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July 22, 1996

Karen Mulhauser
AWID Forum Program Chair
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Washington, DC 20005

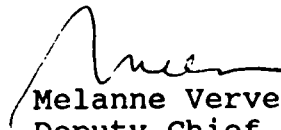
Dear Karen,

Thank you for your letter and invitation for Mrs. Clinton to attend the Beyond Beijing: From Words to Action Forum, September 5-8, 1996.

We have forwarded your request to Patti Solis in the First Lady's Scheduling Office.

Thank you again for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

cc: Theresa Loar, President's InterAgency
Council

*Karen - The schedule
doesn't look good, but
will know better later*

7TH INTERNATIONAL AWID FORUM, SEPTEMBER 5-8, 1996



BEYOND BEIJING:

FROM WORDS TO ACTION

July 16, 1996

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

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To	Melanne Verveer	From	Karen Mulhauser
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Phone #		Phone #	463 0180
Fax #	456 6244	Fax #	463 0182

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

I am pleased and honored to invite you to participate in the seventh international Forum of the Association for Women in Development. AWID, with assistance from a growing number of Collaborating Partners (see brochure for list), will convene its important *Beyond Beijing: From Words to Action Forum* September 5 to 8 in Washington, D.C. We will bring together people from all regions of the world to assess progress made with implementation of the Platform for Action and strategies that have been effective in holding governments accountable.

While we would of course welcome your participation at any time during the Forum that is convenient for you, it is our hope that you can join us at the closing plenary program on September 8 from 10:15 am to 12:15 p.m., when we will be addressing one of our four subthemes, Powersharing and Political Participation. The other three subthemes are Women's Human Rights, Health and Reproductive Rights and Globalization and the Economic Empowerment of Women.

We are excited to see the program take shape with 120 workshops and panels, major plenary panels, regional roundtable reporting sessions on implementation, skills development sessions and much more. There will be a daily newspaper and information on the Internet as a virtual conference for those who cannot attend in person. A special effort is being made to encourage young women — tomorrow's leaders — to participate.

I have spoken with Melanne Verveer about the possibility of your involvement in a pre-Forum Lessons Without Borders session sponsored by USAID with participation from the President's InterAgency Council. This September 4 Lessons Without Borders session will feature Women in Development issues and include a report to a panel of US policy makers from 3 - 5 p.m. This program sponsored by USAID is scheduled for the day before the Forum and will involve several women from the developing world who have benefited from AID support. I believe you are familiar with the Lessons Without Borders program and success.

AWID

ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT, 1511 K STREET NW, SUITE 825, WASHINGTON, DC 20005
TEL: 202-628-0440; FAX: 202-628-0442; EMAIL: AWID@IGC.APC.ORG

If it is more convenient to take part in this panel instead of the September 8 plenary, we would be pleased to include you. All sessions will be at the Renaissance Washington, D.C. Hotel. If neither of these times is convenient and you wish to come and speak with the group, we may still find an opportunity at a time that does meet your schedule demands.

I am aware this is late notice for such a request, but I hope it is not too late to be considered. I look forward to hearing from you. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at my consulting office, 1730 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Suite 712, Washington, D.C. 20036, 463-0180.

Sincerely,



Karen Mulhauser
AWID Forum Program Chair

cc Melanne Verveer
Jill Buckley, USAID
Theresa Loar, President's InterAgency Council

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February 1, 1996

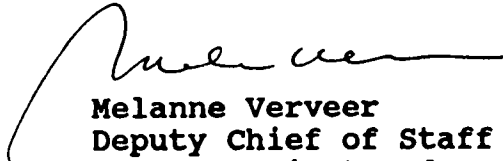
Lilia Merecicky
9209 Meadow Lane
Brecksville, Ohio 44141

Dear Ms. Merecicky,

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

9209 Meadow Lane
Brecksville, Ohio 44141
January 23, 1996

Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
200 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington DC

Dear Ms. Rodham Clinton:

I recently had the pleasure of viewing your television interview with Barbara Walters. What interested me most was your choice of children and their welfare as an important objective of your work as First Lady. I have been a children's protective service worker for twenty years, so this issue is also a priority of mine. A few days after the broadcast I purchased your book It Takes a Village and read it. I was surprised to find that your beliefs and ideas on this subject are very close to my own. I must say, however, that I have not found them to be particularly popular among administrators of protective service agencies.

In the course of your interview you mentioned that you are in the process of setting up a conference on children and the family. Undoubtedly you have an extensive list of well respected experts to invite. Each of these experts is likely to have a great deal of knowledge, as well as information on current trends and research in the field. However, it is unlikely that any of them has spent twenty years in the front lines of child protection. I have. Indeed, with burnout on these jobs averaging twenty four months, I doubt that there are many people in the entire nation with as much direct experience as I.

When this conference is held I would appreciate the opportunity to participate. I believe I can contribute a unique perspective on the daily realities of protective service work. Over the years I have observed and complied with a multitude of legislative and policy changes affecting the protection of children. More importantly, I have seen the immediate impact, sometimes positive and sometimes devastating, on the children and families I serve. Having worked in two States, Colorado and Ohio, I am also keenly aware of the vast differences in approach (and effectiveness) of the protective service function from State to State, and community to community. As a result, I believe I have a clear understanding of what further change is necessary, the direction that change should take, and that I am particularly well qualified to evaluate potential outcomes. The ideas I have developed during my career are realistic, affordable, sensible, and based on a profound respect for the rights of children and the sanctity of the family.

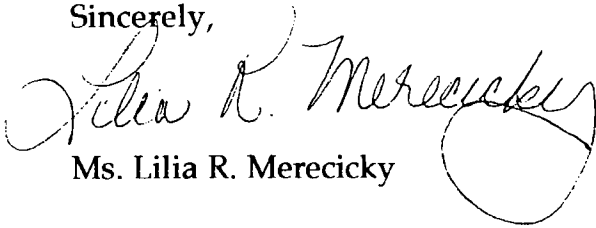
A copy of my resume is enclosed for review. I anticipate that if I am to be considered as a conference participant my qualifications will need to be verified and

Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton
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a synopsis of my views and proposals submitted. Whatever is required will be promptly and gratefully prepared.

I urge you to take this letter seriously and allow me the opportunity to present a comprehensive summary of what I believe I can contribute to this conference. I am available at your staff's convenience at the above address, and by telephone at work (216-996-1061) or at home (216-526-0837). I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lilia R. Merecicky". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name. To the right of the signature is a large, empty circle, likely a placeholder for a stamp or seal.

Ms. Lilia R. Merecicky

Encl.

Resume of:

Lilia R. Merecicky
9209 Meadow Lane
Brecksville, Ohio 44141
(216) 526-0837

EDUCATION:

Graduate: Cleveland State University
Cleveland, Ohio
M.S. Degree in Urban Studies
Awarded: March, 1974

Graduate: Case Western Reserve University
Cleveland, Ohio
B.A. Degree in Sociology with 36 semester hours in Psychology
Awarded: September, 1970

CERTIFICATION: Ohio Licensed Social Worker

EXPERIENCE:

April, 1992
to
Present

Summit County Children Services Board
Akron, Ohio

Social Worker/Child Protection: Responsible for the investigation of all allegations of child abuse and neglect, assessment of family functioning and dynamics, preparation of case plans for individual families, and direct provision of intensive support and treatment services. Submitted a plan for the restructuring of work flow within the agency to increase efficiency and optimize successful family interventions.

August, 1990
to
June, 1991

Townhall II (part-time)
Kent, Ohio

Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Specialist: Responsible for training teachers, other school staff, medical services personnel, and day care providers in child abuse prevention, reporting, and treatment. Implemented the requirements of an Ohio Children's Trust Fund grant aimed at preventing physical and sexual abuse of children in Portage County. Wrote the grant renewal proposal, which was accepted. Provided training and consultation services to schools, and public and private agencies.

January, 1979
to
April, 1990

El Paso County Department of Social Services
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Child Protection Social Caseworker: Responsible for the assessment of need for protection of children who were the victims of child abuse and neglect. The position required immediate response to reports of abuse; sole responsibility for assessment of danger and crisis intervention; followed by diagnoses, formulation of initial case plans, presentations, recommendations, and testimony to the Court; provision of direct services to client families; and preparation of detailed case summaries. Worked closely with doctors, other health care professionals, law enforcement, and school administrators on the County Child Protection Team. This group developed case management recommendations for serious abuse and neglect cases. My caseload included child abuse resulting in death, failure to thrive, medical neglect, and a landmark case of emotional abuse.

October, 1977
to
December, 1978

Juvenile Probation Department
Fourth Judicial District
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Probation Counselor: Responsible for intake interviews, preparation of family histories, supervision of probationers, initial placement referrals, Court recommendations and testimony.

March, 1974
to
July, 1977

Travel Consultant: with a number of travel agencies in Cleveland and New York.

August, 1971
to
August, 1972

Cuyahoga County Department of Human Services
Cleveland, Ohio

Caseworker: Responsible for complete intake work-ups and family histories, verifying personal data.

