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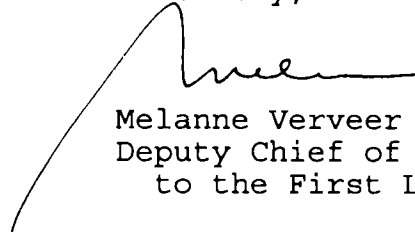
H.E. Ojars Kalnins  
Embassy of Latvia  
4325 17th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20011

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter and for the information on the popularity polls of the President in Latvia! It is gratifying to know there are supporters around the globe.

Please give my warmest regards to Irma, best wishes and happy holidays.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

*R. Thoms*

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**MEMORANDUM**

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TO: Melanne Verveer  
FROM: Ojars Kalnins  
DATE: November 11, 1996

First and foremost, congratulations from Irma and me! I imagine you are quite busy at this point, but if you had a free moment for lunch or dinner, Irma and I would love to get together with you to find out what plans you may have for the coming term. We hope, at least, to see you next Monday, November 18th, at our Independence Day reception.

Until then, I thought I'd enclose an item you may have missed. (Don't know whether you read the Washington Times or not.) As you can see, Latvia beat out Washington D.C. in terms of support for President Clinton. I don't know if any election district in the U.S. could top the 91% majority Clinton achieved in Latvia!

I would appreciate it, if The President could be made aware of his continuing popularity in Latvia.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 4, 1996

Ms. Janet Nichols Kasameyer  
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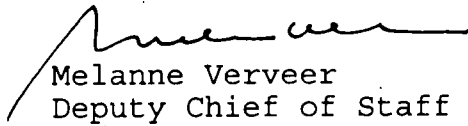
Dear Ms. Kasameyer:

The First Lady asked me to thank you for your thoughtful letter. It is wonderful to see such dedication in young people who are learning the importance of good citizenship.

I have forwarded your request for a visit to the White House to the Director of scheduling, Patti Solis Doyle.

Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

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9/26/96

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Janet Kasameyer

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Enclosed request

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COMMENTS:

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3940 SW Jerald Court  
Portland, Oregon 97221  
September 25, 1996

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

Re: Seven of the 1996 National Championship Team of the "We, The People: The Citizen and The Constitution" Competition for high school students will appear before the Supreme Court and members of the Senate on December 3, 1996. Could it be arranged for them to also visit the Oval Office and be introduced to you and the President?

Dear Hillary

It was a very special moment for me to visit the White House and meet you at our Wellesley class reception. These students and their coaches would always treasure a visit to the Oval Office and to meet you and the President.

These are seven terrific kids who worked all last year to prepare for the national competition sponsored by the Center for Civic Education. The "We, the People" Competition explores issues about the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights. They met every week for three hours with their volunteer coaches and spent innumerable additional hours of preparation. The first assignment, for example, was to read the Constitution 5 times plus a whole textbook! For many, like my daughter, Katherine, the class became the year's raison d'etre. It motivated her to stretch and go beyond previous levels of achievement. Before the first competition, I glimpsed a bit of her commitment. It was 6am; Katherine and a teammate were dressed up (so rare), hair in place, make-up applied and discussing search and seizure issues! They were intense, involved; they cared. I did take a moment to reflect on how far we have come...

These kids were not just about winning. They became involved with and developed deep respect for the Constitution. Katherine said she got goose bumps when she thought about seeing the actual document.

The team not only qualified for national competition, but they won it proving there is no more Constitutionally literate group of kids in the country! They thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Congress with Senator Hatfield and private meeting with Justice Souter. The Executive branch is the only one they have not visited.

Now seven(including Katherine) of the original twenty-eight member team have been requested to appear before the Supreme Court and members of the Senate to support continued funding for the competition. Four chaperones will accompany them and a few parents may come. The appearance is scheduled for December 3, 1996. The students will be in Washington from December 1-4. It would be a beyond-wildest-dreams reward for them to come to the White House and be introduced to you and the President.

It would be an appropriate honor for the coaches as well. They volunteer their time and have done so for nine years. Mr. Hal Hart who is very much the leader of the project has also used his personal resources to support the team. He not only buys the books for the Lincoln High School class, as well as pizza for each class meeting from September to May, but also offers to buy the books for any Oregon school preparing a team for local competition.

There are many more stories, but I hope I have said enough to let you know these are extraordinary people, worthy of your attention, who would treasure a visit and introduction. I am including a news clipping to add details. I look forward to hearing from you and hope that something can be arranged. I appreciate your attention to this matter.

As far as most people I talk to are concerned, the campaign is over. Could we vote tomorrow and get on with more important stuff??

Very truly yours,



Janet Nichols Kasameyer

# Lincoln High again tops nation in civic awareness

**■ The Portland students parade their legal prowess and beat all comers in a U.S. Constitution competition for the third time**

**By ALICIA DI RADO**

*of The Oregonian staff*

Lincoln High School, in order to form a more perfect record of achievement and promote its general reputation, has done it again.

Lots of late-night, hard-core drills paid off Monday as 28 Lincoln students won a national competition on the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights.

The first-place victory was Lincoln's third in the nine-year history of the contest, held in Washington, D.C.

Team members received gold medals at a ceremony Monday night that also honored retiring Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore.

Harold C. "Hal" Hart, a Portland lawyer and the lead teacher for the Lincoln team, said in a statement from Washington Monday night: "This is a wonderful tribute to the quality of public education in the Portland School District and the Lincoln community."

While crediting the broader community, Hart didn't overlook the pride Lincoln takes in the victory. "We're delighted and ecstatic," he said.

The award was announced after Lincoln students had testified in mock congressional hearings on topics such as "Protection of Rights" and "Role of a Citizen" during the previous three days.

Teams from 49 states and the District of Columbia took part.

Being at or near the top in the competition is nothing new for Lincoln, which has finished in the national top

**Please turn to  
LINCOLN, Page B4**

THE OREGONIAN, TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 1996

## Lincoln: Students share credit with coaches for team's success

**■ Continued from Page B1**

10 of the "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" competition seven times and has held the state title for nine years.

"By now, it's become a part of the Lincoln mystique," said Paul Erickson, Lincoln administrative vice principal, in Portland.

Each fall, dozens of Lincoln students apply to be on the Constitution team. They're carefully interviewed, and team leaders pick students committed to working overtime. An entirely new team is selected each year. Most of the members this year are sophomores and juniors.

The teen-agers pore over political philosophy and legal cases for three hours after dinner every Tuesday night.

Erickson said the team owes its success to its coaches as well as its students.

David Bailey — a social studies teacher, journalism adviser and cross country and track coach who is the longest-serving Lincoln faculty member — sponsors the team. Attorneys Chuck Sparks and Chris Hardman work with Hart as coaches to put the students through

barrages of questions.

Hart, Erickson said, "is legendary in terms of classroom law projects in Oregon. And he's a Lincoln grad himself."

Students read the Constitution and Bill of Rights carefully. They also follow Supreme Court cases and current events to keep up with contemporary legal fights.

Lincoln's team finished ahead of Amador Valley High School of Pleasanton, Calif., and East High School of Denver.

Monday night, after Lincoln had received its award, team members prepared to make their annual pilgrimage to the Lincoln Memorial. This year, Bailey said, the visit would have even more meaning than in the past.

The team will return to Portland Wednesday.

The national competition is sponsored by the Los Angeles-based Center for Civic Education and the U.S. Department of Education.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 10, 1996

Ms. Penn Kemble  
Deputy Director  
United States Information Agency  
Washington, DC 20547

Dear Ms. Kemble, *Penn*

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and for the report on the International Civic Education Exchange Program. Mrs. Clinton was pleased to receive the American teachers who had recently returned from Bosnia as part of this program. I think she impressed everyone with her keen interest in and support for democracy building at the grassroots level.

At this time, the First Lady has no plans to return to Eastern Europe, but I am confident that she will continue to be helpful as she can.

Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,

*Melanne*  
Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

**United States  
Information  
Agency**

Washington, D.C. 20547

Office of the Director

**USIA**

September 4, 1996

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

Dear Melanne:

I regret very much that I was unable to attend the White House meeting with Mrs. Clinton on follow-up to the Eastern Europe trip. I would have liked to recommend a role for her in promoting civic education.

USIA and the Department of Education have launched a significant initiative in cooperation with Eastern Europeans and educators in the former Soviet Union to develop textbooks and teaching materials, train teachers, and introduce new curricula in the field of civic education.

This is a genuine partnership -- American educators have learned as much as they have taught. It has a broad and enthusiastic American constituency. It is not expensive -- certainly not in terms of the benefits provided. It is seriously and gratefully received by the democrats of the region. The Western Europeans are involved.

The group of American teachers returning from Bosnia with whom the First Lady met last month were part of this program.

If there is some possibility that she will be returning to the region, or if she has any other interest, I would like very much to have the opportunity to suggest some practical ways she might be involved. I know it could be immensely helpful.

I attach a brief report about the program.

Sincerely,

Penn Kemble  
Deputy Director



# CIVITAS:

## AN INTERNATIONAL CIVIC EDUCATION EXCHANGE PROGRAM



### *To Strengthen Civic Education And Civic Culture*

**Civitas: An International Civic Education Exchange Program** is a cooperative project of a consortium of leading organizations in civic education in the United States and other participating nations. The program, administered by the Center for Civic Education, is supported by the United States Department of Education and is being conducted with the cooperation of the United States Information Agency and its affiliated offices in participating nations in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union (EEN/NIS).

The program enables civic educators from the United States and the EEN/NIS to learn from and assist each other in improving education for democracy. The improvement of democratic education is essential to the development of a healthy civic culture and sustenance of vigorous democratic institutions.

The Civitas exchange program is an initial activity of *Civitas*, an informal international network of individuals and organizations being formed to strengthen civic education and constitutional democracy

throughout the world. The formation of the *Civitas* network was initiated in June 1995 at the *Civitas@Prague* conference sponsored by the United States Information Agency. At the close of that conference participants representing over 50 nations signed a declaration pledging to "create and maintain a worldwide network that will make civic education a higher priority on the international agenda."

# *CIVITAS: An International Civic Education Exchange Program*

## 1995-1996

To strengthen democracy in newly constituted or reconstituted democracies, as well as in older, established democracies, a consortium of leading organizations in civic education is conducting an international educational exchange program. The primary purposes of this program are to:

- ◆ acquaint educators from EEN/NIS with exemplary curricular and teacher training programs in civic education developed in the United States.
- ◆ assist educators from EEN/NIS in adapting and implementing effective civic education programs in their own countries.
- ◆ create instructional materials for students in the United States which will help them better understand emerging constitutional democracies.
- ◆ facilitate the exchange of ideas and experience in civic education among political, educational, and private sector leaders of participating EEN/NIS, the United States, and other established democracies.
- ◆ encourage research to determine the effects of civic education on the development of the knowledge, skills, and traits of public and private character essential for the preservation and improvement of constitutional democracy.

These purposes will be accomplished through

seminars for civic educators on the basic values and principles of constitutional democracy and its institutions

- ◆ visits by civic educators to school systems, institutions of higher learning, and nonprofit organizations which have exemplary programs in civics and government education
- ◆ translations of basic documents of constitutional government, and significant works on political theory, constitutional law, and government
- ◆ adaptations and development of exemplary curricular and teacher education programs
- ◆ joint research projects in the areas of curricular development and teacher education
- ◆ evaluation to determine the effects of civic education programs

The primary participants in the program are leaders in civic education, including curriculum and teacher training specialists, scholars in relevant disciplines, and educational policymakers from the United States and EEN/NIS.

The principal United States and EEN/NIS participants are as follows.

- ◆ **United States.** Principal civic education organizations are the
  - ◆ American Federation of Teachers Educational Foundation
  - ◆ American Political Science Association
  - ◆ Center for Civic Education
  - ◆ Merhson Center and College of Education of The Ohio State University
  - ◆ Social Studies Development Center of Indiana University

◆ **Affiliated civic education organizations at state and local levels are the**

- ◆ Council for Citizenship Education at Russell Sage College (New York)
- ◆ Florida Law-Related Education Association
- ◆ Classroom Law Project at Lewis and Clark Law School (Oregon)
- ◆ Center for Civic Education through Law (Michigan)
- ◆ We the People... Project of Georgia and Northwestern Georgia
- ◆ Pennsylvania CIVITAS: Juniata Institute for Civic Affairs and Temple Law-Related and Civic Education Center
- ◆ We the People... Project of Illinois

- ◆ **EEN/NIS.** Affiliated civic education organizations at the international level are the
  - ◆ Czech Republic: Institute for the Development of Education, Charles University
  - ◆ Hungary: Civitas-Association for Teaching Civic Knowledge and Skills
  - ◆ Latvia: Democracy Advancement Center
  - ◆ Poland: Center for Citizenship Education
  - ◆ Russia: Association for Civic Education, in cooperation with Grazhdanin

The consortium is working closely with the U.S. Department of Education, the United States Information Agency (USIA), and other federal agencies. CIVNET, the new website established on the Internet by the USIA provides a means of linking all participants.

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May 31, 1996

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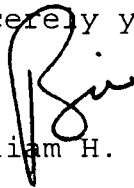
Dear Melanne:

I hate to bother you with this, but have nowhere else to go. You or your staff sent a picture of me with the First Lady. It was, however, destroyed by someone at the Post Office--they thoroughly mangled it, I guess for political reasons. I filed a complaint but doing so does not retrieve the picture.

Can you please get your staff to retrieve another and send it to me? The date was April 10, 1996, and the number on the back of the picture was "SF PO38947-13A."

Knowing how busy you are, I hate making this request. Hope all is well, and thank you for your assistance. All best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

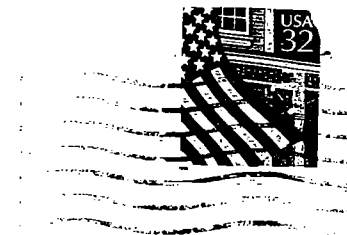
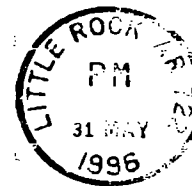


William H. Kennedy III

whk/s

*P.S. Give my  
regards, please, to HRC -  
my best to you,  
and yours.  
Bill K*

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 26, 1996

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Council of Mothers  
International Charity Foundations  
of Ukraine for Children--Invalids "Marked  
by Chernobyl Atom"  
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Dear Ms. Kozlova:

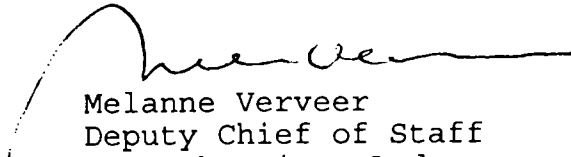
Mrs. Clinton received your letter through the good offices of Ukraine's Ambassador to the United States, His Excellency, Yuri Shcherbak. The First Lady was very touched by your efforts to help children and young people overcome the effects of the Chernobyl accident. She remembers very well her visit to the children's hospitals in Ukraine and Belarus and shares your concern for the need for proper nutrition for these children, who have already suffered beyond their years.

She is not alone in this concern. As you note in your letter, the American people extended their hands to the victims of the Chernobyl catastrophe. To date, the U.S. government, with the help of private organizations, has delivered medicine and medical supplies totaling over \$100 million, the amount you referenced in your letter.

We realize that more work is ahead of us and will continue our humanitarian assistance to Ukraine with a number of shipments scheduled for this fall. We forwarded your request to those agencies in the U.S. government organizing this assistance. We also forwarded your request to Counterpart, a non-governmental organization in Ukraine helping charity foundations such as yours find necessary medicine, medical supplies, vitamins, and nutritional supplements. Counterpart and other organizations listed in the attachment have a schedule of humanitarian flights and can assist in identifying the sources, both within the U.S. government and in the private sector, for the nutritional supplements and vitamins you are requesting.

We believe that working with these organizations might be the most effective means to secure food and medicines for children and young people. Please accept our best wishes in your noble work.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

Enclosure

cc: Ambassador Yuri Shcherbak  
cc: Ambassador William Miller



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July 16, 1996

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Dear Ms. Verveer:

I have the pleasure to enclose herewith the letter addressed to Mrs. Hillary Clinton by the Ukrainian Charity Foundation of Ukraine for Children-Invalids "Marked by Chornobyl Atom". Please do not pay much attention to some grammar mistakes which are natural for the people who are not native English speakers, but the essence of the letter is of much more importance.

I will be in Atlanta till July 22 and after that I will be delighted to meet you again and to discuss the ways of our further cooperation.

Sincerely,

Yuri SHCHERBAK,  
Ambassador of Ukraine

Enclosure: as stated, on 2 p.

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To: Mrs. Hillary Clinton:  
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UKRAINE

Dear Virtuous Mrs. Hillary Clinton:

Let's appeal to You on behalf of the Council of Mothers of Beneficial Foundation of disable infants "Marked by Chernobyl Atom" (the Association of those mothers whose children became the invalids as a consequence of the Chernobyl Catastrophy: they are suffer from the thyroid gland cancer and those one who haven't it at all due to the operation performed).

Dear Mrs. H. Clinton via the mass information media (television and radio broadcasting) we came to know about Your noble merciful action on collecting the financial resources as an assistance to the sufferers from the Chernobyl Catastrophy. The American people responded to Your call and 100mln. US \$ were collected.

Let's express our deep gratitude for Your care and trouble about our children. As well we are thankful to Your people for their responsiveness, sympathy and active assistance.

More than 350 children and young people pre 25-year age are the members of our foundation. They suffered from the hard operations (some of them even 2 and 3 ones) and now they are being treated by the radioactive <sup>131</sup>I, being hardly sensed by the patient's organism. As a result of weakness due to the operations and periodical irradiation (several times per year) suffered, our children extremely need in the nutrition enriched with pectins and vitamins which are capable to remove radionuclides from their

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organism. But the majority of the parents obtain the miserable salary and with the significant delay. That's why the children often fail to have the required food.

We, mothers, feel despair, thinking about the life and future of our children.

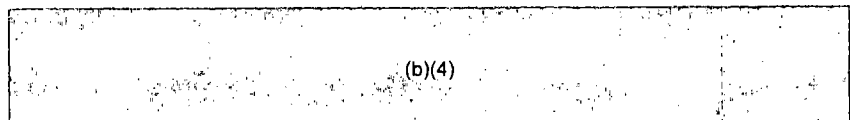
We appeal to You with a request to share at least 2-3% of the money collected for the assistance to each of the child-disable who is under the control of our foundation.

We express our faith and hope that You'll become the second mother to the suffered children. And all families exhausted by lack of money, hopelessness of their situation, which are in the constant fear and strength for the sick infant life, will be highly acknowledged to You and will pray to God and will ask him to bless You and Your family, Your people as well as to give flourishing to Your country.

In the case of accepting the favourable decision, we'd ask You to send the shared sum of money to the account of our Foundation with the notice that this concrete sum of money is adressed specially as the assistance to each child being ill with the thyroid gland cancer.

We are looking forward in great hope to Your reply.

