

May 21, 1997

Ms. Tania Vitvitsky
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Dear Ms. Vitvitsky:

Thank you very much for your letter and the update on the Sabre Foundation's projects in Mongolia and Romania, which I have shared with the First Lady. The progress is truly impressive.

Thanks for writing and best wishes in your important work. You make such a positive difference. I'm sure it's gratifying.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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May 5, 1997

Melanne Verveer
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Dear Ms. Verveer:

I am pleased to bring you and the First Lady up to date on Sabre's Mongolia and Romania book donation initiatives.

MONGOLIA Plans for a Mongolia book program are moving along nicely. We have raised the funds necessary to initiate the program and send a first shipment; identified an efficient partner organization (a consortium of 11 institutions of higher learning); and next month, will be preparing the shipment of a forty-foot container. The shipment, holding approximately 20,000 books, should arrive in time for the new school year. Also including in the shipment will be two pallets of encyclopedias, dictionaries and children's books for distribution by the Peace Corps. I enclose a recent e-mail from Mark Zober, Peace Corps Country Director in Mongolia expressing his gratitude for the upcoming donation.

ROMANIA As evident from the enclosed letter from the Peace Corps in Romania, the shipment of children's books to Romania was greeted with great enthusiasm and gratitude. Catalina Gherman, Program Manager, Social Work/NGO Development, describes how the distribution process has been managed and how the process not only serves children in hospitals, orphanages and schools, but also increases the credibility of Romanian NGOs. In addition, a particularly gratifying description of the Romania book project appears in a recent Peace Corps brochure (Gifts in Kind Program --- please see article and photo on page 2 of the brochure).

We continue working with the Peace Corps on a variety of projects. For example, we have just submitted a grant proposal to place "Environmental Shelves" in 200 sites in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean. With 1,165 Environmental Volunteers and Trainees working in 45 countries, the Peace Corps will help Sabre identify appropriate recipients for the donated collections.

We are quite delighted with the progress of both the Mongolia and Romania projects to date. Kindly let me know if you have any suggestions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,


Tania Vitvitsky
Project Director

P.S. Also enclosed is a 1993 publication about Mrs. Clinton which is part of a series of biographies for children. This book, in multiple copies, along with a biography of the President, is included in our donation program.

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Reply to: FWD>RE>Donation of Reference Books

FYI - I think they're pretty excited about this!

Date: 4/26/97 7:18 AM
From: Mark Zober MONGOLIA
Dear Ann,

Thank you for the wonderful opportunity to receive the generous contribution from the Sabre Foundation of 30 sets of new World Book Encylopedias and related reference materials. These are urgently needed here, are most appreciated and will be distributed wisely to assure maximum utilization.

English is seen here by government leaders, educational authorities, parents and students as, "the key to a thousand doors." The national government has established the policy for mandatory English language instruction at the high school level here. The barriers to acquiring English language skills are the limited number of well qualified Mongolian English teachers, the lack of a national English language curriculum and THE SIGNIFICANT ABSENCE OF REFERENCE BOOKS AND READING MATERIAL FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE STUDENTS. teachers and students do not have access to English language books. They have very little opportunity to read, to browse reference books or to learn on their own after school. In very few cases are classroom textbooks available.

Therefore, the Sabre Foundation's generosity will enable high school students and their teachers to do independent reading and research in English and will promote motivation for learning the language at a faster pace.

Please pass on our gratitude to the Sabre Foundation on behalf of the PCVS, Mongolian English teachers and high school English language students here. Thank you for helping to open those thousand doors to knowledge and individual growth.

Most cordially,

Mark Zober
Peace Corps Country Director
Mongolia

Date: 26/4/97 7:54 AM
To: Mark Zober MONGOLIA

From: Ann Truxaw OPSR

Dear Mark,

Best wishes to you and everyone at Peace Corps/Mongolia.

In light of your needs for your TEFL Volunteers, I thought you might be interested in the following offer: The Sabre Foundation, a Cambridge, Massachusetts - based organization with book donation programs world-wide, has offered a donation of 2 pallets of books for your program in Mongolia. They will be sending a shipment in June to their partner organization in Mongolia, and would like to earmark 2 of the pallets for you, should you be interested. One pallet would consist of about 30 sets of new World Book Encyclopedias and the other pallet would be a mixture of World Book reference books, including elementary level children's books, English dictionaries, and some medical and science encyclopedias. I have had the opportunity to work with the Sabre Foundation in the past, and I can assure you that the books they donate are of very high quality. Please let me know if you are interested in receiving this donation and then I will get back to you at a later date with more information.

Hope all is going well for you in Mongolia!

Best regards,

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GIFTS IN KIND 1996 ANNUAL REVIEW

Today, more than 6,500 Peace Corps Volunteers are making a difference in 90 countries in the developing world. Volunteers work on a variety of projects in education, the environment, business development, health, and agriculture. At the same time, Volunteers help strengthen the bonds of friendship and understanding between Americans and the people of developing countries. In 1996, the Peace Corps Gifts In Kind Program helped foundations, businesses, non-profit organizations, and individuals across the United States to contribute to the success of Peace Corps Volunteers. Through Gifts In Kind, more than 60 individuals and groups contributed equipment, supplies, and other materials that went directly to support Volunteer projects in over 30 countries in every region of the world where Volunteers are serving.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

HELPING TEACHERS TEACH SCIENCE -- THE PHILIPPINES



Students at Barretto High School in the Philippines utilizing two new microscopes during a science lesson.

Peace Corps Volunteers are working to help students in the Philippines learn about the wonders of science, and throughout the country. Volunteers are helping Filipino teachers bring the latest teaching techniques directly to their classrooms. Until last year, however, many classes did not have the most basic and most important tool for studying science -- microscopes.

Thanks to generous contributions from Midwest Bio Services, Leica, Inc., and Learning Things, Inc., the Peace Corps Gifts In Kind Program responded to this compelling need and supplied microscopes to 8 high schools in the Philippines. Now students and teachers are learning more about science, from biology to zoology, and Peace Corps Volunteers are adding even more to science education in the Philippines -- they are helping to establish a science and technology education center that will offer classes to elementary and high school students. The microscopes will play an integral part in the center's activities.



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Feb 21,1997

Ms. Tania Vitvitsky, Director
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Dear Ms. Tania Vitvitsky:

On behalf of all the potential Romanian recipients- orphanages, public schools and NGOs (Peace Corps Volunteers' assignments), I would like to thank all the donors for their generosity and understanding in providing this impressive donation of books to Romania. For your information all the books were received in very good condition which shows how well all the books were packed. So we want to use this opportunity to also thank to all the persons who were responsible for facilitating this shipment.

