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San Diego, CA 92110
May 29, 1997

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
Office of the First Lady (Att: M. Verveer)
The White House
(202) 456-6244

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

I am writing you on behalf of the most Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC). While the U.S. played a positive role in setting up the "HIPC Framework" for debt relief, now that the first of these countries are being considered for that, the U.S. administration has been back-pedaling in terms of providing maximum debt relief to these countries that truly are in need and that have a commitment to domestic poverty reduction.

During your trip to Africa, you spoke forcefully of the need of educating girls but, as you know, when money goes to pay international creditors, girls' education suffers first. I strongly urge you to do all you can to insure that the U.S. supports the most debt relief to the most countries now.

Sincerely,
Marie McHugh

*Sent to Aleei
on June 3
HHA*

*Have Aleei call
USAID on how
to respond -
Cindy Geyer 647-9096
... to get lots more*

1638 Corsica St.
San Diego, CA 92111
May 29, 1997

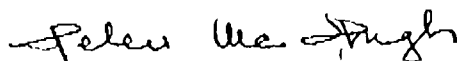
TO: First Lady Hillary Clinton
Office of the First Lady (Att.M. Verveer)

The White House
1600 Pennsylvanis Ave.
Washington D.C. 20220
FAX 202-456-6244

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

When you were in Africa recently, you spoke strongly and eloquently about the need for educating girls. However, when money goes to pay international creditors, girls' education funding is the first to be cut, if it even makes it for consideration. I urge your support in these matters, for you are a welcome voice on behalf of the poor.

Sincerely yours,



Helen Mc Hugh, Ph.D,
Professor Emeritus

Ms. Frances Mc Court
1341 Montgomery Avenue
Rosemont, Pa., 19010-1698
May 26, 1997

First Lady Hilary Rodham Clinton
Office of the First Lady (ATTN: M. Varney)
The White House
Washington, D.C., 20500

Dear First Lady,

On your recent trip to Africa you saw first hand the need for education especially for girls. When money goes to pay international creditors, girls education must suffer.

Now that the first of the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) are being considered for debt relief I am writing to urge you to use your influence to help this great cause. Please beg that the maximum debt relief be provided to these countries (Uganda, Bolivia, Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, with Mozambique, Guyana, and possibly Nicaragua to be considered shortly) that truly are in need and have a commitment to domestic poverty reduction.

How gratifying if the U. S. played a positive role in setting up the "HIPC" framework

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for debt relief. We know that U.S. has been back pedaling in terms of providing debt relief to those countries that are truly in need. May your words help to bring about a positive change; seek the most debt relief to the most countries NOW.

Thank you kindly.

Sincerely,

Ms. Frances Mc Cort

Copy To:

The Honorable Robert Rubin
Secretary, Dept. of the Treasury
Washington, D.C., 20220

FAX

from Clare Nolan, 348 Ninth St, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215
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TO: First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton,
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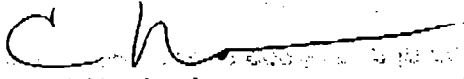
Honorable Mrs. Clinton,

I am writing to urge your continued action on behalf of debt cancellation for Heavily Indebted Countries. Your recent statements in Africa were most encouraging.

I am a member of an international religious community which provides human services to women and girls in developing countries. The burden of debt keeps many women poor and marginalized in their society. Your work on this issue is urgent and is a matter of justice.

Please do all you can to ensure global economic justice.

Attached is a statement of our commitment to continue to work toward justice in this area.

Clare Nolan 
Sisters of the Good Shepherd
NGO with special status, ECOSOC, United Nations
e-mail: CNOLAN8345@AOL.COM

A Statement on World Debt

by the participants of the Good Shepherd Forum on Economic Justice for Women,
February 19th, 1997

We, the undersigned, acknowledge our being part of unjust structures that impoverish many peoples, especially women, all over the world. We are women working within the mission of the Good Shepherd Sisters and gathered from twenty-four countries at the Forum on Economic Justice for Women, Australia.

In the Judeo Christian tradition of canceling debts and freeing slaves in a year of jubilee, we recommend as an urgent priority that the action be taken for implementation whereby third world debts to the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank be cancelled.

We commit ourselves to furthering our own understanding of the impact of third world debt and the possibilities and challenges of the year of jubilee.

Signed by sixty women participants from 24 countries who are in ministry with Good Shepherd

May 25, 1997

Good Shepherd Provincialate

504 HEXTON HILL ROAD

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND 20904-3300

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton (301) 384-1192

Office of the First Lady (Att: M. Verveer) (301) 384-8889

The White House

Washington, DC 20500

FAX: 202-456-6244

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I am writing to you to share my concern regarding world debt in poor countries and ask you to work on behalf of the poor to urge our country to ACT ON DEBT RELIEF. During your trip to Africa, you spoke forcefully of the need for educating girls, but when money goes to pay international creditors, girls' education suffers first.

My congregation, The Sisters of the Good Shepherd work with women and girls throughout the world as well as in Africa and our country. Near to you, we are located in Silver Spring where we have a foster care home for women with AIDS and a residential treatment center in Baltimore serving teenage girls from Washington DC and the counties in Maryland.

We recently held a Forum on Economic Justice for women sixty women participants from 24 countries who are engaged in ministry with Good Shepherd signed the following statement:

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Needless to say, as a Sisters of the Good Shepherd and as a US citizen, I believe that action regarding this serious issue is essential. Please join us in working on behalf of women in this way. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



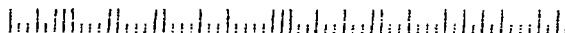
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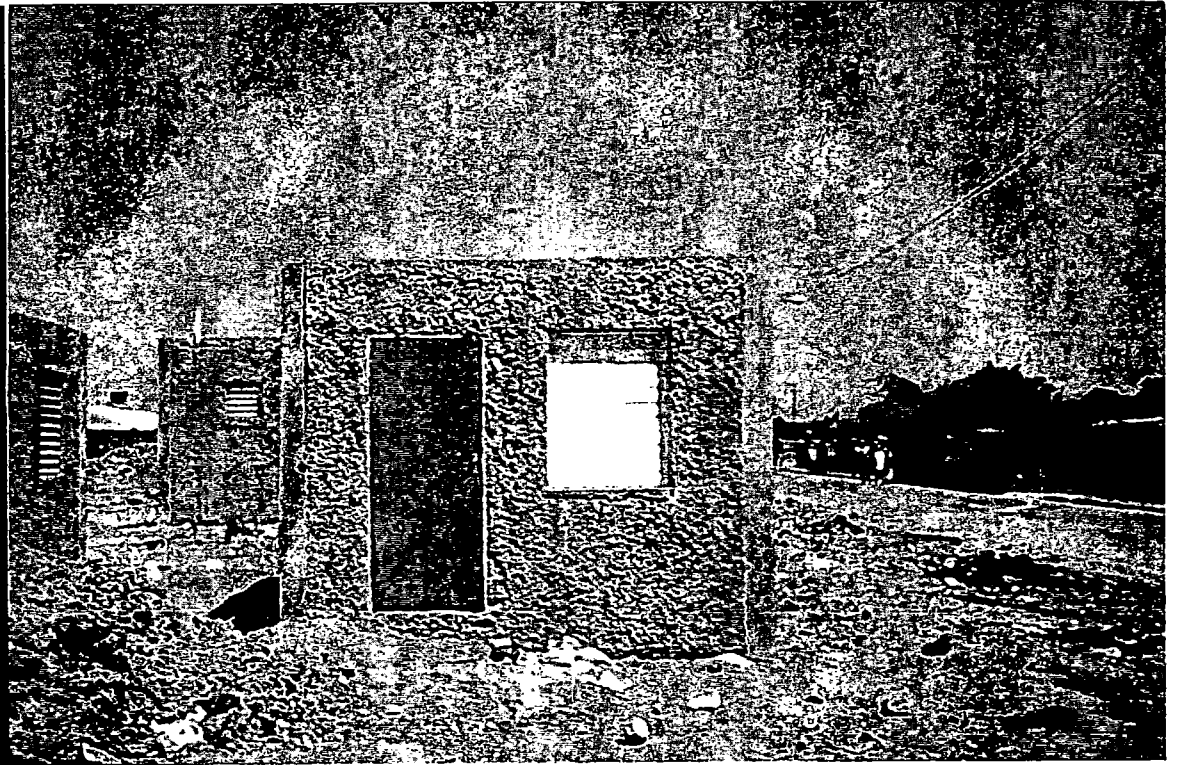