Our Bank Account



The Foundation Identification Code is N 00012132

With Best Regards! Let the Great Heavenly Lord Bless You!

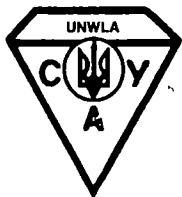
On behalf of the Foundation and Council of the Mothers  
the President of the Foundation "Marked by Chernobyl  
Atom"

Anna Kozlova

Vice-President  
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July 2, 1996

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Dear Melanne:

Thank you for participating in our Pre Convention Panel on May 24, 1996. Your presentation will be on the pages of *Our Life* in July-August issue.

At this time you are traveling with the First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. I hope that you received my facsimile transmittal of June 15, 1996 regarding our communities in Romania.

Yesterday, Luba Bilowchtchuk, UNWLA Scholarship/Student Sponsorship Chair, received a letter from Stefan Tcasiuc (Стефан Ткачук), President of Ukrainians' Union of Romania, regarding the situation in the province of Maramures this past winter. He wrote that over 800 children did not attend school due to lack of shoes and winter clothing. Copy of his letter attached.

Our meager scholarships subsided over one hundred families in the villages.

Since 1989 UNWLA has helped (as best we could) pupils and students in Romania. However, it is evident that it was only a drop in the bucket....so to speak. Besides Maramures, similar situation exists in Suceava, Timis and Severin where many Ukrainian descent people live. We wish to expand our program in Romania. Of course, everything depends on the funds. Any information you may provide us will be greatly appreciated. We do have a staff (and volunteer power) to expedite. We do have contacts.

I am grateful for the invitation from the President for the June 14, 1996 events. It was an experience of a lifetime for me and an honor to represent the UNWLA. I submitted a written report to the Executive Committee at the meeting on June 28, 1996. Iryna Kurowyckyj is preparing a directive to our membership regarding voter registration for mailing in early September. I took the liberty (with permission, of course) of taking extra blue folders and pins that were given out at the luncheon and gave one to Iryna Kurowyckyj. Iryna and her husband are active democrats in the East Village of New York City. I presented the other one to my coworker, Mary Grace, who is a life long democrat - as are her daughter and granddaughter. Mary was very thrilled.

Here is hoping all is well with you and your family.

Sincerely yours

*Handwritten signature:* Anna Krawczyk  
Anna Krawczyk

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Бухарест, 4 червня 1996 р.

JUL 01 1996

ВЕЛЬМИШАНОВНА ПАНІ ЛЮБА!

Перш за все хочу Вам, Вельмишановній Пані. Анні Кравчук, всьому проводу  
СУА, всім жертводавцям, від самої душі подякувати за Вашу щедрю допомогу  
яку надали нашим дітям. До моєї подяки долучується і подяка всіх стипен-  
діатів та їх батьків чи опікунів.

Доляри появилися в наше банкове конто десь наприкінці місяця травня  
3.780 ам.дол. Ми вислали стипендії поштою в день, беручи під увагу, що  
... 1 доллар = 2116 леїв. Це було третього червня. Нині доллар знову піднявся.  
Ми вислали леї, бо наші люди в своїх поселеннях не мають де ~~їх~~ ~~виплатити~~  
ти долари. Також і нам легше. Ми разом з грошима вислали й всі бланки оде-  
жні від Вас. Кожен стипендіят має відповісти і подякувати своїм добріді  
і вислати потрібні посвідки з школи.

Юрій Нарцис Семенюк, Тамара Сікос, Александра Іон Попович і Даниєл  
Гергелюк вже закінчили школи і пішли на працю. Це остання їх стипендія.  
мість них, будь ласка, залучіть інших. Ми везебаре виплатимо Вам нові про-  
хання.

Ми Вам дуже дякуємо за все, що вислали до нас і благаємо Вас висла-  
дати. У нас страшна біда, а головню на Мараморщині, — понад 800 дітей вз-  
ку не ходили до школи, бо не мали в що взуватися та одягатися.

У нас школи починають 16 вересня. Якби Ви могли нам вислати нову  
партію стипендій до 1 жовтня,  
~~наступні стипендії будуть до жовтня~~ то було б чудово, — можна б купити дітям  
взуття і якісь одяжки...

Просто ми не знаємо що робити з нашими бідними дітьми і сиротами

Румунії. І ця подорож дасть Вам нагоду побачити наше життя-буття на живому. Словами просто не можна описати, наскільки б не мали добірних слів та буйної уяви. Правда, і в Україні та ж сама ситуація...

У нас є до Вас, Вельмишановна Памі Люба, запитання: чи не можна б, щоб США вислало нам і зужитий одяг, переважно для школярів. Це було б просто божою манною для них. Чи, може, якусь фінансову підтримку, щоб за нею купувати одяг і взуття для наших нещасних дітей.

По наших поселеннях, найбільшій з Румунії, крім всяких нестатків ще панують різні хвороби, а останнім часом з'явився й сифіліс. Короста, туберкульоз це вже банальні хвороби... І, на жаль, ліків, - ані на лік...

У нас страшно дорого коштує пошта. Тому ми всі кошти з висилкою грошей перебираємо на союз, хоч і він бідний, як <sup>мн</sup>ма в церкві...

На закінчення нашого листа, ще раз всім Вам бажаємо тільки доброго щастя, доброго здоров'я і доброї долі. На все добре! Всього найкращого.

Цінуємо Вам ручку, залишаючись з надією, що Ви і США й надалі будете з нашими дітьми, як були і дотепер. Ви наша надія, порятунок і допомога...

З братерською любов'ю Вамі



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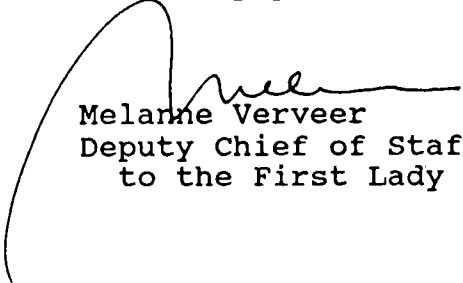
Alex Kuzma  
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Children of Chornobyl Relief Fund  
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Dear Alex,

Thank you for your letter and precious picture of your daughter, Alina. It's great to have her support. I appreciate the update on the progress of the medical aid programs in Ukraine. Thank you for all you do.

It was good to hear from you. Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady



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*It's great to have  
her support!*

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Ms. Melanne Vervée  
Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady  
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Dear Melanne:

Hope your summer is going well. Since the Chernobyl commemoration on May 1st, we've been making progress with our medical aid programs in Ukraine, and we remain very grateful for the First Lady's support of the relief mission. Just last week, Dr. and Mrs. Matkiwsky and I had a very constructive meeting with Brian Atwood and Tom Dine at USAID to discuss some new health initiatives we're developing with the help of Toby Moffett and his colleagues in the Monsanto Company. I'll be sure to keep you posted on our latest successes.

I've been very encouraged by the latest poll results which show the President enjoying a comfortable lead. My friends in the Ukrainian community are showing increasing support for the President and I believe this trend will continue as the election comes closer.

On a lighter note, Irene and I thought you might enjoy the enclosed photograph of our daughter Alina as she prepares to "Get Out The Youth Vote" in our neighborhood in Connecticut while riding around in her low-tech coupe. When she saw the bumperstickers on our car, she insisted on sporting one of her own. Just a sign of the times, I guess, that the tide for Clinton is growing stronger.

Wishing you and the First Lady and all your colleagues a restful and inspiring summer. Best of luck at the Democratic Convention!

Sincerely,

Alex Kuzma  
Director of Development

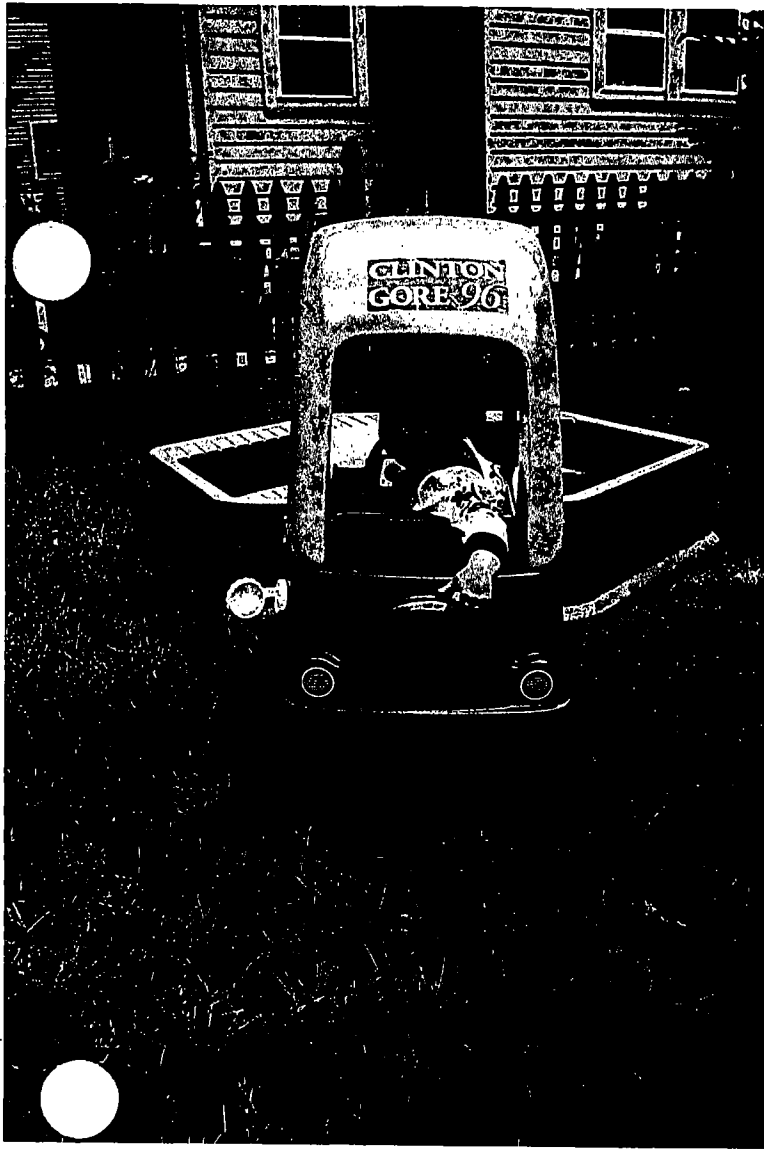
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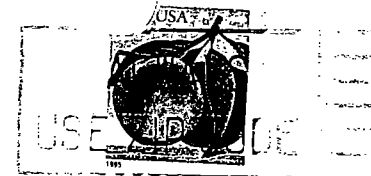
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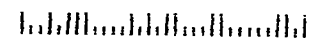




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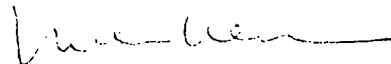
Mr. Peter Wasyl Kuzyk  
25 Evans Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Kuzyk:

Thank you very much for sending me your latest volume of poetry, Garden of Verse: Book Three. I am so grateful for it and I know I will enjoy the poems, especially your reflections on Ukraine and Ukrainian tradition.

Once again, thank you very much for your kindness and best wishes.

Sincerely,

  
Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff to  
the First Lady

*By the way!*

REVIEW ON THE GARDEN OF VERSE, BOOK THREE

by

DR. WOŁODYMYR T. ZYLA

## GARDEN OF VERSE, BOOK THREE

by PETER WASYL KUZYK

25 Evans Avenue  
Leamington, Ontario, Canada  
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The author, 1996

249 pages

ISBN 0-9695924-2-6

A new collection, Garden of Verse: Book Three, by Peter W. Kuzyk is a gratifying demonstration of intelligent and creative writing. (Book One and Book Two were reviewed in *World Literature Today*.) The range of poetry being examined is broad and covers unforgettable events from life. It has a special savour and can delight, suddenly amuse and instruct the reader depending on what he or she is looking for. Most readers will probably scan the collection for striking descriptions of life, love, imagination, false promises and other such topics.

Life always fascinates the poet and he looks primarily for joy:

And ever, with a prayer to God  
To guard us from the ills of fraud...  
Where, as the morrow's sun arrives,  
We may know joy within our lives.

("The Joy in Life")

Thus the poet concentrates on a joy within our lives which is obvious and pertinent to almost every individual who lives a decent godly life. For the author "to love is as to live," because in his humble opinion:

There must be love to share and give  
Of the emotions and the bliss...  
Without love life would be amiss.

("Love")

The key issue behind virtually every poem here is the simplicity of the ideas and the concerns of the author. One might have wished that Kuzyk had spent more time elaborating his ideas in his short poems, but even their conciseness is nevertheless sufficient to illustrate his points.

Close to the poet's heart are Canada and Ukraine. He loves both of them equally. He is definitely against "the Distinct Society, the Land of Quebec." He believes in the multiculturalism which has made Canada a strong, proud country, "an envy of the modern World, for unity had been their song." This very patriotic approach is well founded historically.

For Kuzyk "There is no word more beautiful than is the word Ukraine": it is definitely

Of a rich melody that soon entwines around the heart,  
And thus becomes a part of you, you cry to see depart!

("The Word Ukraine")

The main question to be asked about this collection of poetry is, who needs it? This question is well answered in the Preface: "Peter's poetry provides such a spectrum of topics that it can be an educational experience..." After reading these poems one may experience the reality the poet lives in and the sense of esteem he has for Ukrainian and Canadian traditions.

The author's verse is clearly presented and meaningful. This review is much too short to refer to the great deal of information and reference to events that the volume contains. It includes striking ideas that the reader can appreciate and enjoy.

If this collection has any negative aspects, they are indeed limited.

On the whole Garden of Verse: Book Three is comprehensive, informative and a timely fascinating document of our reality.

Wolodymyr T. Zyla

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December 5, 1996

Mr. William S. Lamb  
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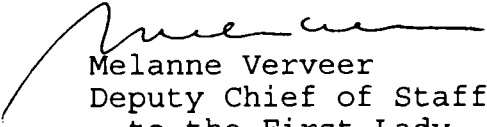
Dear Mr. Lamb:

Thank you for your letter and for expressing your interest in working for the Clinton administration.

We have forwarded your resume to White House Presidential Personnel where it will be given full consideration.

Thanks for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

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William S. Lamb  
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Littleton, CO 80120

November 15, 1996

Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady  
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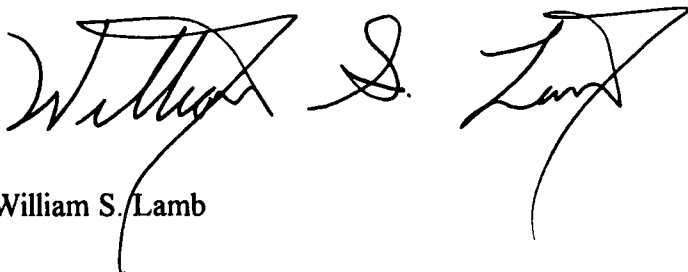
Dear Ms. Verveer:

Congratulations on the President's recent hard fought victory. Now it is time for the real work to begin: setting the agenda for the next century.

I am writing to submit my resume to you and inquire about any possible openings within your office. I want to be a part of creating the vision that President Clinton and The First Lady have laid out for the future. I am a great admirer of the First Lady and it would be quite a privilege to work for her. I have a strong background in politics that started when I was an intern in Senator Kennedy's office in 1992 and has continued as I have worked with other great leaders, including Governor Romer of Colorado. I believe my record speaks for itself of the work I am capable of producing. I possess excellent writing and speaking skills that would prove to be a great asset to your office. I have included two letters of recommendation that will give you further insight into the quality work that I produce. It would be a great honor to work and learn with you.

I would like to further discuss with you my opportunities within the Office of the First Lady at your earliest convenience. I am available to meet with you at anytime. I can be reached at (303) 825-1858.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William S. Lamb". The signature is stylized with large, sweeping loops and a prominent "W" and "L".

William S. Lamb

# **WILLIAM S. LAMB**

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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Les Franklin For Congress (D-CO), Denver, CO**

Issues Coordinator -- February to April 1996

- Advised candidate on variety of issues.
- Prepared speaking points for debates and speeches.
- Developed position papers for campaign.

### **Governor Roy Romer (D-CO), Denver, CO**

Assistant Policy Analyst -- October 1995 to April 1996

- Assisted in developing policy and initiatives relating to a variety of human services issues including: Seniors, Persons with Disabilities, Welfare, Health Care, and Fatherhood.
- Help draft first ever report for Governor's Council for Persons with Disabilities.
- Managed appointments to Governor's Council for Persons with Disabilities.
- Researched and analyzed legislation in the Colorado House and Senate.
- Responded to constituent inquiries.

### **Governor Roy Romer (D-CO), Denver, CO**

Research Assistant -- June to September 1995

- Researched and assisted in the development and implementation of the Governor's Task Force on Responsible Fatherhood.
- Assisted with human services issues.

### **American Civil Liberties Union, Denver, CO**

Case Staff -- May to August 1993

- Documented and investigated incoming cases. Reported recommendations to executive staff.

### **Vector Environmental, Denver, CO**

Purchasing Agent -- January 1992 - June 1994

- Investigated and purchased manufactured products necessary for field work.
- Responsible for field-office coordination.
- Worked on Superfund and other hazardous waste sites.

### **Governor Richard Lamm's (D-CO) Senatorial Campaign 1992**

Assistant African American Affairs Coordinator -- May to August 1992

- Researched and designed platform for minority outreach.
- Assisted in campaign planning and strategy development.
- Coordinated volunteers for mailings and campaign events.
- Researched for positions papers.
- Monitored Colorado and National press coverage on the campaign.

**Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA), Washington, D.C.**

Internship -- January to May 1992

- Researched for future Armed Services and Foreign Affairs legislation.
- Attended hearings on Armed Services issues.

**EDUCATION**

**University of Colorado, Boulder, CO**

Bachelor of Arts Degree -- August 1996

- Major: Individually Structured Major - *The Political History and Literature of Oppression.*

**ACTIVITIES**

- Students for Positive Change  
Created and facilitated this organization that sought to improve Boulder's living standards and generate greater participation in the democratic process.
- Member of the George Washington University Men's Division I soccer team
- Member of the DNC, DLC and National College Democrats.
- Member of Amnesty International and Greenpeace.

# STATE OF COLORADO

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Phone (303) 866-2471



June 29, 1996

Roy Romer  
Governor

To whom it may concern:

Over the past year and a half, I have worked closely with William Lamb and I have seen both his academic and professional work. In my judgment, this is a young man with tremendous potential. I offer my support, without reservation, for William Lamb.

William first joined me as an intern in the Governor's Office of Policy and Initiatives. The office is characteristically a chaotic and unpredictable place where the agenda can change as quickly as the Governor's focus does. William excelled in this environment and his support was invaluable.

William's abilities were rapidly apparent and he was quickly given substantial research and correspondence responsibilities for someone of his age. He required little supervision and I found William's work to be of top quality. He was unusually motivated, dedicated and passionate about his work.

