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THE WHITE HOUSE
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October 22, 1996

Ms. Lorraine Caputo
The New York Hospital-
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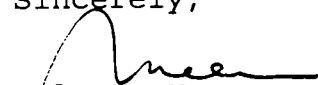
Dear Ms. Caputo:

Thank you for your letter of invitation to the First Lady to speak to the Department of Social Work and Psychiatry at The Payne Whitney Clinic.

I have forwarded your request to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady. However, the October schedule is extremely hectic and it is unlikely that the First Lady will be able to accept your invitation prior to Election Day.

Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

THE NEW YORK HOSPITAL-CORNELL MEDICAL CENTER

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY
PAYNE WHITNEY PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC

FAX: (212) 821-0782

September 26, 1996

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

Dear Ms. Verveer,

We are interested in inviting The First Lady, Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton, to visit with The Department of Social Work and Psychiatry at The Payne Whitney Clinic of New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center when she visits New York during the next two months prior to the Elections in November.

We would be interested in hearing Mrs. Clinton discuss an array of topics but have a particular interest in health care, Welfare Reform and children's issues.

If there is a possibility of her being able to accept our invitation, please contact Ms. Lorraine Caputo, CSW at (212) 821-0704.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Caputo
Lorraine Caputo, CSW
Sr. Social Worker

Susan Matorin
Susan Matorin, CSW
Director, Social Work

/jc



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 4, 1996

Justin Carstensen
1276 Sanlor Avenue, Apt. 6
West Milton, OH 45383

Dear Justin:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful, wonderful picture and kind words. You are an excellent artist and writer.

I was glad to meet you and I hope you are feeling better.

Sincerely,

Hillary Rodham Clinton
Hillary Rodham Clinton

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November 7, 1996

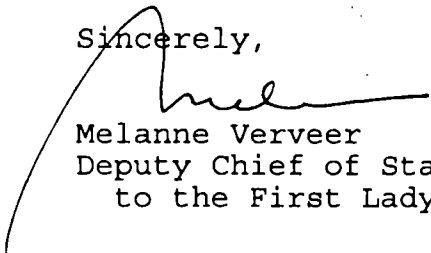
Dr. Barry E. Carter
Professor of Law
Georgetown University Law Center
600 New Jersey Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001-2022

Dear Barry:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your letter and for sending a copy of your International Law casebook. I have passed the materials along to the First Lady.

Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

Barry E. Carter
Professor of Law

Nov. 1

Dear McLanne -

FYI. I hope you don't mind my referring to you in the last paragraph. I do think respecting the rule of law would be one good theme for Mrs. Clinton in her travels abroad.

Hope all is going well for you.

My best,
Barry



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

November 1, 1996

Barry E. Carter
Professor of Law

Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton
Office of the First Lady
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Clinton:

This letter is to thank you for all your help in making it possible for me to become a part of the first Clinton Administration and to offer my assistance in any of your endeavors in the second term.

As you might recall, you and I participated in one long campaign staff meeting in a Virginia hotel conference room in October 1992 when then-Governor Clinton was analyzing the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Sandy Berger and Nancy Soderberg had asked me earlier to help prepare position papers and work the matter through with various constituencies. The meeting was memorable to me not only because all the senior campaign figures were there, but also because of the extraordinary quality of the discussion about a serious public policy issue--after a long day in the middle of the campaign, no less! Mr. Clinton's decision was consistent with his earlier statements, but also courageous and forward-looking.

In July 1993, I was named the Deputy Under Secretary for Export Administration in the U.S. Department of Commerce and served there through August 1996. I enjoyed the challenging work and value highly the opportunity to have been a part of the Clinton Administration and to have served the President and you. There were major accomplishments--e.g., streamlining the export control system, strengthening foreign export controls over nuclear and other sensitive materials, and--maybe most satisfying--helping the states of the former Soviet Union reduce their stockpiles and convert some of their former defense plants to profitable civilian activities, often in joint ventures with U.S. companies.

My tenured position at Georgetown University beckoned, however, and I returned this September to warm my seat--though hopefully for only a semester or two. You reminded me that you had also once been a law professor when we met during the campaign. In that spirit and considering your active international schedule, enclosed is a copy of a recent edition of my casebook on International Law. The book is a "best-seller," used in over 60 law schools. It has a good index to help locate topics. Its weight means that it can also serve as a good doorstop!

As you make plans for the second term, please know that you or your staff can call on me for whatever assistance I can provide. Specifically, I encourage you to make "respecting the rule of law" one of the themes in your international travels. (Melanne Verveer has told me about some

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of your impressive trips.) In many of the new independent states or other developing countries, an improved legal system and respect for it are vital to a wide range of commendable objectives-- from encouraging trade and investment with U.S. companies to ensuring more individual rights.

My best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barry Carter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Barry E. Carter

cc: Ms. Melanne Verveer

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WASHINGTON

September 26, 1996

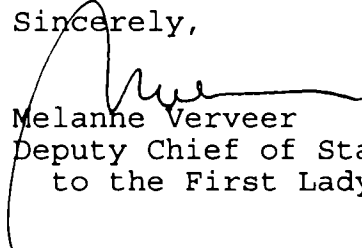
Mr. Christopher D. Cerf
Wiley, Rein & Fielding
1776 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Cerf:

Congratulations to Wiley, Rein & Fielding. We miss you, but best wishes for much continued success and rewarding work in private practice. I know you'll still be there for legal services!

Congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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ARTHUR I. CANTOR

has joined the firm as a partner

Arthur I. Cantor joins Wiley, Rein & Fielding's franchise practice. Mr. Cantor, former senior member of the Brownstein & Zeidman Franchise Department for over twenty years, will continue to represent and counsel clients in franchise, antitrust and trade regulation matters. Previously, he served as a trial attorney, an appellate attorney, and for three years as Special Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice. Mr. Cantor, immediate past Chairman of the ABA Antitrust Section's Franchising Committee, is a well-known author and speaker on franchise and antitrust topics. Mr. Cantor is a graduate of Columbia College and Harvard Law School.

and

CHRISTOPHER D. CERF

has rejoined the firm as a partner

Christopher D. Cerf has returned to Wiley, Rein & Fielding after serving as Associate Counsel to the President of the United States. Mr. Cerf, a partner in the firm's litigation practice until his White House appointment, will represent clients in complex trial and appellate litigation, government inquiries and corporate investigations. Previously, he served as a law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and Judge J. Skelly Wright, formerly of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. Mr. Cerf received his B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude, from Amherst College and his J.D. from Columbia University School of Law, where he was a Kent Scholar and served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Columbia Law Review*.

and

PETER J. KLARFELD

has joined the firm as a partner

Peter J. Klarfeld joins Wiley, Rein & Fielding's franchise practice, specializing in franchise counseling and litigation. Mr. Klarfeld most recently was Co-Chairman of the Brownstein & Zeidman Litigation Department and previously served as an Attorney-Advisor in the Office of Legal Counsel, U.S. Department of Justice. He is a frequent author and speaker on franchise matters and the editor of a leading work on noncompetition covenants in franchising. Mr. Klarfeld received his B.A. and J.D. from the University of Virginia, where he was a member of the *Virginia Law Review* Editorial Board and Order of the Coif. In addition, Mr. Klarfeld received his Masters degree from the University of Chicago. Following his graduation from law school, Mr. Klarfeld was a law clerk to The Honorable Robert R. Merhige, Jr., U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Summer 1996

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 5, 1996

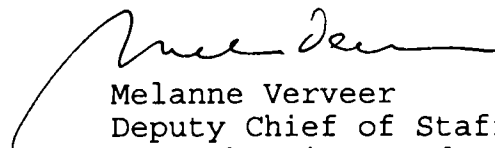
Ms. Elyse Santome Chapela
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Dear Elyse:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and for 7 Women by Jane Eschweiler. I am confident the First Lady will find it as inspiring as I did.

Thank you for thinking of us,
best wishes and happy holidays.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

Sheed & Ward

115 E. Armour Blvd., P.O. Box 419492
Kansas City, MO 64141-6492

November 11, 1996

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Office of the First Lady
The White House
1700 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melanne:

Enclosed please find a copy of *7 Women* by Jane Eschweiler, for both Hilary Clinton and yourself.

We hope you enjoy this delightful handout of 7 extraordinary women.

Sincerely,



Elyse Santome Chapela
Assistant to the Editor

THE WHITE HOUSE
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October 25, 1996

Ms. Joan R. Challinor
3117 Hawthorne Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

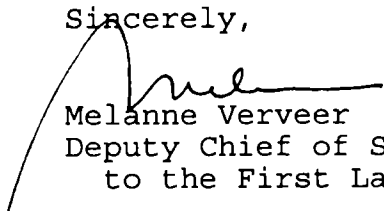
Dear Joan:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter and for the information on The Knowledge Connection Program which I have passed on to relevant officials.

We are so proud of the work you do and grateful for your support and advice.

Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

*P.S. I loved your comment to the
First Lady about your visit
to libraries. Were all the
appreciators so dedicated!*

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JOAN R. CHALLINOR

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Dear Melanne:

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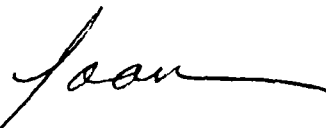
Hilary looks rested, relaxed and her usual intelligent self, which is in no small way attributable to her staff and to you, Melanne. It must be wonderful to work with you, and even though the election is going our way, the tension must be almost unbearable. Thank you for all your good work and for keeping your head when so many others are losing theirs.

As promised, I am sending you a few pages on a program which was conceived and executed by one of the Commissioners of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, Frank Lucchino. Frank is exactly the kind of hyper-active, do-gooder that now fills the Commission and makes it such a pleasure to serve. Frank has been trying to get the attention of the White House for quite a while, sending several letters to Henry Cisneros because this program belongs in the HUD bailiwick. Before I married I spent four years as a social worker in the Children's Court of New York and I cannot imagine a program that makes more sense than Frank's. It involves the people who most need experience on computers in order to get a job and yet who are least likely to get the experience.

I am terribly concerned that the United States will be "mandarinized" and that we will have a 10% computer literate population and a 90% computer illiterate population. This is a real problem, one which we should address. I know that Al Gore is sensitive to this problem and that this administration has made every effort to get universal connectivity, but universal connectivity does not mean universal access or universal competency. Frank's program addresses this very problem.

It was a real pleasure to see you yesterday and to remember what wonderful people work in the White House. The White House "bashing" goes on apace and so my seeing you and Hilary yesterday was a very good lift before the election. Thank you for all you do.

Best,





FIRST CLASS MAIL

JOAN R. CHALLINOR
3117 HAWTHORNE STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20008

FIRST CLASS MAIL

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

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 10, 1996

Ms. Kamla Chawdhry
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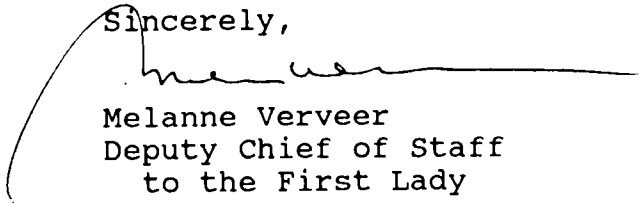
Dear Kamla:

Mrs. Clinton asked me to thank you for sending us the reading materials on Mahatma Gandhi through the good offices of Judith Lichtman. It was so kind of you to think of the First Lady.

I am enclosing a speech Mrs. Clinton delivered in Washington on the occasion of Gandhi's anniversary. I thought you might find it to be of interest.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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THE WHITE HOUSE
OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY

For Immediate Release

July 14, 1995

REMARKS BY THE FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
AT 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF GANDHI'S BIRTH
THE KENNEDY CENTER
WASHINGTON, DC

MRS. CLINTON: I want to thank Ambassador and Mrs. Ray for inviting me to join you here this evening. Both of you have been wonderful friends to our family and to all Americans. We are grateful for the Ambassador's service in Washington, and for his and Mrs. Ray's perpetual kindness and generosity. I thought for a minute he was going to disclose what is really confidential and that is that he and Mrs. Ray and I have talked often about starting a law firm together. And we thought in India it would be Ray and Clinton and of course vice versa here in the United States. But we three have admitted we have some other obligations to fulfill first of all. I am also grateful to the entire staff of the Indian Embassy for all of the work that has gone into this commemoration. And we all owe special debt of gratitude to Srimati Kamala director of the Gandhi Center and of the evening's performance, who has devoted so much energy and wisdom to bringing the teachings of Gandhi to this country. I am also grateful that there are so many Ambassadors from other countries here this evening and I know that our Ambassador to India, Ambassador and Mrs. Wisner, are here with us as well. There are also many members of Congress who have a special affection for India and interest in the relationship between our countries and that all the rest of us, who have gathered together for this commemoration.

