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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 7, 1997

Ms. Susan Berresford
The Ford Foundation
220 East 43rd Street
New York, NY 10017

Dear Ms. Berresford:

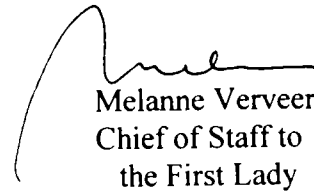


On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and invitation to address the Innovations in American Government Awards on November 19, 1997.

Regrettably, the First Lady will not be able to attend as she is scheduled to be out of the country at that time, but sends her best wishes for a successful and productive event.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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Date: November 7, 1997

TO: **Name:** Melann Verveer for
 First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
Company:
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FROM: **Name:** Susan V. Berresford, President
 Company: **THE FORD FOUNDATION**

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320 EAST 43RD STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017

SUSAN V. BERRESFORD
PRESIDENT

November 7, 1997

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I am writing to invite you to address the Innovations in American Government Awards Ceremony at the State Department on the evening of November 19, 1997. For the past several years the Vice President has joined us at the event, and we hope that this year, you will be the keynote speaker at the evening's ceremony, which begins at 7:00 pm.

This year, 10 winners, selected from an initial pool of 1500 applications through a process administered by the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, will each receive \$100,000. Among the 10 winners, are two federal programs from the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of the Treasury.

Over the past eleven years, the Innovations Program has awarded \$13.3 million in awards to 205 government programs. The awards have encouraged the replication of many valuable public initiatives, including community policing, the prevention of and response to domestic violence, environmental management, new information technologies, alternative education, and reforms, such as benchmarking.

We expect over 200 guests to attend the dinner, including members of the administration, elected officials from the winning jurisdictions, and distinguished leaders from the corporate and nonprofit sectors. The awards ceremony, we believe, is unique in its celebration of government at the local, federal, and state levels. We hope very much that you can address us on this occasion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Susan V. Berresford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Susan V. Berresford

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 27, 1997

Ms. Christina Lee Brown
Poplar Terrace
6501 Longview Lane
Louisville, KY 40222

Dear Christina:

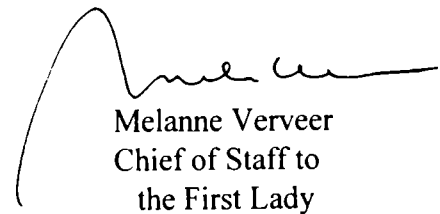
Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and kind invitation to the First Lady to the Cathedral Heritage Foundation's *Night of a Thousand Stars* on November 15, 1997.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton will be unable to attend as she is scheduled to be in Central Asia at that time. I will be traveling with her and will, unfortunately, be unable to join you.

She so loved her tea service and has it prominently displayed in her office.

Best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



CHRISTINA LEE BROWN

October 21, 1997

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
Room 100
OBOB
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Melanne,

I hope that this letter finds you well. I have been meaning to write to you for some time now to let you know how much I enjoyed sitting next to you when you and Mrs. Clinton were in Louisville participating in the Kentucky Author's Forum. I do hope Mrs. Clinton is enjoying her Louisville Stoneware "It Takes A Village" tea service.

When we spoke in April, you expressed an interest in Louisville's Cathedral Heritage Foundation project. It is for this reason, and with great pleasure, that Owsley and I invite you to be our guests on Saturday, November 15, in Louisville, as we celebrate our Cathedral Heritage Foundation's *Night of a Thousand Stars*. This is our annual celebration of the Cathedral Heritage Foundation which features dinner and a stellar music concert in Louisville's restored historic Cathedral of the Assumption. The *Night of a Thousand Stars* will also feature our country's first *Festival of Faiths*. This is a landmark Festival that celebrates our region's diverse and rich religious heritage by bringing together over sixty congregations and religious organizations to share their stories and therefore finding ways to celebrate their commonalities. This is an event that Bill Moyers has told me he feels should be occurring in every city throughout our country. It is my hope that after you witness first-hand, the phenomenal impact this Festival is having on our community, you will help us "spread the word" throughout the country of our Cathedral Heritage Foundation's goals.

The Foundation created the *Festival of Faiths* in order to share with Louisvillians, Kentuckians, and ultimately our entire country, the vision of bringing together our vast religious traditions in an open and hospitable environment. This unique faith oasis provides a venue for greater understanding and tolerance between religious groups, which is an important goal of our Cathedral Heritage Foundation.

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Charles Osgood said it best when he spoke of the Cathedral Heritage Foundation project. *"In some places of the world religion separates and divides people, but in Louisville, Kentucky, it is bringing them together."*

There is an increasing awareness of the need for religious tolerance throughout our world. In President Václav Havel's recent Forum 2000, international leaders, both religious and political, called for respect and a celebration of spiritual pluralism.

The Dalai Lama stated, *"It is important to remember that wherever they came from, all the world's major religious traditions are similar in having the potential to help human beings live at peace with themselves, with each other and with the environment. . . Since the essence of our diverse religious traditions is to achieve our individual and collective benefit, it is crucial that we are active in maintaining harmony and mutual respect between them."*

H.E. Václav Havel, President of the Czech Republic, expressed his deep conviction that the only option for change is within the sphere of the spirit. *"...The way out of the current bleak situation can be found in the actual search for what unites the various religions and cultures, in the search for common sources, principles, certitude, aspirations and imperatives, a purpose-minded search, and then, applying means adequate to the needs of our time, to cultivate all matters of human coexistence."*

Indeed, the Foundation echoes these statements and proclaims that the purpose of this wonderful Festival is exactly this goal to being together, to understand, and finally to respect each other!

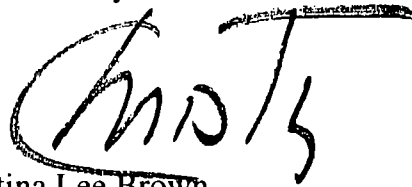
Of course, if you are not able to join us on November 15, the *Festival of Faiths* will continue throughout the week with many activities including, if any of these days work for you:

- Wednesday, November 12, Preview Party
- Thursday, November 13, Festival Prayer Breakfast, theme: "Healing Our City"
- Friday, November 14, Educational programs for school children in Louisville and "Commitment to Kids" Interfaith Prayer Service at noon
- Sunday November 16, Family day of educational programs, lectures and entertainment
- Monday, November 17, seventh annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service held in the historic Cathedral of the Assumption at 5:30 p.m.

Letter to Ms. Melanne Verveer
October 21, 1997
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Melanne, it is my hope that you can make this event part of your busy calendar. Of course, we would love to have Mrs. Clinton also join us if she could be, by chance, available. As always, and most importantly, I thank you for your remarkable leadership in seeking to create an atmosphere of unity in a world whose factions seek to divide us. I look forward to hearing from you soon, and most hopefully being together with you in November.

Most Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christina", with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

Christina Lee Brown

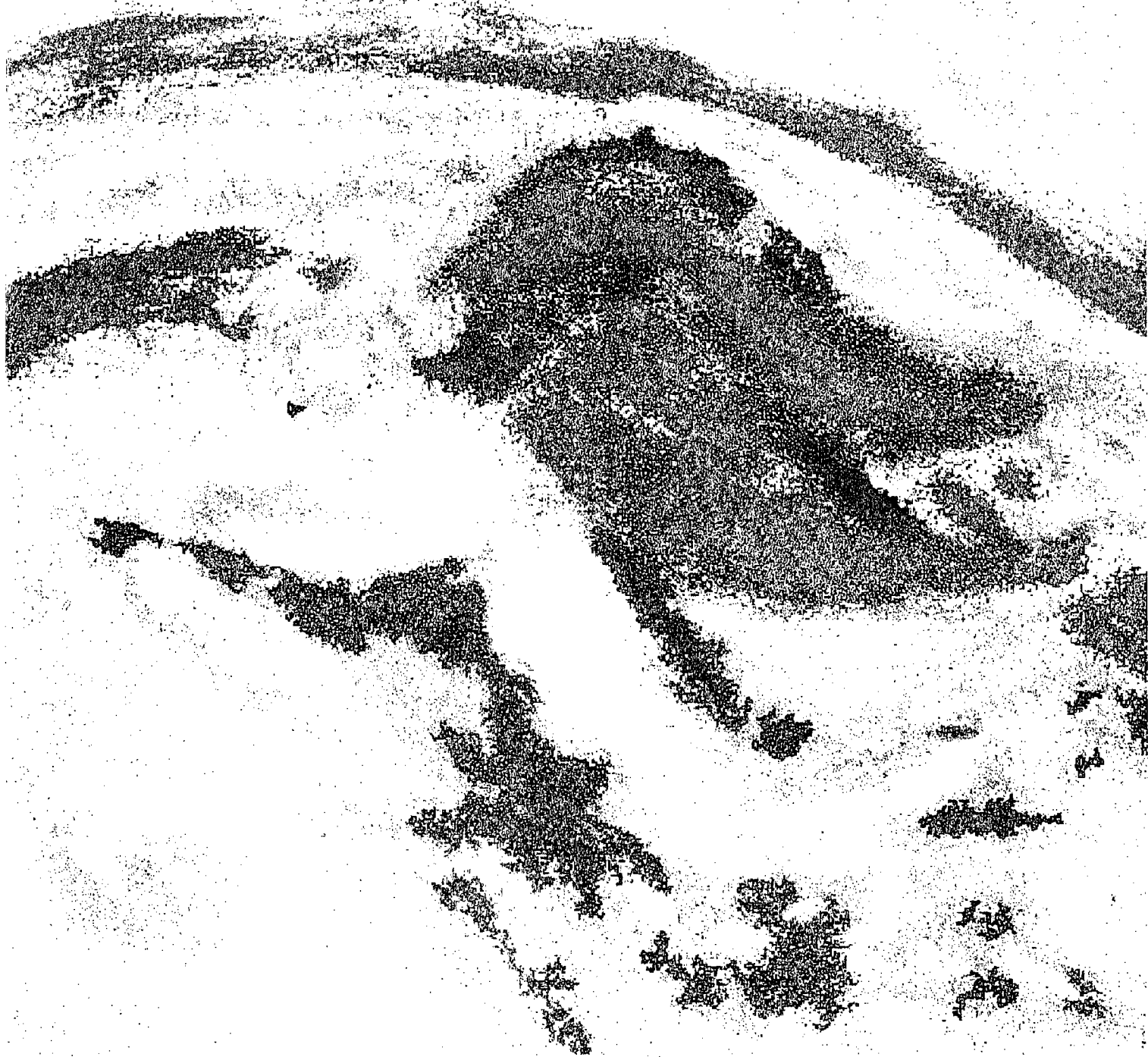
cc: Mayor Jerry Abramson

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The Many Colors of Faith



Opening Preview Party

November 12 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

The trumpets will sound and the lights will be bright as we begin the 1997 Festival of Faiths. We invite you to join the gala as we celebrate the opening of Louisville's only festival to rejoice in faith diversity.

