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Mrs. Melanne Verveer
Chief of the Staff to the First Lady
Old Executive Bld., room 100
the White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Dear Melanne:

I would like to express our deepest gratitude for the beautiful photos we have received from the White House after the memorable meeting with Mrs. Clinton

and yourself. The participants of this event were more than happy to obtain two pictures each - one of the whole group and the second with Mrs. Clinton and each individual lady from our delegation. I am sure these pictures will be the most treasured record of their stay in the U.S.

Thank you once again for making this meeting possible. It was the highlight of the whole U.S. visit.

With warm regards,

Irena Kozminska

Irena Koźmińska
Wife, The Ambassador of the Republic of Poland

*Hanna
Good job!*



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Chief of the Staff to the First Lady
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 10, 1997

Ms. Sheilah Kast
WETA
Public Television & Radio
P.O. Box 2626
Washington, DC 20013

Dear Sheilah:

Congratulations on your new position! It was great to see you and learn you are so excited about the new opportunity. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors and challenges.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
to the First Lady



SHEILAH KAST
CORRESPONDENT

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Huma -

This is a new post.
Pls do a note
of congratulations.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 20, 1997

Ms. Martha Kendrick Kettner
President
Bright Beginnings, Inc.
901 Rhode Island Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

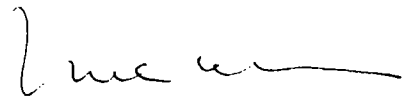
Dear Ms. Kettner:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and invitation to dedicate the new Bright Beginnings, Inc. Center and deliver the keynote address. Yours is a most worthwhile project.

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



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BRIGHT BEGINNINGS, INC.
901 Rhode Island Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

April 28, 1997

VIA FAX (202) 456-2461 AND BY HAND

Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Bright Beginnings, a model public-private partnership day care center for homeless preschool children in the District of Columbia, will open its new facility during May at 825 North Capitol Street, N.E. The new center will increase the number of preschoolers served, from the current enrollment of twenty-six to fifty-two children, ages 2 1/2 to 5. We are writing to invite you to dedicate the new center and to serve as our keynote speaker at an opening celebration event. We would be thrilled to have your and/or President Clinton's personal involvement.

Established in 1989 by the Junior League of Washington with a two-year, \$200,000 grant from the Department of Health and Human Services, Bright Beginnings, a nonprofit 501(c)(3), received one of sixteen nationwide Homeless Demonstration grants awarded by Head Start in 1993. This past year Bright Beginnings, Inc. became a permanent Head Start grantee. Our move to new space and doubling of program capacity is made possible through receipt of HUD's Community Partnership funding. In addition, the program enjoys an increasing level of private financial support from corporations, foundations and individuals.

Bright Beginnings' children and their families, along with its Board of Directors and the Freddie Mac Foundation, corporate sponsor of the dedication event, would be delighted if you could attend the opening dedication. Since our priority is to secure your participation and accommodate your and the President's schedule, we have selected a range of dates including Tuesday or Wednesday, June 10 and 11, also Monday-Wednesday, June 16, 17 and 18. Please advise us if an earlier or later date would better fit your hectic schedule.

We plan a morning event, approximately 10-11 a.m., on the grounds of the center, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E. We envision a brief speaking program, followed by presentations from the children, a tree planting ceremony and a reception inside the facility. Local and interested national press will be invited. Other invited podium guests include: HHS Secretary Donna Shalala, HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, Senator Chris Dodd, Representative Tom Davis and Steny Hoyer, Mayor Marion Barry, Head

Start Director Helen Taylor, the Chairman of the Freddie Mac Foundation and others active in the community.

The Bright Beginnings Board of Directors, dedicated staff and volunteers share your commitment to improve the lives of Washington, D.C.'s vulnerable children and their families. Our program not only provides socialization and a learning environment for these children, but acts as the only safe haven for many of them. Given the current constraints of the welfare program, the center allows their parents to pursue job training skills, complete their education, secure adequate housing and eventually enter the workforce, knowing that their children are properly cared for in a nurturing and stimulating environment.

Launched by volunteer spirit and vision, Bright Beginnings fills an acute need and remains the only preschool program in the District of Columbia where homeless children and their parents return each evening to shelters and transitional housing. We know you will be impressed by the center and its children, and they would be thrilled by your visit.

Your consideration of our request is very much appreciated. I can be reached at (202) 457-6520, and would be happy to provide additional information on the center or the event. Effective May 18, our new mailing address is 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. Please contact us at your earliest convenience so that we may plan accordingly. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Martha Kendrick Kettmer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Martha" being more prominent.

Martha Kendrick Kettmer
President
Bright Beginnings, Inc.
Board of Directors

cc: Ann Stock
Melanne Verveer
Carole Thompson Cole

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 1, 1997

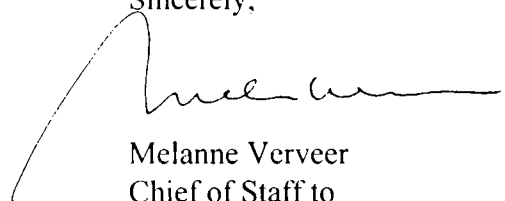
Mr. Barry E. Kosofsky
Harvard Medical School
Massachusetts General Hospital
CNY 2, Building 149
13th Street
Charlestown, MA 02129

Dear Mr. Kosofsky:

Thank you very much for your letter of invitation which was forwarded to me by John Podesta. I regret that our office has not gotten back to you sooner with a response.

We have looked at Mrs. Clinton's commitments for September and regret that Mrs Clinton will not be able to accept your kind invitation. We wish you and your colleagues a successful convening on this most important topic.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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Christine Konradi, Ph.D.

Laboratory of Molecular
and Developmental
Neuroscience

Mr. John Podesta
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

May 12, 1997

Dear Mr. Podesta,

Greetings from Boston. You and I last spoke in the fall (when you were in the private sector) and I called you on Eric Schwartz's suggestion to inquire as to how I could best approach the First Lady to extend an invitation for her to speak at an upcoming meeting that I am organizing (please see enclosed conference announcement). At that time you suggested that I direct a letter to Melanne Verveer, which I did on 1/23/97, and again on 3/27/97 (copies enclosed). I received a response from Ms. Verveer dated 4/11/97 (copy enclosed), which identifies that my request has been forwarded to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady. When I saw Eric at JHU homecoming a few weeks ago (at which time Eric turned 40!), he asked where things stood. When I filled him in (as I did you, above), he suggested that I write to you in your new capacity, to request that you "put in a good word". I know that this is not a high priority for you, but I would appreciate any support that you can provide.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Barry E. Kosofsky

*Melanne -
I don't know this
guy, but the
event seems interesting.
It she does it
won't do it
maybe we
could try
it. Mary
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 11, 1997

Dr. Barry E. Kosofsky
Conference Organizer
Massachusetts General Hospital East
Harvard Medical School
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Charleston, MA 02129

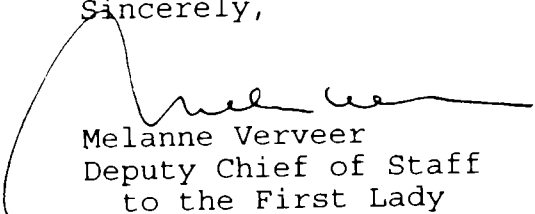
Dear Dr. Kosofsky:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to speak at the New York Academy of Sciences Meeting on September 17-19, 1997.

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

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL

HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL

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Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff for the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

March 27, 1997

Dear Ms. Verveer:

I write to you a second time regarding my extending an invitation for Mrs. Clinton to speak at a New York Academy of Sciences Meeting that I am organizing, to be held September 17-19, 1997 at the Westin Hotel in Washington, DC (within walking distance to the White House). The topic of the conference, Cocaine: Effects on the Developing Brain, will bring together scientists, clinicians, and public policy experts to discuss the impact of drugs of abuse on brain development. I have enclosed a program announcement for you to review, which provides an overview of the conference.

As you see from the program, Dr. Floyd Bloom, one of our nation's leading neuroscientists, and editor of Science, will provide the keynote address on Wednesday, September 17, at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Bloom will discuss the problem of drug abuse "from synapse to society." Should Mrs. Clinton's schedule permit, we would be honored to have her precede Dr. Bloom to share with us her thoughts about the effects of substance abuse on the health of the country, or any other aspect of the issue she would care to address to this group. This could be a fairly brief talk, about 10 minutes. We expect there to be approximately 250 people attending the plenary session that evening, including physicians, neuroscientists, educators, and public policy experts involved in the field of substance abuse.

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We would be most honored should Mrs. Clinton be free to speak to our group. If you would like to talk with me in more detail about this invitation, please contact me at (617) 724-9603 (phone), (617) 724-9610 (FAX) or kosofsky@helix.mgh.harvard.edu (e-mail).

Thank you in advance for your interest and assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Barry E. Kosofsky'.

Barry E. Kosofsky, M.D., Ph.D.
Conference Organizer

Encl: Conference Program

Barry E. Kosofsky M.D., Ph.D.



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and Developmental
Neuroscience

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff for the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

January 23, 1997

Dear Ms. Verveer:

I am writing to you on the suggestion of Mr. John Podesta, an acquaintance whom I approached regarding the possibility of extending an invitation for Mrs. Clinton to speak at a New York Academy of Sciences Meeting that I am organizing, to be held September 17-19, 1997 at the Vista Hotel in Washington, DC. The topic of the conference, Cocaine: Effects on Developing Brain, will bring together scientists, clinicians, and public policy experts to discuss the impact of drugs of abuse on brain development. I have enclosed a draft program, as well as a brief program abstract.