ACTIVITIES:

Girl Scouts of America
adult member

Brecksville/Broadview Hts. PTA

Pikes Peak Children's Advocates
past member

PUBLICATIONS:

Pamphlet: "Because You Care"
(information for parents about sexual abuse of children)
Published and distributed by Townhall II, Kent, Ohio
June, 1991

Article: "Child to Child Transmission of Gonorrhea"
(discussion of sexual abuse indicators for physicians)
with other authors
Pediatrics, October, 1986

PERSONAL:

Married 19 years, one child
Excellent health

I enjoy skiing, camping, travel, music, and cooking (for which I
have won several amateur awards).

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WASHINGTON

July 15, 1996

Ann L. Miline, ACSW
AFCC Executive Director
329 West Wilson Street
Madison, WI 53703

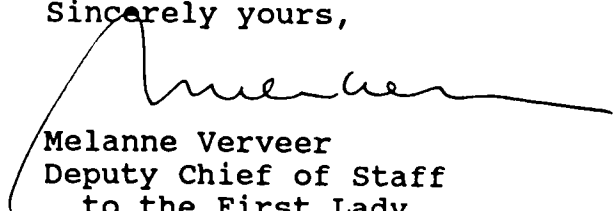
Dear Ms. Miline,

Thank you for your letter and update on the Second World Congress on Family Law and the Rights of Children and Youth. We also appreciate the invitation for the First Lady to attend the lead-up event to the World Congress at the UNICEF headquarters in New York City September 12, 1996.

Regrettably, due to scheduling conflicts, she will be unable to attend the New York colloquium.

Thank you for writing, and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady



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TO: Melanne Verveer, Office of the First Lady

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FAX #: (202) 456-6244

FROM: Ann L. Milne, Executive Director, AFCC

The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts -
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SECOND WORLD CONGRESS ON
**FAMILY LAW AND THE RIGHTS
OF CHILDREN & YOUTH**
3-7 JUNE 1997, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Honorary Chair: First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

June 28, 1996

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

VIA FAX and mail (202) 456-6244

Dear Ms. Verveer;

Plans for the **Second World Congress on Family Law and the Rights of Children and Youth** to be held June 3-7, 1997 in San Francisco are shaping up very nicely. We are delighted that Mrs. Clinton has agreed to serve as the Honorary Chair of the Congress. San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown has agreed to serve as Honorary Chair of the Local Host City Committee.

I would like to update you on plans for the Congress and related activities. Enclosed is the Early Bird brochure. This has been distributed to over 70,000 family law judges, lawyers, mental health practitioners, elected officials and policy makers from around the world.

We are planning a very prestigious lead-up event to the World Congress to be held at the UNICEF Headquarters in New York City September 12, 1996. We are optimistic that Mayor Giuliani and Chief Judge Judith Kaye will accept our invitation to serve as honorary co-chairs of this event.

The one day New York Colloquium will be an opportunity to show case two World Congress topics; children's health care needs and unified family courts.

I would like to invite Mrs. Clinton, as Honorary Chair of the World Congress, to attend the New York Colloquium and participate on the program. I know how busy Mrs. Clinton will be this fall with the election. Her appearance at the New York Colloquium, however, would be heavily covered by the media and could provide her with the opportunity to remind the electorate of her abiding commitment to children's issues. We would be pleased to accommodate the First Lady's schedule any time during that day.

Please let me know if we can list Mrs. Clinton as an invited participant realizing that her schedule must remain flexible this far out.

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Association of Family and
Conciliation Courts
329 West Wilson Street
Madison, WI 53703, USA
Phone: (608) 251-4001
Fax: (608) 251-2231

Chair:
Chief Justice
Family Court of Australia
P.O. Box 9991
Melbourne, VIC 3001, Australia
Phone: 3 9242 5888
Fax: 3 9602 2105

Thank you again for the support that you have provided to us.
are very pleased with the broad-based support that the
Congress and the Colloquium have generated.

Sincerely,



Ann L. Milne, ACSW

AFCC Executive Director

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 12, 1996

Ms. Karen Mulhauser
Mulhauser and Associates
1730 Rhode Island Avenue, NW
Suite 712
Washington, DC 20036

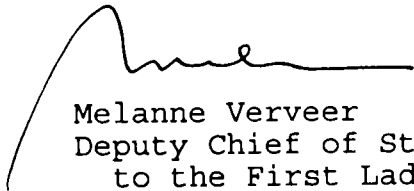
Dear Karen:

Thank you for your letter and for the invitation to the First Lady to deliver the keynote address at the 1997 Young Women of Achievement Gala.

We have forwarded your request to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady. I am confident it will get full consideration.

Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

(R) a copy
to
Patti

Karen Mulhauser

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1730 Rhode Island Ave, NW, Suite 712

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Fax Message

To: Melanne Verveer

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Greetings!

Happy end of elections! And almost
happy New Year. I hope you're doing well.

As you probably know, I've been involved with
WIN since its beginning (Vanessa's first
entrepreneurial effort). It'd be wonderful
if either Mrs. Clinton or Mrs. Gore could
take part in this event - which is a
tribute to young women.

Call if you have questions - and/or
if there's a chance one might be able
to participate. Another possible date is
Feb 13 if Feb 6 is not possible.

WOMEN'S INFORMATION NETWORK

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November 14, 1996

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

On behalf of the Women's Information Network, (WIN), we would like to invite you to serve as our keynote speaker at the 1997 Young Women of Achievement Gala. For the last three years, this event has honored women age thirty-five or under who have achieved a great deal in their work or volunteer activities.

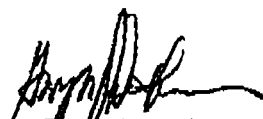
WIN was formed in 1989 by a group of pro-choice Democratic women seeking job information and mentoring opportunities after the Dukakis/Bentsen presidential campaign. Since that time, WIN has grown to a membership of over 1,000 pro-choice Democrats! WIN members have been actively involved in the Clinton/Gore re-election campaign, and campaigns of pro-choice, Democratic women in the D.C. area and nationwide. Providing our members with networking, career advancement, and job opportunities remains WIN's focus. In addition, WIN sponsors community service projects and holds seminars on a range of issues.

Your leadership has been an inspiration to countless young women in this country and you exemplify the Democratic values to which WIN aspires. It will be an honor to have you as our special guest at the Young Women of Achievement Awards Gala.

We have reserved two potential dates for the awards ceremony: Thursday, January 30, 1997 or Thursday, February 6, 1997. The awards ceremony will begin at approximately eight p.m. Please call Wendy Leatherberry in the WIN office at (202)347-2827 as soon as possible to let us know if you are available. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,


Liz Powell
WIN Chair

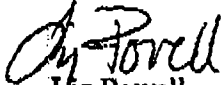

Gwyn Weathers
WIN Vice-Chair

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Your leadership has been an inspiration to countless young women in this country. Your work on behalf of the homeless and mental health issues exemplifies the values to which WIN aspires. It would be an honor to have you as our special guest at the Young Women of Achievement Awards Gala.

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Sincerely,



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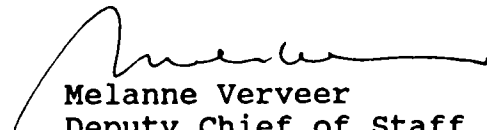
Sakinah Munir
Crossway Community
3015 Upton Drive
Kensington, MD 20895

Dear Ms. Munir,

Thank you for your letter and information about the Crossway Community programs. We applaud your important work on behalf of families and hope Mrs. Clinton will have an opportunity to visit your work sites someday.

Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

CROSSWAY COMMUNITY

*family
to
family*

May 23, 1996

Dear Ms. Verveer,

It was a pleasure to meet you and to have been given the opportunity to speak with you about Crossway Community. Although we only had a few minutes it was clear that the Clinton Administration and Crossway Community share similar ideas regarding the principles of family values, responsibility, and community. We're very excited about the positive impact Crossway Community is having on families in the Washington metropolitan area. And would like to provide Mrs. Clinton the opportunity to take a closer look at the Crossway programs.

Please take a few minutes to review the literature about our programs and if I may, reiterate my invitation to Mrs. Clinton to visit Crossway Community.

Sincerely,



Sakinah Munir, Coordinator
Work-Family Resource Services

CROSSWAY COMMUNITY

*family
to
family*

May 23, 1996

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

It was indeed an honor and pleasure to be invited to the White House for the very first and historical "Eid" celebration on February 20, 1996. To have such a significant Islamic tradition recognized by you and the President was very gratifying. My family and I sincerely appreciate the warm welcome extended to us by you and your staff. Your remarks, the reception, and the opportunity to take a picture with you made us feel very special. Our son was thrilled to meet you. It is an occasion that we will never forget and will hold close to our hearts.

If you recall we had a very brief conversation about Crossway Community. I extended an invitation to you to visit our programs in Kensington, Maryland. You directed me to speak with Ms. Melanne Verveer, your Deputy Chief of Staff. I gave Ms. Verveer my business card and a brief description of the organization.