Tickets: \$25

Prayer Breakfast

November 13 - 7:30am - 9:00am

Join Mayor Jerry Abramson, Reverend Kevin Cosby and Gang Specialist, Officer Shugart as we join together for a morning of fellowship, music and prayer. We will ask for the wisdom needed to heal our city and request divine guidance as we reach out to those who use violence as a cry for help.

Tickets: \$15

Gospel Music Celebration

November 14 - 8:00pm - 10:30pm

Move in joy to the music of the Kentucky Fellowship Mass Choir and Donald A. Sykes, Minister of Music in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Tickets: \$20 and \$25

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

November 17 - 5:30pm - 6:30pm

The opening prelude of "Simple Gifts," performed by the Cathedral Schola Cantorum sets the tone for a very special opportunity to give thanks for the gifts we have received. We will celebrate the richness of our faith diversity as we worship with Rabbi Chester Diamond, The Most Reverend Thomas Kelly, Dr. Ghouse A. Shareef, The Reverend Faida Alexander, Dr. Michael Kinneman, Mr. James Garik and The Very Reverend William Fichteman. We will hear proclamations from Jefferson County Judge-Executive David Armstrong and Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson. Music by organist David Lang and the Second Presbyterian Church Handbell Choir will resonate with joyful gratitude.

FREE EVENT

1997 Festival of Faiths Program Listing

Thursday, November 13

12:00 - 1:00 PM

East Room

The Sisters of Charity Story Beyond the USA

Sr. Miriam Corcoran, SCN

Not only do the Sisters of Charity (SCN) have an incredible history in the Louisville area and throughout the United States, but they continue to meet the needs of the time in India, Nepal, and Belize. Sr. Corcoran returns to the Festival of Faiths for the second year in a row to discuss SCN efforts in countries where "Many Faiths, One Heart, Get Together."

Thursday, November 13

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Board Room

Expressive Therapies: The Healing Arts

Joy Berger, DMA and Joseph Ferry, MA, ATR

Learn about the Musicare Program and the Expressive Therapy Program of Hospice of Louisville. Participants will leave with a better understanding of the basic principles of expressive therapy, interventions, and the value of music and imagery in healing.

Thursday, November 13

1:30 - 3:00 PM

East Room

Creativity as Spiritual Experience: An Artist Panel

Carol Berry, Jeanne Duber, Jim Hayden, Vallorie Henderson, Penny Sisto, and Walter Sorge.

In the best seller, *The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity*, author Julia Cameron outlines ten basic principles of creativity. This dynamic panel of artists will share with the audience their work as it relates to a spiritual journal, and Cameron's creativity principles.

Thursday, November 13

3:15 - 4:00 PM

East Room

A Town without steeples: Ante-Bellum Louisville Religion

Fr. Clyde F. Crews

Some things change and some things stay the same including religious institutions in the Louisville area. Well known local religious historian, Fr. Clyde Crews takes us back to the pre-Civil War era to explore the status of religious institutions as they were then.

Thursday, November 13
4:15 -5:00 pm
East Room

Voices From the Catholic Frontier

Dr. Thomas Spalding, CFX

Where did we come from and how did we get here? A question many Catholics and others ask about their religious heritage. Dr. Spalding answers these questions for Kentucky Catholics as he reads from documents detailing the origins of the Catholic Church in Kentucky and places the facts into historical context.

Friday, November 14
10:00 - 10:30 am
Main Stage

We're Not In Kansas Anymore: Grieving In Oz

The Hospice Players

Our friends, the Scarecrow, the Tinman, and the Cowardly Lion, come to Dorothy's assistance as she grieves some of the losses in her life. Together they realize the importance of brains, courage, and heart that help all of us cope with grief. A discussion will follow to highlight the simple but important lessons illustrated by the skit.

Friday, November 14
10:45 - 11:15 am
Main Stage

Prezettes Choral Program

Presentation Academy and Dr. Suzanne Hachmiller

Come have your spirits lifted as you listen to inspirational songs with a Christian message performed by the young women of Presentation Academy.

Friday, November 14
11:30 - 12:00 noon
Main Stage

The Pleasant Hill Shakers Sing

Roberta Burnes and Lawrence Derrell

Hymns and songs over a 150 years old reveal fascinating glimpses of the Shaker lifestyle. Facts and stories about this celibate religious society will unfold as the "Shakers Sing."

Friday, November 14

1:30 - 2:15 pm

Main Stage

Taoist Tai Chi Demonstration

The Taoist Tai Chi Society of Kentucky

Observe some of the movements of the Taoist Tai Chi form, a complete, integrated exercise which works all systems of the body deeply yet gently. This ancient exercise strengthens and relaxes the mind, body, and spirit.

Friday, November 14

3:30 - 4:15 pm

Main Stage

Congregation Adath Jeshurum Adult Choir, Combination Elijah Academy and Adath

Jeshurum Junior Choir

Adath Jeshurum Synagogue

Waiting for info from Cantor Lipp 458-5359

Friday, November 14

10:00 - 10:45 am

East Room

St. Agnes Children's Handbell Choir and Advanced Youth Choir

St. Agnes Church

Handbell choirs add tremendous joy to a liturgy service. Experience a two octave range of handbells, observe various handbell techniques, and learn how handbells and a choir can enhance any liturgy. The Advanced Youth Choir will demonstrate the relationship between choirs and handbells.

Friday, November 14

10:45 - 11:15 am

Board Room

Taoist Tai Chi For Health

The Taoist Tai Chi Society of Kentucky

Experience some of the movements of the Taoist Tai Chi form, a complete, integrated exercise which works all systems of the body deeply yet gently. This ancient exercise strengthens and relaxes the mind, body, and spirit.

Friday, November 14
10:00 - 2:00 pm
Conference Room

Meditation Room

Sponsored by the Sisters of Loretto
Relax and reflect on your spiritual path in the midst of soft music and Inspirational slides. Take time to create your own personal moment of faith.

Saturday, November 15
9:30 - 10:00 am
Main Stage

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Saturday, November 15
11:15 - 12:00 noon
Main Stage

Let all the People Praise Him

Harambee Chorus and Dancers

Come be moved by the sacred song and dance of the African American Catholic community.

Saturday, November 15
1:00 - 1:30 pm
Main Stage

Sounds of the Season

St. Francis of Assisi Orff Ensemble

Gina Eberenz, Director

Music, poetry, and dance celebrate the sounds of the season as the 6th graders perform Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, and Christmas selections accompanied on orff xylophones, recorders, and percussion instruments.

Saturday, November 15
10:00 - 11:00 am
East Room

Creating Your Family Vision

JK Productions and The Workshop

copy coming from Joan

Saturday, November 15

11:15 - 12:15 pm

Board Room

Hindu Slide Show

Dr. Kunwar Bhatnagar

Gain a greater understanding of Hinduism while traveling throughout India with your guide, Dr. Bhatnagar. Slides and comments illustrate for you the vast cultural, religious, and historical diversity of India. It's the closest thing to being there!

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Sunday, November 16

12:00 - 12:30 pm

Main Stage

Bosnian Muslim Youth Dance Group

Colorful, exciting, entergetic and mesmerizing dances are put to the rhythm of youthful Bosnian dancers.

Sunday, November 16

12:30 - 1:00 pm

Main Stage

The Salvation Army: On the March

Leon Kirkpatrick, Robert Snelson, Jamie Bell, Thomas Bratten, and Captain Nancy Henry. Since 1865, the Salvation Army has been "on the march" all over the world. Today's music selection includes excerpts from The Salvation Army Songbook, performed by a standard brass ensemble, a signature feature of The Salvation Army.

Sunday, November 16

1:15 - 1:45 pm

Main Stage

Chicago Baha'i Performance

Chicago Baha'i Workshop

Dramatic pieces, a variety of music including rap, jazz, rhythm and blues, and dance styles ranging from hip-hop, jazz and acrobatics dazzle the audiences while addressing the problems of racism,

sexism, and materialism among teens. The Chicago Baha'i Workshop draws its inspiration from the teachings of the Baha'i Faith concerning the oneness of all human kind and from the ethical precepts taught by all the major world religions.

Sunday, November 16

2:00 - 2:30 pm

Main Stage

Songs of Faith

Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church Choir

Come hear a refreshing collection of anthems presenting important truths of the Christian faith as performed by the Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church Choir.

Sunday, November 16

2:45 - 3:15 pm

Main Stage

Presbyterian USA Choral Group

People who love to serve God sing His praises in the Presbyterian USA Choral Group.

Sunday, November 16

4:00 - 4:30 pm

Main Stage

Faith In Every Footstep

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Choir

Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints share a common spiritual heritage: the pioneer spirit. Demonstrated by early church members over 150 years ago as they settled the Salt Lake Valley, this pioneer spirit lives on. Today's musical performance pays tribute to those sacrifices made and celebrates the legacy of faith and dedication of pioneers around the world.

Sunday, November 16

1:15 - 2:00 pm

East Room

Indian Classical Dance

Louisville Academy of Classical Indian Dance

Enjoy one of the oldest of the six dance styles of India, Bharat Natyam, as it is performed in two distinct dimensions: Vritta (rendering of rhythm through body movements) and Nritya (expression of emotions). Truly an opportunity to learn more about this mesmerizing dance form!

Sunday, November 16

2:00 - 2:30 pm

East Room

Jewish stories for children of all ages.