At this moment I plan to meet with the Civil Society for Development Foundation representatives and head of the orphanages to form a Book Committee which will be responsible for the distribution of the books all over the country.

Through the Civil Society for Development most of the books will be distributed to NGOs at different sites. In turn, those NGOs will further some of the books to the public schools in their towns. Each NGO will have the opportunity to be a local donor for the public schools in town. Usually NGOs get donations from the state institutions such as local school inspectorates or public schools. This time the donation will be the other way around NGO to schools. This fact will increase the NGOs' credibility in the community, and of course, will avoid the bureaucracy in getting donations to the beneficiaries.

Through our Social Work Peace Corps Volunteers and social services NGOs the books will be distributed to children in need in hospitals, in orphanages or other institutions. These books will represent for them a unique chance that can open up a new world of understanding and can enlarge their cultural horizon. Though coming from very poor families (who can not afford buying books), or living in institutions where even their basic needs are hardly covered, these children are still very smart and willing to try their chance at education and personal development. Through these nice and useful books, the children can get the needed motivation for study and personal development.

Again, our sincere thanks for all your efforts to have the books safely arrive in Romania.

Sincerely,

Catalina Gherman 
Program Manager, Social Work/NGO Development

THE WHITE HOUSE
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June 9, 1997

H.E. Peter Jon de Vos
U.S. Ambassador to Costa Rica
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COSTA RICA

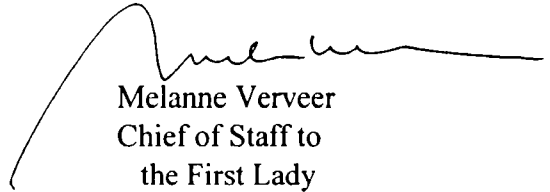
Dear Ambassador de Vos:

Enclosed is a picture of the President and First Lady requested by Gloriam Escobar Alvarado, a second grade student at Escuela de los Estados Unidos de America school.

We would be grateful if you could forward the picture to him.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



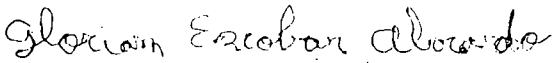
May 7, 1997

Gentlemen:

I study in the *United States School*, and I would like to have an autograph from the President of the United States and his wife in order to have it in our school as a regarding of their visit in Costa Rica.

At my school, we are very excited about the American president's visit. We wish the president Clinton and his wife a happy welcome to our country.

Sincerely,


Gloriam Escobar Alvarado
Second Grade
Escuela de los Estados Unidos de América

Miss Hilary Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 1, 1997

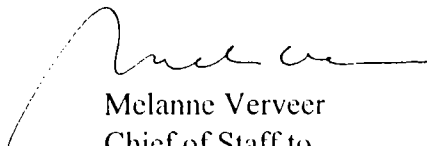
Ms. Deborah Wadsworth
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Dear Ms. Wadsworth:

Thank you very much for your letter and for "Miles to Go: A Status Report on Americans' Plans for Retirement." We appreciate the study and having your recommendations on Social Security.

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

THE PUBLIC AGENDA FOUNDATION



May 20, 1997

The Honorable Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mrs. Verveer:

I am enclosing a copy of Public Agenda's latest study, *Miles to Go: A Status Report on Americans' Plans for Retirement*. As you'll read, despite improved economic times and a growing unease over the future of Social Security, nearly half of all Americans say they have less than \$10,000 saved for their retirement. Contrary to conventional wisdom, the baby boomers are not alone in neglecting good saving habits. In fact, three in ten of those closest to retirement - "pre-retirees" between the ages of 51 and 61 - as well as four in ten baby boomers have less than \$10,000 saved.

An increasing number of Americans also have doubts about the future of Social Security. One-third of Americans, up from one-quarter in a 1994 Public Agenda study, do not expect to receive any Social Security benefits. But the majority do not feel Social Security's funding problems are a result of the aging of the nation's population. Rather, 62% point to waste and mismanagement in the program as the root cause.

The ongoing political debate in Washington over Social Security's future appears to have confused and alienated the public, instead of motivating them to save. With Americans believing leadership, not a demographic shift, is responsible for Social Security's difficulties, the ability to garner the public's support for broad-based changes experts say are essential may prove to be formidable.

In addition to engaging in a more constructive conversation about Social Security, we need to help Americans put saving for retirement on their radar screen. We also must challenge the consumption ethic that is prompting many to leverage their futures by relying on credit.

Sincerely,

Deborah Wadsworth
Executive Director

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Summary Of Findings From Public Agenda's

MILES TO GO: A Status Report On Americans' Plans For Retirement

FINDING ONE: High Hopes Coexist With Fears

Beneath a surface of optimism about their golden years, many Americans are apprehensive about how they will fare in retirement. A large and growing number of citizens worry they will not be able to attain the lifestyle they have come to expect. A majority give themselves poor grades on saving for their retirement. People acknowledge that they should be doing more, that they've fallen behind, and that their lack of saving is likely to cause them financial problems in retirement.

FINDING TWO: I've Got Plenty Of Nothing

Evidence suggests people are right to worry about the adequacy of their retirement preparations. Many Americans have meager retirement savings, and the problem is not limited to younger generations. Sizable numbers of baby boomers -- and even those nearing retirement -- have little set aside. Nor is the problem limited to lower-income Americans; a significant proportion of middle class Americans are in the same boat.

FINDING THREE: Perils Of An Uncertain World

Compounding this sense that their own savings efforts are insufficient, Americans feel buffeted by broad forces outside their control: declining Social Security benefits, higher health care costs, and inflation, which they fear will further jeopardize their retirement. In the end, most believe their generation will be worse off in retirement than current retirees.

FINDING FOUR: The Immediate Challenge -- Making Ends Meet

Given these concerns, why aren't Americans doing more to prepare for retirement? For most people, more immediate financial concerns crowd the agenda as they worry about their current income, health insurance, jobs, and monthly bills. Saving money for *any* purpose is a challenge, and planning for a far-off objective like retirement takes a back seat to more pressing concerns. Even middle-income and more affluent Americans seem to have trouble saving.

Ultimately, retirement is a distant and seldom thought-about goal for many Americans. Few bother to find out how much money they will need in retirement, and few pay close attention to proposals to change Social Security or IRA regulations.

FINDING FIVE: Where The Money Goes

If Americans aren't saving, they certainly *are* spending. Most people say they could save more but they are reluctant to do so if it means cutting back on the new "essentials" of middle class life. Even more ominously, many Americans routinely rely on credit to finance their lifestyles and are deluged with credit card applications. Not only do Americans lack a personal savings ethic; the public is uncertain about whether saving helps the nation's economy.