My daughter and I will never forget the warmth and hospitality extended to us by the Indian people during our recent visit to the subcontinent. It was an extraordinary and memorable experience for both of us. The images of first seeing New Delhi and looking from my hotel room at the colors and smelling the flowers. Of going to the Rajiv Gandhi Center, meeting Sonia Gandhi and so many others who are devoted to the work that Gandhi started. The visit to the crafts museum, having a small exposure to the extraordinary range of crafts and artisans that were there gathered. Of course the visit to the Taj Mahal and so many other experiences that run like a video through my brain.

Ambassador Ray reminded me recently that Ralph Waldo Emerson once said of India that it is "practically a profession to be studied as long and methodically as law and medicine." Mark Twain called India "the most extraordinary country on earth." I understand both remarks much better now that I have been to India.

As much as I learned, I realized that I will never fully appreciate the vastness of culture or of India's influence on our world unless I am able to spend much more time there. And both my daughter and I hope we will have the opportunity to go back in the future and that we will be able to bring my husband as well.

I would like to say, at the outset, that the President, and his Administration, and all Americans are very proud of the close ties that our nations enjoy.

The strength and endurance of that relationship is founded on our shared ideals and aspirations as pluralistic, free societies. But it also has roots in Gandhi -- Gandhi, who captured American hearts through his dedication to non-violence and democracy.

In turn, the American press and political leaders were very supportive of Gandhi's leadership of the Independence movement in India. As you may know, Gandhi and President Roosevelt had a brief correspondence in 1942, which began with a letter from Gandhi expressing support for the Allies. Roosevelt's letter in reply did not reach Gandhi until three years later, when he was released from prison. But that letter from President Roosevelt said: "Our common interest in democracy and righteousness will enable your countrymen and mine to make a common cause against a common enemy."

So I think it is fair to say that the friendship between India and the United States has roots far deeper than trade, economics, and geopolitics. It is rooted in a common humanity and a common vision of the kind of world we want ours to be.

We are here tonight to celebrate the 125th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's birth. And in thinking about Gandhi, and what he means to us on the eve of a new century, I am drawn back to the visit my daughter and I made to his ashram. It was one of the highlights of our trip.

Of course, I had some idea beforehand of Gandhi's life and his contributions. But seeing the places where he and his wife lived, seeing the sheer simplicity of his existence, was profoundly moving to me.

I remember walking into his room, which was bare except for a mattress on the floor, a pair of slippers, a small writing table, eyeglasses, and a spinning wheel. It was the picture of a life pared down to the bare bones of survival.

And then I remember going to the museum library adjacent to this bare, spartan room, and seeing thousands of his books and volumes of correspondence. This utterly simple material life had allowed for one of the richest spiritual and intellectual lives we have ever known.

So I came away from that visit with an even deeper sense of his life being about giving, not acquiring. About "conquering hate

by love, untruth by truth, and violence by suffering."

That same day, a few hours later, I visited the Self-Employed Women's Association. Its founder, Ela Bhatt, was a disciple of Gandhi's, a woman whose own life and work was deeply influenced by his teachings. When I got there, there were hundreds of women crowded under a tent behind the bank building. The bank building was a small structure in which women would come, sometimes walking for twelve hours, to borrow a few dollars to be able to buy a milk cow, to be able to buy a new cart to be a vegetable vendor. These women, some of whom had walked for hours to meet me, told me about their lives. They talked about how their lives had been transformed because they had gained a small degree of financial independence through SEWA, and a large degree of self-respect and dignity from their solidarity with others. In each of their faces I could see hope; and in each of their faces I could see Gandhi's legacy.

That day offered an extraordinary sequence of events -- events that represented not only the universality of Gandhi's teachings and beliefs, but also their timelessness and permanence.

In the months since that visit, I have had many occasions to think about Gandhi, and about how we all need today, as diverse nations and peoples, to celebrate our oneness more. How we need to heed the theme of this evening, "the peace of absolute oneness." How we need desperately to bridge historical, religious, cultural, ethnic, and racial divides -- much as India has done as it has become a pluralistic democracy -- we need to find common ground as members of the human family.

Clearly, these are complicated times -- times when we see ancient hatreds dissolving and new hatreds arising; when the Information Age holds great potential for communications and understanding among people, but also requires that those people have new and more advanced skills; when an explosion of material expectations is fueling desires and often leading people to unrealizable fantasies and even alienation in their lives.

When we seek to understand this changing, complex, unpredictable and exciting world we live in, often it seems that there are too few places to turn for inspiration and hope.

But there are places, and there are people we can turn to and one of those people is Gandhi, and that is why we are all here tonight. His call was to elicit in people their courage and commitment to higher ideals; to call forth the heroism of those who did not think of themselves as heroes. To teach us that responsibilities are as important as rights.

The more I learn about Gandhi, the more I am struck by the universality of his message. He read from the Bible and the Koran with the same reverence as he read from the Bhagavad Gita and many other sacred Hindu writings. He often said that his heart leaped at reading about the life of Jesus and that he aspired to live the

Sermon on the Mount. He read Henry David Thoreau, whose essay on civil disobedience inspired his strategy of non-violent change.

And in turn, Gandhi influenced many of his contemporaries as well as those who followed him. Martin Luther King Jr. said that "Gandhi was probably the first person in history to lift the love ethic of Jesus above mere interaction between individuals to a powerful and effective social force on a large scale."

Dr. King, often citing Gandhi, led a historic season of non-violent action in this country.

So we see this historical and spiritual continuum, embodied in the lives of rare and extraordinary people, whose teachings guide us year after year and decade after decade, and on through the centuries as we continue to strive for a better understanding of what it means to be a human being to live and work together, to help one another realize our own humanity.

Now, there are still some who wonder what Gandhi means for Americans, or Indians, or anyone else, in an age of that one social scientist has called "turbo-charged capitalism." An age when too often we define ourselves more by style than by substance; by the logo on our sneakers more than the generosity in our hearts.