Laural Reinhart

Learn the legends and lore of the Jewish people as a dramatic storyteller tells the tales!

Sunday, November 16

2:00 - 2:30 pm

Board Room

Yoga Demonstration

Members of the Hindu Temple of Kentucky

Lead by Dr. T. Rangaswamy

You can achieve flexibility and stress reduction through yoga exercises and meditation. A team of yoga practitioners will lead a yoga demonstration and class for beginners. Come comfortable in loose fitting clothing and refrain from eating until after the exercises.

Sunday, November 16

12:00 - 2:00 pm

Conference Room

Meditation Room

Sponsored by the Sisters of Loretto

Relax and reflect on your spiritual path in the midst of soft music and inspirational slides. Take time to create your own personal moment of faith.

Festival Hours:

Thursday & Friday 8:30am - 7:30pm

Saturday 9:00am - 1:00pm

Sunday 12:00pm - 5:30pm

Monday 8:30am - 5:30pm

Daily Programs Included:

Thursday, November 13	12:00 - 1:00pm	Conference Room Board Room	The Sisters of Charity Story Beyond the USA/Sr. Miriam Corcoran, scn Expressive Therapies: The Healing Arts/ Joy Berger, DMA and Joseph Ferry, MA, ATR
	1:30 - 3:00pm	East Room	Creativity As Spiritual Experience: An Artist Panel/Carol Barry, Jeanne Duber, Jim Hayden, Vallerie Henderson, Penny Sisto, and Walter Surge
	3:15 - 4:00pm	East Room	A Town Without Steeples: Ante-Bellum Louisville Religion Fr. Clyde F. Crews
	4:15 - 5:00pm	East Room	Voices From the Catholic Frontier/Dr. Thomas Spalding, cfx
Friday, November 14	10:00 - 10:30am	Main Stage	We're Not In Kansas Anymore: Grieving In Oz/The Hospice Players
	10:45 - 11:15am	Main Stage	Prezettes Choral Program/Presentation Academy and Dr. Suzanne Hachmiller
	11:30 - 12:00noon	Main Stage	The Pleasant Hill Shakers Sing/Roberta Burnes and Lawrence Dorrell
	1:30 - 2:15pm	Main Stage	Taoist Tai Chi Demonstration/The Taoist Tai Chi Society of Kentucky
	3:30 - 4:15pm	Main Stage	Congregation Adath Jeshurum Adult Choir, Combination Elijahu Academy and Adath Jeshurum Junior Choir/Adath Jeshurum Synagogue
	10:00 - 10:45am	East Room	St. Agnes Children's Handbell Choir and Advanced Youth Choir St. Agnes Church
Saturday, November 15		Board Room	Taoist Tai Chi For Health/The Taoist Tai Chi Society of Kentucky
	10:00 - 2:00pm	Conference Room	Meditation Room/Sponsored by the Sisters of Loretto
	9:30 - 10:00am	Main Stage	Taoist Tai Chi Demonstration/The Taoist Tai Chi Society of Kentucky
	11:15 - 12:00 noon	Main Stage	Let All The People Praise Him/Harambee Chorus and Dancers
	1:00 - 1:30pm	Main Stage	Sounds of the Season, St. Francis of Assisi Orff Ensemble Gina Eberenz, Director
	10:00 - 11:00am	East Room	Creating Your Family Vision/JK Productions and The Workshop
Sunday, November 16	11:15 - 12:15pm	Board Room	Hindu Slide Show/Dr. Kunwar Bhatnagar
	10:00 - 2:00pm	Conference Room	Meditation Room/Sponsored by the Sisters of Loretto
	12:00 - 12:30pm	Main Stage	Bosnian Muslim Youth Dance Group
	12:30 - 1:00pm	Main Stage	The Salvation Army: On The March /Leon Kirkpatrick, Robert Snelson, Jamie Bell, Thomas Bratten, and Captain Nancy Henry
	1:15 - 1:45pm	Main Stage	Chicago Baha'i Performance/Chicago Baha'i Workshop
	2:00 - 2:30pm	Main Stage	Songs of Faith/Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church Choir
	2:45 - 3:15pm	Main Stage	Presbyterian USA Choral Group
	4:00 - 4:30pm	Main Stage	Faith In Every Footstep/The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Choir
	1:15 - 2:00pm	East Room	Indian Classical Dance/Louisville Academy of Classical Indian Dance
	2:00 - 2:30pm	East Room Board Room	Jewish Stories For Children Of All Ages/Laural Reinhart Yoga Demonstration/Members of the Hindu Temple of Kentucky Led by Dr. T. Rangaswamy
	12:00 - 2:00pm	Conference Room	Meditation Room/Sponsored by the Sisters of Loretto

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 30, 1997

Ms. Paula Broglio
11012 Cherry Hill Road
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Dear Paula:

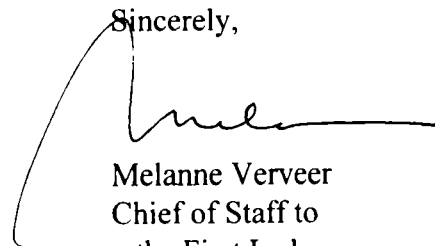
Thank you very much for your letter. It was wonderful to hear from you.

Unfortunately, we do not have a tape available of the Childcare Conference proceedings as White House tapes are for archival purposes only. However, I suggest calling C-Span and see if they can provide you with a copy.

I will send you the pictures as soon as they are available.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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October 27, 1997

Dear Melanne,

Once again I want to thank you for taking the special time to call me and make me feel like a real "important" person! I am so proud to say I was personally invited to the White House conference by you for Mrs. Clinton. I really hope the child care issues do not fizzle away. I sent you a belated card to please give to Mrs. Clinton along with a picture of us at the Child Care reception on October 23, 1997.

If there is anything I can do to help with the Child Care issues, please contact me.

Also, I would love to have a video of the conference, especially since Mrs. Clinton mentioned my name in her opening remarks. That is a moment of history for me. I am looking forward to the pictures of Mrs. Clinton and I from the conference.

Very sincerely yours,

Paula Broglia

Paula Broglia

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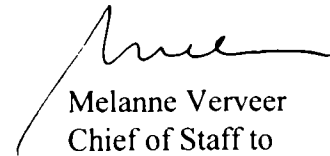
Ms. Sarah Burns
Senior Liaison Officer
United Nations Development Programme
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Dear Sarah:

Thank you very much for your letter and the information on UNDP's work in Central Asia. I have shared your letter with staff involved in preparing for the First Lady's upcoming trip.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

27 October 1997



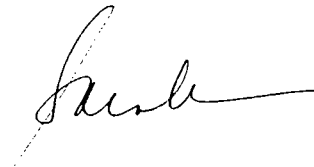
Dear Melanne,

I am happy to be writing the day after the First Lady's birthday so that I can wish the First Lady congratulations on accomplishing so much at such a young age, and you on helping her to it! I hear that more big things are planned for later this year, such as a trip to Eastern Europe and the Newly Independent States. I would thus like to reacquaint the First Lady with the work of UNDP in that Region and invite her to consider stopping off to visit some of our programs there. I am sure she would appreciate the work we are doing supporting democratic institutions, working with women and micro-credit, and working to promote a free and independent press in that region.

Attached are some materials describing our work in the region, including an article from Friday's New York Times which describes the Uzbekistan program to learn English. I think there are some exciting projects the First Lady would enjoy seeing first-hand on her trip, and I hope that we can facilitate such a visit. Naturally, I would also like to provide you the names of our Resident Representatives/Resident Coordinators in each country who might be visited or invited to some briefings along the way.

Thanks for your attention. My best personal regards to you and to the First Lady.

Sincerely,



Sarah P. Burns
Senior Liaison Officer

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Nukus Journal

In Plain English, These Uzbeks Are Going Places

By STEPHEN KINZER

NUKUS, Uzbekistan — Eager students at the Progress Center here told a recent visitor that their favorite authors include Mark Twain, Charles Dickens and Robert Louis Stevenson. Had they ever read anything by Shakespeare?

"Gamlet!" shouted an exuberant young woman. After a moment's silence, several of her classmates jumped in to correct her, and the class dissolved in a chorus of "To be or not to be, that is the question."

What was most extraordinary about the exchange was where it was taking place. Uzbekistan qualifies as remote in most people's mind, and Nukus, a provincial outpost in this Central Asian country's vast western desert, is remote even to most Uzbeks.

In this improbable spot, a single-minded woman named Lily Lagazidze has built one of the few English-language schools in the former Soviet Union. Her goal is to teach young people to speak English and then to use their knowledge to connect with the outside world, which, since the collapse of the Soviet Union, is suddenly open to them.

"It's a brilliant initiative, a motor for development and spiritual enhancement that is really revolutionary in the context of this society."

said Khalid Malik, a Pakistani who directs United Nations programs in Uzbekistan.

"The first time I went out there in 1992 I was really depressed," Mr. Malik said. "The whole region was stagnating. Now, in that school, you can talk to kids who are brimming with self-confidence. They're working in the most inhospitable circumstances you could ever think of, and what they've done is truly impressive."

During the period of Soviet rule in Uzbekistan, Ms. Lagazidze, a citizen of Uzbekistan who is of Georgian stock, gave private English lessons that were technically illegal, since schooling was supposed to be the exclusive province of the state. But perhaps because she was so far from centers of power, and also because her students always placed high on university entrance examinations, she was left alone. Her own English, accented but fluent, was learned in Soviet schools.

Uzbekistan, with a population of 23 million, emerged as an independent nation when the Soviet Union ceased to exist in 1991, and a year later Ms. Lagazidze submitted a plan to the local authorities asking permission to found a private school devoted to teaching English.

Her plan was approved mainly because Nukus is part of an autonomous Uzbek region called Karakalpakstan. It has its own education minister, who does not feel bound by the suffocating regulations dictated from Tashkent, the capital, which still shackle the rest of the country.

"I send my son to the best academy in Tashkent, but this place is better," said an Uzbek scientist who visited the Progress Center recently. "The idea that you can relax and have fun learning is something totally new to us. There's nothing like it in Tashkent. There couldn't be."

