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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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May 20, 1997

Mr. Alan Hassenfeld  
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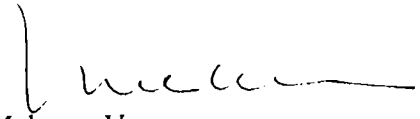
Dear Mr. Hassenfeld:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your thoughtful letter and invitation to participate in the Opening Ceremonies of the 1997 World Scholar-Athlete Games.

I have forwarded your request to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady, and she will be in touch.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer  
Chief of Staff to  
the First Lady



Office of the Chairman

April 23, 1997

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

Dear Ms. Clinton:

As Chair of the 1997 World Scholar-Athlete Games, a unique event that will bring 2,200 young women and men from every State in the Union and 125 countries to Rhode Island for a true celebration of sport, education, and culture, I extend this invitation for your participation. The Games will be held from June 22 to July 2 on the campus of The University of Rhode Island and in other venues, including historic Newport.

The Games will attract the best and brightest students of the world, ages 16-19. (I like to say the future leaders of the world, because that is what they will no doubt become.) I am continually enthusiastic about the Games because of its goals to promote international understanding through sport, education, and culture. If you are able to arrange your schedule to come to Rhode Island for the Games, you will see young women from China, South Africa, Argentina, France, Israel, Egypt, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland play soccer, volleyball, and basketball together on the same team. You will see young artists, musicians, singers, and writers from all over the globe relating to each other as they enthusiastically absorb everything they possibly can about each other's culture. You will see them on the University Quad discussing the issues of the day presented by world renowned authorities on topics such as the environment and world peace. You will see them prepare resolutions that will be presented to officials on the World Scholar-Athlete Games "United Nations Day" in New York.

I know from working with you on various projects in the past that you will rejoice in this event. It has everything that you would like to see young people engaged in -- the sports competition, the appreciation of other cultures, and the experience of

learning and forming opinions on the major issues confronting the world in which these young people live.

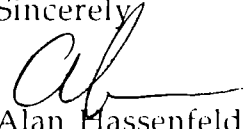
I realize, from direct experience, that you maintain a very active and busy schedule, but I would ask you to seriously consider this invitation. You will be joining an illustrious group that we are bringing to the Games as a source of inspiration for the scholar-athletes, such as Senator Nancy Kassebaum, Zoë Baird, Dr. Rosalia Rodriguez-Garcia, Director of George Washington University's Center for International Health, Mark Gearan, Director of the Peace Corps, and Mrs. Jeanne Ashe, widow of Arthur Ashe.

Ideally, we would like to include you in the Opening Ceremonies that will take place at The University of Rhode Island on June 22. If you are unable to make that day, we would, of course, welcome your participation on any of the days of the event. You should know that we also have invited President Clinton to participate in the World Scholar-Athlete Games. Please give some thought to coming up together and taking some time to relax and enjoy Newport.

Enclosed is a brochure and other information about the World Scholar-Athlete Games that will provide background and elaborate on what I have addressed in this letter.

I look forward to hearing from you and to seeing you at the Games.

Sincerely,



Alan Hassenfeld  
Chair

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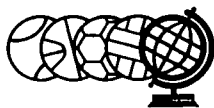
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## Backtalk