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Conference Organizer

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Michael Dorris article

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Cocaine: Effects on the Developing Brain

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Effects on the Developing Brain

September 16 – 19, 1997

The Westin Hotel
Washington, D.C.

**A New York Academy of Sciences Conference
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Registration Information Enclosed

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 2, 1997

Ms. Mary Ann Krupsak
President
Celebrate 1998
P.O. Box 601
Seneca Falls, NY 13148

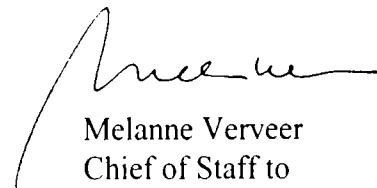
Dear Ms. Krupsak:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to participate in the opening ceremonies of Celebrate '98 on July 16, 1998.

I have forwarded your letter to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady. However, it is much too far in advance to determine at this time what the First Lady's obligations will be next year. We suggest that you resubmit your request at a later date.

Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

cc: Patti Solis-Doyle

CELEBRATE '98

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF

THE FIRST WOMEN'S RIGHTS CONVENTION

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May 27, 1997

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
Old Executive Office Building, Room 100
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Verveer:

As you may know, 1998 marks the 150th anniversary of the First Women's Rights Convention, held in Seneca Falls, New York in July, 1848! Elizabeth Cady Stanton and other reformers organized and held the Convention, which was attended by 300 women and men, in the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, and began a movement which granted women the rights they enjoy today. The Chapel and the Stanton home have been deemed to be of such great significance to the American people that Congress authorized them as part of the National Park system in 1980. In fact, I am working closely with the Superintendent of Women's Rights National Historical Park, Joanne Hanley, whom you met at the White House Conference on Beijing in January 1996.

Celebrate '98 is a non-profit coalition of organizations and individuals who are planning the official gala celebration in Seneca Falls to honor the 150th anniversary of the Convention. A four day celebration is planned from July 16 - 19, 1998 with performances, lectures, exhibits, and other activities of interest for the entire family. A short description of activities is enclosed for your information.

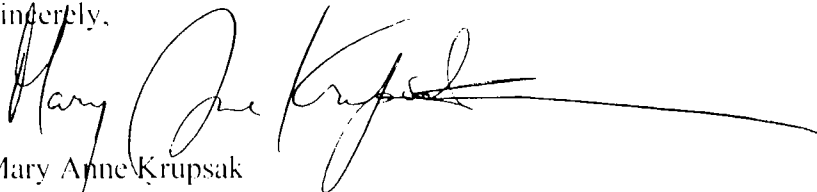
We would be honored to have the First Lady and her daughter participate in the Opening Ceremonies of Celebrate '98 on Thursday, July 16th, 1998 in Seneca Falls, New York. Mrs. Clinton's viewpoints on "It Takes a Village" would lend themselves to a magnificent grand opening. Her substantive remarks would touch the heart of all women and men; her presence would both physically and symbolically lend grandeur to a very important event that needs to be elevated to a national level.

We would work with your staff to develop protocol for appropriate dignitaries and officials to be invited at the state and national level.

Under separate cover we have sent an identical letter to invite Mrs. Gore and her children to participate as well.

I thank you very much for your consideration of this request and look forward to your positive response. You may reach me at (315) 568-6097 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Mary Anne Krupsak
President, Celebrate '98 and
Former Lt. Governor, State of New York

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Teresa Loar, Director, President's Interagency Council on Women

CELEBRATE

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CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF

THE FIRST WOMEN'S RIGHTS CONVENTION

WHAT HAPPENED IN SENECA FALLS IN 1848 AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

In July 1998, the nation will celebrate the 150th anniversary of an event which has changed the world -- the first Women's Rights Convention held in 1848. At that time, women were not allowed the freedoms assigned to men in the eyes of the law, the church, or the government. Women did not vote, hold elective office, attend college, or earn a living. If married, they could not make legal contracts, divorce an abusive husband, or gain custody of their children.

Then, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, a Seneca Falls housewife and mother of three sons, sat down with a small group of Quaker and abolitionist women, and decided that these wrongs should be made into rights. They called for a Convention, open to the public, to be held in Seneca Falls at the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, July 19th and 20th, 1848. There they presented a Declaration of Sentiments, based on the language and content of the Declaration of Independence. Stating that "all men and women are created equal," they demanded equal rights for women, including - a radical idea - the right to vote. Over 300 people attended the Convention; the document was ratified and was signed by 68 women and 32 men.

The first Women's Rights Convention and the Declaration of Sentiments have earned the small Village of Seneca Falls a large place in the hearts of people all over the world. There is no major part of our lives today which has not been affected by this revolutionary document.

WHAT IS CELEBRATE '98?

Now, a century and a half later, a not-for-profit organization called Celebrate '98, honors the first Women's Rights Convention and the women who made it happen. Celebrate '98 is planning four days of events, July 16th to 19th, 1998. The focus will be on the past, present and future: to honor the 150th birthday of the women's rights movement; to acknowledge the profound ways this has affected us today, and to chart a bright future for women and men all over the globe.

Celebrate '98 programs in Seneca Falls will feature women in politics and sports, entertainment and the arts. There will be a daily dramatization of the first Women's Rights Convention, and other dramatic productions highlighting famous women. We will have an Entertainment Tent for children, a Book Tent, and an International Food and Wine tent. Prominent women will discuss their achievements: from their explorations of outer space to their inner journeys. In the Legacy Tent, girls and women will be encouraged to leave an autobiographical record of their ideas and their hopes for the future, to be preserved as a living archive. A partnership has been formed with Forum '98 from Rochester, who is bringing together women from around the country and will write a new Declaration of Sentiments for the 21st century, which will be on display for everyone to sign.

Seneca County is located in the beautiful Finger Lakes region, and is famous for wine, women and sparkling waters. Enhancing the programs of Celebrate '98 will be boat rides on a branch of the Erie Canal, buggy rides through the Historic District, tours of local wineries, art exhibits, and museum programs. Visitors can explore four state parks, the Finger Lakes National Forest, and the Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge. Women's Rights National Historical Park, the National Women's Hall of Fame, the Seneca Falls Historical Society, and the Seneca Falls Urban Cultural Park will correlate special events for all ages.

Support programs of Celebrate '98, with tax deductible contributions mailed to P.O. Box 601, Seneca Falls, New York, 13148. **And please, plan to come and join us in the place where it all started - Seneca Falls!**

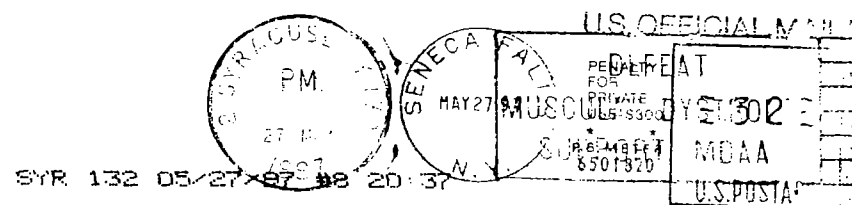
CELEBRATE '98
DRAFT/PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS -- JULY 16 - 19, 1997

LOCATION	EVENT	TIME
People's Park	Opening Ceremonies: speakers to be announced Presentation of the Declaration of Sentiments for the 21st Century by Forum '98 Closing Ceremonies: speakers to be announced	July 16 July 17 July 19
Stanton Park	Information Tent	open daily
Women's Rights Park Wesleyan Chapel Declaration Park Suffrage Print Shop Visitor Center	Dramatization of First Women's Rights Convention Historical Drama/Performances Hand's On Workshops Exhibit of Stanton Mott and Anthony Busts interpretive talks, movie, exhibits	daily at noon daily schedule TBA daily schedule TBA ongoing daily
Urban Cultural Park	League of Women Voters Suffrage Exhibit	ongoing daily
Women's Hall of Fame	Exhibits open	ongoing daily
Museum Shop	Women's Rights Archives Exhibit	ongoing daily
Canal Side Gallery	Exhibit of Women Artists of New York	ongoing daily
Presbyterian Church	Re-enactment of 1923 Equal Rights Amendment Presentation	TBA
Trinity Church	International Women's Ministers Conference	July 13 - 14
Academy Square	Evening Performances in the Auditorium Films on Women's Lives Food and Wine Tent Book Fair and Women's Organizations Tent Children's Entertainment Tent Women's Hall of Fame 5K and 10K Road Race	nightly afternoons daily ongoing daily ongoing daily ongoing daily July 18
Historical Society	Tours of 23 room, 1880s mansion/museum Memory Tent Legacy Tent	ongoing daily ongoing daily schedule TBA
Stanton House	Tours of House Speakers Tent	daily as scheduled schedule TBA
M'Clintock House	Grand Opening Tours of House	July 14 daily as scheduled
Downtown Departures	Tours of area wineries, historic sites, state and local parks, Antique Trail, buggy rides in Historic District	Daily
Canal Harbor	Boat Rides on a branch of the Erie Canal	Daily
Nearby Attractions	Susan B. Anthony Visitor Center, Rochester -- Grand Opening Smith Opera House, Geneva -- Women's Film Festival	July 18 TBA



CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE FIRST WOMEN'S RIGHTS CONVENTION

P.O. BOX 601, SENECA FALLS, NEW YORK 13148



Ms. Melanne Verueer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20500



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 9, 1997

Ms. Elli Klein
3705 South George Mason Drive Apartment
2304 South
Falls Church, VA 22041

Dear Elli:

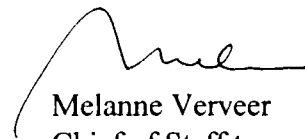
It was great to hear from you! Thank you very much for your memo and for forwarding Karen Staser's letter requesting a meeting with the First Lady and representatives of the National Museum of Women's History.

I have forwarded your letter to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady, and she will be in touch. However, the schedule is very tight and I'm not sure a meeting will be possible.

Best wishes.

I hope all is well!

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



May 21, 1997

To: McLann Verveer, Chief of Staff to the First Lady

From: Elli Klein, National Museum of Women's History
Board of Advisors

Re: Meeting to Discuss First Lady's Support for Establishing
a Museum of Women's History

First, hello and congratulations to you and Katy on your new positions! While we haven't been in touch since I moved on from volunteering in Office of the First Lady, I do think about you, your very busy schedules, and all the good work you are doing. I'm writing about an initiative that could lead to another very worth while accomplishment.

I ask for your help in arranging a meeting of National Museum of Women's History representatives with Mrs. Clinton and/or with you for three purposes: 1) to enlist the First Lady's support for establishing the Museum; 2) to request her participation in the June 26 Rededication Ceremony of the Statue of the Suffragettes at the Capitol (see attached); and 3) to encourage the President to issue an Executive Order which pertains to the Museum in time for it to be announced at the Rededication Ceremony. The requested meeting is somewhat time sensitive because the Ceremony is so close at hand.

Recently, persons associated with the Museum have had contact with Craig Smith, Ann Stock, Minyon Moore, and Tipper Gore and have informed them about the Museum and efforts to get the President and First Lady involved. This is in support of letters to the President written by Members of the Senate and House members requesting an Executive Order to form a task force to study cite selection (please see attached).

Your assistance would be invaluable to help focus all these contacts so that we can gain highest-level support and the desired participation--leading to a Museum. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information. My office number is (202)267-9972 and my home phone and fax are (703)671-4812. I look forward to seeing you again.



Elli Klein

Attachments

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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOMEN'S HISTORY

May 9, 1997

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

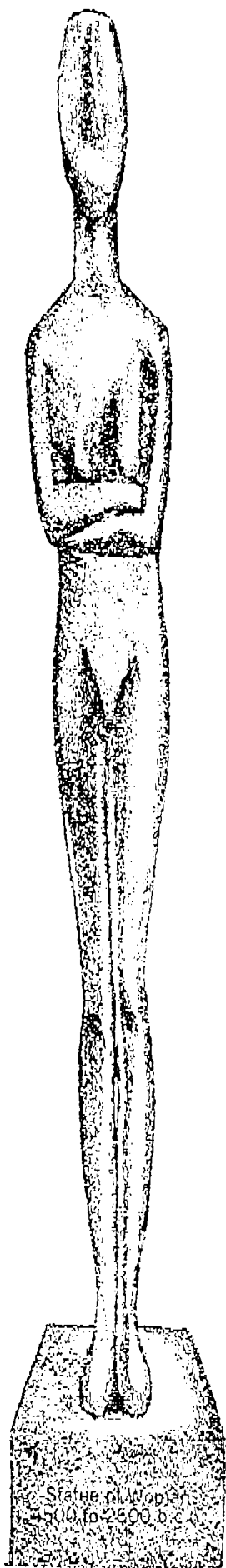
Dear Mrs. Clinton:

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 work of the Woman Suffrage Statue Campaign, which succeeded in raising both public awareness and the congressionally required money for relocation costs, this important historic symbol will be rededicated in the Rotunda on June 26, 1997 at 10:30a.m. The National Museum of Women's History is honored to invite you to participate in this historic Rededication Ceremony. Under separate cover, we are also asking the President and Speaker Gingrich to participate. Others invited to take part include Senator John Warner, Representative Connie Morella, Representative Carolyn Maloney, Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton and Dr. Dorothy Height.

Because of the historical significance of Mott, Stanton, and Anthony 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 announce the formation of a Presidential Task Force on the National Museum of Women's History. NMWH was incorporated last year as a nonprofit organization and hopes to partner with the government in establishing the physical site of the Museum. The federal government would furnish the site while yearly operating costs would be privately funded - similar to the structure of the National Building Museum and the U.S. Holocaust Museum. (Details in Enclosure I.) We have forwarded our proposal to the President and hope to have your support as well.

Throughout our campaign to return the Suffragist Statue to the Capitol Rotunda we have received strong support from women and men across the nation. NMWH also has the full and enthusiastic support of Betsy Myers, Director of the White House Office on Women's Initiatives and Outreach. In fact, she calls this project a "gift to the President." The House of Representatives has made a formal request to the President to form a Presidential Task Force and the Senate is in the process of doing the same.

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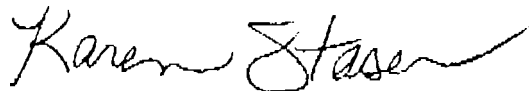
Supporting the National Museum of Women's History would make clear the President's and the Administration's intention to honor women's past contributions, and to support and encourage their continuing contributions to our nation. NMWH was created in response to American women's deeply compelling desire, in the face of major social and political change, to give voice to their unique perspective on history and in creating a better future. (Enclosure 2.)

We have attached further 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 Task Force on NMWH. At a minimum, we hope that you will honor us with your participation at the ceremony and that we can continue to discuss the Task Force. It could be announced 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, and for your vision of a better world.

Most Respectfully,



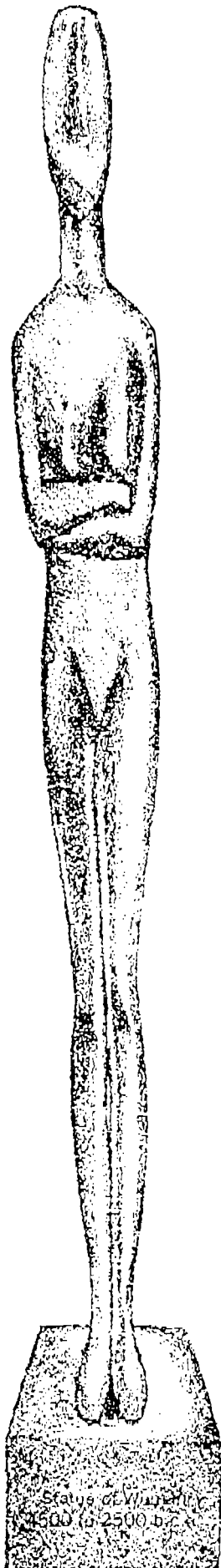
Karen K. Staser
President, NMWH

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOMEN'S HISTORY

PROPOSED FORMATION OF PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE ON THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOMEN'S HISTORY (NMWH)

- The upcoming rededication of the monument to Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Susan B. Anthony in the Capitol Rotunda, on June 26, 1997 at 10:30a.m., would be the perfect opportunity for the President to announce a **Presidential Task Force on NMWH** - a Washington, DC, nonpartisan, educational institution whose mission is to preserve and celebrate the rich and diverse heritage of women and restore this heritage to mainstream culture.
- The task force would consist of 25 members - largely private and corporate sponsors and NMWH Board members, with a representative from the Administration, Senate, and House of Representatives. (Suggested nominations are in progress and include notable citizens such as former First Ladies and other leaders in various fields.) Its mission would be to identify a federal site in Washington, DC, gain legislative authorization of the site, help NMWH identify private funds for construction and renovation costs, help develop plans to privately fund yearly operating costs and make nominations to NMWH standing committees.
- This initiative would reinforce the President's commitment to education, technology, the empowerment of women and children, and the revitalization of Washington, DC. The museum would be a powerful, positive legacy of the Clinton Administration.
- NMWH has hired the international public relations firm of Burson-Marsteller to conduct a full-scale national publicity campaign for this historic occasion. 650 seated guests will be in attendance. We are inviting the President, Speaker Gingrich, and the First Lady to participate in the ceremony under separate cover.
- The U.S. House of Representatives sent a formal request to the President to form a Presidential task force on the National Museum of Women's History (attached.) It was co-sponsored by U.S. Representatives Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), Nita Lowey (D-NY), Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), Connie Morella (R-MD), Marge Roukema (R-NJ), and Nancy Johnson (R-CT.) A similar request has been initiated by the Senate, led by Senators Olympia Snowe, Barbara Boxer, Susan Collins, Diane Feinstein, Kay Bailey Hutchison, Carol Moseley-Braun, and Patty Murray.
- Rep. Carolyn Maloney spoke in person to the President about NMWH and reported that he was "very enthusiastic and supportive."
- The announcement of the joint task force could be made at the Rededication Ceremony in June or on any occasion deemed appropriate by the White House.
- NMWH has a proven track record and broad-based national support. NMWH recently adopted, and succeeded in accomplishing, a 76-year effort to restore the "Portrait Monument" to the Capitol Rotunda. The Museum Raised \$75,000 for relocation costs through a grassroots campaign, and gained the unanimous support of both Houses of Congress, over 80 women's organizations, and major corporations.
- President Carter created a similar council through Executive Order to establish the U.S. Holocaust Memorial and Museum.

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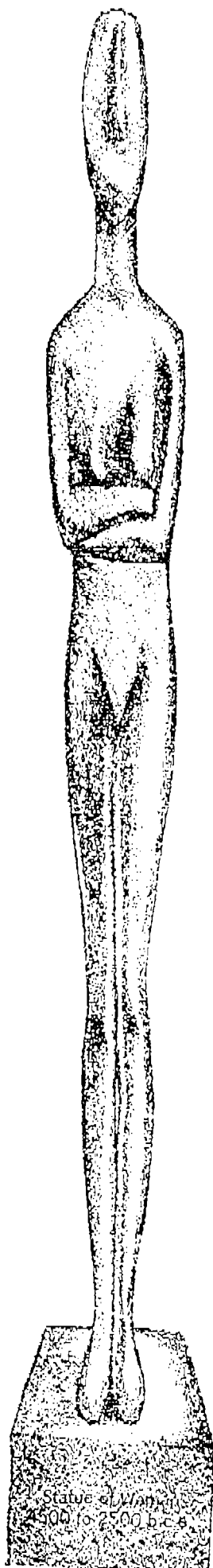
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOMEN'S HISTORY

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

... is a Washington, D.C. based, nonpartisan, nonprofit educational institution dedicated to preserving and celebrating the rich and diverse heritage of 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. Only two of their exhibits chronicle the specific achievements of women.
- **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.**



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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 13, 1997

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We are respectfully writing to ask you to issue an Executive Order that would create a President's Task Force to establish a National Museum of Women's History.

The National Museum of Women's History project (NMWH) was created to celebrate the rich culture and heritage of women, and to ensure that this heritage is restored to the mainstream culture of our nation. As you may know, the NMWH is a bipartisan, nonprofit, educational institution that raised both public awareness and the congressionally required money to move the "Portrait Monument" to the Capitol Rotunda.

Americans from every corner of our country join tourists from around the globe to visit Washington, DC for a rich history lesson. What a gift it would be for them to learn about the heritage and contributions women have made to every aspect of our civilization. Supporting the National Museum of Women's History by Executive Order would make clear your Administration's intention to honor women's past achievements, and to support and encourage their continuing contributions to our nation.

We ask that you help women take an important step forward by issuing an Executive Order to establish a President's Task Force dedicated to a museum of women's history. The Task Force's objective would be to identify a federal site in Washington, DC, gain legislative authorization of the site, identify private funds for construction and renovation costs, and develop plans to privately fund yearly operating costs.

We fully support the creation of a National Museum of Women's History. The time to officially commemorate the stories and struggles of American heroines is long overdue. We hope that you will agree to support this project. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Allyson

Paul Cohen

CAK HAZEL

Angie Landrum

Ed Hardy

Tom Harkin

Carol Hanley

Jessen Collins

Patty Murray

Wendy Sawyer

Yvonne Chiswick

Garry Keil

Barbara Boxer

Barbara

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 12, 1997

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

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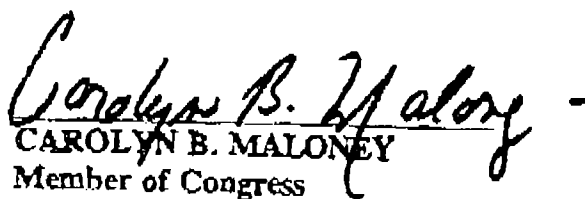
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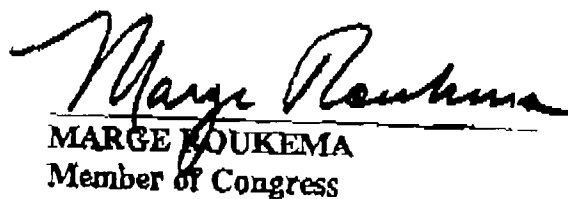
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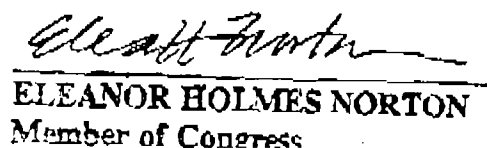
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Sincerely,


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Member of Congress


MARGE ROUKEMA
Member of Congress


ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON
Member of Congress


NANCY L. JOHNSON

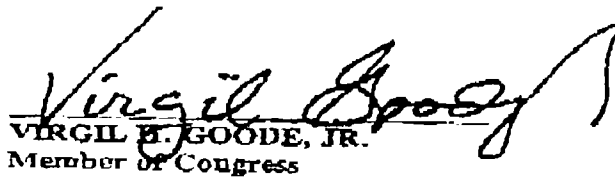

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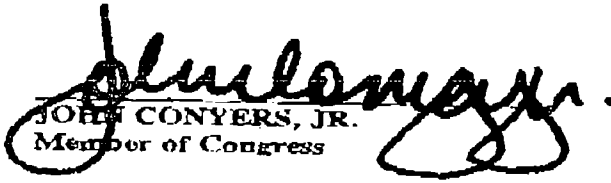

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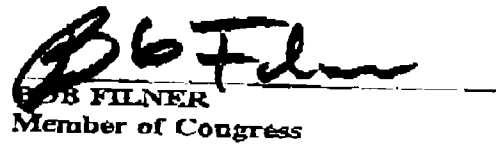

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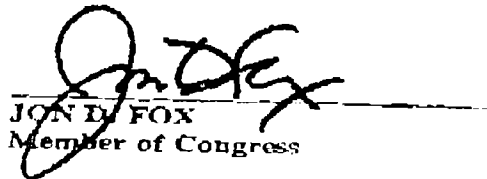

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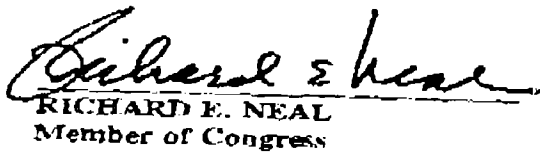

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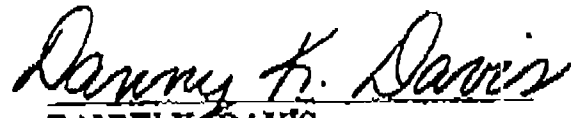

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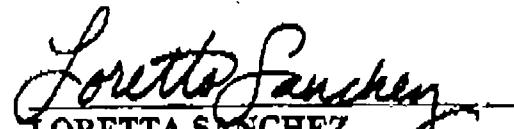

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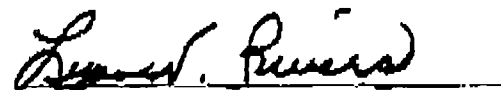

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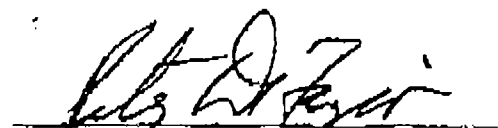

LYNN N. RIVERS
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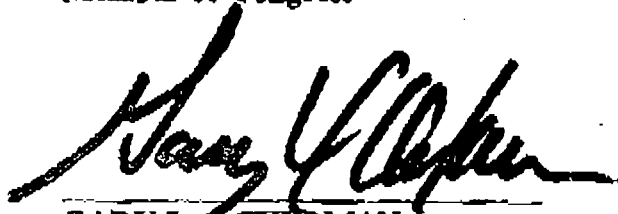

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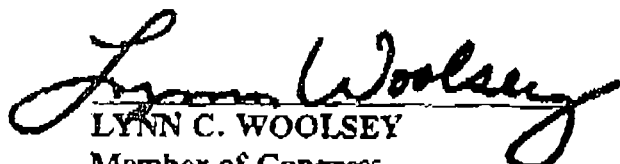
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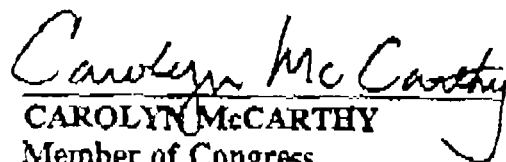

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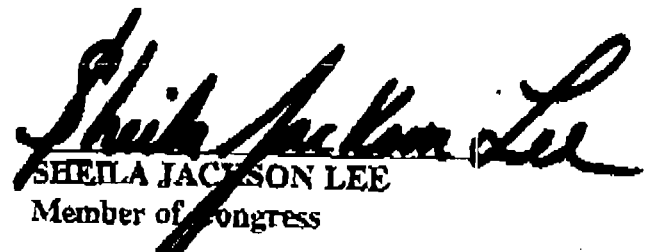

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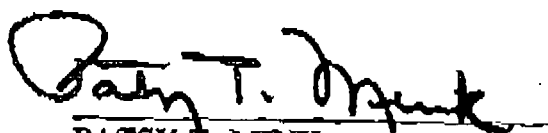

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Member of Congress


ENI F. H. FALEOMAVAEGA
Member of Congress

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 16, 1997

Ms. Jolanta Kwasniewska
c/o Mr. Andrzej Jaroszynski
Minister-Counselor
Embassy of the Republic of Poland
2640 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

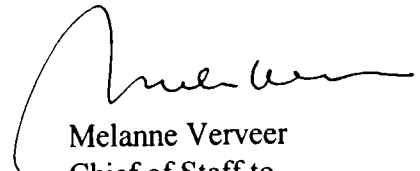
Dear Mrs. Kwasniewska:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and kind invitation to the Grand Opening Ceremony of the Agency for the Promotion of Professional Employment of Women on July 7, 1997 in Gdansk.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton is unable to accept your kind invitation because of schedule conflicts but sends her best wishes for a successful and productive event.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Melanne Verveer', with a large, sweeping initial 'M'.

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Embassy of the Republic of Poland
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Date: June 11, 1997

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To: Ms. Melanne Verveer, Chief of Staff to the First Lady

From: Andrzej Jaroszyński, Minister-Counselor

Dear Ms. Verveer,

Attached please find a letter from Jolanta Kwaśniewska, the wife of the President of Poland with the invitation to Gdańsk for the First Lady Hillary Clinton.

I would be grateful for passing it to the First Lady and letting me know if Mrs. Clinton would be able to accept the invitation.

With high regards,



Andrzej Jaroszyński

Jolanta Kwaśniewska

(The First Lady
of Poland)

C/o me

cover letter

Guy at the Embassy

Regret

9 June 1997

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Is a letter
of regret

Dear Mrs Clinton

I have been informed that the Polish Chapter of International Association of Personnel in Employment Security (IAPES) invited you to attend the Grand Opening Ceremony of the Agency for the Promotion of Professional Employment of Women (APPEW). The ceremony will take place on 7th July 1997, in the City of Gdańsk.

I would be delighted if you could accept the invitation. During your last visit to Poland you expressed your deep concern for women's issues and the Agency would very much appreciate the opportunity to present a program which could be developed as a model of an innovative assistance for unemployed and job-seeking women in the Gdańsk region and Poland nation-wide.

As you perhaps know, I will participate in that event and would be more than happy to use that occasion to be your guide there. The Agency is most anxious to make a real success of the ceremony and will feel much honoured if you could be their special guest.

We all very much hope that, although your time is very limited, you will be able to join us in Gdańsk.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Jolanta Kwaśniewska

Mrs Hillary Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 30, 1997

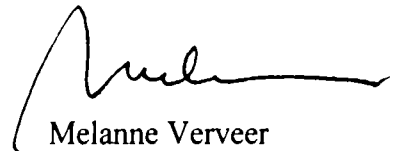
Mr. Steve Katz
Chief Counsel to the Chairman
U.S Merit Systems Protection Board
Washington, DC 20419

Dear Steve:

Thank you for your letter and for sending me the Agresto hearings. It was so thoughtful of you to give me the "collector's item." It certainly brings back memories.

Thank you for thinking of me and best wishes to the family. I'm sure the children keep you going!

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Chief Counsel
to the Chairman



U.S. MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD
Washington, D.C. 20419

Dear Melanne,

6/26/97

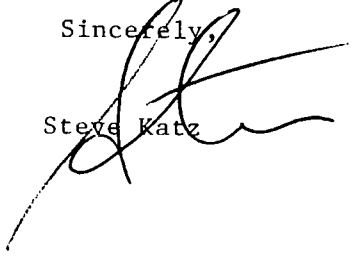
I think that this volume deserves to be in someone's work library, but I probably don't need to keep it any longer.

You are the most deserving person I can think of who might ever need to refer to it.

It truly deserves an honored place.

All the best. Hope you have a good summer. We stole up to Cape Cod for two weeks and beat the crowds -- we've been renting a place in Chatham which is great for young families. Obviously we didn't beat the heat this summer.

Sincerely,


Steve Katz

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 16, 1997

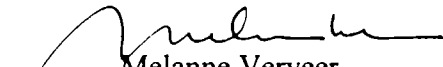
Dr. Arthur Keys, Jr.
Director
UMCOR Program Development Office
1691 North Kent Street
Suite 1010
Arlington, VA 22209

Dear Dr. Keys:

Thank you very much for your letter and for the UMCOR Quarterly Report. Mrs. Clinton is most grateful for the vital work being done by UMCOR to assist NIS countries and commends your efforts. We hope to see you at the Andrews Ceremony marking the 500th humanitarian airlift to the NIS region.

Thanks and best wishes in your important work.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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Thanks

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Fax Memorandum

TO: **Melanne Riverre for Hillary Rodham-Clinton**
Phone: 202-456-6266
Fax: 202-456-6244

FROM: **Art Keys**
Director, UMCOR/PDO

SUBJECT: Department of State Celebration at Andrews Airforce Base
DATE: June 12, 1997

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Dear Ms. Riverre,

We at the United Methodist Committee on Relief look forward to seeing Mrs. Rodham-Clinton at the Celebration of the Department of State's 500th Humanitarian Airlift to the Newly Independent States on Tuesday, June 17th. As you know, many Non Governmental Organizations are involved in these operations to assist those who are displaced by war, suffer from hunger and are living in poverty. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is a major component of the Department of State's humanitarian aid programs in the NIS.

Since 1993, UMCOR has distributed critically needed pharmaceuticals and medical supplies to people in need in the countries of Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Kazakhstan through the Department of State's Pharmaceutical Distribution Programs. If Mrs. Rodham-Clinton feels it is appropriate, perhaps she could say a few words about UMCOR's work in the region.

I am attaching excerpts from the UMCOR Quarterly Report concerning our work in the NIS for Mrs. Rodham-Clinton's review should she be interested in finding out more about what the United Methodist Church is doing to assist people in the Newly Independent States of the Former Soviet Union.

If you have further need of information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the UMCOR Program Development Office. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Dr. Arthur B. Keys, Jr.
Director

ARMENIA



ONGOING PROJECTS

Department of State Medical Distribution Project

- Total project value: approximately \$7 million
- Funding: \$884,906 from Department of State
- Duration: January 1995 to December 1997
- Status: Extended

UMCOR/Armenia distributes Department of Defense surplus medical materials, UMCOR in-kind donated medicines, and in-kind medical commodities from the Counterpart Foundation. The 12 month extension of the UMCOR Medical Distribution project will build upon UMCOR Armenia's strong institutional capacity to procure, store, secure, handle, deliver, and monitor

medicines, all of which have been proven by its successful implementation of country-wide medical distribution projects in the Republic of Armenia since 1994.

In conjunction with the Ministry of Health, UMCOR has determined that the continued distribution of medicines and medical supplies to the targeted facilities will provide the vulnerable elderly, refugees, women of childbearing age and children with access to critically needed quality medical care. UMCOR anticipates receiving DOD surplus medicines and supplies and IMA donated medicines and supplies for distribution. Additionally planned is the distribution of medical consumable supplies provided by the Counterpart Foundation.

The UMCOR Medical Distribution Project strategy is prevention and remedial control of infectious diseases through the provision of essential pharmaceuticals and medical supplies for free distribution country wide through 95 clinics participating in UMCOR's medical programs. UMCOR intends to provide an in-kind contribution of \$1,238,000 worth of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies from IMA. UMCOR will continue to work with the Ministry of Health (MOH) to coordinate and direct assistance to vulnerable people. UMCOR will provide intensive monitoring throughout the extension period in approximately 95 clinics throughout Armenia.

The UMCOR Medical Distribution Project is currently suspended due to testing requirement of all medicines entering Armenia by the Ministry of Health (MOH). UMCOR, the Department of State, and the USAID are working jointly to secure guidelines and testing procedures by the MOH. Until UMCOR is assured by the Armenian Government that testing guidelines and procedures are in place to insure entry of medicines into Armenia, no medicines will be shipped to Armenia.

USAID/SCF UMCOR/Armenia Integrated Fruit Drying and Marketing Project

- Funding: \$649,354 from SCF/USAID.
- Duration: 20 month subgrant
- Status: Closed out on March 6, 1997.

17 solar fruit dryers were constructed and ownership given to participating farmers; UMCOR expanded the export dried fruit market in the NIS and provided technical assistance to rehabilitate orchards, and supply on-farm inputs with the goal of increasing income generation among rural households and strengthening rural economies with hard currency influx.

UMCOR/Armenia Food for Progress FY 1996 Agricultural/Monetization Program

-Total project value: \$4,200,000

-Funding: \$490,149

-Duration: 18 months

-Status: Ongoing

All 6,000 metric tons of vegetable oil have arrived in Armenia and are stored in UMCOR warehouses in Yerevan and Giumri. UMCOR carried out several auctions and monetized small-scaled lots of vegetable oil to test the market and establish a floor price.

In March, 1,000 mt. of vegetable oil was monetized and UMCOR monetization staff expect to monetize an additional 3,000 mt. by the end of the summer. On March 28th, UMCOR awarded its first humanitarian grant under the monetization project to assist disabled athletes. The monetization staff anticipate extending its first loans under the project to an association of potato growers for high quality seeds and fertilizers. This will allow UMCOR to test credit procedures and provide experience in channeling small loans (\$500) to a large group of beneficiaries.

Finally, UMCOR is finalizing an arrangement with the U.S. Peace Corps to assist business centers to advance vegetable oil as a commodity loan, to be repaid by local bakeries and merchants into a loan fund to support small businesses and micro-enterprise ventures.

Paul Heinzen has stepped down as Project Director for the Monetization Project and John Irons arrived in Yerevan on April 3rd to take over as Project Director.

SCF/USAID Vaccine and Pharmaceutical Winter 1996/97 Program

-Project value: \$2,435,052

-Total funding: \$499,950 from SCF/USAID

-Duration: 6 months

-Status: Ongoing

On December 22, 1996, UMCOR was awarded a grant for \$499,950 from SCF/USAID to implement a countrywide Vaccine and Pharmaceutical Winter 1996/97 Program (Vacc/Pharm '96/'97). The project has been revised to procure essential medicines to combat infectious diseases and the mumps vaccination has been dropped due to Armenian Government restrictions.

PROJECT POSSIBILITIES

UMCOR/Armenia Food for Progress FY 1997 Monetization Program

This proposal was submitted to USDA in August. UMCOR proposes to expand the FY-96 USDA monetization program in the agricultural sector, including an increase in farm family incomes, soil and water rehabilitation, development of farm associations, agriculture credit and a health care cost recovery demonstration project in the health sector. This program interventions will be carried out using and expanding emerging private markets to monetize the USDA commodities, implement projects and move currency in and through the private banking system.

Several examples of the means UMCOR is proposing to use to expand the private control of resources include a comprehensive multi-sectoral watershed management rehabilitation and agriculture plan; agriculture projects include solar fruit drying, fruit grading standards and marketing, on-farm grain milling, and farm production loans to be provided through existing credit institutions; educating leadership in the banking system to provide customer services it needs

including letter of credit, multiple currency and expenditure bank accounts, and streamlined cash withdrawal process to achieve the objectives in the monetization plan; assisting the Ministry of Health and Polyclinics to pilot sustainable and innovative health care delivery systems operations in Yerevan; and assisting the Ministry of Agriculture and veterinary department to pilot sustainable and innovative treatment and prevention delivery systems.

UMCOR Reproductive Health Education and Research Program

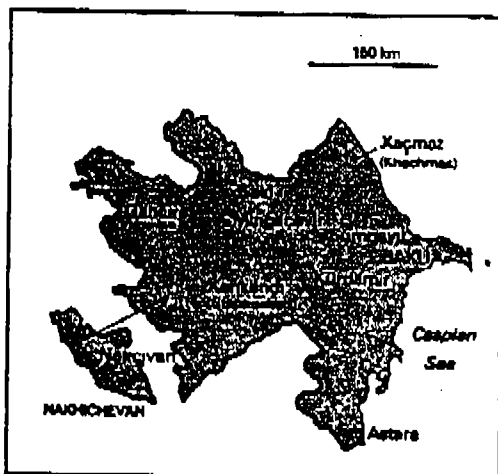
The World Bank's World Development Report 1993 "Investing in Health", identified reproductive health interventions - addressing family planning needs, reducing maternal and newborn mortality and morbidity, and preventing and treating STDs - as a priority among the interventions likely to have the greatest impact on the global burden of disease in low income countries.

UMCOR Armenia is developing a *Reproductive Health Education and Research Program* that will address the critical need in the Republic of Armenia to investigate the state of awareness, knowledge, attitudes and practices and provide health education in such highly prioritized fields of reproductive health as prevention of HIV/AIDS/STDs, family planning, meeting the needs of adolescents. UMCOR Armenia has had preliminary discussions with UNHCR which has expressed interest in viewing a full proposal.

UMCOR Nurse Training in Rural Communities Project

UMCOR/Armenia is developing a proposal to be submitted to UNHCR for \$125,000 to implement a Nurse Training in Rural Communities Program. Nurse training and re-training represents one of the most important directions of primary health care reforms in Armenia. This is a problem area in health care and requires both managerial intervention, administrative reorganization and immense funds investments.

AZERBAIJAN



ONGOING PROJECTS

U.S. Department of State Emergency Medical Distribution Project

- Total project value: over \$ 9 million
- Funding: \$ 727,000
- Duration: March 1, 1996 - February 28, 1998
- Status: Extended

In March of 1996, UMCOR began to implement Federal Assistance Award S-OPRAQ-96-H-0556 - the Emergency Medical Distribution Project in Azerbaijan which supplies essential and other needed pharmaceuticals and medical supplies to IDPs and refugees residing in the city and suburbs of Baku.

Prior to UMCOR's arrival no international NGO had a primary health care program targeting this community of 128,031 beneficiaries. In fact, UMCOR is the first and, to date, only NGO providing medical services to this population. S/NIS/C funding enabled UMCOR to open and staff 8 primary health care clinics in the Surakhani, Sabunchi, Azizbekov, Karadag regions of

the Absheron Peninsula, Absheron district, and within Baku city. The average number of patients treated at the UMCOR clinics (since opening in July 1996) is 6,566 per month.

Three of six scheduled airlifts carrying nearly 4 million dollars worth of medicines and medical supplies have been received by UMCOR. All the commodities received meet the World Health Organization guidelines for primary health care in Azerbaijan. Moreover, all UMCOR activities including types of relief items received fully comply with Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act. UMCOR expects the next airlift, scheduled for February 22, 1997, to transport \$2 million worth of medicines and supplies.

The first phase of the Medical Distribution Project, focused on adapting and expanding UMCOR's commodity control and implementation systems in the context of the restrictions imposed by Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act. UMCOR staff coordinated with the U.S. Embassy, international organizations and donor agencies, and developed positive relationships with the appropriate government of Azerbaijan officials.

UMCOR designed a parallel distribution system independent from the government. UMCOR medical teams staff the 9 UMCOR controlled clinics. The medical teams consist of an internist, pediatrician, and medicine dispenser. Design of the UMCOR controlled clinics was based on a model submitted to the U.S. Embassy and approved in a cable dated 4/16/96.

In the last quarter of 1996, UMCOR expanded activities to include partnering with local NGOs and including Ministry of Health controlled institutions while maintaining compliance with Section 907. UMCOR established a formal cooperative relationship with the Diabetic Center of Baku. Discussions are underway with several more local NGOs for distributing medical consumables. In October, UMCOR signed a field level agreement with the Counterpart Foundation Georgia Field Office to receive consumable medical supplies that are in accordance with Section 907.

In just 9 months, UMCOR established the primary NGO program operating in the health sector in Baku and the surrounding region. UMCOR's distribution model has the approval of the U.S. Embassy and has become the standard for other NGOs to reach more beneficiaries while still complying with all aspects of Section 907.

USAID/SCF Emergency Medical Assistance and Health Education Project

- Total project value: Approximately \$3,335,000
- Funding request: \$443,000 from USAID/SCF
- Duration: January - September 1997
- Status: Ongoing

USAID/SCF approved UMCOR's project for Emergency Medical Assistance and Health Education. The project objectives will address critical need in Azerbaijan to provide access to essential drugs, to deliver high quality primary health care, create public health information resource centers, and to conduct public health education seminars targeted toward targeted IDP/Refugee families who have fallen through the social safety net.

The project aims to empower families in public building collective centers in the Baku/Absheron region, and in 7 ECHO funded camp settlements in Southern Azerbaijan to be aware of and to make improvements in the quality of their public health, sanitation, and nutrition. Sustainability of the project objectives will be achieved through the training and active participation of IDP residents as Community Health Workers. In addition, this project will provide UMCOR donated hygiene kits, school kits, quilts, and essential medicines and medical supplies.

UNHCR Refugee/IDP 1997 Program

- Total project value: \$965,000
- Funding: \$400,000 from UNHCR
- Duration: January - December 1997
- Status: Revised Project Design and Budget Submitted

Sub-Project #1 - Women's Reproductive Health

UMCOR received approval for this project to implement a refugee/IDP women's reproductive health care program in Azerbaijan as part of UMCOR's overall country strategy to deliver effective primary health care for refugees/IDPs at targeted facilities on the Absheron Peninsula. UMCOR anticipates receiving the first installment of funding in the coming weeks.

At present, no other international organization is delivering women's reproductive health care at the targeted refugee/IDP primary health care facilities. UMCOR believes that women's reproductive health care is essential to the well being of women and to their families, rendering reproductive health care a critical component of an effective primary health care delivery program. Funding from UNHCR will greatly enhance UMCOR's program impact in the primary health care arena.

Sub-Project #2 - Metskhethi Turk Community Development Project

At the present time there are about 106,000 Metskhethi (also known as Ahiska) Turks living in 48 regions of Azerbaijan Republic. Part of this population has arrived in Azerbaijan as a result of the 1989 Fergana events during which the Meskhethi Turks of Uzbekistan (200,000) were expelled from the country. The exact number of Ahiska Turks dispersed in the former USSR cannot be easily determined, however, it is estimated to be just under 500,000. Historically, Meskhethi Turks lived in Southern Georgia (Aspinza, Adigon, and Ahalkalake districts). During the former USSR period, they were expelled from Georgia in 1944. They had no freedom of movement inside the former USSR during the period of 1944-1956 and did not have the right to visit their homeland in Georgia.

To assist this vulnerable population, UMCOR endeavors to provide baseline data on the socio-economic status, humanitarian aid and development needs of Metskhethi Turk refugee populations as a prelude for UNHCR's envisaged 1998 focus on refugee populations residing in the RoA. Planned activities include a regional survey with the VATAN Society of Meskhethi Turk communities to assist UNHCR in registering refugees and to assist the VATAN Society in developing social service delivery strategies for these communities; and delivery of an integrated package of humanitarian relief and capacity building services. In addition to the indigenous NGO partner, UMCOR will work in cooperation with VOCA, ADRA and ISAR.

Integrated Health Care Program

- Total project value: over \$2 million
- Total funding: \$695,000 from SCF/USAID
- Duration: March - September 1997
- Status: Contract Pending

In March, UMCOR received approval of the project proposal submitted to SCF in response to the SCF/Caucasus *Azerbaijan Emergency Health Initiative RFP*. The project will address the emergency health needs of refugee/IDP and resident vulnerable populations residing in the target regions. UMCOR seeks approximately \$695,000 to implement an Integrated Health Care Program for the IDP & Refugees and Institutionalized Handicapped Children in the City of Baku.

UMCOR intends to target 89,103 IDP & Refugee beneficiaries in the Narimanov, Khatai, Nisami, Iasamal, Sabayil districts of the City of Baku and 4,053 Institutionalized children 0-15 years old. Total number of potential beneficiaries under proposed program is estimated to be 93,156 persons. The goal of the proposed program is to meet emerging health needs of the target population (IDP & RPs in five selected regions of the city of Baku and institutionalized children) through increasing access to the health care institutions, provision of high quality primary health care at UMCOR operated clinics and continuous health education. The total project value is estimated at over two million dollars.

PROJECT POSSIBILITIES

Tuberculosis Project

UMCOR is developing a project to serve Tuberculosis patients residing in city of Baku and Ali Bayramli, in the Republic of Azerbaijan by efficient and effective delivery of hospital and home health care. UMCOR proposes to establish and maintain a medicine dispensary system in select hospitals and consulting rooms to meet the health care need of TB patients; to regularly screen the target TB patients at their homes through the development of a home health care system; and assist the Ministry of Health in the development of a patient tracking database to ascertain treatment progress for patients and provide a more accurate record in target regions.

Microenterprise Development Project in Baku.

A concept paper for this project is under development. The objectives of this project are (1) Increased capacity of local personnel to issue credit; (2) Increased creditworthiness of microentrepreneurs; and (3) Increase in scale and number of businesses involved in production or manufacturing through the provision of credit. The long run goal of this project is to help promote local production and manufacturing practices by serving as an intermediate link between two detached sectors of society: the poor and the financial sectors. There are several non-permanent barriers to credit that the small entrepreneur faces in Baku which can be incrementally removed by working through UMCOR and a local NGO. The projected long run outcome of this project is economic empowerment to the poor through increased capacity for working with formal financial institutions in Baku.

UMCOR continues to coordinate with the international PVO community and the American Embassy in Azerbaijan to ensure that all current and proposed activities are conducted in compliance with Section 907 of the Freedom Support act as well as in consideration of the real needs of the target population.

Kenya Food Support OFDA

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- Total project value: Approximately \$6,500,000
- Funding: \$ 944,000 from DOS
- Duration: August 1994- December 1997
- Status: Extended

in-kind IMA donated pharmaceuticals and supplies, and Counterpart Foundation commodities. The first year of the project centered on the Tbilisi area and the second on the west Georgian region of Kutaisi, which has a large elderly internally displaced (IDP) population.

- Total project value: \$245,553
- Funding: \$150,000 from ODA
- Duration: December 1, 1996 - August 30, 1997
- Status: Ongoing

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mortality mainly caused by Acute Respiratory Infections (ARI) and Diarrheal Disease (DD) among children 0 to 15 years.

\$74,000 worth of essential medicines were selected from the UMCOR medicines stock during first half of December, 1996. These medicines remain from the completed USAID/Save the Children funded "Emergency Pharmaceutical Assistance Program for Children and Women of Reproductive Age". The pharmaceuticals were selected based on the MOH approved list of essential medicines. The list of pharmaceuticals required to meet the project objectives was developed based upon WHO guidelines for estimating the drug requirements. A total of 50 medicines and medical supplies were selected. These are medicines that were determined to be sufficient to treat 80% of the cases seen in the Children's Polyclinics. The standard treatment schedules for the aforementioned cases had been developed based upon the list of the medicines. Both the pharmaceutical list and the standard treatment schedules had been officially approved by the MOH.

Six City Pharmacies have been selected from the 12 pharmacies, which used to work with UMCOR for USAID/Save the Children funded project during 1994-1996. The formal agreements were concluded between each pharmacy and UMCOR (see attachment #1); The pharmacies were chosen according their location to be optimal distance from the served City Children's Polyclinics.

The project proposal, target facilities and beneficiaries, including vulnerable categories, to be served free of charge in UMCOR targeted facilities, was discussed on meeting with Teimuraz Chkhetia - the Head of The Medical Project's Administration Department of the Ministry of Health of Georgia. The complete plan of the implementing project was officially approved by the MOH.

- With health care reform in Georgia medical services in children's outpatients clinics are no longer free. Only the medical care of children under 1 year is covered by the government. On the meeting with head physicians in the MOH UMCOR requested the Children's Polyclinics to provide free of charge medical services (physical examination, laboratory tests) to vulnerable.

The attitude of head doctors to this issue generally was negative. They argue this, that the inclusion free of charge vulnerable categories would dramatically increase admission of those groups to polyclinics, which will threaten medical facility's ability to support itself. UMCOR explained, that during the implementation project as beneficiaries from general population will have access to free medicines, the admission of patient who can pay for medial services will increase, also.

Agreements were secured with 30 Children's Polyclinics in January. Official announcements with available drug's lists were fastened in Polyclinics in places easily seen by people. To reach a maximum number of beneficiaries from the general population and vulnerable groups, 8 pediatric medical institutions were included as UMCOR target facilities additionally versus the projected 30.

Distribution of pharmaceutical commodities to 6 state humanitarian pharmacies and dispatch of medicines to UMCOR targeted beneficiaries (children aged from 0 to 15 years) was conducted during the reporting period, in compliance with implementation plan and framework and procedures described in project proposal. \$28,000 worth of medicines were distributed to the pharmacies. The first distribution was the same for all pharmacies, except the #1 Tskneti pharmacy, because the population of this district is small. The ongoing distributions were based on each pharmacy's consumption of medicines.

UMCOR targeted polyclinics, pharmacies have undergone continuous monitoring during the reporting period to ensure compliance with program procedures. The ongoing monitoring of pharmacies was conducted by the UMCOR Distribution Manager and Distribution assistant. Based upon bi-weekly shipments of medicines to the pharmacies, reporting and requests were submitted from the pharmacies to the UMCOR/Georgia office. This replenishment of medicines is based

upon the consumption rate reported by the pharmacies and double checked against the prescription of the medicines from the Children's Polyclinics doctors. Divergence between the consumption reports from pharmacies and actual prescribed medicines revealed through these random cross-checks never exceeded acceptable level 1% (i.e. 10-15 tablets out of thousands dispatched)

The ongoing monitoring of UMCOR targeted polyclinics was performed by UMCOR Medical Monitor. The monitoring of polyclinics was not limited with only program procedures, but included following goals:

- a) Continuous monitoring of prescription practices of doctors in targeted facilities;
- b) The accordance of actual prescription patterns with those recommended in standardized treatment schedules distributed by UMCOR.

The analysis of 800 prescription forms from the 6 randomly selected Children's polyclinics was performed by Medical Monitor. Total of incorrect prescription forms were 88, 11% of all investigated prescription forms. During the reporting period monitoring visits were conducted in UMCOR targeted 7 children's polyclinics. The medical monitor discussed the all mistakes in the doctors prescription practices. In 2 Polyclinics there were no UMCOR stickers and announcements about current project. 100 beneficiaries were questioned during monitoring visits by medical monitor. The general impression was that parents of sick children are very thankful for humanitarian aid.

\$57,000 worth of IDA medicines was ordered through IMA. UMCOR has requested approval to procure some medicine locally as well. The purchase of local product will promote local pharmaceutical industry.

UMCOR coordinates the project implementation and distribution of medicines with activities of other NGOs working in Georgia. UNICEF is supporting Children's health facilities in Georgia including Tbilisi. The medicines, which will be distributed by UNICEF to the Tbilisi Children's Polyclinics were either excluded, or there quantities were restricted from the Medicines order.

5,000 beneficiaries were served since of the beginning of project till the end of February, 1996. The number of patients visiting polyclinic has increased 3 times.

Kutaisi Multi-Income Generation Projects for IDPs

-Funding: \$326,280 from UNHCR; \$188,597 from SCF/USAID

-Duration: March 1996- February 1997

-Status: Ongoing

UNHCR Contribution: This program is comprised of several sub-projects targeting IDPs in the Kutaisi area of western Georgia. Each sub-project provides "transferable" skills and inputs so that IDPs from Abkhazia can take their means of livelihood with them in the event of repatriation. The projects range from microenterprise (sewing factory) to agri-business (buffalo dairy farms).

In the past quarter, two additional projects started and four from the previous quarter continued to operate. The two new projects are a poultry farm (ducks and geese) and the family-based farming project. The first employs five IDPs and five locals who are currently receiving their salaries from UMCOR/CIF. In February, when they begin to sell the poultry, the enterprise will be able to pay its own salaries and sustain its own staff. The family-based farming project, distributed livestock to 81 families (only 69 were originally envisioned) and provided the families with veterinarian checks of the animals, feed for the winter, as well as information on yields, care of livestock and some marketing. The sewing, sausage, buffalo, and pig projects continued to function employing

an additional 3 IDPs and 12 residents. The vegetable farm project was completed in October until the spring. Most of the harvest was lost due to the draught described in last quarter's report.

During this period, four projects redistributed their commodities to IDPs in 14 collective centers: the pig farm, vegetable farm, buffalo farm, and sewing project. The pig farm distributed an additional 16 piglets bringing the cumulative beneficiaries to 138 at a value of \$3.57 per beneficiary. In the vegetable farm, the corn produced was distributed to the IDPs who worked at the farm (50 IDPs) resulting in a \$15.6 value per IDP in addition to the GEL 50 salary they were receiving during the project. The buffalo farm distributed meat and cheese to 831 IDPs at a value of GEL \$1.38 per beneficiary. Finally, the sewing project distributed 63 sets of bed linen (value of \$20 each) to 63 IDPs.

SCF/USAID Contribution: As a complementary component to the UNHCR funding for UMCOR's Kutaisi Income Generation Projects for IDPs, UMCOR receives support funds from USAID/SCF for \$188,597. The joint funding will enable UMCOR to achieve the project goal of increasing the household income and self-sufficiency of 1,170 internally displaced (IDP) families in the Kutaisi area of Georgia's Imereti region.

Multi-Business Income Generation

- Total project value: \$266,620
- Funding: \$105,260 from SCF/USAID; \$150,130 from UNDP
- Duration: January 1997 (18 months)
- Status: Commenced

UNDP and SCF/USAID have approved joint funding for an UMCOR proposal for a Multi-Business Income Generation Project to be implemented over 18 months in the greater Tbilisi area. This project was developed in response to the high rate of unemployment and number of low income families among the most vulnerable in Georgia. The goal of the project is to increase the household income and self-sufficiency of this portion of the population. The primary activity will be the provision of business training and financial assistance to three enterprises in the greater Tbilisi region. Two outcomes are expected from these activities: (1) the increase in scale and profitability of the enterprises and (2) to provide access to additional capital with funds returned by successful enterprises. The objectives of these activities are to increase employment among vulnerable individuals and to decrease the necessary expenditures on goods and services. The total project value is anticipated at \$266,620, with SCF/USAID contributing 39.48%, UNDP contributing 56.31% and UMCOR 4.21% of the total budget.