Among his primary responsibilities, William conducted the initial research and position papers for an initiative the Governor created to address the problem of father absence from the lives of children. William's research was sound, thorough and highly professional. William also prepared the annual report for the Governor's Commission on Person's With Disabilities. The report was almost 40 pages in length and it addressed many politically sensitive issues. William's handling of the project was both careful and effective. After his exceptional work as an intern, I hired him to work as an assistant in the policy office and I have since worked with William on his ambitious senior thesis project.

I have had the opportunity to work with many students and interns. I find William to be unusually driven, mature and devoted to his work. I would easily rank him at the top. I am pleased to extend this letter of support for William Lamb and look forward to watching him throughout his promising career.

Sincerely,

John Calhoon  
Senior Policy Advisor

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 1, 1992

To whom it may concern:

It is my pleasure to write a recommendation for William Lamb. Bill worked directly under my supervision in the Washington office of Senator Edward Kennedy for several months during the winter and spring of 1992.

In our office, it is not uncommon for interns to become consumed by the clerical tasks often assigned them and unable to assume additional responsibilities. However, this was not the case with Bill. During his time here, Bill established himself as a true standout among the twenty interns that usually work for us, proving to be an excellent writer and a thorough researcher.

Bill showed himself very capable of handling a wide range of legislative issues, and became especially involved in Armed Services issues. As Bill's reputation grew as a dependable and capable worker, he was asked to assist on several special projects for members of the Senator's staff. He always maintained a professional attitude and his work was consistently of very high caliber.

I have no doubt that Bill's professional attitude and approach to work will make him a very strong asset to your office. I feel comfortable, therefore, recommending him without reservation.

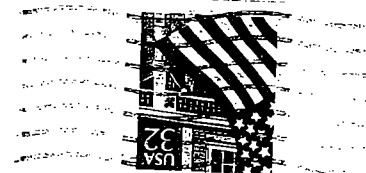
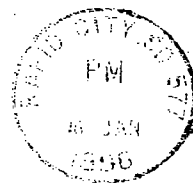
Please feel free to contact me should you need any further information. My number is (202) 224-4461.

Sincerely,

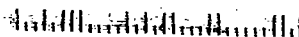
  
Andrew M. Rosenberg  
Legislative Assistant



Michele Kohn  
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Mrs. Hillary Clinton  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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February 1, 1996

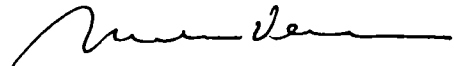
Michele Kohn  
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Dear Ms. Kohn,

The First Lady asked that I thank you for writing in reference to a proposed conference on children this spring. Mrs. Clinton is in the early stages of planning for a children's conference. The format and scope are not yet determined.

We will keep your interest in mind as plans develop. Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

Conference 38

January 15, 1996

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

A dear friend of mine from Tacoma, WA and I were talking the other evening about the interview you did with Barbara Walters. We especially focused in on the segment regarding children....because both of us are teachers. We taught together for many years and now we are only separated by miles; not about what we believe is best for children.

I am into my 24th year of teaching Kindergarten children in the Carrousel Building of the Douglas School System located next door to Ellsworth Air Force Base. I began teaching Kindergarten right out of college. This is the only age I have ever wanted to work with because this is where a child's first impression of school begins. I have helped hundreds of children learn what it is to be responsible and to make wise choices along with the academic 'stuff' administration and school boards require.

Over the years I have personally seen so many changes in families and the affect that has on children; I have seen how the media industry has made an impact on children's lives - sometimes pleasing and sometimes not so pleasing; I have seen the number of children increase in the free milk program; I have dealt with behaviors I would not have believed possible in this age child. I know many more children now come to school unprepared for learning. School for most children now is the safest place to be; the only place where they can have someone listen to them and where expectations do not change.

You are planning a conference on children in the near future. There are two people (one from South Dakota and one from Washington State) who have worked in the real world of childhood for more than 20 years. We would be delighted to share our expertise on young children. Until the 'real' people begin to speak out, those who sit in judgment of what is best for children will not have a clue about how decisions they make affect children's lives.

Thank you for your attention.  
Sincerely,

*Michele Kohn*

Michele M. Kohn  
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605 343-1412

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1996

Mr. Tristan Leigh  
P.O. Box 428  
Pt. Douglas  
AUSTRALIA, FNQ 4871

Dear Tristan:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and the wonderful photograph of yourself and your handsome dog. The President and I enjoyed our trip to your hometown, Port Douglas, very much.

Thanks, also, for sharing your many activities with us. It sounds like you have a lot of fun and you're fortunate to live in such a beautiful place.

We hope that your dream about visiting America will be realized.

Thanks for writing to us and best wishes.

Sincerely,

*Hillary Rodham Clinton*  
Hillary Rodham Clinton

Melanne Verveer

Huma -  
Pls do a recd  
resp' to this  
by ply copy  
revel  
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Tristan Leigh  
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F.N.Q 4871  
Australia  
14-11-96  
Ph: 993220

Dear Mr Clinton, Mrs Clinton + Chelsea,

How are you all? It is a honour  
to have you all visit Pt Douglas, my home  
town. I am sure you will enjoy Pt Douglas  
as much as my family and I do.

I would have given anything to meet you  
all, but I know how busy this trip is for  
you.

Mr. President, even though I'm not  
American, I really wanted you to win  
the election. I think Bob is a bit old!!  
'SO CONGRATULATIONS!!'

My dream is to travel to America,  
and my Mum is hoping we will visit next  
year. I have done alot of research on  
American History and I do believe my  
Great, Great, Great Grandfather was  
American. Maybe that is why I have a  
strong desire to visit the USA.

I am 12 years old and have a wandertu  
in ... River dam who is beautiful,

also a parrot that talks. I am in year 7 Junior school and start senior school next year.

I live on the beach and if you are ever back our way, you are all welcome to visit. (But I don't think my Mum could cook for 400 or so people that are with you at the moment, she's not a very good cook!)

Mum manages the Hairdressing Salon at the Sheraton Mirage. (where you are staying). My dad is a Upholsterer and works in his factory at Craiglea.

When I get old, I would like to be a surgeon and live in California.

My class went on the 'Quicksilver Boat' to the wet the other day, it was excellent. Do American kids go on boats for school?

Well it's time to say goodbye.

I hope your holiday is one to remember + hope you have a safe journey home.

Yours sincerely,

Tristan Leigh.

P.S. Mr. Clinton,

I'm not being rude, but can I have your birth date + address so I can send you a card. I promise I won't tell anyone.

See-ya



THE WHITE HOUSE  
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October 22, 1996

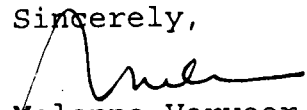
Wendy Lazarus & Laurie Lipper  
Directors  
The Children's Partnership  
1460 4th Street  
Suite 306  
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Dear Wendy & Laurie:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter and for sending a copy of The Parents' Guide to the Information Superhighway: Rules and Tools for Families Online. It looks terrific and what a great asset for parents.

Thanks again and best wishes in the important work you do.

Sincerely,

  
Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

*You do great work!*



The Children's  
Partnership

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Wendy Lazarus  
Laurie Lipper

September 26, 1996

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

Dear Melanne:

We are pleased to send you a copy of *The Parents' Guide to the Information Superhighway: Rules and Tools for Families Online*. This publication was developed as part of The Children's Partnership's initiative "America's Children & the Information Superhighway," a multi-year project exploring how the information superhighway and related technologies can best serve children.

The Children's Partnership, along with the National PTA and the National Urban League, has undertaken this endeavor to help parents meet the challenges of parenting in a new media environment and to raise awareness of the importance of technology to children. The response to the Guide has been truly gratifying. It seems that many parents are not sure where to turn, and we are very hopeful that this publication will begin to provide some beginner tools to families. More specifically, we hope it will equip and encourage parents to get involved with their schools and in important policy decisions in their communities.

We are enclosing ordering information for the Guide along with an Action Sheet for Parents, in case you want to share this material with colleagues. In addition to this print version, the Guide is available online at <http://www.childrenspartnership.org>.

We look forward to hearing any feedback you may have on this initiative and to working with you further to ensure that the information superhighway unfolds in ways that are beneficial to children.

Wendy Lazarus

Yours sincerely,

Laurie Lipper

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## PARENTS AND THE INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY

### An Action Sheet for Getting Involved\*

Ever since the advent of "mass media," it has been parents who stepped forward to say what was "OK" for children. From 1910 when the National PTA took a stand against too much vaudeville to the current effort to promote less violent programming on commercial television, parents have played a key leadership role for kids. As we enter this new era of the "information society," parents will once again need to be involved to ensure that these new information technologies benefit young people.

**In the fall of 1996, there are three main things that parents can watch for and get involved with in this new media arena:**

#### #1. ARE THERE SAFE AREAS FOR CHILDREN TO PLAY AND LEARN ONLINE?

##### *How Parents Can Make A Difference*

As the information society develops, there are many ways in which parents can advocate for safe and appropriate information for children. These include working for: restricted "safe" areas on the Internet; effective devices that block unwanted content; and "appropriate use policies," which are contracts young people sign when they use computers at school or in community centers.

Commercial companies that provide service and information on the Internet have a lot of influence over what kind of content is available to children. It is therefore critical that parents let these companies know what they want for their children. Parents who have negative experiences with commercial content can also notify the following consumer agencies: 1) The Better Business Bureau (call 703-276-0100 and ask for a referral to your local BBB, or file a complaint online at <http://www.bbb.org/council/main/index.html>); or 2) The Federal Trade Commission (write Correspondence Branch, FTC, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington D.C. 20580).

#### #2. ARE SCHOOLS TEACHING YOUNG PEOPLE THE INFORMATION LITERACY SKILLS THEY NEED IN ORDER TO GET A GOOD JOB WHEN THEY GRADUATE?

##### *How Parents Can Make A Difference*

With the majority of new jobs requiring some form of computer literacy, it is becoming more and more important for parents to work with school principals and teachers to ensure that kids have access to computers at school and learn basic literacy skills.

More specifically, parents can become involved in helping their school develop a Technology Plan and secure the needed equipment, staff training, and technical support. (The Parents' Guide lists sources of help for this.) In addition, parents can work with their local and state school board to get computer literacy skills

included in the list of competencies that children are expected to have at various grade levels. Just by adding their voices to the debate, parents can be very influential in the development of new policies.

### **#3. HAVE WE MADE SURE THAT EVERY CHILD WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BENEFIT FROM THE INFORMATION SOCIETY?**

#### ***Background***

Right now, one of the decisions that matters most to children is being made in Washington D.C. and will soon move to all 50 states. It's called "universal service."

Here's what it means. "Universal service" ensures that all citizens, no matter where they live, have telephone service in their homes. In 1996, Congress for the first time "updated" the meaning of universal service to include access for all of the nation's schools and libraries to telecommunications services -- the on-ramp to the information superhighway. Congress instructed the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in Washington, D.C. to make telecommunications services affordable for schools, libraries, and rural health clinics.

Right now, the FCC is gathering input from the American public about how best to assure that these institutions are connected to the information superhighway at rates they can realistically afford. This issue is crucial. If we can obtain affordable, discounted rates for schools and libraries, all children will have access to the information resources they need to learn.

#### ***How Parents Can Make A Difference***

Now is the time the FCC needs to hear from concerned parents. You don't need to understand all the legal and regulatory details. Just tell the Commission that you care about and support making sure schools and libraries have an affordable discounted rate for the information connections kids need. You can write the FCC at 1919 M Street, NW, Washington D.C. 20554 or e-mail them at [learnnet@fcc.gov](mailto:learnnet@fcc.gov).

The FCC will begin making its decisions no later than November 8, so please send a letter or e-mail today!

Many states are also taking steps to put schools, libraries and health facilities on the information superhighway. So now is also the time to let the members of your state's Public Utilities Commission and state legislature know what you want for kids.

*\*This Action Sheet is meant to be used in conjunction with The Parents' Guide to the Information Superhighway, a publication of The Children's Partnership with The National PTA and The National Urban League. Further information about these issues and recommended actions can be found in the Guide and on The Children's Partnership's Web Site at <http://www.childrenspartnership.org>. Also see web sites for The National PTA (<http://www.pta.org>) and The National Urban League (<http://www.nul.org>). Copies of the Guide are available from The National Urban League (500 East 62nd Street, New York, NY 10021-8379) or by sending a prepaid order (\$8.00) to Parents' Guide, 1460 4th St. Suite 306, Santa Monica, CA 90401.*

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The Guide was written for parents who have begun to see that computers and online services will be or already are a part of their children's lives, and who are looking for help with designing their own parenting strategy for computers and being online. The Guide is presented in an easy-to-understand approach that is perfect for the parent who is already an online traveler, as well as those new to the technology.

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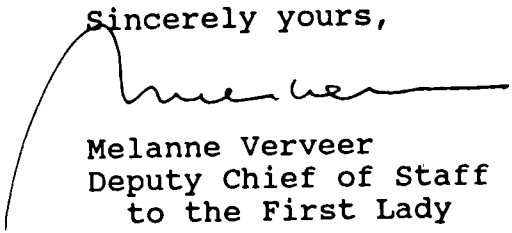
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Dear Ms. Lantos,

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in providing the First Lady with your "Guide to Budapest" and personal recommendations and advice. The information you provided was most useful during the First Lady's visit to Hungary. I am enclosing a copy of her remarks at the Roma Center, as well as her speech on July 4th at the Radio Free Europe headquarters in Prague.

Thank you again for all you do and best wishes to you and your husband.

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## INTRODUCTION

Budapest is the crown jewel of the Danube. The Hungarians – unlike the Viennese – do not have to invent myths or music glorifying the river's imagined blue beauty (which one rarely sees in Vienna). The Danube dominates Budapest. The silver ribbon of the river divides the hills of old Buda from the flat expanse of modern Pest. Graceful bridges span the Danube, and some of the city's most beautiful old buildings -- the neo-gothic Parliament Building and the stately late-Victorian government buildings -- crowd its banks. The hills of Buda -- crowned with the classic Royal Palace, the gothic Coronation Church, and the Fishermen's Bastion (a 19th century glorification of the Medieval fortifications of old Buda) -- provide magnificent views of the river and the city.

Budapest is big enough to nurture culture, monuments, museums, opera and theater, but small enough that you can encompass within a few minutes by car. It is big enough to contain an almost infinite variety of possibilities, but small enough to have one especially good bakery or shoemaker or hairdresser that everyone knows and uses. It is big enough to have a cosmopolitan atmosphere, yet small enough that everyone knows everyone else.

The best of East and West come together here to entertain and enhance the life of its pleasure-seeking inhabitants. Budapest knows how to make the most of everything, especially the simple pleasures of life. To enrich the mind with culture and music, to enhance the pleasures of the senses with exquisite food and beauty, to make life exciting and vibrant with a romantic flirtatious atmosphere -- that is Budapest.

## ARRANGEMENTS TO MAKE IMMEDIATELY UPON YOUR ARRIVAL

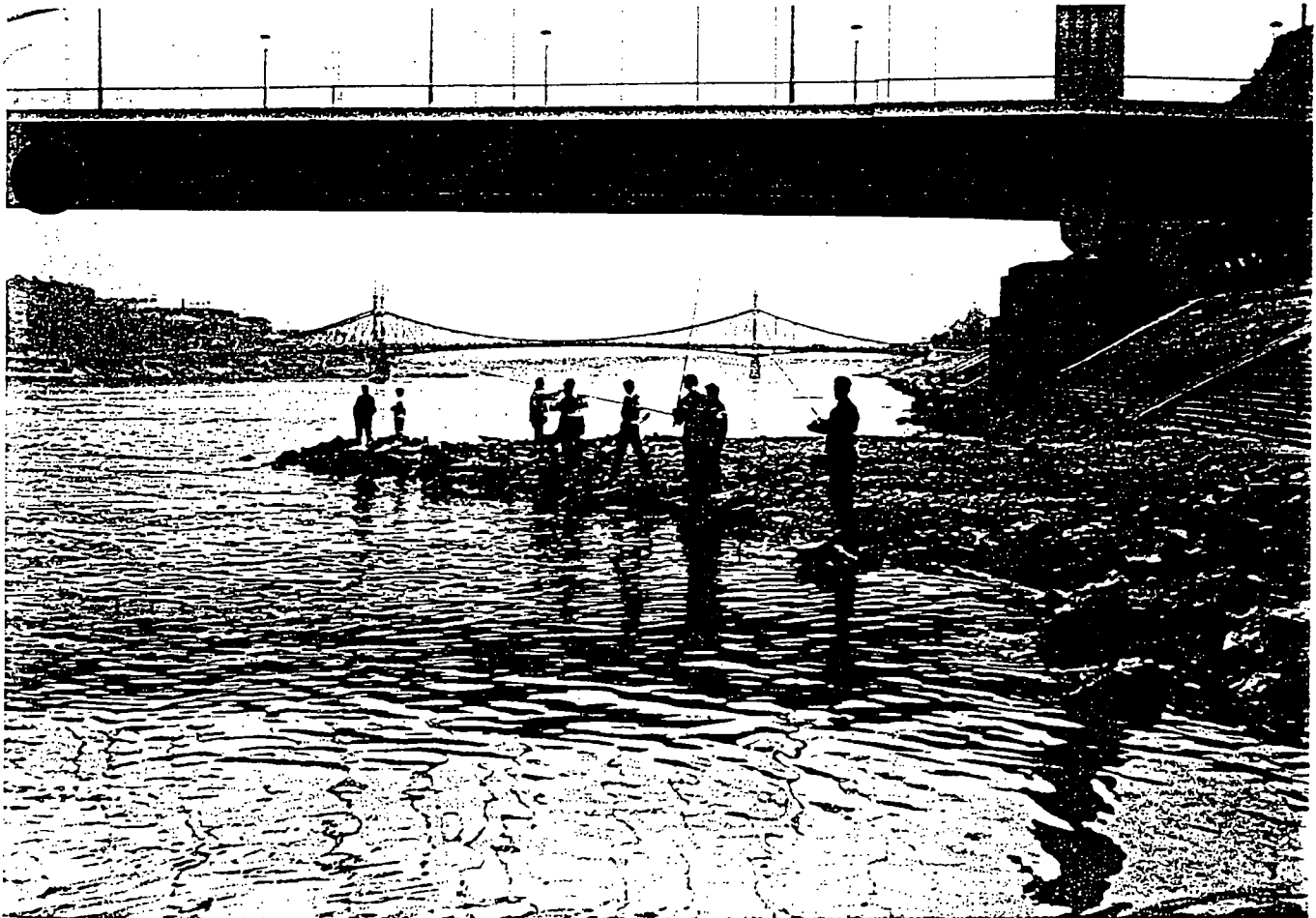
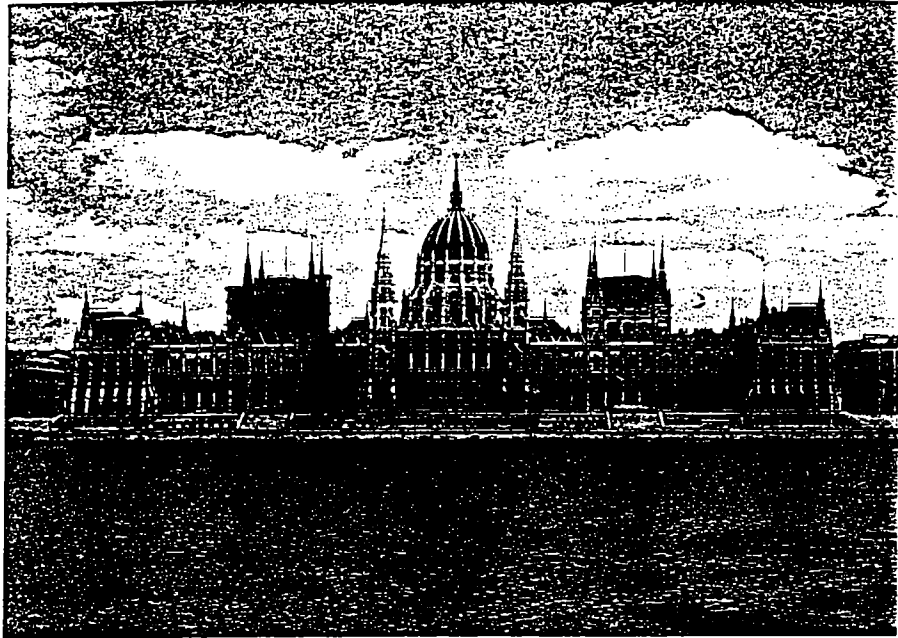
**Musical Performances.** When you arrive, check with the hotel porter about buying tickets for the theater. The concerts, opera, musicals, and other such performances in Budapest are outstanding. Try to get tickets for a performance at the Opera. It is worth going, whatever is being performed, just to see the pink marble interior of one of the world's most exquisite and intimate Opera Houses. Tickets for the Opera and many other events can be arranged with the Concierge.

**Tour of Parliament.** Ask the porter or other appropriate officials at your Hotel to help arrange for a visit to the Parliament building. Visits are available for groups for a small fee when the Parliament is not in session. This includes most of July and August and weekends. The number to call to reserve a tour is 112-0600, but the receptionist and the guides speak only Hungarian. There are guidebooks available in English for a small fee, and you can follow the English guidebook while the Hungarian guide leads you through the building. The Hungarian Parliament Building is one of the most beautiful buildings

in the world and its interior is well worth a visit if that can be arranged. In any case, you can enjoy its magnificent facade from the Fisherman's Bastion. (See the description of Parliament Building on page 9.)

The Parliament Building  
(right)

Fishermen on the "Blue"  
Danube (below)



## FIRST DAY: THE CORONATION CHURCH, THE FISHERMAN'S BASTION AND THE ROYAL CASTLE IN BUDA

### THE SIGHTS:

Spend the entire day in the area near the Royal Castle and the Coronation Church. If you are staying in the Budapest Hilton, just walk out the door and you are in the right area. If you are staying in one of the new hotels in Pest (the Hyatt, the Forum, or the Duna Intercontinental), ask a cab driver to take you to the Coronation Church (*Mátyás templom*) or the Fishermen's Bastion (*Halászbástya*).

**Budapest Hilton Hotel.** The Budapest Hilton is in the center of the Castle district, next to the Coronation Church and the Fisherman's Bastion. It is probably Budapest's most elegant hotel and certainly the one with the best location. It is wonderfully designed to blend in with the historic buildings that surround it. The west side (the main entrance facing the street) is designed with an 18th century Baroque facade to match the other buildings in that part of the castle district. On the east side, it has a modern stone and copper-colored mirrored facade which blends in remarkably well with the Fisherman's Bastion and surroundings. Inside the hotel are preserved the ruins of medieval monastery with a delightful cloister. You may visit the preserved ruins whether or not you are a guest at the hotel.

**Fisherman's Bastion (*Halászbástya*).** Spend time walking along the Fisherman's Bastion, which provides the most spectacular view of Pest, the Danube River with its graceful bridges, and the Parliament Building (see the description of the Parliament Building below). This graceful lookout was built about the turn of the century. In the Middle Ages this part of the walls of Buda were defended by the Guild of Fishermen, hence it is called the Fisherman's Bastion. During the summer and on Saturdays and Sundays at other times of the year individuals selling paintings, hand work, wood carvings, etc. are on and around the bastion. Street musicians, some extremely accomplished and others rather pathetic, perform in the area. Near the Bastion is a statue of Hungary's first Christian King, St. Stephen, on horseback.

*Note on the Danube River Bridges:* Just upriver from Budapest, the Danube River reaches a width of a kilometer (5/8ths of a mile). The river narrows to

about one-third that width and as a result the current is quite strong in Budapest.

**Margaret Bridge (*Margit híd*).** Looking upriver from your position on the Fisherman's Bastion you see the Margaret Bridge which crosses the river in two spans across the Margaret Island (*Margitsziget*). The bridge changes direction slightly at the island. The bridge and the Island are named after St. Margaret, the daughter of one of Hungary's early kings who lived in a convent on the island. Originally completed in 1876, this was the second permanent bridge over the Danube. In November 1944, Nazi troops dynamited this bridge during the afternoon rush hour when it was jammed with pedestrians and trams. Hundreds lost their lives although the full extent of the loss of life will never be known. Upstream at the other end of Margaret Island you can see the Arpad Bridge (*Arpad híd*), which uses the upper tip of the island to cross the Danube in two spans in the same way that the Margaret Bridge crosses at the lower tip of the island.

**Szechenyi Chain Bridge (*Szechenyi Lánc-híd*).** The bridge directly below the Fisherman's Bastion is the Chain Bridge. Completed in 1849, it is the oldest of Budapest's permanent bridges. Count Istvan (Stephen) Szechenyi, a leading Hungarian noble after whom the bridge is named, was the leading force for its construction. It was designed and built by a British engineer and builder, Adam Clark, for whom the plaza on the Buda end of the bridge is named. This bridge, like all those in Budapest, was destroyed by the Germans in January 1945, and it was reopened in 1949 after being rebuilt on its original design.

**Elizabeth Bridge (*Erzsébet híd*).** The most modern bridge over the Danube and the next downstream from the Chain Bridge is the Elizabeth Bridge, named after Queen Elizabeth, the Hungarian Queen (and Austrian Empress) and wife of Franz Josef I. Elizabeth was assassinated by an anarchist in Geneva just before the bridge was built. The original Elizabeth Bridge was completed in 1903, and like the others was demolished by the Germans in January 1945. The damage was much more serious than that caused by the Germans to other bridges, and as a result, the bridge had to be completely rebuilt. The new bridge was only opened in November 1964, but the arch of the span duplicates the original bridge.

**Liberty Bridge (*Szabadság-híd*).** Just below the Elizabeth bridge is Liberty Bridge, the third permanent bridge over the Danube which was opened in 1896 for the Hungarian Millennium celebrations, with Emperor Franz Josef ceremonially hammering in the last rivet made of silver.

**Petöfi Bridge (*Petőfi híd*).** The next bridge downstream is named after Hungary's patriotic poet of the 1848 revolution. This was the fifth permanent Danube bridge. Completed in the 1930s, it was destroyed by the Germans in January 1945 and reopened in 1952.

**Matthias Church (*Mátyás templom*).** Visit the Matthias Church and its special museum. The church is the site where Hungarian Kings were married and crowned, and the church museum includes some very interesting exhibits of some of the regalia of Hungary's royal past.

*Historical Note on the Church:* The earliest parts of the church were built in the 13th century, with later additions and renovations reflecting the style of the times. When the Turks occupied Buda in the 16th century, the church was stripped, the decorated walls were whitewashed, and it became the principal mosque of Buda during the occupation. The building was badly damaged in the siege of Buda when the Turks were expelled in 1686. In the 18th century, the church was rebuilt in the baroque style and the rose window covered over. During the last quarter of the 19th century, the church was renovated in the Gothic style with some original elements restored and a number of others built new. The painting of the interior walls was done at that time on the basis of fragments of earlier interior painting that were found during the 19th century restoration.

The Church, whose real name is the Church of the Blessed Virgin in Buda, is called the *Mátyás templom* (Matthias Church) because both of the marriages of the Hungarian king Matyas Corvinus were performed here in 1463 and 1470. The church was also the site of the coronation of King Charles Robert of the House of Angevin in 1308. The Matthias Church was also the scene of the last two royal coronations in Hungary's history. In 1867 Austrian Emperor Franz Josef I and his wife the Empress Elizabeth were crowned King and Queen of Hungary. The music, especially commissioned for that occasion, was Hungarian composer Franz List's "Coronation Mass." In 1916 the last Hungarian king and queen (also the Hapsburg Emperor and Empress of Austria) were crowned here – Karl IV and his wife Zita of Parma.

Walk around streets of this part of the castle district and enjoy the beautifully reconstructed small Baroque mansions.

**Royal Castle (*Vár*).** Visit the Royal Castle (*Vár*), which also has a wonderful view of the city. A royal castle has stood on this site since at least the 15th century. The existing castle was destroyed when the Turks were expelled from Buda in 1688, but a palace was rebuilt on the site and later considerably expanded. The previous

reconstruction was completed in 1904. During World War II, the palace was virtually destroyed in the siege of Budapest (December 1944-January 1945) when it was the last redoubt of the Nazi troops who were defeated by the Soviet Army. The latest reconstruction, which was completed in the 1960s, is the same size as the 1904 renovation, but unlike the 1904 reconstruction, it is in the Baroque style. The castle was never a royal residence, but the Hapsburg Emperor (who after 1867 was also the Hungarian king) occasionally stayed here during visits to Budapest. The palace currently houses several museums. The two most interesting are:

**Hungarian National Gallery (*Nemzeti Galéria*).** This gallery has a marvelous collection of Hungarian paintings, which give a total overview of the art history of Hungary. Most interesting is the exhibit of Hungarian painting in the 19th century.

**Budapest History Museum (*Budapesti Történeti Múzeum*).** Also in the palace is a wonderful museum which tells the two thousand year history of the city of Budapest.

**Gellért Mountain (*Gellérthegy*).** You should still have time to go by taxi to the top of Gellért Mountain, from where there is a spectacular view of both Buda and Pest. (If you do not get to Gellért Mountain on your first day, include it in the afternoon of one of the other days). On top of Gellért Mountain stands a big, rather vulgar, statue commemorating the "liberation" of Hungary by the Soviet Union's Red Army in April 1945. An oversized woman holds a sheaf of wheat high above her head. According to local tradition this is to prevent her last sheaf of wheat from being stolen by the Red Army; a Soviet soldier symbolically stood below. As a reflection of current sentiment, the Soviet soldier was removed from the statue at the end of the communist era.

On top of Gellert mountain is the beautiful **Citadella Restaurant** which is built in the old fortress. Be sure to walk through its many rooms. This fortress was built by the Austrians after the abortive Hungarian Revolution against the Hapsburgs in 1848-1849. The food is not particularly good, but it is a nice place to have a beer and *Töporlyús* and *Pogácsa* (special little biscuits with crackling) if it is on the menu that day.

### **SUGGESTIONS FOR EATING IN THE CASTLE AREA:**

**Ruszwurm.** [Address: Szentháromság utca 3 – turn your back to the main door of the church and walk straight ahead. Ruszwurm is on your right.] Have morning or

afternoon coffee at a very special pastry shop which formerly was the royal bakery -- **Ruszwurm**. On a warm summer day, order iced coffee (*Jeges Kávé*) and select a pastry.

**Fortuna söröző.** [Address: Fortuna utca 4.] There is an excellent restaurant which I highly recommend for lunch in the Castle area -- the **Fortuna**. Here, you should order *Rántott Fogas* with Tartar Sauce (excellent boneless white fish from Lake Balaton in western Hungary). For dessert: *Cseresznye*s and *Túrós rétes* (Hungarian strudel with cherries and cottage cheese).

**Halászbástya.** The restaurant built in the Fisherman's Bastion is excellent for dinner. The restaurant, like its location, is called *Halászbástya* (Hungarian for Fisherman's Bastion). It is next to the Hilton Hotel and has the most spectacular view of Pest, the Parliament, the Danube and the bridges. Order *Rántott Gomba* (fried mushrooms with tartar sauce), *Süllő* or *Fogas*. (In any restaurant I would recommend as your first choice two fish from Lake Balaton -- *Süllő* or *Fogas* -- with Hungarian Tartar Sauce). For dessert try *Túrós Palacsinta* (cheese-filled thin Hungarian crepes).

## SECOND DAY: SHOPPING AND WANDERING IN PEST

### SHOPPING:

**Váci utca.** Take a taxi to the Váci utca, the main shopping street of Budapest. (*Utca* is the Hungarian word for street). If you are staying one of the hotels in Pest – the Forum, Hyatt Atrium, Duna Intercontinental, or the Corvinus Kempinski – the Váci utca is just around the corner from your hotel. Ask the porter for directions when you walk out of the hotel. The Váci utca begins at **Vörösmarty tér**, a large square a very short distance from the Forum, Hyatt and Corvinus Kempinski hotels. (*Tér* is the Hungarian word for square or place.) A statue of the Hungarian poet Mihály Vörösmarty stands in the center of the square. In the summer, street vendors and street artists throng the square. On the north end of Vörösmarty tér is the pastry shop Gerbeaud. (See the comments about Gerbeaud in the "Suggestions for Eating" section below).

Váci utca is closed to automobiles. There are a number of interesting shops all along the street and on the side streets that intersect, and it is great fun to wander in and out of them.

**Folk Art Shop (*Népművészeti Bolt*).** The most important and interesting stop on the Váci utca is the magnificent Folk Art Shop on the corner of Váci utca and Régi-Posta utca. We become compulsive buyers when we go here. Tablecloths, pillow cases, pottery, wonderful handwork, runners, carpets, textiles, wooden carvings, leather goods, beautiful blouses, dolls, and hand-painted eggs are only a few of the goodies you can acquire there relatively inexpensively. Be sure to visit the show rooms on the lower level. The manager of the basement showroom is a friend of ours, and mentioning Congressman Tom Lantos will get you special service. You can arrange to have the things sent back by mail.

For high fashion, I recommend *Clara* next door to the Folk Art Shop. Beautiful old fashioned hand-crafted silver jewelry with precious stones for unbelievably reasonable prices is hidden out of sight in a courtyard in Váci utca. The address is Reich Tamas, Ötvös; Váci utca 7, Budapest. The telephone number is 118-2086.

**Herend Porcelain.** Hungarian porcelain manufactured by Herend is world famous. The factory has been operating for over 170 years, and many of the patterns that are hand

painted on the china are well over a century old. Although many hotel gift shops and other shops that cater to tourists on the Váci utca carry the distinctive Herend porcelain, the best place – and the least expensive place – to buy Herend is at the special shop which sells only Herend. This shop is just a short distance from the beginning of Váci utca just north of Vörösmarty tér on the square called József nádor tér. The Herend shop with a sign on the building "*Herendi Porcelain*" is located on the east side of the square. The staff are extremely polite and speak excellent English and German.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR EATING IN THE AREA:

When you complete your visit to the Folk Art Shop and browse through all of the other interesting shops on the Váci Utca, return to Vörösmarty tér. On the north end of Vörösmarty tér (opposite the Váci utca) is the world-famous pastry shop **Gerbeaud**. (It was called Gerbeaud in pre-war days, was renamed Vörösmarty after World War II, and just a few years ago reverted to its earlier name.) This was the ultimate delight in pre-World War II Budapest. Today, the pastry still looks fabulous and the ambiance of the place is elegant -- more Viennese than any of the Vienna coffee houses. Sit at one of the marble-topped tables and order an espresso, iced coffee, or hot chocolate.

Another fabulous pastry shop is only a short walk away -- the **Viennese Coffee House at the Forum Hotel**. It has some of the best Hungarian pastry available in Budapest. If you go to the theater in the evening, the performances usually begin at 7:00 pm and dinner is usually afterwards. Before the theater you may want to sample the pastry at the Forum.

### WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED SHOPPING:

**Margaret Island (*Margitsziget*)**. If you still have strength in the afternoon, go by cab to Margaret Island, a lovely island in the middle of the Danube with an open air theater, wonderful swimming facilities, a beautiful rose garden, and mini zoo. The island is over a mile long and about a quarter mile wide. After the noise and bustle of the city, a stroll along the paths among the towering chestnut trees will give you a needed respite. There are two first-class hotels on the north end of the island – the Grand Hotel (which is now the Ramada Grand Hotel) and the Hotel Thermal. The terrace of the Grand Hotel is a delightful place to sit and enjoy ice cream and the tranquil elegance of the park. You can find cabs at either island hotel to take you back to your own hotel.

**Parliament Building**. I hope you are able to arrange a tour of the Parliament Building. Whether you do or not, it is spectacular when seen from the Fisherman's Bastion on the

Buda's castle hill, and it is equally impressive to walk around and admire up close. Not all Hungarians are equally admiring, however. The most prominent 20th century Hungarian intellectual, Gyula Illyés called it "no more than a Turkish bath crossed with a Gothic chapel."

The Parliament required 17 years to build, and it was completed in 1902. The design, by Imre Steindl, was selected by a panel of jurors from a large number submitted in a competition. It is similar in many regards to the British Houses of Parliament in London, situated as it is on the banks of the river and built in the neo-Gothic style. It is also, however, similar in some respects to the United States Capitol, with its massive central dome and large rotunda and the location of the two chambers on either side of the dome. Formerly, the Hungarian House of Lords met in the chamber in the north wing of the building, while Chamber of Deputies (previously and currently) is located in the south wing.

The interior is richly decorated. There are 691 rooms in the building and 12 miles (20 kilometers) of stair cases. Some 40 kilograms (88 pounds) of gold leaf were used in the decoration and another 20 kilograms (44 pounds) were used in its recent restoration. A massive ornate central staircase leads from the main entrance to the magnificent rotunda. Throughout are a series of delightful statues – in the Rotunda, the statues are of various Hungarian kings, while in the lobbies adjacent to the two chambers are figures representing various occupations, trades, and peasants from different parts of Hungary.

The Parliament is the center of both the legislative and executive branches of the Hungarian government. Hungary's unicameral (single-chamber) parliament meets in the Deputies Chamber in the south wing of the building. The President of Hungary (a largely ceremonial post) and the Prime Minister (the real head of the government) both have offices in the Parliament.

**The Belgrád Rakpart.** The wide pedestrian promenade along the Pest bank of the Danube between the Szechenyi Chain Bridge (*Széchenyi Láncíd*) and the Elizabeth Bridge (*Erzsébet híd*) is called the *Belgrád Rakpart*. The Forum Hotel is located at the Chain Bridge end of the promenade and the Duna Intercontinental Hotel is located near the Elizabeth Bridge end. During the summer time, souvenir and handicraft sellers, international newspaper vendors, and ice cream stands fill the area. Budapest natives and an array of international visitors stroll through the area. On a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, you may find a rock concert in the ancient Roman ruins between the Duna Intercontinental and the Elizabeth Bridge.

Park benches are located at appropriate places along the promenade. It is delightful to sit down and enjoy the spectacular view. The panorama across the Danube is breath-

taking. In the foreground is the swift moving Danube with tour boats and an occasional heavily-loaded barge passing by. Up river is the Chain Bridge, which provides a perfect frame for the Matthias Church and its Gothic tower, which are set off by the white stone walls of the Fishermen's Bastion. Directly across the river from you is the Baroque facade of the Royal Castle with its central dome dominating Castle Hill. Down stream to your left is the graceful span of the Elizabeth Bridge, and above it the Gellert Hill crowned by the Liberation Monument.

On a warm summer evening, there is nothing as pleasant as sitting at a table at the sidewalk cafe of the Forum Hotel, enjoying a dish of ice cream and a cool drink, and watching the lights glitter across the river on Castle Hill. First, the pale pink of the sky gradually fades into shades of deep violet. Then the lights on the Matthias Church flicker on and the roof and tower of the church begin to stand out against the dark sky. The lights then begin to glow on the white walls of the Fishermen's Bastion, and yellow-orange lights bathe the facade of the Royal Castle in a pale radiance. At last the lights outlining the suspension cables of the Chain Bridge blink and flicker to life. It is difficult to imagine a sight more spectacular.

## THIRD DAY: DON'T MISS THE MUSEUMS

### THE SIGHTS:

**Hungarian National Museum (*Nemzeti Múzeum*)** [Address: Múzeum körút 14-16]. The National Museum is a short cab ride from any of the hotels, but it is far enough that you should take a cab unless you are a hardy walker. The hotel porter can give you the hours of the museum. The museum, the largest in Hungary, focuses on the incredible history of the Hungarian people. The most important and interesting exhibit is the Crown of St. Stephen with the accompanying coronation regalia, which are located in a vault just to the left as you enter the museum.

*Historical Note on the Museum Building:* When the museum was completed in 1846 it was outside of Pest. In fact, a weekly fair was held next to the museum at Kalvin tér and cattle occasionally wandered into the building. The museum played a key role in the beginning of the Hungarian Revolution of 1848. On March 15, a large crowd of demonstrators gathered in front of the museum to hear nationalistic speeches. The Hungarian romantic poet Sándor Petőfi read his poem "Hungarians Arise!" These events marked the beginning of the 1848 Revolution in Hungary, and March 15th is still celebrated as the Hungarian national holiday.

*Historical Note on the Crown of St. Stephen:* The so-called "Crown of St. Stephen" and the other Hungarian coronation regalia are one of the most significant collections of medieval coronation artifacts. The gems are not as large or as precious as those on the British and some other crowns, but it is one of the oldest and historically most significant crowns. It is named after Stephen (whose name is *István* in Hungarian), who was the founder of the Hungarian state and who reigned from 997 to 1038 A.D.

According to tradition, which is confirmed in some medieval documents, Stephen was presented a crown by Pope Sylvester II in recognition of his acceptance of Latin Christianity. The crown of St. Stephen on display at the museum, however, was never associated with Stephen – other than in name.

The crown, topped by its distinctive tilted cross, dates from the 12th century. The main part of the crown was made in the imperial workshops in Byzantium

(Constantinople) for the Hungarian King Geza IV who married a Byzantine noble woman. The enamel plates of Christ, saints, angels, and kings, with Greek inscriptions, are of particularly fine workmanship. The intersecting straps which support the cross on top of the crown were made by a medieval royal workman in Hungary and were apparently originally part of a reliquary. Sometime in the 12th century the two parts of the crown were combined. When the cross was damaged and given its distinctive tilt is not known for certain, but it has been that way for several centuries, at least.

The coronation robe, which is also on display with the crown, does date back to the time of St. Stephen (before his death in 1038). This embroidered robe was made at the order of King Stephen and his wife Matilda of Bavaria for the cathedral at Székesfehévár. The robe is embroidered in gold and silver threads over silk. It was last repaired (relined with silk) in 1867 when it was used for the coronation of Franz Josef of Austria as the King of Hungary.

The crown and other regalia were used to crown all Hungarian monarchs from the 12th century until 1916, when the last Hungarian king was crowned. The last Hungarian King was Karl IV, who with his wife Zita of Parma, were crowned in 1916. The beautiful silver cases for holding the coronation regalia, which were made for Karl IV and Zita, are also on display with the crown.

The recent history of the crown has an interesting American connection. For centuries, the crown was guarded by a special crown guard. In 1945, as the Nazi troops were defeated by the advancing Soviet Army, the crown and regalia were taken from Budapest and after the end of the war ended up in the hands of the U.S. military authorities in occupied southern Germany. The crown and other objects were subsequently taken to the United States in the early 1950s, and they were then kept at Fort Knox. In the fall of 1977 President Jimmy Carter made the decision to return the crown to Hungary on the condition that it be placed on permanent public display. Before World War II, the crown and regalia were not on permanent public exhibition, although on a couple of very special occasions they were displayed for a few days. The official ceremony returning the crown took place on January 6, 1978, in the rotunda of the Parliament Building, with the American delegation led by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. (Tom's current Chief of Staff, Bob King, was at the White House at that time and was a member of the delegation which returned the crown.) The crown has been on public display since that time.

**Dohány Street Synagogue (*A Dohány utcai Zsinagóga*).** Just a short walk from the National Museum is the Great Synagogue on Dohány Street. The second largest Synagogue in all of Europe, it was completed in 1859 and seats almost 3,000 worshipers. The building is under renovation, but can still be visited. Even under scaffolding it is a marvelous building to see. Before 1944 it was a center for the Budapest Jewish community, which numbered over two hundred thousand. During World War II, it served as a barracks for a forced labor brigade and many Jewish families expelled from their homes sought shelter here. In a courtyard behind the Synagogue is a memorial to those who died in the Holocaust. The monument is a metal tree with names engraved on each leaf.

**Millennium Monument (*Millenniumi emlékmű*) [*Hősök tere*].** Take a taxi ride to the "Millennium Monument" erected to mark the anniversary of 1,000 years of Hungarian history in 1896. Hungarian tradition holds that in the year 896, the Hungarians migrated into the Carpathian basin, and a major celebration was held throughout Hungary in 1896 to mark that occasion. Many of the buildings and other monuments of Budapest were built in connection with this anniversary.

The central feature of the Millennium Monument is a pillar surmounted by a winged figure and seven figures on horseback at the base. The principal figures of honor in this impressive memorial are Árpád (the central figure at the base of the column and the father of Hungary) and the other six chiefs who with Árpád formed a blood pact. They opened their veins, poured blood into a chalice, and thus, by drinking each other's blood, they symbolically became brothers, Magyars. The winged figure on top of the monument is the Archangel Gabriel, who according to tradition appeared in a dream to King Stephen and offered him the crown. Significantly, the crown the Angel is holding is the Crown of St. Stephen.

Flanking the central column are two sets of seven figures in a double colonnade – various kings and leaders of Hungary through the centuries. The first figure in the colonnade on the left is St. Stephen, Hungary's first king, and the last figure in the colonnade on the right is Lajos Kossuth, the leader of Hungary's Revolution of 1848.

The tomb of Hungary's unknown soldier is located just in front of the central column of the Millennium Monument. An honor guard keeps watch at the site, and the guard changes every hour on the hour, if you enjoy watching smart-stepping soldiers.

**Museum of Fine Arts (*Szépművészeti Múzeum*).** Immediately to the left as you face the Millennium Monument is the Museum of Fine Arts. There is a good selection of paintings by various European masters including Italian (Tiepolo, Tintoretto, Veronese, Bellini), Spanish (El Greco, Goya), Dutch and Flemish (Hals, Rembrandt, Steen), and

German (Cranach, Grien, Dürer). Hans Balding Grien's Adam and Eve are particularly outstanding! One observation of note: Albrecht Dürer, the leading German artist of the Renaissance, had a Hungarian father. This no doubt explains his genius!

***Note about the Art Theft of the Century at this Museum:*** The art robbery of the century took place at this museum in 1983. At that time, the museum was under renovation (in fact, it still is) when thieves climbed up the scaffolding, disabled the primitive alarm system, and escaped with seven paintings, including two by the Italian master Raphael. Almost three months later the paintings were located in the garden of a Greek monastery and the Italian thieves were apprehended in Italy. The paintings were returned and restored and are on display – among the more popular items of the museum.

**Vajdahunyad Castle.** Just behind the Millennium Monument is a marvelous park with the Zoo and the Széchenyi baths on your left and the Vajdahunyad Castle located on an island on your right. This is Hungary's most charming museum. The facade is a judicious combination of the most famous castles located in the Hungarian provinces. The style is typically Hungarian eclectic – part is Romanesque, part Gothic, part Renaissance, and part Baroque. The interior features Hungary's best products, food and agricultural production, horses, viticulture, life of shepherds, national costumes, etc.

### **SUGGESTIONS FOR EATING IN THE AREA:**

Have lunch at the world famous **Gundel Restaurant** -- a world class restaurant and one of the best in Budapest. By all means eat outdoors if the weather is right. The restaurant is located between the Museum of Fine Arts and the Zoo, to the left and behind the Millennium Monument. Order the specialty of the day, and for dessert *Gundel Palacsinta* (a delicious crepe). It can be ordered almost anywhere in Hungary, but it is best at Gundel.

## OUTSIDE BUDAPEST

There are a number of wonderful places to visit outside Budapest if you are staying for a few days longer. These are some of the most interesting places.

### SZENTENDRE

If you have the time, you should take a taxi to **Szentendre** (Saint Andrew), a small Serbian village on the Danube about 30 minutes north of Budapest. A large group of Serbs migrated up the Danube above Budapest in the 17th Century to escape the Turks. Although the city is now thoroughly Hungarian, the Serbian past is still evident with the Baroque-style Serbian Orthodox Church, which is open to visitors.

Much of the Baroque flavor of the community has been preserved, and wandering through the village streets in the old section is delightful. In the central square of Szentendre is a Rococo memorial cross placed there in 1763 in gratitude for the town's being spared from an outbreak of the plague. The center of the town is surrounded by historic buildings and 18th century Serbian commercial buildings.

Szentendre has become an artists colony, and artists still live there. Galleries display the work of some of Hungary's leading artists, including the **Ferenczy Museum** exhibiting works of Károly Ferenczy (a Hungarian pioneer of impressionist painting) and of several members of his family.

Be sure to visit the **Kovács Margit Museum**, a most delightful museum of exquisite ceramics. Kovács Margit (in English it would be Margaret Kovács) is one of the most famous post-war artists of Hungary. She was a nun until the convents were forcibly closed after World War II. After that time, she devoted herself to her ceramics full-time.

Also at Szentendre is a wonderful **Skanzen** (Swedish term for open air museum). Hungarian villages have been reconstructed from various parts of Hungary. There is a thatched roof village from the northeast Hungary with a delightful Hungarian Reformed Church, a very interesting village from Western Hungary, and another from southwestern Hungary. These outstanding exhibits show what life was like in Hungary a century or two ago. (This is open only in the summer.)

Eat at the restaurant with the "Crooked Jug."

## LAJOSMIZSE

*Lajosmizse tanya csánda* is a fabulous excursion about one hour from Budapest (about 70 kilometers southeast of Budapest on the main road to Kecskemet). Find out through the hotel porter about the time of the daily horse show and visit the outdoor folk museum which will acquaint you with the miserable poverty-stricken life of the Hungarian peasants. You can then go on to **Kecskemet**, the most charming medium-sized town in Hungary. This is the most interesting, entertaining one-day trip out of Budapest, and you can find the best food in Hungary.

## HOLLÓKÖ

Another highly recommended excursion is to Hollókő, a genuine museum village located about 75 kilometers (50 miles) northeast of Budapest. The people, homes, and the folk activities are all considered national treasures and are carefully preserved. You can see the traditional village, with houses built with traditional protruding roofs and a delightful small church with a traditional wooden tower.

## THE DANUBE BEND AND THE VESZPRÉM RUINS

A better known side trip is to the beautiful Danube Bend (where the river makes a right angle turn from flowing east to flowing south). There you will find the ruins of **Visegrád** the royal palace of the last Hungarian king before the Turks invaded Hungary in 1526 and devastated the country for the next 150 years. You can visit the early renaissance ruins of the Hercules Fountain and Lion Well in the palace of Matthias Corvenus.

Also of interest is the city of **Esztergom**, which was also a royal residence in the middle ages. A delightful museum and remains of the medieval castle are adjacent to the early 19th century neo-classical cathedral, which is the seat of the Roman Catholic primate of Hungary.

## VIENNA TO BUDAPEST VIA HYDROFOIL

One delightful option you might want to consider is the hydrofoil from Budapest to Vienna (or Vienna to Budapest). The trip is about 170 miles and requires about five hours, but you get a spectacular view of the countryside between the two cities on the

Danube. The boat takes you past Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia and the historic Hungarian sites of Esztergom and Visegrád.

The hydrofoil operates between Budapest and Vienna from the beginning of April to the end of October. Cost is about \$30 for one-way fare, and about \$50 for a round trip ticket (this can fluctuate with the rate of exchange). Information and reservations can be made through offices of IBUSZ (the Hungarian Tourist Agency). IBUSZ offices are located at a number of places (including in some hotels) throughout Budapest. The concierge in your hotel can provide information about the nearest office. In Vienna IBUSZ has an office at Karntnerstrasse 26, telephone (43-1) 515-55.

## 1994 UPDATE

### HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

Be sure you don't miss the beautiful and unique "Holocaust Memorial" behind the great synagogue called "*Dohány Templom*." (Every taxi driver knows where it is on the corner of Wesselényi utca and Dohány utca). The gates to the garden where the memorial stands are open between 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. but even if the gates are closed, it can be fully seen from the street.

Each leaf on the magnificent chrome weeping willow has the name of a victim who died in the Holocaust, including our family. The black granite arches in the center of the tree are meant to imply the absence of the "Ten Commandments" whose letter and spirit had been trampled upon by the Nazis. The black granite slab is in memory of the "Rescuers," particularly Raoul Wallenberg, who saved 100,000 Jews in Budapest. The inscription on it comes from the Talmud and reads "He who saves a life is to be regarded as the savior of a whole world."

If you want to pay special respect to those memorialized by leaving flowers or candles at the weeping willow, you can call Lajos Bakos (tel. 142-1716) to open the gates. (A tip should be offered for this service.)

### RAOUL WALLENBERG MEMORIAL

The Raoul Wallenberg monument on the corner of Szilágyi Erzsébet Fásor is very impressive as well as a beautiful work of art. It was created by Hungary's most famous sculptor, Varga Imre (who also created the Holocaust Memorial at the synagogue). If you like his works, there is a museum in Budapest devoted exclusively to his art called the Varga Imre Museum. I understand that never before in Hungary has a young, vigorous, living artist been so honored that they establish a museum to feature exclusively his masterpieces. (Usually you have to die before such recognition is granted!)

The larger than life statue of the ageless, gaunt Wallenberg stands between two giant slabs of Swedish granite. We see Wallenberg through a crack in the wall. Embedded on the back of the Swedish granite slabs, which symbolizes the iron curtain behind which Wallenberg disappeared, is a golden image of another sculpture. The second sculpture portrays a serpent with swastikas on its back fighting a St. George-like Wallenberg. This second image is the likeness of another sculpture erected in Wallenberg's honor by the Jewish Community of Budapest in 1948. However, before that sculpture could be unveiled, it was kidnapped by the Russians, as was Wallenberg, never to be seen again.

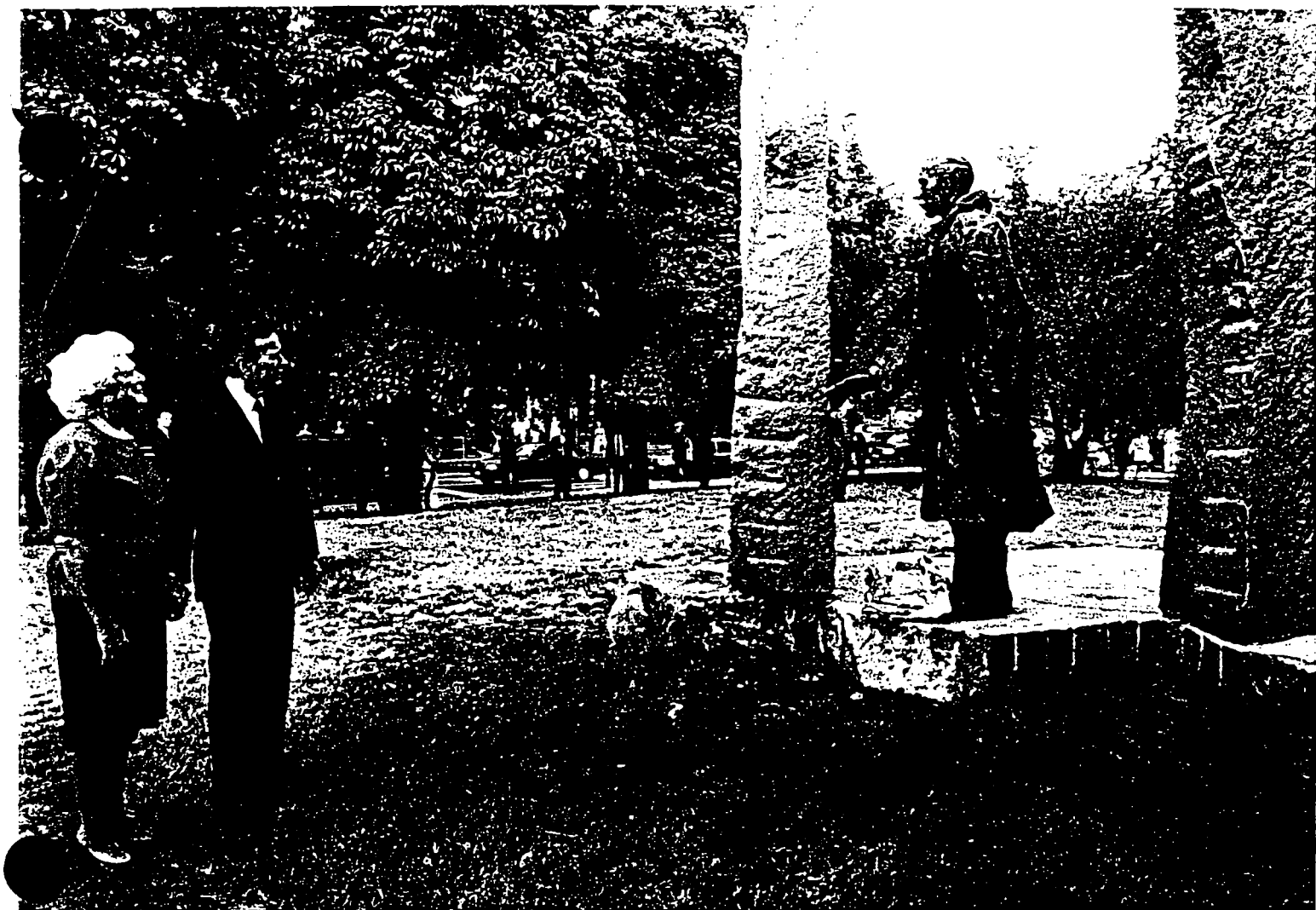
the present monument was commissioned by Ambassador Salgo, the first Hungarian-born American ambassador to Budapest. At that time, the communist government was still in power in Hungary and the sculptor saw fit to fortify the sculpture's base with the strongest concrete available, lest a similar fate befall this sculpture as did its predecessor.

## **RESTAURANTS**

Some additional good restaurants we discovered in the past year:

1. ***Kis Buda Gyöngye*** (The pearl of small Buda) has wonderful Hungarian food. The best túrós csusza we've had in Hungary or anywhere. Túrós csusza is pasta with Hungarian cottage cheese and bacon bits. It is served either as a main dish or desert. Personally, I like it with sugar.
2. ***Kis Kakkuk*** Hungarians frequent this restaurant for lunch. Tell them Tom and Annette Lantos recommended it, and you'll get even better service. We know the lady who owns and runs the place and she always extends a very warm welcome to us. Order rakott káposzta (layered cabbage), and ask for extra sour cream. The Hungarian pancakes, túrós palacsinta, make a very good desert.
3. ***Országház Restaurant*** is in the castle district and has good Halaszle (fish soup).
4. ***Légrádi Testvérek*** has outstanding central European Jewish cuisine.

In all of these restaurants, reservations must be made by the receptionist at the hotel. Where I do not have the address, the receptionist will have it available.



To Tom ~ Annette Lantos

July 13 1989 Budapest

From a Special Place from Two Who Came also.

By Burl Barbara Earl

The visit by President Bush shown on the photo above almost didn't take place because the American advance team was concerned about the swastikas running down the serpent's back on the granite wall. The Americans misinterpreted the image's meaning, fearing it was some sort of pro-fascist symbol. In actuality, the image of the serpent and swastikas symbolized Wallenberg's struggle against Nazism. Fortunately, the matter was fully explained, allowing the presidential visit.



The Holocaust Memorial at the great synagogue (*Dohány Templom*)

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August 6, 1996

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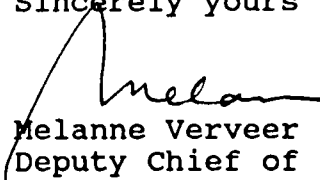
Dear Norman,

Thank you for inviting the First Lady to speak at the People For the American Way Spirit of Liberty Award dinner on October 29 in Los Angeles.

The invitation will receive full consideration, but given other scheduling demands it is unlikely Mrs. Clinton will be able to be in California at that time.

Thanks again for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours

  
Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

*Norman -  
the date is  
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on Wiley.  
I know you  
understand.*

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NORMAN LEAR

July 31, 1996

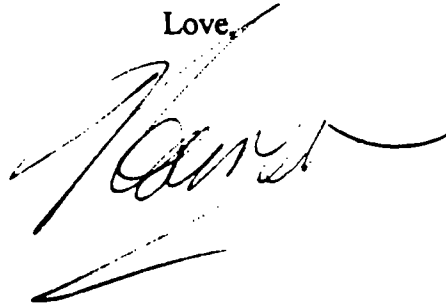
My dear First Lady:

Tuesday, October 29, 1996, is one week before the election and I'm sure we'll all be celebrating. I write, wondering if it might also be a good time for you to be very visible in California.

On that evening People for the American Way is holding its annual black tie Spirit of Liberty Award dinner. We will be honoring the founder of ROCK THE VOTE, Jeff Ayeroff. As I'm sure you know, Rock the Vote is the music industry organization that has done as much as any to instill civic responsibility in young people.

On behalf of People For I am honored to invite you to be our keynote speaker on October 29. We recognize of course, that the date may be entirely unworkable. On the other hand, given your own involvement with children's issues, your appearance just before the election could create a specific strategic platform to highlight the issues we all care so deeply about.

Love,



NL:gd

cc: Melanne Verveer

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton  
c/o Ms. Pam Barnett  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. - Second Floor, West Wing  
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September 26, 1996

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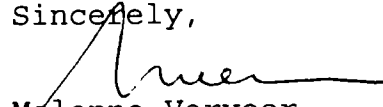
Dear Norman:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of Aiming Higher. I look forward to reading it realizing the role your vision, commitment and leadership has played in all of this. BET has made an enormous contribution.

Once again, thank you and best wishes.

*You're the  
best! Love  
to all*

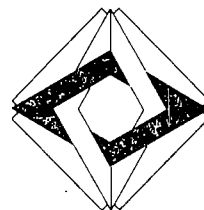
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Deputy Chief of Staff  
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The Business Enterprise Trust

Norman Lear

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September 13, 1996

Dear Melanne:

When we started the Business Enterprise Trust seven years ago, I was convinced that many of the problems we face as a society would not be cured without the voluntary, concentrated help of American business.

The enclosed will hit the bookstores at the end of the month. It commemorates the first 25 BET awards to businesses that illustrate that it can be done: make a profit while being responsible to every constituency, not just the shareholder.

I hope this finds you well and interested.

Sincerely,

Love,  
Norman

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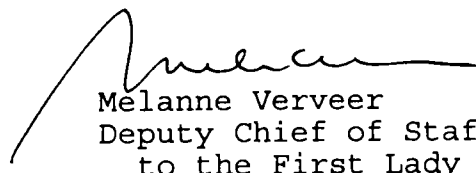
Ms. Sara Leopold  
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Dear Ms. Leopold:

Thank you for your letter and for a copy of Taxing Women which I have given to the First Lady. I have perused the book and am confident it will make an important contribution to public policy.

Thanks for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
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Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Meland,

Enclosed please find a galley proof for **Taxing Women** by Edward J. McCaffery, soon to be published by the University of Chicago Press. I am writing to you at the suggestion of Andrea Camp at Pat Schroeder's office, to ask you to bring this book to the attention of the First Lady. Ms. Schroeder read the manuscript of **Taxing Women** and is convinced that this will be a pathbreaking book in reshaping our current tax laws. She has publicly endorsed the book, along with Susan Estrich and Bruce Ackerman, and has provided a promotional blurb for the book jacket.

I have sent galleys to key women leaders on the hill at their request, including Barbara Kennelly, Nancy Johnson, Nita Lowey and Connie Morella. I am told that they are planning to form committees to reform the law, and everyone is very excited by a non-partisan academic presenting the inequities within the law so clearly and concisely for the general public. Mr. McCaffery and **Taxing Women** are also receiving media attention, and so far he will appear in *Glamour*, *Working Women*, *California Lawyer* and *George*.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to call me directly if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Sara Leopold  
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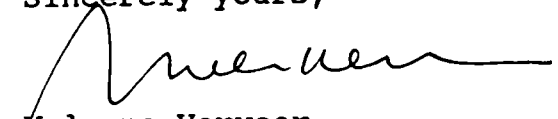
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Dear Mr. Lee,

Thank you for your letter and the  
Summary Report of the Children's Cabinet Inc.  
meeting with Carol Rasco on May 13, 1996. We  
appreciate your keeping us informed.

Thank you for all you do. Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

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August 1, 1996

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Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Melanne:

You will recall that Sarah Longaker, Michael Dermody and I met with you on April 29, 1996, at which time we discussed the Children's Cabinet and how we were helping to address and deal with children's and family issues in Nevada. Since our meeting, we had the opportunity to host a policy conference at which Carol Rasco, the President's Domestic Policy Advisor was present and participated.

Enclosed is a copy of the Summary Report of that policy meeting. We would appreciate receiving any comments that you may have on the Report. If you would like additional copies, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

*Keith L. Lee / km*  
Keith L. Lee

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Enclosure

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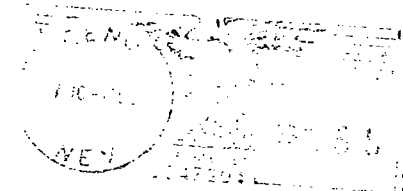
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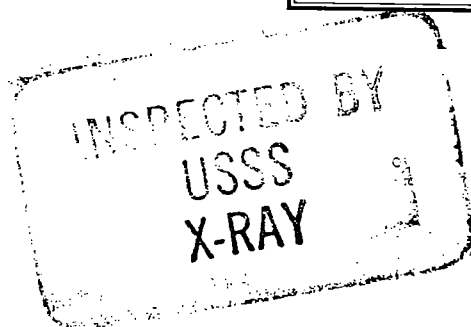
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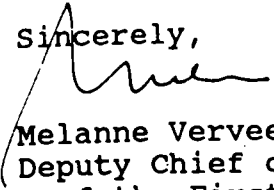
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Ms. Judith L. Lichtman  
President, Women's Legal Defense Fund  
1875 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
Suite 710  
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Judy:

Hillary asked me to thank you for your letter, as well as the reading materials on Mahatma Gandhi. We have also written to Kamla to thank her for her thoughtfulness in providing them through you.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
of the First Lady

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Judith L. Lichtman  
President

26 July 96

Dear Hillary

My dear friend Kanta

Choudhry from India asked me to send  
this to you because she had heard  
from Alla Bhat about your interest  
in Gend Li. Kanta, herself is an extraordinary  
woman and should you want to

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talk in re to her directly she comes to  
the United States frequently on World  
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My warm regards to you -

Judy

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 12, 1996

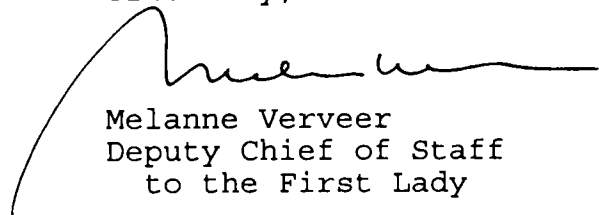
Mr. Lou Renshaw & Ken Shreve  
Suncoast Surgical Assisting Associates,  
Inc.  
8303 Blanton Street  
Spring Hill, FL 34606

Dear Mr. Renshaw & Mr. Shreve:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your thoughtful letter and wonderful compact disc. We appreciate your thinking of us. We hope your music brings much joy to all who listen to it.

Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

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KEN SHREVE, PA-C

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NOVEMBER 9, 1996

OFFICE OF THE FIRST LADY, HILLIARY CLINTON  
ROOM 100, OLD EXECUTIVE OFFICE BLDG.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

RE: "THE CHRISTMAS WISH;" AN ORIGINAL SONG TO BE RELEASED  
NOVEMBER 15, 1996, CELEBRATING LOVE, CHILDREN, AND THE  
FAMILY.

DEAR MRS. CLINTON,

WE ARE TWO SURGICAL PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, WHOM HAVE  
REMAINED ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE  
FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS. PRESENTLY, WE PROVIDE SURGICAL  
FIRST ASSIST SERVICES FOR OVER 60 SURGEONS OF  
MULTI-SPECIALTIES, WITHIN SEVEN DIFFERENT HOSPITALS IN  
THE PASCO, HERNANDO, AND PINELLAS COUNTIES OF FLORIDA.

THROUGHOUT OUR LIFE, MUSIC HAS ALWAYS BEEN ONE OF OUR  
PASSIONS AS WELL. WE HAVE COMPOSED AND PERFORMED  
ORIGINAL MATERIAL IN THE TAMPA BAY AREA, INCLUDING SEVERAL  
COMMERCIAL PROMOTIONS. ONE OF THESE HEALTH CARE RELATED  
PROMOTIONALS IS PRESENTLY RECEIVING LOCAL AIR-TIME.

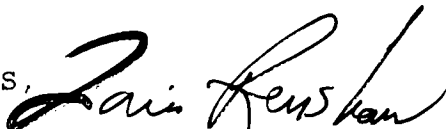
RECENTLY, WE HAVE COMPOSED A CHRISTMAS SONG THAT WE ARE  
VERY EXCITED ABOUT. "THE CHRISTMAS WISH" WAS GIVEN BIRTH  
FROM OUR DESIRE TO COMPOSE A SONG WHICH WOULD REMIND ALL  
MANKIND THAT THE REAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS IS LOVE.  
CHILDREN MUST FIRST AND FOREMOST FEEL THIS LOVE WITHIN THE  
FAMILY. THIS LOVE MUST ALSO BE SHARED BETWEEN ALL OF THE  
"CHILDREN OF GOD", BOTH YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE. OUR  
CHRISTMAS SONG IS WRITTEN IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT ADDRESSES  
THE NECESSITY OF BRINGING THE FAMILY BACK INTO THE HOME.  
IT STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF CHILDREN BEING PROTECTED IN  
A SAFE AND LOVING ENVIRONMENT, AND ADDRESSES THE DESIRE TO  
KEEP THE BENEVOLENT, WARM-HEARTED FEELING OF THE CHRISTMAS  
SEASON EXTENDED THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE YEAR. OUR SONG  
FOREMOST FOCUSES ON CHILDREN RECEIVING GREATER FAMILY  
LOVE AND SECURITY.

MRS. CLINTON, WE BELIEVE OUR SONG IS TRULY SPECIAL. WE BELIEVE THE MESSAGE OF OUR SONG IS PURE AND FROM THE HEART. OUR COMPOSITION IS A VERY CATCHY SONG; TRADITIONAL AND "LIGHTLY COUNTRY" IN FLAVOR, WITH CHILDREN JOINING US IN SINGING THE FINAL CHORUS. WE HAVE ALREADY SET UP NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION TO APPROXIMATELY 1500 RADIO STATIONS. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE FOR PROMOTION THROUGH ATLANTA, LOS ANGELES, AND NASHVILLE PROMOTERS.

WE HAVE A SPECIAL INTEREST IN INTRODUCING THIS SONG TO YOU, OUR FIRST LADY. WE FEEL THAT OUR SONG PARALLELS YOUR VIEWS ON BRINGING THE FAMILY BACK INTO THE HOME, AS WELL AS PROVIDING SECURITY AND UNITY FOR OUR CHILDREN. WE BELIEVE YOU WILL FIND OUR SONG TO BE SPECIAL TO YOU, PERSONALLY, AS IT HAS BEEN FOR MANY OTHER PARENTS WHOM HAVE LISTENED TO THIS SONG. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT YOUR FRIEND, MRS. TIPPER CLINTON, SHARES SIMILAR FEELINGS AND WE HAVE THEREFORE ATTEMPTED TO SEND HER A COPY OF OUR CD AS WELL. WE HAVE INCLUDED A COPY OF THE LYRICS, OUR PRESS RELEASE, AND A NEWLY PRESSED CD FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT. WE WOULD BE FOREVER GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD INFORM US IF YOU KNOW OF ANY FURTHER WAY THAT WE COULD HAVE OUR MESSAGE HEARD BY THE PEOPLE OF OUR GREAT NATION. THE SEVERAL MESSAGES WITHIN THIS SONG ARE SO IMPORTANT THAT IT WOULD BE AN INJUSTICE IF IT WERE NOT HEARD OVER THE HOLIDAYS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS ON THE ABOVE, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US AT YOUR CONVENIENCE. WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A VERY BLESSED AND JOYFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON AND WE HOPE THAT "THE CHRISTMAS WISH" BRINGS A SPECIAL WARMTH TO YOUR HOLIDAYS.

VERY TRULY YOURS,



LOU RENSHAW, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT-CERTIFIED

KEN SHREVE, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT-CERTIFIED

ENC: LYRICS OF SONG/PRESS RELEASE/COMPACT DISC OF SONG

"THE CHRISTMAS WISH"  
© SEPT. 1996  
PUB: AMY LYNN MUSICS CO.

MUSIC/LYRICS BY  
LOU RENSHAW & KEN SHREVE

PRELUDE: CHRISTMAS, SHARE THIS CHRISTMAS WISH WITH ME  
THIS CHRISTMAS, SHARE THIS CHRISTMAS WISH WITH ME

VERSE 1:

CHRISTMAS COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR  
UNIVERSAL PEACE UPON THIS MIDNIGHT CLEAR  
SALVATION SANTAS IN EVERY DEPARTMENT STORE  
GOODWILL AND GREETING CARDS RECEIVED FROM FRIENDS ONCE  
MORE

VERSE 2:

MY WISH FOR CHRISTMAS CAN'T BE BOUGHT IN A SHOPPING SPREE  
IT CAN'T BE WRAPPED AND PLACED BENEATH THE CHRISTMAS TREE  
IT TAKES HELP FROM EVERYONE WITH GUIDANCE FROM ABOVE  
ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WHEN INSPIRED BY GOD'S LOVE

CHORUS:

I HAVE THIS SPECIAL WISH  
A VERY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS WISH  
TO BRING BACK THE FAMILY IN THE HOME  
CHILDREN NEED UNITY, LOVE AND SECURITY  
NEVER SHOULD THEY EVER FEEL ALONE

VERSE 3:

CHRISTMAS COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR  
WE MUST KEEP THAT SPIRIT ALIVE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR  
STRANGERS STOP AND SAY HELLO TO PEOPLE THEY DON'T KNOW  
CHURCH BELLS RING OUT THE SONGS WE LEARNED SO LONG AGO

VERSE 4:

MY WISH THIS CHRISTMAS IS TO MAKE KID'S DREAMS COME TRUE  
LET THEM LIVE THEIR FANTASIES WITH HELP FROM ALL OF YOU  
HOLLY WREATHS AND MISTLETOE TRADITIONS WE ALL SHARE  
BUT DON'T FORGET OUR CHILDREN THEY NEED TO KNOW WE CARE

CHORUS:

ENDING:

CHRISTMAS SHARE THIS CHRISTMAS WISH WITH ME  
THIS CHRISTMAS SHARE THIS SPECIAL WISH WITH ME

REPEAT::::::::::4 TO 8 TIMES WITH CHILDREN'S CHOIR FADING  
OUT

## Press Release:

Artist: **"White Rose"**  
(Lou Renshaw/Ken Shreve)

PROJECT: "The Christmas Wish"

RELEASE DATE: November 15, 1996

RECORDING LABEL: K & K Records/Mgmt.

PUBLISHER: Amy Lynn Music Co.

### History of the Song

"The Christmas Wish" was given birth from the writer's desire to compose a song which would remind all mankind that the real meaning of Christmas is love. The song is based upon strong Christian values. The several messages within this song are so important that it would be an injustice if it were not heard over the holidays. This Christmas song is written in such a way that it addresses the necessity of bringing the family back into the home. It stresses the importance of children being protected in a safe and loving environment, and addresses the desire to keep the benevolent, warm-hearted feeling of the Christmas season extended throughout the rest of the year. The song foremost focuses on children receiving greater family love and security. **It is urgent that this project receive hastened attention so that the song can reach as many listeners as possible over the Christmas season.**

### Background of the Writers

Lou Renshaw and Ken Shreve are two surgical physician assistants, whom have remained actively involved in the delivery of health care for over twenty years. Presently, they provide surgical first assist services for over 60 surgeons of multi-specialties in the west-central coastal area of Florida.