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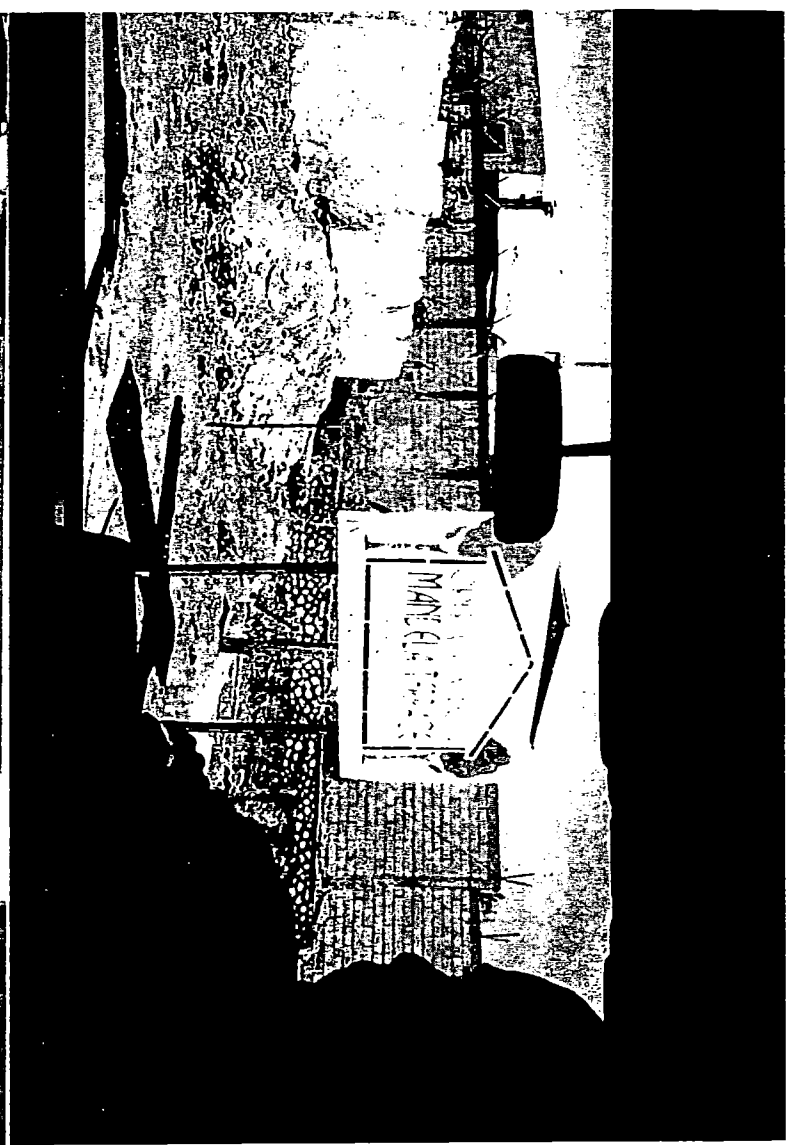
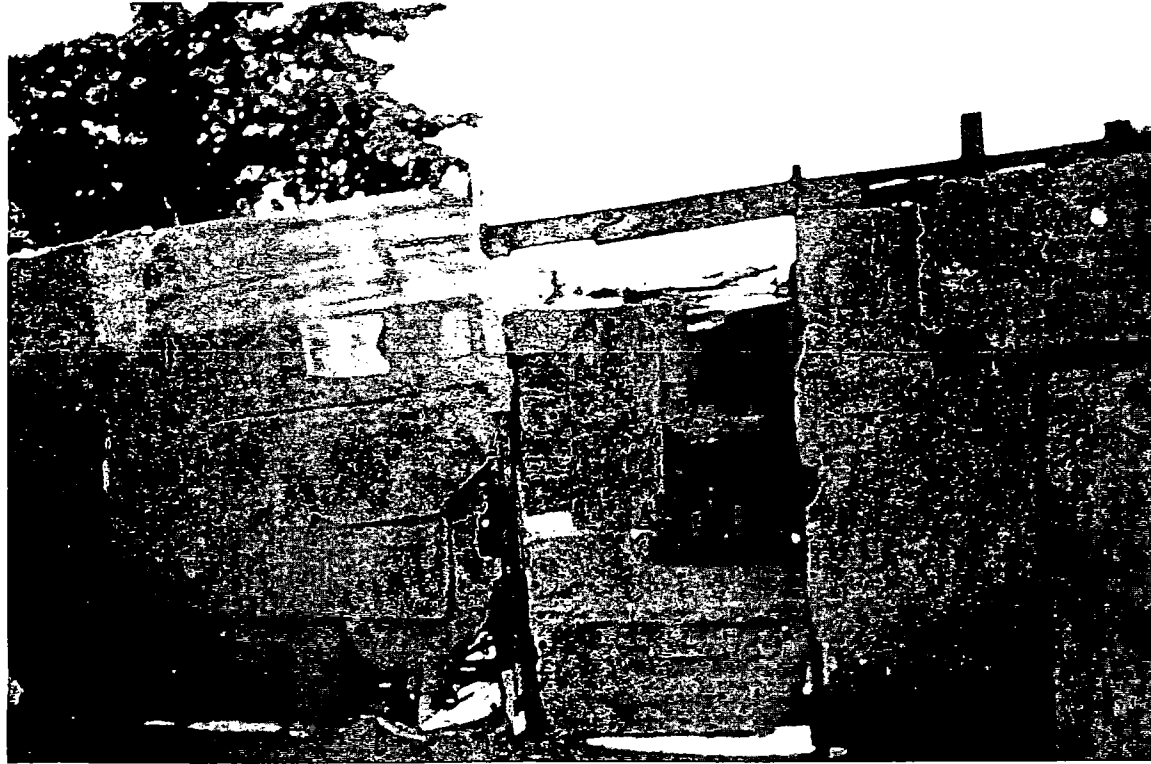
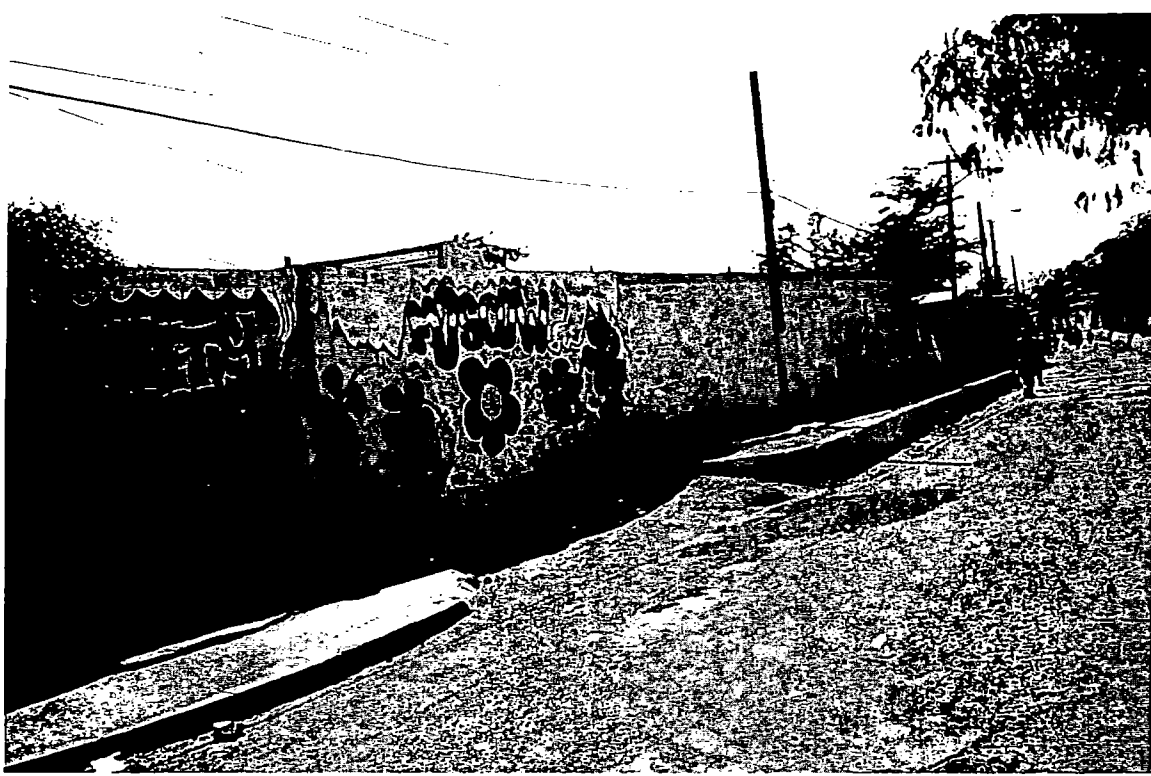
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Pres. Carter's group project



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 20, 1997

The Second Grade
c/o Principal Annie Mair
Cleveland Tri-School Elementary
8th and T Streets, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Children:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful, wonderful letters. I enjoyed meeting you and visiting your school. Study hard and have a great summer.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton
Hillary Rodham Clinton

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Cards From Second Grade Class of
Cleveland Tri-School Elementary

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mrs. May,

These are the cards for Mrs. Clinton

Thank

Bella Drentel

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 13, 1997

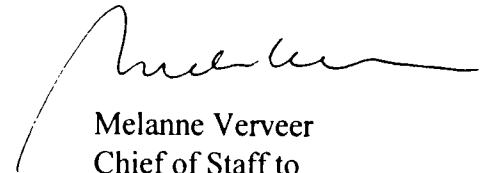
Ms. Courtney Messenger
Mark E. Mitchell, Inc.
3002 Winter Pine Court
Fairfax, VA 22031

Dear Ms. Messenger:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and for the very informative catalogue, particularly the Arkansas highlighted materials. We appreciate your consideration in sending them to us.

Thanks for writing and best wishes.