FINDING SIX: America's Baby Boomers -- Guiltier Than Most?

Baby boomers are as bad, but no worse, than other generations when it comes to living for today. Many boomers admit they are compulsive spenders, and don't save enough for retirement. But neither do other generations, including those for whom retirement is much more imminent.

FINDING SEVEN: The Effect Of Personality

People's personalities affect how they think about retirement and how well they prepare for it. This study confirms the existence of four distinct personality types -- planners, strugglers, deniers, and impulsives -- that strongly influence how people approach retirement. Of the four personality types, only planners stand out as "good savers."

FINDING EIGHT: Fraying Loyalties Toward Social Security

While the message that Social Security is in trouble has gotten through to the American public, most people blame government waste and mismanagement -- not an aging population or overly generous benefits. This sense that Washington is responsible for the looming Social Security crisis may be sustaining widespread public resistance to broad benefit changes.

Such attitudes also lead to fraying loyalties toward the program. Growing numbers of Americans doubt they will receive any benefits from Social Security. They are especially harsh in their criticisms of how the program is being managed and are more willing to consider alternatives to Social Security.

FINDING NINE: Throwing Logic Out The Window

Compared to other issues Public Agenda has studied, such as crime and welfare, public views toward retirement seem unusually filled with logical inconsistencies and internal contradictions. The gaps between people's attitudes, intentions, and behavior are troubling and threaten increased insecurity and dissatisfaction for people when they retire. Americans are simply not doing what logic -- and their own reasoning -- suggests they *should* be doing.

This study suggests -- in finding after finding -- that people's attitudes and behavior toward retirement preparation are unusually replete with contradictions. Public Agenda's 1996 study of attitudes toward welfare -- *The Values We Live By* -- revealed a public with highly evolved views. Support for reform was driven by core values, attitudes were internally consistent, and people were willing to support actions and proposals that supported their core values. Citizens were pragmatic and thoughtful in weighing the pros and cons of various approaches. With retirement, however, public opinion seems much less developed, with little evidence that people have thought the issue through. This is especially troubling given that people's contradictory views and lack of follow-through will directly affect their own well-being.

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS: What Can And Should Be Done?

Over the last several generations, this country has witnessed a dramatic decline in elderly poverty. More Americans are living longer with more dependable incomes and better health care than ever before. An entirely new vision of old age -- perhaps a uniquely American one -- has taken hold. Seniors play golf. Seniors fill the streets of Las Vegas. Seniors volunteer in their communities. Seniors pursue second, third, and even fourth careers and avocations. But for millions of nonretired Americans, this dream of the "golden years" is in jeopardy. So what, based on this study, could be done to help more Americans realize their goals?

Four suggestions for America's citizens and leaders flow naturally from the research. Some are simple and straightforward, practical and eminently doable over the next few years. Others are far more complex, controversial, and challenging. This second set of suggestions requires that leaders in government, business, and the media reexamine "business as usual," that they consider tempering their natural, instinctive, ingrained habits -- habits that are, in many ways, entirely understandable -- with more prudent and less partisan conduct.

- 1) A Practical First Step: Protect People From Themselves
- 2) Put Retirement Saving On Americans' Radar Screen
- 3) Challenge The Consumption Ethic
- 4) Engage In A More Constructive Conversation About Social Security