# New Medley: Running, Jumping, Writing and Painting

By BILL BRADLEY

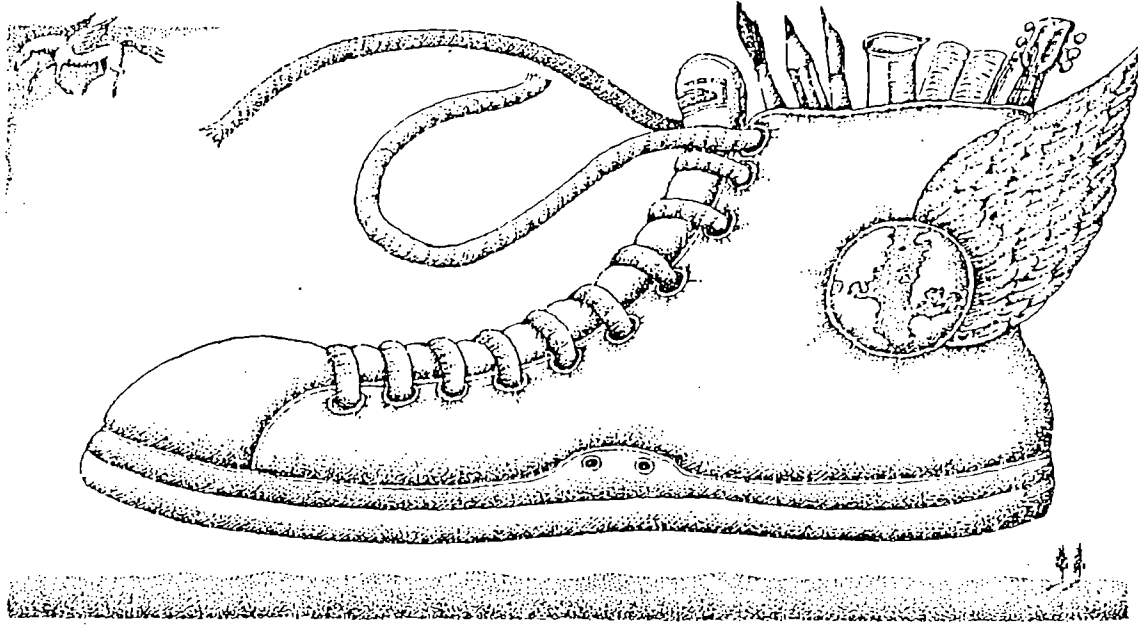
Although we often speak of student-athletes competing against each other, rarely if ever do we talk about goalies participating with sculptors and novelists in the same arena. But that will change tomorrow in Newport and Kingston, R.I., when the Institute of International Sport inaugurates a very special event, the World Scholar-Athlete Games. These games will introduce a type of youth-oriented, international competition never seen before, featuring participants exercising intellectual and artistic skills as well as athleticism.

The World Scholar-Athlete Games will assemble 2,000 young men and women, ages 16 to 19, from more than 100 countries and all 50 states to compete in basketball, tennis, soccer, volleyball, sailing, writing, poetry, choir or art. The students will compete on teams that will be chosen at random, not by nationality, creating squads whose only defining characteristic will be a diverse mix of nations and cultures.

### Delivering on Loftiness

Participants in the World Scholar-Athlete Games have been selected for their scholastic and cultural attributes as well as for their athletic skills. Thus, the participants, all of whom are good students, also either play a varsity sport or are distin-

*United States Sen. Bill Bradley, Democrat of New Jersey, is honorary co-chairman of the World Scholar-Athlete Games.*



Competing with the best athletes in the world not only brought out pride in nation but also fired a deeper feeling, pride in the human spirit.

It is the adrenaline of the human spirit that propels athletes through competition. I met and competed with individuals from all over the world who felt and used this same pride. And I think that we grew to admire and respect each other because of it.

International competition also fosters a higher level of communication that encourages positive interaction and brings one through a spectrum of emotions with both teammates and foes. While the often-stilted processes of government and protocol tend to impede our ability to learn from each other, competition requires and welcomes interaction between all.

The World Scholar-Athlete Games will thrive on this relationship, creating a world in which hands must be stretched across ethnic lines, language barriers, areas of skill, and interests. The young people who spend the next 12 days in Rhode Island cannot help but push themselves farther than they thought possible and, in the process, learn something new about themselves.

These games will provide an excellent opportunity to plant the seeds of international education and understanding for the next generation.

In this uncertain era, it is a comfort to know that this event, bringing together the youth of the world, will be making a major contribution to the promotion of international goodwill. The poet from Venezuela will get to know the point guard from China, and in this friendship we will all inch a bit toward a better world.

guished singers, writers, poets or artists.

