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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 24, 1997

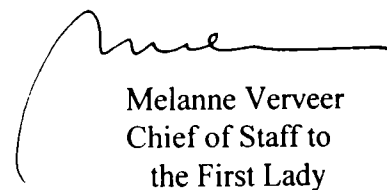
Edith & Henry Everett
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Dear Mr. & Ms. Everett:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and for expressing your concern regarding the SEC's proposed new rules. I have forwarded your letter to the appropriate officials.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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We are writing to you regarding the
SEC's proposal to require companies to
disclose when they are buying or selling
their own stock. This proposal is a
violation of the rights of American shareholders
and should be rejected. The SEC's
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SEC Chairman and the SEC staff are
ignoring the needs and desires of the
American people. They are trying to
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Time is running out. The SEC's proposal to change the
rules expires on November 14, 1997. Please contact
Commissioner Levitt and tell him that the SEC's proposal is an
unacceptable attempt to take away shareholder rights. This is
another insidious move to disenfranchise shareholders.

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The FBI's "Investment" File No. 44-38861 is essentially objectionable.

- (1) **Personal or Private Affairs of Shareholders Affected.** A company will be permitted to make an exclusion based on any of the grounds that they are "personal or private affairs of the shareholder." This regulation could easily be directed at any shareholder and result in the exclusion of issues relating to the sexual harassments, child labor, workplace safety, and environmental issues.
- (2) **Management's Discretion to Exclude.** Under the proposed amendments to the 1934 Act, the SEC will have the discretion to exclude any shareholder who is "not a shareholder in good faith." This is a very broad and subjective standard that could be used to exclude any shareholder who is not a shareholder in good faith.
- (3) **The Proposed "Overnight" Proposal.** Section 10(b) of the new "Overnight" rule allows any shareholder who is not a shareholder in good faith to file a petition with the SEC to request that the company be excluded from the listing. This is a very broad and subjective standard that could be used to exclude any shareholder who is not a shareholder in good faith.
- (4) **The Unmeasurable Measure.** Section 10(c) of the SEC proposes excluding shareholders who are not a shareholder in good faith. This is a very broad and subjective standard that could be used to exclude any shareholder who is not a shareholder in good faith.
- (5) **The "Cracker Barrel" Reversal.** We applaud the SEC for reversing the original Cracker Barrel decision. However, we are concerned about the proposed rules effectively maintain and strengthen the spirit of Cracker Barrel. We are especially concerned about Finance 72, which claims that shareholders cannot "micro-manage," but then claims that a request for a diversity report is an example of micro-management. Had Texaco's discriminatory practices been addressed in past years, shareholders would not have had to pay for management's appalling discriminatory practices.

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In today's global economy, with corporations growing to previously unimagined sizes, more than 400 million small shareholders' rights are protected. The proposed SEC reforms are a necessary and long overdue step in protecting the rights of all shareholders. We support the introduction of these reforms and believe they will improve the integrity, transparency and efficiency of the securities markets.

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We urge you to ask to Commissioner Levine and ask him to protect the rights of individual shareholders.

Thank you for your support of this important issue.

We look forward to seeing the SEC and the SEC staff in action.

Sincerely,

Henry J. Levine

Executive Director

THE WHITE HOUSE
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December 15, 1997

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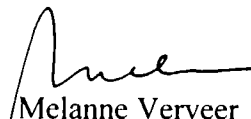
Dear Dennis:

Thank you for your fax and for the article from
Electronic Media, which I have shared with others here.

I can't predict when Mrs. Clinton might write about
children's programming. She has spoken on the topic
frequently in the past.

Best wishes and Happy Holidays.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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San Francisco**MEMORANDUM**

VIA FACSIMILE

December 2, 1997

TO: Melanne Verveer**FROM:** Dennis Eckart**RE:** Attached Article on Children's Television

The future of children's programming, particularly syndicated shows, hangs in the balance. The attached article from Electronic Media says it all. A friendly word by the First Lady is the boost quality programming, like "PM for Kids", needs.

I will give you a call shortly.

Enclosure

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ELECTRONIC MEDIA November 24, 1997



"All New Captain Kangaroo" is one of many educational TV shows pulling disappointing ratings.

Learning a lesson

Syndicated educational shows failing

BY GREG SPRING

LOS ANGELES BUREAU CHIEF

LOS ANGELES—Bedeveled by a limited demand and even more limited ratings, syndicating educational kids shows has become among the toughest jobs in town.

With less than two months to go before the National Association of Television Program Executives convention, there have been no new projects in the category brought to the syndication marketplace. At this time last year, there were close to 20.

Meanwhile, those who are syndicating existing shows are finding it tough going as they ponder a second season in the business.

Saban Entertainment is still mulling its plans for the low-rated but highly publicized "All New Captain Kangaroo." The series will have at least some sort of presence on The Family Channel for 1998, Saban officials said.

More uncertain is whether "Captain Kangaroo" will remain in broadcast syndication as a weekly for the 1998 season. That decision is also up in the air at Saban as of press time.

Buena Vista Television will continue to distribute "Disney Presents: Bill Nye the Science Guy" for 1998. However, the company is still considering the future fate of "Disney's Sing Me a Story With Belle."

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Educational kids shows face uncertain future in syndication

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Kelly News & Entertainment officials said they will most likely bring back their educational teen game shows "Peer Pressure" and "Click." However, Kelly wants to study ratings and international sales before making a decision.

"It's a tough business," said Alan Winters, executive vice president of Kelly. "This is an area that is clearly a challenge to get ratings and still meet the educational guidelines."

So what went wrong?

Prior to NATPE 1997, the FCC had just passed regulations calling for stations to air a minimum of three hours of educational programming a week. That led syndicators to believe they were situated to fill the demand.

But networks, except UPN, subsequently provided the required programming for their affiliates.

While stations may have purchased a show or two to supplement the network educational lineup, such spots were few and far between.

And, echoing what opponents of the educational kids rule predicted all along, ratings for those shows are disappointingly low.

Season to date, "Captain Kangaroo" is averaging a 0.7 Nielsen Media Research rating among kids 2 to 11, and a 0.6 among kids 2 to 5. "Popular Mechanics for Kids" from Hearst Entertainment is averaging a 0.7 in kids 2 to 11, and a 0.7 in kids 8 to 11.

"Sing Me a Story" is averaging a 0.5 in kids 2 to 12, with "Bill Nye" averaging a 0.8 in kids 2 to 12. Summit Media's "Oscar's Orchestra" is averaging a 0.6 in kids 2 to 12.

By comparison, a top rated noneducational syndicated weekly like Claster Television's "All Dogs Go to Heaven" is averaging a 1.9 rating in kids 2 to 12. Saban Entertainment's "Dragon Ball Z" is averaging a 1.6 in kids 2 to 12.

It's the same story on the network side, with educational shows constantly ranking well below entertainment-oriented fare.

CBS's brainy "Beakman's World," for example, averages a 0.5 in kids 2 to 11, and the thoughtful "Wheel of Fortune 2000" averages a 1.1.

ABC's noneducational and animated "Disney Saturday Morning," by comparison, is averaging a 4.7 rating in kids 2 to 11.

Given low ratings, syndicated educational kids show distributors are often looking for ancillary revenue streams to keep the production viable. Kelly, for example, has King World Productions selling "Click" and "Peer Pressure" overseas.

"Right now, it appears that overseas sales will be strong," Mr. Winters said.