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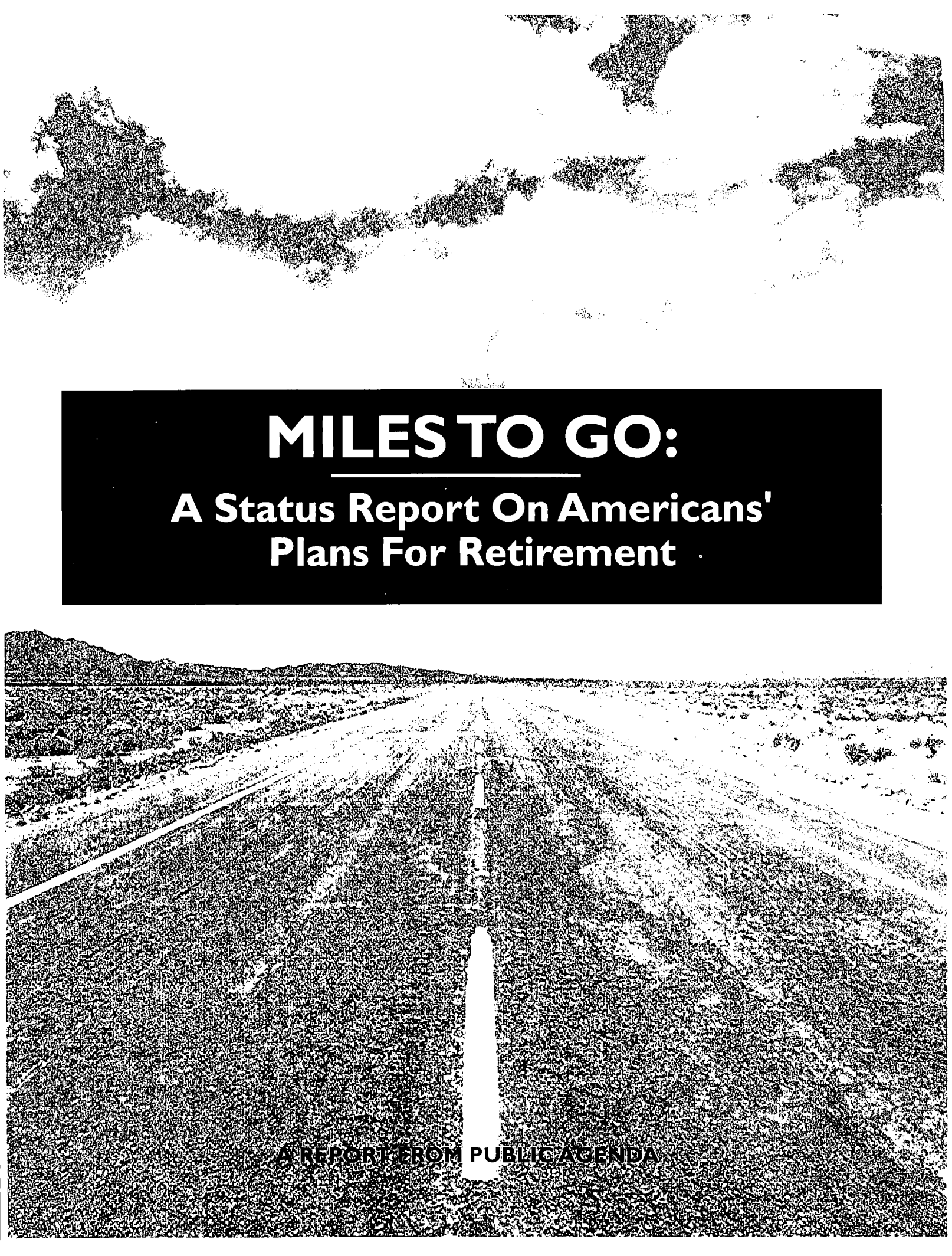
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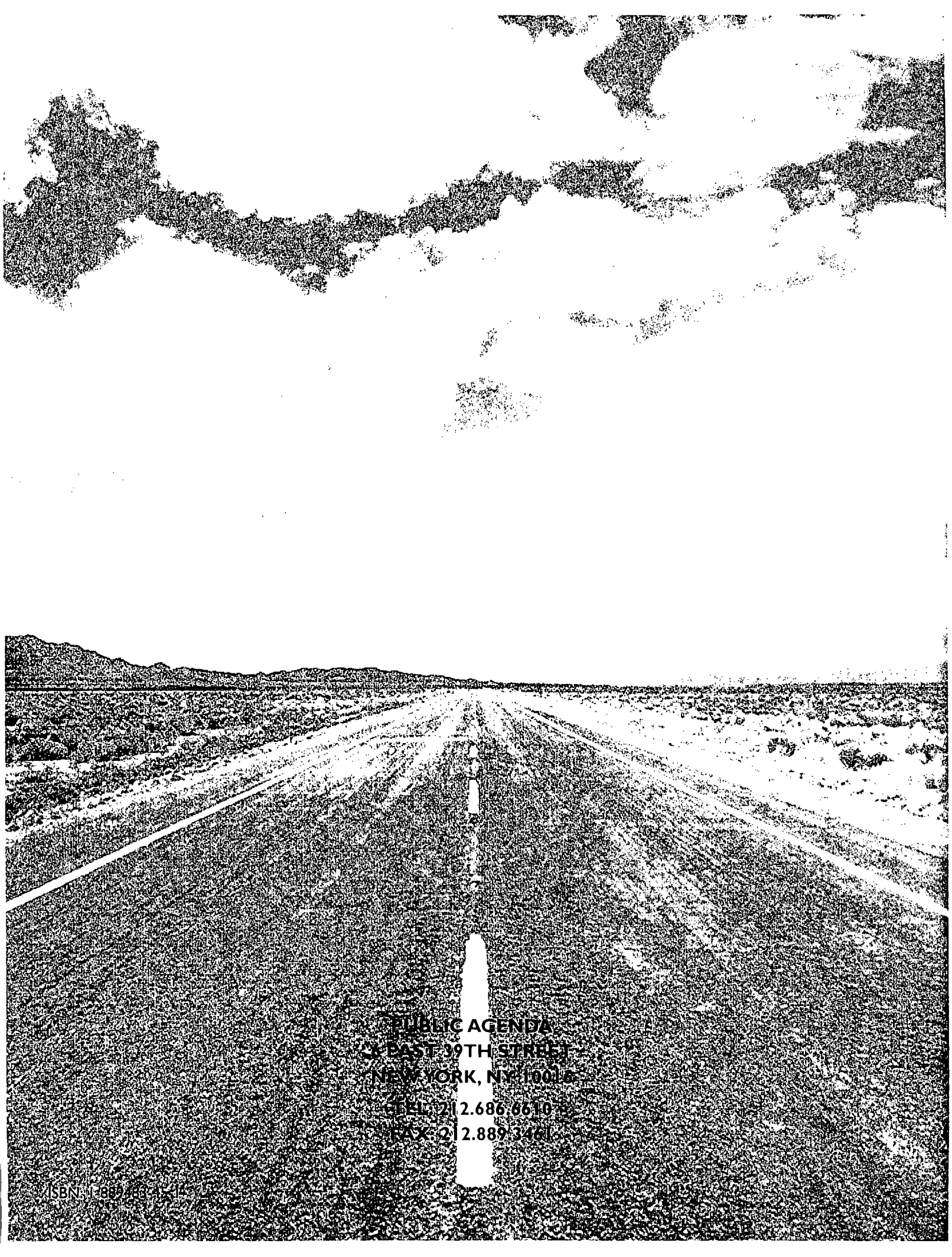
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MILESTO GO:

A Status Report On Americans' Plans For Retirement

A REPORT FROM PUBLIC AGENDA



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June 25, 1997

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New York, NY 10010

Dear Marie:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful note and good wishes. I look forward to continuing to work with you in our common cause.

With best wishes and thanks for all you do.

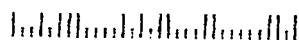
Sincerely,



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MARIE C. WILSON

June 17, 1997

Dear Melanne,

A belated congratulations
on your appointment as Chief of
Staff - We're so fortunate to
have your good thinking, acting
and commitment -

I hope we'll have
opportunities to work together
on the Year One Fall and in
other ways -

Best

Marie

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 20, 1997

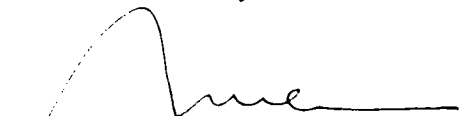
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Dear Judy:

Thank you very much for your letter expressing your support for Sonia Picado to be the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. We were recently with Sonia in Costa Rica at the Inter-American Institute for Human Rights where the First Lady and Secretary Albright had an opportunity to learn about the human rights challenges for women in the Hemisphere.

I have shared your letter with others here. Thanks for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

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May 21, 1997

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via fax:456-2317

Regarding: Ambassador from Costa Rica Sonia Picado

Dear Melanne:

I was surprised to read in the New York Times on Monday that the United States is supporting the Irish candidate, Mary Robinson, for the position of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Sonia Picado, currently serving as Ambassador from Costa Rica, is an extraordinarily well qualified candidate. She has a long history in the field of human rights and has developed an expertise, both substantive and administrative, that uniquely qualifies her for the position of High Commissioner for Human Rights. As Director of the Inter-American Institute for Human Rights, as a judge on the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, and as recipient of the UN's own award for human rights, she is superbly qualified in many respects. In addition to her long experience, politically she is a more diplomatic choice, since she is from a developing country in the South and has the support of more than a majority of UN member states.

I do not think that comparison of the human rights experience of Ms. Robinson and Ms. Picado would lead one to select Ms. Robinson. I also do not think that the political reasons for preferring Ms. Robinson are as supportive of democracy. In sum, I hope that the New York Times was in error. I urge you to use your influence to ensure that Ms. Sonia Picado is the United States' choice for the position of UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

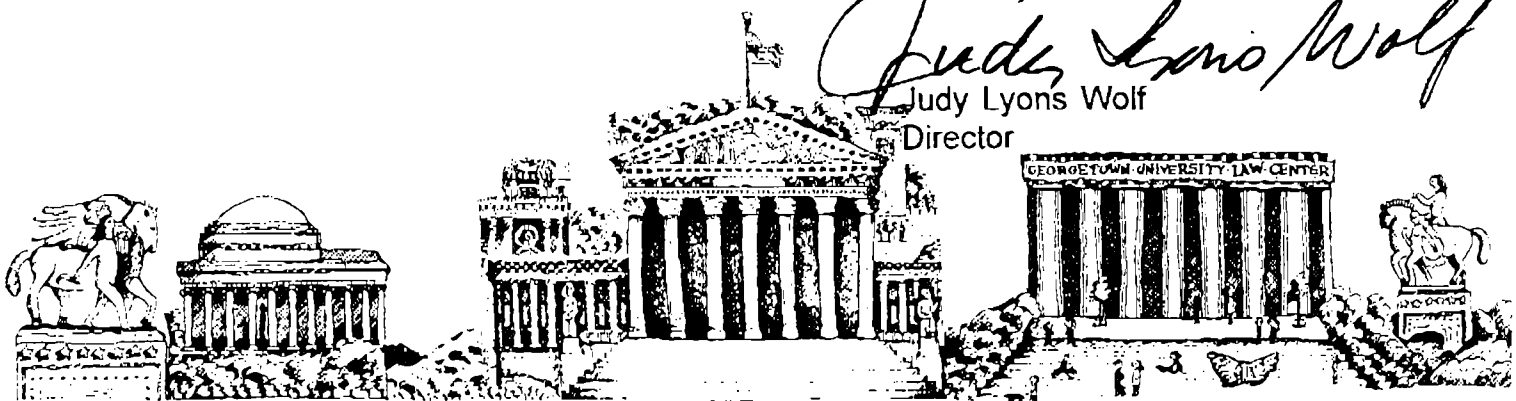
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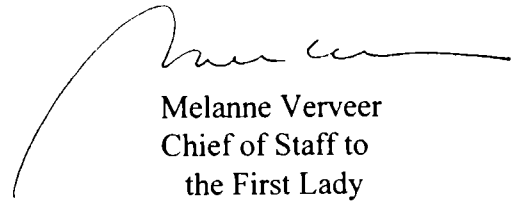
Ms. Juli-Anne Whitney
258A Undercliff Avenue
Edgewater, NJ 07020

Dear Ms. Whitney:

I received your letter and resume forwarded by Lisa Caputo expressing your interest in a position in the First Lady's Office. Regrettably, there are no vacancies at this time but we will keep your resume on file in case there is in the future. We have also forwarded your resume to the Office of Presidential Personnel where I am certain you will receive full consideration.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
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June 16, 1997

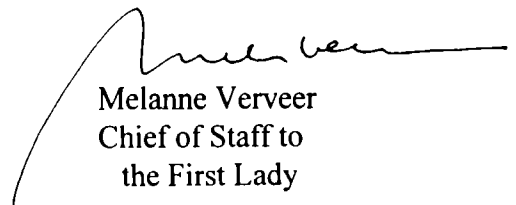
Mr. Lawrence Yanovitch
FINCA International, Inc.
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11th Floor
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Lawrence:

Thank you very much for your letter and for forwarding the Congressional Black Caucus's letter regarding the Administration's Africa Initiative. We are grateful for the information and for FINCA's important work around the world.

Thanks and best wishes in your work.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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June 12, 1997

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
First Lady's Office
The White House

Dear Melanne:

I thought you might want to know about this letter that has been sent by the Congressional Black Caucus to Secretary Rubin regarding the Administration's Africa Initiative. We thought the First Lady would be interested after her recent trip to Africa and in light of her interest in microenterprise.

FINCA developed the policy initiative together with RESULTS and the Black Caucus, to include a microenterprise component into the Administration's Initiative for Africa.

Warm regards,

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Lawrence Yanovitch

cc: Katy Button, Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 5, 1997

The Honorable Robert Rubin
Secretary
United States Department of Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Secretary Rubin:

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The micro-enterprise sector has been extraordinarily successful in helping the very poor pull themselves and their families out of poverty, and enabling them to more fully participate in their nation's political and economic systems. Indeed, in many African countries, the micro-enterprise sector employs as much as 80 percent of the economically active population, and evidence suggests that more than 50 percent of medium-sized firms originated as micro-enterprises in Southern and Eastern Africa.

Moreover, our own experience suggests that enhanced trade opportunities alone, is inadequate as a tool for spurring broader political democratization and economic openness in highly centralized or closed societies. Absent a focused effort to empower individuals in the poorest regions of the world, dire poverty and political strife will continue to plague our global community, draining our capital resources, sapping our political will, and destroying countless human lives. Micro-enterprise empowers individuals, and as such represents a viable and attractive economic development tool.

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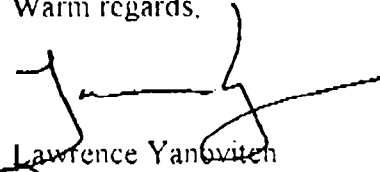
Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
First Lady's Office
The White House

Dear Melanne:

I thought you might want to know about this letter that has been sent by the Congressional Black Caucus to Secretary Rubin regarding the Administration's Africa Initiative. We thought the First Lady would be interested after her recent trip to Africa and in light of her interest in microenterprise.

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July 28, 1997

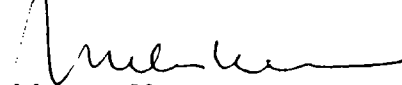
Ms. Mary Young
Focolare Movement
9201 Cedarcrest Dr.
Bethesda, MD 20814-2862

Dear Ms. Young:

Thank you very much for your letter and the most
informative materials.

Thanks and best wishes in your important work.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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June 26, 1997

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Visit of Chiara Lubich with President and Mrs. Clinton

Dear Ms. Verveer,

Many thanks for all your help in trying to schedule the visit of Chiara and the Clintons.

Enclosed is some information that I thought you would enjoy.

Perhaps in the future we will be able to work it out.

Sincerely,

Mary Young

Mary Young

THE WHITE HOUSE
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September 22, 1997

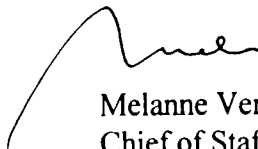
Mr. Lawrence Yanovitch
Director, Policy & Research
FINCA International, Inc.
1101 14th Street, 11th Floor
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Lawrence:

Thank you very much for your letter and for "The Multilateral Development Banks and the Microfinance Sector: Opening Financial Markets to the World's Self-Employed Poor," which I have shared with others here.

Thanks for writing and best wishes in your most important work.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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September 8, 1997

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

Dear Melanne,

As I mentioned in my previous letter to you, we would like to keep the First Lady informed of developments in the area of microenterprise and about our efforts in helping poor women worldwide. I am therefore enclosing a copy of my paper "The Multilateral Development Banks and the Microfinance Sector: Opening Financial Markets to the World's Self-Employed Poor," which has already engendered interest and discussions among these financial institutions.

This paper was commissioned by the Congressional Task Force on the U.S. and Multilateral Banks and The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). The results of this research project will be presented at an event on Capitol Hill on September 11th.

For your information, I am also enclosing a copy of a letter that we recently sent to Mr. Summers, Deputy Secretary at the U.S. Treasury. The letter summarizes FINCA's views of the microfinance sector, especially in relation to USAID and the Inter-American Development Bank.

Should you require additional information on the paper or the attached letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

Lawrence Yanovitch
Director
Policy and Research

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Katy Button
Office of the First Lady

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WASHINGTON

October 20, 1997

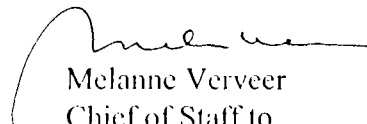
Mr. Lawrence Yanovitch
Co-Chair, Microenterprise Coalition
FINCA International, Inc.
1101 14th Street, NW, 11th Floor
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Lawrence:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and for enclosing the wonderful photographs.

Thanks and best wishes in your most important work.

Sincerely,



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Chief of Staff to
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October 3, 1997

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

On behalf of FINCA and the other members of the Microenterprise Coalition, I would like to thank you again for your critical participation in July's Launch. You are indeed an invaluable leader and supporter of microenterprise!

I thought you might like to have a copy of some pictures our photographer took at the event. Thank you for the picture you sent and for your kind words.

All the best to you and your wonderful staff.

Warm regards,

Lawrence Yanovitch
Co-Chair
Microenterprise Coalition

cc: Melanne Verveer



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August 19, 1997

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Assistant to the President, and
Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Melanne,

As always, we are grateful for all of your efforts and the hard work of those in your office who made the Microenterprise Initiative Launch such a success. In particular, we would like to thank Katy Button, Cheri Stockham, Evan Ryan, Julie Mason, Brenda Costello, Carrie Greenstein and Stacey Rubin. You are fortunate to have such an outstanding team.

They taught us a lot about how to organize a complex event, with scores of opinions - hard-headed congressional ones at that - under extreme time pressure! We have received numerous calls from Congress and from members of the Microenterprise Coalition commenting on how this was one of the best events they had attended in a long time. We will soon be sending you pictures taken by our photographer of the First Lady at the event.

The deep commitment of you and your staff to microenterprise has consistently translated into new opportunities for self-employed women around the world. Thank you again for all of your help.

Warm regards,

Lawrence Yanovitch
Co-Chair
Microenterprise Coalition

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To: Melanne Verveer/Office of the First Lady

From: Mary Diaz, Director (ph: 212-551-3089)
Wendy Young, Washington Liaison (ph: 304-876-1320)

Re: Request for an Appointment with Mrs. Clinton

Date: October 1, 1997

Number of Pages: 2 (inc. cover)
If you do not receive a complete fax, please call (304) 876-1320.

COMMENTS:

Melanne--Attached is a letter to Mrs. Clinton on behalf of actor Vanessa Redgrave requesting an appointment to discuss the U.S. treatment of women asylum seekers.

Ms. Redgrave will be in the Washington area on Friday, November 7th and would appreciate the opportunity to discuss her concerns about the detention of women asylum seekers.

We will follow up with you in the next few days to explore whether such a meeting is possible.

We look forward to speaking with you soon. Thank you for your attention to this request.

An independent committee formed with the assistance of the International Rescue Committee for the study of problems affecting refugee women and children.

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September 22, 1997

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

On behalf of Ms. Vanessa Redgrave and the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children, I am writing to request an appointment to discuss U.S. policy toward asylum seekers. Ms. Redgrave is scheduled to be in Washington, DC on Friday, November 7, 1997 and would be pleased to meet with you on that day.

The Women's Commission has recently completed a two-year assessment of conditions of detention for women held in the custody of the Immigration and Naturalization Service pending the outcome of their asylum proceedings. Locked in county prisons and other prison-like facilities throughout the United States, shackled when transported, and forced to wear prison uniforms, hundreds of women seeking asylum are treated like criminals. Detention hampers the ability of asylum seekers to access the legal assistance and psychosocial services they need to successfully gain protection in the United States. Ms. Redgrave has joined the Women's Commission in its call for reform of the system, and would appreciate an opportunity to discuss this issue with you in further detail.

We appreciate your continued support for the rights of women and the protection of refugees around the world, and look forward to sharing our concerns about the detention of asylum seekers with you. Wendy Young, Washington Liaison for the Women's Commission, will follow up with your staff to explore scheduling a meeting. She can also be reached at (304) 876-1320, or I can be contacted at (212) 551-3089. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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October 24, 1997

Mr. Thomas Young
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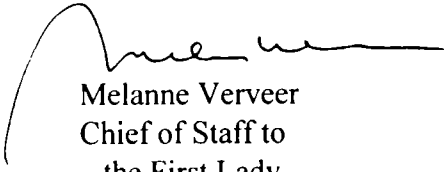
Dear Mr. Young:

Thank you very much for your letter and for reiterating your invitation to the First Lady to dedicate a new facility at the Elmcrest Children's Center. Thanks, also, for updating us on recent developments and congratulations on the award.

I have forwarded your letter to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady, and she will contact you as soon as a decision is made.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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July 24, 1997

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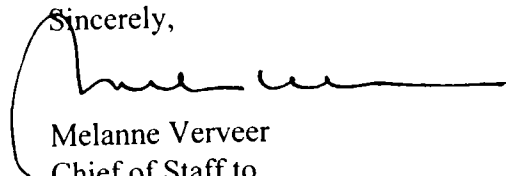
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We have forwarded your request to Patti Solis-Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady, and she will be in touch as to whether or not Mrs. Clinton will be able to accept your invitation.

Best wishes.

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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7/9/97

Dear Melanne -

Tom Gorney
was an early and enthusiastic
supporter in 1992.

Do you think
this is an event the
First Lady would consider?

Make copy
for Pat

Many thanks -

Paul Carey
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THOMAS G. YOUNG

213 Highridge Drive, Syracuse, New York 13215

June 24, 1997

The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20006

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I know that the care and nurturing of America's children is your special cause. In the spring of 1998, the Elmcrest family will proudly dedicate two new facilities, one an education/recreation center and the other the refurbished home of our S.P.I.C.E. program for preschoolers ages two to five years old who are in the midst of social and emotional difficulties. I have been asked by my colleagues to respectfully extend an invitation to you to be our special guest in dedicating these facilities, and rededicating ourselves to the continued work of Elmcrest. If your schedule brings you to New York anytime in early to mid-1998, we would adjust our schedule and ceremony accordingly.

I know the demands on your time and how difficult it is to include all the visits you would like in your schedule. I also know that this would be a very special visit, a meaningful return to a city so proud to have offered our support to you and the President. I would be personally privileged to introduce you once again to a community whose interests have been so well served by the Clinton Administration.

Your staff can reach me at any of the numbers enclosed. Thank you for your kind consideration, and please convey my best to President Clinton.

Sincerely,

Office: (315) 449-0388
Home: (315) 422-1024



THOMAS G. YOUNG

213 Highridge Drive, Syracuse, New York 13215

October 16, 1997

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Ms. Verveer:

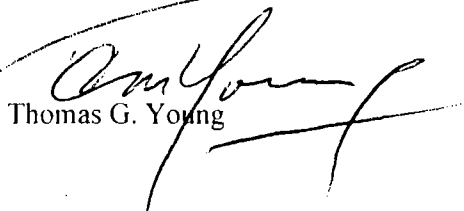
I write in reference to my earlier letter of June 24, 1997 (copy enclosed) to the First Lady inviting her to dedicate a new facility at the Elmcrest Children's Center here in Syracuse, and your kind response of July 24, 1997 to same. The invitation to Mrs. Clinton was targeted to anytime in the spring of 1998 that might fit her schedule.

We have since learned that Elmcrest, responding to a national grant competition initiated by the Department of Health and Human Services, has been selected as one of but six facilities throughout the country to participate in a project funded through HHS in the amount of \$600,000. Naturally, we are simply delighted by both the award and the distinction.

I write to make you aware of this development which might impact the decision-making as to the First Lady's schedule, as well as the thought that Secretary Shalala might be an appropriate federal celebrity in the event Mrs. Clinton is unable to attend. To be sure, we would be most excited and grateful should the First Lady honor us with her presence.

I want to thank you again for your very thoughtful consideration and hope to hear from you as soon as possible as to your observations and recommendation.

Respectfully yours,



Thomas G. Young



THOMAS G. YOUNG

213 Highridge Drive, Syracuse, New York 13215

June 24, 1997

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Washington, DC 20006

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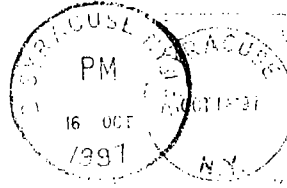
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THOMAS G. YOUNG

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 15, 1997

Mrs. Harold Whitten
3015 Aspen Lane
Falls Church, VA 22042

Dear Arlene:

Thank you for your kind comments about The Washington Post Magazine article. I'm relieved to have survived the experience!

Wishing you all the best. *You were so thoughtful to write.*

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

What a treat to hear from you! Your letter took me back. Time goes much too fast. Hope all is well.

Mrs. Harold Whitten
3015 Aspen Lane
Falls Church, Virginia 22042
November 25, 1997

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Mrs. Melanne Terveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady

Dear Melanne,

It was with great pleasure I read the article on you in the "Washington Post Magazine". I think of you more often than you know and always mention your name, along with Ann Kaplan's, when I talk of "Second Renaissance Montessori's" beginnings.

My, how time flies. Michael is grown and an alderman in Wisconsin. I guess Alexandra is also not the little girl I remember.

I enjoyed finding out where you were and what you had done with your life. I wish you continued success and thank you even now for all you did to help get "Second Renaissance" off the ground.

With Fondness,
Arlene Haines Whitten

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1997

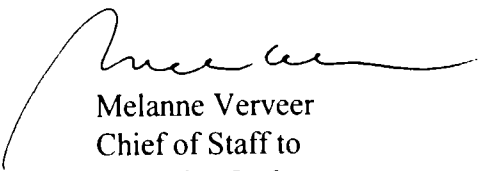
Ms. Linda Tsao Yang
N. Cinnamon Dornsife
Asian Development Bank
Office of the U.S. Ambassador to
the Asian Development Bank
Manila, Philippines

Dear Ms. Yang & Ms. Dornsife:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and for the information on the commendable work the Asian Development Bank is doing in the Central Asian Republics. We greatly appreciated your thoughtfulness in providing us with the materials.

Thanks and best wishes in your important work.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR
TO THE
ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

AMERICAN EMBASSY
MANILA, PHILIPPINES

November 24, 1997

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton

First Lady of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

We have read with great interest about your recent trip to Central Asia and are heartened by the successful message of support you delivered for the people of Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan from the people of the United States.

As you learned on your trip, the Central Asian Republics are experiencing a very difficult period of transition that has resulted in falling incomes, increasing unemployment, eroding social services, and weakening social assistance support. The changes are affecting both men and women; however, the social and economic costs of this transition have been especially difficult for women and children. Unemployment has and will likely continue to weaken sectors which have traditionally offered women employment. The deterioration of the social service sector has directly impacted on the health and education of children. Some groups of women (pensioners, single women with many children, or the unemployed) depend on the support offered via a social safety net. Declining public resources have led to difficult circumstances for these most vulnerable groups.

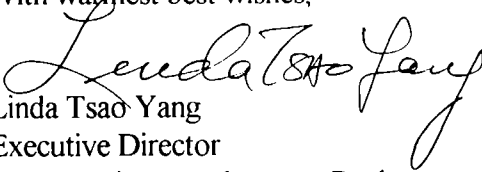
I thought you would be interested to know about what the Asian Development Bank is doing in Central Asia to ease the pain on women and children as these countries transit to a more open and market-oriented economic system.

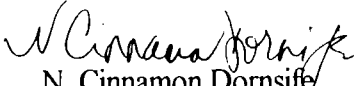
The Asian Development Bank conducted two studies on the impact of transition on women in Kazakstan and the Krygyz Republic. As an integral part of the country strategy for these two countries, the studies explore all of these issues in greater depth and provide guidance for the Bank's programming and project activities. I have enclosed copies of these books for your reference.

The Bank will soon be publishing another book in this series: A Generation at Risk: Children in the Central Asian Republics of Kazakstan and Krygyztan. We will be pleased to send a copy of this book, too, as soon as it is finalized.

For those of us working as American representatives at international institutions active in Central Asia, your trip heightened awareness and deepened understanding of the problems and issues, as well as generating much good will. This enhanced appreciation of the challenges and hardships faced in Central Asia helps us considerably in our work. We are pleased you placed such priority on vulnerable groups in these countries that are not well known to most Americans.

With warmest best wishes,


Linda Tsao Yang
Executive Director
to the Asian Development Bank


N. Cinnamon Dornsife
Alternate Executive Director
to the Asian Development Bank

Enclosures

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 30, 1997

Dr. Thom White Wolf Fassett
General Board of Church and Society
of the United Methodist Church
100 Maryland Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002

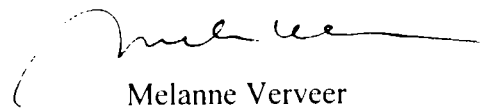
Dear Dr. Fassett:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the Campaign for The United Methodist Building's official commencement.

I have forwarded your letter to the First Lady's scheduling office and they will be in touch once a decision has been made.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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Patti

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To: Office of the First Lady
Fax: 456-6244
Pages: 3, including this cover sheet
Date: December 18, 1997

From the desk of...

Thom White Wolf Fassett
General Secretary
General Board of Church and Society
Fax: (202) 488-5699



General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church

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December 17, 1997

The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
Office of the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

It was wonderful visiting with you at the White House on December 5th! I am so happy you were able to meet some of our United Methodist workers in Russia.

In my capacity as General Secretary, I write to ask your assistance in an historic undertaking. We have embarked upon a Campaign for The United Methodist Building, seeking \$7 million for the interior renovation of the only structure on Capitol Hill not related to the federal government. We expect to re-dedicate the United Methodist Building in 1999, upon celebrating its 75th anniversary.

With devotion and conviction, you personify what the United Methodist Building has symbolized over the decades: that the public witness of the ecumenical church is a critical factor in social formation; that the rule of civil government must be just and compassionate; that a principled spiritual life is the foundation for a productive secular life. This building is truly "The Heart of The Hill" — and that has become our campaign theme. Your pastor, Dr. Philip Wogaman agrees, with this added imagery: "It's the Conscience of the Capitol!"

Our hope is that you are able to accept our invitation to be the featured speaker for the Campaign's official commencement, an event which could be scheduled at your convenience in the latter part of January or in February (1998). If you are able to be with us for that occasion, we would have you present special recognition to Ms. Maribeth Collins, who has made a generous gift to this cause. Ms. Collins is the daughter of Clarence True Wilson, who founded the building in response to the Temperance movement and other issues of "public morals."

Mrs. Hillary R. Clinton
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This appeal comes to you, with much respect, from the denomination of your heritage. Your participation as we launch the effort would, we believe, inspire its successful attainment. We are very grateful for any consideration you are able to give to this request among the many you receive.

May the blessings of Christmas bring peace and joy to you and your family.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Thom White Wolf Fassett
General Secretary

MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

Dec 2
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Melanie Amy

☐ YOU WERE CALLED BY- ☐ YOU WERE VISITED BY

Princess Wittgenstein

OF (Organization)

in New York

☒ PLEASE PHONE ☐ FTS ☐ AUTOVON

212-752-0232

☐ WILL CALL AGAIN ☐ IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

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Dear Mrs. Norvee

I met you briefly in Salzburg at a luncheon given for the First Lady in the Residence.

The First Lady was so kind to tell me she would invite me to the White House when I come to New-York. I am sure she put

the photos I sent her (your address of that meeting in Salzburg).

I'll be coming to N.Y. on Nov. 8th and I will stay to Dec. 2nd — I am staying at the townhouse of Mirja and Gunter Sachs — former friends of Uncle on 101 E 63rd Street. Tel. 212-7520233

With very best wishes for Mrs. Clinton
Yours sincerely V

Princess Sofia Wilhelmina

I'll be in New York until Nov. 8th Tel. 0049-89-474712

~~AIR~~
~~MAIL~~
U.S.A.



Mrs.
Melanne Verbeek
Chief of Staff to First Lady
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 24, 1997

Mr. William White
Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
1200 Mott Foundation Building
Flint, MI 48502-1851

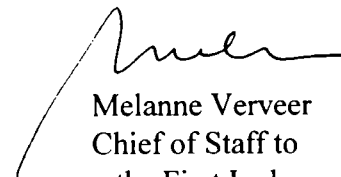
Dear Mr. White:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and for the foundation's 1996 Annual Report. I hope your conversations with your colleagues in the foundation community and government yield tangible results.

The First Lady just returned from several days in Central Asia, Russia and Ukraine. Once again, she underscored democracy building and the importance of NGO development and support.

Thanks for your kind remarks about the childcare conference. We are working on proposals for the next budget cycle. Best wishes in your important work.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

CHARLES STEWART
MOTT FOUNDATION

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WILLIAM S. WHITE
PRESIDENT

November 10, 1997

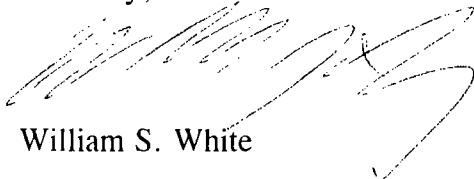
The Honorable Melanne Veveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
and Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Veveer:

I recently had the pleasure of attending The White House Conference on Child Care. I found it to be a wonderful event. I was very surprised to find one of the panelists, Patty Siegel, Executive Director of California Child Care Resource & Referral Network, is a grantee of ours.

It has been about a year since Mrs. Clinton hosted the debriefing on her trip to Central and Eastern Europe. Since that time, several foundations, ours included, have been working with the folks at USAID and the State Department to figure out if there is a way to put together some ongoing funding for democracy building and other not-for-profit activities in that part of the world. It's still too early to tell what may happen, but there is follow-up occurring. Finally, if you haven't already received it, I thought you might appreciate a copy of our 1996 Annual Report.

Sincerely,


William S. White

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Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 21, 1997

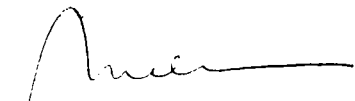
Ms. Carol Wheeler
1650 30th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Carol:

Thank you very much for your letter and for the news about Arnie's daughter, Alicia. Please let me know when "The Prodigal Son" will be at the Kennedy Center. Hopefully, there will be a chance to see her perform.

It was good to hear from you, and it's always good to see you. Thanks for all you do.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady