boards.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 10, 1995

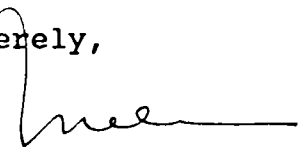
Mr. Charles H. Tower
1026 16th Street, NW
Apartment 503
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Tower:

Mrs. Clinton asked me to thank you for writing and for sending a copy of the first draft of The Declaration of Independence before and after review by the Continental Congress. It is truly a living document.

Thank you again and best wishes.

Sincerely,


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

*Charles -
Thank you
for your
message*

Thanks

President Bill, First Lady Hillary & Chelsea-

As many of my Washington friends know, I have long been a collector of a variety of written materials. A few months ago, while going through a book about Thomas Jefferson, I ran across the enclosed copy of the Declaration of Independence. I was intrigued by the substance and the format and set the document aside in my manuscript bin for later use.

The Declaration is one of the greatest political statements in the history of mankind. Most people today believe, as I did, that it was written by Thomas Jefferson, then only 33 years old, with little, if any, help from others. The facts are otherwise.

At the urging of John Adams, Jefferson agreed to write the first draft and did so during the middle part of June of 1776. That draft, after review and limited change by a committee of five, was presented on June 28 to the Continental Congress sitting as a committee of the whole. There followed over a four day period vigorous debate of the draft document and, to Jefferson's great consternation, the approval of substantial changes. Independence from England was voted on July 2. The Declaration was approved two days later on July 4, 1776.

The final result is still regarded as primarily a Jefferson product. Most historians believe, however, that the changes, taken as a whole, were beneficial. The copy here presented shows by strike out the deletions and by italics the additions made by the Continental Congress in the draft as presented.

Independence Day, 1995

Chuck Anderson

A Declaration by the Representatives of the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
in General Congress assembled.

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's god entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created

certain un-
equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with ~~inherent and in~~ⁱⁿalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. prudence indeed will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light & transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. but when a long train of abuses and usurpations, ~~begun at a distinguished period &~~ pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, & to provide new guards for their future security. such has been the patient sufferance of these colonies, & such is now the

alter
necessity which constrains them to ~~expunge~~^{alter} their former systems of government. the history of the present king of Great Britain is a his-

repeated
tory of ~~unremitting~~^{repeated} injuries and usurpations, ~~among which appears no~~
having
~~solitary fact to contradict the uniform tenor of the rest, but all have~~ⁱⁿ direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these states. to prove this let facts be submitted to a candid world, ~~for the truth of which we pledge a faith yet unsullied by falsehood.~~

He has refused his assent to laws of the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

he has forbidden his governors to pass laws of immediate & pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his assent should

utterly

be obtained; and when so suspended he has [^]neglected ~~utterly~~ to attend to them.

he has refused to pass other laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of representation in the legislature; a right inestimable to them, & formidable to tyrants only.

he has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, & distant from the depository of their public records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

he has dissolved Representative houses repeatedly ~~& continually~~, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

he has refused for a long time after such dissolutions to cause others to be elected whereby the legislative powers, incapable of annihilation, have returned to the people at large for their exercise, the state remaining in the meantime exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, & convulsions within.

he has endeavored to prevent the population of these states; for that purpose obstructing the laws for naturalization of foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither; & raising the conditions of new appropriations of lands.

obstructed

he has ~~suffered~~ [^]the administration of justice ~~totally to cease in some of~~
by

~~these states~~ refusing his assent to laws for establishing judiciary powers.

he has made our judges dependent on his will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount & payment of their salaries.

he has erected a multitude of new offices ~~by a self-assumed power~~, & sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.

he has kept among us, in times of peace, standing armies ~~and ships of war~~, without the consent of our legislatures.

he has affected to render the military independent of, & superior to, the civil power.

he has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitutions and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his assent

to their acts of pretended legislation for quartering large bodies of armed troops among us;

for protecting them by a mock-trial from punishment for any murders which they should commit on the inhabitants of these states;

for cutting off our trade with all parts of the world;

for imposing taxes on us without our consent;

in many cases

for depriving us of the benefits of trial by jury;

for transporting us beyond seas to be tried for pretended offenses;

for abolishing the free system of English laws in a neighboring province, establishing therein an arbitrary government, and enlarging its boundaries so as to render it at once an example & fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these states;

for taking away our charters, abolishing our most valuable laws, and altering fundamentally the forms of our governments;

for suspending our own legislatures, & declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

by
he has abdicated government here, ~~withdrawing his governors &~~
and waging war against us
declaring us out of ~~his allegiance and protection~~.