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



Mark E. Mitchell, Incorporated

ORIGINAL HISTORIC NEWSPAPERS
GOING BACK TO 1645

Ms. Melanie Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
First Ladies Office
Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Verveer,

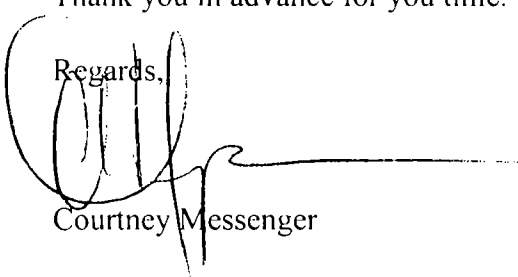
My name is Courtney Messenger and I work for a dealer in original, historic newspapers in Fairfax. I had read an article recently on the plans for the Presidential Library which mentioned the President and First Lady's interest in history, particularly Arkansas history.

I have enclosed our most recent catalog that includes the full printing of the Bill admitting Arkansas as a state (item 102, page 17), the relocation of the Cherokee Indians from Georgia to the Arkansas Territory (item 106, page 18), and many Civil War papers. We also have numerous issues of the Arkansas State Democrat from 1846-1850. These are extremely rare.

Please feel free to contact me if the President and First Lady are interested in these papers, or if you yourself find items of interest. We tried to appeal to a wide variety of interests when compiling this catalog.

Thank you in advance for your time. I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,



Courtney Messenger

June 2, 1997

Mr. Ron Nessen
Co-Host, "Kids Town Meeting"
Children's Broadcasting Corporation
5501 Excelsior Boulevard
Minneapolis, MN 55416

Dear Mr. Nessen:

Thank you very much for your ~~thoughtful~~ letter and for
inviting the First Lady to ~~as a guest~~ on the inaugural broadcast
of "Kids Town Meeting." *appear*

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

~~Thanks for writing and best wishes.~~

Wishing you all the best
Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

*I promise
we will give your
invitation full
consideration, and
we will be back in
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advise you as to
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Mrs C to
participate.*



May 29, 1997

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

Dear Ms. Verveer:

Your husband Phil very generously suggested that I send this packet to you at home. I hope it's not an imposition.

As you see, it's an invitation -- along with background materials -- for Mrs. Clinton to be the guest on the inaugural broadcast of a monthly "Kids Town Meeting" from the Freedom Forum's *Newsseum* in Rosslyn.

There will be a live audience of 75 children in the *Newsseum* studio, as well as thousands of others listening in their classrooms. The monthly "Kids Town Meeting" is designed as an educational experience, to acquaint youngsters with the background, accomplishments, responsibilities, and views of Washington newsmakers. The Freedom Forum will create classroom materials to accompany each broadcast.

Given Mrs. Clinton's interest in issues affecting children, this would be an ideal forum for her. .and it's just across the Potomac in Virginia!

You may recall that when I was managing the public affairs activities of the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association (where I met Phil), I worked with the Office of the First Lady to arrange a phone call between Mrs. Clinton and the then-Miss America, Heather Whitestone, to dramatize her achievement in overcoming her hearing disability.

I hope your response will be positive to the invitation for Mrs. Clinton to be the first guest at the "Kids Town Meeting." I'll follow up by phone to answer any questions and, hopefully, to begin making arrangements for her participation.

Yours truly,

Ron Nessen

Co-host, "Kids Town Meeting"

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 13, 1997

Ms. Donna Michaels
American Embassy Kingston
U.D. DOS
Washington, DC 20521-3210

Dear Donna:

Thank you very much for your letter and birthday card. We're not getting any younger! It was wonderful to hear from you and to get an update on your life in Jamaica. Mrs. Clinton has no plans to visit the island in the foreseeable future but I do hope I'll get to see you one day soon.

Be well!

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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6/6/97

Heard that the first lady is planning a visit here — hope you don't come in summer — it's dreadfully hot and rainy. Furthermore 95% of the population lives in improvised homes and conditions. Photos attached. The current government has not done anything (P.J.) for the country, except enrich itself. Crime is 4th in the world. Our leadership here is just perfecting their scuba & golf careers.

The real work is communal — never ending. Our life here is work to home only.

The poor here love Castro!! We are to have elections here, but it's predicted that the current admin. will win. They are not popular with the poor.

Let me know when and if you expect to visit. K&W.

I'm working on my next assignment, although I'll be here till 4/99.

I've enclosed some photos I took of the downtown area — no water in this area.... approx. 50,000 people live in such dwellings.

The best to you and Phil.

Dawn regards
Dawn.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 9, 1997

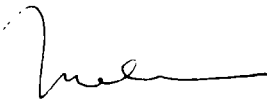
Mr. John McCaffrey
Director of Development
Development of External Affairs
Newtonabbey County Antrim
BT37 0QB
Northern Ireland

Dear John:

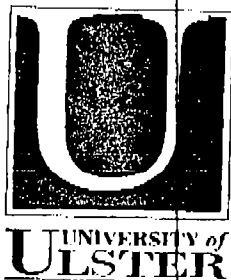
Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and for the wonderful news that you will be moving to New York. My best wishes to you in your challenging position for Cambridge. I know you'll do well.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



Department of External Affairs
Director of Development: John McCaffrey

Via facsimile

22 May 1997

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

Dear Melanne:

I wanted to let you know that I have accepted an offer from Cambridge University to become the Director of their US office, to be based in New York City from August 1. As Cambridge is my alma mater, and the US a favourite place, I am obviously delighted.

I know that Ann Tate will continue to have contact with you regarding the visit of the First Lady. The Vice-Chancellor, Sir Trevor, is keen that I should stay involved if that is at all possible. Neither Cambridge, nor the University of Ulster, have any objection, and I am hoping that in some small way I can be of use to you, either logistically or strategically.

Melissa and Steve Graham will always know where to find me. My office number in New York from August 1 will be 212 880 2840.

I have very much enjoyed my contact with you and with your colleagues over the past two years, and the chance to work closely on the President's visit to Derry. I hope that there may be future opportunities to once again give some meaningful expression to my admiration for the President and Mrs. Clinton.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

JOHN MCCAFFREY

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 2, 1997

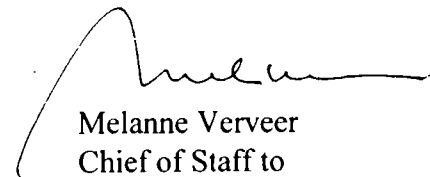
Dr. Maria Eugenia Montero
President
CREDIMUJER
Auto Mercado Los Yoses 50 Este
150 Sur - APDO. Postal 3128-1000
COSTA RICA

Dear Dr. Montero:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and information on Credimujer. Mrs. Clinton was pleased to visit Costa Rica and to be able to see firsthand the successful effort that is occurring to promote micro-enterprise development. Regarding your request for assistance, Mrs. Clinton is not permitted to secure government grants or other funding on behalf of institutions.

Best wishes in your important work.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



Filial del Banco Mundial de la Mujer
(Women's World Banking)

San Jose, Costa Rica
May 7, 1997

Honorable
Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady of the United States

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Credimujer is an organization that provides loans, training and technical assistance for women who head microenterprise or small business projects. Our mission is to assist lower income women's full participation in our country's economic development.

Since 1995 and with the support of the International Development Bank, we have accomplished many of our goals and now consider that we are at a stage of healthy and necessary growth.

However, we would like to make use of the privilege of your visit to Costa Rica to provide you with a copy of our "Project to improve women's access to loans and training" and, at the same time, request your assistance in identifying donor organizations interested in supporting such endeavors and the use of your influence in assisting us in requesting funds and technical support.

The financial resources that we are able to obtain will allow the increase of loans to qualified women, the acquisition of land and the construction of a training center. Our goal for the prime areas of our fundraising are: US\$500,000 for loans, US\$80,000 for land acquisition and US\$135,000 to build the training facilities.

In the very near future, we will provide you with our full proposal to donor organizations and, of course, we would provide a proposal to whichever person or organization that requests the same.

We wish to thank you for having come to Costa Rica and we hope we were able to make your visit a meaningful one. Should we be able to assist you with any information or technical support, please feel free to request it.

Thank you again.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Maria Eugenia Montero
President

cc: file



CREDIMUJER ASSOCIATION

FILIAL OF WOMEN'S WORLD BANKING (WWB)

PROJECT

**FACILITATE THE ACCESS TO
CREDIT SERVICES AND TRAINING FOR
FEMALE MICRO-ENTERPRISE MANAGERS**

**SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA
MAY, 1997**

ANTECEDENTS

CREDIMUJER is a non-profit organization that was created twelve years ago with the objective of promoting the development of the female micro-enterprise manager through the granting of credit, training and technical assistance for her integration into the social and economic development of Costa Rica.

During its first eight years, the organization confronted problems inherent in the search for available credit resources and operative self-sufficiency.

It came to be an organization with a focus on assistance and help **WOMEN** and **DEVELOPMENT**, congruent with the philosophical changes in organizations on the international level.

Since its foundation, CREDIMUJER has formed part of the network of Women's World Banking, an organization that facilitates the insertion of micro and small company managers into their country's economies.

In 1992 we began negotiations with the Inter American Development Bank (IDB) to qualify process as a non-governmental organization eligible for a loan as part of the Program of Small Productive Projects; after evaluation by consultants from BID, we started the completion stage of preliminary conditions that were finalized in January of 1994.

In May of the same year, we began payment of the Institutional Fortifications (donation) component with the contraction of certain professionals. In September, we started the execution of the Rotating Credit Fund whose original funds and recoveries had financed a total of more 2.000 credits.

In twelve years of work, CREDIMUJER has contributed to the development of more than 1750 women who are micro-enterprise managers through our programs of credit, training, and technical assistance.

With the aim of opening new possibilities to women and above all guiding them towards less vulnerable economic activities to commercial openings, an alliance strategy was consolidated with the private company in November of 1994. This alliance was fortified

through the signing of an agreement with the PIPASA corporation, national corporate leader in chicken raising and its related products.

This experience is unique in Costa Rica. As the result of this initiative, CREDIMUJER has financed 68 businesses designated "Integrated Distributors" at the close of 1996.

The support that CREDIMUJER offers also involves training in micro-enterprise management; 95% of our clients are housewives. Although many of these heads of households have the imperative need to generate higher incomes for their nuclear families, they do not possess any formal administrative training.

Experience has demonstrated to us that the training is an indispensable compliment to credit access for human and micro-enterprise manager development. However, it is necessary to pay attention to the growth of the micro-enterprise to activity's success and therefore, the repayment of credit.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THIS PROJECT

To plant policy and plans of action to assure improvement and sustainability in the portfolio quality in the face of a rapid expansion and continuation of credit services. To also establish training, following and evaluation of the micro-enterprise.

STRATEGIC LINES

The association CREDIMUJER requires additional resources to develop the following strategic lines, according to its general objective:

1° Establishment and Expansion of the Credit Fund

Regarding the need to attend to the credit demand of a larger number of female micro-company managers in the peripheral, urban and rural areas of the San Jose province, we see the need to search for new finance sources.

To have the power to respond to this demand will signify the improvement of socioeconomic conditions of the most dispossessed women.

The required amount is US\$500,000 with which would be able to finance around 300 micro-projects; the components would finance fixed salaries and job capital in commercial non-traditional activities.

For these new credits we would be using incentives to use new technologies, for example: the financing of biodigestors for the production of organic gas, a better utilization of solid waste, and the financing of any other productive activity that contributes to the preservation of the environment.

2° Establishment and Expansion of the Training Service

In Costa Rica, 51.5% of the population is composed of women and only 17.6% of them have a college education; 24% of the woman are bosses of their homes in urban zones, and 19% in rural zones.

These statistics and other related studies show that an important percentage of our women don't conclude the basic cycles of education and in addition must assume early home responsibilities, with the demand to generate income to support the family.

The response to this situation is the female micro-enterprise manager as a generating income source, but she is faced with not having the necessary training for adequate administration. For this reason, the mandatory training requirement along with credit access, has made integration possible for the micro-enterprise activities of our clients.

Our training department has achieved the development of a women's own methodology to facilitate our clients learning. However, we require additional resources for the processes of following and evaluating the micro-enterprises, with the aim of fortifying the training process.

We consider that this activity is possible with a donation of around 29% of the Credit Fund's resources, or US\$100,000, which would be utilized in the updating of materials, the following of the micro-companies, and the evaluation of the training given.

3° Training Center

The need to rely on an adequate training center where women come together for technical assistance in administrative management of their productive units in areas where CREDIMUJER has detected market niches, propels us to solicit a donation of US\$195,000. This amount would be invested in the property purchase for a sum of US\$60,000, and a building structure with a value at US\$135,000..