Crossway Community's mission is to promote learning, creativity, and community for families through Work-Family Resource services, Child Development services, and Neighborhood services. These services are utilized by hundreds of families who live in the Metropolitan D.C. area, along with 44 at-risk families who live on-site while completing a two-year life skills education experience called "The Family Leadership Program". A national model, Crossway is able to reduce the social isolation of the most vulnerable families, and bring families together across social, cultural, and economic differences.

In your remarks you talked about the importance of family values, community and responsibility. These reflect the principles that Crossway was founded upon. Please take a few minutes to review the accompanying literature about Crossway Community and let me again invite you to visit our unique programs.

Sincerely,



Sakinah Munir, Coordinator
Work-Family Resource Services

cc: Melanne Verveer, Chief of Staff



The Crossway to New Beginnings

Organized by a Parish Member, a program nurtures single-parent families

► by Elizabeth Amore

Day by day, as traffic rolls down University Ave. and shoppers search for sales at Wheaton Mall, a few blocks away, people (including more than 50 Holy Trinity parishioners) are coming together to make a difference.

In a converted elementary school, nestled among a quiet tree-lined neighborhood in Wheaton, MD, lies Crossway Community. Part educational, part family and community, and part social-service oriented, Crossway Community offers educational and enrichment programs geared toward fostering a positive atmosphere in which people from all socio-economic, cultural and educational backgrounds can come together to learn and grow.

Crossway Community was initially conceived over 10 years ago with the goal of providing quality services for all families in the Washington metropolitan area. Under the guidance of its executive director Kathleen Guinan, a Holy Trinity parishioner, Crossways has grown and flourished since opening its doors in Wheaton five years ago.

Today, except for the sprawling playground, the warm, hospitable atmosphere of the Crossway Community bears almost no resemblance to its former existence as Pleasant View Elementary School. Extensive renovations have

given way to spacious meeting rooms and day-care facilities, as well as 44 spacious 2-3 bedroom apartments, specifically designed for use by families enrolled in the two-year Family Leadership Program.

The primary focus of Crossway Community is education. Through community education programs, Crossway is able to provide families with the resources to make a positive change in their lives, Guinan said. Crossway Community offers a wide variety of programs and services (such as seminars and enrichment programs) that are open to everyone in the community. These programs focus primarily on four areas — child development services, education and training, neighborhood services and work family services.

On any given day, it is not unusual to see a resume' writing class in progress, new mothers meeting to talk and play with their babies at Mother's Morning, youngsters in the daycare center tucked in for an afternoon nap, or even little tots in pink tights and tutus anxiously awaiting an opportunity to dance at the Petit Ballet class.

While many neighborhood community centers provide similar types of educational and social programs, Crossway Community is unique in one innovative and enlightening way: it is able to blend the best that the center and the people of the community have to offer with 44 families (including 98 children) who are enrolled in its Family Leadership Program. This two-year structured program provides life-skills education as well as living quarters for single-parent families in the Washington area who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless, and who want to make positive change in their lives.

For many single mothers who may be going through hard times, the Family Leadership Program offers the opportunity for them to learn the skills they need, while allowing them to discover strengths within themselves that will enable them to get back on their feet (both emotionally and financially) and make a better life for themselves and their children.

Participants take advantage of all of the services that Crossway has to offer, and they meet in groups on a weekly basis to discuss their progress



The children bring laughter and smiles to Crossway Community. Some of the Holy Trinity parishioners instrumental to the success of Crossway Community include (from left to right) Ann Byrne, Jeanne Bresette-Jardeleza, Lynn Chalmers, Kathleen Guinan and Missy O'Connell.

and goals with program counselors. For most, the primary goals are to learn the skills needed to get a good job, provide a home for their children and become financially independent.

"There's something good about being in a community where people are working on the same goals — that creates strength," Guinan said.

It is this sense of community — the community within the program, blended with the community made up of the Crossway staff and members of the surrounding neighborhood and community as a whole — that creates an affirming environment in which all can learn and grow.

The positive impact Crossway Community makes on the lives of so many in the Washington metropolitan area has been great, and people are beginning to take notice. Recently, the Family Leadership Program was selected as an honorable mention winner in the Community Education national awards program, sponsored by the Coalition On Educational Initiatives.

And, from the very beginning, Holy Trinity parishioners have come together to help create the positive and enriching atmosphere that is evident at Crossway Community. "Holy Trinity has played a big part providing the spiritual support that is necessary (to this community)," Guinan said. "The spirit of the what the Holy Trinity community is comes to life here."

After Guinan got the program underway, Lynn Chalmers was the first Holy Trinity parishioner to come forward to offer her support. She is now president of Crossway's Board of Directors. Fellow board members from Holy Trinity are Ann Prichard and Margie Quinn. Others from Holy Trinity who have been instrumental in their support and work for Crossway Community have been Mimi Dorman, Lila Sullivan, Janice Jacobs, Jeanne Bresette-Jardeleza and Anne Byrne, the director of family services at Crossway.

As a non-profit organization, Crossway continues to count on the many volunteers who offer their time, talents, skills and resources to help sustain the valuable community resource that is Crossway Community. To learn about volunteer opportunities at Crossway Community, please call Jeanne Bresette-Jardeleza, the program's coordinator of neighborhood services at (301) 929-2505.



PIECES OF THE PIE: BASIC PROGRAM AREAS

WORK-FAMILY RESOURCE SERVICES

For families from across the metropolitan D.C., area and for the 44 families enrolled in the Family Leadership Program, Crossway Community's Work-Family Resource Services offer innovative case management based on family "learning agreements," pre-employment and employment training programs, twice-weekly life skills seminars, a library of health, career, parenting, and economic literacy resources, and a computer education cluster. Job placements from Work-Family Resource Center are made in several fields including childcare, hospitality, office administration, allied health, financial services, and retail.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

For children ages 2-12, Crossway Community's Child Development Services include pre-school, Kindergarten and Head Start Complements, Before and After School programs, summer Peace Camp, and evening care in conjunction with Work-Family Services. New initiatives during 1994-95 were a "Kids Corps" involving 40 children and youth in service learning activities, and a "Mothers' Morning" program to facilitate peer relationships for young parents as well as safe and healthy infant development. A top-notch staff makes "family-focused childcare" a reality for over one hundred families each year. With a training component linked to the Work-Family Resource Services, Crossway's child development classrooms are set to become a training platform for our community's childcare workers and educators of the future.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Crossway works collaboratively with arts, health, recreation, and cultural organizations bringing quality, affordable, accessible activities to the neighborhood on a monthly basis, and coordinating volunteer endeavors with more than 50 corporate and other non-profit partners. Highlights during 1994-1995 included ChildWatch for Montgomery County, a series of public forums on healthcare reform, National Night Out, summer theatre arts camp, and a holiday Open House.

FAMILY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Through an integration of all Crossway services with its 44-unit apartment complex, Crossway Community supports the life skills development of low-income, single parent families at-risk. In this program 44 such families create a "learning agreement" through which they participate in each set of services and make progress toward their health, career, parenting, and economic goals, while widening their social networks and making a positive contribution to the community. A collaboration with the Housing Opportunities Commission links eligible families to financial assistance for their housing costs during the program and after successful completion of its requirements and their "learning agreements."

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 7, 1996

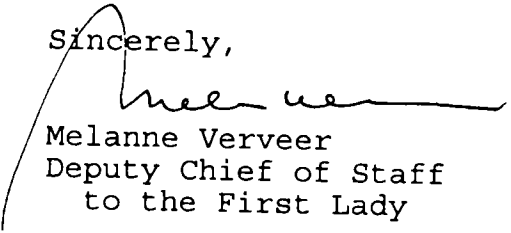
Dr. Hiroshi Nakajima
Director-General
World Health Organization
CH-1211 Geneva 27
SWITZERLAND

Dear Dr. Nakajima:

The First Lady asked me to thank
you for your kind letter of
congratulations.

With best wishes in the most
important work you do.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady



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From: Director-General's Executive
Secretariat

To: Office of the First Lady of the United States of America

Your ref.:

Fax No.: 1 202 456 2883

Date: 6 November 1996

Our ref.: PRI.

Subject:

PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL
FOR KIND TRANSMISSION TO THE FIRST LADY,
MRS HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

Dear Mrs Clinton,

On the occasion of the reelection of your husband as President of the United States of America I wish to convey to you also my warm congratulations and best wishes.

Your strong commitment to international health issues and initiatives on behalf of vulnerable and disadvantaged peoples is valued highly, and, in this connection, I recall with warm appreciation your interventions at important gatherings such as the Fourth International Conference on Women in Beijing and, more recently, in Washington at the meeting "International Women Leaders for Mental Health".

Your advocacy for health and your personal contributions in many fields, especially your work for women and children, are greatly needed in today's world. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support of the WHO Global Commission on Women's Health.