Gandhi gave us principles for behaving and living that not only enable us to improve ourselves, but also to improve our societies. We all have those images of Gandhi -- whether from old newsreels, books, photographs, movies or from his own writings.

Images of him walking with thousands of his compatriots through village after village -- 200 miles to the sea to make salt in defiance of the salt laws. Images of him organizing his compatriots to clean the latrines and perform other lowly chores in solidarity with the untouchables, whom he always referred to as harijans, children of God. And of course, images of him at his spinning wheel.

I recently came across something Gandhi wrote that I think is gaining in popularity, and it is easy to understand why. It says that "Violence Springs from Seven Root Causes, or 'Blunders'." And he listed the seven blunders as follows:

- * Wealth without work
- * Pleasure without conscience
- * Knowledge without character
- * Commerce without morality
- * Science without humanity
- * Worship without sacrifice
- * Politics without principles

If we look at our own society today -- whether we are American, Indian, or from any other country -- we see firsthand how right he was. We see ourselves committing the same blunders over,

and over again.

Somehow in this year of commemoration, if we, as a global family, could once again commit ourselves to Gandhi's belief in "the oneness of all that lives" we could perhaps begin to acknowledge our own blunders and work to prevent them from occurring again. We need to remember that his message is that diversity cannot flourish in a society without an underlying spirit of unity. And, as we learn more from the extraordinary research that is being done in genetics, we will learn in the twenty-first century that we are all truly one. Descended from the same, being part of the same, and that the differences that divide us are minor indeed.

I hope all of you will have a chance before leaving tonight to see the statue of Gandhi that was brought here from the Gandhi Center in Washington. It is a bronze of Gandhi sitting at his spinning wheel, a spindle in one hand. And as you look at it think about what he said: "The message of the spinning wheel is much wider than its circumference. Its message is one of simplicity, service of mankind, living so as not to hurt others, creating an indissoluble bond between the rich and the poor, capital and labor, the prince and the peasant."

How much better our world would be if we were all led by the spirit of Gandhi, and we were all dedicated to the high ideals he aspired to.

Thank you very much.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 7, 1996

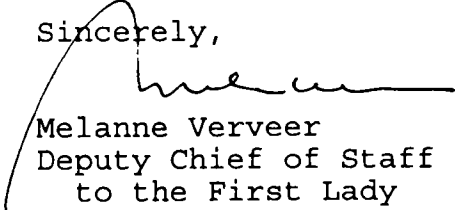
Ms. Juliet Chowka & Mr. James Boyd
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Dear Juliet and James:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter and for the letters from the Polish students whom you have been teaching. The First Lady was pleased to have them. She so enjoyed her recent trip to Krakow and Warsaw and is delighted to have your students' perspectives. Please tell them she enjoyed receiving their letters and is very impressed with their command of English.

Thanks for writing and best wishes in your important work. You are fortunate to be able to make a positive difference in this wonderful new democracy.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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Ms. Melanne Verveer
Office of the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC

October 19, 1996

Dear Melanne,

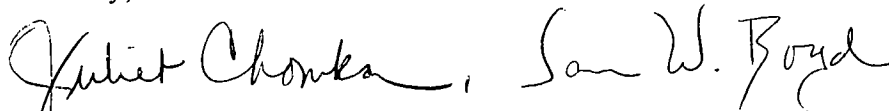
Greetings from Poland! I enjoyed speaking with you this past summer before leaving for my Peace Corps assignment in Poland. I have recently finished pre-service training and I am now a full-fledged volunteer. I have been assigned to the beautiful town of Sandomierz, where I recently began teaching English at a teacher-training college.

During pre-service training, I spent four weeks teaching Polish students as part of a teaching practicum. Along with my colleague James W. Boyd, I took my students on a week-long study-tour of Washington, D.C. During the week, students had the opportunity to learn about famous Americans like Jefferson and Lincoln and to discuss the important role Polish heroes played in the American War for Independence. Students also "visited" many of the historical monuments of the city. At the Holocaust Memorial Museum, students read about a Holocaust survivor from their hometown. At the Supreme Court, they staged a mock hearing on cases challenging the U.S. Constitution. The week ended with a performance at the Kennedy Center, where students created and acted out role-plays of the meetings that took place during President and Mrs. Kwasniewski's visit to the White House.

One of the assignments during the week was for the students to write a letter to President Clinton, Mrs. Clinton, or Chelsea, telling them about their unique tour of Washington. Enclosed are the students' letters. Perhaps the First Family would enjoy reading these letters to see first-hand some of Peace Corps' activities in Poland. Although the President is quite busy, these letters will surely help to demonstrate the positive work that Peace Corps is performing overseas.

I apologize for the delay in sending these letters to you. I hope things are going well in Washington. Please come to visit us if you are ever in Poland.

Sincerely,



Juliet Chowka and James W. Boyd
U.S. Peace Corps Volunteers, Poland

July 26, 1996

Paweł Pirosz
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26-600 Radom
Poland

President Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington D.C.
USA

Dear President !

My name is Paul. I am Polish. I am interesting in USA. It is a beautiful and big country. My dream is visiting USA. I am now studying English with James W. Boyd, Juliet Chowka and Patricia Chapman from Peace Corps Volunteers (PCV). We are learning about USA. This week we talked about Washington D.C.. We studied The White House, The National Mall and many monuments of Washington.

I heard that Gouvernment of USA would like to cut the budget for Peace Corps. It is the subject of my short letter. Please, don't do it. PC Volunteers are wonderful people. They help childrens and teen-agers to learn English. I would like to they teach me English at my school, but I know that is not possible. If You would like to cut budget for PCV, first You should come to Poland and see our lessons. Then, I hope that You will change Your decision.

Sincerely Paweł



Julia Kozera
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Poland

President and Mrs. Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington D.C.
U.S.A.

Dear President and Mrs. Clinton

I'm Julia Kozera and I'm 18 years old. I'm
Poland, where I live, I have a wonderful
family. My brother's name is Artur and my
sister's name is Katarzyna. They are a won-
derful. I like listen to music, and read
books, especially historical books, because
I'm interesting about history. In the future
I would like to be an archeologist. I live in
Radom. I am studying English with Peace
Corps Volunteers this summer. This week we
learned about Washington D.C. We studied
The White House, The National Mall, Lincoln
Memorial, Washington Monuments, Arlington
National Cemetery.