4° New Strategic Alliances

The process of globalization demands a constant improvement in the quality of products and services that are offered in global economies, to achieve market permanence.

The establishment of strategic alliances with private enterprises (micro, large, and medium enterprises) is a form of insertion of micro-enterprises in a highly competitive environment, in which the technological disadvantages play a determining role.

In this field, CREDIMUJER has invaded like a NGO visionary. It is our interest to replicate this experience with enterprises producing goods and services that can be expanded for women with similar profiles to our clients' and achieve satisfactory results for both.

TABLE No. 1

SUMMARY

AMOUNT SOLICITED FROM RESOURCES

ITEM	US\$ AMOUNT
ROTATING FUND	\$500,000.
TRAINING	\$100,000
PURCHASE OF LOT	\$60,000.
TRAINING CENTER	\$135,000.

ANNEX No 1

CREDIMUJER ASSOCIATION

Women's World Banking (WWB) contacted a group of Costa Rican women, exceptional in their professional fields and/or businesses, with the aim of creating an organization that will support the insertion of the sector of women with scarce resources into the economy.

In response to this invitation, in October of 1984 the Association CREDIMUJER was founded as a non-profit organization, with the objective of supporting female micro-enterprise managers that are in their initial stages of negotiation or their productive activities are lacking adequate financial support.

As a non-profit organization, all surpluses utilized for the fulfillment of their objectives; the women associated pay monthly affiliation quotas and do not accrue any type of remuneration. Moreover, all contribute accessory services to the organization, through their respective specialties and professional experience.

In 1989, Executive Power declared CREDIMUJER an Association of Public Service (official newspaper, La Gaceta N° 10, Jan. 13, 1989). This declaration was granted recognition that the activities achieved are particularly useful for the interests of the Costa Rican State and are to be directed to the socioeconomic improvement of an important sector of the population.

CREDIMUJER has offered its services to a population composed of women with scarce resources, predominantly in the metropolitan area of the San Jose province and a few credits in the districts of the Alajuela, Cartago, Heredia provinces; this means that of the 81 districts of the country, CREDIMUJER attends women of 21 of those districts.

Currently our organization offers training and credit to female micro-enterprise managers with the potential for successful development of a productive activity that permits them to have access to the formal market and improve their quality of life.

Behind the success of our labors we have proved the need for those services of training, credit, and technical assistance to reach a larger female population of the country, primarily

female micro-enterprise managers with scarce economic resources who need support to develop their productive activity.

The next stage is the enlargement of the credit and training services (Proyecto) to women of districts not yet covered.

The Organization continues the responsibility to women in the recognized trajectory of different environments who contribute their time and knowledge to achieve a common goal: to integrate women into the economic and social development of the country by means of the micro-enterprise activity.

We continuously detail a profile summary of the components of the current Board of Directors for the 1996-1998 period.

President: Dr. Maria Eugenia Montero

Pediatrician, with a masters in business administration. Three and a half years as an active participant in CREDIMUJER.

I accepted the responsibility that the position of president brings with the firm conviction that the ideals that guided the founding members of CREDIMUJER not only are still valid, but that the organization has a great growth potential that we want to exploit for the benefit of the women in development of this country.

Vice-president: Ms. Flora María Calvo

Licensed in business administration, Founder, consultant in environmental issues, micro-enterprises and gender.

In the last few years the organization was heading for disaster in achieving operative and financial self-sufficiency. After accompanying CREDIMUJER in this process, at present the organization participates with enthusiasm in the development of new plans that involve the enterprises, like that of the Credit Committee.

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Filial del Banco Mundial de la Mujer
(Women's World Banking)

San Jose, Costa Rica
May 7, 1997

Honorable
Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady of the United States

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Credimujer is an organization that provides loans, training and technical assistance for women who head microenterprise or small business projects. Our mission is to assist lower income women's full participation in our country's economic development.

Since 1995 and with the support of the International Development Bank, we have accomplished many of our goals and now consider that we are at a stage of healthy and necessary growth.

However, we would like to make use of the privilege of your visit to Costa Rica to provide you with a copy of our "Project to improve women's access to loans and training" and, at the same time, request your assistance in identifying donor organizations interested in supporting such endeavors and the use of your influence in assisting us in requesting funds and technical support.

The financial resources that we are able to obtain will allow the increase of loans to qualified women, the acquisition of land and the construction of a training center. Our goal for the prime areas of our fundraising are: US\$500,000 for loans, US\$60,000 for land acquisition and US\$135,000 to build the training facilities.

In the very near future, we will provide you with our full proposal to donor organizations and, of course, we would provide a proposal to whichever person or organization that requests the same.

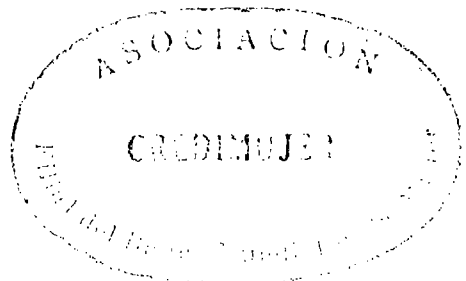
We wish to thank you for having come to Costa Rica and we hope we were able to make your visit a meaningful one. Should we be able to assist you with any information or technical support, please feel free to request it.

Thank you again.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Maria Eugenia Montero
President

cc: file





CREDIMUJER ASSOCIATION

FILIAL OF WOMEN'S WORLD BANKING (WWB)

PROJECT

**FACILITATE THE ACCESS TO
CREDIT SERVICES AND TRAINING FOR
FEMALE MICRO-ENTERPRISE MANAGERS**

**SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA
MAY, 1997**

ANTECEDENTS

CREDIMUJER is a non-profit organization that was created twelve years ago with the objective of promoting the development of the female micro-enterprise manager through the granting of credit, training and technical assistance for her integration into the social and economic development of Costa Rica.

During its first eight years, the organization confronted problems inherent in the search for available credit resources and operative self-sufficiency.

It came to be an organization with a focus on assistance and help WOMEN and DEVELOPMENT, congruent with the philosophical changes in organizations on the international level.

Since its foundation, CREDIMUJER has formed part of the network of Women's World Banking, an organization that facilitates the insertion of micro and small company managers into their country's economies.

In 1992 we began negotiations with the Inter American Development Bank (IDB) to qualify process as a non-governmental organization eligible for a loan as part of the Program of Small Productive Projects; after evaluation by consultants from BID, we started the completion stage of preliminary conditions that were finalized in January of 1994.