Likewise, Hearst Entertainment's decision to renew "Popular Mechanics for Kids" for 1998 is partially based on Hearst's intention to use the show to promote the magazine, which it also owns.

The fact that the series is a Canadian co-production also helps to defray costs. Additionally, Hearst has been successful in selling the series overseas.

"But most importantly, the stations that have it really like it, and they want it back," said Bill Miller, president of Hearst Entertainment Distribution.

Even with ancillary revenue streams, however, few believe the current batch of educational shows have turned a profit. Patience and luck might make win-



Buena Vista Television is sticking by "Disney Presents: Bill Nye the Science Guy" despite low ratings.

ners out of some of these shows yet. Kids can be fickle.

"We think 'Popular Mechanics for Kids' will continue to grow," Mr. Miller said. "And if it does, maybe it will move into some better time slots and improve the ratings even more, and we can even make a little money." #

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 24, 1997

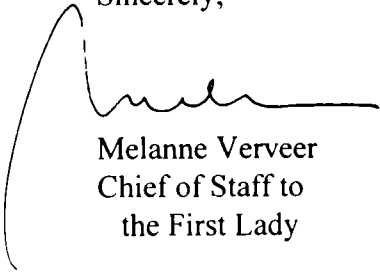
Mr. Dennis Eckart
Ms. Judy Kern Fazio
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Washington, DC 20006-1301

Dear Dennis and Judy:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for the information on children's educational programming. I know we will put them to good use.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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October 22, 1997

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20050

Attention: Melanne Verveer

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

We hope the enclosed information will prove useful as you consider writing a column on the status of commercial television programming for children in the aftermath of the new FCC guidelines.

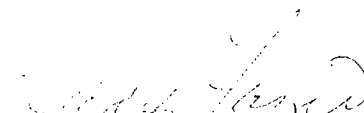
As stations come up to critical ratings periods, this "make or break" time will prove to be crucial to the long term viability of quality children's television. Please let us know if you have specific questions or require additional information.

On behalf of Hearst Entertainment President Bruce Paisner and all the folks at "PM for Kids", thank you once more for your interest and generous hospitality.

Sincerely,



Dennis E. Eckart


Judy Kern Fazio

Enclosure

ISSUES AFFECTING CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

INTRODUCTION:

This television season represents a refreshing and exciting change for children's television. Among the fall line-up are a handful of new and creative programs, such as "Popular Mechanics for Kids" and "Science Court," that are both entertaining and educational. The introduction of this new brand of shows for kids is, in large part, the result of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") new rule requiring broadcasters to air at least three hours of educational programming for kids per week. The FCC rule requires that commercial and noncommercial broadcast licensees air programs that serve the educational and informational needs of children 16 and under and that the shows are aired as regularly scheduled programs between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

The shows introduced this season represent only the beginning. Even with the production of quality new educational shows, many programming barriers still remain to expanding the quantity and popularity of children's educational shows. Like all evolution, it will take time for entertaining educational programming to take hold in the commercial television market. The following discusses some of the remaining issues and outlines some suggestions for expediting the transition toward improved educational programming.

ISSUES:

Despite the presence of new educational television shows, many broadcasters appear to be avoiding the overall purpose of the new FCC rule. Instead of airing new shows, many networks are simply assigning the term "educational" to shows that in the traditional sense do not further a "child's intellectual/cognitive or social/emotional needs." Television critics have been quick to note that many of the shows labeled educational are outdated, re-tooled and deal mostly with social issues such as peer pressure, but do little to stimulate children's intellectual capabilities. It appears that many broadcasters are re-labeling their popular shows as educational in an age-old effort to maintain their commercial success during the prime Saturday and Sunday morning viewing time for kids.

While it is of course a gamble for any broadcaster to air a new show for kids during the weekend morning hours, a select number of truly educational shows exist this season that would not only stimulate children but also entertain them. However, even among the networks and local affiliates that have agreed to air these shows, many are unfortunately choosing to broadcast them in timeslots that are not only less popular viewing times, but that also in some cases do not fall within the FCC hours of 7 am to 10 pm. Furthermore, they are not promoting these shows, but are rather saving their resources for the promotion of their cartoons and more traditional fare.

Representatives of companies investing in the production of these quality shows have expressed their frustration with marketing their programs. Producers fear that shows aired in either the early morning (pre-7 am) or afternoon time slots run a significant risk of low viewership and thus cancellation. Bruce Paisner, President of Hearst Entertainment, co-producer of "Popular Mechanics for Kids" a new educational and entertaining show, points out the risk of investing in and producing quality commercial television. "Ironically, even with a good time slot, educational shows must compete against the heavily marketed, but less intellectual shows." In an environment as commercially competitive as this, the educational shows risk cancellation when they do not meet networks' or affiliates' ratings expectations. Thus, a catch-22 exists for these quality shows -- air during non-prime time and be canceled because of low viewership or air during prime time and be forced to compete with the commercially oriented or mislabeled so called "educational" shows. In either case, the shows get little or no promotion from the stations carrying them.

SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS:

With additional effort on the part of the networks, their local affiliates and parents, children will choose to watch shows that are both educational and entertaining. Independent producers, networks and local affiliates should be encouraged to take the leap and invest in purchasing and marketing the new creative and educational shows that exist and to air them at popular times for children. Station managers have a responsibility to their communities to make that investment and to stick with these shows. By the same token, parents should take responsibility for what their children watch. Recently, the Center for Media Education, the National Educational Association, and the National PTA held a press conference on this very topic. During that event, the three groups encouraged parents to sit down with their children and plan a weekly viewing schedule. Parents should research all sources available to learn what programming choices exist for their children's age groups. If there are no educational shows broadcast when kids are most likely to watch TV, parents should contact their local affiliates and encourage better programming. If enough children and their parents make the investment to tune in to the newest quality shows, the networks will invest more time and money in those shows and, hopefully, these shows will serve as the standard bearers.

CONCLUSION:

The FCC, the companies who have invested in the production of quality children's television, and those affiliates airing these shows during the FCC hours deserve applause. Without the compliance of the broadcasters and the help of parents, commercial television for children, however, will continue to consist of shows with little redeeming quality for our children.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 4, 1997

Professor Robert Emery
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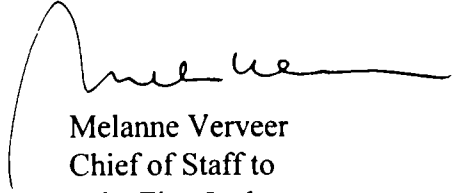
Dear Dr. Emery:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and invitation to participate in *The Future of Families: Should Families Shape Policy or Should Policy Shape Families?* conference on November 14, 1997.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton is unable to attend as she is scheduled to be out of the country, but sends her best wishes for a successful and productive conference.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



Out of the
Country

CENTER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES & THE LAW

August 29, 1997

Ms. Hillary Clinton

White House

Please Distribute to: **Melanne Verveer and Patti Solis**

Dear Ms. Clinton,

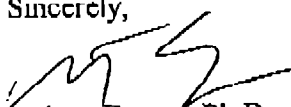
As Director of the University of Virginia's Center for Children, Families, and the Law, I am writing to invite you to participate in our upcoming conference, ***The Future of Families: Should Families Shape Policy or Should Policy Shape Families?*** The conference will be held at the University of Virginia's School of Law beginning Wednesday evening November 12 and ending at noon on Friday November 14.

