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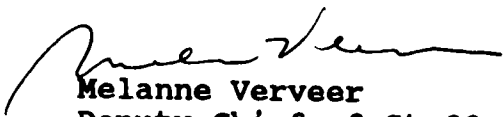
David Sacco
5850 W. 130th Apt. #101
Brook Park, Ohio 44142

Dear Mr. Sacco,

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

23, 1996

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Sincerely,



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To: Mrs. Clinton

January 23, 1996

From: David Sacco
5850 W. 130th Apt.#101
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216-265-0651

RE: MARCH 1996 CONFERENCE ON YOUTH ISSUES

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I'm writing this letter to you in hopes that you will consider myself and two other individuals for consideration for attendance at this get-together concerning today's youth.

I had viewed the segment that was aired last week on 20/20, in which you had related to Barbara Walters that you would be convening a conference/seminar in March to discuss issues relevant to today's youth and be inviting individuals together in this discussion.

I, myself have worked over twenty years with youth-both in the schools and within the municipal recreation departments.

I also would like for you to consider Mr. Timothy Wells whom presently works for the Cleveland of Recreation and has coached at various levels-both junior high to high school.

The other individual I would like you to consider inviting to this seminar is Mrs. Margaret Sweeney. Mrs. Sweeney is a mother of eight and has worked in the schools and recreation arena for over twenty years.

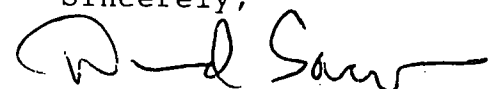
The three of us represent over 75 years of working with today's youth-both within the educational and recreational arenas. I believe, the three of us could assist, and lend and discuss, many issues in relationship to today's youngsters.

Mr. Wells' address is: Cleveland Division of Recreation
c/o 601 Lakeside Avenue Rm# 8
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Mrs Sweeney's address is: Halloran Rink
3550 Linnet Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44111

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I also wanted to tell you that I watched you on 22/20 Friday night 1/12/96. I admired your courage and your stamina and feel a great sadness for what you have had to endure over the past several years while trying to do so much good. I believe that strong-willed and assertive women are often feared and misunderstood and I admire your self-confidence and stamina!

You mentioned a spring conference that you hope to have that involves some of the people you mentioned in your book. I wanted to request that you not fail to overlook the growing

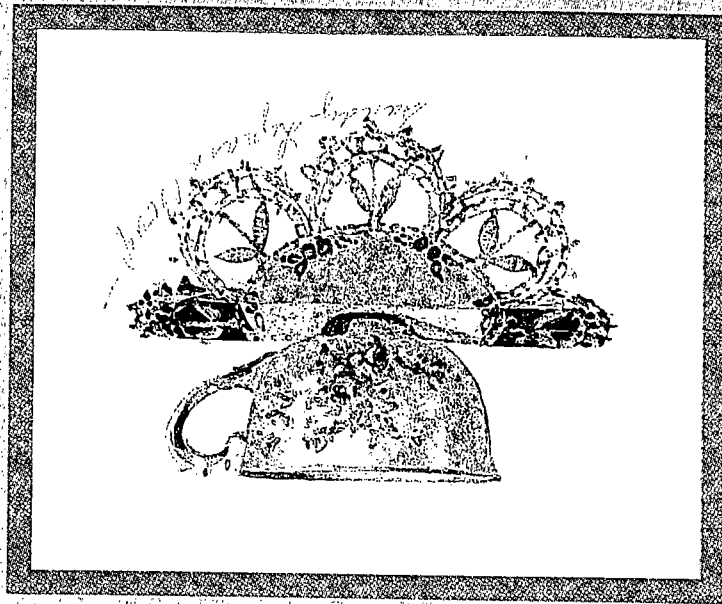
Book 34 Sarah

^{Carla}
Dear First Lady, Mrs. Clinton

1/13/96

I wanted to write you to let you know how much I love your book! I love the look of it, the feel of it and the content speaks to my soul.

I am a mother, and a former teacher, who believes very strongly in the issues with which you address in your book. I want to buy the book and send it to everyone I know! Thank you for stating some unpopular but extremely important truths about children!



number of women who are highly educated and have decided to leave their careers for some time in order to raise their children at home. Journalists would have us believe that we are but a small percentage of the population, but the numbers are growing rapidly. I hope you will include us in your conference. The national organization, FEMALE (Formerly Employed Mothers At the Leading Edge) is a support group for women who have left the paid workforce to raise their children. We are not opposed to women who work, but advocate on behalf of work/family issues and a woman's personal right to choose what works for them. Petite Flowers
Sandy Lynam Clough ©1995 We are working to create "villages" for our families! Thank you. Virginia Wray



Ms Virginia Shaw
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First Lady, Mrs. Hillary Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C.

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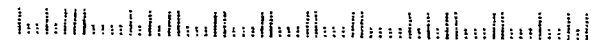


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February 27, 1996

Thomas J. Socha, Ph.D.
Department of Communication and Theater Arts
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Dear Dr. Socha,

The First Lady asked that I thank you for writing in reference to your work on children's issues and thank you for your book, Parents, Children, and Communication. Mrs. Clinton is in the early stages of planning for a conference on children. 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

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Hillary Rodham Clinton
White House
Washington, D.C., 20006

2/14/96

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Congratulations on your book, It takes a village, and thank you very much for the stand you are taking on behalf of America's children.

We, too, are interested in children and families and want to offer you our assistance and expertise as you set out to formulate and advance our national agenda concerning children. We are professors in the field of communication with an interest in interpersonal communication generally, and family communication specifically. Tom has published about African American parent-child communication and various aspects of children's communication, such as how children learn how to participate in groups and how children learn how to communicate humor. He has been quoted in various media including TV GUIDE. Glen is a leading researcher in the area of communication during the transition to parenthood. He has published work in this area, as well as about communication in abusive relationships, in prominent national communication journals.

As a way to introduce ourselves and acquaint you with some of our work, we are sending you an autographed copy of Parents, Children, and Communication: Frontiers of Theory and Research, a recent book that we co-edited (copy courtesy of Lawrence Erlbaum Associates Publishers). This book is the first edited volume in the communication field to focus on various aspects of communication in the parent-child relationship.

Parents, Children, and Communication contains the work of many nationally known communication scholars who address topics such as discipline, African American parent-child communication, father-child communication, and communication in abusive parent-child relationships. In particular, a chapter by Dr. Clay Warren (C. M. Depew Professor of Communication at George Washington University), reports on over two decades of research about the role of family communication about sex in preventing

teen pregnancy. Professor Warren's work speaks directly to the President's agenda concerning teen pregnancy.

Again, we thank you for your book and for your concern about America's children. Indeed, your concerns are shared not only among our professional colleagues in communication (such as Professor John Daly, University of Texas, whom the President may be familiar with, among others), but also with our families as well (Diana Socha teaches 1st grade, and Adrienne Bliss, Glen's wife, works with children in a CASA program).

We look forward to hearing from you about how we and our colleagues in the field of communication who study the family and children, might participate in future dialogues with you about developing policies and setting agenda for America's children.

Sincerely,



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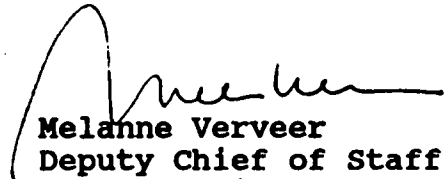
Glen Stamp, Ph.D.
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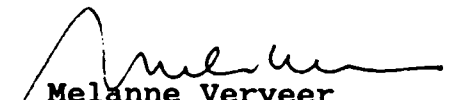
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3/12/96

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff to the
First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Ms. Verveer:

Thank you for your recent note regarding our book Parents, Children and Communication and also for keeping us in mind concerning the First Lady's future conference on children. I am very interested in such a conference and want to offer you my help in whatever way that you might find useful.

I hold a division office in a regional professional communication association (Southern States Communication Association) and I am involved in the Family Communication Division of our national professional communication association (Speech Communication Association), where there are a many communication scholars who study children and families. I am just beginning work on a second co-edited book, with Dr. Rhunette Diggs (Department of Communication, University of Louisville) that will focus on Communication in African-American and European-American families, in particular we are examining the role of family communication in racial socialization.

Again, please feel free to contact me here in Norfolk, if I may be of help to you and the First Lady as your conference plans form. I am also forwarding collections of some of the most recent titles of the scholarly literature concerning children (from Lawrence Erlbaum Associates) that you and the First Lady might find useful.

Sincerely,



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Associate Professor of Communication

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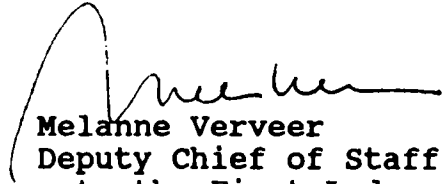
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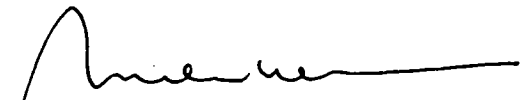
Stephen Sumerel
Christian Life Council
PO Box 1107
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Stephen E. Sumerel,
Family Life/Substance Abuse

January 18, 1996

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I saw on a recent television interview that you are planning a conference which will deal with policies affecting children in our country. As the Director of the Department of Family Life and Substance Abuse for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, I am aware of the need for dialogue and action to protect our children. I would appreciate information concerning this conference, as I believe I would have much to learn from and much to offer to the discussion.

Thank you for your concern in this regard, and for the information on the conference.

Sincerely,



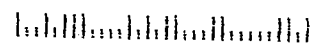
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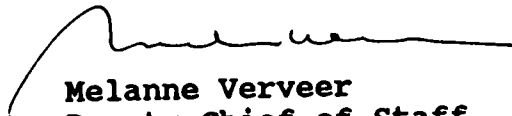
Linda J. Smith
1101 Westfield Drive
Oxon Hill, Maryland 20745

Dear Ms. Smith,

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Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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Mrs. Hillary R. Clinton,
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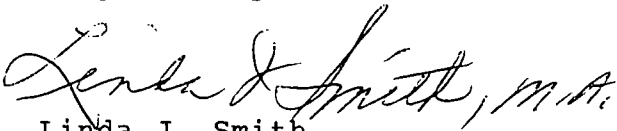
1/16/96

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

As an american citizen, I am so proud of you and your interview with Ms. Barbara Walters. You were outstanding. Your outlook on life and that all children should have medical care is correct. I feel that all americans should have medical care. And that all children should have Head Start and other school assistance.

Mrs. Clinton, when you have your conference this year, please invite me. I would love to offer my training and experience. I have a Masters degree in Education. In short, I pray that you and the President and your daughter will have happiness, and that the President will be reelected this year. Lastly, I am glad that you are at the White House.

Respectfully,



Linda J. Smith

1101 Westfield Dr.

Oxon Hill, Maryland 20745



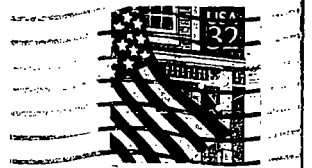
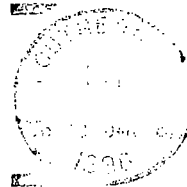
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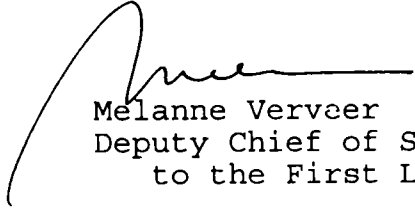
Mr. Jim Steyer
JP Kids
1222 Preservation Park Way
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your letter and
congratulations on the launch of JP
Kids. Thanks, also for the background
materials which I have shared with my
colleagues.

Best wishes and happy holidays.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady



JP Kids
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December 2, 1996

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

Dear Melanne:

Well, the long-awaited moment has finally arrived...the launch of our new kids media company, JP Kids. As you probably know, I've been planning to launch a cutting-edge, new content company that would help to meet the growing need for quality kids media and that would blend the best of education and entertainment. Not surprisingly, it's also a company with a mission -- to give kids a greater voice in their world and to show that media can truly change their lives in a positive way.

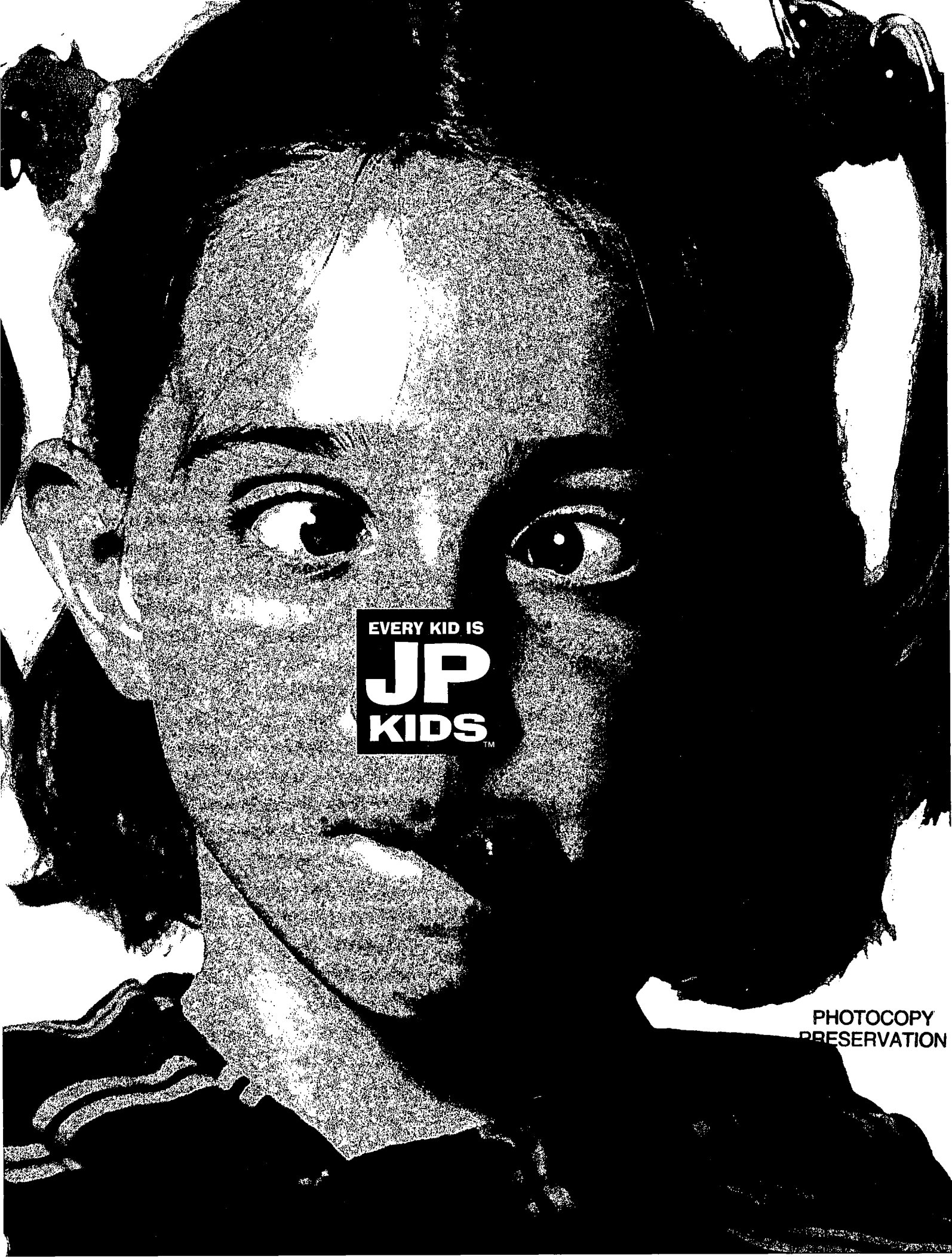
After a very busy year with a great team of partners, we're ready to formally launch the company, and I wanted you to see some of our initial background materials. I hope you'll find the materials of interest, and I'd love to hear your comments and feedback. I'll keep you posted as we grow the company, and I hope to hear from you soon.