USDA FY97 UMCOR Food for Progress Agricultural/Monetization Program

- Total project value: \$450,684
- Funding: Requesting \$314,863 from USDA
- Duration: Estimated March 1997- March 1998
- Status: Contract Pending

This project will entail the monetization of 2,500 metric tons of vegetable oil for the local currency equivalent of approximately \$1,750,000. The funds will be used for small grants to local NGOs, health promotion, and microenterprise promotion in the agricultural sector. The program will also involve a request for \$314,863 in dollar assistance for administration of the program. UMCOR anticipates signing contracts with USDA in early spring.

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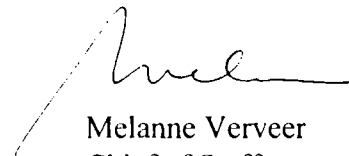
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Best wishes as you prepare for the visit of the Ecumenical Patriarch.

Sincerely,



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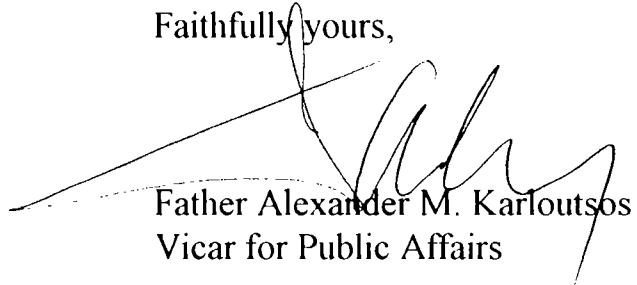
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Thank you for all help.

Faithfully yours,



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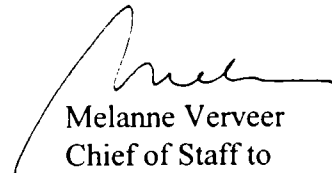
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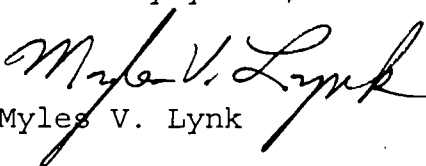
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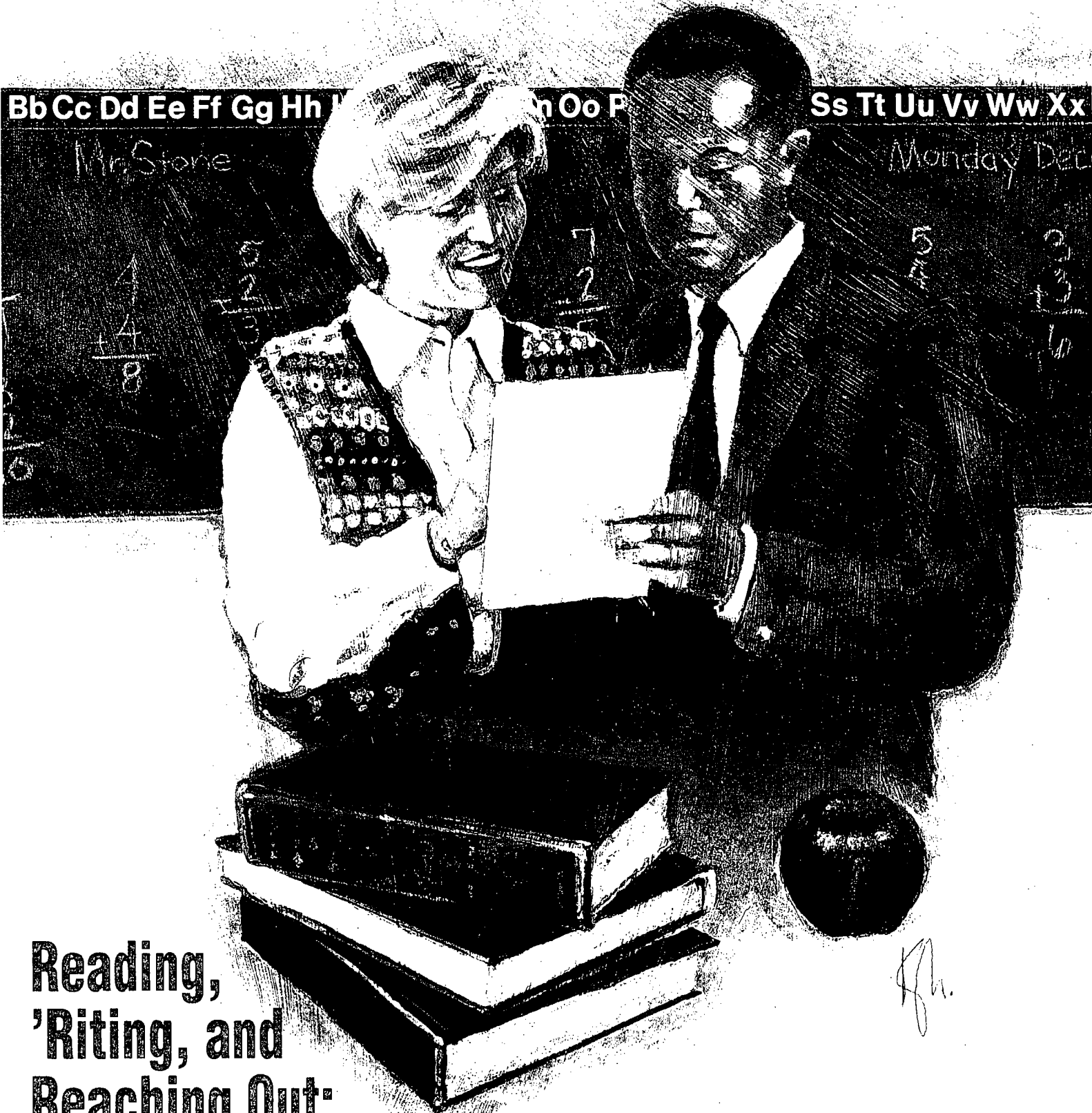
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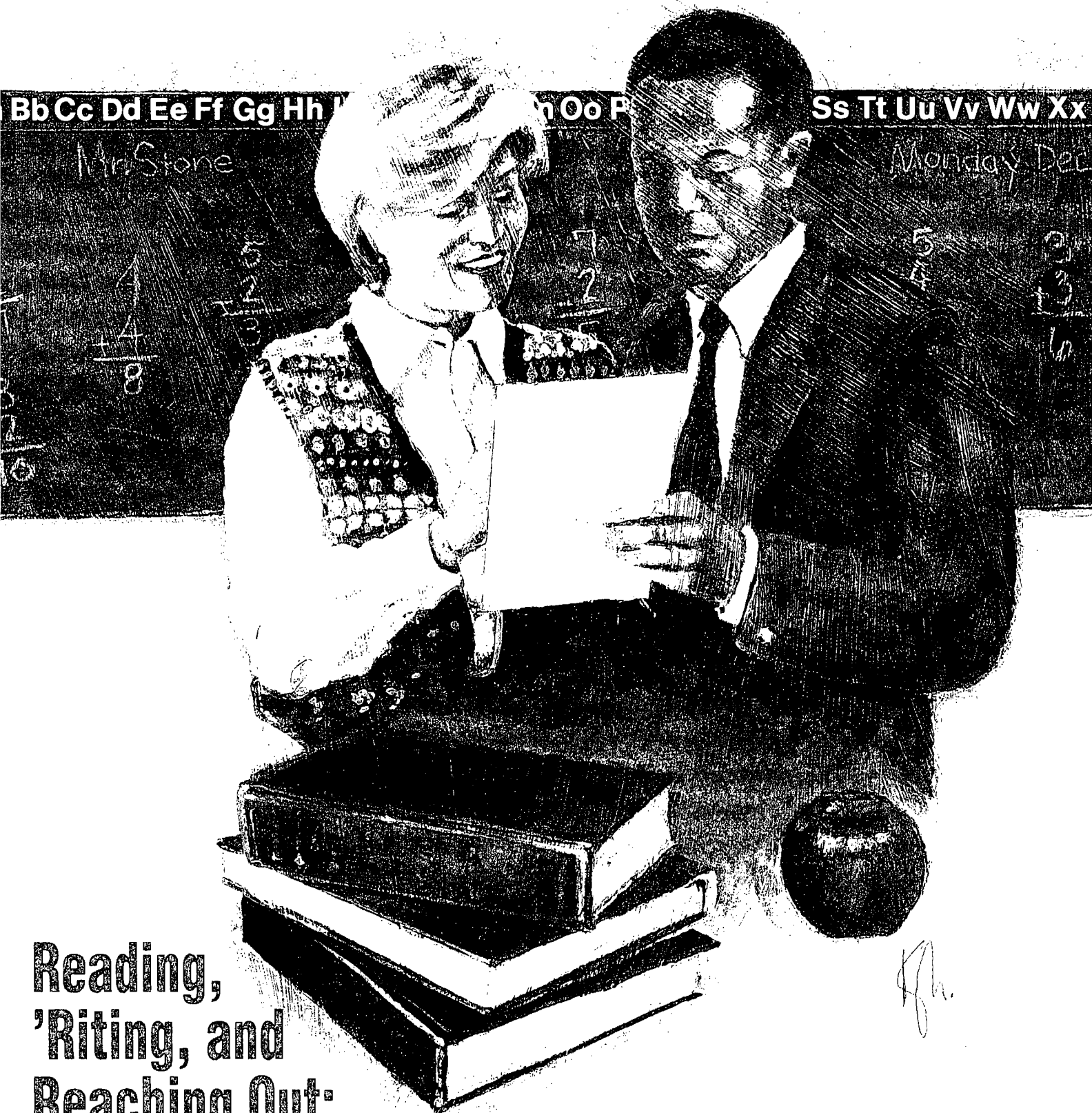
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