My wife joins me in sending you our warm regards and best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Hiroshi Nakajima, M.D., Ph.D.
Director-General

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 25, 1996

Ms. Irene Natividad
Summit Director
Global Summit of Women
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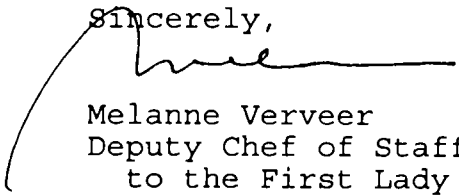
Dear Irene:

On behalf of the First Lady, I would like to thank you for your invitation to speak at the Global Summit of Women in January 1997.

I have forwarded your request to Patti Solis Doyle, the Director of Scheduling, for further consideration. We cannot make a commitment at this time.

Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chef of Staff
to the First Lady



TO: FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
THE WHITE HOUSE

ATTN: MS. MELANNE VERVEER
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE FIRST LADY

FR: MS. IRENE NATIVIDAD *IN*
SUMMIT DIRECTOR

DT: SEPTEMBER 30, 1996

1997 GLOBAL SUMMIT OF WOMEN
WOMEN'S ECONOMIC POWER
MIAMI, FLORIDA, U.S.A.
JANUARY 9-12, 1997

On behalf of the International Planning Committee of the 1997 Global Summit of Women, I would like to invite you to keynote this international gathering of women leaders in Miami from January 9-12, 1997. This is the first time that the Americas (north and south) are serving as host for the Summit; the others were held in Taipei, Taiwan ('94); Dublin, Ireland ('92); Montreal, Canada ('90). It is our hope that the location of the Summit will encourage greater participation from women leaders in the Caribbean nations, Central and South America -- many of whom were not present in large numbers at prior Summits.

The theme of the 1997 Summit is women's economic empowerment, an issue that I know is important to you. For the first time, the Summit will look at all areas in which women participate in the national and global economy: as workers, entrepreneurs, business leaders and consumers. One of our major objectives is to call attention to women's aggregate economic "power" which needs to be acknowledged and counted in any measure of a country's GDP. The focus is not on need, but on solutions -- model programs and "best practices" -- since the problems were discussed fully at the prior U.N. conferences. Most important, we are trying to bring together sectors which have traditionally not seen each other as possible allies in creating positive change for women in the workplace: women board directors and women's NGO leaders; alternative banks with multilateral banks; women policymakers and business leaders. Our premise is that collaborative partnership is the key to advancing women as major players in the economy.

The Summit expects the participation of at least 500 leaders from 81 countries -- the number who attended Taiwan. UNIFEM has partnered with the Summit in developing and funding the program, as well as the Interamerican Commission on Women. NGO partners include the European Women's Lobby, International Federation of Business and Professional, WEDO, Soroptimist International of the Americas, and Zonta International. I've been having discussions

with multilateral banks, who are very interested in participating and financially supporting the Summit.

Everyone, of course, in the International Planning Committee and the leadership of the partnering organizations all want to know if you're coming, since the Summit is being held in the U.S. All have witnessed your bravura performance in Beijing, and want to see you again in that role. I know that this is near the time of inaugural festivities, but I am hoping that you could squeeze into your busy schedule this critical meeting. Your keynote speech can be scheduled either Thursday evening during the Opening Ceremonies, or first thing the next morning prior to the morning plenaries, depending on your availability. The Intercontinental Hotel is the site of the Summit.

For your information, I will be sending under separate cover: the Executive Summary on the 1997 Summit; the members of the International Planning Committee; the Proceedings from the 1992 Summit in Dublin which was co-chaired by Iceland's President Vigdis Finnbogadottir and Ireland's President Mary Robinson; some newsclips from the Dublin conference. Should any additional information be needed, I will be more than happy to respond to such requests.

I do hope you will be able to join us. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

cc: Ms. Kathy Hendrix
Interagency Council on Women

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 4, 1996

Commissioner Susan Ness
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 832
Washington, DC 20554

Susan
Dear Commissioner Ness:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your article, "Upgrading what TV offers children". I hadn't seen it so I'm glad to have it. Thanks for your leadership in this important issue.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Melanne
Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady



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Date: September 26, 1996

To: Melanne Verveer

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Phone: _____

Fax: 456-6244

From: Commissioner Susan Ness

Comments: If you have not already seen it, I thought you might be interested in
the attached article which appeared in the Commentary Section of
The Washington Times on September 14.

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THE WASHINGTON TIMES

September 14, 1996

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SUSAN NESS

By the time most American children begin the first grade, they will have spent the equivalent of three school years in front of the television. After entering school, children on average watch more than three hours of television daily.

Many people may gloss over these statistics, but the implications are immense. Television plays a huge part in the lives of those most precious to us — our children. Yet it is difficult to find family-friendly fare on commercial broadcast television — let alone children's programming that educates as well as entertains. That is about to change.

Starting next year, broadcasters will have to offer up a bigger serving of educational children's shows. On Aug. 8, the Federal Communications Commission adopted an historic children's television order — a rule that will jumpstart the market for innovative educational programming. It is a rule that works for families, for children, and for broadcasters. But community involvement is essential for its benefits to be fully realized.

Broadcasters enjoy a special privilege: use of the public airwaves. That special privilege carries with it a special responsibility: serving the public interest.

With this in mind, and prompted by the paucity of quality children's programming, Congress in 1990 passed the Children's Television Act, a law requiring that every licensee "serve the educational and informational needs of children." In fact, this is the only specific programming requirement Congress has placed on broadcasters and expressly instructed the FCC to review for compliance at license renewal time.

Although passage of the act spurred some additional educational programming on commercial television, the response fell considerably short of public expectations. Thus began an effort to put meat on the bones of the rules implementing the act, culminating in President Clinton's negotiated agreement between broadcasters and children's advocates. During the course of this debate, the FCC received more than 20,000 letters strongly urging the commission to enforce the act,

Upgrading what TV offers children

with a majority of members of the House of Representatives and a third of the Senate writing to endorse a three hours per week requirement.

What does the FCC order do? First, it establishes a guideline for broadcasters' compliance with the act: three hours, or the equivalent of three hours, of educational children's television per week — a mere 2 percent of the broadcast week.

Second, it strengthens the definition of "educational" programming, by focusing on half-hour shows "specifically designed to meet the educational needs of children" — as opposed to general audience programming that has some incidental educational value.

Third, it requires broadcasters to regularly schedule these shows during times when kids actually watch TV — between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.

And fourth, it requires that the programs be identified as educational at the time they are aired, in information provided to television program guides, and in the station's public file. These public information initiatives will help parents select programs suitable for their children.

In short, the new rules set the stage for the long-overdue benefits of the Children's Television Act to reach America's children.

What the three pages of rules do not do is tell broadcasters what to teach, or which shows to air, or what the message is. They do provide broadcasters clear guidance with a measure of flexibility that is First Amendment-friendly.

Until now, broadcasters have in effect been told: "You must air some educational programming, but we won't tell you how much. Your license is on the line, but we won't tell you what standards we'll apply." It's like driving down the road when only the highway patrol knows what the speed limit is.

Under the new rules, broadcasters will no longer have to guess what is expected of them in order to meet their obligations under the Act.

The FCC's rules do not write the end of the children's television story. They are really only the beginning. The educational programming pump is primed. It is now up to broadcasters and the public to deliver on this promise.

To succeed in this marketplace, broadcasters must air children's programming that entertains as well as enlightens, enraptures as well as educates. Already, there are encouraging signs that award-winning directors, producers, writers and actors are rising to this challenge. Enlightened advertisers are talking about setting aside a portion of their budgets to support educational programming on commercial television. And some newspaper publishers are considering inserting a box in their weekly television listings to highlight family-friendly fare.

The public will also play a critical role. Beginning next January, families will know which programs broadcasters have designated as "educational and informational," and can judge whether these programs truly meet that description. Our rules provide the tools to encourage better-quality children's educational programming without government intrusion by fostering a dialogue between broadcasters and the public they serve.

Only if broadcasters dedicate their creative energy and resources to this effort — and the public stays involved — will our next generation be enriched by the best that the powerful medium of television has to offer.

Susan Ness is a member of the Federal Communications Commission.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 4, 1996

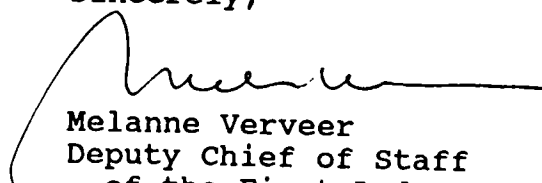
William Novelli
President
Campaign For Tobacco-Free Kids
1707 L Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Novelli,

Thank you for your letter. We appreciate hearing from you and receiving your counsel on what constitutes a genuine comprehensive proposal to reduce tobacco use among children.

Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
of the First Lady

CAMPAIGN For TOBACCO-FREE Kids

May 28, 1996

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady
100 Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. Verveer:

On behalf of the Campaign For Tobacco-Free Kids and its members, we urge you not to be fooled by the most recent tobacco industry public relations ploy and not to back down from the comprehensive, meaningful proposal announced last August. On May 15, 1996, Philip Morris and United States Tobacco Company presented a proposal which they said will reduce tobacco use among children. Unfortunately, this proposal is designed to gain headlines but not reduce tobacco use; therefore, we oppose it.