Best Regards,

Jim Steyer

Hey Melanne, I thought you might like to see the latest on our new kids media company. I'd love to hear your thoughts, + I'd really appreciate it if you could pass it on to the First Lady as well. Hope all's great + hope to see you soon. All the best!





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Programs in Development

DeBUNK

Funded by a pilot grant from the Education Foundation of the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), DeBUNK is a TV news magazine for teens with a fresh, in-your-face style, fueled by signature MTV-style graphics and music. The series' hip, direct approach is designed to help adolescents take a second look at their assumptions about themselves and the world around them.

Green Wilma

The concept for this whimsical, animated series leapt from the pages of a book by award-winning author/illustrator Tedd Arnold, whose visual style begs to become a contemporary cartoon. Green Wilma is 11 years old, independent, irrepressible, and wackily reminiscent of *I Love Lucy* -- and she happens to be the only frog in the fifth grade!

Harambee!

Harambee! is a moving family drama starring Howard Rollins, set in the housing projects in Brooklyn during the Kwanzaa holiday period. The feature is slated to air in prime time on both PBS and Black Entertainment Television (BET) during the upcoming holiday season.

Klutz-TV

A new comedy series based on the best-selling series of books from Klutz Press, with 55 titles in print and more than 30 million copies sold, Klutz-TV promises forbidden knowledge, oddball science and playground shenanigans. With a fresh mixture of animation, live action, puppets and digital graphics, Klutz-TV teaches a range of subjects including real physics, biology, ecology, chemistry and problem solving.

Silverstone M.S.P.I.

That's "Middle School Private Investigator." Famous child TV star Jett Jackson longs to live a normal kid's life in the deceptively sleepy town of Wilston, SC but everyone sees him as his daring celluloid alter ego, Silverstone. In these dramatic action-adventure stories, Jett is invariably pushed to the edge of danger, leaving him no choice but to dive in. His determination to find out who he really is inside dramatizes the identity question faced by all pre-adolescents. This series provides rich learning opportunities in problem solving, dealing with peer pressure and flexible thinking.

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Travel Bug

Travel Bug USA is a live-action game show for kids 7-12: a low budget, high energy, ingenious and fun challenge that lets kids explore the United States and learn about geography – on location. Originally developed by renowned British game show producer Action Time for the BBC, the American version of Travel Bug will be adapted and produced by JP Kids.

Wooleycat

Preschoolers are invited into the enchanted Storyforest to spend 30 minutes with Wooleycat in this captivating puppet series. Based on a character drawn from the songs of award-winning children's recording star Dennis Hysom, recipient of both a Parents' Choice Award and the prestigious Telly Award, Wooleycat's format skillfully integrates music, rhyme, storytelling, wordplay and engaging characters to cultivate the emergent literacy skills of preschoolers.

Yahooligans!

Through the company's joint venture with Yahoo!, JP Kids is creating original animated Yahooligans! programming and characters, who embody the pioneering, irreverent spirit of the successful brand. Designed as a unique and appealing approach to web literacy for kids ages 8 -12, Yahooligans! will initially appear as short-form segments for television and as Internet guides online with planned development as series programming and additional products across a full range of media.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**LEADING CHILDREN'S ADVOCATE LAUNCHES
JP KIDS, A MULTIPLE MEDIA COMPANY FOR THE NEXT MILLENNIUM**

Development Deals Set with Yahoo!, Klutz Books and NAB

NEW YORK, December 2, 1996 --- Children Now Founder Jim Steyer has left the ranks of child advocacy to launch JP Kids, a new kids' media company. He is joining forces with leading creative executives drawn from such disparate media arenas as MTV, Children's Television Workshop, Comedy Central and MacNeil/Lehrer, as well as top business executives, educators and private investors. JP Kids is creating cutting-edge, kid-friendly media, blending the best in education and entertainment for kids of all ages. The company plans to develop a family of brands which kids love and parents trust.

JP Kids has already entered into development agreements with Yahoo!, one of the world's foremost Internet companies and Klutz Books, the hugely successful collection of children's bestsellers as well as the National Association of Broadcasters to produce a pilot for DeBUNK, an MTV-style news magazine for teens.

"As an educator and a child advocate, I've studied the impact of media on children and have spoken out about the ways in which it can be a powerful and positive force for good," said Steyer. "Through JP Kids, we plan to build a world class kids' media company that creates highly entertaining content that respects kids' native intelligence and enhances their educational and social development."

With the new FCC guidelines for children's programming now in place, JP Kids is particularly well positioned to meet the challenge and climate of this new era in kids' media.

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JP Kids Team

JP Kids has enlisted such top creative talents as Liz Nealon, former senior VP MTV, who is widely credited with producing breakthrough television for both MTV and Children's Television Workshop (where she created *Ghostwriter*); Marc Chusid, an award-winning creative director formerly with Comedy Central, Lifetime and MTV; John DeNatale, former senior producer of the acclaimed MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour; and Miranda Barry, an Emmy-nominated writer and producer who also helped to build American Playhouse.

On the business side, Steyer has recruited Beth Barker as chief financial officer. Formerly a partner at Montgomery Securities and president of The Software Toolworks/Mindscape PLC, Barker oversaw the company's \$80 million equity financing and was active in the sale of Mindscape to Pearson PLC. In addition, Ann Dilworth has joined JP Kids as strategic advisor, focusing on the company's distribution and business strategy. Dilworth was previously president of consumer media for The Times Mirror Corporation and president of Addison-Wesley General and International Publishing Company, one of the leading educational and professional publishers in the world.

Projects in Development

"JP Kids looks for smart, funny, innovative products that break new ground on the creative front," states Steyer. "We are setting up JP Kids as a premiere content studio for kids. Our door is wide open to the world's best creative talent who are interested in using their skills to shape a better world for kids. JP Kids' partners are companies and people that have created original, edgy, intellectual property and, in cases like Yahoo! and Klutz Books, have literally created new categories of information and entertainment for kids."

Through the company's venture with Yahoo!, JP Kids is creating original animated ***Yahooligans!*** programming and characters, who embody the pioneering, irreverent spirit of the successful brand. Designed as a unique and appealing approach to web literacy for kids ages 8 - 12, ***Yahooligans!*** will initially appear as short-form segments for television and as Internet guides online with planned development into full-length programming and across a full range of media.

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"We want to be in business with JP Kids because we share their belief that kids media can be challenging, funny and educational all at the same time. And, just as important, they share our vision for the potential of the Yahoo! brand in the kids arena," states Jerry Yang, co-founder and chief Yahoo!

Klutz-TV, a new comedy series based on the best-selling books from Klutz Press, with 55 titles in print and more than 30 million copies sold, promises forbidden knowledge, oddball science and playground shenanigans. With a mixture of animation, live action, puppets and digital graphics, Klutz-TV teaches a range of subjects including real physics, biology, ecology, chemistry and problem solving.

"JP Kids understands the importance of interacting with kids and that's what we're all about," states John Cassidy, founder of Klutz Press. "We are confident that they will be able to take the Klutz brand into other mediums while retaining our core sensibility, integrity and spirit."

DeBUNK, an MTV-style magazine show for teens, is the first program ever to be funded by the Educational Foundation of The National Association of Broadcasters. Fueled by signature graphics and music, the series' fresh direct style is designed to help adolescents take a second look at their assumptions about themselves and the world around them.

"We've been challenged by Jim Steyer for years about the state of children's television. There is a very good fit between JP Kids' mission and the NAB's first effort to help provide stations with programming that will deliver an audience as well as meet educational content requirements," states Chuck Sherman, senior vice president, television, NAB.

JP Kids has also optioned the rights to **Green Wilma**, to develop a whimsical, animated cartoon series about an 11-year-old girl who just happens to be the only frog in the fifth grade. The series is based on the popular children's book of the same name by award-winning author/illustrator Tedd Arnold, and has sold over 150,000 paperback copies and 43,000 hard cover editions. The series is a pro-social sitcom that is specially designed to address key developmental challenges of pre-adolescence.

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Educational Advisory Board

JP Kids' fundamental commitment to high quality media for kids is reflected in its Educational Advisory Board, which guides, advises and acts as the company's "educational conscience" for each product. Led by Dr. Donald Roberts, chair, Communications Department, Stanford University, the board includes some of the country's most renowned child educators, kids' media experts as well as a contingent of 'just plain kids.' Other members include Dr. Gordon Berry, School of Education, UCLA; Dr. Milton Chen, KQED Center for Education and Lifelong Learning; Dr. Jeffrey Cole, UCLA Center for Communications Policy; Dr. Alan Kay, Apple Fellow; David Kleeman, American Center for Children's Television; Dr. Henry Levin, School of Education, Stanford University; Dr. Carla Seal-Wanner, Mindworks Media.

"Every product at JP Kids is grounded in solid learning principles and positive values," explains Steyer. "We always start with a core curriculum. But everything we create is also designed to tap kids' imaginations. Kids love humor and at JP Kids we know how to be intelligent and funny at the same time."

Investors

The private investor roster includes such notable financial leaders as George Roberts Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co.; Warren Hellman, Hellman & Friedman; Michael Klein, private investor; and Ed Cohen founding partner of General Atlantic.

About JP Kids

JP Kids is a media company dedicated to reaching out to kids of all ages, sizes, colors and cultural backgrounds through multiple forms of media. The company intends to develop, produce and distribute content for children across all platforms including traditional television programming for broadcast and school markets, home video, film, educational software, interactive media (CD-ROM), online programming, books, magazines and other printed material, games, toys and other learning tools, as well as products and training services for parents and teachers. The company's content and production studio is headquartered in New York, and executive offices are located in Oakland, CA with additional resources in Los Angeles.

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JP Kids Corporate Backgrounder

JP Kids, L.L.C. is a children's multiple media company dedicated to changing the world for kids through quality media. JP Kids is developing a lineup of creative media products that blend a fresh, fun, kid-friendly attitude with top creative talent and a solid educational foundation. The company was launched in 1996 by leading child advocate and educator, Jim Steyer, founder of Children Now. Steyer has brought together a team of outstanding creative and business talent as well as award-winning educators and experts in child development to create new and powerful media experiences for kids.

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JP Kids is privately financed by several of the most respected and prominent members of the U.S. investment community. The company's production offices are headquartered in New York, with executive offices in the San Francisco Bay Area and a presence in Los Angeles.

JP Kids Philosophy

JP Kids believes that media can be a powerful, positive force for good for every kid and that every kid can learn, have fun and be inspired by stimulating content. Everything JP Kids creates is designed to tap kids' imaginations, and every product is grounded in solid learning principles and positive values which start with a core curriculum.

Striving to be a breakthrough brand in all media, JP Kids looks for smart, funny and irreverent products that break new ground on the creative front and for partners that have a proven track record creating original, edgy, intellectual properties.

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JP Kids Products

JP Kids is developing a wide array of products ranging from television series and films, to CD-ROMs and online content. The company intends to develop, produce and distribute content for children across multiple platforms. (See attached slate of programs in development.)

Advisory Board

Led by Dr. Donald Roberts, chairman of the Department of Communications at Stanford University, JP Kids' Educational Advisory Board is fundamental to its commitment to kids and plays a key role in shaping its products. The board consists of some of the country's most renowned child educators and kids' media experts as well as a contingent of kids, and acts as the company's "educational conscience" for every product.

Other members include Dr. Gordon Berry, School of Education, UCLA; Dr. Milton Chen, KQED Center for Education and Lifelong Learning; Dr. Jeffrey Cole, UCLA Center for Communications Policy; Dr. Alan Kay, Apple Fellow; David Kleeman, American Center for Children's Television; Dr. Henry Levin, School of Education, Stanford University; Dr. Carla Seal-Wanner, Mindworks Media.

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JP Kids Management Team

Jim Steyer, Chairman and CEO

Jim Steyer is one of the most respected experts and entrepreneurs on issues related to education and children's media in the U.S. Steyer is perhaps best known as the founder and original president of Children Now, the highly respected national advocacy and media organization for children.

Steyer is also an award-winning teacher at Stanford University. For the past ten years, he has been a Lecturer in the School of Education and Department of Political Science, teaching a variety of courses on children, civil rights and civil liberties issues. With the help of several other professors, Steyer co-founded Stanford's Children & Society Program. Among other honors, Steyer was awarded the university's highest teaching honor, the Walter J. Gores Award for Excellence in Teaching, presented annually to three Stanford professors.

Prior to founding JP Kids and Children Now, Steyer served as a civil rights attorney, working for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. There, he helped spearhead the Poverty and Justice Program, focused on developing national legal and legislative strategies on behalf of disadvantaged African Americans. While still in law school, Steyer was the founder and original chairperson of the East Palo Alto Community Law Project. This non-profit law office continues to serve as the primary source of legal services for low-income families in East Palo Alto and has been the training ground for hundreds of students at Stanford Law School.

Steyer's long-standing commitment to disadvantaged children and to teaching began nearly 20 years ago when he worked as a remedial reading tutor in New York City ghetto schools. Since then, he has taught reading and math to disadvantaged youngsters in New York, East Palo Alto and Oakland. He currently spends one morning per week as a volunteer teacher to 2nd, 3rd and 5th graders at E. Morris Cox Elementary School in East Oakland where he has taught for the past 8 years.