I like studying English, because my
teacher's are very kind and pleasant.

They arrived from America. Theirs name
is James H Boyd, Juliet Chowke, Patricia
Chapman. I like them very much.

I hope America can continue to have Peace Corps
volunteers in Poland.

I would like to go to the America, and I hope
that maybe someday I will be able to see this beautiful
country.

Sincerely

Julia

July, 26, 1996

Christopher Syta

ul. Cisowa 7 m 22

26-600 Radom

Poland

President and Mrs. Clinton

1600 Pennsylvania Ave

Washington D.C.

U. S. A

Dear President and Mrs. Clinton

Greetings from Poland. I'm a Polish student. I am learning English with Peace Corps Volunteers this summer.

I think it's wonderful idea

My sister and I are studying English and learning about your country. We know more about your first presidents, your history and your

greatest building and places in
Washington D.C.

On lesson we visited Washington D.C.

I saw the White House, the Washington
Monument, the National Mall

and many places in memory of people
who have died. We have a wonderful time

And when I hear about cutting
budget's plan for Peace Corps I must
write this letter. If you can you
will stop cutting budget, please

This organization is very, very
important. Without it many people
in Poland probably never would
have learned about U.S.A.

Sincerely, Chris

July 26, 1986

Ewa Dzik
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POLAND

Dear President and Mrs. Clinton

Greetings from the beautiful country - Poland. My name is Ewa and I am 19 years old. I would like to tell you about my feelings of the Peace Corps Volunteers and of your country.

I am studying English with American Volunteers this summer and I am very satisfied. I think the United States has many wonderful people. I have noticed that teachers from your country are different than in Poland. They are more polite and happy. They are laughing and laughing all the time.

So far I haven't learnt English in Polish school with a pleasure,

but because I would like to have good grades. Now I love learning English very much and even at home I talk to my sister in English.

I owe it to my American teachers. Thanks to them I know something about the tradition, the culture, the people living in the USA.

I saw some pictures of the White House, many beautiful monuments and buildings. My favourite was Washington Monument. I was impressed. It felt like I was really there. Maybe in the future I will see all these buildings.

I wonder, if you accept the Volunteers' work, because I love it. But I'm sure now, that I'm not going to be a teacher, because it's a very hard work which needs a lot of patience and I don't have it.

I hope in the future I will be able to visit USA and see it on my own eyes, not on the picture. I think it will be a great experience in my life.

Yours sincerely
Ewa Dziuk

July 26, 1996

Anita Pankowska
ul. M. Stoku 1m7
26-600 Radom
Poland

President and Mrs Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington D.C
USA

Dear President and Mrs Clinton,

I am Anita Pankowska. I am studying English
with Peace Corps Volunteers this summer. In
Poland, where I am living with my family I
have beautiful house. I am 18 years old.
I have one brother and one sister.

At the moment my parents and I invite guest
(Volunteer) with America. She is agreeable.

Poland. She learn speak Polish, ~~and~~.

My sister's name is Monika. My brother's name
is Robert. He has 25 years old. Monika has
17 years old. My mother's name is Danuta
and my father's name is Jan.

I don't have a dog and a cat.

I like to listening music techno, and
rock, going to the party and cinema.
Reading to books and playing tennis

I like Whitney Houston very much and I
have got all her albums.

I live in Radom. This is a beautiful
town. In Poland I visited Krakow ^{and} Warsaw.

We Krakow is a beautiful city. In Krakow

I saw Wawel.

I would like visit Paris and France and

Italy. I am also interested in photography and
traveling. Of course I like studying English very
much. I like studying mathematics and languages.
English and German.

I like English now. In holidays I am studying
English with Peace Corps Volunteers. I like
studying English because my teachers are very
kind and pleasant. They arrived from

America. Their names are Julio Patricio, James

I saw some pictures of the White House many
beautiful monuments and buildings. My favorite
was Washington Monument. I will be able to
visit USA and see it on my own eyes, not
the picture.

Washington is a beautiful city.

Yours sincerely

Anto.

If I will be lucky this letter gets
to Your hands. In this case, please,
remember about country in the Europe -
about my country.

Yours Sincerely
Małgorzata Nypych.

July 28, 1996
Małgorzata Nypych
ul. Osiedlowa 16 m52
26 - 600 Radom
Poland

 President Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington D.C.
USA

Dear Mr. President Clinton

My name is Małgorzata Nypych and I
am Polish student.

I don't want writing about politics or
business. Simply I would like to write
something about me and my life here -
 in Poland.

I am 19 years old. I live in Radom
with my wonderful family: my parents and
my dog. I don't have any brothers and
sisters.

I like doing many things like other people in my age. For example: I am interested in reading books, going to the cinema with my friends or listening music. Sometimes when I have free time I play with my dog or go with it for long walks, but yet, most of all I like horses and horsemanship. I go on horses every holidays and I dream that one day I will be a good horseman. I also dream of having my own horse. I hope that one day my dreams fulfill. In this year I will start studying in the university.

I have learned English since a few years, but this summer I am studying English with Peace Corps Volunteers. I have wonderful teachers: James W Boyd, Juliet Chonka and Patricia Chapman. They really try to learn us something new.

They often tell us about their life in USA and how people work, spend free time there. Our lessons always are very interesting and funny.

This week we learned about Washington D.C. We studied The National Mall, The White House. Thanks to these lessons I have become acquainted with USA and Americans more nearly. I am sure that one day I will visit USA and see Your beautiful country, but my home always will be here - in Poland. Mr. President Clinton I don't know if You read my letter. I know that every day You get a lot of post-cards, letters.

I am sorry if I did some mistakes, but I am not good at writing in English. (Besides I have never written a letter to any president!)

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Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Arlington

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I hope America can continuet Peace

Corps Volunteers in Poland.

Maybe some day I'll go to the U.S.A.

Then I'll see beautiful America

Sincerely

Sylvia Cholewińska



July 26, 1996

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ul. Struga 40/42 m. 15

26-600 Radom

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President and Mrs. Clinton

1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Washington D.C.

USA

Dear President and Mrs. Clinton

I am Sylvia Cholewicka and I am
18 years old. I have one brother and
one sister. Their names are Cezary and
Anna. I have a dog, his name is Max.