We would be happy to work with the tobacco industry if they were genuinely interested in making a difference in the battle to protect children from tobacco. But if you look at their proposal, you will recognize it for what it is--a proposal which promises far more than it delivers. If Philip Morris doesn't want kids to smoke, why doesn't it stop using the Marlboro cowboy to attract them? After all, 60% of all children who smoke, smoke Marlboro.

We urge you to oppose Philip Morris' proposal because it falls far short of the comprehensive approach that is required to reduce youth tobacco use.

1. **ADVERTISING** - No real change would occur. The Marlboro Man and Joe Camel would not be removed from a single magazine, from most billboards, or even from ads next to candy displays. Tobacco ads would be restricted in magazines that have over 15% youth *subscribers* under the age of 18 as opposed to the FDA's proposal to restrict ads in magazines with over 15% youth *readership*. The difference is the difference between real change

and no change. For example, only 6.5% of Sports Illustrated's subscribers are under the age of 18 as opposed to 20-22% of its readership. Twenty percent (1,500,000) of Rolling Stone's regular readers are under the age of 18 but only 0.4% of its subscribers (approximately 1322 children) are under the age of 18.

2. **SPONSORSHIP** - As the August proposal recognized, brand name sports sponsorship is a critical component of the tobacco industry's marketing which makes tobacco products attractive to kids. The tobacco industry says it will no longer sponsor sporting events using cigarette brand names except for motor sports and rodeo--the two events which currently reach more kids than any other. The result is that under the Philip Morris proposal all major brand tobacco industry sports sponsorship would continue. Marlboro, Skoal and other tobacco-brand images would continue to be seen on television and at auto racing, rodeo, and other events by millions of kids.

3. **FREE MERCHANDISE** - Tobacco companies would still be able to give away free clothing and "gear" that kids love. Although tobacco-brand logos would only appear on tobacco-related merchandise, this would not prevent the companies from giving away items that kids love like leather jackets, compact-disc players or backpacks. It is also possible that the Marlboro t-shirts will just become Marlboro Racing Team t-shirts, just as Skoal hats and shirts have become Skoal Racing Team hats and shirts.

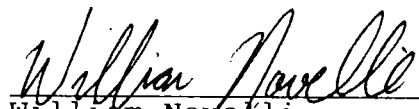
4. **PUBLIC EDUCATION** - The Philip Morris proposal eliminates all money for public education about the health dangers of tobacco products. The \$150 million a year proposed last August for public education is critical.

5. **CONSUMER PROTECTION** - The "price" of even these modest concessions is the elimination of the Food and Drug Administration's authority over tobacco products. Thus, just as new evidence demonstrates why the tobacco industry cannot be trusted, the tobacco industry proposes a plan that would leave it free to manipulate the nicotine and carcinogens in its products without oversight from any federal agency. Tobacco is the only consumer product with no such supervision.

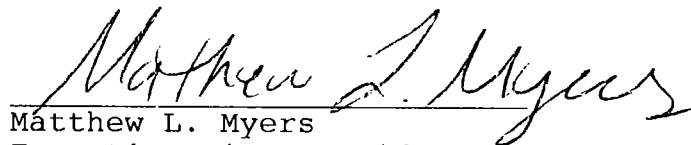
It is time we begin to address the problem of tobacco use among our nation's children seriously. Last August's proposal would do so. Philip Morris' proposal would not. This is not the time to accept half-hearted gestures that will not work. We know we can count on your continued support.

May 28, 1996
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Respectfully submitted,



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American Academy of Pediatrics	IMPACT Delaware Tobacco Prevention
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American Association for World Health	Interreligious Coalition on Smoking OR Health
American Association of Critical Care Nurses	Maryland State Council on Cancer Control
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American College of Emergency Physicians	Respiratory Care
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American Lung Association	Principals
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American Public Health Association	National Coalition of Hispanic Health and
American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and	Human Services Organizations (COSSMHO)
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American Society of Clinical Oncology	<i>Farmers of America</i>)
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Boston Women's Health Book Collective	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Center for Women Policy Studies	The Student Coalition Against Tobacco (SCAT)
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1996

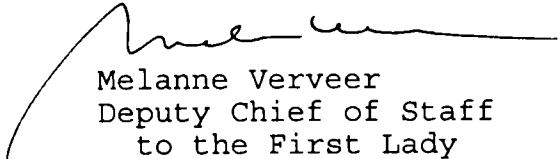
Mr. Walter S. Nuchtern
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AUSTRALIA

Dear Mr. Nuchtern:

On behalf of the First Lady,
thank you for your thoughtful letter
and newspaper clipping on her visit to
Estonia which she enjoyed very much.
Your letter provided a wonderful
welcome to Australia.

Thanks for writing and best
wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

WALTER A NUCHTERN
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November 16, 1996

MRS HILLARY RODHAM-CLINTON
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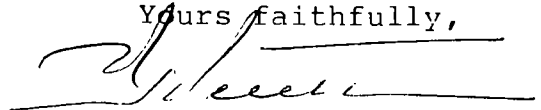
DEAR MRS RODHAM-CLINTON,

You are very welcome in Australia!
As an Estonian-Australian your recent visit to Estonia,
more so, came to my attention, when in Sydney Morning Herald
of September 18, the enclosed article and photograph appeared.
I thought that you may wish to see it.

As President Clinton was re-elected for a second term in office,
it may be of some interest to note, that the Estonian President
Meri was also returned for a second term.

Wishing you and President Clinton a happy holiday in Australia!

Yours faithfully,



PS My wife, a Latvian-Australian, and I, as a member of the
Australian American Association, look forward to the
President Clinton's public speech on Thursday.

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Estonia throws a party unaided

Tallinn, Estonia: Do this to almost any other country and you'd expect a burst of nationalist indignation.

Maybe an insult about Yankee imperialism or a few choice words for the American ambassador behind closed doors. But not here.

When the US cut off aid for the first time to a nation of the former Soviet Bloc on Monday, Estonia threw a party.

"I would like to express my heartfelt thanks," Estonian president Mr Lennart Meri told US officials at a ceremony in Tallinn's 14th-century town hall. "This day means we are finally standing on our own feet."

Officials of the US Agency for International Development, which distributes most of American foreign aid, said the cut-off was meant in part to highlight the success of Estonia's radical free market reforms and encourage others to follow suit.

Since breaking away from the Soviet Union in 1991, this small Baltic nation of 1.5 million has embraced such hard-nosed monetarist policies as a constitutionally mandated balanced budget, a flat tax and the elimination of all trade tariffs.

The numbers indicate the Estonians have done it right.

Annual inflation has been slashed from more than 1,000 per cent in 1992 to about 20 per cent today. The private sector, banned during Soviet rule, now accounts for 65 per cent of all economic output. Estonia has become one of the former Soviet Bloc's most attractive places for foreign investors, who have brought in about \$US750 million (\$950 million).

An economic boom is under way in this seaside capital, with new office towers springing up and old buildings being refurbished on almost every block.

The US has been one of Estonia's leading donors, providing about \$US50 million in aid over the past five years. It has paid for projects to build free market and democratic institutions and to clean up the



President Lennart Meri, seen here with US First Lady Hilary Clinton . . . his country has become an attractive place to foreign investors.

Photograph by AP

environment. However, some doubt the wisdom of giving up US aid so soon.

Estonian bankers and entrepreneurs may not need US-funded training, they argue, but doctors, police and civil servants could use help to raise their standards to Western levels.

An American close to US aid

projects questioned the motive in cutting off Estonia.

Rather than using economic criteria, he said, US AID was rushing to make a political point to the Republican-controlled Congress that foreign aid didn't have to be forever.

"They wanted to show that countries could be weaned

off aid programs," he said.

The aid cut prompted some Estonians to broach an uncomfortable question about membership in NATO. While the US insists the door to NATO is open, the Baltic nations believe they may have been put at the bottom of the waiting list.

LA Times-Washington Post

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MRS HILLARY RODHAM-CLINTON
c/ USA Consulate General
SYDNEY 2000

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 22, 1996

Mr. Mark T. Mroz
Executive V.P. of Communications
Mercy Home for Boys and Girls
1140 W. Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, ILL 60607

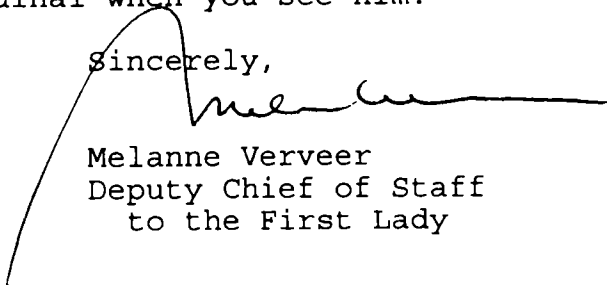
Dear Mr. Mroz:

Thank you for your letter and for the materials on Mercy Home for Boys & Girls. It was a pleasure to meet you at the Medal of Freedom Ceremony and to know about your work. Thanks, also, for sharing your insights and concerns on programs affecting our children.