he has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns, & destroyed the lives of our people.

he is at this time transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries, to compleat the works of death, desolation & tyranny, already begun
scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages and totally
with circumstances of cruelty & perfidy unworthy the head of a civilized nation.

excited domestic insurrection amongst us and has

he has endeavored to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers the merciless Indian savages, whose known rule of warfare is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes, & conditions of existence.

he has incited treasonable insurrections of our fellow citizens, with the allurements of forfeiture & confiscation of property.

our fellow citizens

he has constrained ~~others~~ taken captives on the high seas to bear arms against their country, to become the executioners of their friends & brethren, or to fall themselves by their hands.

he has waged cruel war against human nature itself, violating its most sacred rights of life & liberty in the persons of a distant people, who never offended him, captivating and carrying them into slavery in another hemisphere, or to incur miserable death in their transportation thither, this piratical warfare, the opprobrium of *infidel* powers, is the warfare of the *Christian* king of Great Britain, determined to keep open a market where MEN should be bought & sold, he has prostituted his negative for suppressing every legislative attempt to prohibit or to restrain this execrable commerce: and that this assemblage of horrors might want no fact of distinguished dye, he is now exciting those very people to rise in arms among us, and to purchase that liberty of which *he* has deprived them, by murdering the people upon whom *he* also obtruded them: thus paying off former crimes committed against the *liberties* of one people, with crimes which he urges them to commit against the *lives* of another.

In every stage of these oppressions, we have petitioned for redress in the most humble terms; our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. a prince whose character is thus marked by every act

free

which may define a tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a[^]people who mean to be free. ~~future ages will scarce believe that the hardiness of one man adventured within the short compass of twelve years only to build a foundation, so broad and undisguised, for tyranny over a people fostered and fixed in principles of freedom.~~

Nor have we been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. we have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to

an unwarrantable us.

extend[^]a jurisdiction over[^]~~these are our states.~~ we have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here, ~~no one of which could warrant so strange a pretension: that these were effected at the expense of our own blood and treasure, unassisted by the wealth or the strength of Great Britain: that in constituting indeed our several forms of government, we had adopted one common king, thereby laying a foundation for perpetual league and amity with them: but that submission to their parliament was no part of our constitution, nor ever~~

have

in idea, if history may be credited: and we[^]appealed to their native

and we have conjured them by

justice & magnanimity, ~~as well as to~~[^]the ties of our common kindred,

would inevitably

to disavow these usurpations, which ~~were likely to~~ interrupt our

^s
 connection^ & correspondence. they too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity; ~~and when occasions have been given them, by the regular course of their laws, of removing from their councils the disturbers of our harmony, they have by their free election re-established them in power. at this very time too, they are permitting their chief magistrate to send over not only soldiers of our common blood, but Scotch and foreign mercenaries to invade and destroy us. these facts have given the last stab to agonizing affection; and manly~~

~~therefore~~
 spirit bids us to renounce forever these unfeeling brethren. we must^
 endeavor to forget our former love for them, and to hold them as we hold the rest of mankind, enemies in war, in peace friends. we might have been a free & a great people together, but a communication of grandeur and of freedom, it seems, is below their dignity. be it so, since they will have it the road to happiness and to glory is open to us too; we will climb it apart from them and acquiesce in the necessity *and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, enemies in war, in which denounces our eternal separation^.*
peace friends.

We therefore the Representatives of the United States of America in *appealing to the supreme judge of the world for the rectitude of our* General Congress assembled,^do, in the name & by authority of *intentions colonies, solemnly publish and declare, that these* the good people of these^states, ~~reject and renounce all allegiance and united colonies are and of right ought to be free and independent~~ *subjection to the kings of Great Britain, & all others who may hereafter states; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that* ~~claim by, through, or under them; we utterly dissolve all political con-~~ *them state* nection ~~which may heretofore have subsisted between us^and the^~~ *is & ought to be totally dissolved;* ~~people or parliament of Great Britain^; and finally we do assert and declare these colonies to be free and independent states, & that as free & independent states, they have full power to levy war, conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce, & to do all other acts and things which independent states may of right do. And for the support of this~~ *with a firm reliance on the protection of divine providence,* declaration,^we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.

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May 28, 1996

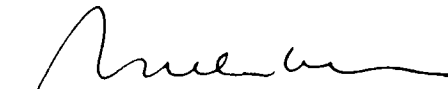
Jerry Vondas
Diocese of Pittsburgh
5201 Ellsworth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15232-1421

Dear Jerry,

Thank you for your thoughtful letter and the articles from the Diocesan newspaper, "The Illuminator". It was good to talk with you.

Thank you again for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
of the First Lady



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May 20, 1996

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady
Old Executive Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Verveer:

Enclosed you will find two copies of our Diocesan newspaper "The Illuminator." This publication is mailed to the homes of over 14,000 Greek Orthodox communicants and their families.

The Pittsburgh Diocese, itself, consists of 50 parishes in three states, Western Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia.

Please turn to page 9. I enjoyed writing both the story on President Stephanopoulos' visit with President Clinton and the First Lady's visit to the Patriarchate. I also had the opportunity to attend the lawn ceremony for President Stephanopoulos as a guest of Congressman Bill Coyne. It was an event I'll long remember.

The next time you see George Stephanopoulos, tell him I said he's doing a good job and to keep it up. I remember George as a youngster when he and his parents visited my cousins, the Tahmins, in Greenwich, Connecticut.

Ms. Verveer, it was a pleasure working with you and your staff. Looking forward to future events at the White House that involve Greek Americans.

Sincerely yours,

jerry vondas
Director of Communications

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 23, 1996

Barbara Valentino
The National Academy of
Television Arts and Sciences
9405 Russell Road
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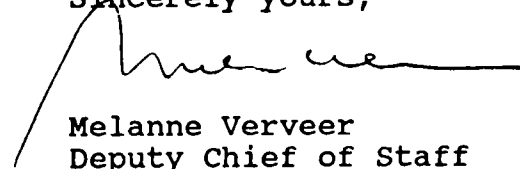
Dear Ms. Valentino:

The First Lady asked me to thank you for your kind invitation for her to participate in the media literacy satellite event this May. She regrets that she will be unable to participate because of a schedule conflict.

We are forwarding your request for Mrs. Clinton to serve as Honorary Chair to Ann Stock in the Social Office and you should hear from her shortly.

Thank you for writing and best wishes in your important work with respect to critical television viewing to benefit children.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Melanne Verveer', is written over a diagonal line that extends from the bottom left towards the center of the signature.

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS AND SCIENCES



WASHINGTON CHAPTER
9405 Russell Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 587-3993

March 27, 1996

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

Dear Melanne:

Well over a year ago we chatted on the telephone regarding the forum and dinner on population issues held prior to Cairo that The Turner Foundation and the National Academy of Sciences sponsored, and which President Clinton and Vice President Gore participated. I remember well the conversation because at the time we were trying to coordinate the calendars and appearances of the President, the Vice President, Ted Turner and Jane Fonda. Not only were you quite helpful, but showed patience, understanding with a doze of humor. I can't tell you how appreciated your approach was at that time.

Enclosed is a letter with background material addressed to the First Lady requesting her participation at a media literacy satellite event on May 18 to be held at Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C. and sponsored by the National Association of Television Arts & Sciences. There are many details associated with the event to be fed to NATAS chapters across the country and a companion one-hour television program that are best explained via phone.

As background, an earlier version of this letter was addressed to President Clinton requesting his or a designate's involvement. This letter was transmitted to Mike Sheehan from Paul Berry, WJLA anchor and NATAS Washington Vice President. We were informed that there was a conflict with the President's calendar and to resubmit to Mrs. Rodham Clinton, where there was strong interest. This information has been conveyed through a couple of people, but I believe it is ostensibly accurate.

One of our priorities is to confirm as soon as possible the First Lady's willingness to serve as the Honorary Chair for this event. The committee will be composed of executives from the participating organizations with Mr. John Cannon, President of NATAS, serving as vice chair. I am awaiting written confirmation from Viacom as one of the sponsors, and we expect additional broadcast, cable, and educational organizations to join.