The conference is intended to present contrasting points of view on the question that forms the central theme of the conference. Families have changed dramatically in the last 25 years, and family change has had dramatic effects on children and our society as a whole. Should our policies support families in trouble due to nonmarital childbirth, divorce, and poverty, or does such support only encourage parents and families to abandon their responsibilities to children? The conference pairs academic speakers with contrasting views on this central issue in relation to three key topics: (1) *marriage, divorce, remarriage, and cohabitation*; (2) *poverty and welfare reform*; and (3) *family law*. A brochure with a list of speakers is appended to this letter.

Because of your passionate concern for children, you would be an ideal contributor to the conference. The theme of your eloquent book, ***It Takes a Village***, obviously addresses our central theme, and your call for neighborhood and community involvement in raising children brings us beyond the question of what *government* should do to *what should I do?* As such, I ideally would like you to be the closing speaker for the conference at noon on Friday November 14. Depending on your interest and schedule, however, I am more than willing to discuss other possibilities such as speaking with William Galston on Wednesday night.

I know your schedule is enormously busy, but I hope this important issue, perhaps the most important issue of our time, entices you into making one more commitment.

Sincerely,


Robert Emery, Ph.D

Professor of Psychology and Director of the
Center for Children, Families, and the Law

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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August 13, 1997

Ms. Sarah Endline
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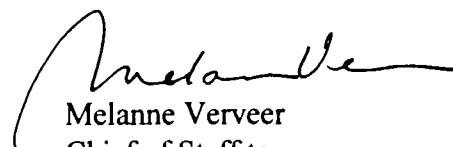
Dear Ms. Endline:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and invitation to AIESEC's International Congress in Atlanta.

Regrettably, the First Lady is unable to accept your kind invitation due to a schedule conflict, but sends her best wishes for a successful event.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark 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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July 31, 1997

Hillary Clinton
First Lady of the United States
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

You are an inspiration and example to young leaders and women everywhere. I have followed your work as First Lady, and as a young woman, I find your leadership with youth, education, and developing countries visionary and critical for the world today.

I am part of an organization, AIESEC, which needs to hear from leaders like you. AIESEC is the largest student-managed association in the world specializing in creating international work and cultural exchange experiences for over 50,000 students in more than 87 countries. AIESEC was founded after World War II to bring young people together to develop their skills and international understanding.

From August 27 through September 4 of this year, AIESEC will host its International Congress in Atlanta which brings together 500 of our international presidents and vice presidents. It would be a personal inspiration for us to have an outstanding woman and outstanding leader of the United States addressing the international leadership of AIESEC on the critical role that youth play in the development of their countries.

I hesitated for quite sometime in sending this letter, and thus, the timeframe is now quickly approaching. However, I had the opportunity to spend last Saturday evening with Maria Haley and Gloria Cabe. Knowing your personal commitment on youth and education, they both encouraged me to convey my thoughts to you as we all agreed you have many relevant thoughts to share.

Although I just finished my term as National President of AIESEC US, I am still officially supporting the Atlanta Congress Committee. If you are interested in speaking, I will be happy to coordinate everything with the Atlanta group as I am in DC for the summer at the World Bank. The congress opens on the evening on August 27 and closes the evening of September 3, 1997. Ambassador Andrew Young is speaking at the congress on August 27, and you are welcome then or at any time thereafter.

I can be contacted with the information below. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Sarah E. Endline

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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May 10, 1997

Dr. Amitai Etzioni
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Dear Dr. Etzioni:

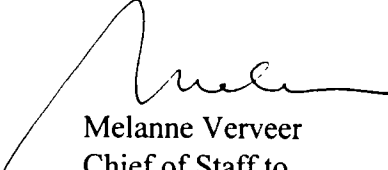
Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to speak at the conference on character building on June 12, 1997.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton will be unable to accept your kind invitation this year because of other demands. Best wishes for a successful event.

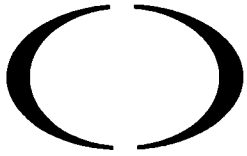
Thanks for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,

*We're sorry
this couldn't
work out.*



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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Association of Junior Leagues

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AMITAI ETZIONI
Founder & Chairman

The Communitarian NETWORK

April 28, 1997

*Regard for
JMC*

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Assistant to the President/
Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Ms. Verveer:

This is to follow up on our invitation to the First Lady to speak at our conference on character building, June 12-14, here in Washington. You will find enclosed the current outline of the conference and a copy of our letter of invitation to the First Lady, along with a photo of the United We Sing Choir, which performed last year at the conference at which the First Lady spoke.

As we mentioned, while we would be delighted to have the First Lady, President, and Vice President speak, we do realize that this is a dream ticket. We ask that you support our requests, and note that if need be, our conference schedule could be adjusted. Ideally, we would like the First Lady to speak either the afternoon of Thursday, June 12, or Friday evening before dinner.

If any additional information is desired, please contact Amitai Etzioni at 994-8190, or Nora Pollock, the conference coordinator, at 994-3008.

Sincerely,

Amitai Etzioni

Amitai Etzioni
Founder and Director

Sincerely,

Nora Pollock

Nora Pollock
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1997

Ms. Diane Faulkner
2010 Kalorama Road, NW, #54
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Diane:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and for the materials on Ammachi, which we have shared with others here as plans are advanced for the trip to India.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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November 25, 1997

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
c/o Melanne Verveer, Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

In late June, prior to the Washington visit of one of India's most prominent saints, Mata Amritanandamayi (Ammachi), we sent you the book, *Ammachi: A Biography of Mata Amritanandamayi*, as well as information on Ammachi's charities. The M.A. Center in California received Melanne Verveer's thank you note, and, at the request of Ammachi's headquarters in India and the M.A. Center, we are sending you the enclosed additional materials.

Ammachi: A Portrait of Compassion is a short introductory video about Ammachi's life, her charitable works, and her message to the world. *Unity is Peace* is Ammachi's October 1995 speech in New York at the Interfaith Celebration honoring the 50th Anniversary of the UN. And *May Your Hearts Blossom* is her address at the 1993 Parliament of World's Religions in Chicago.

Ammachi's boundless love and compassion have inspired thousands the world over to dedicate themselves to helping others. Through her trips to Japan, Canada, the U.S., Western Europe, Russia, and elsewhere, she is becoming better and better known and spreading her message of unconditional love and selfless service.

If you and the President are planning a trip to India, please consider meeting Ammachi and visiting one of her charitable activities. [Ammachi is from Kerala in southwest India. In addition to the orphanage shown in the video, Ammachi's hospital, the Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences (AIMS), which has been under construction for several years, will open its first section, the Heart Institute, in early 1998. AIMS will be a state-of-the-art multi-specialty hospital dedicated to providing free, comprehensive services to all in need, regardless of race or religion.] Also, due to the overwhelming response to her visit to Washington, Ammachi has elected to pay a return visit next July. If you would be interested in meeting Ammachi at that time, we would be happy to arrange such a meeting.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Carol Gibeson in cursive, with the initials "DF" at the end.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1997

Ms. Marta Fedoriw
1290 Highland Court
Allentown, Pa 18103

Dear Ms. Fedoriw:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your thoughtful letter on her trip to Lviv and, in particular, her remarks about the importance of the rule of law. As I wrote to you before our departure, our government will continue to press your case. Investors should not confront the problems you have had to endure.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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Message:

Dear Ms. Verveer:

Please forward the following letter and enclosures to the First Lady.
I look forward to an opportunity to meet with you at some time to discuss this matter.
Hoping to hear from you.
Sincerely,

**Marta Fedoriw
President
Grand Hotel – Lviv, Ukraine**

**1290 Highland Court
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November 20, 1997

First Lady Hillary Clinton
The White House
Old Executive Office Building
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Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

As an American investor in Ukraine, as well as an American of Ukrainian heritage – it was with great interest that I followed the reports of your recent visit to Lviv, Ukraine. As you may know, my investment was in the Grand Hotel project in Lviv – one of the first American investments in Lviv. Unfortunately the project, reported in *The Wall Street Journal* as a dream story, turned out to be a nightmare. The horrific account was described in the book by Anne Applebaum - Between East and West. The Grand Hotel case is now one of the several still unresolved American investor problems. I am very grateful to Ambassador Morningstar and his staff for their efforts in working to resolve this problem, although a resolution is still to be reached.