I like to: listen to a rock music, watch
[REDACTED] films, swim and ride a horse. I like
studying: english, polish and geography. I am
studying English with Peace Corps Volunteers
this summer. This week we learned about
Washington D.C. We studied: the White House,

July 26, 1996

Monika Roument

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Poland XII

26-600 Radom

Poland

Dear President and Mrs. Clinton;

Greeting from Poland. I'm a student learning English from Peace Corp Volunteers.

I want tell you about my lessons in English. I like it very much.

Our teachers are nice. We are learning very fast with them. This is a very nice time for me.

I'm thinking that it is great idea to send your teacher to the Poland.

My English is more and more better with every day. I know interesting things about your country.

I'll be needing English in my study of art. And later when I'll finish it.

I want to ask how possible the visit Mr. Krasniewski and his family at the White House and America.

Sincerely -

Monika Roument

Stanisława Sienadska
Wienchorym 23^B
26-621 Białe
wój. radomskie

July 26, 1996

Dear President and Mrs. Clinton

Greetings from Poland. My name is Stasia. I am 13 years old. I like listening classical music, reading historical books and travelling. I am studying English with Peace Corps Volunteers this summer and I am having a good time.

I am interested in studying history of the countries all the world and thanks to people from Peace Corps I know many things about history of the USA. I learned about many interesting places in Washington for example The White House, The Supreme Court, US Holocaust Memorial Museum.

My teachers from Peace Corps: Juliet Charka, Patricia Chapman and James W Boyd are very patient and friendly people.

My friends and I are making progress in learning English.

I'd like to visit the United States. I know it is beautiful country. I believe the USA as the powerful country can do many things for peace of all the world and for my country.

I'd like to know what Mrs. Clinton thinks about Poland and Polish.

Yours sincerely

Stanisława Sienadska

July 26, 1996

Justyna Staszewska
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26-600 Radom
Poland

President and Mrs. Clinton,

Greetings from Poland. I am Polish student. I am 18 years old. I am studying English with Peace Corps Volunteers this summer. I am having wonderful lessons. My teachers are: James W. Boyd, Juliet Chowk, Patricia Chapman. This week we learned about Washington D.C. We studied The White House, The National Mall, The Memorials. I think Washington is beautiful place. One day I'd like to visit it.

I've learned many things about America. I like studying English but I think that my English isn't good (yet). I like studying math too. I love watching films, readings books, walking in the mountains, Harley Davidson motorcycles.

I know Mrs Clinton was in Poland. Do you like

Cracov? I love this city. I think that Cracov
is the most beautiful place on the world.
I hope that I will visit your country some day.

Sincerely,

Justyna

GOSIA GAZEWSKA

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26-600 RADOM

POLAND

July 29, 1996

CHELSEA CLINTON

1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

WASHINGTON D.C.

U.S.A.

Dear Chelsea

Greetings from Poland. My name is Gosia and I'm a 17 year old girl. I'm a student at 6th High School in Radom. This year I will go to the third class. Besides I'm studying English with Peace Corps Volunteers this summer.

My family isn't very big. I live with my parents here in Radom. I have only one older brother. (What about you?) His name is Miś and he is 22 years old. Now he is studying at Politechnic in Warsaw. What is living in the White House like? I think that it isn't very kind because of TV, radio and normal people's curiosity. But what do you think about that? Besides I'm a student at 6th High School I attend Art School. We are studying here weaving, drawing, and painting, photography, history of fine art and some others very interesting subjects. So I very like drawing but I'm also interested in books. I very like reading. In my opinion the best book I've ever read were "Little Prince" by A. de Saint Exupery, a few polish books wrote by Pieśnicka, Musienowicz, Chmielewska and Ozogowska, and of course William Wharton's books. To the time being I read only one his book - it was "Scumbler" and it was very beautiful story. Now I'm going to read "Lost covers" by him too. I heard that it's very good moving story about a painter. He gives up his world business full for discovering sense in his own life once more and for love. Do you read this book? You know my favorite books are recently wrote by Wharton but what do you think about him and his books? I also like watching films in the cinema. But during the school year I go there rather seldom because of very hard working in school and having no free time. In my opinion the best film I've ever seen was "Forrest Gump". Did you see it? What about your school and your favorite films?

I very like listening to the radio or music. My favorite groups are Offspring and Green Day, but I also like polish rock and very good especially to dance rock and roll. Sorry, I have to say that I don't like (I say more, I hate) disco, rap and techno music. My favorite subjects at school are languages (English, Polish, German), biology and

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this summer. Our teachers' names are James, Juliet and
Patricia. They are from America and they are wonderful. They
are doing for us their best. This week I learned some about
your country and your capital - WASHINGTON from them. Unfortu-
nately I heard that the American government will cut their mo-
ney for P.C.V. but please do something for them
because these great people must teach the others, they are
very needed especially here in Poland.

So, I'm waiting for an answer to my letter!

Bye!

Györia Györfi

THE WHITE HOUSE
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July 17, 1996

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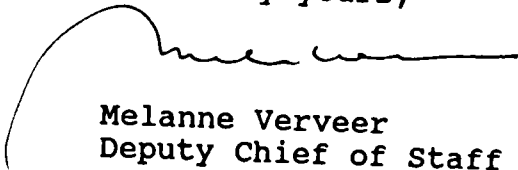
Dear Mrs. Ciesielski,

Thank you for your thoughtful letter and information about the Bridges For Education organization. The First Lady greatly appreciates the important work you do to strengthen international understanding through education.

Regrettably, due to a very demanding schedule, the First Lady was unable to visit the Bridges for Education project during her recent trip to Poland. Mrs. Clinton did have a chance to meet with NGO's in all the countries she visited. Enclosed are copies of her speeches which may be of interest to you.

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

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

June 16, 1996

*****June 24th Resending*****

White House.

Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Hillary Clinton

Dear Mrs. Clinton,



"Dedicated to International
Understanding Through Education"

You receive a lot of mail. This letter may surprise you. It is the story of a small organization promoting international peace in Eastern and Central Europe. Last April Bridges for Education hosted a conference in Poland for representatives from Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Ukraine and Slovakia representing the organizations of the Ministry of Education, Soros, Rotary Club, Sister Cities, and UNESCO. The purpose of Bridges for Education is to promote tolerance and understanding using English as a bridge. We are not an ethnic or religious organization nor do we receive government funding.

Bridges for Education will sponsor eight camps this summer in five countries, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Lithuania, Ukraine, and Poland. In addition, Soros Foundations in Belarus and Croatia and a Crimean Tatars Foundation in partnership with the Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe and the Stefan Batory (Soros) Foundation in Poland have also agreed to send their students to the international camps in Poland. Bridges for Education has offered twenty five one hundred dollar scholarships for students from Lithuanian, Belarus, Ukraine, Crimea, and Croatia to help defray tuition and transportation costs to travel to Poland. We have also offered smaller scholarships to ten teenagers from Slovakia.

There will be four camps in Poland, two sponsored directly by the Ministry of Education and two international camps sponsored by the Ministry of Education through UNESCO of Poland. The international camps will be in Pulawy, Poland, where we held our conference in April, and the other will be in Rzeszow, Buffalo's Sister City. Rzeszow has invited its' Sister Cities of Lviv, Ukraine and Koscie, Slovakia to send their students. While most of BFE teachers are American, the Group Leader for Rzeszow is Canadian and he has recruited a team of Canadian and American teachers. So the BFE team of teachers will also be international.

The program consists of three weeks of conversational English for 100 teenagers. The American teachers are volunteers who pay their own airfare and a small administrative fee to Bridges for Education. There is no money paid to Bridges for Education by the host country. Bridges for Education has developed a very good reputation by having the Group Leaders personally interview the applicants and checking their references. The teachers are then trained in English as a second language and conflict resolution and to work together as a team. They come prepared to set up a school. They must have prepared lesson plans and all their supplies. Bridges for Education raises money for t shirts, dictionaries, supplies and game prizes for the students. We also buy American flags and BFE banners for each camp site. We were asked to purchase European Council flags for our international camps. Poland is very interested in joining the European Union and NATO. International programs such as the BFE summer language camps bring that possibility that much closer by proving Poland's ability to work cooperatively with its neighbors..

In April I also attended the UNESCO Secretary General conference in Paris and met with Mr. Colin Power, Assistant Director - General for Education. He is very pleased with our work to bring together young people especially in areas with a troubled past and boundary changes. I have invited him to visit the international program in Pulawy and he has written back asking for directions in case he can come. While there, I also met with Mr. Ray Wanner, from the US Department of State, International Organization Affairs, who was the Secretary General to UNESCO from the United

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States. He was very interested in our private initiative and international cooperation.

As you are aware, the USA is no longer a partner with UNESCO. I understand that your husband, President Clinton, is willing to explore rejoining this organization and I certainly hope he will do so. We have enjoyed a good relationship with UNESCO of Poland and the Ministry of Education. You may contact Mr. Andrzej Schiffers, Director for Secondary Education for confirmation of this. He is the one who approves all contracts with Bridges for Education. His telephone number is 22-628-04-61, w.39, fax number 628-81-57.

We invite you to come visit the international camp in Poland this July. The Camp Director, Mr. Wieslaw Smyrgala, is an excellent administrator. He inspires his staff to do their best. He is smart, a wonderful organizer, and very kind; just right for this good work. My two daughters will attend his camp this summer as Teaching Assistants with the rest of the 18 member BFE team. I will be visiting all eight camps as well as traveling to Rome to discuss possible programs through the United Nations FAO program with agricultural colleges. I also plan to travel to Zagreb again to discuss our program and to inspect the camp site for a UNESCO Mediterranean Peace Camp in Dubrovnic next summer in cooperation with BFE. I will leave Poland on July 8th and return on July 20th.

Please contact Mr. Smyrgala for further information regarding the Opening Ceremonies on July 8th in Pulawy. His tel number is 48-81-86-39-05, fax 81-86-39-36. He speaks Polish and Russian fluently. He will join our classes this summer to improve his English. The teachers will arrive July 5th in Warsaw. I shall join them later that same day when I return from Ukraine. I leave from NYC on June 26th for Lithuania. BFE is sponsoring over 100 teachers this summer in Eastern and Central Europe. We will serve close to 900 students and teachers of English. The Ministry of Education in Kiev, Ukraine, is interested in having a Peace Camp in Yalta next summer with BFE.

Recently, I read that you will visit Poland in July. We think you would enjoy visiting an American non-profit organization's educational program in Poland with teenagers from Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Crimea, Lithuania, Poland, Ukraine, and Slovakia learning to work and play together. Many long lasting friendships will be forged this summer that will cross boundaries both real and imaginary. These young people will some day be the leaders of this part of the world. The BFE programs provide the network for them to communicate now and in the future.

You wrote that, "It takes a village to raise a child." May I respectfully suggest that the village is the world...a "Global Village" as the Canadian Marshal McClullan called it. He predicted in the 60's that technology will bring us together. That is true, but it is the human contact, the exposure to other cultures and ways of thinking on a personal level that brings the images on TV closer to our hearts. This is what we do: we bring children of the global village together.

Margaret Mead once said, "Never doubt that a small group of concerned citizens can change the world, it is often the only thing that ever does."; it is written in our brochures. Please come and see for yourself what we do together. If you do not want any publicity during your visit, that is fine with us. Just come and enjoy being surrounded by smiles and laughter and hope. We think you will be changed by what you observe... as we are.

Looking forward to meeting you this summer in Poland.

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. Beth Ciesielski

Mrs. J. Beth Ciesielski

cc. Schiffers, Smyrgala

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August 8, 1996

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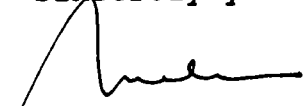
Dear David *challenge*

Thank you for your letter. It was good to hear from you after all these years. I am not aware of any position at this time that could combine your experiences and skills. I will be sure to keep an eye open for any position I come across that you might be interested in.

Thank you again for writing and best wishes.

*hope you & me
family are
well.*

Sincerely yours,



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Deputy Chief of Staff
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Practice and litigation in the areas of ERISA, health plans, multi-employer pension plans, taxes, employee benefits, estate planning, trusts, bankruptcy and corporate problems on behalf of individuals, non-profit institutions, and corporations. Activity centers on the problems facing health plans including utilization of managed care, preferred provider networks, HMOs, plan of benefits, prescription programs and discounts, co-ordination of benefits, vision care programs, utilization review, mental health coverage, review of investments, banking relationships, plan interpretation, amendments, QMCSOs, claim review, subrogation and litigation involving plan benefits. For pension plans, attention is given to issues involving fiduciary responsibility, plan design and interpretation, review of QDROs, conformity with investment policy, and the provisions of regulations interpreting statutes that apply to employee benefit plans. Advise individual clients and business organizations in the areas of tax planning, deductions, estate tax, corporate governance, trusts and wills.