We adults are fond of telling children that rewards come both on the field and off, but the World Scholar-Athlete Games deliver on these lofty words. They will provide the first-ever forum for these multitalented teenagers, who are often praised but rarely celebrated.

Countries could stage these games on their own, but it is far better that they are launched as an international

competition. The challenges facing us in the wake of the Cold War's end demand that we seek new vehicles of cooperation and new sparks of global leadership.

International games have the power to transcend racial and cultural barriers to make all nationalities come together as one, and the World Scholar-Athlete Games will only enhance this power.

And as a former athlete, I know the

impact that international athletics can have on spectators as well as participants. Whether they are watching in person, listening on the radio, or watching on television, spectators, whether from Indiana or India, understand and feel all that international competition can represent.

### Adrenaline of Human Spirit

I was a member of the 1964 Olympic basketball team, which is an experience that I will always treasure.

Peter Sis



AP/GREG GIBSON

## Fast company

Arondae Washington, left, of Providence jogs with President Clinton in Washington to promote the World Scholar-Athlete Games in Rhode Island. Page A-6.

# Providence school athlete jogs with Clinton

■ The 3-mile run promoted the World Scholar-Athlete Games, to be held in Rhode Island.

By JOHN E. MULLIGAN  
Journal-Bulletin Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Maybe Bill Clinton's presidency is plagued with false starts, but that old Clinton body is "really in good shape," according to one Rhode Islander who was up and running with him long before rush hour yesterday.

And the jogging President is "a really nice guy" to boot, said Arondae Washington, 16, of Providence, a freshman starter this year on the Hope High School varsity basketball team who joined in Mr. Clinton's morning ritual on the Mall.

To promote the World Scholar-Athlete Games, which open Monday in Rhode Island, Mr. Clinton ran with participants Washington and Tasha Cronin, 17, a soccer player for Bishop Ireton High School in Al-

exandria, Va. Tagging along was Matt Doyle, 19, of Hartford, a student at Duke University and son of Games organizer Dan Doyle.

They arrived from Rhode Island by train late Thursday with Games official Brian Shanley and met briefly with Senators Claiborne Pell and John H. Chafee.

Yesterday, they met Mr. Clinton before 7 a.m. in the diplomatic receiving room of the White House and presented him with a gold commemorative medallion of the games.

For the run, Mr. Clinton wore his trademark white baseball cap, green shorts and another gift from the scholar-athletes, a red and white World Scholar-Athlete Games T-shirt emblazoned with a list of events from poetry to sailing.

They took Mr. Clinton's standard course, running along the museum-studded strip of the Mall from near the Washington Monument to the Capitol, up its East Front steps and back down to the White House.

They logged about 3 miles in 25 minutes, frequently skirting groups of tourists and office workers oblivious to the celebrity among them.

It was muggy and sunny with haze on the Mall. Mr. Clinton's mood was sunny, too. Asked whether he was mad at the networks that didn't carry his press conference Thursday night, he answered with a smile. "No, I'm grateful for those who did."

The White House grounds were rigged up with a huge white tent for another event with a Rhode Island angle — last night's concert commemorating the anniversary of the Newport Jazz Festival — and Mr. Clinton was asked when he might visit the state.

The commander-in-chief answered noncommittally. But he used the chance to make a pitch for Rep. Jack Reed, a retired major in the Army Reserve. "You know, Congressman Reed went with us up to West Point when we went up for commencement (last month). He's a

West Point grad," Mr. Clinton said.

Reed has said he was sorry to have missed a presidential jog on that trip, Mr. Clinton was told.

"Well, we'd like to have him come with us on one. He's a good man," he said.

Doyle said Mr. Clinton "kicked at the end" of the run, and then the group cooled down with a leisurely stroll along the South Lawn of the White House. Mr. Clinton pointed out the flowering Southern Magnolia outside the South Portico, chatted with the runners in the Rose Garden and gave them a tour of the Oval Office.

But the high point of Arondae Washington's 60 minutes of fame may have been the glimpse of the presidential basketball court. "It's really nice," said Washington — half-court, just right for a game of one-on-one.