I must commend you on your statement to the citizens of Lviv and Ukraine – that they must “stand up for what’s right and for the rule of law, not the rule of crime and corruption!” It was indeed encouraging to see that you understand so well what it is that the citizens of Ukraine still need to understand. To have heard it from you, Mrs. Clinton, will hopefully “nudge them to fight crime and corruption”.

Again, I commend you and thank you – as a Ukrainian-American and an American investor in Ukraine for your stop in Lviv, as well as for your insight and kind words to the people of Ukraine. I know that I speak not only for myself but for all Ukrainian-Americans and American investors in Ukraine – because we all know that only where there is rule of law will there begin a stable and democratic society, which you so wisely advised. May your trip there have been fruitful!

Sincerely yours,



Marta Fedoriv

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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

If It's Baroque, Let's Fix It, Says Ukrainian-American

Mrs. Fedoriw Restores a Hotel
In Lvov to Grand Style;
Strolling the City in Sable

By JOHN J. FIALKA

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL
LVOV, Ukraine—People here thumb their noses at everything Lenin held sacred. The Catholic Church holds press conferences in the former "Museum of Atheism." Old men hold forth in the town square, shouting political opinions at one another. Visiting capitalists are put up in the old Communist Party headquarters.

But none of the current heresies quite match the feat of Martha Fedoriw, the 46-year-old owner of an Allentown, Pa., travel agency. She is restoring Lvov's 62-room Grand Hotel to its pre-Communist Austro-Hungarian Empire splendor.

Lvov (pronounced "le vew" in Ukrainian) is a city of 700,000 near the Polish border. It is a classy place, with four universities and an opera that presents a different production practically every night. But Lvov's hotels are decidedly decasse.

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The best of them, run by Intourist, is several notches below Western luxury-hotel standards. Rooms are cramped, plumbing ranges from inadequate to amusing, meals are dull. Phones, television sets and fluffy towels are unheard-of.

The five-story Grand, built in 1898 to cater to visiting Viennese nobles and merchants, is another matter. Restored, it will have ceilings with elaborately carved moldings, murals with rural themes and lots of stained glass. Rooms will have modern heating, 20th-century bathrooms, telephones, television sets and baroque flourishes.

Expatriate Ukrainians visiting from the U.S. and interested in their roots should feel quite at home at the Grand. Mrs. Fedoriw (pronounced "Fedorie") herself studied Ukrainian as a child. Her father, a music teacher, last saw Lvov in 1944 when his family fled the approaching Red Army. They eventually came to the U.S. from a displaced-persons camp in Germany.

Mrs. Fedoriw thinks pride of place needs to be restored here. Which is why she makes a point of strolling around this sooty city in her sable coat. "It used to be the only way you could get one of these here was to be the wife of a party official or the KGB," she says. "I want them to know there is another way to do it."

If the old building could talk, it would tell a sad story. In 1913, with World War I looming, the owner turned the upstairs into a brothel and rented out parts of the lobby to an appliance store and a grocer. In 1937, when Lvov was part of Poland, an inept architect botched a restoration attempt and the place ended up with sagging walls and warped floors.



Martha Fedoriw

In 1939, after the Soviets invaded Lvov, the Nazis bombed the city and the concussion from a near-miss cracked a wall. After the Nazis chased out the Soviets, the hotel was host to recuperating German soldiers. In 1944 the Soviets returned, looted the building and turned it, temporarily, into a sewing factory.

But nothing was quite as debilitating for the hotel and Lvov generally as the arrival of the Communist bureaucracy after the war, which meant the nationalization of

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Ukrainian-American Says: If It's Baroque, Then Let's Fix It

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businesses and the end of most normal building maintenance.

Anatolij F. Ryborak, the vice mayor of Lvov, explains what has happened to his city: "Look, I take care of my car because it's mine. I take care of my dacha because it's mine and my flat because it belongs to me. But the building is not mine. It belongs to the people, which means nobody takes care of it."

Before Mrs. Fedoriw arrived, the Grand Hotel was a mess. The Communists had converted it back to a hotel in 1948. It started out as a fleabag and went downhill from there.

Two years ago, Mrs. Fedoriw complained to a former mayor of Lvov that his city had no decent accommodations for Ukrainian-American tourists. "We have some old hotels," she recalls him saying. "Why don't you take one and fix it up?" She took him up on an offer made possible by perestroika. She signed a 15-year lease on the hotel with an option to buy should private property become legal.

Mrs. Fedoriw has put more than \$480,000 into the hotel. She plans to open it in late spring as living commercial proof that Ukrainian construction workers and staff can build and run a first-class business that also turns a profit.

It might just. Among the things the Grand Hotel has going for it apart from Old World charm and modern plumbing is the competition: the sterile, modern Intourist Hotel. While that hotel serves dinner from the old Soviet menu, Mrs. Fedoriw has her restaurant staff combing cookbooks for old Ukrainian recipes and creating dishes from German menus construction workers found stuffed in a wall.

Getting to the point where she has an obvious competitive advantage hasn't been easy. Rousting three city-owned stores from the hotel took six months because Lvov has no legal eviction process. Mrs. Fedoriw spent weeks trying to explain to her unwelcome tenants that she was the landlord and they had to go.

Landlord? "You mean you are trying to be like Stalin was with us?" she recalls someone asking.

In a city where construction projects sometimes take decades, the rebuilding of the Grand Hotel took a little more than two years. Mrs. Fedoriw is no expert in any of this. The only other construction job she had ever supervised was remodeling her house. But what Ukraine seemed to lack until she came along was a manager who made work conform to a schedule and a balance sheet. "I'm known here as the impatient one," she says.

Judgments depend on perspective. Sometimes Semen Lepsky, Mrs. Fedoriw's sharp-faced Ukrainian construction engineer, stands in front of the hotel on Freedom Prospect and puzzles over the contradictions: "People come by and they say, 'Oh, this is beautiful, and you have done it so quickly.'" Then, he says, an American engineer hired as an adviser came by. "He says to me, 'Why is this taking so long?'"

Mychalio P. Zagrebelsky, Mrs. Fedoriw's business consultant in Kiev, says that buying materials for the hotel reconstruction was quite an adventure. The ruble gyrated from eight to the dollar a couple of years ago to 140 and back to 100 or so. "Prices are idiotic," he says. Some materials still sell as if the ruble's buying power were undiminished, he says.

Also, old tools such as bribery don't work as well as they once did. "Under the command system, the bribe was paid and the deal was done with one phone call from the top," he says. "Under the new system, a bribe may be given, but there is no assurance that the deal will be done."

Josef Bandytsky, a stocky, stone-faced 60-year-old, coordinates the construction crews and cares about quality and on-time performance. He used to run "Building Organization No. 584," which put up lavish Communist Party buildings on schedule.