Throughout their life, music has always been another one of their passions. They are not new to the music industry. Together, Lou and Ken have collectively accumulated 63 years of musical experience. Lou has also previously recorded on two other labels. These two singers/songwriters have been collaborating for the past two years and have developed a unique blend of harmony vocalization. They have composed and performed original material in the Tampa Bay area, including several commercial promotions, one of which is presently receiving air-time. **We would appreciate as much support as possible from your radio station to have "The Christmas Wish" heard for the benefit of all children!** Lou and Ken also welcome interviews and/or live performances of the song to get their message out and therefore create more public awareness of their message.

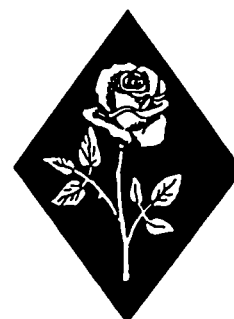
We should mention that **"White Rose"** has many more contemporary country/Christian songs in their repertoire. These songs are planned for release in the near future. **Don't miss these two Florida healthcare professionals . . . singers/songwriters who are touching people with their music as well as their hands!**

Very Truly Yours,

K & K Records/Mgmt.  
P.O. Box 5731  
Spring Hill, Florida 34611

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**White Rose**



THE WHITE HOUSE  
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October 8, 1996

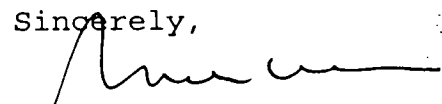
Miss Lawler  
Lakeland Elementary  
R.D. #1 Rt. 247  
Jermyn, PA 18433

Dear Miss Lawler:

I was glad to meet you in  
Harrisburg. Enclosed are materials  
for your class bulletin board display.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

Would you be able to send some things from The White House to me for a bulletin board display? I teach Second Grade. This is the address:

Miss Lawler  
Lakeland Elementary  
R.D.#1 Rt. 247  
Jermyn, Pa.  
18433

Thank you!  


**OUTSTANDING ELECTED  
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| 1991 | Jeanette Reibman                           |
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Recognizing the Achievements of

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(Posthumously)

**AND**

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**Sunday, September 29, 1996**

**The Hilton Hotel  
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**Program**

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| - | Welcome                                                | - | Peg Hain,<br>President, PFDW                                                                                                |
|   | Invocation                                             | - | Dorothy Price<br>2nd Vice President                                                                                         |
| - | Brunch                                                 |   |                                                                                                                             |
|   | Video                                                  | - | Hillary Clinton                                                                                                             |
|   | Introductions<br>Century Club                          | - | Michele DeSera<br>6th Vice President<br>Brunch Chair                                                                        |
|   | Remarks: Statewide<br>Candidates                       | - | Bob Casey, Jr<br>Mina Baker Knoll<br>Joe Kohn                                                                               |
|   | Introduction of 1996 Recipients                        | - | Marilyn Zilli, Esq.<br>PAC CoChair                                                                                          |
|   | Remarks on behalf of the late<br>Senator Roxanne Jones | - | Patricia Hayward                                                                                                            |
|   | Remarks                                                | - | The Honorable Allyson Schwartz                                                                                              |
|   | Presentation of Awards                                 | - | Leona Bogdanski<br>1st Vice President                                                                                       |
|   | Introduction of Keynote Speaker                        | - | Joan Kelly<br>Treasurer                                                                                                     |
|   | Keynote Address                                        | - | Melanne Veever<br>Special Assistant to the President of<br>the United States and Deputy Chief of<br>Staff to the First Lady |
| - | Presentation of PAC Checks                             | - | Peg Hain<br>Michele DeSera<br>Marilyn Zilli                                                                                 |
| - | Auction Winners                                        | - | Winnie Williams                                                                                                             |

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 29, 1996

Mr. Bruce Ladd, Jr.  
Legislative Consultant  
Alliance for American Innovation  
100 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
Suite 1200  
Washington, DC 20036-4101

Dear Mr. Ladd:

On behalf of the First Lady, I  
would like to thank you for your  
thoughtful letter and wonderful  
newspaper clip.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

  
Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

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September 30, 1996

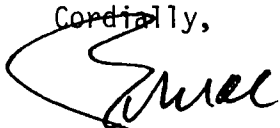
The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Office of the First Lady  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Clinton:

I couldn't help thinking of you when I came across the attached article on Helen Smith of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. Helen was one of the League players who were with us at the Emil Verban Memorial Society lunch in 1994. You were the star that day!

With continuing best wishes to you.

Cordially,



Bruce Clinton Ladd Jr.  
Legislative Consultant

P.S. I formally retired from Motorola at the end of last year and signed up with this Alliance which endeavors to protect small inventors, businesses and colleges and universities in the patent area.

Attachment

# Helen Smith

## Sports Collectors Digest PROFILE

By Jim Sargent

"When Mr. Wrigley created the All-American Girls League in 1943, he wanted the girls to conduct themselves as ladies at all times, but to play like men," Helen Smith told SCD during an interview in Roanoke, Va., on March 26, 1995.

"He insisted that we wear those ridiculous dresses. And someone like Sophie Kurye, who slid into bases with those short skirts on over and over in a season, was bound to have her legs all beaten and torn up."

Those were Smith's first recollections about the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL), often called the All-American League.

Beyond reading briefly how women once played hardball in a well-organized league during the 1940s, I knew little about the history of women playing baseball—despite the fact that I am a long-time professor of history who specializes in 20th Century America.

"The movie 'A League of Their Own' had a little of Hollywood in it," Smith said, "because you know if the manager had come into our locker room and urinated for 15 minutes, we would have thrown him out bodily."

"Still, the movie was basically on target. I don't know why the creator, Penny Marshall, did everything the way she did, like switching the positions and the facts about some players."

"I'll give you one for instance. The two sisters were not from the West. They were from Canada. The way this whole movie thing got started was that Marge and Helen Callaghan were the two sisters. In real life Helen Callaghan had five sons, and one of her sons, Casey Candaele, played for the Houston Astros."

"Helen had another son who was a documentary specialist. He told his mother that her life and experiences in this league would make an excellent documentary. So he made



he thought that the big leagues were going to fold during World War II. He called in an assistant and said, 'I want you to dream up something to keep baseball alive.'

A couple of days later, his assistant came back and said, 'Why don't you start a girl's league and handle it exactly the same as the major league? And that's what they did.'

"When I started with the league back in 1947, they sent everyone to spring training in Florida and they flew the girls to Cuba for some exhibition games."

"After Cuba, the girls flew back to Florida. We came back up the East Coast, two teams in a group, putting on exhibition games, until they got back to each team's home town."

"I played one exhibition game here in Roanoke. My brother was going to Virginia Polytechnic (today Virginia Tech) at the time, and he came over to watch us."

"Once the regular season started in 1948, we had 10 teams in four different states around Lake Michigan. We had our own stadium, we had our home and road uniforms and we traveled around in those awful, old buses, which were not air conditioned."

"I played for the Chicks in 1948. It was a series in Grand Rapids and had to play the next day in Racine, Wis.; we would be on that bus all night and get maybe two or three hours of sleep. It was exciting, but it was a hard life on those road trips."

Helen Smith was born on Jan. 6, 1922, the youngest daughter of

Walter and Mary Smith. Along with her brother Hugh, the eldest child, and her sister Elizabeth, Helen grew up in Richmond, Va. She loved sports and she had the talent, attitude and determination to make virtually any team.

She began playing fast pitch softball with the Lucky Strike Co. team at age 13. When top management discovered she was not an employee, Helen switched to

from those interviews," continued Smith.

"So a lot of the movie is factual. But to appeal to people of all ages, Hollywood threw in some of these little things. For instance, Pat Keagle, our blond center fielder, had a bratty, red-haired son who annoyed us to no end—something like the boy in the movie."

When Mr. Wrigley started this,

another amateur team.

Upon graduation from Richmond's John Marshall High, Smith was voted the school's outstanding girl athlete. She lettered in all four sports available to females: field hockey, basketball (she stood 5 feet, 5 inches), track, and tennis - and she also won the city's doubles tennis championship.

After graduating in June 1940, the attractive brunette went to work in photo finishing for Thalheimer's Department Store. She worked three years, all the while building a reputation as one of the top fast-pitch softball players in the area.

A right-handed batting third baseman who had power, Smith was a good team player. She starred on five amateur clubs which won the state championship. Her 1939 team became the first from Richmond to make it to the national finals. A prolific hitter who batted cleanup, she averaged a home run per game during her last two seasons.

As a result of her outstanding record, Smith was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Central Virginia Amateur Softball Association in 1975.

*Fans of the AAGPBL got a treat last year with the release of a baseball card set devoted exclusively to that historic period. The cards were produced by nationally known dealer/collector Larry Fritsch.*

In early 1943, with America fully involved in World War II and hundreds of ballplayers already enlisted into the service, the All-American League was created. Smith was offered a contract to go to the league's spring training in the Chicago area.

"I turned down the offer," Smith explained. "I figured, 'I'm getting too old for professional ball.' That made my mother happy, because she didn't want me to play. But it made my father unhappy, because he wanted me to keep playing."

Following the example of her brother, who had joined the Navy, Helen joined the Women's Army Corps (WAC). She was dubbed "GIG" (government issue grade) the first day, and her nickname stuck.

After several weeks at the Fort Oglethorpe Training Center in Georgia, she was assigned to the WAC's Art Department. She handled jobs such as making training aids for classes of new recruits and doing illustration for the WAC newspaper.

But the services also emphasized sports as a morale booster and Smith was recruited to play fast-pitch softball for an Army women's team at the Fort Oglethorpe.

"Nobody else was stupid enough to catch," she recollected, "so I had to do it." Her team made it to a state tournament, where she remembers blasting two grand-slam homers.

In 1944 she was transferred to Army Military Intelligence at the Pentagon. She worked on top-secret cartography related to the war effort against Japan, earning a promotion to Tech Sergeant.

After getting out of the WACs in the fall of 1945, Smith moved to New York City and attended night classes at the Pratt Institute of Art, planning to earn a degree and become a

professional artist. She began full-time day classes in January 1946. She liked to draw portraits and illustrations, and she enjoyed photography, thanks to her Army experience.

By the spring of 1947, however, Gig was running out of money. Thinking over her softball experiences, she called the scout whom she had met in 1943 and asked if the contract was still available. He sent one, and she signed up. The All-American flew her to Chicago to meet Max Carey, the league's president. Later, she flew to Kenosha, Wis., and spent the remainder of the summer with the Comets.

Historically, the AAGPBL went through several experiments, including shifting from underhand to sidearm to overhand pitching; lengthening the distance to the pitcher's mound and between the bases and reducing the size of the ball - from 12 inches in circumference in



1943 to 10 inches in mid-1949; to 9 1/4 inches, or regulation size, in 1954.

In comparison, men's and women's softball used a 43-foot pitching distance, 60-foot basepaths, and a 12-inch ball.

In 1947 the league allowed pitchers to use a sidearm or underhand delivery, a shift which began in the 1946 season. But in 1948 the AAGPBL switched to overhand pitching, which made the game quite close to regulation baseball.

At Kenosha, Smith was asked to be an outfielder, a position she had never played. Since the lineup was already established, she remained a reserve. The Richmond native did get into five games, batting eight times and rapping one single.

She arrived at the peak of the AAGPBL's life. In 1948, a record 10 teams competed in the 120-game regular season, finishing in this order: West Division, Racine Belles, Rockford Peaches, Peoria Redwings, Kenosha Comets and Chicago Colleens.

The East Division was topped by the Grand Rapids Chicks, followed by the Fort Wayne Daisies, South Bend Blue Sox, Muskegon Lassies, and Springfield Sallies - with the Colleens and Sallies being short-lived expansion clubs.

At spring training in Opa-Locka, Fla. in 1948, Smith, now 26, was allocated to powerful Grand Rapids, where she spent her only full season. Again a backup fly chaser, she played the outfield when Connie Wisniewski pitched.

Smith played 22 games and picked up 10 hits in 52 at-bats. Her .192 average included two doubles and two RBI. Also, she drew six walks, fanned six times, laid down three sacrifice bunts, and stole two bases - an experience which she remembers as painful!

"I was lucky to play at all that year," Smith recalled, "because Grand Rapids was a championship team." She earned \$55 a week for her efforts, not counting the meal money on road trips.

In the end, Grand Rapids lost the final round of Shaughnessy Playoffs to Racine in three straight games. One reason for the Chicks' surprising loss was a shocking injury suffered by Pat Keagle, who slid into second base and broke her ankle.

Smith doesn't remember specific games, but she does recall many personalities and incidents.

"I'll never forget that injury to Pat Keagle," she said, wincing at the thought. "She slid into second and came up screaming, with her foot dangling from her leg."

By then Smith had learned her mother had a long-term illness. Transferring from Pratt, she returned to Richmond to complete her education and help take care of her mother.

In 1950, she graduated from what is now Virginia Commonwealth University with a bachelor of fine arts and that fall began work with the Richmond School System. She taught classes in art and shop for over 30 years, retiring in 1982.

Coincidentally, the All-American girls held their first-ever reunion of former players the year Smith retired. She loved it, enjoying the camaraderie of old teammates and new friends. She has been an excellent spokesperson for the league ever since.

At card shows she attends as a signing guest two or three times a year, Smith tells visitors, young and old alike, that she was never a star. Instead, Gig (as she likes to be called) loves to tell about the league's great players, including:

**Jean Faut (Eastman)**, the AAGPBL Player of the Year in 1951 and 1953. "The best overhand pitcher in the league's history," Smith explained, who compiled an eight-year record of 140-64 with a 1.23 ERA. Faut hurled two perfect games (1951 and 1953), while leading her South Bend club to Shaughnessy Playoff Championships in 1951 and 1952.

**Dottie Kamenshek**, the league's best first baseman - "The best I've ever seen, man or woman," said Smith. Kamenshek won batting championships in the "deadball" years of 1946 (.316) and 1947 (.306). Playing nine seasons with the Rockford Peaches, Kamenshek was a perennial All-Star and finished with a lifetime .292 average.

**Sophie Kurys**, the 1946 Player of the Year was the league's all-time base stealing champion. She swiped 201 bases in 1946 and 1,114 in eight years with the Racine Belles. Sophie made four All-Star teams at second base, and, according to *Major League Baseball Facts and*

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GIG SMITH

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Figures, she turned more opportunities into runs than any other player in the AAGPBL.

Doris Sams, the sidearming pitcher and hard-hitting outfielder who was voted Player of the Year in 1947 and 1949. For example, in 1949 "Sammie" posted a 15-10 record with a 1.58 ERA in 211 innings, plus she hit .279 in 406 at-bats.

About Eastman, Smith concluded: "I think Jean Faut epitomized in every way what Mr. Wrigley wanted for his league. She was, and she is, a super person."

Further, Smith points out that fans can join the AAGPBL Players Association, which has annual dues of \$25. Anyone interested should write to former pitcher "Dottie" Collins, the association's treasurer, at: 1929 Jessie Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46808. Membership includes receiving a detailed newsletter, the 30th issue of which was published in September 1995, as well as the membership card and an AAGPBL logo pin.

Some historic dates and events for the league include:

1980, first newsletter published, by June Peppas, who started a letter-writing campaign which led to league reunions

1982, first AAGPBL reunion, held in Chicago

1987, organization of the AAGPBL Players Association, in South Bend, Ind.

1988, opening of "Women in Baseball" display at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown

1990, league archives established at the Northern Indiana Historical Society, in South Bend

1993, 50th reunion, at South Bend

1995, first official set of 234 AAGPBL Baseball Cards issued by Larry Fritsch Cards, of Stevens Point, Wis.

1995, opening of "The War Years" display at the Baseball Hall of Fame

1995, December, second set of Fritsch Cards, including Smith and 90 other former players, managers, and chaperones

Smith also serves as an area representative for the memorial to recognize "Women in Military Service for America." The memorial will be built at the entrance to the Arlington National Cemetery. Ground was broken in 1995, and the dedication is expected within two years.

In order for the memorial to have records which are as complete as possible, Gig encourages all women who served in the armed forces to contact: Memorial Foundation, Dept. 560, Washington, DC 20042-0560.

Baseball fans, or women interested in the war memorial, can contact Smith at: 2104 Turtle Run Drive, #6, Richmond, VA 23233. Remember, it is always appropriate to include an SASE.

Smith also recommends that people interested in the All-American League read one or more of the interesting books recently published, such as Barbara Gregorich, *Women at Play: The Story of Women in Baseball* (1993); Lois Browne, *Girls of Summer: The Real Story of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League* (1993); and Susan E. Johnson, *When Women Played Hardball* (1994).

I took her advice and read these books and more. Also, from the Hall of Fame Library I ordered copies of several interesting articles about the league which were published in the 1980s.

Readers who would like similar material can write to the Library of the National Baseball Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 590, Cooperstown, NY 13326-0590, or call: (607) 547-7200

In addition, Smith referred me to several former players. For example, she encouraged me to contact Jean Faut Eastman. As a result, I have enjoyed several conversations with Mrs. Eastman, and I have researched her career.

Those who would like to research the All-American League can contact the Northern Indiana Center for History, 808 West Washington St., South Bend, IN 46601. PH (219) 235-9664.

During my research, I discovered, for example, the league had two players named Helen Smith. The "other" Helen played third base for Rockford in 1946, while Gig Smith played in

1947 and 1948. Apparently that confusion caused her to be shifted to the outfield with Kenosha in 1947.

"Helen 'Gig' Smith has interesting tales to tell," wrote Alice 'Al' Haylett, a teammate at Grand Rapids - and the 1948 pitching champion with a remarkable record of 25-5 and a 0.77 ERA, "and she is a great person. 'Gig' was a roommate for a short time, and I have enjoyed knowing her."

"I never knew Helen Smith when she played in the league in 1947 and 1948," Jean Eastman told the author, "because we were on different teams. But I met her at a reunion, and we have been friends ever since. She is a fine person and we have really enjoyed doing a few card shows together."

"But Gig never had a chance to establish herself. If she had joined the league in 1943 when they were actually playing softball," she might have been a great one."

All of the young women who played in the All-American League, whether in wartime or on through 1954 (the final season), deserve as much credit as they can get. Those women were pioneers in sport, even though they could scarcely realize it at the time.

For them, playing in the AAGPBL meant as much as playing in the majors meant to young men.

In fact, the All-American women played exciting, colorful, first-class hardball, and, equally important, they got the opportunity to live the baseball dream - an aspiration limited to young men before 1943.