Maybe Bill Clinton is learning his limits. He didn't venture to challenge Arondae Washington at hoops.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 16, 1997

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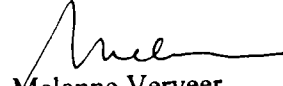
Dear Andrew:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and for the library initiative proposal which I have shared widely with others here at the White House and at the Department of Education. You are so right to point out the central role that libraries play in our society, particularly in addressing critical challenges in our education future.

Thanks and best wishes.

*I hope you are well -  
I miss being high again!*

Sincerely,

  
Melanne Verveer  
Chief of Staff to  
the First Lady

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Dear Melburn,

17 few weeks ago  
we chatted about the  
importance of libraries  
in the overall educational  
future. As you know  
they have been neglected  
and are now reaping  
their position.

If the Forest hady or  
the resident saw fit to  
use the word "libraries,"  
in announcements  
about education it would

increase their role &  
usefulness very considerably  
at the cost of just that  
one word.

Just as background  
I attach a fact sheet  
on progress and future  
possibilities.

This is just a modest  
proposal but one that  
could help millions of  
kids.

I wish seeing you  
Warren regards,

Andrew

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## **Proposal for First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton Library Initiative**

President Clinton and Vice-President Gore have provided extraordinary leadership towards ensuring that libraries are participants on the information highway.

- “every single library .... in America connected to the Information Superhighway by the year 2000” (NII Advisory Council, Telecommunications Act)
- “every eight year old can read .... every twelve-year old will be able to log-in on the Internet” (Address by the President to the Democratic National Convention)
- “PRESCRIBE READING” initiative encouraging pediatricians, hospitals ... libraries to work together to make sure that infants and toddlers have access to books and are read to regularly.

When Mrs. Clinton talks about “taking a village to raise a child”, there is a direct link to libraries. The best villages are centered around their libraries. Libraries are critical to raising a literate child in our ever-increasing global village.

**Technology bridges our communities by providing immense access to information and learning. Content and access to that content are the key issues that the country now faces. Libraries (and schools) need quality content for the potential of the information superhighway to be realized and libraries are critical players in providing both quality content and the ability to navigate the myriad electronic resources.**

Specific next steps are to ensure that:

1. libraries are an integral resource in the Administration’s efforts to: increase our children’s reading ability; create a technologically literate society.
2. librarians are trained to help users navigate the Internet and electronic resources;
3. libraries are active in navigational and content development in the electronic environment;
4. ensuring that adequate Federal, State and local funding is available for equipment, connectivity, and user and librarian education;
5. telecommunications rates are affordable so that libraries can provide access.

**Libraries need a national voice in order to sustain their role as agents of democratic and equal access to information.**

### **Background on The New York Public Library.**

- The New York Public Library is a network of 87 libraries: four world class research centers, and 83 branch libraries that circulate materials in neighborhoods in the Bronx, Manhattan and Staten Island. Over 12 million users annually.
- The Library implemented LEO (Library Entrance On-Line) a \$9 million integrated on-line catalog and information system that provides Internet access in every one of our 87 buildings. Every month, there are over 1 million electronic searches throughout the system.
- NYPL has over 350 public Internet microcomputers and 1,400 on-line catalog and database search terminals throughout the 87 buildings. In the next three years we hope to increase the number of public Internet computers to 1,000 and the total number of computer terminals to 3,000.