In May of the same year, we began payment of the Institutional Fortifications (donation) component with the contraction of certain professionals. In September, we started the execution of the Rotating Credit Fund whose original funds and recoveries had financed a total of more 2.000 credits.

In twelve years of work, CREDIMUJER has contributed to the development of more than 1750 women who are micro-enterprise managers through our programs of credit, training, and technical assistance.

With the aim of opening new possibilities to women and above all guiding them towards less vulnerable economic activities to commercial openings, an alliance strategy was consolidated with the private company in November of 1994. This alliance was fortified

through the signing of an agreement with the PIPASA corporation, national corporate leader in chicken raising and its related products.

This experience is unique in Costa Rica. As the result of this initiative, CREDIMUJER has financed 68 businesses designated "Integrated Distributors" at the close of 1996.

The support that CREDIMUJER offers also involves training in micro-enterprise management; 95% of our clients are housewives. Although many of these heads of households have the imperative need to generate higher incomes for their nuclear families, they do not possess any formal administrative training.

Experience has demonstrated to us that the training is an indispensable compliment to credit access for human and micro-enterprise manager development. However, it is necessary to pay attention to the growth of the micro-enterprise to activity's success and therefore, the repayment of credit.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THIS PROJECT

To plant policy and plans of action to assure improvement and sustainability in the portfolio quality in the face of a rapid expansion and continuation of credit services. To also establish training, following and evaluation of the micro-enterprise.

STRATEGIC LINES

The association CREDIMUJER requires additional resources to develop the following strategic lines, according to its general objective:

1º Establishment and Expansion of the Credit Fund

Regarding the need to attend to the credit demand of a larger number of female micro-company managers in the peripheral, urban and rural areas of the San Jose province, we see the need to search for new finance sources.

To have the power to respond to this demand will signify the improvement of socioeconomic conditions of the most dispossessed women.

The required amount is US\$500,000 with which would be able to finance around 300 micro-projects; the components would finance fixed salaries and job capital in commercial non-traditional activities.

For these new credits we would be using incentives to use new technologies, for example: the financing of biodigestors for the production of organic gas, a better utilization of solid waste, and the financing of any other productive activity that contributes to the preservation of the environment.

2° Establishment and Expansion of the Training Service

In Costa Rica, 51.5% of the population is composed of women and only 17.6% of them have a college education; 24% of the woman are bosses of their homes in urban zones, and 19% in rural zones.

These statistics and other related studies show that an important percentage of our women don't conclude the basic cycles of education and in addition must assume early home responsibilities, with the demand to generate income to support the family.

The response to this situation is the female micro-enterprise manager as a generating income source, but she is faced with not having the necessary training for adequate administration. For this reason, the mandatory training requirement along with credit access, has made integration possible for the micro-enterprise activities of our clients.

Our training department has achieved the development of a women's own methodology to facilitate our clients learning. However, we require additional resources for the processes of following and evaluating the micro-enterprises, with the aim of fortifying the training process.

We consider that this activity is possible with a donation of around 29% of the Credit Fund's resources, or US\$100,000, which would be utilized in the updating of materials, the following of the micro-companies, and the evaluation of the training given.

3° Training Center

The need to rely on an adequate training center where women come together for technical assistance in administrative management of their productive units in areas where CREDIMUJER has detected market niches, propels us to solicit a donation of US\$195,000. This amount would be invested in the property purchase for a sum of US\$60,000, and a building structure with a value at US\$135,000..

4° New Strategic Alliances

The process of globalization demands a constant improvement in the quality of products and services that are offered in global economies, to achieve market permanence.

The establishment of strategic alliances with private enterprises (micro, large, and medium enterprises) is a form of insertion of micro-enterprises in a highly competitive environment, in which the technological disadvantages play a determining role.

In this field, CREDIMUJER has invaded like a NGO visionary. It is our interest to replicate this experience with enterprises producing goods and services that can be expanded for women with similar profiles to our clients' and achieve satisfactory results for both.

TABLE No. 1

SUMMARY

AMOUNT SOLICITED FROM RESOURCES

ITEM	US\$ AMOUNT
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In response to this invitation, in October of 1984 the Association CREDIMUJER was founded as a non-profit organization, with the objective of supporting female micro-enterprise managers that are in their initial stages of negotiation or their productive activities are lacking adequate financial support.

As a non-profit organization, all surpluses utilized for the fulfillment of their objectives; the women associated pay monthly affiliation quotas and do not accrue any type of remuneration. Moreover, all contribute accessory services to the organization, through their respective specialties and professional experience.

In 1989, Executive Power declared CREDIMUJER an Association of Public Service (official newspaper, La Gaceta N° 10, Jan. 13, 1989). This declaration was granted recognition that the activities achieved are particularly useful for the interests of the Costa Rican State and are to be directed to the socioeconomic improvement of an important sector of the population.

CREDIMUJER has offered its services to a population composed of women with scarce resources, predominantly in the metropolitan area of the San Jose province and a few credits in the districts of the Alajuela, Cartago, Heredia provinces; this means that of the 81 districts of the country, CREDIMUJER attends women of 21 of those districts.

Currently our organization offers training and credit to female micro-enterprise managers with the potential for successful development of a productive activity that permits them to have access to the formal market and improve their quality of life.

Behind the success of our labors we have proved the need for those services of training, credit, and technical assistance to reach a larger female population of the country, primarily

female micro-enterprise managers with scarce economic resources who need support to develop their productive activity.

The next stage is the enlargement of the credit and training services (Proyecto) to women of districts not yet covered.

The Organization continues the responsibility to women in the recognized trajectory of different environments who contribute their time and knowledge to achieve a common goal: to integrate women into the economic and social development of the country by means of the micro-enterprise activity.

We continuously detail a profile summary of the components of the current Board of Directors for the 1996-1998 period.

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Pediatrician, with a masters in business administration. Three and a half years as an active participant in CREDIMUJER.

I accepted the responsibility that the position of president brings with the firm conviction that the ideals that guided the founding members of CREDIMUJER not only are still valid, but that the organization has a great growth potential that we want to exploit for the benefit of the women in development of this country.

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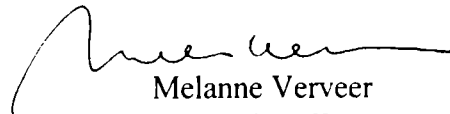
Mr. Stephen F. Moseley
President & Chief Executive Officer
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1875 Connecticut Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Moseley:

On behalf of the First Lady thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and the materials on Sseguko primary school in Uganda. Mrs. Clinton was grateful for the opportunity to visit Sseguko. In her many recent speeches and statements, she has remarked about Uganda's commitment to the education of girls, as demonstrated in the class she visited. The work being done on behalf of women and children is commendable.

Thank you for writing and best wishes in the important work you are doing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black 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



Academy for Educational Development

Office of the President

May 2, 1997

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

We are pleased to send you the enclosed tape of your visit to the Sseguko primary school in Uganda. Although the tape was edited considerably for Ugandan TV, we think it captures the excitement and spirit of your visit. We have also enclosed a photo of you and Chelsea taken at the school, which we thought you might like to have.

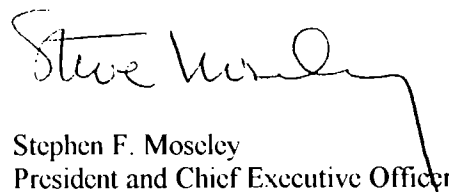
The school you visited is participating in the SUPER (Support for Uganda Education Reform) project, which the Academy for Educational Development implements, with USAID funding. It is one of many such projects addressing the issues of basic education and equity for girls and women for which we provide assistance in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Related to that, our work around the world in the cause of child survival, child nutrition, and maternal and child health care is helping to increase the number of children who survive infancy and enter school healthy and ready to learn. We are proud to be able to contribute to such programs on the continuum of health, education, and economic prosperity.

For years, Academy staff in the developing world and the United States have employed a lessons-without-borders approach. They have brought lessons learned, for example, from HIV/AIDS prevention work in Africa and Asia to bear on adolescent school health curricula in the United States. They have likewise carried the best of U.S. pedagogy--child-centered instructional practices, for example--to African, Asian, and Latin American classrooms.

Many of our programs address the very issues that you and the President have frequently spoken out about. The Academy would be honored if you would consider a visit to our offices in Washington to hear firsthand about some of the programs and, more important, to discuss how they and our volunteer efforts in Washington, DC, schools and communities might contribute even further to advancing the cause of education for all and equity for girls and women. I would be pleased to arrange such a meeting at your convenience.

We are delighted to have, at long last, such voices as yours and the President's in the White House, speaking publicly and eloquently about education and related social programs. Thank you for being such a visible advocate for programs that make a difference.

Very truly yours,



Stephen F. Moseley
President and Chief Executive Officer

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Photo by Patricia Barriga

"This road leads to my pretty little school, Sacanilla."
(Sacanilla is one of the first pilot sites of the multi-grade *Nueva Escuela Unitaria* [NEU] program in Guatemala.) AED works with the Guatemalan Ministry of Education to expand school coverage and improve quality through the NEU program.

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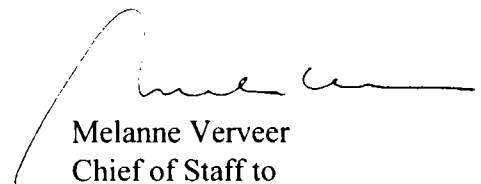
Dear Mr. Mugar:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and invitation to the President to conduct the Boston Pops on the 100th birthday of *The Stars and Stripes Forever* on July 4, 1997.

Regrettably, neither the President nor the First Lady will be able to accept your kind invitation, but send best wishes for a very successful and memorable evening.

Thanks for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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FOURTH OF JULY

April 30, 1997

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Assistant to the President &
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Room 100
Old Executive Office Building
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Verveer,

Each of the past 24 years Boston has celebrated the Fourth of July with a concert by the Boston Pops Orchestra, free and open to all at the Hatch Shell on the Esplanade followed by a spectacular fireworks display over the Charles River.

Depending on the weather and the day of the week, anywhere from 225,000-400,000 people attend the event in person. The concert and fireworks are broadcast nationally to three and one-half million people on the Arts & Entertainment Network (each year it is their highest rated live program of the year) and is broadcast locally on WCVB-TV Channel 5, the ABC affiliate in Boston, where the event registers a Nielsen rating close to the Super Bowl – despite the huge crowds at the Esplanade!

From surveys of the audience at the event we know that 34 percent of the people come from outside New England. The Pops dynamic, young conductor, Keith Lockhart is attracting new and younger audiences each year.

1997 marks the 100th anniversary of John Philip Sousa's famous march, *The Stars and Stripes Forever*. It is an occasion not only worthy of celebration for the nation but for Boston in particular because it was here, while on tour, that Sousa completed the full band score. The original manuscript was signed and dated by Sousa, "April 26, 1897, Boston, Mass."

April 30, 1997
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Each year, *The Stars and Stripes Forever* is performed as the finale of the concert. This year, for this historic and momentous occasion, it would be most fitting and proper to have our nation's President conduct this march. At the time Sousa composed the march, he served as director of the United States Marine Band, also commonly called, "The President's Own." A request has been made to the Marine Band for an actual Sousa baton to be used to conduct this special performance of *The Stars and Stripes Forever*.

As the founder and Executive Producer of this completely non-commercial event, I would like to invite the President and family to attend this year's Fourth of July on the Esplanade. The concert begins at 8:00 p.m. sharp after a fly-over of a stealth bomber and the fireworks begin at approximately 10:00 p.m. and last for about 23 minutes.

The President very deftly played the saxophone before he became President, and I invite him now to step to the podium and conduct the Boston Pops for the 100th birthday of *The Stars and Stripes Forever*. I can assure you the orchestra can play it in their sleep so any lack of conducting skills he may feel really should not be of any concern.

When Michael Dukakis was the Democratic nominee in 1988, he invited Jesse Jackson to be his guest on July 4th so the Secret Service has precedence in working with a protectee attending such a large event at this site.

Please feel free to call with any questions you may have, (617) 267-3000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David G. Mugar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being more prominent and the last name "Mugar" written in a continuous script.

David G. Mugar
Executive Producer

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CC: Ms. Ann Lewis, Assistant to the President,
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Ms. Stephanie S. Streett, Director of Scheduling