Beth Barker, Chief Financial Officer

Beth Barker has an extensive background in investment banking and the software field. Barker was president of The Software Toolworks/Mindscape PLC, where she oversaw the company's \$80 million equity financing and was active in the sale of Mindscape to Pearson PLC, the British media conglomerate.

Prior to working at The Software Toolworks, Barker was a partner at Montgomery Securities in San Francisco, where she oversaw their corporate finance activities in the software industry. Clients included Aldus, Corporate Software, Sybase and The Software Toolworks. Barker joined Montgomery Securities after working as a loan officer at the Bank of California where she was responsible for middle market lending activities targeting Silicon Valley technology companies. She is also a trustee of the Bay Area Discovery Museum, a leading children's museum based in Sausalito, CA.

Ann Dilworth, Strategic Advisor

Ann Dilworth serves as strategic advisor to JP Kids, focusing on the company's distribution and business strategy. Dilworth previously worked at The Times Mirror Company where she was senior vice president and president of consumer media for this \$3.8 billion company. At Times Mirror, Dilworth was responsible for television programming, multimedia publishing, Times Mirror Magazines, and Abrams Publishing. She also helped to develop the company's international strategy.

Prior to joining Times Mirror, Dilworth was president of the Addison-Wesley General and International Publishing Company, one of the leading educational and professional publishers in the world. There, she had P&L responsibility for almost half of all revenues, including all non-US operations, all trade book publishing, the training program and software publishing.

JP Kids Creative Team

Liz Nealon, Executive Producer

Liz Nealon has a 14-year history of creating and producing breakthrough television for MTV and Children's Television Workshop (CTW).

Nealon was the co-creator and executive producer of the critically-acclaimed CTW show, *Ghostwriter* (PBS). The mystery-adventure series, designed to teach reading and writing to kids and teens, ranked among the top ten television shows (including commercial television) for kids 6-11 in the February 1996 Nielsen sweeps. Created as an integrated, branded, multi-media project, the components included a best-selling Bantam Books series, *Ghostwriter* magazines and teacher's guides, software (Microsoft), home video, games/licensed product and other distribution materials that reached over a million disadvantaged children each month. Nealon was also instrumental in funding the project, helping to raise an unprecedented \$37 million over the three seasons. A successful BBC co-production, *Ghostwriter* is broadcast in 24 countries worldwide. *Ghostwriter* has received honors (including a Writer's Guild award) for presenting a realistic, racially diverse world in its two-hour mystery stories.

Nealon's previous work as senior vice president of international programming for MTV also reflected her distinctive, multi-cultural perspective. As executive producer, she designed and launched MTV Europe, and was executive in charge of production on MTV Brazil, MTV Australia and MTV Japan. She also oversaw the development and production of *Buzz*, the award-winning, avant garde current affairs program. *Buzz* was co-produced with Channel 4 (U.K.) and was sold into international syndication.

Marc Chusid, Creative Director

Marc Chusid has a 15-year history of creating award-winning on-air promotion and advertising for MTV, Lifetime Television and Comedy Central. Throughout his career, he has participated as a leader in the launching or relaunching of branded cable services.

Chusid's most recent work was as vice president, on-air/creative director for the launch of Comedy Central, the service formed by the merger of MTV Networks' Ha! and HBO's The Comedy Channel. He directed all advertising creative for the channel -- print, radio and television -- and oversaw the formation of the Creative Services department which brought all communication under his direction. Comedy Central is now in 40 million homes and is one of the fastest-growing cable channels.

Chusid moved from MTV to Lifetime in 1989, with the title of vice president, on-air promotion, this time helping to reposition the channel as the highly successful "Network for Women." By creating the look and personality of both the on-air promotion and the advertising campaigns, he led the strategic branding which built Lifetime into one of the top ten most-watched cable channels.

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Miranda Barry, Executive In Charge of Development

Miranda Barry is an award-winning writer and veteran development and production executive whose experience spans multiple media.

Most significantly, Barry became director of program development for American Playhouse, where she was responsible for the development of over 100 feature films, movies for television, miniseries and adaptations from stage plays and books, including: *Testament*, *El Norte*, *Stand and Deliver*, *Smooth Talk* and the Emmy-winner for best TV miniseries, *Concealed Enemies*.

In 1990, Barry entered the world of kids' programming when she joined the *Ghostwriter* development team at CTW. She co-created the series concept, wrote and produced the prototype that was used to raise the initial \$12 million production funding and was supervising producer through all three seasons of production.

Among her other, numerous writing credits are: *Mom & Dad*, a TV sitcom created for Embassy Television/NBC; *Sara & Gerald*, a miniseries for American Playhouse; *Pinkerton's Angel*, a feature film about the first woman detective and a *Ghostwriter* arc (4 episodes) called *Who is Max Mouse?*

John DeNatale, News Director

John DeNatale is a television journalist who spent the past twelve years at the award-winning *MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour* on PBS. From 1989 to 1995, DeNatale was senior producer at *MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour* for national affairs, responsible for all editorial judgments regarding health, education, legal affairs, science and a wide range of domestic topics. In politics, he covered Presidential and congressional press conferences, interviewed numerous cabinet members and covered four political conventions. During this period, he produced a two-week series on violence prevention and teenagers, which generated widespread viewer praise for its emphasis on solutions to the growing epidemic of teenage violence. He also focused on children's health issues, including the condition of uninsured children in America, child immunization policy and the disparity between black and white infant mortality rates. From 1984 to 1989, DeNatale was a reporter for *MacNeil/Lehrer*, covering education, business and the environment. He expanded the beat, which became known for critically examining the relationship between business and the family.

Prior to his career in Journalism, DeNatale spent two years as a teacher in a New York City private school. DeNatale currently teaches television reporting to undergraduates in the Journalism Department at New York University.

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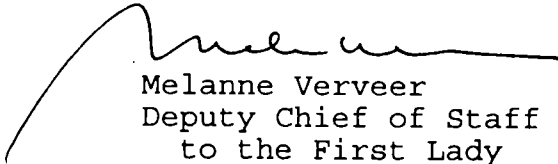
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Dear Dr. Stoler:

Thank you for your letter and for your health care proposal. I am also sharing it with colleagues involved in health care policy.

Best wishes in the important work you do.

Sincerely,



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Deputy Chief of Staff
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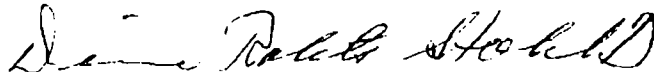
Dear Mrs. Verveer,

Thank you for the opportunity to resubmit my healthcare proposal to you. I sent my first draft in February 25, 1996. Since that time, one of our state representatives, Jim Colt, hired an attorney to rewrite my healthcare proposal in legislative language. Along with this cover letter is the revised healthcare proposal.

Since 1993, I've spent a great deal of time getting reactions to my proposal from all types of healthcare providers and all types of insured and non-insured consumers who are presently affected by the current healthcare system. There was a unanimous consensus that my proposal is practical, highly cost-effective and efficient.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you. My office phone number is 508-352-8269 and my home phone number is 508-352-6530.

Sincerely,



Diane Roberts Stoler, Ed.D.

DR. DIANE STOLER HEALTH CARE PROPOSAL

PHILOSOPHY

In addressing rising health care costs, we have neglected to address sufficiently the related problems of a vast uninsured population and the diminishing personal autonomy of patients under the managed care system. The cost of providing care to residents of the Commonwealth accrues to all of us. Every uninsured resident adds to the potential burden on the Commonwealth as a whole. Too often we wrongly focus attention on business as the source of a solution to our "health care crisis," and fail to look to the individual to act as a responsible consumer of health care.

The consumer of health care is not the corporation that purchases insurance plans for its employees. The true consumer is the individual patient who relies upon the insurer to cover his or her medical expenses. The Stoler Proposal recognizes this reality and focuses on the way real people interact with the health care industry. The Proposal is underpinned by three concepts.

First, every resident of the Commonwealth must take responsibility for his or her own health care. This means that individuals will be required to obtain health insurance, and will also be required to make some contribution to the costs of their care.

Secondly, every resident of the Commonwealth must be given greater autonomy in choosing his or her physician or other provider, as well as in choosing what procedures and treatments he or she will undergo.

Lastly, the burden of purchasing and maintaining health insurance for individuals should not fall upon businesses, but instead must be borne by the individuals who demand the services. Nevertheless, businesses, because of their relative purchasing strength, should be encouraged to provide health care options for their employees. Should they choose not to, they should be required to shoulder only a portion of the burden of providing for the health care needs of the Commonwealth.

OVERVIEW

The overriding goal of the Stoler Proposal is to provide individuals with the maximum choice of health care plans and providers. Currently, many insured individuals are restricted in their choice of health care plans and providers to the choices made for them by their employers. Under this plan, individuals would be free to choose the plan they preferred, and moreover, regardless of what plan they chose, would be free to choose the provider they prefer up to a minimum level of spending. The Stoler Proposal removes a minimum amount of basic health care benefits from the constraints of the managed care system and its gatekeepers.

The Proposal places personal responsibility and choice at the forefront of the health care regime. Only those individuals covered by Medicare or Medicaid will be excepted from the requirements of the Proposal. Under this plan, every citizen of Massachusetts will be required to obtain a minimal level of health insurance, known as the Basic Minimum Benefit. Furthermore, every individual would be required to make at least a minimal contribution toward the cost of their health care based upon their ability to pay. This will impart a sense of responsibility and cause individuals to act as genuine consumers of health care, while providing access to those currently without access. The current system encourages a sense of entitlement in those lucky

enough to be covered by an employer's plan, and a sense of helplessness in those who are not. Under the Stoler Proposal, employers will not be required to provide health plans to their employees, though they will remain free to do so if they wish. Those employers who chose to continue to offer health plans will receive a tax credit. Those who choose not to offer such a benefit will be subject to a modest increase in their tax burden, depending on the size of the business. Small businesses will be exempted from this additional burden.

In requiring each individual to obtain health insurance, the Commonwealth will also mandate a premium scale linked to income, under which those in the highest income brackets will pay the most for the required coverage, and those in the lower brackets would pay less. Except for those qualifying for Medicare and Medicaid, however, every individual will qualify to pay some level of premium. The mandated premium scale would apply only to the Basic Minimum Benefit.

The Basic Minimum Benefit which every citizen must obtain will be an annual health care dollar limit. An insured person may obtain health care services of his or her choosing up to that limit. Insurers may not limit or control the way in which an insured uses his or her minimum benefit, nor may an insurer limit or otherwise restrict the rate at which a provider is reimbursed for services. This ensures that, up to a minimum level, every individual shall have full control of what provider he or she sees and what treatment he or she undergoes. Costs of treatment for catastrophic illnesses and injuries shall not be applied to the Basic Minimum Benefit.

Health care expenditures above the Basic Minimum Benefit shall be subject to approval and restriction by the insurer as is the present practice. Providers shall be free to tailor their plans as they wish beyond the Basic Minimum Benefit, and may charge what premium the market will bear for coverage above the minimum.

Major Elements

1. Establishes Mandatory Health Insurance Requirement.

All citizens of the Commonwealth will be required to carry a minimum level of health insurance, to be known as the "Basic Minimum Benefit." If an individual has a Social Security number, he or she must carry an insurance package offering at least this minimum amount of coverage. Compliance with this requirement will be tracked by the Department of Revenue, which will assess a penalty if a taxpayer or dependant is not insured. Furthermore, the receipt of all state benefits and services will be contingent upon an applicant's health insurance status. Just as every automobile owner must carry car insurance, every owner of a Social Security number must carry health insurance.

The Basic Minimum Benefit shall constitute a dollar amount of services available annually to the insured without encumbrances. A health care "credit card" or "debit card" shall be issued to each insured. The card shall be presented to a provider and shall be accepted for payment for services up to an aggregate annual amount equal to the Basic Minimum Benefit level.

2. Health Care Card Allows Consumers to Use Minimum Benefits With Any Provider, Without Prior Approval Requirement.

The Basic Minimum Benefit required of every insurance plan and insurer will be evidenced by a "Health Care Credit Card" or "Debit Card" which a patient may present to a provider for the payment of the provider's bill. The Card will represent an annual credit or debit line equal to the Basic Minimum Benefit. Funds expended up to the limit and the treatments they pay for shall not be subject to restriction or "gatekeeping" by the insurer. Thus the insured may obtain at least a fixed dollar amount of medical services annually from the provider(s) of his choice.

All providers qualified by the Commonwealth may accept the insured's "credit" card as payment for services provided. If the insured has not exceeded the annual minimum benefit level, the insurer must reimburse the provider for services rendered. This provides the insured with wide discretion in "spending" his or her health care dollars, up to an annual level. Beyond the annual minimum level of benefits, the insurer may impose restrictions on whom it will reimburse and for what procedures it will provide coverage. Up to the Basic Minimum Benefit level, however, the individual insured shall have autonomy in choosing his or her physicians and other providers, as well as the nature of the care he or she seeks.

3. Health Insurance No Longer Linked to Employment Status and Employer.

Under this universal health insurance model, health insurance would be obtained by individuals and families directly. No employer shall be required to provide health insurance for its employees. Insurance providers would be encouraged to market their products more directly as individuals would be required to be covered to a minimum level. Perhaps more importantly, individuals will not be limited to plans offered and chosen by their employer. While employers would still be able to offer insurance packages to their employees, employees of businesses that do not offer health insurance would be required to obtain private insurance. Businesses greater than a predetermined size who do not provide health insurance to employees shall be subject to an additional tax.

4. Tax Credit for Employer Who Pays All or Part of Premium

An employer who pays all or part of the premium for its employees' health insurance shall be granted a tax credit commensurate with the proportionate amount of the premium subsidized. Thus, employers will have an incentive to provide health insurance for their employees, but small businesses shall not be penalized if they do not.

5. Uniform Minimum Benefits Must be Provided Under Every Policy.

Every insurer who provides health insurance in the Commonwealth will be required to provide a Basic Minimum Benefit, operating as described above, allowing each insured to obtain a minimum amount of health care services as measured by an annual "credit" or "debit" limit. Insureds will present their health insurance card at the provider of their choice, and if the insured has not exceeded his or her annual basic minimum level

of benefits, the insurer must reimburse the provider for services provided until the basic minimum level of benefits are reached.

An insurer may allow an insured to increase his or her level of basic benefits obtainable with the card by contributing funds to the insurer's pool, thus increasing his or her "credit," or by whatever other means the insurer may offer.

6. Premium and Co-Payment Scale for Basic Minimum Benefit Graduated With Income.

Every insured shall pay an annual premium for his or her health insurance Basic Minimum Benefit. This premium shall be graduated according to the insured's income. Those qualifying for Medicare and Medicaid shall be covered under those programs, and will be exempt from the requirements of this proposal. Those not qualifying for those programs shall pay premiums. Providers shall be allowed to charge higher premiums to those in higher income brackets, and will be restricted in the premiums they may charge to those in lower income brackets. In this manner, every resident of the Commonwealth will help to finance the health care costs of the Commonwealth as a whole, commensurate with his or her ability to do so.

7. Freedom of Choice for the Ultimate Consumer.

A. Choice of Insurer

By requiring every resident to obtain insurance, the market for such coverage will be opened to individuals, whereas currently it is largely restricted to institutional purchasers. Residents of the Commonwealth should be allowed the greatest freedom of choice in insurers and benefits, and not restricted to a greatly limited selection as provided and determined by their employer.

B. Choice of Provider

Residents of the Commonwealth are being increasingly limited and restricted in their choice of doctors and other providers from whom they may obtain health care. Under the Stoler Proposal, individual policy holders will be free to choose any provider when they spend their basic minimum health care benefit. When an individual's annual health care expenditure rises above the Basic Minimum Benefit, then and only then may the insurer determine when and from whom an insured may receive health care services.

8. Preventive Focus Rather Than Reactive.

By providing the insured with the autonomy to seek initial treatment when he or she chooses and from whom he or she wishes, individuals will be encouraged to seek treatment and preventive care before their health care problems become acute and require more expensive intervention. Furthermore, because each individual will be responsible for shouldering a degree of financial responsibility for his or her health care, he or she will be further encouraged to pursue beneficial lifestyles and preventative check-ups and treatments.

9. Those Qualifying for Medicare and Medicaid are Exempt From the Requirement of Private Coverage, But May Purchase Extra Coverage

While those who qualify for Medicare and Medicaid shall be exempt from the requirement that they purchase private health insurance, they shall be allowed to purchase coverage beyond that provided by those programs, if they are able to do so and if insurers choose to offer such policies.

10. Provider Fees Not Regulated By State or Insurer, up to Basic Minimum Benefit Level for Each Patient.

A provider shall be allowed to set his or her own fees for services provided under the Basic Minimum Benefit. For care provided to an insured and paid for by the Basic Minimum Benefit, the consumer shall have the choice of seeking treatment from a more or less expensive provider, and the insurer must reimburse the provider according to his or her fee schedule. In this manner, the insurer's annual "unmanaged" exposure is limited to the Basic Minimum Benefit, and providers can be assured of being properly reimbursed for their services at least up to a minimum level for each patient.

11. Plans Providing for Coverage Above the Basic Minimum Benefit May Be Tailored.

Insurers may offer benefit packages of any type in addition to the Minimum Basic Benefit, and premiums for those packages and plans may be set by the insurer. This allows the competitive marketplace to determine the cost of insurance beyond the minimum level, and allows insurers to target market segments and recoup the costs of providing the Basic Minimum Benefit.

12. No Exclusions For Pre-Existing Conditions.

The implementation of the Stoler Proposal shall include a grace period during which any individual may obtain insurance under this proposal from any insurer regardless of preexisting medical conditions.

ERISA

The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 broadly preempts state laws "relating to" employee benefit plans. Exempt from preemption are state laws which regulate insurance. While health insurance plans provided by employers fall under the category of employee benefit plans as contemplated by ERISA, only self-insured ERISA plans are subject to total exemption from state laws regulating insurance. The United States Supreme Court's recent decision in New York State Conference of Blue Cross & Blue Shield Plans v. Travelers Insurance Company, 115 S. Ct. 1671 (1995), has narrowed the scope of ERISA preemption by excluding from preemption those state laws which have only an indirect economic influence on an employee benefit plan.

The Stoler Proposal regulates and directly affects the relationship between insurer and insured. Because it applies to all insurance plans offered in the Commonwealth, it does not affect employers' choice of medical insurance. It directly regulates the insurance industry, and any influence it may have on an employee benefit plan will be indirect. To the extent that it affects employee benefit plans, it is exempt from preemption because its affect indirect and economic in nature. To the extent that the Proposal directly addresses employer conduct or administration of benefit plans, it does so through the state's power to tax, and ERISA is therefore not implicated.

Financing

The Model uses approximately \$100 million dollars in revenues from an additional 25 cent increase in the cigarette tax to help finance the health insurance premiums of the lowest income citizens. An additional tax on alcoholic beverages will contribute to funding. The Proposal further contemplates a modest tax on the largest employers who do not offer health insurance to their employees.

Notes-Stoler Health Care Proposal- June 9, 1996

The U.S.'s largest 500 manufacturers shrank from 16.2 million workers in 1979 to 11.5 million in 1993, although employment at the largest companies grew slightly.

More than 99% of all companies are small. Of the 21 million enterprises filing tax returns in 1992, 15 million were from proprietorship (three-fifth of which run their business full-time); 6 million from corporations and partnerships.

In 1992 the U.S. had 5.7 million companies with at least one employee.

Since 1980, cost have shot up over 150 percent--including an increase of 53 percent over the last four years alone. As cost have risen, coverage has dropped. The most recent estimates indicate there are over 36 million people in the U.S. who have no health insurance whatsoever--including on in five children. Among the families who do have coverage, an average of 13 percent of household income goes to insurance coverage.

The health care proposal does not included those individual presently covered by Medicare or Medicaid. It would include the approximately 524,000 uninsured people.

A. The present proposal does not address several issues:

1. Health care control.

The Health care proposal is based on the concept that if individuals are spending their own money, they would be more careful consumers or health care services. Routine medical expenses should be paid directly from individual's pockets. Catastrophic health insurance would be a separate policy.

2. Direct Access

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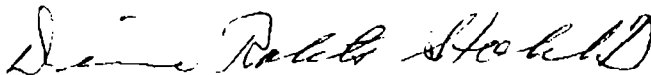
Dear Mrs. Verveer,

Thank you for the opportunity to resubmit my healthcare proposal to you. I sent my first draft in February 25, 1996. Since that time, one of our state representatives, Jim Colt, hired an attorney to rewrite my healthcare proposal in legislative language. Along with this cover letter is the revised healthcare proposal.

Since 1993, I've spent a great deal of time getting reactions to my proposal from all types of healthcare providers and all types of insured and non-insured consumers who are presently affected by the current healthcare system. There was a unanimous consensus that my proposal is practical, highly cost-effective and efficient.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you. My office phone number is 508-352-8269 and my home phone number is 508-352-6530.

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DR. DIANE STOLER HEALTH CARE PROPOSAL

PHILOSOPHY

In addressing rising health care costs, we have neglected to address sufficiently the related problems of a vast uninsured population and the diminishing personal autonomy of patients under the managed care system. The cost of providing care to residents of the Commonwealth accrues to all of us. Every uninsured resident adds to the potential burden on the Commonwealth as a whole. Too often we wrongly focus attention on business as the source of a solution to our "health care crisis," and fail to look to the individual to act as a responsible consumer of health care.

The consumer of health care is not the corporation that purchases insurance plans for its employees. The true consumer is the individual patient who relies upon the insurer to cover his or her medical expenses. The Stoler Proposal recognizes this reality and focuses on the way real people interact with the health care industry. The Proposal is underpinned by three concepts.

First, every resident of the Commonwealth must take responsibility for his or her own health care. This means that individuals will be required to obtain health insurance, and will also be required to make some contribution to the costs of their care.

Secondly, every resident of the Commonwealth must be given greater autonomy in choosing his or her physician or other provider, as well as in choosing what procedures and treatments he or she will undergo.

Lastly, the burden of purchasing and maintaining health insurance for individuals should not fall upon businesses, but instead must be borne by the individuals who demand the services. Nevertheless, businesses, because of their relative purchasing strength, should be encouraged to provide health care options for their employees. Should they choose not to, they should be required to shoulder only a portion of the burden of providing for the health care needs of the Commonwealth.

OVERVIEW

The overriding goal of the Stoler Proposal is to provide individuals with the maximum choice of health care plans and providers. Currently, many insured individuals are restricted in their choice of health care plans and providers to the choices made for them by their employers. Under this plan, individuals would be free to choose the plan they preferred, and moreover, regardless of what plan they chose, would be free to choose the provider they prefer up to a minimum level of spending. The Stoler Proposal removes a minimum amount of basic health care benefits from the constraints of the managed care system and its gatekeepers.

The Proposal places personal responsibility and choice at the forefront of the health care regime. Only those individuals covered by Medicare or Medicaid will be excepted from the requirements of the Proposal. Under this plan, every citizen of Massachusetts will be required to obtain a minimal level of health insurance, known as the Basic Minimum Benefit. Furthermore, every individual would be required to make at least a minimal contribution toward the cost of their health care based upon their ability to pay. This will impart a sense of responsibility and cause individuals to act as genuine consumers of health care, while providing access to those currently without access. The current system encourages a sense of entitlement in those lucky

enough to be covered by an employer's plan, and a sense of helplessness in those who are not. Under the Stoler Proposal, employers will not be required to provide health plans to their employees, though they will remain free to do so if they wish. Those employers who chose to continue to offer health plans will receive a tax credit. Those who choose not to offer such a benefit will be subject to a modest increase in their tax burden, depending on the size of the business. Small businesses will be exempted from this additional burden.

In requiring each individual to obtain health insurance, the Commonwealth will also mandate a premium scale linked to income, under which those in the highest income brackets will pay the most for the required coverage, and those in the lower brackets would pay less. Except for those qualifying for Medicare and Medicaid, however, every individual will qualify to pay some level of premium. The mandated premium scale would apply only to the Basic Minimum Benefit.

The Basic Minimum Benefit which every citizen must obtain will be an annual health care dollar limit. An insured person may obtain health care services of his or her choosing up to that limit. Insurers may not limit or control the way in which an insured uses his or her minimum benefit, nor may an insurer limit or otherwise restrict the rate at which a provider is reimbursed for services. This ensures that, up to a minimum level, every individual shall have full control of what provider he or she sees and what treatment he or she undergoes. Costs of treatment for catastrophic illnesses and injuries shall not be applied to the Basic Minimum Benefit.

Health care expenditures above the Basic Minimum Benefit shall be subject to approval and restriction by the insurer as is the present practice. Providers shall be free to tailor their plans as they wish beyond the Basic Minimum Benefit, and may charge what premium the market will bear for coverage above the minimum.

Major Elements

1. Establishes Mandatory Health Insurance Requirement.

All citizens of the Commonwealth will be required to carry a minimum level of health insurance, to be known as the "Basic Minimum Benefit." If an individual has a Social Security number, he or she must carry an insurance package offering at least this minimum amount of coverage. Compliance with this requirement will be tracked by the Department of Revenue, which will assess a penalty if a taxpayer or dependant is not insured. Furthermore, the receipt of all state benefits and services will be contingent upon an applicant's health insurance status. Just as every automobile owner must carry car insurance, every owner of a Social Security number must carry health insurance.

The Basic Minimum Benefit shall constitute a dollar amount of services available annually to the insured without encumbrances. A health care "credit card" or "debit card" shall be issued to each insured. The card shall be presented to a provider and shall be accepted for payment for services up to an aggregate annual amount equal to the Basic Minimum Benefit level.

2. Health Care Card Allows Consumers to Use Minimum Benefits With Any Provider, Without Prior Approval Requirement.

The Basic Minimum Benefit required of every insurance plan and insurer will be evidenced by a "Health Care Credit Card" or "Debit Card" which a patient may present to a provider for the payment of the provider's bill. The Card will represent an annual credit or debit line equal to the Basic Minimum Benefit. Funds expended up to the limit and the treatments they pay for shall not be subject to restriction or "gatekeeping" by the insurer. Thus the insured may obtain at least a fixed dollar amount of medical services annually from the provider(s) of his choice.

All providers qualified by the Commonwealth may accept the insured's "credit" card as payment for services provided. If the insured has not exceeded the annual minimum benefit level, the insurer must reimburse the provider for services rendered. This provides the insured with wide discretion in "spending" his or her health care dollars, up to an annual level. Beyond the annual minimum level of benefits, the insurer may impose restrictions on whom it will reimburse and for what procedures it will provide coverage. Up to the Basic Minimum Benefit level, however, the individual insured shall have autonomy in choosing his or her physicians and other providers, as well as the nature of the care he or she seeks.

3. Health Insurance No Longer Linked to Employment Status and Employer.

Under this universal health insurance model, health insurance would be obtained by individuals and families directly. No employer shall be required to provide health insurance for its employees. Insurance providers would be encouraged to market their products more directly as individuals would be required to be covered to a minimum level. Perhaps more importantly, individuals will not be limited to plans offered and chosen by their employer. While employers would still be able to offer insurance packages to their employees, employees of businesses that do not offer health insurance would be required to obtain private insurance. Businesses greater than a predetermined size who do not provide health insurance to employees shall be subject to an additional tax.

4. Tax Credit for Employer Who Pays All or Part of Premium

An employer who pays all or part of the premium for its employees' health insurance shall be granted a tax credit commensurate with the proportionate amount of the premium subsidized. Thus, employers will have an incentive to provide health insurance for their employees, but small businesses shall not be penalized if they do not.

5. Uniform Minimum Benefits Must be Provided Under Every Policy.

Every insurer who provides health insurance in the Commonwealth will be required to provide a Basic Minimum Benefit, operating as described above, allowing each insured to obtain a minimum amount of health care services as measured by an annual "credit" or "debit" limit. Insureds will present their health insurance card at the provider of their choice, and if the insured has not exceeded his or her annual basic minimum level

of benefits, the insurer must reimburse the provider for services provided until the basic minimum level of benefits are reached.

An insurer may allow an insured to increase his or her level of basic benefits obtainable with the card by contributing funds to the insurer's pool, thus increasing his or her "credit," or by whatever other means the insurer may offer.

6. Premium and Co-Payment Scale for Basic Minimum Benefit Graduated With Income.

Every insured shall pay an annual premium for his or her health insurance Basic Minimum Benefit. This premium shall be graduated according to the insured's income. Those qualifying for Medicare and Medicaid shall be covered under those programs, and will be exempt from the requirements of this proposal. Those not qualifying for those programs shall pay premiums. Providers shall be allowed to charge higher premiums to those in higher income brackets, and will be restricted in the premiums they may charge to those in lower income brackets. In this manner, every resident of the Commonwealth will help to finance the health care costs of the Commonwealth as a whole, commensurate with his or her ability to do so.

7. Freedom of Choice for the Ultimate Consumer.

A. Choice of Insurer

By requiring every resident to obtain insurance, the market for such coverage will be opened to individuals, whereas currently it is largely restricted to institutional purchasers. Residents of the Commonwealth should be allowed the greatest freedom of choice in insurers and benefits, and not restricted to a greatly limited selection as provided and determined by their employer.

B. Choice of Provider

Residents of the Commonwealth are being increasingly limited and restricted in their choice of doctors and other providers from whom they may obtain health care. Under the Stoler Proposal, individual policy holders will be free to choose any provider when they spend their basic minimum health care benefit. When an individual's annual health care expenditure rises above the Basic Minimum Benefit, then and only then may the insurer determine when and from whom an insured may receive health care services.

8. Preventive Focus Rather Than Reactive.

By providing the insured with the autonomy to seek initial treatment when he or she chooses and from whom he or she wishes, individuals will be encouraged to seek treatment and preventive care before their health care problems become acute and require more expensive intervention. Furthermore, because each individual will be responsible for shouldering a degree of financial responsibility for his or her health care, he or she will be further encouraged to pursue beneficial lifestyles and preventative check-ups and treatments.

9. Those Qualifying for Medicare and Medicaid are Exempt From the Requirement of Private Coverage, But May Purchase Extra Coverage

While those who qualify for Medicare and Medicaid shall be exempt from the requirement that they purchase private health insurance, they shall be allowed to purchase coverage beyond that provided by those programs, if they are able to do so and if insurers choose to offer such policies.

10. Provider Fees Not Regulated By State or Insurer, up to Basic Minimum Benefit Level for Each Patient.

A provider shall be allowed to set his or her own fees for services provided under the Basic Minimum Benefit. For care provided to an insured and paid for by the Basic Minimum Benefit, the consumer shall have the choice of seeking treatment from a more or less expensive provider, and the insurer must reimburse the provider according to his or her fee schedule. In this manner, the insurer's annual "unmanaged" exposure is limited to the Basic Minimum Benefit, and providers can be assured of being properly reimbursed for their services at least up to a minimum level for each patient.

11. Plans Providing for Coverage Above the Basic Minimum Benefit May Be Tailored.

Insurers may offer benefit packages of any type in addition to the Minimum Basic Benefit, and premiums for those packages and plans may be set by the insurer. This allows the competitive marketplace to determine the cost of insurance beyond the minimum level, and allows insurers to target market segments and recoup the costs of providing the Basic Minimum Benefit.

12. No Exclusions For Pre-Existing Conditions.

The implementation of the Stoler Proposal shall include a grace period during which any individual may obtain insurance under this proposal from any insurer regardless of preexisting medical conditions.

ERISA

The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 broadly preempts state laws "relating to" employee benefit plans. Exempt from preemption are state laws which regulate insurance. While health insurance plans provided by employers fall under the category of employee benefit plans as contemplated by ERISA, only self-insured ERISA plans are subject to total exemption from state laws regulating insurance. The United States Supreme Court's recent decision in New York State Conference of Blue Cross & Blue Shield Plans v. Travelers Insurance Company, 115 S. Ct. 1671 (1995), narrowed the scope of ERISA preemption by excluding from preemption those state laws which have only indirect economic influence on an employee benefit plan.

The Stoler Proposal regulates and directly affects the relationship between insurer and insured. Because it applies to all insurance plans offered in the Commonwealth, it does not affect employers' choice of medical insurance. It directly regulates the insurance industry, and any influence it may have on an employee benefit plan will be indirect. To the extent that it affects employee benefit plans, it is exempt from preemption because its affect indirect and economic in nature. To the extent that the Proposal directly addresses employer conduct or administration of benefit plans, it does so through the state's power to tax, and ERISA is therefore not implicated.

Financing

The Model uses approximately \$100 million dollars in revenues from an additional 25 cent increase in the cigarette tax to help finance the health insurance premiums of the lowest income citizens. An additional tax on alcoholic beverages will contribute to funding. The Proposal further contemplates a modest tax on the largest employers who do not offer health insurance to their employees.

Notes-Stoler Health Care Proposal- June 9, 1996

The U.S.'s largest 500 manufacturers shrank from 16.2 million workers in 1979 to 11.5 million in 1993, although employment at the largest companies grew slightly.

More than 99% of all companies are small. Of the 21 million enterprises filing tax returns in 1992, 15 million were from proprietorship (three-fifth of which run their business full-time); 6 million from corporations and partnerships.

In 1992 the U.S. had 5.7 million companies with at least one employee.

Since 1980, cost have shot up over 150 percent--including an increase of 53 percent over the last four years alone. As cost have risen, coverage has dropped. The most recent estimates indicate there are over 36 million people in the U.S. who have no health insurance whatsoever--including on in five children. Among the families who do have coverage, an average of 13 percent of household income goes to insurance coverage.

The health care proposal does not included those individual presently covered by Medicare or Medicaid. It would include the approximately 524,000 uninsured people.

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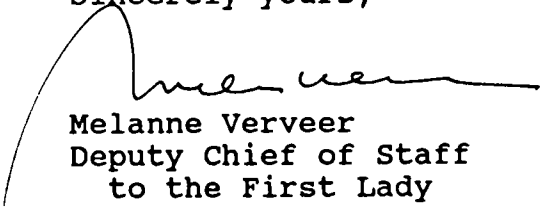
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Thank you for your letter and kind invitation for the First Lady to speak at the Sisters and Daughters Betrayed luncheon meeting on Friday, October 18, 1996. Mrs. Clinton greatly appreciates the important work of your conference on behalf of women and children.

Regrettably, due to the First Lady's schedule she will be unable to attend the luncheon.

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

Sincerely yours,



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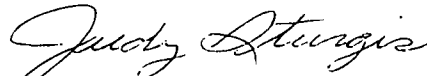
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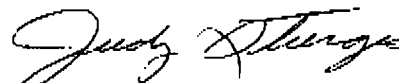
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Five Charged With Holding Thai Women Captive for Prostitution

By N. R. KLEINFELD

Four men and a woman were charged with smuggling at least a dozen women from Thailand into this country and forcing them to work as prostitutes at a heavily guarded Chinatown brothel, Federal authorities announced yesterday.

Officials said that the defendants, all Thai citizens, promised the women lucrative restaurant jobs in New York but instead imprisoned them in the brothel and ordered them to have sex with 400 to 500 men to win their freedom.

Mary Jo White, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, said that four of the five defendants were

arrested yesterday morning by agents of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The fifth is still being sought.

The authorities said the ring had been smuggling women into the country since at least last summer. The police shut down the brothel, at 204-206 Bowery, in early November after someone there called 911.

According to immigration service investigators, scores of women speaking little or no English worked at the brothel. They were kept behind a series of locked doors and monitored by video cameras and three daunting guards. Rarely were any allowed outside to catch even a glimpse of daylight. Their hope of release was pinned on meticulous records they kept of how many cus-

tomers they served.

The immigration service said it first became aware of the compulsory prostitution at the Chinatown brothel on Oct. 11. The place was not closed until Nov. 5, however, because the police said they were helping immigration officials and did not want to interrupt their investigation.

Investigators said the five defendants played various roles in the smuggling case. They include Somchai Khoensavanh, also known as Sam, 39, of 604 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Conn., who was described as a guard at the brothel and Saravut Wattanasiri, known as Yai or Kevin, 29, of 20 Confucius Plaza in Chinatown, who the authorities said struggled

one of the captive women from Thailand and collected the money she earned.

The others are Somchai Kojumong, known as Odd, 41, of 127 Parsonage Street, Rocky Hill, Conn., who officials said smuggled two of the women from Thailand and collected their brothel money; Thongsak Wuthidegrasirong, known as Kiang or Krieng, 24, of 42-04 Saul Street, Flushing, and Vilawan Palimphat, known as Lek, 39, also of 42-04 Saul Street, Flushing. The latter two were accused of smuggling at least nine of the women held at the brothel. Somchai Khoensavanh has not yet been

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arrested. Each defendant faces a minimum sentence of life in prison. Officials said the investigation is continuing but would not speculate on whether there are likely to be arrests.

Siew Cook Atkins, also known as Lily Chan, who the authorities said managed the brothel and was called "Mama" or "Mama-san" by the women, was arrested when the brothel was raided in November and is being held without bail. She has been charged with conspiring to smuggle women into the country and then to work as prostitutes.

According to court papers filed in the case, immigration officials learned of the brothel after members of the Mayor's Task Force on Midtown Enforcement did a routine inspection Oct. 11. The task force inspectors were approached by a Thai woman who suggested that she and the other prostitutes were being held against their will. The police

and the immigration service were called.

Immigration investigators interviewed 21 women that day. Three agreed to cooperate and left with the officials. The others refused to be questioned any further and stayed at the brothel. Investigators said that Ms. Chan allowed the police to search the place and said she would help them find Thai nationals who brought the women to her.

While the investigators were busy, however, they said that she remained, apparently through a secret door concealed by a false wall.

According to the court papers, the brothel remained open while the investigation continued. At 11:30 P.M. on Nov. 5, the police responded to a call to 911 from someone in the brothel who said that women were being held captive there. The police arrested Ms. Chan and searched the brothel was closed down.

According to the papers, some of the women said they were approached in Bangkok last summer and promised jobs in American restaurants paying large sums of mon-

Offers of lucrative restaurant jobs turn out to be forced prostitution.

ny. Some had valid passports while others did not. All were given false visas and one-way plane tickets to New York.

Shortly after they arrived in New York, the papers said, the women were taken to the Bowery brothel. There, Ms. Chan instructed each woman that she could not leave until she had "400." One woman thought this meant \$400, but she found out that it referred to the number of men she would have to have sex with. Others told investigators that their quotas were 200 men. Some of the women kept their own meticulous records of how many customers they served.

According to investigators, the

standard rate at a Chinatown brothel is \$130. Of that, \$30 goes to the brothel and \$100 to the prostitute. Investigators therefore estimate that each woman had to pay \$40,000 to \$50,000 of her earnings to gain release.

Investigators said that Ms. Chan negotiated with the smugglers over the price of each woman. Fees from customers, the papers said, were split with the smugglers, except in the case of a few women who Ms. Chan bought outright from the smugglers. She kept all of their records.

Flacing the premises was impossible, the women told investigators, because of the mass of dirty, hidden monitors and guards. According to the court papers, the women said they were told by one of the guards that if any of them escaped, numerous gang members in the city would easily track them down.

During her one month at the brothel, one woman told investigators that she was only permitted outdoors once, when a customer took her and several other women in a van to see the Statue of Liberty. Otherwise, she

said, she and the other women were kept indoors. Food was brought to them by guards.

Another woman, in her month's time, went out twice: once to see a doctor when she was sick and another time to rest at an apartment when she was feeling poorly.

A third woman said she was allowed outside three times during her three months of servitude. Twice, accompanied by a guard, she went to buy clothing, and a third time she went out for a walk with several of the other women.

Investigators said the women were not physically harmed but were treated rudely and felt certain that force would be used against them if they disobeyed. Investigators said that some said they feared for their lives.

Investigators suggested at least nine of the Thai women were cooperating. The court papers said one of these women said that when she spoke to her mother in Thailand, her mother said one of the defendants had called her and said his gang friends would soon find her daughter.

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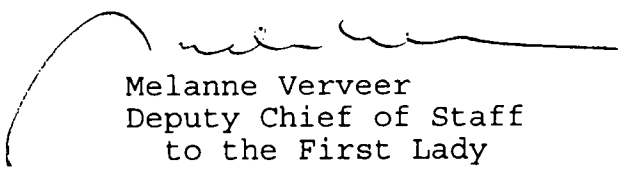
The First Lady asked me to thank you for your letter and kind invitation to participate in the Rededication Ceremony of the Suffragist Statue in the Capitol Rotunda, tentatively set for November 19.

Regrettably, the First Lady will not be in Washington at that time and therefore, she will not be able to attend.

Congratulations on your leadership effort in returning the suffragists' statues to the Capitol Rotunda.

Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,



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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOMEN'S HISTORY

October 11, 1996

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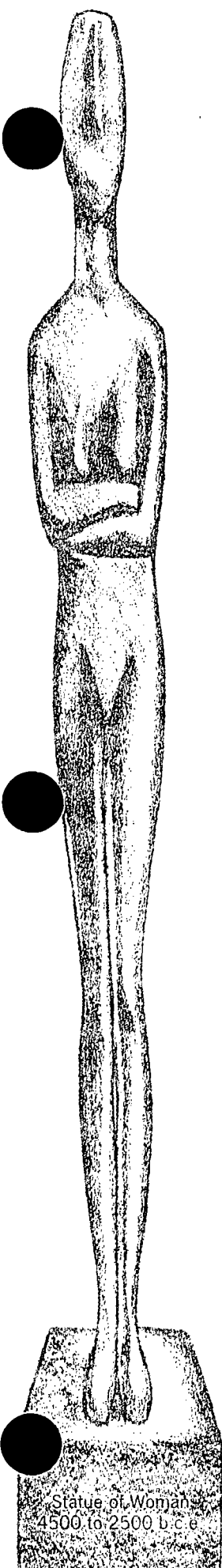
Dear Mrs. Clinton:

After a 76-year struggle by women, Congress has unanimously agreed to restore the statue of suffragists Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Lucretia Mott to the Capitol Rotunda. Although these courageous and visionary leaders enfranchised 52% of our population, their images and story have been relegated to the Capitol crypt since 1921. Finally, due to the tireless work of the Woman Suffrage Statue Campaign, a project of the newly formed National Museum of Women's History (NMWH) in raising both public awareness and the congressionally required money for relocation costs, this important historic symbol will move to the Rotunda on the tentative date of November 19, 1996. (Enclosure 1.) NMWH is honored to invite you to participate in the Rededication Ceremony and to unveil the Suffragist Statue. Under separate cover, we are also asking the President to participate.

Because of the historical significance of these great American women and the fact that for the first time in our nation's history our foremothers and forefathers will stand side by side, we feel the Rededication Ceremony would be the perfect occasion for the President to make an announcement or issue an Executive Order creating a President's Commission on the National Museum of Women's History. The Commission's mission would be to identify a federal site in Washington, D.C., gain legislative authorization of the site, identify private funds for construction and renovation costs, and develop plans to privately fund yearly operating costs. President Jimmy Carter issued a similar Executive Order to establish the U.S. Holocaust Memorial and Museum. (Enclosure 2.) We have forwarded our proposal to the President and hope to have your support as well.

NMWH has the full and enthusiastic support of Betsy Myers, Director of the White House Office on Women's Initiatives and Outreach. In fact, Betsy calls this project a "gift to the President." Throughout our campaign to return the Suffragist Statue to the Capitol Rotunda NMWH has received strong support from many members of Congress. Representative Carolyn Maloney is so sure of the need for and public support of NMWH that she wants to make it part of her campaign efforts in the coming months. Since this must be a bipartisan effort, we will be soliciting support from both Democratic and Republican members of Congress. Considering the thousands of women and men across the nation that have given us a "thumbs up"

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with their calls, letters, and dollars; we believe that the time is right.

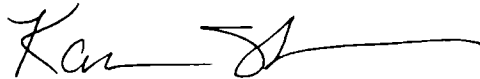
Supporting the National Museum of Women's History by Executive Order would make clear the President's and the Administration's intention to honor women's past contributions, and to support and encourage their continuing contributions to our nation. The NMWH was created in response to American women's deeply felt concern about the distortion of their history. History is primarily that - his story, not her story. For example, few know the Mother of Medicine, Trotula of Salerno, Italy (? - 1097). Her contributions to the field of medicine rival those of Hippocrates. Women also feel a compelling desire in the face of major social and political change to give voice to their unique perspective on our nation's past and in creating its future. (Enclosure 3.)

We have attached more detailed information and supporting documents. We welcome the opportunity to discuss NMWH with you and your staff and are available to answer any questions.

We hope you will agree to participate in the historic Rededication Ceremony of the Suffragist Statue in the Capitol Rotunda and to support the establishment of a Presidential Commission on NMWH. At a minimum, we hope that you will honor us with your participation and that we can continue to discuss the Executive Order. It could be signed in a future ceremony, perhaps in the Rose Garden.

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do in support of women and children.

Most Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karen Staser', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Karen K. Staser
President, NMWH

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104th Congress Passes Resolution to Move Woman Suffrage Statue \$25,000 Contribution by Abbott Laboratories Carries Campaign "Over the Top"

Washington, D.C. — After seventy-six years and three previous legislative attempts to move the famous "Portrait Monument" of three heroic suffrage leaders from the Crypt to the prestigious Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol, the National Museum of Women's History (NMWH) is pleased to announce that the necessary Concurrent Resolution was passed by both Houses of the 104th Congress just hours before it adjourned.

"This is a major victory. We honor our most notable national leaders in the Capitol Rotunda," says Joan Meacham, Co-chair of the NMWH Woman's Suffrage Statue Campaign. "However until passage of this resolution, only the male half of our historic leadership was represented there. Congress has now corrected that oversight."

Introduced and passed by unanimous consent in the Senate last summer, the resolution seemed doomed by an eleventh hour objection raised in the House stipulating that no federal money could be used to restore the statue to the Rotunda where it was originally dedicated on Susan B. Anthony's birthday, February 15, in 1921. The measure appeared to be going the way of earlier failed attempts in 1928, 1932 and 1950. The statue depicting Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott and Susan B. Anthony, pioneers in the greatest bloodless revolution in history, had become somewhat of a symbol reflecting the status of women in American society.

"The statue was in the basement long enough. This is not just success for the 52% of Americans who owe their right to vote to these women," adds Karen Staser, NMWH President and campaign Co-Chair. "Once we got the word out, we received thousands of letters and calls, and contributions, from women and men. This is a success for all Americans, who proved again that we are fair people who will not stand for injustice. Once properly informed, the public

rallied and Congress listened to them.”

The campaign is particularly grateful to Abbott Laboratories, whose \$25,000 contribution this week put them over the top on the way to their goal of raising the \$75,000 necessary to pay for the move. Duane Burnham, CEO of Abbott Laboratories, read about the campaign's efforts in the *New York Times* and immediately took steps to help. According to Meacham, “Abbott joins the ranks of quiet heroes nationwide who participated in this campaign. Without their assistance, the stipulation to use private funds would not have been met in time. They were there when we really needed help, and we are all very proud of the example they set.”

The rededication ceremony is being planned for mid-November. A host of contributors will be recognized, including a 9-year old who raised \$1,600 on her own, and corporate sponsors such as the Nasdaq Stock Market, the National Museum of Women in the Arts, United Parcel Services, Fannie Mae Foundation, General Dynamics, Philip Morris Companies Inc., American Federation of Teachers, and Ms. Foundation for Women.

The Woman Suffrage Statue Campaign is the first project of the newly formed National Museum of Women's History. For more information on NMWH contact Karen Staser at 703-299-0552 or Joan Meacham at 602-924-5847.

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Melanne Verveer

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HISTORY OF U.S. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM

- **President Carter announced the formation of the President's Commission on the Holocaust in a White House Rose Garden ceremony** celebrating Israel's thirtieth anniversary on May 1, 1978. In his remarks the President made clear that the motivation to build a Holocaust memorial was linked with the administration's support of Israel. (Linenthal, 1995)
- The commission was created at a time when American Jews were very disturbed over the idea of the Palestinian right to a homeland and the fact that Carter had linked the sale of previously promised aircraft to Israel with the sale of aircraft to Egypt and Saudi Arabia.
- Chief of Staff Hamilton Jordan asked Mark Siegel, deputy assistant to the President, to become the President's liaison to the Jewish community.
- **On November 1, 1978, President Carter issued Executive Order 12093, creating the President's Commission on the Holocaust.** Its mission was to submit to the President and the Secretary of the Department of the Interior "recommendations with respect to the establishment and maintenance of an appropriate memorial to those who perished in the Holocaust," to "examine feasibility of obtaining funds . . . through contributions by the American people."
- **Executive Order 12169, October 25, 1979, created the Council on the Holocaust** whose mission it was to implement the Commission's recommendations.
- **Public Law 96-388, the Commission's enabling legislation, was passed on October 7, 1980.** The legislation had a "sunset clause" which was a five year deadline - until October 7, 1985 - to satisfy the Secretary of the Department of the Interior that adequate progress was being made in raising the private funds necessary for construction costs and in designing a building that was acceptable to the various agencies involved.
- The **official groundbreaking** for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. took place on **October 16, 1985.**
- President and Mrs. Clinton, Vice-President and Mrs. Gore, and presidents and prime ministers of twelve other countries and representatives of twenty others attended the **opening ceremony of the U.S. Holocaust Museum on April 22, 1993.**

The National Museum of Women's History, Inc. (NMWH)

... is a Washington, D.C. based, bipartisan, nonprofit educational institution dedicated to preserving and celebrating the rich heritage of all women, and restoring this heritage to mainstream culture.

THE NEED ...

- **Fifty-two percent of our population is female.** There is a deeply felt need among girls and women to learn of their own unique heritage and to see themselves reflected with respect in our culture.
- **A national institution dedicated to the heritage of women does not exist.** Except in isolated women's studies programs, women's profound social, economic, political, intellectual, spiritual, and scientific contributions are under emphasized. The National Museum of Women in the Arts is dedicated solely to women's achievements in the arts. The National Museum of American History is dedicated to the historical development of mankind. **Edith Mayo, the Political Curator at the National Museum of American History for the past 34 years, fought persistently for exhibits on women's history throughout her career. Only two exhibits were ever authorized.**
- **Less than 5% of the nation's 2,200 National Historic Landmarks are dedicated to women,** according to a recent survey by the National Parks Service. There are **only 40 public outdoor statues of American women** according to another national survey.
- The historic contributions of women to civilization are missing or misunderstood.
- Knowledge of one's heritage is critical in developing a personal sense of competence and potential.
- **Lack of appreciation for women's contributions leads to a lack of value, understanding, and respect, and may invite violence or discrimination against females.**
- **NMWH will address these needs by:**
 1. **profiling the specific *achievements* individual women have made** in every area of human endeavor and
 2. **exploring and celebrating the *contributions* women have made to community and civilization** in their many roles such as mother, wife, sister, daughter, healer, teacher, and leader.

Enclosure 3

THE FUNCTION . . .

- **NMWH will advance and disseminate knowledge about the history of women by:**
 1. **Establishing a national institution** for the documentation, study and interpretation of the history of women;
 2. **Disseminating information and promoting public interest in women's history** through publications, meetings, seminars, research, publications and workshops on women's history;
 3. **Collecting and preserving** materials, art and artifacts relating to women and production of exhibits relating thereto;
 4. **Distribution of educational materials** and teacher resources;
 5. **Production of a variety of public programming** designed to enhance understanding of women's history and related issues of contemporary significance;
 6. **Aiding, working with, and participating** in the activities of other organizations, individuals and public entities engaged in similar purposes.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 25, 1996

Mr. Eric Smith
President, Jacksonville City Council
Office of the City Council
220 East Bay Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Mr. Smith:

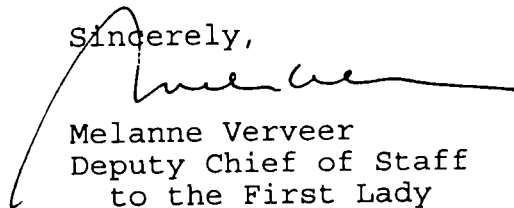
Thank you very much for your letter and for your invitation to the President and Vice President to visit the Jacksonville Victims Services Center.

I have forwarded your request to the President's scheduling office.

I have also shared the information on the Center with relevant White House officials.

It was good to meet you. Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady



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October 4, 1996

Melanne Verveer
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Ms. Verveer:

It was a pleasure meeting with you and the First Lady during your visit to Jacksonville on October 7.

I enjoyed our conversation and have enclosed the information on our Victim Services Center. Upon reviewing the information you'll find that our center is very unique. We are often modeled by other cities interested in providing much needed services to victims of crime. I hope arrangements could be made for the President and the Vice President to visit.

I would love to talk to you further. Please call me at your convenience. Hoping to hear from you soon.

Warmest regards,

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

Eric Smith
President, Jacksonville City Council

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Jacksonville Builds Nation's First Victim Services Center

by Jerry Flakus



Groundbreaking ceremonies for the first free-standing Victim Services Center in America were held on April 10th in Jacksonville. The center will serve victims of crime in the consolidated City of Jacksonville/Duval County.

Construction of the center, which began in May 1991, was a top priority in Mayor Hazouri's 1989/90 Capitol Improvement Plan. It is also a long-time dream of Jacksonville City Council President Eric Smith, who, while a state legislator, was architect of the state's Crimes Compensation Act and who has been the driving force behind the effort to make the center a reality.

A quarter of a million dollars of funding for the center's construction has been committed by the Jacksonville City Council, with significant assistance by Jacksonville Sheriff Jim McMillan and Henry Cook, clerk of the Circuit Court for the Fourth Judicial Circuit. A loan has been secured from First Performance Bank to cover the balance of the cost for the nearly \$500,000 project. University Medical Center contributed the property for the building.

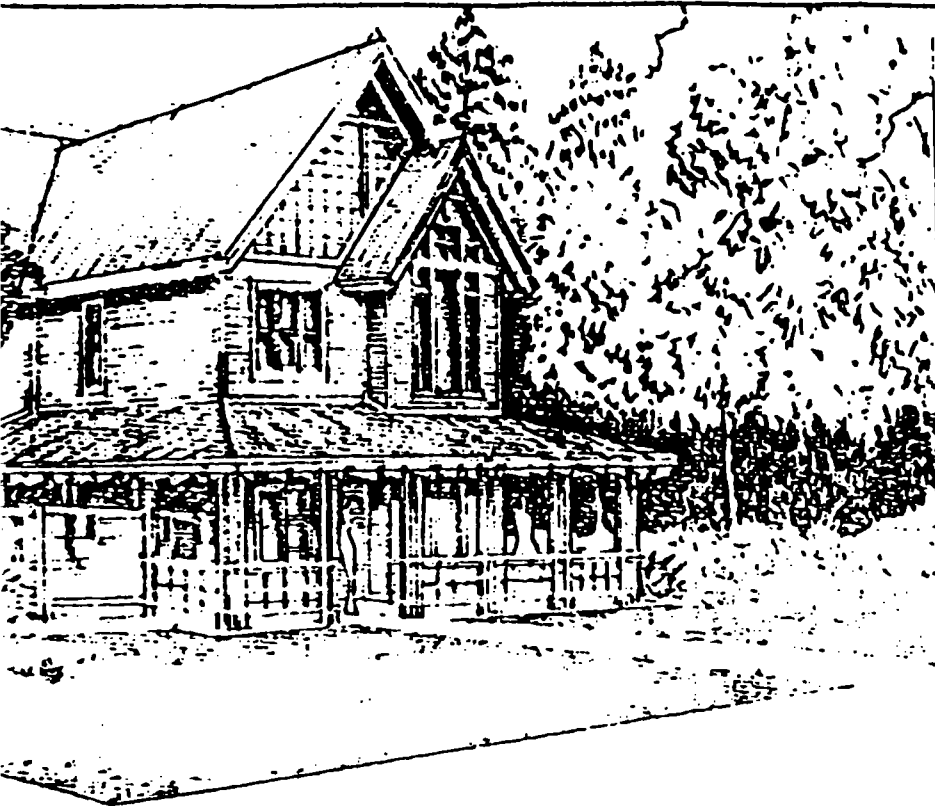
The Victim Services Center will be located in Jacksonville's historic Springfield district and will resemble a fine, turn-of-the-century home. Plans for the center call for a two-story, 4,000-plus square foot facility designed to accommodate future expansion needs. A rear or northerly facing wing is planned that would bring total square footage to over 6,000.

The new center, located only three blocks from University Medical Center (UMC), is also the same short distance from the community's Sexual Assault Center (SAC). Sixty percent of all victims injured in the Jacksonville area are treated in the UMC's emergency room. This past year, Jacksonville's Victim Services Division has had two of its victim services counselors stationed in UMC's emergency room to provide crisis intervention/counseling to victims, the victims' family members and concerned friends. The Victim Services Center's proximity to the UMC and SAC, as well as to major arterials and bus stops, will provide a distinct service advantage to both the public and the staff.

In the mid-80s, Jacksonville's City Council agreed to fund a study of the community's crime victims' needs and the number and quality of existing services. A professional criminal justice consulting firm conducted the study and one of the recommendations in that study was that Jacksonville needed a crime victim services center, complete with a comprehensive services program.

The City Council deliberated and took action. It adopted a resolution and enacted an ordinance establishing a new Victim Services Division within the city's Human Services Department. The division was charged to "develop and implement effective services and programs and maintain statistics regarding services rendered, including efforts conjunctive with public and private sector agencies" and to, "provide crime victims and survivors with individual and group counseling for mental/emotional trauma; crimes compensation assistance; criminal justice support and other needed services, including information and referral."

News of the initiation of Jacksonville's Victim Services Center



concept is being received with considerable enthusiasm by victim services professionals throughout Florida and across the United States. As Councilman Smith likes to say, "We are going to make sure that innocent victims of violent crimes receive at least the same level of help and assistance that the criminal justice system guarantees to those accused and convicted of crimes."

Clearly, many of Jacksonville's victim needs are not unique, but instead reflect many of the victim needs of cities in Florida and across the country. Therefore, it should be anticipated that Jacksonville's approach to addressing its victims' needs, as exemplified by its Victim Services Center, could well be replicated partially or completely in other locales.

The Victim Services Division provides the following services to Jacksonville's crime victims, their families and friends:

1. crisis stabilization and short-term counseling;
2. criminal justice orientation and counselors to escort them through the court process;

3. information about and referrals to other social, medical and legal services;

4. assistance with the completion of Crimes Compensation applications, a state program that compensates crime victims/survivors for medical expenses and/or lost wages and funeral expenses;

5. support group for battered women;

6. networking with community organizations and outreach citizenry to provide education about victims' needs and rights; and

7. community crisis response to assist groups of victims and/or their surviving family members and friends in overcoming the tragic effects of criminal violence, i.e., shootings and other acts of terrorism.

Victim services counselors provide services on a daily basis to the following: victims of sexual assault (adults and children); victims of aggravated battery/assault; surviving family members/friends of homicide victims, and DUI/DWI victims; victims of spouse abuse and other crimes against persons; adult victims of incest; and victims of property crimes.

The counseling staff of eight provides services to 320 people per month. The division also initiates telephone and/or letter outreach to 360 crime victims each month.

The staff realizes that the financial burdens (medical, funeral) incurred as a result of a crime can be devastating; therefore, it has been instrumental in helping Jacksonville's crime victims receive over \$225,000 in crimes compensation benefits during recent months. The application process can be tedious for traumatized victims, but the division's counselors are committed and they track the application through the process.

The division has added a financial component to its comprehensive services. In 1988, the City Council passed an ordinance sponsored by Councilman Smith creating the Victim Assistance Services Trust Fund (VAST) that provides emergency financial assistance to crime victims/survivors. Services include minor home repairs, food, shelter and medical assistance, to name a few. These funds are made available to the VAST from private, public and corporate donations and also from court reparations. This action was a blessing to victims because the state no longer provides any emergency help, even though state law requires it.

Jacksonville's Victim Services Center is tangible proof that the city is committed to providing quality help for crime victims and that it is deeply concerned about what happens to and for the criminally victimized. The current target date for relocating the city's Victim Services Center Division to the new facility is the first week of October. It will become a beacon of hope and an oasis of rehabilitation for crime victims.

For more information, contact Jerry Flakus, Chief, Victim Services Division, (904) 630-6300, Post Office Box 53257, Jacksonville, FL 32201. ■

Above is an artist's rendering of Jacksonville's new Victim Services Center.

VICTIM SERVICES OFFERS MORE THAN COMPASSION

Recognizing and being sensitive to the needs and rights of crime victims, survivors and their loved ones throughout Jacksonville is the responsibility of Jerry Flakus and his staff of 13, of whom seven are counselors of the Victim Services Division.

Flakus will tell you that each member of his staff is a highly capable and unique individual who applies compassion with an expert response to each client's needs.

"Our counselors are victim confidantes. They are adept at helping a victim build trust and confidence which is essential in efforts to help a victim restore unique personhood and value."

Victim Services helps people who are either a victim, survivor, or in some way affected by the following crimes: sexual assault and battery, domestic violence, homicide, or property crimes.

"It's a myth that poverty causes crime," said Flakus. "It's just the opposite. Crime causes poverty. When people lose their stability and are

in dire straits, they do desperate things which cause them to prey on others and create impoverishment of others — financially, emotionally and physically."

According to Patricia Alexander, Victim Services Coordinator, the daytime counselors — Fredericka Bradley, Cynsia Fowler, Sharon Gardner, Alice McGuinness and Judith Rossetti — average a total of 320 cases per month. Night counselors, Michael Flintoff and Chernice Lane, average 450.

The services available through Victim Services include: crisis counseling, support groups, criminal justice and court support, general advocacy and assistance, and victim compensation assistance.

"Since 1986," Alexander said, "more than \$1 million has been returned to the victims and/or survivors for direct assistance from the Florida Bureau of Victims Compensation due to our filing assistance. This doesn't include assistance in securing additional community services, nor compensation



This is the new Victim Services Center at the corner of West 10th and Perry streets. The house was built through efforts of various public and private agencies.

from the State Attorney's Office, nor from the Victims Assistance Services Trust Fund which provides emergency financial assistance."

"Appropriately enough," Flakus said, "we are now able to offer our services of compassion from a brand new house in Springfield (at the corner of W. 10th and Perry Streets) that was built entirely from the compassion of Jacksonville's leading victims rights advocates."

"Sheriff Jim McMillan's concern for victim's rights far outweighs that of any other law enforcement official that I'm aware of in this country," said Flakus, the former director of Oregon's Crime Victims Compensation Program. "He contributed \$20,000 from his own Law Enforcement Trust Fund to victims services."

"This center is also a long-time dream of City Councilman Eric Smith, who as a state legislator designed the state's Crimes Compensation Act and was the driving force behind making the center happen," said Flakus.

Other important contributors included Henry Cook, Clerk of Circuit Court for the Fourth Judicial Circuit. A quarter of a million

dollars was allocated by the Jacksonville City Council, and University Medical Center, just three blocks away, donated the property for the building. Continental Cablevision produced a challenge campaign to obtain matching contributions, and a loan was secured from First Performance Bank to cover the balance.

A major goal Flakus has for Victim Services is to improve services to Duval County's victims by working with the State Attorney's Office Witness Service Program. He said this will help establish a more effective clearinghouse to serve more victims, to reach out to Baldwin and the Beaches, and to improve the relationship with other victim-serving agencies in these areas.

Speaking of reaching out to people who need help, Victim Services is no bench warmer. They screen police reports daily to identify innocent victims and survivors of crimes, and send them letters encouraging them to seek the agency's help.

For victim services assistance, call 630-6300.

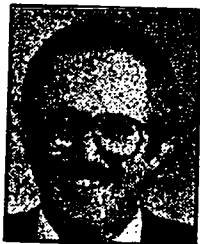
—LISA BRAREN



Jerry Flakus, (L) chief of Victim Services, confers with staff members (from L to R) Judith Rossetti, Fredericka Bradley and Cynsia Fowler. Staff not shown includes: Patricia Alexander, Janie Chauncey, Sharon Gardner, Mary Holley, Alice McGuinness, Michael Flintoff, Chernice Lane, and Virginia Southworth.

Here's something going right: Crime victims are getting help

OPINION



Ronald L. Littlepage
Times-Union
columnist

Today let's focus on something Jacksonville is doing right, something the city can be proud of.

We all know how our legal system has been twisted in favor of the criminal.

The bad guys have their rights protected every step of the way by free lawyers and taxpayer-paid professionals.

But what about the victims of crime?

What about the mother whose life is torn apart by the murder of her only child?

What about the senior citizen who can't afford to repair the door that was

broken down by thieves?

What about the woman who is raped?

The child who is abused?

Who helps these victims through the bureaucratic maze they are suddenly — through no fault of their own — confronted with?

Who helps them put the pieces back together?

Fortunately, in Jacksonville, there is an answer to those questions.

Crime victims in this city, thanks in large part to the efforts of City Councilman Eric Smith, can turn to the Victim Services Center for help.

The center may be the only one of

its kind in the country — a single place that a victim can go to take advantage of the programs that are available to them.

Smith, a former prosecutor and state legislator who speaks out every chance he gets about the inequities between victims and criminals, pushed for such a center for years.

Finally, the center opened in February at 403 W. 10th St. in Springfield in a new building that blends in wonderfully with the neighborhood's historic homes.

It's there that a victim can find an advocate who will help with counseling, support groups, the

criminal justice system, compensation, crisis intervention — in other words, a friend who knows how the system works.

This is not a passive operation.

Last year, the center (phone number 630-6300) screened 14,300 police reports in search of victims who needed help.

As you might have guessed, the funding for the Victim Services Center — about \$500,000 — is minuscule when compared with the millions of tax dollars spent on protecting the rights of criminals.

Even that small amount is in danger in these tight budget times.

The real crime would be if Jacksonville, which is on the cutting edge in returning sanity to how victims are treated in this country, didn't continue in the direction it is headed.

Criminals will always be protected by powerful voices.

Victims have only ordinary folks to stand up for them.

You may want to pass that message along the next time you visit with your friendly elected official.

Jacksonville's victim center nation's first

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Do you know what it is to be a victim of mugging? I do. I was one. It happened nearly 12 years ago, but I doubt that a week has passed when I have not remembered it. I remembered it here in Jacksonville the other day, but in a very different way. I had come to see a good dream coming true.

The nation's first comprehensive Victim Services Center is primarily the good dream of City Councilman Eric Smith. He is an attorney, a former prosecutor in Duval County. He served for four years as a member of the state's House of Representatives. His professional life is devoted to financial counseling, but the center is his baby.

The idea began to germinate as far back as 1969. As prosecutor and legal adviser to the police, Smith was impressed by an imbalance that has impressed millions of others. Criminals get everything. Their victims get nothing.

That is an oversimplification, of course, but it contains a striking nucleus of truth. Typically the mugger or rapist is not arrested at all. If he is arrested, he may not be tried. If he is tried, he may go free. If he is found guilty, he rarely goes to prison. If he does go to prison, he won't stay there long. Set free on parole, he is eligible for counseling at public expense.

What of the mugger's victim? What about the woman who is raped? Well, what about them? Ex-

James J. Kilpatrick

Universal Press Syndicate

cept for their brief value to the law, it is as if they did not exist. They might identify stolen property or point to a suspect in a lineup. Otherwise victims are ciphers.

This picture struck Smith 20 years ago as dreadfully wrong. At Tallahassee, he was part of a successful effort to establish a state program of compensation for victims of crime. Most states now have such programs, but some of them are poorly funded. (Florida's program is temporarily out of funds altogether.)

Compensation for medical expenses and lost wages is fine, but Smith believed much more should be provided. Slowly the idea developed. In 1982 Jacksonville's City Council commissioned a study of a victim services center. The commission gave the plan a green light.

Over the past four years, bending to court pressure, Jacksonville has built \$100 million worth of new jails. Last year the City Council voted to commit \$250,000 to the Victim Services Center. The University Medical Center gave a piece of property close to the emergency room. The Jacksonville Economic Development Corp. hitched up. By



Eric Smith
Victim advocate

early December the center will open.

When I visited the building a few days ago, carpenters were getting down to the final trim. Director Jerry L. Flakus was out of town, but Smith and coordinator Pat Alexander took me around. To describe it as a "building" leaves a wrong impression, for the center will be housed in what appears to be a house. Located in the city's historic Springfield neighborhood, it is painted a kind of putty color. By the time it is landscaped the house will look as if it grew there.

Ms. Alexander, a sociology graduate who has worked with Travelers

Aid, has been working in the city's existing victims program for the past five years. She is as proud of the new structure as if she were hanging her own curtains. There will be a staff of 15. The goal is to have someone on counseling duty around the clock. About 600 to 800 cases a month are anticipated at the outset, but as word gets around the number is expected to grow.

Through a Victim Assistance Services Trust Fund (VAST), the center expects to do many little things that mean a lot. In recent months VAST has provided new locks for a poor woman whose house was broken into. In another instance, a victim of auto theft was unable to pay storage charges on her car after police found it. VAST paid the bill.

A third of the center's cases will involve sexual assault; probably 12 percent will involve wife-beating and other domestic violence. The center will work with abused children and with victims of drunk driving.

The idea is to give substance to a constitutional amendment that Florida adopted in 1988. The amendment guarantees certain rights to victims of crime, for example, a right to be present at every crucial stage of a criminal proceeding. Yes, an accused person has rights (and no one is trying to diminish these), but victims of crime have rights as well. It's a novel idea whose time has come.

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exams and financial compensation all at this one location. The extended hours will allow victims to get help without taking time off work.

Austin said much of the credit for getting the Victim Services Center established belongs to City Councilman Eric Smith, a former prosecutor under Austin and a former state legislator. Smith in turn said many people had hoped to get the center established.

"This announcement is the completion of a dream many of us have had," he said.

The plan had been to use \$250,000 of state money to establish the center over four years ago. But when the state backed off spending the money, the project was delayed.

Also present for the announcement were three people who had been helped by the center. One of those was Joan Taylor, whose son was murdered at The Jacksonville Landing after serving in the military in Saudi Arabia. It was only after her son's death, Taylor said, that she realized exactly how the judicial system worked.

"I did not know that criminals have more rights in the system than victims until I got into it," she said.

But Taylor's criticism of the criminal justice system is in stark contrast to her feelings about the Victim Services Center.

"I'm really thankful to God for having this organization and having somewhere to go," she said.

While Jacksonville was the first city in the nation to have a free-standing center, Austin hopes it eventually fades away.

"We'd like to see this facility work its way out of existence," he said.

That is unlikely. Other cities, in fact, are likely to copy Jacksonville's approach. Smith has been invited to Fort Worth, Texas, by the National Victim's Center to provide some insight on how the local center was established. Smith said continuing emphasis on victim's rights is necessary.

"We think we've done the job when we build more prisons or pass three strikes you're out," he said. "But that's not the whole ball of wax."

Victim Service Center grows into one-stop facility

■ by Stewart Verney

Having established the first free-standing victim services center in the country, Jacksonville is now about to expand the facility.

Mayor Ed Austin announced Monday the center, located on West 10th Street a few blocks from University Medical Center, will have longer hours and more services to help crime vic-

Using \$350,000 raised from private sources, the city will expand the building by 2,000 square feet. That additional space will make room for satellite offices of Hubbard House, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and the city's welfare office.

In making the announcement, Austin pointed out the necessity of focusing on the rights and needs of victims and how that has started to get the attention it deserves. When he started as State Attorney in 1991, Austin said, rape victims were subjected to examinations by the medical examiner in the

city morgue, and rape prosecutions were discouraged.

"The victim's the innocent party in this," Austin said. "We've been putting so much attention on the guilty."

The center opened in late 1991 and has served 13,000 crime victims since then. The expansion, which is scheduled to be finished by the end of the year, is being funded by a \$100,000 grant from Primerica and a \$250,000 donation from an anonymous donor.

Neither MADD nor Hubbard House will be charged for the space they will occupy in the expanded building. The presence of those two organizations will allow for specialized counseling for victims of drunk drivers and battered women and children. That in turn will allow the other counselors to focus on victims of other types of crimes.

"The center's expansion will make it a one-stop shop for crime victims," Austin said. "Now they'll receive counseling, group therapy, forensic medical

See Victims on page 3



City Councilman Eric Smith was credited by Mayor Ed Austin with helping establish the Victim Service Center in Springfield. The facility will be expanded this year, funded by a grant and a large donation.
(Photo by Diane Lintley)

Ex-attorney general lauds victims' center

By Beau Halton

Times-Union staff writer

Former U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese, now a victims' rights advocate, lauded Jacksonville's Victim Services Center yesterday as the nation's most comprehensive and effective.

After a tour of the facility, Meese said it could serve as a national model for how it melds city and state services to help victims get counseling, health care and financial help.

"Jacksonville's a leader and model for the rest of the nation," Meese told a gathering at the Florida Coastal School of Law, where he

was guest speaker at a luncheon to announce the establishment of the James Coon Jr. Memorial Scholarship fund.

"Too often, victims get driven from one center to another to get advice and counseling," said Meese, who was attorney general under President Reagan. "But here you have inter-agency agreement and cooperation to help make it a one-stop center."

Meese's accolades come as the center is recovering from a controversy over a leadership squabble at its Sexual Assault Center. The firing of the center's leader evolved into a political rift over who's most qualified to keep

watch over victims' services.

City Councilman Eric Smith, who has been a key figure in establishing victims' services in Jacksonville, and victims' advocate Ted Hires have squared off publicly over the issue. But yesterday, they both expressed a desire to put the controversy behind them.

"Everything's fine," Smith said after Meese's speech.

Smith invited Meese to Jacksonville for the luncheon. Both men serve on the board of the national Victims' Assistance Legal Organization.



— Carrie Rosema/staff

Former U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese shakes hands with Sharon Coon, mother of slain UNF student James Coon Jr.

Coon was a 19-year-old University of North Florida student who was kidnapped and murdered last year. Donald Lively, dean of the law school, said the scholarship fund was started after he met Coon's mother, Sharon Coon, at a breakfast this year.

Lively said a scholarship amount has yet to be determined.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 31, 1996

Lawrence Spinelli
6312 North 26th St.
Arlington, VA 22207

Dear Mr. Spinelli,

Thank you for your letter nominating the Honorable Peter W. Rodino, Jr. for the 1996 Medal of Freedom. We have forwarded your letter to the relevant White House office.

Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Melanne Vermeer", written over a horizontal line.

Melanne Vermeer
Deputy Chief of Staff
of the First Lady

6312 North 26th Street
Arlington, Virginia 22207
May 22, 1996

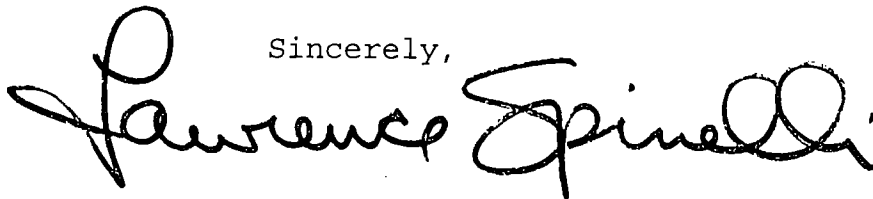
Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Verveer:

Lisa Caputo suggested that I send you a copy of the enclosed letter which I recently sent to the President. I thought it might be of interest to the First Lady.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence Spinelli". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a large initial "L" and a prominent "S".

LAWRENCE SPINELLI

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6312 North 26th Street
Arlington, Virginia 22207
May 10, 1996

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to nominate the Honorable Peter W. Rodino, Jr. to be one of the 1996 recipients of the Medal of Freedom.

From 1948 until 1988, Peter Rodino was a distinguished member of the United States Congress representing the people of New Jersey's Tenth congressional district. For fifteen years, he served as Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

Peter Rodino's place in American history was secured by his leadership during the greatest constitutional crisis our nation faced since the Civil War. Presiding over the Judiciary Committee's inquiry into the impeachment of President Nixon, Chairman Rodino restored America's faith in government with his fair, judicious and calm handling of these proceedings. When he retired in 1988, Peter Rodino was universally lauded for his stewardship during this time of national crisis.

But this is only part of the story of Peter Rodino's dedicated and selfless service to his country. A decorated war hero in World War II, he went on to serve for four decades in the Congress. He played a major role in the passage of historic civil rights legislation in the 1960's and 1970's. He is still recognized as one of the leading experts on immigration policy--fighting successfully to end the preference system based on national origin. Always proud of his Italian-American heritage, Peter Rodino authored the legislation to designate Columbus Day as a federal holiday.

It is impossible in a brief letter to do justice to the breath of Peter Rodino's career. But I strongly urge you to consider his nomination to receive America's highest civilian award as an overdue recognition of his many contributions to our nation.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE SPINELLI

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 29, 1996

Dr. Gene A. Spiller
President
Sphera Foundation
340 Second Street
PO Box 338
Los Altos, CA 94023

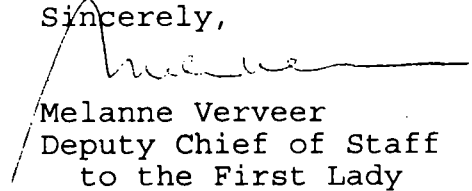
Dear Dr. Spiller:

The First Lady asked me to thank you for sending your books, Nutrition Secrets of the Ancients, Eat Your Way to Better Health and Cancer Survivors Nutrition and Health Guide.

Regrettably, the First Lady is not able to accommodate your request for a forward or comparable comments for your future book on nutrition aimed at young people. We, however, wish you much success for it is a most important topic.

Once again, thank you for your thoughtfulness and best wishes in the important work you do.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady



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Los Altos, CA 94023
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October 21, 1996

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I know you are very much aware of the importance of disease prevention, at a time when the treatment of disease is becoming more and more expensive and the entire practice of medicine is undergoing major changes.

I am enclosing for you three of my popular books, two on nutrition and disease prevention that were just published this year (*Nutrition Secrets of the Ancients* and *Eat Your Way to Better Health*) and one to help cancer survivors not only get well again, but hopefully to prevent future recurrences (*The Cancer Survivor's Nutrition and Health Guide*). In our Center, we do many clinical trials using foods to modify risk factors such as blood cholesterol levels, as we believe that the ultimate cure is prevention.

I have an idea for a nutrition book aimed at young children and adolescents and their families, a book that I would like to write with contributions in the form of a Forward or short comments in appropriate places in the text from you and/or your daughter, Chelsea. These are not intended to be of a medical or scientific nature, but rather to stimulate and inspire. There are various options that we can discuss on how these contributions can be worked out (interview, some original writing by you or Chelsea on the importance of prevention and learning proper nutrition at a young age, etc.). Dr. John Farquhar, Professor of Medicine at Stanford University and Director of the Stanford Center for Research in Disease Prevention, will also contribute to this book. There is no need to say that a key factor in solving the nation's increasing health costs is proper nutrition for young people. If I can count on your or Chelsea's contributions, I will select an appropriate major publisher. Such a book can have a tremendous impact on the future health of the nation.

I am also enclosing a copy of your book, *It Takes A Village*, that I have enjoyed very much, as I hope that when you find a moment you might autograph it for me. I am enclosing a return Federal Express envelope in which you can return the book to me after you sign it.

Best wishes for another four years in the White House.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene Spiller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G".

Gene A. Spiller, PhD, FACN
President

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 10, 1996

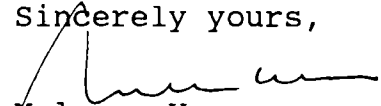
Ms. Tamara Stadnychenko
Ukrainian National Women's
League of America, Inc.
Editor, "Our Life" Magazine
108 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10003

Dear Tamara:

Thank you for your kind letter and for the issues of "Our Life," which I greatly appreciate. I too was glad to meet you finally.

Thank you for all you do and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

8/15/96

Thank
you

Dear Ms. Verveer,

It was a pleasure finally
meeting with you at the
UNWLA convention on May 24.

Please accept the enclosed
issues of Our Life with
our gratitude for your
interest in the UNWLA's
work and with my personal
appreciation for our previous
work together.

Very truly yours,

Tamara Stadnychenko,
Editor



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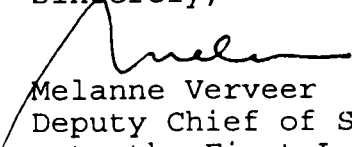
Professor Eric Schnapper
School of Law
University of Washington
Condon Hall
1100 NE Campus Parkway
Seattle, WA 98105-6617

Dear Professor Schnapper:

Thank you for your letter and for sending me a copy of the poll. It was great to hear you are settled in Seattle. I wish I had known you were there when we last visited. Next time.

Love to your family and best wishes.

Sincerely,


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

*What a
great place
to live!
Hope you are
enjoying it.*



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

SCHOOL OF LAW

Eric Schnapper, Professor of Law

September 25, 1996

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
The white House
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Melanne,

Enclosed is the poll I mentioned in my earlier letter. Note the "who cares?" flaws.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Eric Schnapper, consisting of a stylized 'E' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Eric Schnapper
Professor of Law

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 24, 1996

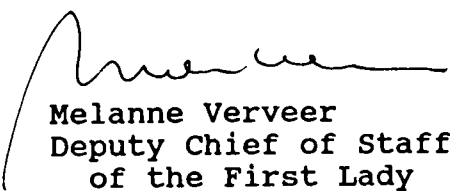
Lyubov Shalya
Lutheran Family Service
605 S.E. 39th Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97214

Dear Ms. Shalya,

Thank you for your letter and for the photos you enclosed. I greatly appreciate your kind invitation to visit. Unfortunately due to my responsibilities here in Washington, I will not be able to make the trip to Portland in the foreseeable future.

Thank you again for writing, and best wishes in the important work you do. It was good to meet you.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
of the First Lady



June 4, 1996

Lutheran Family Service
of Oregon and Southwest Washington

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Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy of Staff
Office of the First Lady
Room 100- OEOB
Washington, DC 20500
Fax: (202) 456-6244

Dear Ms. Vereer:

I would like to thank you very much for meeting with me May 1st to discuss issues related to refugees from the former Soviet Union who have moved to Portland. As you recall, we discussed the programs we have started which address the great variety of mental health, social and cultural adjustment needs they have.

Since returning, I have resolved to try harder to find ways I can help my community with or without money.

I have shared the news with many people in my community that there is someone in Washington that is concerned about them and their problems. We are all excited to have you to come for a visit very soon - don't worry about where to stay or what to eat or anything - we will provide them for you!

Please contact me soon and tell me when you can come.

Thank you again.

Yours sincerely,

d. Shalya

Lyubov Shalya
Public School Liaison-Soviet Family Adaptation Project
and Community Activist

P.S.

My home telephone number is (503) 650-7735. Please call anytime.

Multicultural Community Services
Refugee Services

605 S.E. 39th Avenue • Portland, Oregon 97214-3298 • 503-233-0042



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 8, 1996

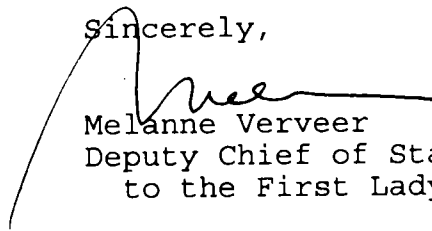
Ms. Karen Sheperd
1261 Second Avenue
Salt Lake City, VT 84103

Dear Karen:

Thank you for your thoughtful note and congratulations on your nomination to be US Director of the EBRO. We are thrilled for you and we know that you will serve with distinction.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

Karen Shepherd

September 20

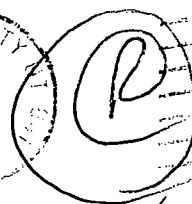
Dear Melanne,

Of course you know about my nomination to be US Director of The EBRD. Thank you for all your support in that and The FEC process. I couldn't be happier with the outcome, and I couldn't have done it without your and The First Lady's support.

Warmly,

Karen

Karen Shupert
1261 Second Ave
Salt Lake City UT 84103



Congratulations

Personal

Melanne Verwee
Office of the First Lady
1600 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington D.C. 20500



THE WHITE HOUSE
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June 24, 1996

Karen Shook
District of Columbia Board of Education
415 12th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20004

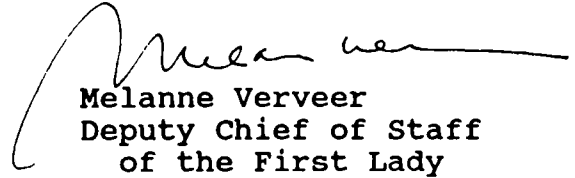
Dear Ms. Shook,

Mrs. Clinton asked me to thank you for your letter and invitation to be a guest on the "School Board Update" television program.

We are unable to make a commitment to your invitation at this time, due to the First Lady's demanding schedule. We will keep your request in our active file.

Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
of the First Lady

Melanne Verveer

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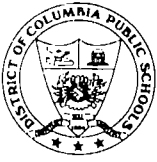
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EDUCATION



KAREN SHOOK
PRESIDENT
AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE

415 12th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004-1994
202-724-5450

May 16, 1996

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I am writing this letter to invite you to appear as my guest on "School Board Update", a taped television program that is shown monthly on Channel 28, a local cable network serving Washington, D.C. with a focus on the District of Columbia Public Schools.

You and the President have been such wonderful advocates for the young people of this country and I know you are interested in increasing your interaction with the citizens of the District of Columbia. This program would provide an excellent opportunity for you to speak to the citizens of the city--particularly parents, teachers, and students.

I so enjoyed reading your recent book, It Takes a Village, and I think a discussion of the themes from your book would be the perfect focus of our session together. The tapings occur the second Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Needless to say, we would be very willing to adjust that schedule to accommodate your busy calendar.

I hope that you will seriously consider appearing before an audience which would so appreciate hearing your views about issues of shared concern. Please contact my office at your earliest convenience to schedule the taping. I am most appreciative of your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Shook".

Karen Shook, President
At-Large Representative