- NYPL has just secured over \$3.1 million from the City and State of New York, and the Department of Commerce, Telecommunication and Information Infrastructure Assistance Program funding to upgrade the NYPL telecommunications network to the capacity of T-1/T-3 lines.
- NYPL has just opened a new state-of-the-art library -- the Science Industry and Business Library. SIBL was designed to allow its users to take maximum advantage of the opportunities provided by today's information technology revolution. \$100 million public/private partnership with City, State and Federal funds. There is an Electronic Information Center, with 70 computer workstations and printers, which offers access to more than 100 stand-alone CD-ROM databases, networked CD-ROM files, on-line full text electronic journals, the Internet, and other electronic resources. Linked to the EIC is an Electronic Training Center which is a sophisticated facility where staff train the public in the use of electronic resources. Every day every one of these classes is fully booked. In addition, SIBL provides seating for up to 500 users with each reader position wired to support users' own laptop computers.
- The Library has been a pioneer in the creation of training curriculum aimed at retooling traditional librarians into 21<sup>st</sup> century information professionals who have a broad base of competencies with information technologies and electronic resources. Over the past three years, the WK Kellogg Foundation has provided \$500K to support the development of staff for the new Science Industry and Business Library. NYPL is now well positioned to provide leadership outreach programs for staff in other library settings.
- The Library has a privately funded Microcomputer Page program in which over 80 teenagers provide instruction and training to library patrons on both the hardware and software of the microcomputers in their branch.
- NYPL is committed to providing high quality content as well as the tools to navigate the Internet. NYPL is a leader in the nation's digital library movement. NYPL is a charter member of the National Digital Library Federation. Current projects include the creation of the "Digital Schomburg," a project which will allow Internet access to much of the spectacular and unique holdings of the Schomburg Center for Black History and Culture by the nation's educational communities (K-12, the Historical Black Colleges and African-American Studies programs). Other digital projects include an electronic Virginia Wolfe Archive and the conservation of photographs which document the early years of American Theater from the archives of the White Studios.

## **Recommendations:**

- Make "21<sup>st</sup> Century Libraries" a First Lady initiative.
  - create a "21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian" Project using the Clinton Administration model of "21<sup>st</sup> Century Teachers".
  - give incentives to libraries to develop navigational tools and content thereby enhancing cooperation and collaboration. This builds on libraries' historic role of collecting and organizing information.
  - endorse creation of a national digital library that will open the rich collections of the nation's great libraries.
  - Use The New York Public Library to demonstrate the leadership that the Administration has provided in making America competitive in the global information infrastructure.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 9, 1997

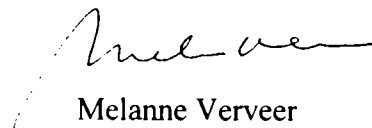
Ms. Maria Harris  
President  
The Harris Group  
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Dear Ms. Harris:

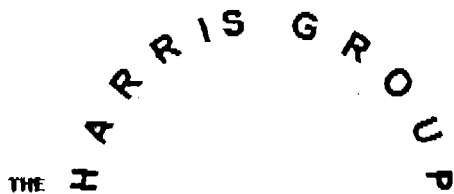
Thank you very much for your letter and information on The Harris Group. Your work to educate the community about disability issues is vital. Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton is unable to endorse the organization but we commend your efforts.

Thanks for writing and best wishes in your important work.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer  
Chief of Staff to  
the First Lady



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June 3, 1997

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

Dear Ms. Verveer:

My name is Maria Harris, President and Founder of The Harris Group, of Va. The mission of the non-profit Organization is to provide television and video productions that will educate, motivate and inspire disabled and able bodied persons regarding disability issues and programs that affect the disability community.

This dream was born some ten years ago, shortly after I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. Little did I know, my life would never be the same. I became active in the disability community. I was a Board member of the Mid Atlantic Endepence Center and Advisor to the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board. It was through these and other volunteer activities that I gained an understanding for my limitations and abilities. 1994 was a pivotal point in my life. I was invited and attended the Americans with Disabilities Act Anniversary at the **White House**. It was there where I listened to President Clinton, and First Lady, Vice President and Mrs. Gore. A new sense of direction and urgency arouse. It was during the same year I began hosting a television talk show on Disability Issues & Programs on Public Access Television in Arlington, Virginia. In 1996, in an effort to reach a larger audience, I moved to Channel 10 in Fairfax, 240,000 cable subscribers. There I gained my producers' certificate. It is at Channel 10 where I produce and host an award winning show called Taking the DIS from disability. It was rewarding, but there were many obstacles. For example, there had never been a guest in a wheel chair before at the station in Arlington. Through five years of research, I have concluded that there are **no educational television shows in Northern Virginia or the Nation that deals with disability issues and programs**. However, the challenge was rewarding. I have had such noteworthy guests and topics on my show: U.C.P., MS., ADA Now & Then, Dialysis at Sea Cruises and Wheel Chair Tennis.

Ms. Verveer, that is how The Harris Group was born. In 1996, we took root and in May 1997 we received our 501c3 status. As a young organization, we do not have much to show, however, we are producing a video for The Northern Virginia Training Center and have prepared a Press Release that is attached. We want to do more. The disabled and able bodied community needs to be educated, motivated, and inspired. Please take this under serious consideration. I am asking if **the First Lady would give The Harris Group her endorsement**. If there are other things that the First Lady would find more appropriate, I would be most appreciative.

*Multi media disability organization serving your need to educate, motivate and promote all persons regarding the issues, programs and accomplishments of persons with disabilities*



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Thank you for your time and consideration.

I look forward hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Maria Harris  
President  
The Harris Group

*Multi media disability organization serving your need to educate, motivate and promote all persons regarding the issues, programs and accomplishments of persons with disabilities*

**THE HARRIS GROUP**

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## **Introducing The Harris Group**

### *PROVIDING*

### *Television and Video Productions*

#### **For Immediate Release**

April 30, 1996

**Contact: Maria Harris  
The Harris Group  
703-922-1794**

Alexandria — The Harris Group, a 501c3 organization based in Northern Virginia, has been established to educate the community regarding disability issues and programs through media productions. Maria Harris, an active participant within the disabilities' movement in Northern Virginia, founded The Harris Group to create a service that will assist persons with disabilities to lead more fulfilled lives. *Media productions will educate, inspire and motivate disable and able bodied persons regarding the issues disabled persons face and programs available to assist them.*

Ms. Harris is the Host/Producer of an award winning television program, on Channel 10 in Fairfax County, **Taking the DIS out of DiSability**. She faces the daily struggles of functioning with Multiple Sclerosis while combating the negative stereotypes she shares with thirty thousand disabled persons in Fairfax County. As a former Board Member of the Mid-Atlantic Endepence Center, Maria Hams currently serves as Chairman of the Employment Committee of the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board. A Human

Resource professional, Ms. Harris holds a Bachelor Degree in Psychology and a Masters in Personnel Law.

Ms. Maria Harris envisions that The Harris Group will provide an opportunity for disabled and able bodied persons to become more educated, inspired and motivated regarding issues and programs that affect disable persons.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 27, 1996

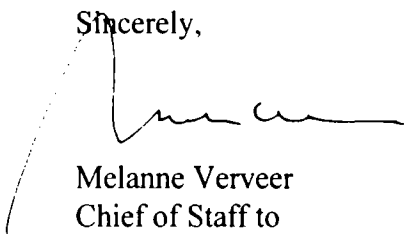
Mr. Thomas J. Hart, Jr.  
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Dear Mr. Hart:

Thank you very much for your letter and the materials on WorldSpace. I hope you found the First Lady's retrospective on her trip to Africa informative.

Thanks for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer  
Chief of Staff to  
the First Lady

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June 24, 1997

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Re: The First Lady's Briefing on Africa

Dear Ms. Verver:

Per our conversation with Huma in your office, enclosed please find some information on WorldSpace and its new technology to deliver news, information and entertainment programming worldwide through its direct audio satellite system. I was delighted to learn of your continued interest in technologies designed to enhance developing countries in Africa. Your extensive background in this area is extremely commendable, and we look forward to working with you and your colleagues on matters affecting international telecommunications policy in this second term of the Administration.