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| Marlins .....   | .75                  | 1.05  | 1.30  | 2.15    | .45   | 1.60     | —               | 2.50  | 2.70          | 2.25           | 1.15 | 1.15            | 4.75          | 1.60             | .50    | 5.95  | .30     |
| Mets .....      | .75                  | 2.25  | —     | 2.65    | —     | 2.00     | 3.25            | 2.95  | 4.05          | 2.75           | 2.20 | 2.00            | 7.25          | 4.30             | 1.25   | 7.00  | .85     |
| Orioles .....   | 1.75                 | 4.50  | 6.00  | 5.60    | 2.20  | 7.65     | —               | 5.95  | 9.85          | 6.00           | 4.90 | 5.30            | —             | 7.05             | 3.50   | —     | 1.85    |
| Padres .....    | .95                  | 1.55  | 2.75  | 3.50    | .70   | 2.20     | 2.85            | 3.25  | 3.30          | 2.50           | 1.85 | 1.40            | 6.95          | 2.75             | 1.25   | 7.25  | .55     |
| Phillies .....  | .65                  | —     | —     | 2.20    | —     | 1.10     | 1.35            | —     | 2.55          | —              | 1.05 | .80             | 4.25          | 1.00             | .50    | 5.50  | .40     |
| Pirates .....   | —                    | .60   | —     | 1.85    | —     | —        | 1.55            | 2.60  | —             | —              | .85  | .55             | —             | —                | .75    | —     | .25     |
| Rangers .....   | .70                  | 1.15  | 2.20  | 2.40    | .80   | 2.20     | 2.50            | 2.85  | 1.95          | 2.25           | 2.05 | 1.05            | 5.95          | 2.70             | .95    | 6.75  | .70     |
| Red Sox .....   | .95                  | 2.15  | 3.05  | 3.15    | 1.00  | 2.20     | —               | 3.50  | 3.10          | 3.25           | 2.20 | 1.15            | —             | 3.50             | .75    | 9.00  | .65     |
| Rockies .....   | —                    | —     | 2.25  | —       | —     | 1.80     | —               | —     | 2.25          | —              | 1.45 | 1.00            | —             | —                | .65    | 6.00  | —       |
| Royals .....    | —                    | 1.75  | 2.65  | 2.30    | .40   | 2.05     | 2.95            | 2.65  | 2.95          | 1.75           | 1.50 | 1.40            | 3.50          | 2.45             | .75    | 5.00  | .40     |
| Tigers .....    | .75                  | 1.60  | 1.75  | 2.40    | .50   | 1.35     | 1.75            | 2.75  | —             | 1.25           | 1.05 | .45             | —             | 1.40             | .35    | —     | .30     |
| Twins .....     | 1.00                 | 2.00  | 3.00  | 3.55    | —     | 2.95     | 2.95            | —     | 2.95          | 3.00           | 2.45 | 1.75            | —             | —                | —      | —     | .80     |
| White Sox ...   | 1.75                 | 3.25  | 5.00  | 4.25    | 1.55  | 7.75     | 7.95            | 5.75  | 5.55          | 4.25           | 3.80 | 4.10            | —             | —                | 2.25   | 12.75 | 1.55    |
| Yankees .....   | —                    | —     | 5.00  | 4.25    | —     | —        | —               | 4.95  | 4.10          | 4.75           | 2.45 | 1.90            | —             | 2.80             | —      | —     | 1.75    |

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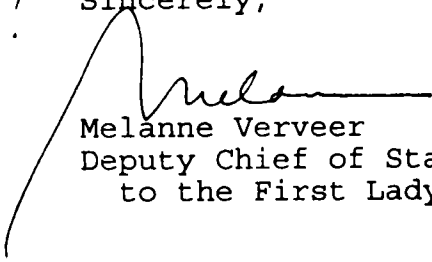
On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for sending the speech by Pavol Demes to the Stupava Conference in Slovakia. It is heartening to know of the strong commitment of the NGO community to create a civil society, despite the obstacles they confront.

Thank you for thinking of the First Lady. She was so impressed by the representatives of the Third Sector with whom we met in Slovakia.

Best wishes in the important work you do.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

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## FAX MESSAGE

To: Ms. Melanne Veveer  
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From: Andrew Fenniman for Mrs. Wendy Luers

Re: Stupava Conference Speech Referencing the First Lady

Date: October 29, 1996

Dear Ms. Veveer:

Mrs. Luers has asked that I fax you the attached translation of a speech given by Mr. Pavol Demeš at the Fourth Stupava Conference in Slovakia.

The First Lady is made reference to in the fifth paragraph on the third page. I believe, however, that she will find the entire speech of interest.

If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Andrew Fenniman  
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**Report on the Status of the Third Sector**  
**Pavol Demeš, Speaker of the Gremium of the Third Sector**

**Fourth Stupava Conference**  
**Banská Bystrica, 22 October 1996**

Banská Bystrica is today the site of the fourth national meeting of our non-governmental, non-profit organizations. Because the two first conferences were held in the town of Stupava, we decided to keep the name Stupava conference as a tradition. The fifth annual conference should be probably be held in Stupava, in order not to confuse journalists and the public.

Thanks to the way they are organized, to the way they are run, and to elections for the Gremium of the Third Sector, they have become a decision-making platform for the formation of civil society in post-November Slovakia.

I believe that this meeting also will be a place for open discussions and for friends to meet, but also for our common self-searching. Behind us we have a very difficult and unusual year. There are things to think about, evaluate, and on which to plan our next steps. Slovakia particularly needs the Third Sector and its selfless and talented people. For its own health, balance, culture, and future in a common Europe.

My contribution is supposed to be focused on an overview of the situation in the Third Sector in our country and on the main problems with which it has been dealing.

It will be an analysis from the point of view of a member of the Gremium, which you elected at the conference in Bratislava last year. It will also be an accounting of for the new Gremium which you will elect tomorrow.

It will be a general overview, because the details will be discussed in today's working groups focused on community initiatives, legislation, financial resources, cooperation with the corporate sector, and the situation in media, or in tomorrow's groups devoted to thematic areas.

I understand Deputy Hofbauer and people of his faith, in as much as the situation which has developed here a few years after the fall of totalitarianism *can* cause a feeling inside of disorder and chaos and generate an effort to get bring things under control. Originally, a single-sector society in which the party-state controlled politics and economics; had spies in churches; and nominated chairmen of non-state organizations broke into three sectors: the state, the entrepreneurial, and the Third Sector. The last of these is more non-hierarchical, decentralized -- comprised of thousands of often small, volunteer organizations functioning on the principle of self-regulation. Free citizens only start organizations and obtain funding in order to serve citizens in need, to educate themselves, to improve their environment, to protect and enrich their cultural and environmental heritage, to make productive use of their free time, to raise their voice if someone is injured, or even if someone from the government tries to limit freedom and democracy.

In democratic countries it is the case that apart from the organs of the state there exists a sphere of free entrepreneurs and free civic activities.

It belongs to other fora to analyze what the level of freedom in political competition and oversight of governmental power here is or if free enterprise here is really free. Let us look, however, at the status of the Third Sector today and what conditions it has for fulfilment of its mission in the reforming environment in our country.

With closer observation of the anatomy of the Third Sector it is possible to say that after seven years of development there are almost all types and forms of non-governmental organizations as we know them in developed democracies: public-benefit and membership-based or service-providing. Organizations have been created that assist our NGOs financially or with various services, and therefore make up the infrastructure of the Third Sector.

#### A. Public-Benefit Organizations

The most numerous are public-benefit organizations, whether civic associations, foundations, or humanitarian organizations. These offer different services for the public at large, non only for members, for example in the social, health, education, cultural, environmental, leisure-time, and human rights areas.

Organizations have also been created whose primary mission is to provide the public with information, to define certain values, and to influence public opinion. These organizations enter into the democratic political process through the organization of training, campaigns, conferences, publishing studies, lobbying among political figures, etc.

According to the model "that's the way it is in Slovakia" several NGOs were created this year that are probably more well-known in governmental circles than in the NGO community. Among them so far belong the sufficiently illegal Union of Independent Foundations and Civic Associations and several women's initiatives and youth organizations. One particularly rare form is one in which an organ of the state registered a foundation whose mission is the decapitation of the state itself -- its president. Just one simple "Flower" in the expansive garden of our foundations.

To the infrastructure of the Third Sector, along with grantmaking foundations like the Open Society Fund, the PHARE Civil Society Development Foundation, and the Foundation for a Civil Society, belong other umbrella organizations like the Slovak Humanitarian Council, Slovak Catholic Charities, the Slovak Youth Council, SAIA-SCTS, and the elected group of voluntary representatives called the Gremium of the Third Sector, which is a manifestation of the high degree of consensus and self awareness of the sector.

#### B. Membership Organizations

Here belong many entrepreneurial and professional organizations, associations, and unions. These organizations are created above all with the goal of achieving specific goals related to the interests of their members. They enter into the political and legislative process, advocating the interests of their members to a much greater extent than public benefit organizations.

Cooperation between public benefit and membership organizations here is not yet sufficient. During the Third Sector SOS campaign in the last year occurred the first meaningful and positive contacts among representatives of the Gremium of the Third Sector, the leadership of the Confederation of Trade Unions, and the Association of Employers Unions and Associations of Slovakia. With regard to the development of many community initiatives it is

important to establish close cooperation with mayors, councils, entrepreneurs, and their organizations.

In the cooperation between both types of organizations I see not only great potential for acquisition and focused expenditure of financial resources, but also for the common influence of representatives of the Government and Parliament in the creation of legislation and the development of the principles of local government and private property.

### International Aspects of the Development of the Third Sector

It is commonly known that the Third Sector in Slovakia developed thanks to material and financial, as well as personal, cooperation with the countries of the West. Private foundations and governmental programs of the USA, the European Union, or Japan helped in the creation of many initiatives and projects throughout Slovakia, or substantially supported existing organizations.

Many of our NGOs have already learned how to accept assistance and to use funding for the purposes it was provided. Through cooperation with foreign organizations, our citizens have learned to enter into international contacts at their level.

The last year has demonstrated how significant a viable and free Third Sector is to the countries of the European Union and the United States. Signals in this direction sent for example by High Commissioner Hans van den Broek, Member of the Bundestag Elisabeth Altmann, British Commissioner for Charities Richard Fries, First Lady Hillary Clinton, and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Jose Ayala Lasso, are clear evidence of this.

Recently many significant international symposiums and seminars on the issue of civil society have been convened here. This confirms that the Third Sector in Slovakia operates on a high level and that our NGO leaders have something to offer, also in an international context.

From the above overview of the structure of the Third Sector it is evident that the sector is sufficiently broad and has developed its infrastructure. What kind of atmosphere was there and what were the main topics discussed in the sector last year?

I partially mentioned this in my introduction. The central topic of the past year was the direct confrontation of two principles: the principle of self-governance and independence and the principle of centralization and state control. After seven years and despite the absence of supportive legislation, which by the way was called for at all previous Stupava Conferences, citizens have created a place for free civic initiatives.

Last year the forces of the government decided to begin to control the flow of civic participation and services. The reaction which followed initially in the form of protests and later the systematic, nation-wide protest campaign Third Sector SOS, coordinated by the Gremium of the Third Sector, created in the sector and beyond a completely unique situation. If before the sector was structured and sought methods of better internal communication and improved management, it now was put in the position of mobilization, because now everything was at stake. The promises of Deputy Chairman of the Government Jozef Kalman delivered at last year's Stupava Conference were very soon replaced with attacks by public figures to the address of foundations. There followed widespread control of foundations, directed by the Ministry of Finance; prohibition of cooperation with NGOs by the Ministry of

the Environment; and cancellation of the agreement on cooperation between SAIA and the Ministry of Education for foreign student exchange. The October speech by Member of Parliament for the ruling movement Roman Hofbauer on the floor of the highest lawmaking body -- the National Council of the Slovak Republic -- constructed the platform and created the basis of argumentation for the preparation of a restrictive governmental law on foundations. There were mentioned unregulated flows of funds, money laundering, and slander of the republic.

The Gremium issued statements and called a press conference on "The Third Sector in Danger." The public, journalists, and also the NGO community remained asleep. Pre-Christmas Jobian cries about the birth of a liquidationist law on foundations and serious consideration of a requirement for 10 million crowns in basic assets served as a sufficient wake-up call. In January of this year, the Gremium decided in favor of a nationwide protest campaign which would block the road toward acceptance of the legislation in its proposed liquidationist form and the beginning of a discussion about the conditions for the existence and functioning of the Third Sector in Slovakia. The feedback to the campaign, which has no parallel in our region, was unexpected. Hundreds of our NGOs joined the campaign and representatives of trade unions, business, and the church supported it. From January to June 500 articles about the campaign and the law on foundations were published in our press. Public opinions polls showed that citizens took notice of the campaign and, what was particularly encouraging, that as many as 80% of citizens in May expressed understanding of the value of foundations, especially in the social sector.

Foreign solidarity with the campaign was expressed by individuals from Australia, Europe, America; and Japan. And not only solidarity. The International Center for Not-For-Profit Law in Washington, the German organization Maecenata, and the European Foundation Center, in cooperation with the European Commission, undertook expert evaluations of the governmental legislation. These evaluations, as well as the demands of the Third Sector, included in the alternative civil bill on foundations, only partially modified the governmental proposal. Despite stormy discussion in the parliament, this was finally approved with the votes of the government coalition. The president of the republic returned the law for reconsideration and the governmental coalition, using well-know, fallacious arguments on laundry, flows, and foreign interference once again didn't stop to think. Even the strong voice of a world famous singer and well meaning individual like Peter Dvorsky, who attempted to appeal to members of parliament not to approved the law, did not help. In the final statement of the National Council of the Slovak Republic, it was stated that the government would prepare two further laws on non-profit, public-benefit organizations and non-investment funds, so that they would enter into effect October 1, 1996. This did not happen. But the restrictive law on foundations has been in force since September 1. We today do not yet know its impact on civic activity. Existing foundations may function one more year under their original statutes before deciding to reregister, to transform into a different type of NGO, or to close. One role of the new Gremium will be to monitor the difficulties with which our foundations meet and to continue to initiate more effective legal services for NGOs.

After approval of the foundation law in the National Council of the Slovak Republic, our society had the opportunity to see how the forces of this government conceive society, how willing or unwilling they to undertake discussion with the citizens of their own country on the basis of partnership. Our society, however, has the opportunity to learn about the conviction and the strength of the Third Sector.

The Gremium did not give up after approval of the law. In summer it started to work with the Healthy City Foundation of Banská Bystrica and SAIA-SCTS on the Fourth Stupava Conference, as well as on a series of September preconferences. These thematic preconferences were open to all NGOs who registered to attend. The conclusions they reached will be discussed during the course of this conference. At these preconferences opinions and legislation were discussed; ideas for this conference were collected; and candidates were elected for the new 18-member Gremium of the Third Sector, which after your election tomorrow will serve in the coming year as a democratically-elected group of volunteers -- representatives of the Third Sector. It is possible to expect that the government will *knight* its own representatives of its own third sector. This is a sign of the way and times in which we live. If there's no other way, shadow and parallel structures are created: parallel, independent organizations, pharsaical interpreters of the Bible and Papal Bulls, parallel actors, and parallel opera singers.

A very demanding and important task in the fight for a civil society the good name of Slovakia awaits the Gremium, as well as the whole Third Sector. Steps by the forces of the government against the academic and cultural communities and the law on the protection of the republic, prepared for parliamentary consideration are a continuation of the line of limitation of civil freedom and democracy. The Third Sector in Danger -- Third Sector SOS -- Let's Rescue Culture. What comes next? SOS Freedom?

It also depends on us. On each of us. On our ability not to be afraid. On our ability to work together in the name of truth, in the name of what is right and proper, and in the name of service for our country. We do not want to engage in trench warfare with the forces of the government or to create new dissidents. Nor do we want recreate a national front. We constantly call for partnership and open cooperation, because only this can secure the value of human life, prosperity, and our membership in a democratic Europe.

We will further continue to seek transparency and trustworthiness before the public, an ethic of giving and receiving, and an ethic of services. We demand the same from the government. Transparency of the flow of funding from the state and the European Union in the PHARE program and the means of access to it. Continuation of cooperative effort in the creation of favorable legislation for the Third Sector.

I believe that our conference should send clear signals to the government, the parliament, and the citizens about the readiness of NGOs to fulfil their mission in the country which we love.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 7, 1996

Dr. Kenneth R. Lutgen  
Deputy General Secretary  
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Dear Dr. Lutgen:

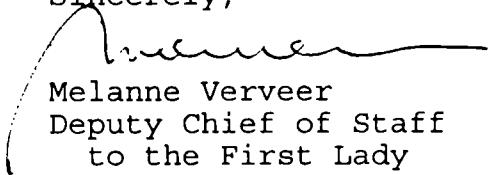
On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your letter and for sharing with us the partnership activities of the Methodist Health Systems of Memphis, Tennessee and a hospital in Bosnia.

The First Lady cannot recommend specific projects for grants. She is vitally interested in the humanitarian work that the United Methodists and others are doing in Bosnia.

Mrs. Clinton understands the important difference such projects make and has personally visited several in Central Europe and the NIS countries.

Best wishes to you and your colleagues in the important work you do.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

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October 25, 1996

1601 N. Kent Street, Suite 902  
Arlington, VA 22209First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Office of the First Lady  
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Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

This letter is to inform you of a partnership program between the Methodist Health Systems of Memphis, Tennessee and a hospital in Bosnia. It is also to request your assistance in encouraging the Agency for International Development (AID) to make funding available for this important program.

The American International Health Alliance (AIHA) has thoroughly reviewed and accepted a proposal submitted by the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) for a hospital partnership program between the Methodist Health Systems in Memphis and a hospital in Bosnia, subject to funding availability by AID. If funded, this program would provide essential training, doctor exchanges, equipment and medicines.

We know that you have taken a personal interest in medical and hospital programs in Bosnia and that you are aware of the commitment of United Methodists to relief and rehabilitation for all people in Bosnia. We respectfully request your assistance to offer the strongest encouragement possible to AID to fund this worthwhile program.

The Bosnian Ministry of Health is eager to begin this partnership, as is the Methodist Health Systems in Memphis. This program would demonstrate the use of NGOs in foreign aid programs at their best, by putting a "human face" on development and rehabilitation programs and directly involving U.S. citizens in the delivery of targeted foreign aid assistance.

We would be happy to provide you with additional information on this program or discuss with you or your staff just how the partnership will strengthen the rehabilitation process in Bosnia and encourage thoughtful humanitarian aid by U.S. citizens. Please contact Dr. Arthur Keys at (703)276-1010 to pursue this initiative.

With our thanks and personal best wishes.

Sincerely,

  
Dr. Kenneth R. Lutgen, Jr.  
Deputy General Secretary

cc: Melanne Verveer, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the First Lady  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 12, 1996

Carol Lancaster  
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Dear Ms. Lancaster *Carol*

Thank you for your recent letter and the information you shared with us concerning the girls' education project in Malawi. The event- like so many of your experiences- sounds unforgettable.

I'm sorry I didn't get to the various farewells for you. I've given up my personal freedom in this job. You have been a wonderful "bonus" in our work and we'll miss working with you at USAID but look forward to new partnerships. Much success on the book and in your future work at my alma mater. Georgetown is very fortunate.

Thank you again for everything and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

*Melanne*  
Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

*Please stay  
in touch.  
We'll miss  
you more  
than you  
know.*