When the Grand Hotel opens, he will be its manager. He has no experience running a hotel but says it makes no difference, because he knows how to organize people.

It is a capitalist axiom that risk-takers get the rewards. If they don't lose their shirts. Bonnie Burnham, head of the World Monument Fund in New York, has been studying restoration problems in Eastern Europe for the Samuel H. Kress Fund. "The people who go in now have a potential opportunity to realize a very handsome profit," she says. "Labor costs are low throughout the region."

Restoration projects that create new hotels, she says, may be "almost a guaranteed formula" for success if one is patient. Investors, Ms. Burnham says, may have to think in terms of getting their money out in, say, 20 years.



Testimony of

**Marta Fedoriw
President, Halych, Inc.
Grand Hotel - Lviv, Ukraine**

**before the
Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations,
Export, Financing and Related Programs**

United States House of Representatives

April 24, 1997

Thank you, Chairman Callahan and members of Congress for affording me this opportunity to testify before you today.

Overview

As an American whose parents fled Communist Ukraine, I had the good fortune to grow up in the United States and experience the rewards of democracy. And so, in the early 1990's when changes started to take place in Ukraine, I became one of the first American investors in that country. In 1990 I signed an agreement to lease, renovate, and operate a small hotel in center city of Lviv, Ukraine. My project was received with tremendous interest - it was written up on the front page of *The Wall Street Journal* (see attached article TWSJ) - a "capitalist-democracy" dream story.

What happened in effect has been a total nightmare. In August of 1992, after I plunged my \$100,000 investment, spent 2 years traveling back and forth to Ukraine, working on the renovation project, trained the hotel staff according to American business and service standards - upon opening day of the hotel I learned that company documents were falsified and manipulated so that my Ukrainian partner was now in total control - I had no access to accounting, management or any other aspect of the hotel operations. My Ukrainian partner told me point blank - "We do not need you anymore - get out." When I turned to city officials I quickly learned that they gave me a run around - stalling, not having time

for meetings with me. When my Ukrainian partner broke into my office at the hotel I called the police. Two officers arrived and were about to arrest him when he proceeded to pick up the phone and dial the chief of police at his home. The chief of police spoke to the two officers and they quietly left, saying that I should write a formal complaint the next day. After three months of this run around I left the hotel to spend Thanksgiving Day with my family at home. That week, my general manager of the hotel and his wife, an assistant accountant - were both shot in the back on the street by a hired assassin. The man, age 42 died on the street, while his wife suffered a bullet wound to her leg, and is raising her two children alone. No one is investigating the murder.

I continued to seek justice. I turned to the city council and after one year in October of 1993, the City Property Fund, which leased the hotel signed a protocol giving me total control over the lease of the hotel. Three days later the head of the city Property Fund called me and told me he had overstepped his authority and he had to rescind the protocol. Privately, he told me that the mayor of the city threatened to fire him if he did not rescind. I filed a lawsuit against the City Property Fund to force them to comply with the protocol they signed. Since then the case has been heard in a lower court in Lviv 3 times, always with a decision rendered against me but not on the merits of the case, overturned an appeal 3 times by a higher court and finally I appealed more than a year ago to the Supreme Court of Ukraine. Because I complained that I could not get a fair hearing in Lviv, the Supreme Court overturned the previous decision and sent the case to be heard in Chernivtsi, another city in Ukraine. In Chernivtsi, the case was heard without notifying me and of course a decision was rendered against me. When I inquired why I had not been notified I was told by the judge assigned to the case that my notification letter must have been lost in the mail. This same judge was recently appointed to the Supreme Court of Ukraine and will serve in the office of the judge who assigned him this case. In other words, this judge has just been rewarded for further delaying the matter and obstructing justice. I have again appealed to the Supreme Court.

Summary

Today, I testify before you after having spent 4 years and 8 months trying to find justice in Ukraine. I am worn out financially - I have lost my life's savings, my entire investment in Ukraine - and I can swear to you - I know that government officials in Ukraine are working together hand in hand with the crooks to defraud the American investor and then to kick him out.

At the same time, there are government officials in Ukraine who want to clean up this mess. But - they need your help - and the way you can help is to make the United States aid money conditional. Conditional upon reforms - reforms that will stop the corruption, and reforms that will assure implementation of laws. Then and only then will the U.S. taxpayer be assured that his tax dollars are spent on a wise investment - an investment that helps build Ukraine into an economically strong and politically stable country.

Denying aid to Ukraine at this time will only serve the Communists who are waiting in the wings - to take over again - to say that the experiment with democracy and capitalism has failed. But to continue giving aid unconditionally will only serve the corrupt government officials who are lining their pockets, as the economy slides downward and political instability follows.

Recommendations

From my experiences in Ukraine I submit to you - the foreign aid to Ukraine is the strongest method we have to help Ukraine make a turn around. I recommend that:

1. U.S. Assistance should be tied to demonstrable progress against corruption and toward reform.
2. A part of U.S. assistance should be allocated to a mechanism which will address and resolve immediately the more than 20 American investor problems in Ukraine.

I again thank you, Chairman Callahan and members of the Subcommittee, for hearing my case - that of an American investor in Ukraine.

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*Could we arrange
a tour?*

Oct. 20, 1997

Jason Files
12219 Pebblebrook
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Dear Mrs. Clinton,

Hi! I hope you will remember me. I am Jason Files, the 11 yr. old boy from Houston who "on behalf of the children of America" opened the Presidents' Summit for America's Future last April in Philadelphia and introduced Oprah Winfrey. Nickelodeon wanted me to do this and a Nickelodeon TV Special because I've been organizing kids to volunteer in Houston. I talked with you after painting the Marcus Foster Stadium and our conversation was aired on Nickelodeon TV to millions of kids.

I don't know if you remember our conversation but I wanted you to know that I've tried to do some of the things you said. I wrote Mayor Lanier for ways my friends and I could help in the city of Houston. He met with me and gave me a project to help preserve our city's favorite historical monument of Sam Houston. My fifth grade friends at Bunker Hill Elem. helped me. We wrote tons of letters to corporations, had bake sales, sold cookie coupons and Houston Chronicle subscriptions and raised \$1,325. Exxon USA Pres. Mr. Condray even decided to match it 3 to 1. I sent you a picture of Mr. Condray and I giving the Mayor \$5,300 for preserving the Sam Houston Monument and the Smithsonian gave Bunker Hill an SOS! Preservation Achievement Award of \$500. Nickelodeon even came to give us the Big Helpers Award.

Because of all this, I get to come to Washington D.C. to visit with SOS(Save Outdoor Sculpture) and the Smithsonian people. I've never been to Wash.D.C. and I'm really excited. I'll be at the J.W. Marriot from Dec. 28 until Dec. 31 and would like to see the White House. Will you be there? You're probably really busy because it's Christmas, but if you happen to be there, I would like to say hi and tell you that I did go back to Houston and try to show kids too can help in the volunteer effort. My sister has a horse so her friends and mine decided to take multipli-impaired kids from T.H. Rogers to the country to ride horses. They never get to go places. It was neat. Earlier I got my friends from Bendwood to paint a huge mural for the Living Wall that raised money for Camp Hope and the AIDS Foundation. At the Houston Power Celebration I made a speech to kids everywhere to get them excited about helping. When you're a kid and you find out that you really can do stuff to help, that it's fun and it feels good, then you even want to do more. I just don't think most kids even think about it.

Barbara Files

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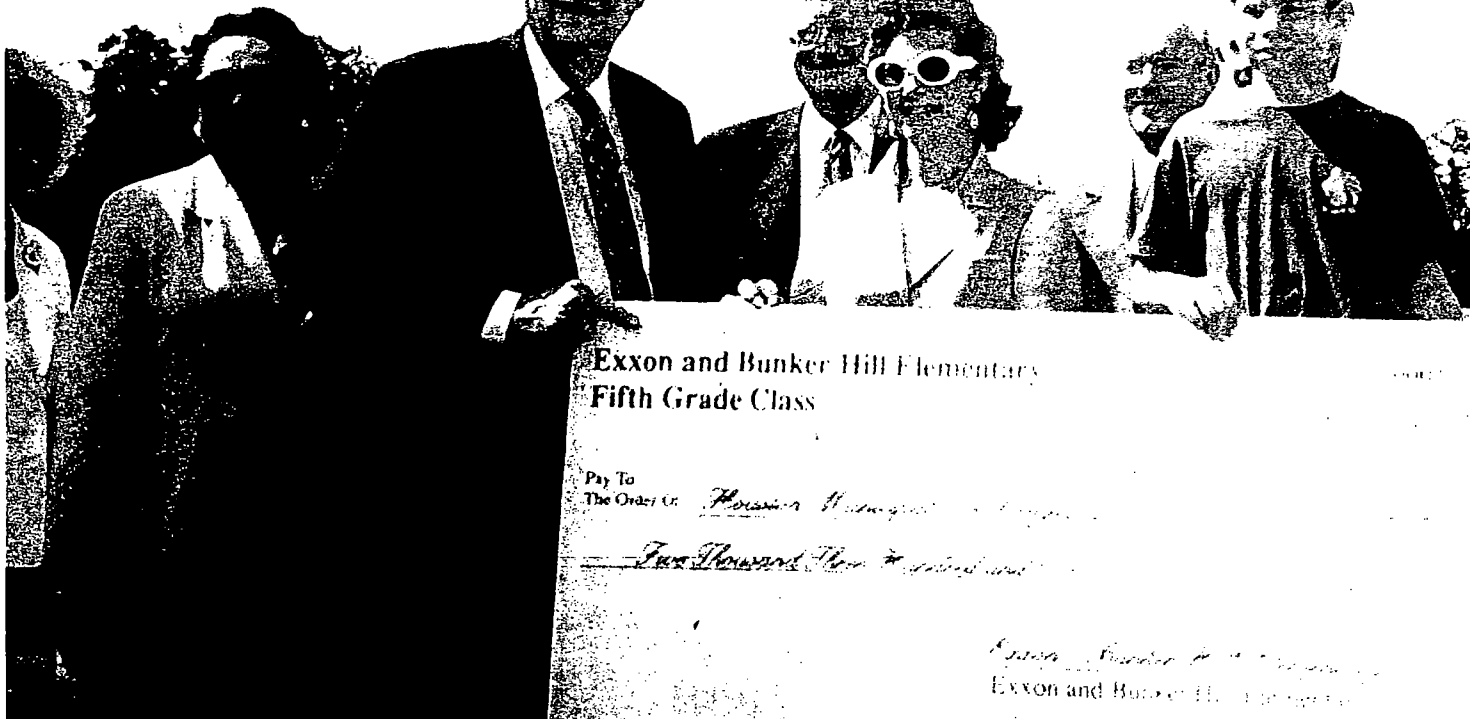
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For: Ms. Melanne Verveer, Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
Old Executive Office Bldg, Rm. 100

713-468-5893

Mayor Bob Lanier, his wife Elyse, and Jason Files, a student at Bunker Hill Elem. hold a check for \$5,300.00 that will be used to maintain the Sam Houston Memorial Statue. (Pictured from left to right are: Artie Lee Hinds & Drucie Chase of the Municipal Art Commission, Mayor Bob Lanier, Richard Johnson - Chairman and Publisher of the Houston Chronicle, Elyse Lanier, Ansel Condray - Pres. & CEO of Exxon USA, Jason Files, and Ross Merrill - Chief of Conservation, Smithsonian Institution).



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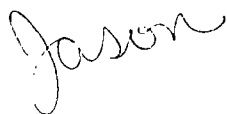
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Jason Files

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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November 7, 1997

Dear Ms. Fedoriw:

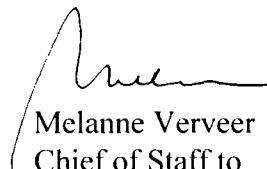
Thank you for your letter regarding the problems you have had with the Grand Hotel project in Lviv, Ukraine. Ambassador Morningstar has briefed me on the situation and on the efforts of the Gore-Kuchma Commission to help resolve this case. As you noted, the First Lady will not be staying at the Grand Hotel while in Lviv precisely because of the problems you have encountered.

I agree that the First Lady's trip to Lviv offers an opportunity to help press for resolution of this case. Ambassador Morningstar will be traveling with our delegation, and I have asked him to brief the First lady on this case during our trip and to advise her on the best manner in which to raise the case. I would urge you to keep Ambassador Morningstar and his staff briefed on your situation so that we can make the best use of the opportunity this trip provides.

I am sorry that your commendable efforts to invest in Ukraine have encountered such extensive difficulties. The U.S. Government continues to stress to the Ukrainians that improvement of Ukraine's investment climate is essential to its economic growth and the nation's continued independence. This cannot happen until and unless the Government of Ukraine takes steps to ensure that American and other foreign investors are protected and treated fairly.

We will do what we can to help resolve your case and to press the Ukrainians on the need to improve their investment climate while in Ukraine. We will be back in touch upon our return.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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Please deliver this letter to Ms. Melanne Verveer as soon as possible.
Thank you,
Marta Fedoriw

Office of the First Lady
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 20, 1997

Ms. Betsy Frampton
Board Member
The Center for Reproductive Law & Policy
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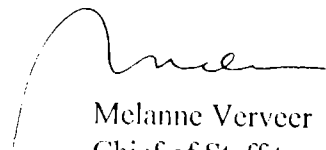
Dear Betsy:

Thank you very much for your letter encouraging the First Lady to deliver the keynote address to the second annual Blackmun Lecture on Privacy.

We are not certain whether Mrs. Clinton's schedule in January will permit her participation. However, Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady, will be in touch with Janet as soon as we know if it will be possible.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

BETSY K. FRAMPTON

BY FACSIMILE
(hard copy to follow)

October 10, 1997

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
O.E.O.B.
Room 100
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Melanne:

I have been informed that Janet Benshoof, President of The Center for Reproductive Law & Policy, recently invited Mrs. Clinton to be the keynote speaker at the second annual Blackmun Lecture on Privacy, which will mark the 25th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*.

I hope that you will encourage the First Lady to participate. Justice Blackmun plans to attend (subject, of course, to health considerations) and it will be a substantive and moving occasion. Indeed, given Justice Blackmun's age and precarious health, this event may well be one of his last public appearances.

The combined presence of two such eloquent and powerful defenders of *Roe v. Wade* would do much to raise sagging morale in the pro-choice community.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Betsy K. Frampton
Board Member, The Center for Reproductive Law & Policy

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October 20, 1997

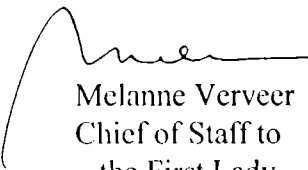
Ms. Nicola Frost
Executive Producer
Ventana Productions
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Dear Nicola:

Thank you very much for your letter and for "Dusty Windows," which I have given to the First Lady (thanks to your dad too). It was so wonderful to hear from you and get an update on your activities. Congratulations.