As enclosed information set forth, WorldSpace is an American-based corporation licensed by the United States, Australia and the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to construct and operate a global, satellite-based digital audio broadcast (DAB) system. Last month, WorldSpace conducted an extensive distance learning seminar in Ghana that was attended by Ministers of Telecommunications from a dozen African countries. WorldSpace's first system will serve Africa and is expected to be launched in August 1998. The WorldSpace DAB system is at the forefront of an important innovation in global telecommunications, specifically, direct transmission of audio broadcasting from satellites to portable radio receivers. The completion of this project will represent a major step forward for U.S. technology and U.S. industry in the globally competitive marketplace for broadcast satellite services.

I look forward to attending the First Lady's briefing tomorrow on her trip to Africa and speaking with you further about WorldSpace and how it can be of assistance to the First Lady's efforts to foster democracy and economic growth through the continent.

Sincerely,



Thomas A. Hart, Jr.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
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June 17, 1997

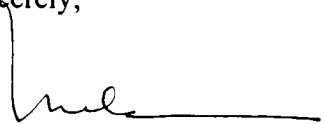
Ms. Janet Howard  
The Coca-Cola Company  
800 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
Suite 711  
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Janet:

Congratulations on your new position at Coca-Cola. I wish you all the best in your new endeavor and know you will be a magnificent representative for the company both here and abroad.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Melanne', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Melanne Verveer  
Chief of Staff to  
the First Lady

*The Coca-Cola Company*

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

EARL T. LEONARD, JR.  
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

June 11, 1997

*R*  
*to Janet*  
*at Coca Cola*  
*DC*  
*Office*  
*Campbell*  
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ATLANTA, GA 30301  
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Ms. Melanne Verveer  
Office of the First Lady  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Verveer:

As a friend of Janet Howard, I thought you might like to see a copy of the attached memorandum which we distributed last week.

Sincerely,



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# CORPORATE INFORMATION BULLETIN

Atlanta, Georgia

No. 97-21

June 6, 1997

TO: OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS, THE COCA-COLA COMPANY  
HEADS OF OPERATING DIVISIONS AND SUBSIDIARIES

I am pleased to announce that Janet Howard will be joining the Company on July 14 as director of International Governmental Affairs and manager of the Company's Washington office. In this capacity, Janet will report to me and will be responsible for all aspects of our relations with Washington-based government representatives from around the world, which, of course, includes the Washington diplomatic community. Janet brings a unique background of political, governmental and diplomatic experience and is particularly well suited to represent the Company in Washington at the nexus of public policy development that affects our international business.

Her career in public service began with 10 years on Capitol Hill, serving three senators and the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, and as director of the Democratic House and Senate Council. In 1980, she became chief of staff for Governor Averell and Pamela Harriman. For the next 13 years, she served in that role and was a central player in the various Harriman political initiatives during that time. In May of 1993, she accompanied Ambassador Pamela Harriman in her posting to France, as executive assistant and chef du cabinet of the ambassador's office. In that position, she acted as the ambassador's representative to promote American business interests in France and as the ambassador's liaison to the White House, the State Department and Capitol Hill.

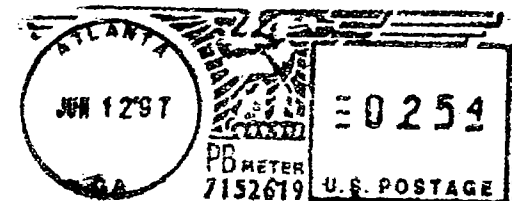
Janet studied at American University and is a graduate of the University of Texas in political science and public administration.

Please join me in welcoming this outstanding addition to our Corporate Affairs team. It is a bright day indeed to have Janet Howard with us.

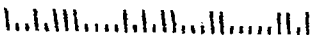
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 13, 1997

Ms. Carolyn Johnson  
Executive Director  
National Adoption Center  
1500 Walnut Street  
Suite 701  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Dear Carolyn:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and feedback on the Adoption 2002 Report regarding two very important matters, namely the need for public awareness and the use of the internet. We greatly appreciate your input and will give them full consideration.

Thank you for your leadership and we look forward to continuing to work with you.

Thanks, Carolyn

Sincerely,

Melanne  
Melanne Verveer  
Chief of Staff to  
the First Lady