I hope we will have a chance to visit Mercy in the future.

Best wishes in the important work you do. Please convey our best wishes to the Cardinal when you see him.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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FOR BOYS & GIRLS

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September 30, 1996

Ms. Melanne Verveer
The White House
600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Melanne,

My thanks to you for sharing a few minutes of your time several weeks ago during the reception honoring Cardinal Bernardin and the other great Americans who received the President's Medal of Freedom. Needless to say, it was a great honor for me to attend.

After hearing so much about you and your family from Tom Gilardi, it was indeed my fortune to meet you.

You may recall our conversation regarding the need for children to have a public voice that is heard and understood. At Mercy Home, we very definitely plan to hold an event and forum at which a national discussion can take place regarding services to children at the crossroads. Certainly, the First Lady, you and others of the Administration know well the need to address problems that confront children as result of welfare reform and the host of family problems that cause tens of thousands of youth to be homeless, abused, and disillusioned. The very heart and soul of a generation is often in jeopardy.

Throughout the country, there are programs that have saved thousands of youth, but they need to be supported and replicated. With an enlightened national discussion more can be aware of how the nation can address the problems they face. Mercy Home believes it has a responsibility to organize a broad based effort to inform the public and deliver a few key messages over and over again until they are heard. Mercy Home is somewhat autonomous as we are a 110 year old tradition that exists almost entirely through private funding given by 150,000 donors from across the country. We are fortunate to have the support and resources to do what is in the best interest of the youth we serve. Because of our earned integrity and fiscal autonomy, so many peer organizations have invited us to step forward and help lead an effort to publicly discuss these important issues, without the fear of reprisals of any kind, from anyone.

Melanne Verveer
September 30, 1996
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In our public discussion, it will be important for the country to understand our children, their needs, what programs exist to help them, what more can be done, and the overall importance of their survival in relationship to the health of this nation. In the next month, we hope to have an outline of key messages, concrete goals for our communications program, and suggested formats and attendees. I will forward this information to you.

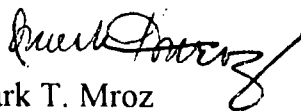
Please know that we'd be honored if the White House would be interested in taking a closer look at our program and how you may use it to promote your children's agenda.

As promised, I have enclosed information on Mercy Home and a letter we wrote to the White House last March. Of course, Brian McPartlin is informed about our conversation and is very well acquainted with Mercy Home.

I look forward to speaking with you in the future and I will send you more concrete information on the project as we develop its structure.

Again Melanne, thanks for your interest and gracious hospitality.

Best regards,



Mark T. Mroz
Exec. V.P. of Communications

Enclosures

cc: Fr. Jim Close
Mr. Brian McPartlin

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MERCY
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March 8, 1996

The Honorable Bill Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

While doing some Lenten reading, I happened on an amusing anecdote concerning "Happy" Chandler, the onetime Kentucky governor. It seems that sometime during the 1950s, Chandler visited the Trappist monastery at Gethsemani, where in brief remarks he declared: "You monks know you cannot be happy because you have material possessions." Later, Thomas Merton, who then served as spiritual director for Gethsemani's scholastics, pointed out the exact meaning of Chandler's observation. With gentle humor he noted that the governor had seemed to suggest that "we are in despair because of our great possessions." A voice protested, "That's not what he *meant*. What he meant is that we monks know that poverty and not possessions make men happy." Later Merton wrote: "How true it is that everyone instinctively pays attention not to what a politician actually says but to what he seems to want to say."

Nowadays I'm not so sure. Either that or maybe I just don't have that gift. Because when I recall what Rep. Gingrich suggested back in 1994, namely that the first lady ought to go to Blockbuster's and rent "Boys Town," rather than criticize his plan to end welfare for out-of-wedlock children by funding orphanages instead, there didn't seem to be a lot of room for interpretation. It seemed pretty clear that he thought we in the "orphanage" business needed more children to care for, not less. Never mind, as *The New Republic* quickly noted, that "the Child Welfare League of America estimates welfare costs for a child living with a mother to be \$2,644 per year; in orphanages, \$36,500." (It actually costs us \$55,815.) Never mind that on any given day in this country, as a special edition of *Fortune* revealed, nearly 90 new children of necessity are "added to the overburdened foster-care system." And never mind what is most important: You just can't put a price tag on what it means for a child to grow up at home with even one caring, loving, nurturing parent. Which is not to suggest that welfare is the answer. Our current system must be fixed, but not if it means that children will sleep outdoors on grates, and not if it means that children will wind up in orphanages for no better reason than nostalgia.

I only wish the speaker had *meant* to convey a different message, because even though that black-and-white MGM movie dates to 1938, it is a gem of a picture for at least two reasons. First and foremost we can learn much from what "Boys Town" says about the best among us, about Father Flanagan and Mother Theresa and, for my money, our own Cardinal Bernardin. They have, in Merton's words, "fortitude in the midst of [their] souls like an unshakable rock." They are calm, certain and peaceful "in [their] absolute confidence in God." As for the second lesson: Forget about being too rich or too thin; what you really can't have are too many friends.

When in the wake of those intemperate remarks the Mercy Home found itself in the thick of the "Boys Town" fray, one of this home's very best friends, Mayor Rich Daley, graciously weighed in. "The concept of the orphanage of the 1800s is gone," he told our ABC affiliate, "Mercy Home for Boys & Girls is a facility that does not just house a child, but educates a child, provides medical services, good food and good care." Echoed the *Tribune's* Anne Keegan, Mercy Home is "recognized as among the best in the nation."

Our doors have been open for a while now -- for 109 years -- and in that time we have been a haven for neglected, abused and troubled kids of all races and religions. Many early residents were newsboys who arrived here penniless for the 1893 Columbian Exposition. These days, the boys and girls of Mercy, which, incidentally, raises 95 percent of its funds privately, are apt to be victims of neglect and/or physical, psychological and sexual abuse. Not necessarily orphans in the traditional sense, they are instead the throwaway kids of modern society.

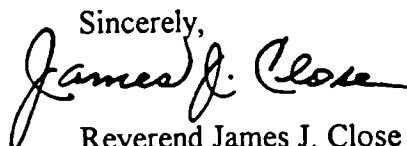
We endeavor to give the children in our care roots and wings -- the grounding they so desperately need along with the dreams that every child and young adult should and must have. If it's in them, why shouldn't they grow up to run the Chicago Board of Trade? Pat Arbor does, and he's a Mercy Home alumnus. Why shouldn't they dream of shaking hands with a president? Bill Clinton didn't have it so easy as a kid, but he once did and look at him now.

Not all of our kids end up running the Board of Trade, but a substantial percentage attend college, some at schools like the University of Illinois, Notre Dame and even Harvard. And typically, even the youngsters who don't land at Notre Dame or in the Ivy League end up as productive citizens in good and honorable jobs in banks, at manufacturing plants or even as Chicago Police officers.

I wish I could tell you that the problems we work day in and day out to address are abating, that the population here is shrinking and that in, say, 10 years we'll be out of business entirely. But that, of course, is not the case. Indeed, the Mercy Home has nearly doubled in size over the past five years. For what it says about what we at the Mercy Home do and how well we do it, we are, I think, justifiably proud. For what it says, however, about the society in which we live, all people of good will justifiably should be angered and ashamed.

Mr. President, when you are here in Chicago in August, we'd be honored to welcome you to the home for a visit, at your convenience. I won't kid you, it takes a lot of money to run this place -- almost \$5 million a year -- and since we raise most of it privately, a visit from the president of the United States probably wouldn't hurt fund-raising. On the other hand, I'm awfully proud of the home, our staff and, most of all, our kids. I'd love for you to meet them and for them to meet you. So I hope you will give it all due consideration.

In the meantime, with best wishes I am

Sincerely,

Reverend James J. Close
President



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 5, 1996

The Reverend James J. Close
President
Mercy Home for Boys and Girls
1140 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60607

Dear Reverend Close:

Thank you for your kind invitation to President Clinton. The President has asked us to convey his appreciation for your kind offer.

Your correspondence has been forwarded to the Clinton/Gore re-elect office for consideration. Please be assured that you will be contacted directly by that office regarding the status of your request.

On behalf of the President, thank you again for your thoughtful invitation and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Stephanie S. Streett
Director of Scheduling



Anne Walley
Director of Scheduling

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MERCY
HOME
FOR BOYS & GIRLS

August 22, 1996

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

Dear Mr. President:

Last March, we invited you to consider visiting Mercy Home for Boys & Girls on one of your trips to Chicago. Now that the Democratic Convention is upon us, the 86 youth who live at Mercy Home and myself want welcome you to Chicago, and invite you to stop-by if your schedule permits as the United Center is blocks from our Home.

Mercy Home values education as a primary element to the success of our youth as they move on to build healthy and productive lives. In the spirit of a historical and "teachable moment," we plan to watch significant moments of the convention as a group. We expect that there will be a lot of activity around the Home's neighborhood and this is a great opportunity for all of us.

We the undersigned who comprise Mercy Home know that you are our advocate and understand that your schedule probably will not permit any time to visit, but we want you to know that you are very welcome to be with us.

God bless you,

Rev. James J. Close
and
The Boys & Girls of Mercy Home

Campbell Home

Travis
Robert
Daniel
Ronald
Teklom
Donnell
Richard
Edgardo

Mahony Home

Relando
Andrew
Keith
Giovani
Edward
David
Anthony
Charles

Kelly Home

Valdimir
Kwadwo
Alvin
Christian
Nathanael
Michael
Justin
Brian

Young Boys Home

Howard
Freddy
Bryan
Joseph
Jonathan
Jose
David
Lloyd

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President Bill Clinton
August 22, 1996
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Campbell Home (cont.)

Brian
Lunganga
Michael
Willie

Girls Home Level II

Theresa
Kimberly
Veronica
Brigette
Michelle
Eboney
Evelyn
Mary
Maggie
Rebecca

Mahony Home (cont.)

Joseph
Jermaine
James
John
Toib
Sean
William

Quille Home

William
Theodore
Godfrey
Luis
Wayne
Patrick
Jacques

Young Girls Home

Ladonna
Michaela
Angela
Jenel
Antoinette
Tiffany
Nicole
Rosemary
Katie
Christine
Claire
Cara
Megan
Latrese

Girls Home Level I

Latresha
Bamari
Tamika
Izabela
Jane
Roshelle
Maria
Christina
Jennifer
Kathryn
Sabrina
Tamorra

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The Quality of Mercy



MERCY HOME FOR BOYS & GIRLS , CHICAGO , ILLINOIS

*Mercy begins in God and is His response to the bad things
that sometimes happen in life. Mercy needs a home!
God's mercy has found a home at Mercy Home for Boys & Girls.*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 29, 1996

Second & Third Grade
Mitchell Elementary School
Room 103
1350 E. 33rd Avenue
Denver, CO 80205

Dear Friends at Mitchell Elementary:

Thank you very much for your
thoughtful, wonderful letters which I
received when I recently visited Denver.
I enjoyed my trip to Colorado very much.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Hillary Rodham Clinton
Hillary Rodham Clinton

Monday October 21 1946

Dear Ms. Clinton,

I am glad that

Ms. Hetzel gets to meet

you. We are happy

that you got to come

to Colorado. I would

like to see you in person

and how is it like to

be the first lady I wish

I was the first lady

because I would like
to live in a quiet house
and be family.

Love always Philese

October 21, 1996

Dear Ms. Clinton,

I am glad that

Ms. Hetzel gets to meet you.

We are happy that you get to

come to Colorado. Good luck in

the election. What are you

going to be for haloween? What

is it like being the first lady?

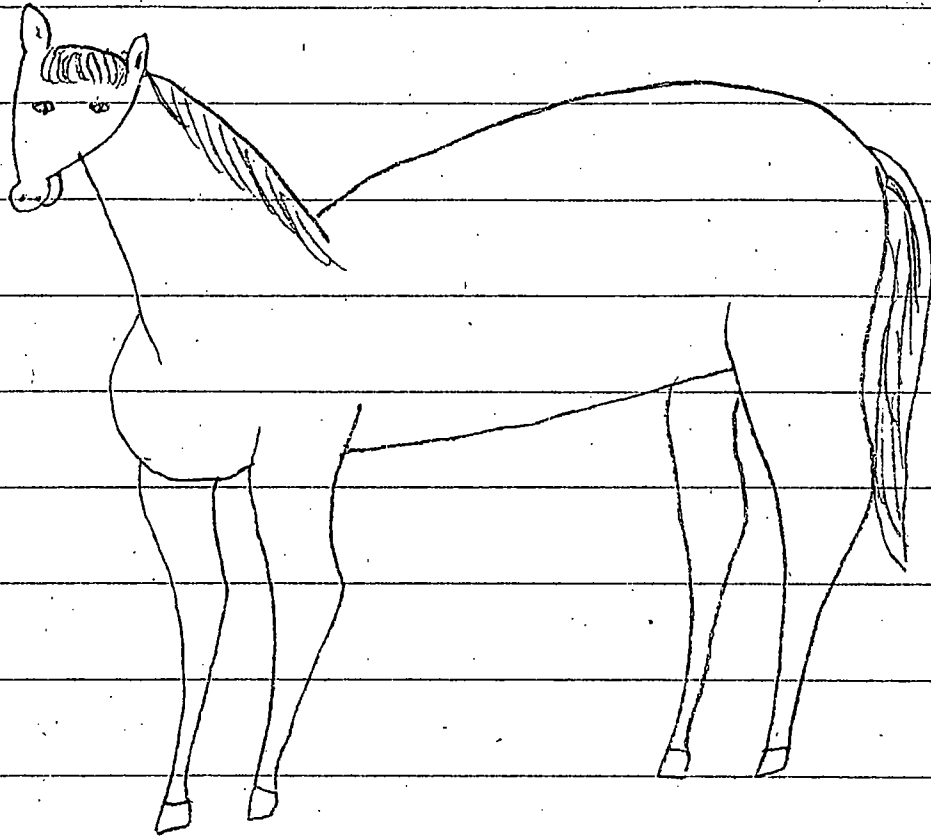
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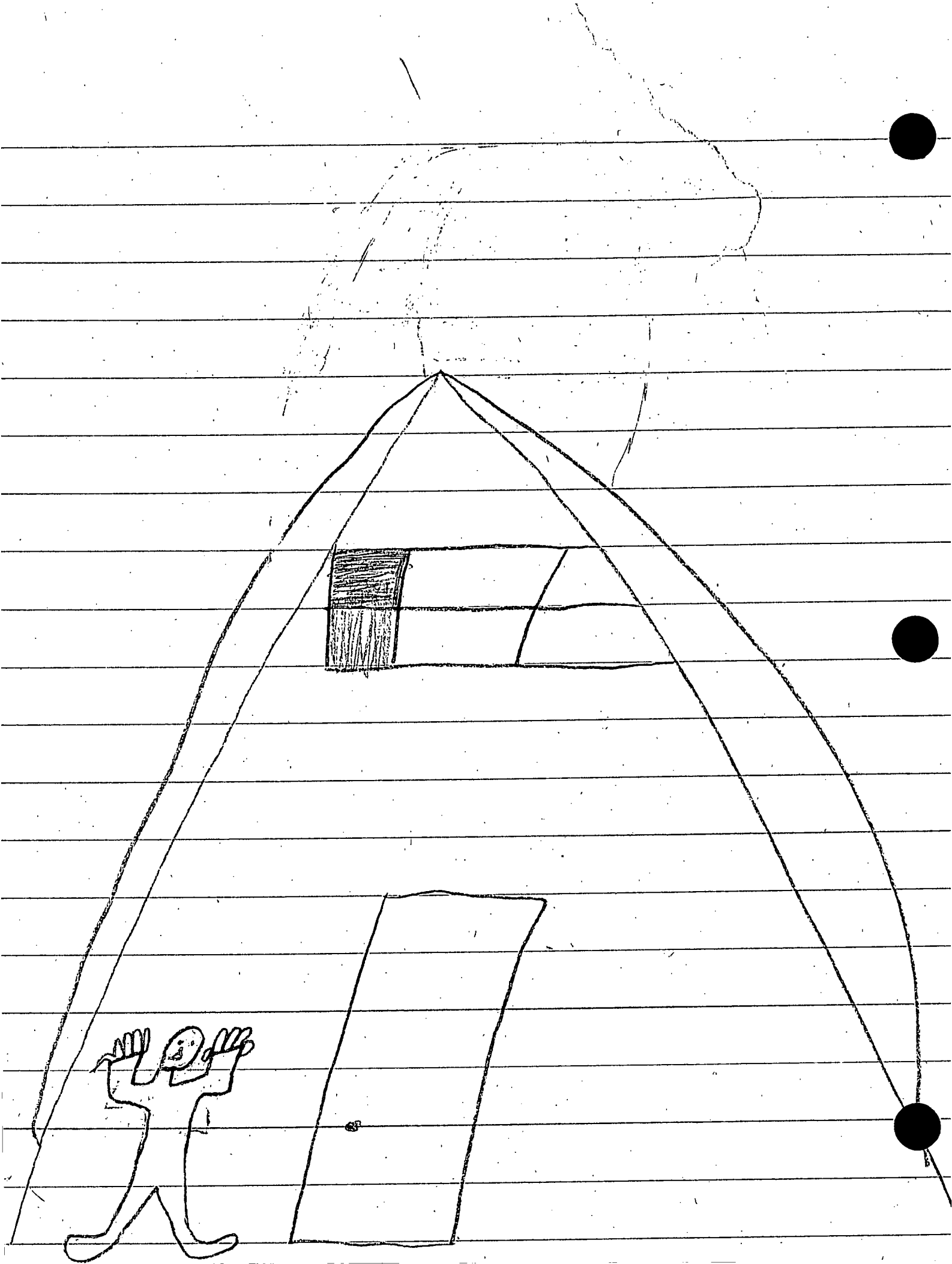
Mary Beth



October 21, 1996

Dear Ms. Clinton
Wut or you going to
Be for Halloween
I am going to Be
a Vampiyr I hope
That you hav a
Nise time.