To anyone who has been inside a normal Uzbek school, seeing the Progress Center is a shock. Classes are small and students are not confined to rows or made to listen to lectures. Films, songs, music and theater are important parts of the curriculum.

"We try to be very kind to the chil-



An English-language school is flourishing in Nukus.

dren, to put our hearts into what we're doing," said Tatyana Chernyshova, one of the school's 40 teachers. "We don't just want to teach them a language, but to make them think in a new way. Our message is that life can be great and that they can do things they never imagined."

"You should see how they respond," Ms. Chernyshova said. "If their lesson starts at 3 o'clock they're here at 2, waiting on the steps. By the time they've been here only a few months, you can't believe that they're Karakalpak or Uzbek children."

The Progress Center opened with 40 students and now has more than 500. All attend in addition to carrying a normal load in their public school. Competition for admission, based on testing, is intense; this year there were more than 600 applicants for 170 places.

Originally the center was aimed only at teaching English to pre-teens and teen-agers, but Ms. Lagazidze has now opened what amounts to a second school within the same building. Concluding that language skills are not enough, she now offers grad-

uates a four-year business course in which they learn accounting, marketing, computer science and other skills that will make them attractive to foreign employers.

"For a future job we need to know English very well," said Vlad Lee, a 17-year-old graduate of the Progress Center's language course who has recently started the business school. "In this school learning is fun. We're even learning slang expressions like 'What's up?' and 'Time will tell.'"

Students pay a modest tuition equivalent to about \$14 per month, most of which is used to supplement the meager salaries that teachers are paid by the local government. Older students must spend several hours each week teaching English to children in their villages or neighborhoods.

The school's stairwell is dominated by a brightly painted map of the world scattered with tips on amusing ways to learn English.

"Stand in front of a mirror and imagine that you're being interviewed on a chat show," it suggests. "Translate your shopping list into English. Read a telephone book to practice saying numbers. Learn a song and sing along."

Sitting in her office, Ms. Lagazidze, 55, is a barely controlled dynamo who seems to have trouble keeping still.

"Last summer we sent students to Tashkent for internships with foreign companies, and almost every one of them was invited back and given a job," she said with undisguised pride. "I just came back from visiting them, and you wouldn't believe it. They are looking great and making big salaries, \$300 and \$400 a month."

"Knowing English gives these children so many options. Walk through the corridors here and you will see the future of this country."

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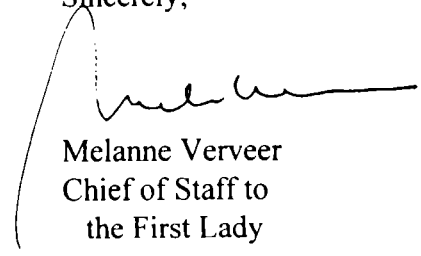
Mr. John Brinkley
9320 Wire Avenue
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Dear Mr. Brinkley:

Thank you very much for your letter and for a copy of the speech you wrote for Secretary Pena. I have given your letter to Bobbie Greene, Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady, and she will be in contact with you.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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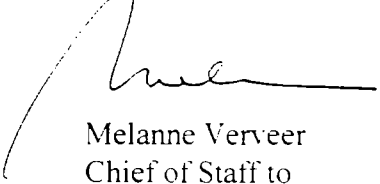
Dear Janet:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and invitation to deliver the keynote address to the second annual Blackmun Lecture on Privacy.

As you may have already heard from Leslie, regrettably, the First Lady will be unable to attend due to a schedule conflict, but sends her best wishes for a successful and productive event.

Thanks for all you do and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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THE CENTER FOR REPRODUCTIVE LAW AND POLICY

July 1, 1997

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Dear Mrs. Clinton,

As the President of the Center for Reproductive Law and Policy, it is my honor and pleasure to invite you to be the Keynote Speaker at the second annual Blackmun Lecture on Privacy, which will be held on January 21, 1998, in Washington, D.C. This lecture and seminar will mark the 25th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* both by celebrating the values embodied in this landmark decision and by exploring the ways in which these values – bodily integrity, choice, religious freedom, and women's equality – can be championed in years to come.

Your presence at the lecture will be invaluable. As a leader, lawyer, mother, author, and citizen, you have long been known for your thoughtfulness about issues of family, society, and the ideals of individual liberty and equality that are at the core of American life. Your reflections on these issues, and how *Roe* affects the lives of American women, will be a welcome and informative centerpiece to this event.

The Blackmun Lecture panelists will include nationally recognized experts from the fields of law, medicine, public health, and public policy. At present, our invitation list includes Vice President Albert Gore, Senator Olympia Snowe, Senator Thomas Daschle, Senator Barbara Boxer, Representative Richard Gephardt, Representative Jim Greenwood, Representative Nita Lowey, Justice Harry Blackmun, Professor Lawrence Tribe, David Garrow, Dr. David Grimes, Dr. Helen Rodriguez Trias, and Dr. Ward Cates. In addition to addressing the policy makers, activists, advocates, members of the public, and media present at the event site, the lecture participants will also reach a far larger audience either through a national teleconference or videotape that will be distributed through law schools across the country.

I will be pleased to discuss further details about the Blackmun Lecture with members of your staff. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Janet Benshoof
President

Bcc: Melanne Vermeer
Walter Kaye

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Melanne Verveer
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Dear Melanne:

I'm really writing you this letter to forward to Hillary. I didn't want to put it in a letter to her because I felt it would be opened by the United States Mail Opening Department of the First Lady. What I wanted to tell her and you about is my appearance last week in federal court in our challenge to Arkansas' so-called "partial-birth" abortion ban. It was quite an experience. Sarah Ehrman told me to go to Connie Failles for dresses, but she was out of town, so I had to do with my New York clothes.

Another CRLP lawyer, Cilla Smith, and I had the trial before a federal magistrate, Judge Jerry Cavaneau. Our local counsel, Bettina Brownstein, was out of town, so it was just us versus the State of Arkansas. The State argued that this case was about a new category of constitutional rights; in essence, they argued that the unborn have no rights, the born have complete rights, and this case concerned the constitutional rights of the "partially born" (that is, at any time when any part of the fetus, detached or intact, is out of the uterus).

Our plaintiffs were absolutely wonderful in talking about how the statute was so vague that it would encompass not only all methods of abortion throughout pregnancy, but also miscarriages and obstetrical emergencies. Our plaintiffs include Dr. William Harrison, who has a regular gynecological practice in Fayetteville; Dr. Stover, who runs a family planning clinic (largely abortions); Dr. Max Baldwin, who has a mostly obstetrical practice but does some abortions for his obstetrical patients; and Dr. Tom Tvedten. Dr. Gerry Quirk, who is head of the University of Arkansas' Ob-Gyn Department and its Genetics Division, testified that this would cover the kinds of abortions he performs at the hospital

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for extreme fetal anomalies (at a cost of \$4,000 - \$6,500, cash up front!). The University of Arkansas facility provides him with an extraordinary range of experience from which he can inform the judge about the statute. For example, he sees about 25 hydrocephaly (i.e., water on the brain or no brain) cases a year, which is extraordinary. Most doctors, even ob-gyns, see just a few in a lifetime. Our lead national expert, Dr. Phil Stubblefield, who was at Harvard and now heads the Boston University Medical Center, was great in part because his parents are from Arkansas, and his grandfather was a legislator from Fayetteville for thirty years - another local boy who made good!

I subpoenaed the two state legislators who sponsored this legislation, Representative Hendren and State Senator Boozman. Their testimony borders on surreal. Senator Boozman, who is also a doctor, defines "a living fetus" as beginning at conception or a fertilized egg or one cell. Dr. Hendren, when asked what "partially vaginally delivered" means, gave various answers, but when pressed about the vagina, ended up saying he was an engineer and wasn't really familiar with those parts.

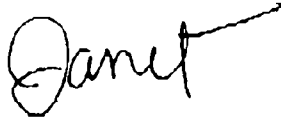
Our opinion, which I'm enclosing, is really one of the best on these statutes so far, even though it is very short and preliminary. It's good because the judge mentions strict scrutiny, while the other cases have gone off on undue burden. In addition, the judge talks about how pregnancy is complicated, why there is a need for unimpeded medical care and judgment, and the evolving nature of medical care. In fact, Dr. Harrison had testified that between 1968 and 1974, when he did lifesaving abortions at the University of Arkansas, he changed his method of abortion three times for early procedures: from saline catheter, which would now be malpractice, to sharp curettage to suction vacuum aspiration. So, all in all, the testimony and preliminary opinion went very well. We will be going back to trial on October 8th, but have really put on the majority of our case.

I actually really loved Arkansas. We stayed at the Excelsior Hotel, and I realized that I had not really had good fried food until I had it three times a day in Arkansas. For lunch, we would have Backyard Burgers with chili french fries brought to us in the jury room. We ate at Doe's one night and barbecue another. The thing about Arkansas fried food is that it is so absolutely good. It is not junk fried food; it's like gourmet junk fried food.

The second reason I'm writing this letter is that we have asked Hillary to be a speaker on January 21, 1998 at our 25th anniversary celebration of "*Roe v. Wade* and the Vision of America," which will be teleconferenced to various centers around the country. Since *Roe v. Wade* represents American values of pluralism, religious freedom, bodily privacy, choice in family matters, I think it would be great if Hillary would introduce this conference by giving a talk about the values in *Roe*, and go back to the values of American democracy, i.e., maybe

John Milton or the Federalist papers. I know law schools are interested in our conference, and this is a wonderful opportunity to talk about the Constitution and values of our form of government. Since we are a legal-based organization, it also removes abortion from politics. We hope Justice Blackmun will join Hillary.

Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janet", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Janet Benshoof

November 3, 1997

Ms. Eunice Buhler
1033 S. Hamlin Avenue
Park Ridge, IL 60068

Dear Eunice:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful, wonderful letter. I am sorry that the First Lady was unable to see you when she was in Park Ridge, but I have given her your happy birthday wishes.