I will be in New York through Tuesday evening but will contact you upon my return. If there is a best time for me to do so, please feel free to leave a message at 202-496-1721, or on E-mail ValentinoB@AOL.com. I look forward to talking with you next week concerning the May 18 NATAS event and the chance to say thanks for your previous kind efforts.

Sincerely,


Barbara Valentino

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THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS AND SCIENCES



WASHINGTON CHAPTER
9405 Russell Road
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(301) 587-3993

March 19, 1996

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20050

Dear Mrs. Rodham Clinton:

The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) shares your and the President's concerns about television's pervasive influence on the lives of our young people. Over the past several years, NATAS with Pacific Mountain Network (PMN) has been engaged in its own extensive media outreach program to help our nation's teens learn *how* to watch TV by *Creating Critical Viewers*.

The Washington Chapter of NATAS is sponsoring a one-day conference on this issue to be held at Gallaudet University on Saturday, May 18. We would be most honored if you would agree to serve as our Honorary Chairperson. In addition, we hope your schedule permits you to join us in the day's events for an hour conversation with selected teens to be delivered *live by satellite*.

The goal of the event is to increase public awareness of television habits by taking a positive approach toward educating parents and teachers on critical television viewing. The Learning Channel, The Family & Community Critical Viewing Project Partnership, and The Foundation for the Future of Youth have signed on as partners to conduct workshops emphasizing critical viewing skills. Over the next 60 days we expect many in the cable and broadcast industries to join this effort.

We all share the concerns that were so eloquently described in the President's recent State of the Union Address, your address last week to the National PTA as well as the President's and Vice President Gore's appearance before the Leadership Conference on Violence. Your participation in this event will greatly contribute to NATAS's efforts for this important message to reach a nationwide audience.

Following what we hope will be a conversation with the First Lady, is a panel discussion on the issues that will also be fed via satellite. Invited participants include Tom Brokaw/NBC, Geraldine Laybourne/Disney, Linda Ellerbee/Nickelodeon, Jerry Lester/founder, Children's Television Workshop, Marion Wright Edelman/Children's Defense Fund, Joan Dykstri/ National PTA, Suzanne Stutman/President, Institute for Mental Health Initiative, Bill Cosby, and Jeff Greenfield/ABC News.

The 17 chapters of NATAS who will receive the satellite feed have been invited to join us via telephone uplink for a Q&A period of the panel discussion and/or plan their own local events using the day's agenda. A one-hour program focusing on this issue highlighting the day's activities and using new material will be distributed to public television stations by PMN before the start of the new school year. Discussions are underway to disseminate this one-hour tape to school libraries and to make it available free-of-charge at neighborhood video stores.

Mrs. Rodham Clinton, the President stated to the nation in January that "*All strong families begin with taking more responsibility for our children...our media, our schools, our teachers, our communities...all of us have a responsibility to help our children to make it and to make the most of their lives and their God-given capabilities.*"

NATAS agrees with the administration's sentiments and shares your commitment. We hope you can share our efforts by agreeing to serve as NATAS's honorary chair and to join us on May 18 for our conference on *Television Creating Critical Viewers*.

Respectfully yours,

Jim Hollingsworth
WJLA-TV
President, NATAS
Washington, D.C. Chapter

Sandra Pastoor
United Paramount Network
NATAS, National Trustee

Sue Ann Staake
SAS Productions
NATAS National
Secretary

Attachments

THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS AND SCIENCES



WASHINGTON CHAPTER
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Television Creating Critical Viewers: What Our Young People are Watching & Why

Join us, the National Academy of Arts and Sciences (NATAS/Washington Chapter), in a day of events for the nation, its citizens, and its children on creating critical viewers, featuring First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton*. Delivered live by satellite, the events presently scheduled include a discussion between the First Lady and young people on what they watch and why, workshops designed to make us choose better, and a panel discussion of the issues (see attached).

Saturday, May 18 9 am -5 pm

Gallaudet University Conference Center, Washington, DC

Sponsored by:

**National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS),
Washington Chapter and National**

in association with:

**Cable in the Classroom
The Learning Channel
Foundation for the Future of Youth
Pacific Mountain Network
News Channel 8**

Distribution Planned:

- * Downlink to 17 NATAS Chapters**
- * Simultaneous live event in NATAS Chapter cities incl. San Diego, Atlanta, Nashville, San Francisco**
- * Interactive telephone uplink to NATAS Chapters**
- * C-Span for discussion with First Lady***
- * National distribution to public television stations by Pacific Mountain Network of 1 hour television program**
- * PSA Campaign**
- * More to come...**

*Invited

Television Creating Critical Viewers

Scheduled Agenda

9 am - 12 noon: Concurrent Workshops

1. Foundation for the Future of Youth with Montgomery Blair High School
2. Creating Critical Viewers: NATAS
3. Know TV: The Learning Channel
4. Taking Charge of Your TV: The Family & Community Critical Viewing Project
5. Ready to Learn: PBS (invited)

noon - 1:15 pm: Lunch on site

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm: Conversation with First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and children *(live feed)*

2:15 pm: Pre-produced segment

2:20 pm - 3:45pm Panel Discussion on the Issues *(live feed)*

3:45 pm: Reception

THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 21, 1996

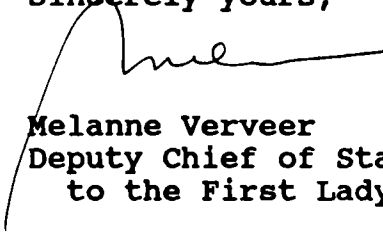
Fran Visco
President
National Breast Cancer Coalition
1707 L Street NW
Suite 1060
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Fran,

Thank you for your recent letter and the information about the upcoming Breast Cancer Political Campaign. I have forwarded your letter to Patti Solis, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady.

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

Sincerely yours,


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

*Thanks for
all your help!*

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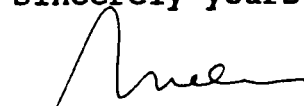
March 4, 1996

Jane Wales
Associate Director and
Special Assistant to the President
for Science and Technology
Office of Science and Technology Policy
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Wales, *Jane*

Congratulations on your new position with the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. As you return to the Foundation world, I know that you will continue to meet your new challenges as successfully as you have for the Administration. Best of luck to you.

Sincerely yours,


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

*I regret that I
didn't get to
work with you.
All the best*

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

February 9, 1996

Dear Ms. Verveer:

Melanne

I wanted to let you know how much I have valued having the opportunity to work with you during my government tenure. As you may know, I will be leaving the Administration on February 29 to join the Rockefeller Brothers Fund as Assistant to the President for International Security. Beginning on March 1, my current deputy, Kerri-Ann Jones, will serve as Acting Associate Director. Kerri-Ann, who has ten years of government experience, did her graduate training in biophysics and biochemistry. Her talent is matched only by her sound judgment. I know that you would enjoy working with her as much as I have.

It has been an honor to serve in the Administration, and to be part of a team of real professionals both at the NSC and at OSTP. Over the past two and one half years, I have benefitted enormously from the wisdom and experience of policy practitioners within government, as well as independent scholars who have been generous with their time and counsel. Although the press of events prevented us from interacting as often as I would have liked, I greatly appreciated those times when we were able to work together.

I do hope that we will stay in touch, as I will continue to work on the issues that we have attempted to tackle in the past.

With warm wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Jane Wales
Associate Director
and
Special Assistant to the President
for Science and Technology

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

THE WHITE HOUSE

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December 15, 1995

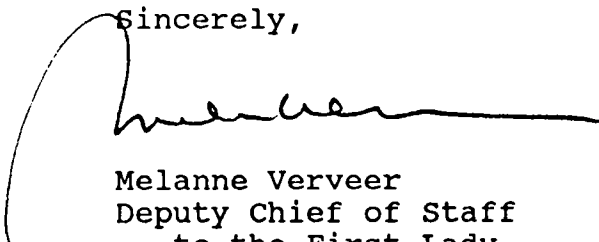
Mrs. Georgina P. de Venecia
#2288 Magnolia St.
Dasmariñas Village
Makatai, Metro Manila
Philippines

Dear Mrs. de Venecia:

The First Lady asked me to thank you for your letter and materials about The Haven, the National Center for Women. The help and support this project brings to women in need is to be commended.

Thank you for bringing the work of The Haven to Mrs. Clinton's attention and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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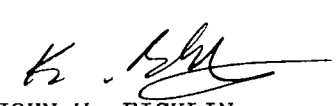
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FIRST LADY RE THE HAVEN / NATL CENTER FOR WOMEN

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COMMENT: NSC STAFF POINT OF CONTACT: ERIC SCHWARTZ (202) 456-9361

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CONGRESSIONAL SPOUSES FOUNDATION, INC.
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
 Quezon City, Metro Manila

3 October 1995

MRS. HILLARY CLINTON
 White House
 Washington, D.C.
 United States of America

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

Greetings from the Philippines! I pray that this letter finds you and President Clinton in good health.

*When you and President Clinton visited our country last July 1994, we were hoping that we could ask you to inaugurate **The Haven (National Center for Women)**, the flagship of the **Congressional Spouses Foundation, Inc. (CSFI)** of which I am President and Chairperson. But your visit was all too brief and The Haven was also only then starting to take shape.*

Today it is a simple but impressive complex consisting of nine buildings which houses a hospital, offices, a livelihood center, a multipurpose chapel/social hall and residences to accommodate almost 200 women. Last September 30, 1995, President Fidel V. Ramos cut the ceremonial ribbon of this first ever Center for Women in Southeast Asia

At the suggestion of Mrs. Diane Negroponte, the amiable and lovely wife of your Ambassador to the Philippines, I am sending some literature on The Haven. It will give you an idea on what the CSFI and the Department of Social Welfare and Development have accomplished to help women in difficult circumstances.

We've already admitted our first clients --- victims of incest, rape, and violent relationships. We are heartened by the reports from social workers who have noticed a marked improvement in the once listless and reticent women since they moved to The Haven. We are further encouraged by the response of the private sector, business and industry leaders, and by the media.

I hope you find the time to go over these materials. I am certain you have wonderful ideas on what else can be done for our suffering women. I would be deeply grateful for any input you may care to share with us.

My husband Speaker Jose de Venecia joins me in sending you and President Clinton our best wishes and prayers for our continued good health and success. May the good Lord bless you and your family always.

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Very truly yours,

Ma. Georgina P. de Venecia
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 President and Chairperson

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 3, 1995

Ms. Susan L. Taylor
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Dear Ms. Ungaro:

The First Lady asked me to thank you for the most informative survey and report you and Ms. Ungaro sent regarding racial attitudes in America. The articles in your respective magazines are an informative contribution to a civil society. It is wonderful to see this type of partnership working towards a better understanding.

Thanks again and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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September 21, 1995

COMING TOGETHER: RACE IN AMERICA REPORT

Hillary Clinton
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Dear Hillary:

Nearly 100 years ago, W.E.B. Du Bois said that "the problem with the 20th century is the problem of the color line." His words, unfortunately, still ring true today. In an effort to better understand what divides us, so that we can begin to heal racial wounds and bridge the racial divide, ESSENCE and *Family Circle* magazines have collaborated on a groundbreaking survey of racial attitudes.

The results of this unprecedented survey, published in each magazine's October issue, tell us that race continues to color most aspects of American life. The truth is that all of us have been shaped by biases and stereotypes based on skin color. And although race still strikes a discordant national note, the survey also indicated that we genuinely want to do better.

We want to take this opportunity to share with you the results of our survey, to make you aware of the feelings of despair, anger and hope that are prevalent among our readers.

We feel that the first step toward a more balanced relationship between the races is the sharing of information. The more we know about one another, the more we understand one another, the easier it will be to break down the walls of bias, racism and misguided hatred.

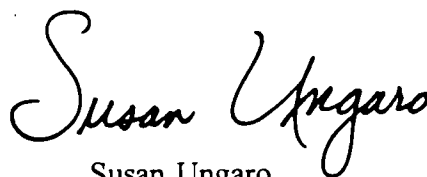
It is our hope that you will take the time to read the attached material, and we would truly appreciate your sharing this information with your colleagues, friends or constituents. If you have any thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us (and our readers), please feel free to do so by writing us a letter.

We thank you for your time and assistance. We hope that in the not too distant future we can say that the problem of the color line has been eradicated.

Sincerely,



Susan L. Taylor
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NATIONAL "RACE IN AMERICA" POLL FINDS MAJORITY OF BLACK & WHITE WOMEN WOULDN'T OBJECT TO CHILD DATING SOMEONE OF ANOTHER RACE

New York -- A national "Race in America" survey of 2,000 women, conducted jointly by ESSENCE and FAMILY CIRCLE and reported simultaneously in the October issues of both magazines, reveals that:

- * More than half of both blacks (61%) and whites (54%) would not object to their child dating someone of another race. However, 31% of the women (both black and white) would object to an interracial marriage.
- * Black women (41%) consider themselves more biased than whites (21%) and are twice as likely to be distrustful of other races than whites (61% vs. 30%).
- * White women were far more likely to express discomfort with living in a neighborhood whose residents were predominantly of another race than black females (61% vs. 24%). Women of color, however, would feel more discomfort attending a party with guests predominantly of another race (38% vs. 22%).
- * Black women say they most often derive their sense of self by race (31%), with educational achievements (20%) cited as a distant second. The white women polled defined themselves primarily by educational achievements (23%) or gender (21%).
- * Regardless of race, the biggest obstacle in life is finances (blacks 43%, whites 46%). Lack of education ranked second as the biggest obstacle for whites (13%), while race placed second for blacks (22%).

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“The survey showed that race continues to color most aspects of American life. Racial views from readers ranged from hopeful to angry to despairing. The good news is: Both blacks and whites genuinely want to do better. The bad news is that race still strikes a discordant national nerve,” states ESSENCE editor-in-chief Susan L. Taylor. “The truth is, all of us, whatever our race, have been shaped by biases and stereotypes based on skin color that get in the way of our understanding each other or treating one another with respect.”

According to FAMILY CIRCLE editor-in-chief Susan Ungaro, “Our ‘Race in America’ survey is significant because it’s the first time in history that two magazines with diverse readerships have joined forces to report on racism in this country. Our findings and special report offer tremendous hope for healing what divides blacks and whites.”

Additional key findings of the ESSENCE/FAMILY CIRCLE “Race In America” poll includes:

COMING TOGETHER

* Over half of both blacks (65%) and whites (58%) say they have a close friend of another race. And almost half of whites (48%) and more than half of blacks (52%) say their child plays in the home of a friend or friends of another race.

RACIAL TENSIONS

* Nearly one quarter (24%) of whites say racial tension between groups is inevitable compared to 46% of the black women polled.

* Fear on the street: Whites would fear a group of young black men much more than blacks would (61% vs. 38%). The number one fear group for blacks was young white men (40%).

RACE AND TELEVISION

* There was widespread agreement (62% blacks, 71% whites) that television is improving in the accuracy of its depiction of people of color compared to the portrayal of blacks ten years ago. Among the total panel, TV shows that are the worst offenders as far as inaccurate depiction of blacks include *Martin* (15%) and *Fresh Prince* (7%). *Living Single* was cited most often for accurate display of people of color by both blacks (36%) and whites (19%).

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RACE AND THE WORKPLACE

* Race was widely seen as a roadblock to career advancement, say 44% of the black women surveyed. On the issue of affirmative action, there was a large disparity between the races. Only 31% of white women compared to 81% of black respondents feel companies need to have affirmative action programs in place in order hire people of color equitably.

RACE AND JUSTICE

* Both black and white women (88% and 66%, respectively) believe that the race of a juror will affect his or her decision in a case with a defendant of color. Only 8% of the black women feel that juries vote fairly when deciding a case with racial overtones, compared to more than a third (36%) of whites.

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* Interestingly, becoming the victim of a crime is the biggest family concern for black women (26%). White women ranked becoming seriously ill (24%) as their number one concern, followed by death (18%) and victim of a crime (18%).

* Both blacks (88%) and whites (77%) report religion is very to somewhat important in their lives.

The ESSENCE/FAMILY CIRCLE "Race in America" survey was based on a sample of 1,000 readers from each magazine. The demographic breakdown of respondents is: Caucasian (42%), African-Americans (45%), Native Americans, Hispanic/Latino, and Asian (less than 10%); median age (40.3); median household income (\$43,100); marital status (50% married, 27% single, 22% widowed or divorced); and education (85% have some college or more).

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