Love, Joseph



October 21, 1992

Dear Ms. Clinton,

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Ms. Fetzl gets to meet

you

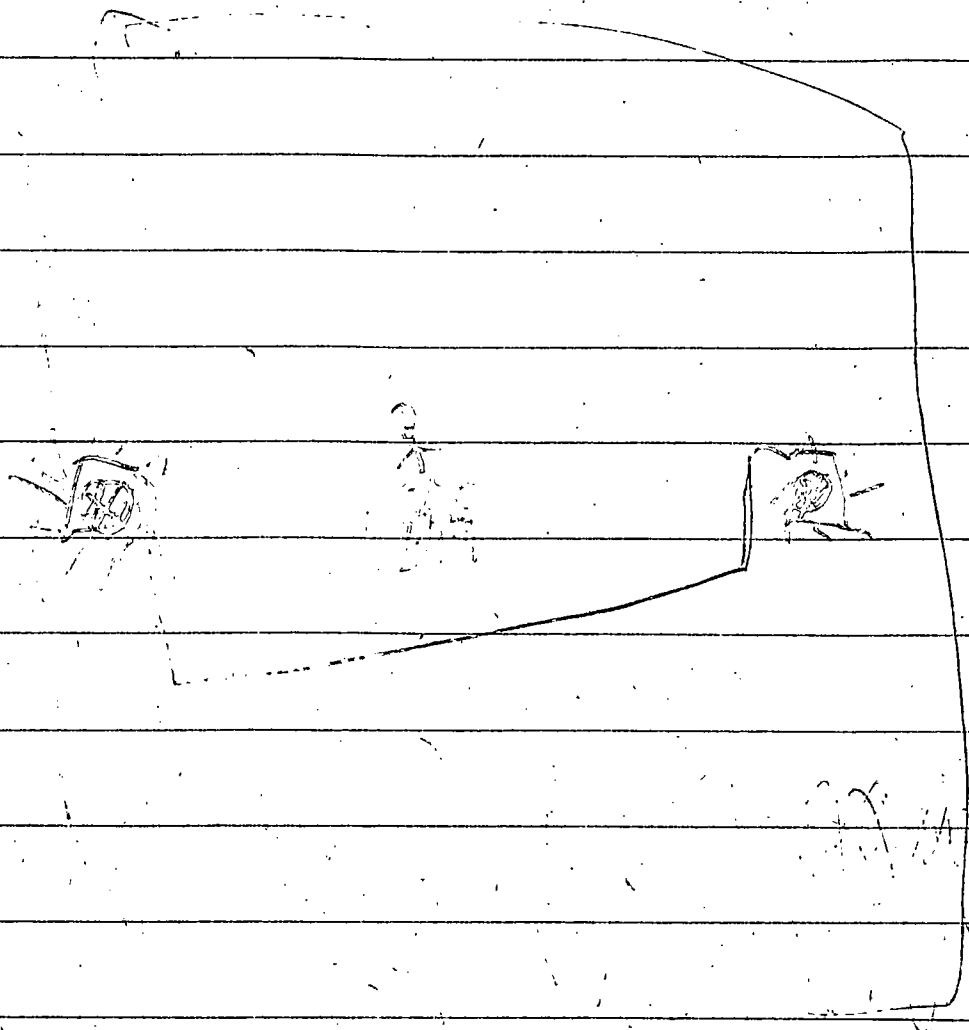
We are happy that you

got to come to Colorado

Love

Dorla

good luck in the election



Kendra October 21, 1996

Dear Ms. Clinton,

I am glad that
Ms. Hetzel gets to
meet you. We are
happy that
you got to come to
Colorado. Love you

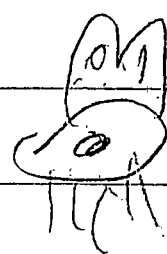
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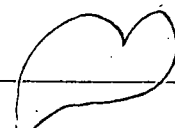
Dear Ms Clinton

I am glad

Ms Hetzel
gets to Colorado



Love,



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V. J. J.

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October 21, 1996

Dear, Mrs. Clinton

Mrs. Clinton how do you find time

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to meet you.

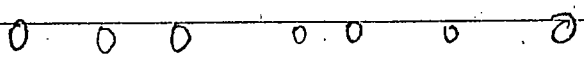
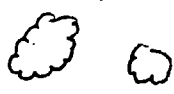
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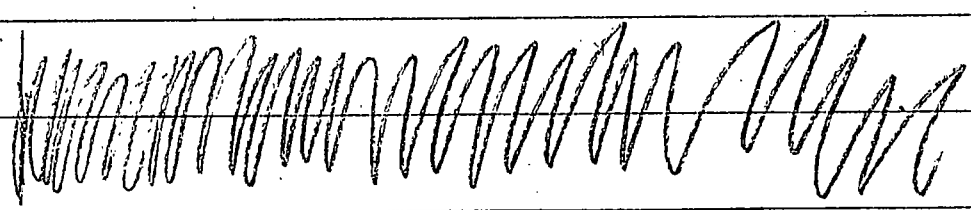
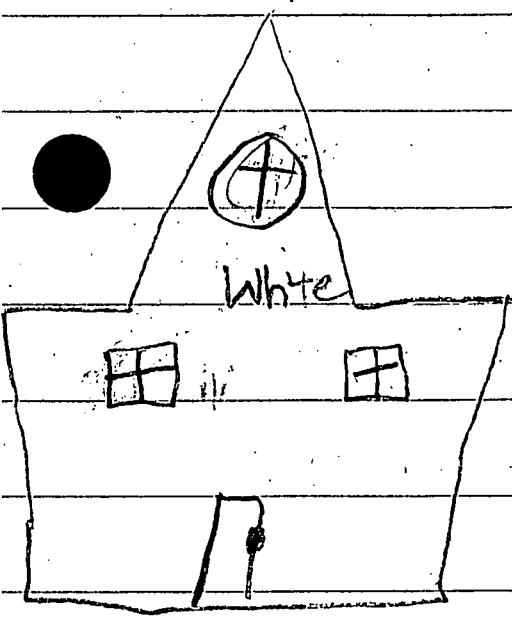
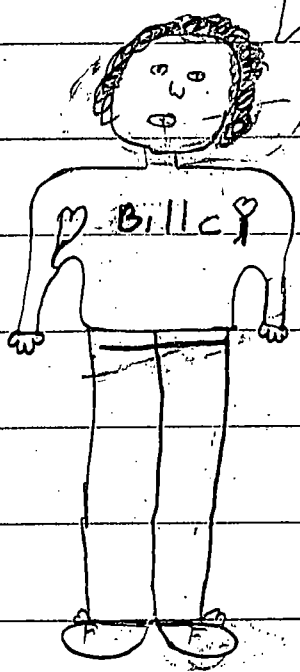
Love

Rite Bake

Christine Chaney



Thank you
Kids I
love you



Oct 27 1996 David H

Dear Ms Clinton,

I am glad that ms netzel is going to meet you for lunch
tomorrow and what are you going to win the election and what
are you going to be for Hallouen which for hallween

Love David

October 21, 1996

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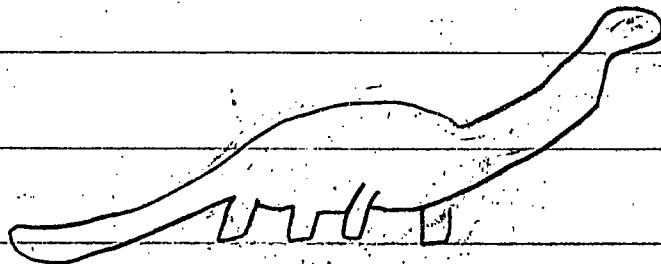
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We are happy that you

got to come to Colorado

Love

Love Natalie



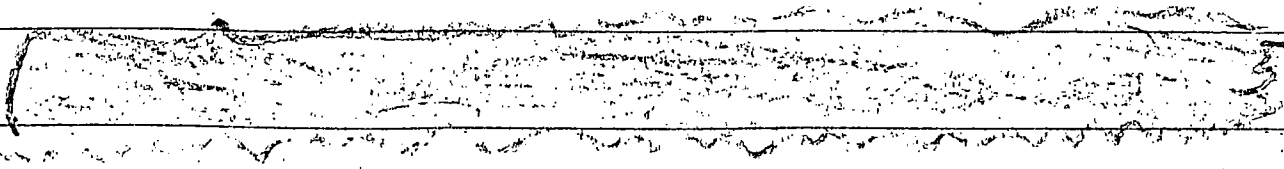
October

October 21, 1941

Dear Ms Clinton,
I am glad that
Ms. Hetzel gets to meet
you.

We are happy that
you got to come to Colorado.

I think you are going
to like it at Colorado
it will be nice if you
will write me back
and tell me how you are
doing.
Love Ashyla



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