Assistant Director, Government Liaison,
United States Catholic Conference, Washington, D.C.

1978- 1990

Extensive experience gained representing this organization with members of Congress and the Executive Branch. Advice given to the Roman Catholic Bishops of America as to legislation pending before the Congress and regulatory issues pending before executive and independent agencies. Lobbied before the full bodies and the following committees: Ways and Means, Finance, Judiciary, Appropriations, Postal and Civil Service, Banking, Commerce, Foreign Relation Committees, Education and Labor, Labor and Human Resources, and House Administration. Primary activity was directed towards the tax writing Committees and the Judiciary Committees in such areas as deductions, pensions, lobby reform and immigration. Extensive contact maintained with both state and local affiliates on both the status of legislation and the steps needed to effect it.

Before becoming a legislative representative for the Roman Catholic Bishops of America, 4 years was spent on active duty with the United States Army as an instructor at the U.S. Army Engineers School and an attorney with the Judge Advocate General's Corps.

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District of Columbia, 1979
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Juris Doctor, Brooklyn Law School, 1974
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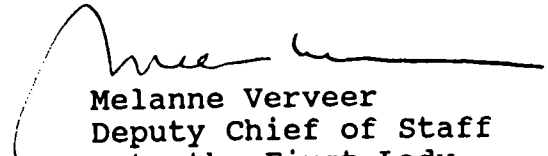
Dear Mr. Costello,

Mrs. Clinton asked me to thank you for your thoughtful letter and for forwarding the message of the Ukrainian women participating in the Citizens Network program.

Mrs. Clinton has assisted and followed the progress of women in Ukraine, as in so many other countries. The work of the Citizen Network could not be more important.

Thank you again for writing and best wishes. Please keep us apprised of the Network's efforts.

Sincerely yours,



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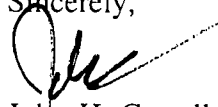
Dear Mrs. Clinton:

In your remarks at the United Nations last spring you said, "...today...there is a special urgency to helping women around the world assume their rightful places in society. That is because the fortunes of women are inextricably tied to the fortunes of our global community. If women don't thrive, the world won't thrive." We at The Citizens Network for Foreign Affairs share your view, and for this reason have worked to support women in agriculture and agribusiness in Ukraine since 1994.

Because of your dynamic leadership and the attention you focus on promoting women around the world -- from Indonesia to Denmark, South Africa to India, Bangladesh to Belarus, and soon from Estonia to Romania -- because of the vision and authority you personify, 31 Ukrainian women were selected to receive training in United States over the past months. Without your support, it is unlikely that these women in this quantity would have been asked to participate in the reverse exchange program.

For your efforts, women from the last group asked me to give you their most sincere thanks. Their letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,



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June 8, 1996

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady of the United States

The Most Honorable Hillary!

It is our great honor to address you! We thank you sincerely for the efforts you have made on behalf of women worldwide and your energetic support of women's participation in community and social life. Your endeavors have had positive results. Thanks to you, we Ukrainian women today find ourselves in the United States taking part in the "Agribusiness Development and Management" educational program under the New Independent States Education and Training (NET) initiative funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Of the 26 members of our group who are participating in this educational program from May 18-June 9, 1996 -- which is allowing us to become familiar with agricultural and agribusiness policies in the United States and the role of the federal government and local structures in governing the agro-complex in your country's market economy -- 12 are women. The knowledge we will acquire will help us in the practical application of strengthening the economy of Ukraine, promoting the role of women in the attainment of economic reforms, and raising the standard of living for the people.

We are grateful to you, the President, and the U.S. Government for this opportunity. As we depart to our homeland, we wish you perseverance, excellent health, success, and hope that your nation flowers and prospers.

We ask that you express our sincere gratitude to the organizers of the program, the professors at the University of Kentucky, The Citizens Network for Foreign Affairs, and the representatives of USAID in Ukraine.

With highest respect to you, we are,

Nina Markovska,
Member of the Ukrainian Parliament

Ludmilla Lysenko,
Farm Manager, Odesa Oblast

Alina Vedmid,
Farm Manager, Kiev Oblast

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Вивашишановна леді Хіллорі!

Масмо за велику честь звернутися до Вас з щирою подякою за ту турботу до пеніок, яку Ви втілює в пенітї. Ви активно виступає за підтримку участі пеніок у суспільному пенітї. Ваші зусилля мають позитивний наслідок і як приклад цього є те, що леді пеніок з України, завдяки Вашим ріднім своїм знахо-дяться в Сполучених Штатах Америки і приймають участь у освітній програмі Net Project, яка фінансується Агентством США з міжнародного Розвитку (USAID) під назвою „Агробізнес: Розвиток та Управління”. Серед 26 членів нашої групи, яка проходить навчання по цій програмі з 18 травня 1996р по 9 червня 1996р, приймає участь 12 пеніок, що дає можливість познайомитися з політикою агробізнесу США та ролі Федерального Уряду, місцевих органів управління агрокомплексу в регіональній економіці Вашої держави.

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Вашої держави.

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З великою повагою до Вас

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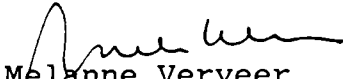
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Dear Ms. Costidis:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter and the videotape of Archbishop Iakovos whom we all respect and admire.

It was so kind of you to send us a copy.

Sincerely,


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
of the First Lady



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August 8, 1996

Ms. Mellane Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff to the 1st Lady
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Dear Ms. Verveer;

Enclosed you will find a copy of the finished program, "Iakovos: A Legacy." As you know Archbishop Iakovos retired on July 29th, 1996, after serving the Greek Orthodox Church for 37 years. This hour long documentary recaptures the highlights of his long and distinguished career and examines the effects of his leadership from the perspective of the people who knew him.

Please accept this videotape with our thanks for your assistance to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and to Greek Orthodox Telecommunications.

Sincerely,

Marissa P. Costidis

Marissa P. Costidis
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