Best wishes in your important work.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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October 5, 1997

Melanne Verveer
Office of the First Lady
Old Executive Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Melanne:

Hello, how are you? As September rolls around I can't help but remember "The UN Women's Conference...One Year Later" event. Which conjures up different memories however the best part was having the opportunity to work with you. Soon after the project I started working on a documentary for PBS entitled "A Paralyzing Fear...The Story of Polio in America". It has taken up the last 8 months of my life so unfortunately I haven't had much contact with the White House or the opportunity to say congratulations on your much deserved position as chief of staff.

The other news in our life is that we are moving back to Colorado because Rick just got a great job with National Park Service. After living here for more than 10 years it is difficult to make the move however it will be good to return home and be closer to my family.

Speaking of family, I want to thank you for being so supportive of mine and want to send you copy of my dad's new book.

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(b)(6) he became motivated to write a book entitled "Dusty Windows" which is a compilation of short stories about growing up in the dust bowl. So far it has been a success and has made him even younger than before. He asked if I could pass a copy of the book on to you and the first family.

He knows how much the Clinton administration has affect our lives not to mention that he is a big fan of Hillary's as well. If you wouldn't mind passing the book onto her I know it would mean a lot to him.

Thanks again for your help, I hope you enjoy reading the stories. The debut of my film will be next Fall and I would love to invite you to the screening. Olympia Dukakis is the narrator of the film and we are working with having Alan Alda, Mia Farrow and other actors who were inflected with the polio virus. I will back in Washington often as I serve as a consultant to the company I've been working for, I'm also working on story development for National Geographic so hopefully our paths will cross again.

All my best,

Nicole Frost

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 11, 1997

Ms. Debra Fraser-Howze
President/CEO
BLCA
105 East 22nd Street
New York, NY 10010

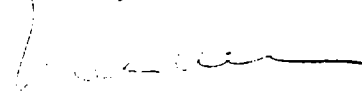
Dear Ms. Fraser-Howze:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the President and First Lady to the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS' Annual Choose Life Benefit Gospel Concert on Friday, October 17, 1997.

Regrettably, the President and First Lady will be unable to attend as they are scheduled to be out of the country, but send their best wishes for a successful event.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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 August 28, 1997

Ms. Sandra Thurman
 Director
 Office of National AIDS Policy
 808 17th Street, NW, Suite 820
 Washington, DC 20006

Dear Sandy:

This year commemorates the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS' (BLCA) tenth anniversary of service to indigenous Black leaders who volunteer to support their communities' fight against AIDS, an initiative producing an institution so successful that it is now the oldest and largest Black organization of its kind in the nation.

Thank you for your offer to assist me in scheduling the President and Mrs. Clinton or the Vice President and Mrs. Gore for BLCA's Annual Choose Life Benefit Gospel Concert on Friday, October 17, 1997. The evening will begin with a VIP reception hosted by BLCA's new Chairman of the Board, The Honorable David N. Dinkins, former Mayor of the City of New York, and me at the Schomburg Center, 515 Malcolm X Boulevard at 5:30 P.M. The concert immediately follows at 7:30 P.M. at Harlem's historic Abyssinian Baptist Church, the oldest African-American Baptist Church in New York State, since 1808.

Since its inception, BLCA's Choose Life Benefit Gospel Concert has been a draw for New York City's and State's Black leadership. This year, our most influential and respected leaders from the worlds of politics, labor, religion, The Law, and The Arts will join Mayor Dinkins and hundreds of members of BLCA's extended family at our benefit gospel concert. I am pleased to inform you that Ms. Aretha Franklin, the undisputed Queen of Soul, has offered to lend her personal support and talent to this year's Choose Life Concert. I know that Ms. Franklin, who headlined a spectacular gala benefit concert for BLCA on June 20th, is a personal favorite of both President Clinton and Vice President Gore.

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Ms. Sandra Thurman**August 28, 1997****Page 2 of 2**

As one of the President's first advisors and appointee to the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, I feel this event will offer us a propitious moment to showcase several initiatives:

- It uplifts a level of Black leadership volunteerism unsurpassed in the nation.
- It brings home the crucial issues posed by AIDS in the Black and Latino communities, addressing the Administration's desire for equal access to treatment, funding and culturally competent programs.
- It offers the opportunity to praise BLCA and its founding leadership for ten years of service to this nation.

The Choose Life Benefit Gospel Concert has become an institution for the charitable giving of the highest placed decision-makers among our Black leadership. It affords an opportunity for our leadership to network, re-establish relationships, and enjoy some of the finest gospel music from top gospel, rhythm and blues and jazz artists. This year is no exception.

If you have any additional questions about this event, please do not hesitate to contact me at (212) 614-0023.

Thanks, again, Sandy for all your help.

Sincerely,



Debra Fraser-Howze
President/CEO

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**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
COLORED WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.**

Dr. Patricia Fletcher
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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September 4, 1997

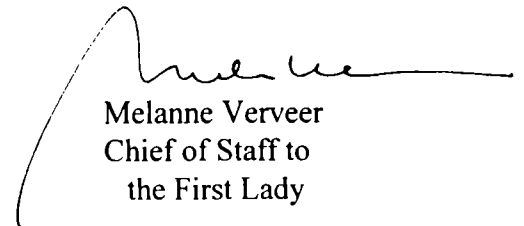
Dr. Patricia Fletcher
President
National Association of Colored Women's Club, Inc.
5808 Sixteenth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20011-2898

Dear Dr. Fletcher:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for "The History of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs: A Legacy of Service," which I have given to the First Lady. It is such an impressive account of the achievements of African American women.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
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September 4, 1997

Ms. Barbara Ferris
President
International Women's Democracy Center
1730 Rhode Island Avenue, Suite 712
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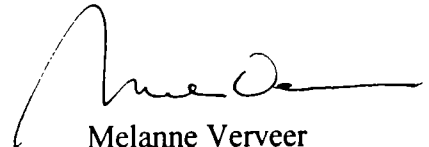
Dear Barbara:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to deliver the keynote address at the Community Leaders Forum on September 12, 1997.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton is unable to attend due to schedule conflicts, but sends her best wishes for a successful and productive event.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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FAX COVER SHEET

International Women's Democracy Center

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Washington, DC 20036

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From: Barbara Ferris, President, IWDC

Date: August 21, 1997

Send to: Melanne Verveer

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Hi Melanne,

We met briefly in Vienna at the Vital Voices Conference last month. The International Women's Democracy Center and Howard University Department of Economics are convening a Community Leaders Forum whereby 300 public housing leaders will come together with corporations, foundations, and local services providers to assist in the transition from welfare to work. The Forum is being organized by women leaders who live in public housing and who served on the IWDC Delegation to Habitat II, the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements in Istanbul, Turkey June 3-14, 1996. The Forum is IWDC's follow-up to Habitat II recommendations for action.

In June, we extended an invitation to First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton to be our Keynote Speaker on Friday September, 12, 1997 and have not yet had a response. It would be so tremendous if Mrs. Clinton came to Howard to speak to 300 public housing leaders, mostly women who are heads of households as they venture on a new path. Attached is a copy of the letter which we sent to Mrs. Clinton and a brief description of the Community Leaders Forum.

Know that I appreciate your time and consideration of our request in the hope that the First Lady will be able to be our Keynote Speaker at the Community Leaders Forum on Friday. Please let me know if you would like any additional information.



International Women's Democracy Center

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June 19, 1997

Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Clinton:

On September 12-13, 1997, the International Women's Democracy Center and Howard University Department of Economics will convene a Community Leaders Forum of 300 community based leaders from public housing communities in Washington D.C. The goal of the Forum is to strengthen family and community through networking, access to resources, information and joint ventures. Attached please find an executive summary of the Forum.

Knowing of the President's and your commitment to long term economic security for those making the transition from welfare to work in the District, I would like to invite you to be the Keynote Speaker at the Forum on Friday, September 12, 1997 at 1 p.m. at Howard University's Blackburn Center. Your presence would serve as a tremendous inspiration to those facing the challenges in job preparedness training and securing living wage employment. In your speech, we would like you to emphasize the importance of the participation of the whole community both the public and private sectors in helping families, especially children during the transition process to ensue its success.

Having dedicated your life to putting children first, your keynote speech to 300 community based leaders who live in public and assisted housing in the District of Columbia would inspire hope and courage as they make the transition from welfare to work. Along with job training, education and employment, hope and courage are critical factors for this transition to be successful over the next five years.

Please know that I, along with the Community Leaders Forum Steering Committee appreciate your consideration of our request and look forward to a positive response from you.

Sincerely,



Barbara Ferris
President



International Women's Democracy Center

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Community Leaders Forum

Howard University
September 12-13, 1997

Executive Summary

Howard University Department of Economics and The International Women's Democracy Center will convene a Forum of 300 community based leaders from public housing communities throughout Washington, DC to address critical issues around welfare reform, specifically, economic and social self sufficiency. The Forum, supported by the World Bank, the District of Columbia Housing Authority, and Chevy Chase Bank, FSB will take place September 12-13 at Howard University's Blackburn Center. Pre-registration and a two-day commitment for the Forum is required.

With the goal of strengthening families and communities through education, employment, training, health and joint ventures, the two day Forum will provide access to information, ideas, and resources combined with strategy development towards economic, social and emotional self sufficiency. During the Forum, participants will enhance the work they do in their communities through information exchange, access to resources, networking and workshops. They will also create community based strategic action plans to serve as road maps for long term economic security during the critical transition from welfare to work. Forum participants are recognized leaders who will recommend community based actions in order to ensure that the most disenfranchised populations have access to the necessary resources, information and social services to improve their lives and the lives of their families.

Organizers of the Forum, Kerron Weston, Rhonda Harvell, Gloria Thurman and Brenda Graham are recognized community leaders who served on the IWDC Delegation to Habitat II, the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements in Istanbul, Turkey, June 3-14, 1996. At Habitat II, these extraordinary women leaders facilitated workshops, led panel discussions and participated in seminars on issues such as crime, eviction, homelessness, youth, leadership and community organizing. The Forum is IWDC's effort to bring back to the Washington community specific recommendations for action from the Habitat II Declaration.

IWDC was established to ensure that women worldwide have the necessary tools and skills to participate in the policy, politics and decision making arenas within their own governments. If you would like to partner with IWDC and support the Community Leaders Forum, please contact us at 202-530-0563.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 30, 1997

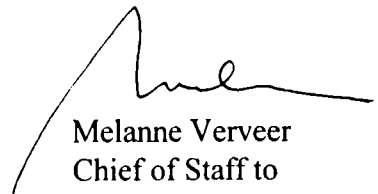
Mr. Robert J. Fersh
President
FRAC
1875 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Suite 540
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Rob:

Thank you very much for your letter and for the update on your future plans. I am sorry to hear that FRAC will be losing you but I can appreciate the desire to move on after so many years at the helm. I know you will always be committed to FRAC's important work.

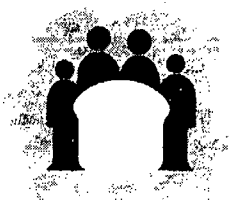
Rob, your leadership has been invaluable. Best wishes in your future endeavors and challenges.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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FOOD RESEARCH
& ACTION CENTER

July 22, 1997

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Room 100 OEOB
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melanne:

As you may have heard, I am resigning as President of FRAC at roughly year's end. After nearly twelve years in my current position, I will seek a new vantage point from which to pursue my career interests.

The FRAC Board and I have scheduled the timing of my departure to allow a smooth transition of leadership. FRAC is fortunate to have an engaged, active Board that is determined to find an outstanding new President for FRAC. An executive search firm, Boulware and Associates, Inc., has been retained to conduct the search. With our experienced and dedicated staff, exciting program work, and financial stability, I am confident FRAC will continue to be a leading national organization long into the future.

This is not a farewell letter. Over the coming months, I will remain fully engaged in FRAC's work. Please stay in touch with me as you normally would.

At this point, I do not know what my next career step will be. I am exploring a number of different options.

Needless to say, my years at FRAC have been the most challenging and rewarding of my career. FRAC's mission and work remains inspiring to me, and I hope to stay involved in any way I can. One of the best parts of my job is the opportunity to work with so many wonderful people and organizations. Thank you for the friendship and support you have given to FRAC and to me.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Fersh
President

Regards. Hope you're well.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 3, 1997

Ms. Betsy Frampton
1400 16th Street, NW
Suite 430
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Betsy:

Thank you very much for your letter and for expressing your support for the First Lady's attendance at the second annual Blackmun Lecture on Privacy.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton will not be able to attend, but she remains actively committed to the issues and the work of so many like yourself.

Best wishes.

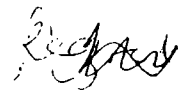
Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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BETSY K. FRAMPTON

BY FACSIMILE



October 10, 1997

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
O.E.O.B.
Room 100
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Melanne:

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Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Betsy K. Frampton
Board Member, The Center for Reproductive Law & Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE
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October 30, 1997

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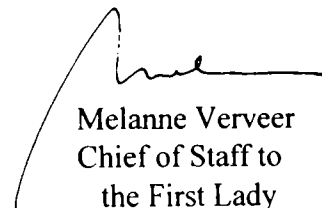
Dear M.R.C.:

Thank you very much for your letter and for "Kids Around the University" and for your invitation to the First Lady to meet with the students of Pajaro Valley Elementary School. Sylvia Panetta also spoke to me about your invitation.

I have forwarded your request to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady, and she will be in touch with you once we determine what is possible.

We hope you are thriving in Santa Cruz. We miss you here! Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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October 27, 1997

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Staff to the First Lady
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Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melanne:

Here is a voice from the past--I hope the not-so-distant past that you have forgotten our wonderful interactions between 1993-95 when I was the Associate Director for Science at OSTP. I am now the Chancellor of the University of California at Santa Cruz. You may know that I am also the first female Chancellor at our campus.

Melanne, I am especially proud of a very exciting project that we have been involved with at a Pajaro Valley Elementary School: a class, teacher, principal and superintendent. I have shared this project with Sylvia Panetta and with Carol Rasco's office as a possible boost for the President's America Reads Program, and I know Congressman Farr is also supportive of my request. I now understand that Sylvia mentioned this to you over the past weekend as a really good project for the First Lady's involvement. Thus, I am writing to request a photo opportunity or a brief interaction or any other way you would like to do it for these children and their teacher with the First Lady.

I think this effort well deserves the attention of the First Lady and the Administration. It is a real winner and sets a model for reading, writing and a K-12 partnership effort that is unique in the country. Please help!

Attached you will find the details. I will be happy to provide anything else. Please accept a phone call from me following up on this request in the next few days.

Sincerely,

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M.R.C. Greenwood
Chancellor

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