Best wishes in all you do.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

*Send a photo of Hae +
Socks + me with
your book for kids*

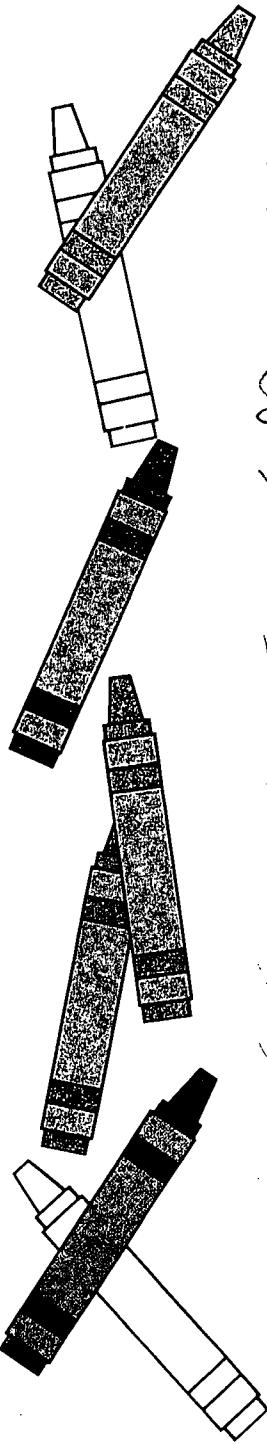


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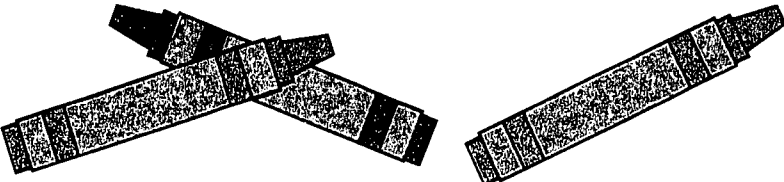
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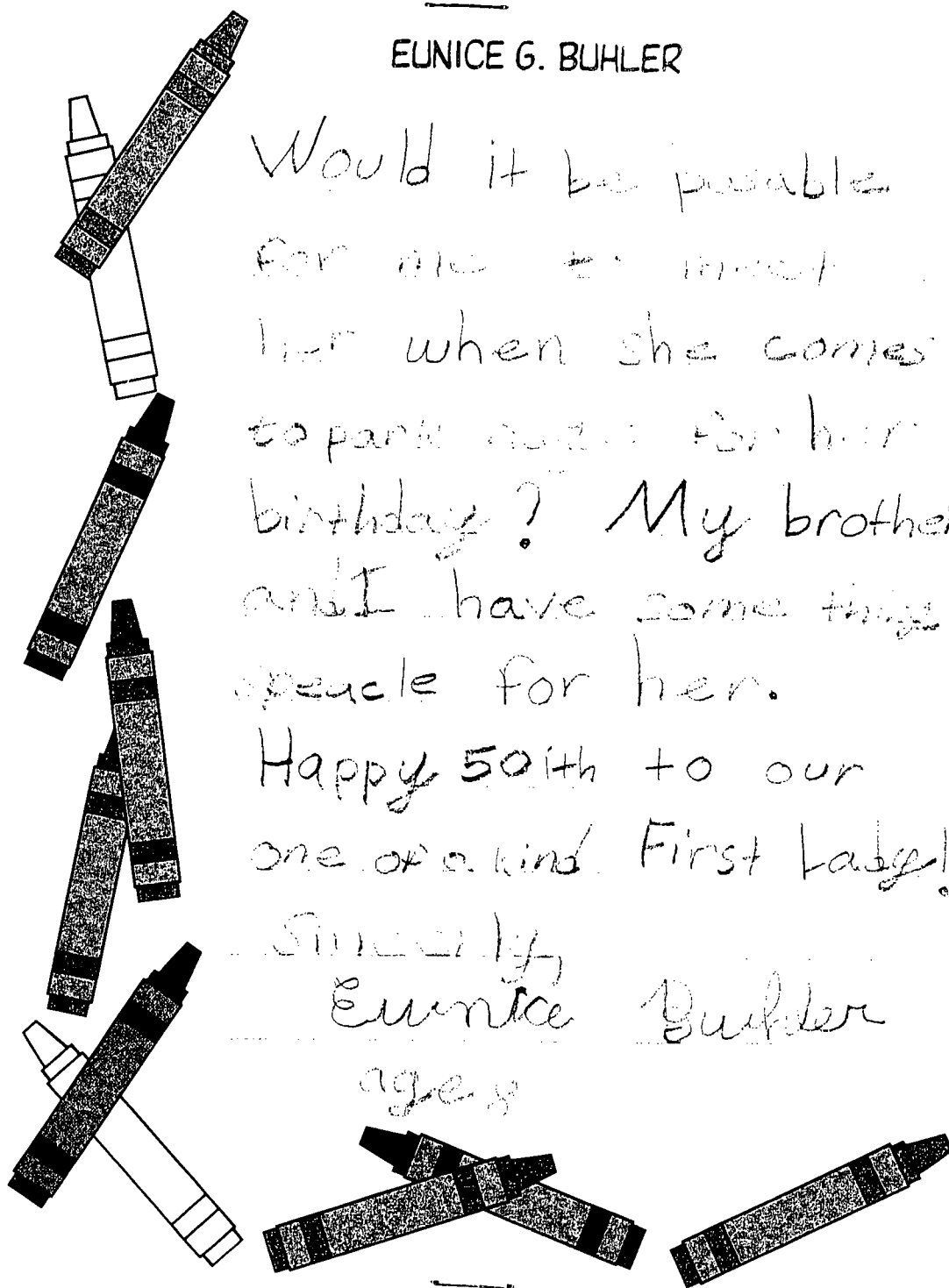
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Dear Ms. Verveer ^(R) with a
During the last 4 ^{year} for
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very intrested in Mrs.
Clinton. I have study
her, and have given many
school presentations about
the first lady. I am
very proud to have a
wonderful 12-yr old boy.





EUNICE G. BUHLER

Would it be possible
for me to meet
her when she comes
to park school for her
birthday? My brother
and I have some things
speake for her.

Happy 50th to our
one of a kind First Lady!

Sincerely,

Eunice Buhler
age 8

**Violetta Kapsalis Buhler
1033 S. Hamlin
Park Ridge, IL 60068**

Dear Ms Vermeer,

Thanks so much for considering
Lorinda's request. She's so focused
on government, the role of the
president and the accomplishments of
the First Lady!

Sincerely,
Violetta Kapsalis Buhler

THE WHITE HOUSE
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December 29, 1997

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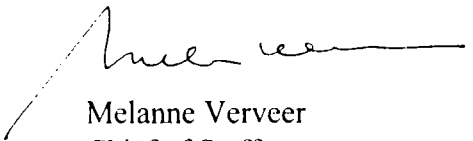
Dear Mr. Bistrushkin:

The White House was, indeed, graced to have the Kiev Chamber Choir perform during the holiday season. The choir deserves its wonderful reputation and we congratulate you on a successful tour.

Thank you for the wonderful gifts for the President and First Lady which I was happy to convey to them. We were so glad to have you here and they are grateful for your good wishes.

Best wishes and happy new year. *by December 31st*

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1997

Ms. Lori Braunesreither
Mr. Ronald Torres
Ms. Diana Kato
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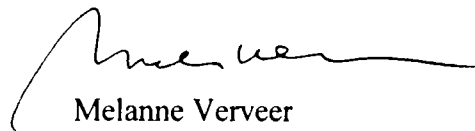
Dear Ms. Braunesreither, Ms. Kato and Mr. Torres:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and invitation to deliver the keynote address to the California Environmental Health Association's 47th Annual Educational Symposium on April 22, 1998, which was forwarded to us by Sylvia Panetta.

It is too early to determine at this time whether Mrs. Clinton will be able to accept your invitation. We will advise you of a scheduling decision sometime early next year.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Leon E. Panetta

P.O. Box 42 Carmel Valley, California 93924

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Copy to
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November 24, 1997

Ms Melanne Verveer
Office of the First Lady
Room 100
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Melanne:

Per the request of Huma Abedin of your office, I am faxing Mr. Panetta's letter of November 5, 1997 along with the enclosures referred to in that letter.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Sylvia M. Panetta

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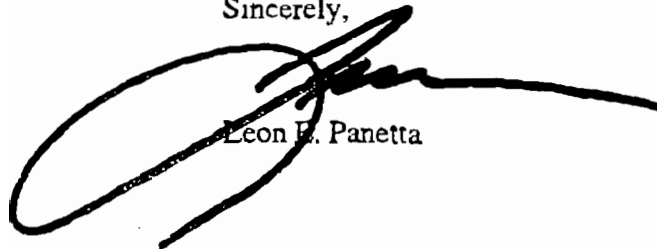
Ms Melanne Verveer
Office of the First Lady
Room 100
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Melanne:

At the request of Diana Kato, I am forwarding her correspondence for your review and consideration.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Leon E. Panetta

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California Environmental Health Association

October 6, 1997

Hillary Rodham Clinton
White House
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

On behalf of the California Environmental Health Association, we are honored to extend this invitation to be a speaker at the **keynote opening address** during the California Environmental Health Association's 47th Annual Educational Symposium in Monterey, California on the morning of **Wednesday, April 22, 1998**.

The California Environmental Health Association (CEHA) is a not-for-profit professional organization with a mission dedicated to improving the quality of life and health through environmental education and awareness. CEHA is the oldest state association of Environmental Health Specialists and environmental health professionals in the United States — with more than 1,000 members, it is the largest and strongest affiliate of the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA).

"Exploring Greater Depths in Environmental Health" is the theme of our upcoming symposium which will be held from April 20-24, 1998 at the Doubletree Hotel and Monterey Conference Center. Each year, CEHA presents a week-long event to provide a diverse educational program for professional members, private industry representatives, educators, students, and other related professionals. Local regulatory jurisdictions throughout California rely on the symposium as the primary educational program for Registered Environmental Health Specialists who administer and enforce all applicable laws, regulations, and ordinances that protect public health.

The **President's Safe Food Initiative** introduced earlier this year was a welcome announcement for CEHA's membership since it drives at the very heart of one of California's most critical regulatory programs. With this in mind, an exciting addition to our symposium will be the initiation of a new "deputy inspector" program in the local schools. With the involvement and participation of local industry, we will reach out to fourth and fifth grade students on food safety issues and demonstrate how local inspectors and industry work together to protect their food supply. We firmly believe that the education and involvement of our country's young people are critical to ensuring a brighter and healthier environment for future generations.

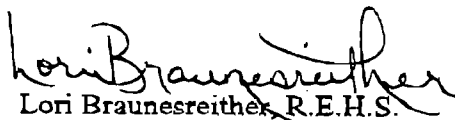
A critical success factor for any event is the quality of its educational program. Many volunteer hours from dedicated committee members go into planning and staging our conferences. The



educational focus of this year's symposium will encompass food protection, solid waste and hazardous waste management, drinking water protection, disaster preparedness and response, to name but a few.

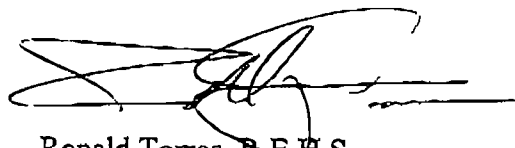
As environmental health professionals, we live, work, and study in a world that each day faces new threats and challenges in public health. Each day, the "environmental consciousness" of the public grows resulting in an ever increasing level of responsibility and accountability being placed on both the regulatory community and industry. CEHA is committed to providing the necessary educational tools to help our membership meet these challenges now and in the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. We hope to hear from you soon and look forward to your participation in the keynote presentation at the California Environmental Health Association's 47th Annual Educational Symposium. Please, feel free to contact Diana Kato, Program Committee Co-Chair at 510-646-5225 x221 with any questions or concerns.



Lori Braunesreither, R.E.H.S.

CEHA President



Ronald Torres, R.E.H.S.

1998 AES Committee General Chair



Diana Kato, R.E.H.S.

1998 AES Program Committee Co-Chair

cc: Leon E. Panetta



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December 10, 1997

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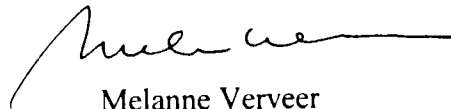
Dear Lea:

Thank you very much for your letter and for enclosing Justice Arbour's statement to the Preparatory Committee on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court, which I have shared with the First Lady.

Enclosed is a copy of the speech Mrs. Clinton delivered at the United Nations to mark Human Right's Day.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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December 9, 1997

Via Telefacsimile

Melanne Verveer
Assistant to the President
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
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Washington, DC 20500

Re.: First Lady's Speech on Dec. 10, 1997

Dear Ms. Verveer,

Perhaps you remember meeting me when Felice Gaer, Blaustein Institute, and the Co-Chairs of the Working Group on Human Rights of Women (Pat Rengel, Amnesty International, Kit Cosby, Baha'is, and myself) had lunch with you earlier this year.)

I welcomed the statement yesterday by the United States before the Preparatory Committee on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court, recognizing that rape and others crimes of sexual violence could be charged as torture or other crimes in their own right.

In that regard, I would like to bring to your attention the statement of Justice Louise Arbour to the Preparatory Committee on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court, December 8, 1997, which I have enclosed with this facsimile. Justice Arbour suggested that

"the statute should make specific reference to sexual violence, in a manner consistent with contemporary understanding of such offenses as crimes of violence against the person. Bearing in mind the evolution of customary international law and contemporary values, it is appropriate to include such a reference in the war crimes provision as well as in the crimes against humanity. This explicit codification of sexual violence should not detract from the discretion of the prosecutor to

characterize the conduct under any other appropriate heading under the statute."
(Emphasis added.)

It would be quite significant if, in her speech tomorrow, the First Lady would make reference to Justice Louise Arbour's statement regarding "explicit codification of sexual violence."

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Lea Browning

cc: Theresa Loar, President's Interagency Council on Women



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**Statement by Justice Louise Arbour
to the Preparatory Committee on the Establishment of
an International Criminal Court**

8 December 1997

My primary concern in addressing you today is to stress the need for an independent and effective Prosecutor in the permanent International Criminal Court. I will make some observations in light of my dual experience as Prosecutor for both ICTY and ICTR, insofar as it may be relevant to the court whose foundations you are designing. Having had the benefit of overseeing prosecutions both in Rwanda and in the former Yugoslavia, I believe that I can identify issues that are likely to be widespread, if not universal, and to distinguish them from the idiosyncrasies of specific cases which should not influence the drafters of a permanent institution.

Let me state unequivocally at the outset that there is more to fear from an impotent than from an overreaching Prosecutor. It is trite to recognize that an institution should not be constructed on the assumption that it will be run by incompetent people, acting in bad faith for improper purposes. Mechanisms should obviously be put in place to correct that situation should it materialize, but the powers of the Prosecutor, and of the Court itself, should be designed in a manner consistent with the effective enforcement of the statute. Without trivializing the effects of the charging process itself, it remains that if unfounded charges are laid, the accused will be acquitted. But if

persons guilty of crimes within the statute are out of reach of the Prosecutor, the very purpose of the statute will be defeated.

I also wish to make a general observation about the likely circumstances under which the Court's intervention will be triggered. Generally speaking recourse to an international criminal forum will only occur when horrendous crimes have been committed with the collusion or impotence of national authorities.

Further, implicit in the need or desire to turn to an international forum is the fact that a State legally competent to intervene has been largely incapacitated by or during the commission of the crimes; either in the physical sense that its legal and judicial institutions have ceased functioning, or in the equally real sense that the legitimacy of its judicial process has been undermined, in part by an intent to shield individuals from criminal liability.

In other words, we must contemplate cases of victimization of international proportion, occurring in an environment where the State most immediately concerned is either unwilling or unable to offer a remedy commensurate to the harm inflicted.

Finally, as an introductory general remark, I must stress the inevitable reality that there will always be persons in position of authority and power whose interest will be to resist and even to subvert the unfolding of the international criminal justice system. To assume otherwise would be naive and imprudent, and would lead to the creation of an unworkable institution.

It follows in my view from these general observations that a treaty-based International Criminal Court will depend, in practical terms, on effective state co-operation for its proper functioning, just as much as the *ad hoc* Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda do. The statute of the permanent Court should provide for the explicit obligation of States Parties to co-operate with the Prosecutor and to provide all requested assistance. It should also provide clearly and explicitly that States must comply without undue delay with the Court's orders and requests. Experience has shown that criminal justice must rest on that dual obligation: co-operation and compliance. Co-operation is to be expected. When it fails, the Court must determine whether compliance is required. It is not possible to run a fair and effective criminal justice system, be it domestically or internationally, without the Court having the power to control its access to the relevant facts upon which its conclusions will be based. A criminal court provides an official, final, binding conclusion about historical facts, upon which may rest the legitimate deprivation of a person's liberty for life. There can be no acceptable compromise about the permanent Court's entitlement to find and determine the facts that are essential to the performance of its function.

Legitimate concerns, such as State concerns over the non-disclosure of matters affecting their vital national security interests, or individual concerns over the proper respect and protection of their privacy, can be accommodated through procedural modalities outlined in the Court's rules of procedure and evidence, with a general statutory provision recognizing the serious nature of such legitimate concerns and that special procedures shall apply.

Turning then to the powers of the Prosecutor of the permanent Court, I would like to expand on my earlier remarks that it may be unwarranted for States to fear the possible overreach, or simply the untrammelled power of the Prosecutor of the permanent Court. Despite the fact that the *ad hoc* Tribunals' powers originate in Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter, the taxing experience of my Office suggests that it is more likely that the Prosecutor of the permanent Court could be chronically enfeebled by inadequate enforcement powers combined with a persistent and widespread unwillingness of States Parties to co-operate. The existence of jurisdiction will not necessarily correspond to the reality facing the Prosecutor of the permanent Court on a day-to-day basis. It must be assumed that in some cases there will be resourceful and well-organized hostile elements in his or her way, occasionally with the indirect support of governments. No one should expect that States emerging from armed conflicts marked by the commission of massive human rights violations, will revert to functioning and co-operative democracies as soon as the hostilities cease. Rather, these States, destabilized by the very crimes under investigation, may prove unwilling or unable to facilitate the work of the Prosecutor. Yet, much of the evidence relevant to proving the crimes will be located in States which were the most affected by the conflict, and by the crimes themselves. Many potential witnesses will have been internally displaced or will reside on occupied or seceded territory.

The International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg faced a situation which may well prove the exception rather than the norm in the longer run. The mandate of the IMT was restricted to crimes committed by the regime which had capitulated unconditionally and the prosecution had unlimited and unhindered access to all relevant evidence in the main territorial State. World events since then, and certainly the experience

of the two *ad hoc* Tribunals, suggest that this is unlikely to be a standard prosecutorial environment.

The Prosecutor's investigative powers should be seen against this sober background - and not through the spectrum of traditional judicial assistance and co-operation between like-minded democratic States in peace time. We have seen in our practice that the judiciary and police of States torn by war and widespread atrocities will in many cases have either marginal credibility or minimal ability to function in the immediate aftermath of an armed conflict. In some cases the police forces have operated alongside and in consort with regular and irregular armed forces in attacks on civilian populations or other protected persons in violation of international humanitarian law. In parts of the former Yugoslavia and in Rwanda, the judiciary was one of the first branches of government to be either ethnically purged or eliminated. The permanent Court should not be forced by the statute into dependency on national authorities which find themselves in difficult transitions. Such dependency would probably harm the credibility of the Court, as it would unavoidably become either impotent, or else tainted by the lack of legitimacy of the national authorities in question.

For these reasons the Prosecutor of the permanent Court should have unhindered and direct access to all potential evidence in the territorial States, be it documentary or other physical evidence, or witnesses, in accordance with the procedures spelled out in the rules of the Court. The investigators of the Prosecutor should be able to determine the conditions under which their interviews with potential witnesses will be conducted, including whether any government officials should be present. Based on our experience I offer this as a general prerequisite, which should also apply in the case of States other than

those on whose territory the alleged crimes occurred. The vast majority of the witnesses testifying before the ICTY who currently reside outside the States of the former Yugoslavia are persons displaced by the armed conflicts in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia in the 1990s; they are not from the State in which they live now and normally not citizens of that State. Scarred and often traumatized by war, these witnesses often distrust law-enforcement authorities. Many of them have witnessed direct police involvement in the abuse of innocent civilians or government officials organizing and taking part in concentration camp interrogation of detainees, and at times aiding and abetting in their systematic torture. Their distrust is not specifically targeted against the judicial authorities of their new host-country. They are reluctant to cooperate with all investigative efforts. The international Prosecutor will be best positioned to develop the expertise upon which a relationship of trust with these witnesses can be established and maintained.

Subject to legitimate national security concerns, which should be adjudicated upon by the Court, governments should not control, nor should they be perceived to be controlling the Prosecutor's access to relevant evidence. The Prosecutor should be granted free and unsupervised access to all witnesses including, if need be, government employees or members of the military.

Further to these observations on the need for secure, confidential access by the Prosecutor to witnesses, particularly to traumatized and vulnerable witnesses, let me stress that a possible statutory obligation for the Court to assist States with relevant domestic investigations should not take precedence over the right of the witnesses to control the use of their witness statements outside the permanent Court. There should be a formal barrier to the Court giving anyone, including States,

copies of witness statements unless the witness consents, apart of course, from the legitimate discovery entitlements of the defense.

Secondly, the permanent Court, not witnesses, should have the discretionary power to determine whether the witness should be allowed to testify at a location other than that of the seat of the Court. The logistical, financial and other difficulties associated with the use of satellite video link and depositions are considerable, in addition to the difficulties caused for the Prosecutor's organization of the presentation of evidence.

Thirdly, the Court should have limited powers to determine on a case-by-case basis applications for safe passage from witnesses who are to appear before the Court. In principle, a statutory provision essentially granting witnesses immunity during their stay in the jurisdiction of the host-country of the Court, against apprehension for crimes within the jurisdiction of the Court alleged to have been committed before they come to testify, flies in the face of the obligation of persons charged to submit themselves to the jurisdiction of the Court and does not appropriately reflect the extreme gravity of the crimes under consideration. If an application for safe passage of such witnesses is denied by the Court, other modes of testifying could then be resorted to.

As regards the so-called jurisdictional trigger mechanism of the permanent Court, I shall confine my remarks to three points which are relevant to the role of the Prosecutor. The Prosecutor should be able to initiate investigations *ex officio* based on reliable information received from any source. It seems to me that this would best enable the Prosecutor to make a non-political, independent and professional

selection of cases based on relevant legal criteria such as the seriousness of the alleged offenses, the likely quality and accessibility of the evidence, the availability of resources and the relationship to other on-going investigations. The main distinction between domestic enforcement of criminal law, and the international context, rests upon the broad discretionary power granted to the international Prosecutor in selecting the targets for prosecution. Domestically, the general assumption is that enforcement is universal, i.e. that all crimes beyond the *de minimis* range will be prosecuted, subject to the determination by the prosecutor that a charge is appropriate based on a preliminary examination of the facts of the case.

In the international context, particularly in a system based on complementarity with State jurisdiction, the discretion to prosecute is considerably larger, and the criteria upon which such prosecutorial discretion is to be exercised are ill-defined, and complex. In my experience, based on the work of the two Tribunals to date, I believe that the real challenge posed to a Prosecutor is to choose from many meritorious complaints the appropriate ones for international intervention, rather than to weed out weak or frivolous ones. Our experience to date suggests that we can dispose quickly of even large quantities of unsubstantiated allegations. In any event, an appropriate process of vigorous internal indictment review, such as we presently have in place at the two Tribunals, confirmation by a competent judge, and the inevitable acquittal that would result from an unfounded prosecution, should alleviate any fear that an overzealous or politically-driven Prosecutor could abuse his or her powers.

Secondly, if the statute of the permanent Court was to require a complaint or referral for the jurisdiction of the Court to be triggered,

maximum prosecutorial discretion should still be preserved. For instance, it would be appropriate to mandate the Prosecutor to investigate and prosecute offenses related to a particular conflict, but not to mandate the Prosecutor to investigate offenses allegedly committed by one side only to the conflict. The greatest threat, in my view, to the legitimacy of the permanent Court, would be the credible suggestion of political manipulation of the office of the Prosecutor, or of the Court itself, for political expediency. This would be best avoided, I believe, by the appointment of a qualified, independent Prosecutor through a transparent process, for a substantial non-renewable term, equipped with considerable discretion in the control of the prosecutorial agenda. A mechanism for the dismissal of the Prosecutor after impeachment for breach of his or her duties or violation of his or her oath, for instance upon application to the Court, or by a number of States Parties, would in my view account more transparently for political interests in prosecutions.

Thirdly, even if the statute were silent on that point, it could not displace the authority of the Security Council to create in the future *ad hoc* Tribunals such as the existing ones. If only for that reason it would seem preferable for the statute to contemplate a reference to the Court by the Security Council, acting under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter. In such cases, the non-consensual characteristic which the Court would necessarily assume in those referral cases would significantly strengthen the situation of the Prosecutor and of the Court itself.

I would also like to make a few observations concerning the subject-matter jurisdiction of the permanent Court. It is of critical importance that the statute contain precise offense provisions so that a

potential accused knows what he may be charged with and, to the extent practicable, the elements of possible offenses. I would warn, however, against adding additional elements to offenses which are well-established in international law, particularly if these new elements are unrelated to the moral culpability of the accused. For example, I suggest that it is desirable to provide a list of the war crimes which are subject to the jurisdiction of the permanent Court, but clearly undesirable to include a provision in the statute which indicates that such crimes only come within the Court's jurisdiction when they are widespread or part of a systematic plan or policy or any similar language. The Prosecutor may, of course, purely as a matter of discretion, decide not to prosecute some crimes unless they are part of a systematic plan or policy or have been committed on a certain scale. Indeed the statute could specifically enumerate factors that the Prosecutor may properly take into account in exercising his or her discretion, including the presence or absence of a plan or system. Adding what in effect becomes a new element to the offense, however, makes proof unnecessarily difficult and tends to transform war crimes into crimes against humanity. I would caution against changing the definition of well established norms of customary international law for the purposes of this convention.

I would also like to suggest that the statute of the permanent Court include war crimes committed in internal conflicts and that, to the extent international law allows, the same types of conduct be prohibited in all types of conflicts. I am well aware of the differing histories and contents of the laws applicable to international and to internal conflicts. Most modern conflicts are, however, either internal or mixed in nature. They are not international. I believe that there is no rational basis upon which to justify that two victims of identical offenses committed on consecutive days cannot obtain the same form of redress before an international

Court because the offense committed on the first day is justiciable since the conflict was international, but the offense committed on the second day is not because the conflict was then internal.

As a final observation concerning subject-matter jurisdiction of the permanent Court, I would like to suggest that the statute should make specific reference to sexual violence, in a manner consistent with contemporary understanding of such offenses as crimes of violence against the person. Bearing in mind the evolution of customary international law and contemporary values, it is appropriate to include such a reference in the war crimes provision as well as in the crimes against humanity provision. This explicit codification of sexual violence should not detract from the discretion of the Prosecutor to characterize the conduct under any other appropriate heading under the statute.

Let me make two final points. First, my experience with the *ad hoc* Tribunals has persuaded me that it is essential for the permanent Court that a system of secure, adequate, long-term financing be designed. The Prosecutor's office of the permanent Court cannot be effective without proper resources, and some capacity for planning based on financial predictability. It is costly to conduct international criminal investigations and prosecutions, and it is highly desirable to be able to have appropriate resources in place in a timely fashion. Moreover, a permanent Court in my view requires a permanent office of the Prosecutor. A core permanent staff will be required in the Prosecutor's office for the proper development of an expert investigative capacity, legal expertise and adequate analytical capability, as well as for the monitoring of situations which may require prosecutorial intervention. As a court of record, it should always have also a core permanent Registry, but it may not need to have a permanent full complement of judges. In

fact, I would suggest that the Court should have a permanent Appeals Chamber, composed of seven or nine judges appointed as such, and who may not need to take up permanent residence at the seat of the Court. Trial Chambers should be constituted, as need be, from a relatively large panel of judges who should be active judges in their own country, elected by the States Parties as members of the Court. This would have the benefit of spreading broadly the expertise and interest in the work of the Court, avoiding the repetition and fact-related cases before the same small number of trial judges, and yet preserving the uniformity and expertise in international humanitarian law in a highly specialized appellate forum.

Finally, I would urge you to view this historic institution that you are in the process of creating not as a self-standing, immutable bastion of unaccountability, but as a living instrument created by States, for the benefit of people, and answerable as such. I therefore believe it is critical to design a governing legislation that contains an amending formula, so as to ensure that the Court will adapt to new situations and grow in conformity with the expectations of the States Parties.

In that respect, one must distinguish between fundamental principles of substantial law, procedure and evidence, which should be enshrined in *the statute* with a great degree of permanence, and *rules of procedure and evidence* which should be under the constant supervision of an Advisory Committee to the States Parties, for the purpose of allowing them to enact timely and necessary amendments. Below that, the last level of governance of the Court's operations should be entirely in the hands of the judges. This is what I would call *rules of practice*, i.e. the body of regulations which govern such matters as the sittings of the

Court, the form of written procedures, the availability of oral rather than written submissions, and the like.

But the rules of procedure and evidence reflecting the fundamental principles contained in the statute, should be capable of flexible additions and amendments to reflect the inevitable unexpected situations that such a new institution will encounter. These rules, in my view, should not be enacted nor amended solely by the judges, who of course have their own institutional interest in the application of these rules. A Rules Advisory Committee should be envisaged, composed of representatives of the various organs of the Court and of the defense bar and the academic community, to advise States Parties about the need for periodic amendment. The States Parties should agree that these amendments would be adopted by a Standing Committee of States Parties, rather than by the unanimous conference of States Parties. Such interventions should be limited to amendments of the statute itself.

In conclusion, I believe that a permanent criminal Court will be the long-awaited realization of the goals expressed already in the Genocide Convention of 1949, and as such a timely consolidation of international law, consistent with the creative search for peaceful and effective measures of conflict prevention and resolution. However, such a Court should be strong and well equipped to operate as the authoritative mechanism through which an individual may be deprived of his or her liberty. Should it be a weak and powerless institution, not only will it lack legitimacy, but it will betray the very human rights ideals that will have inspired its creation. In such a case, regardless of the number of ratifications, the Court may be considered a retrograde development as

it will not only fail to dispense fair justice, but it may exacerbate the sense of legitimate grievance of the disenfranchised.

In short, I am not persuaded that a weak permanent Court is better than no Court at all.

Decemebr 2, 1997

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Dear Sarah:

Thank you very much for your note and for "Campaign Update."

Please call my assistant, Katy Button, at (202) 456-6266 to see if we can possibly arrange a meeting.

Best wishes in your important work.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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Campaign Update

FALL 1997

Shalala Calls for Creating Safe Passages for Youth

Calling youth development programs a "strategic investment," U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Secretary Donna Shalala cautioned that teenage pregnancy rates will only decline with encompassing intervention in all aspects of children's lives. "It's the comprehensiveness of programs that makes a difference," she said.

Shalala brought her message of support for solving teen problems through broad, asset-building strategies to a meeting of national youth development leaders, members of Congress and the Clinton Administration, researchers, experts, and teens. The meeting was co-hosted by the Campaign, the National Urban League, and Girls Incorporated. The Secretary issued a challenge to participants to "convince Americans that [youth development] is a shrewd way to get young people safely through adolescence."

The "Creating Safe Passages for Youth" meeting explored the challenges that young people face today, examined evaluations of youth development programs, and searched for ways that organizations such as the Campaign can learn from the success of youth development models.

"It's not enough to focus on the problems of teens; we must arm them with skills so they can make positive choices. Youth development offers a holistic approach," said Rep. Connie Morella (R-MD), a member of the Campaign's House Advisory Panel. Simply stated, youth development programs should "start early and stay late," advised Girls Incorporated National Executive Director Isabel C. Stewart, a Campaign board member.

Pollster Dan Yankelovich said the public is already behind the concept of youth

development programs even if they don't know it. "People support solutions that develop character," he said. Researcher Robert Blum cautioned that these solutions "need to be driven less by what we want to work and more by what we've found to work." Effective youth development programs promote self-efficiency, last at least nine months, seek to improve social

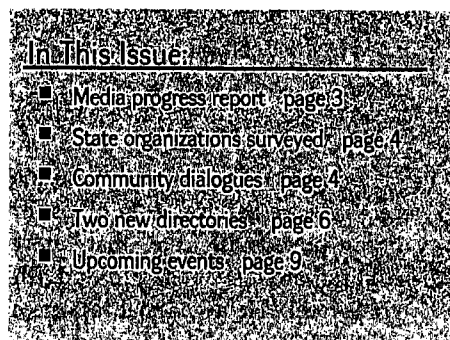


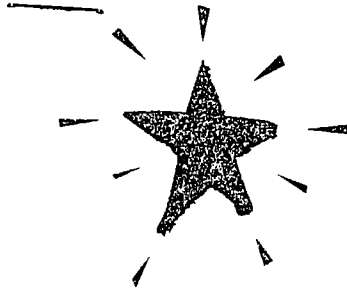
Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala addresses youth development meeting.

norms and take place in several social settings, according to the research of panelist Richard Catalano, who is currently evaluating a number of youth development programs under the auspices of DHHS.

The wide-ranging discussion elicited advice and guidance from many youth development practitioners and other experts:

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Dear Melanne,

Here's our latest - as you'll see, there's a lot underway.

I hope you won't think me pushy if I try to get a few minutes of your time in the next several weeks. I want to try out a few ideas on you.

With best wishes, Sarah Brown

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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September 25, 1997

President Lee Bollinger
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Dear Mr. Bollinger:

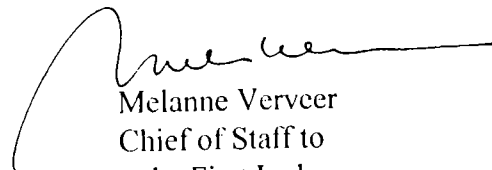
On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and invitation to deliver the keynote address to the University of Michigan's "Arts of Citizenship" series.

The First Lady is interested in participating in the series, but we are unable, at this time, to give you a date when she will be available. Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady, will contact you when we are in a position to discuss a possible date for Mrs. Clinton's participation.

We hope this does not cause you any undue inconvenience.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

It is my great pleasure to invite you to visit the University of Michigan during the coming academic year as the keynote speaker of our "Arts of Citizenship" series for the University's Year of the Arts and Humanities.

"YoHA" is a campus-wide initiative aimed at fostering research, teaching, and practice in the arts and humanities across the University. Two aspects of the project may be of special interest to you. First, YoHA seeks to encourage institutional support and policy innovation for the arts and humanities of a sort usually reserved for the natural and social sciences. YoHA was inaugurated this year with a symposium on arts and cultural policy that brought National Endowment for the Humanities Director Sheldon Hackney and other leading cultural policy-makers to Ann Arbor. Secondly, the Year of the Humanities and Arts is meant to build bridges between the University and the general public, offering programs that put academics and artists in dialogue with the larger civic culture.

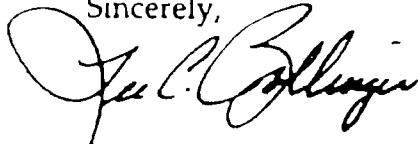
The "Arts of Citizenship" program is oriented toward that goal of public-academic collaboration. It will bring to our campus artists, humanists, intellectuals, and cultural advocates who have made important contributions to public culture and political conversation through their artistic and intellectual work. The program is intended to explore the role of the humanities and arts in sustaining a democratic public culture – and the role of a vibrant civic culture in renewing the arts and humanities. Some events in the year-long series will feature academic discussion of public affairs; others will feature public art, poetry, video work, and other performances, accompanied by conversations with the artist.

Given your advocacy of public support for the arts and humanities, we believe that your visit would make a perfect keynote to the "Arts of Citizenship" program and the U-M's Year of the Arts and Humanities. The organizers of YoHA envision your giving an address on the role of the arts and humanities in civic culture, but the University community would be responsive to whatever focus or format you preferred. We would, of course, accommodate your scheduling requirements.

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
July 15, 1997
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It would be a great pleasure to welcome you to the University of Michigan and to hear your ideas about the arts and humanities in American public life. I hope that you will be able to visit and participate in our conversation.

Sincerely,



Lee C. Bollinger

THE WHITE HOUSE
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December 4, 1997

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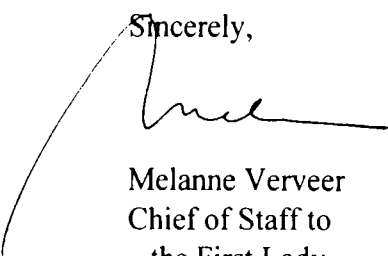
Dear David:

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

Bread for the World is so important - we are grateful for your leadership.

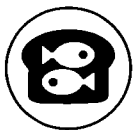
Wishing you all the best.

Sincerely,



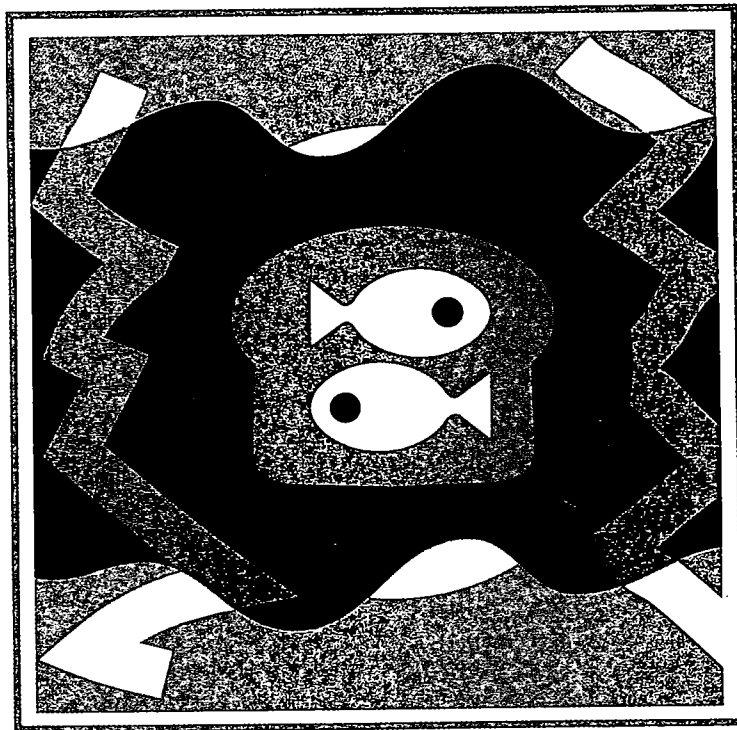
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Mar. 23, 1997

Dear Melanne

I read this weekend's post article about you and your challenging work in the First Lady's Office.

I strongly agree with your statement, "Being an advocate, you try to push the envelope as far as you can go!"

Here at Bread for the World, I attempt to do likewise in these political + social times. It's not always easy to remain year after year in advocacy / justice work, but it alone gives much peace, joy, and personal fulfillment.

If you remember me, I met you + Walt Frazier at USOC in early 80's. You both graciously gave a workshop at our lay missionary conference in NYC in Oct. '82 (I was Ex. Director, Int'l. Liaison)

Thanks, Melanne, for what you are and the many gifts you bring to your present work!
Peace, David

P.S. My wife, Arceli, and I support 100% the work of the First Lady. She is a tremendously gifted leader, and we are thankful for her thoughtful + loving concerns, especially for women + children! Please give her our greetings —

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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September 4, 1997

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Dear Anne:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your kind letter and for the final reports on the Salzburg Seminar, which pose some very interesting conclusions.

It was wonderful to see you in Salzburg and especially to see you leading the effort.

Thanks and best wishes.

We're your fans!

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady