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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 7, 1997

Mr. John Glaser
Family Resource Coalition of America
200 S. Michigan Avenue
16th Floor
Chicago, IL 60604

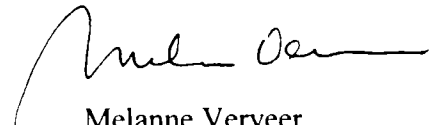
Dear Mr. Glaser:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to speak at the Family Resource Coalition of America's National Conference on April 29, 1998.

I have forwarded your letter to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady, and she will be in touch. However, it is too early at this time to determine whether Mrs. Clinton will be able to attend.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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October 27, 1997

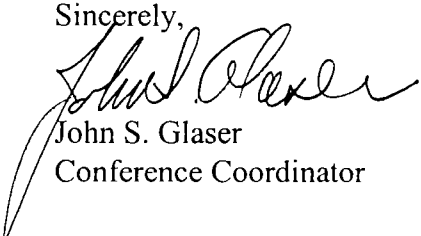
Ms. Melanne Verveer
Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20050

Dear Ms. Verveer:

Ms. Bernice Weissbourd, the President of Family Resource Coalition of America, has asked me to provide you with a copy of the letter sent to The First Lady inviting her to speak at our National Conference on April 29, 1998. We expect that it will draw almost 2,000 people, including parents, practitioners, and public officials.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,


John S. Glaser
Conference Coordinator

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*Pls make
copy for
Patti.
This is an
important
invitation*

*Done.
Do you want
to respond?
Yes*



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September 12, 1997

Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20050

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

The Family Resource Coalition of America is the only organization representing the family support movement, and its work focuses on building communities that will support the healthy development of children and families. It is truly an organization strongly based on the concept you speak of so effectively: "It takes a village to raise a child."

As founder and President of the organization, I would be honored if you could give the keynote address at our biennial conference to be held in Chicago from April 29-May 2, 1998. The theme is "The Many Faces of Family Support: Creating a Culture of Community Responsibility."

We have scheduled the keynote for Wednesday, April 29th at 8:00 p.m., but if that date is not available for you, we will arrange for your presentation any convenient time during the conference.

At our last Conference in 1996, over 1500 people attended from the United States, along with representatives from several countries. We were especially honored with a stimulating presentation from Vice President Al Gore.

The Conference includes not only practitioners, policymakers, and educators, but families as well. It represents a wide cross section of America. Your philosophy of family and community responsibility for nurturing strong families and children is reflected in the activities carried out by our members every day throughout the country.

I look forward to hearing from you. I know it would be exciting for us to have you as a speaker, and am presumptuous enough to think it would be gratifying for you to speak to a group as diverse and committed as the attendees of this conference. I very much hope you can make it.

With best regards,

Bernice Weissbourd
President

The Many Faces of Family Support: Creating a Culture of Community Responsibility

Family Resource Coalition of America National Conference
April 29-May 2, 1998 • Chicago, Illinois

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WASHINGTON

November 3, 1997

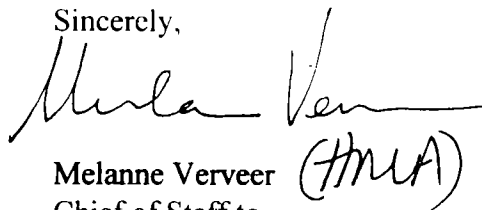
Mr. Bernard Goss
The Faith Peace Making Working Group
1710 Deerfield Drive
Austin, TX 78741

Dear Mr. Goss:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and for sharing your proposal on US-China high school partnerships. I have shared your views with relevant officials here.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,


Melanne Verveer (HMLA)
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Bernard Boss IHS, DDM
The Faith Peace Making Working Group
1710 Deerfield Drive, Austin, Texas 78741 - 3705
Tel/Fax (512) 447 - 7130

URGENT / Please / Personal / Thank You.

Wednesday, 29 October 1997

The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
The President's Wife and Partner
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Thank you very much, Ms. Melanne Verveer.

Dear Hillary,

Thank you for your steadily-advancing, outstanding, performance of Duty And Service.
You and your staff family are doing Great! I sincerely appreciate all you are doing
to help The President, All Americans, and The USA.

you are looking Great! The Best Ever !!

My Friend, when The Japanese heard of The USA's Partnered-Schools, and the fact
that we could have branch campuses of our USA universities and colleges in
Japan, but operating as if they were still back here in The USA on their mother campuses
they said, "This is the greatest idea to have come to Japan since Commodore Perry!
It is the only way we Japanese can become correctly internationalized. We want
500 branch campuses of America's colleges and universities branch campuses in
Japan, 300 to 500 students each, one-half of the students to be Americans and
the others local young Japanese Ladies and Gentlemen, with American Teachers."

The Ambassador, Mr. Mike Mansfield, who vouchsafed my work to The Japanese, marveled at
these great possibilities, wondering, "Why have not we seen before to be doing these real
cross-sharings of our Greatest and Best Resources, Values, and Benefits...Together?"
I thought about his question for a moment or two, concluding that, "We just simply had not
seen these good possibilities before--therefore we had not known to be doing them, together."

Hillary, I wonder what The Chinese response might be, if we offered them 1,500 USA High School
Partners? And 1,000 small American branch campuses, sometime during This Most Important
Summit, in the interests of real cooperation, deep understanding, and safer progress together?
All they can do is to say, "Yes." "No." Or, "Maybe." We can get this "ball into play."

This could give you something like four (4) High School USA-China Partnerships,
and two to three overseas branch campuses per each US Congressional District. Were
I in your present responsibility I'd suggest making The Chinese Ladies and Gentlemen this
as our very firm offer...in the interests of building together...forming our better
and more productive cooperations and learnings together. Will you please try and
get this up and working now, for all of us, My Friend? I Thank You Very Much.

May God Most Richly Bless You, Your Family and Staff. I thank you very much for
all you've done and shall do. My Friend, may I trust to have the character and honor to be

Your humble servant, Bernard Boss IHS

P.S. Hillary, the pecan harvest is in full swing. We've got a Fine Crop. I'll be
sending you some in the next few days after they're shelled and graded.
Here's prayers and high hopes for your Greatest Summit ever. God Bless Us All.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 21, 1997

Ms. Maressa Blau Gershowitz
8 Crest Road
Danbury, CT 06811

Dear Ms. Gershowitz:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and for your kind invitation to the First Lady to your photo exhibit.

Regrettably, the First Lady was not able to attend due to a schedule conflict, but trusts it was a wonderful event.

Best wishes in your work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Melanne Verveer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Melanne Verveer (Hmn)
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



Facsimile Cover Sheet

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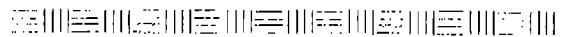
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Comments:



Maressa Blau Gershowitz



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October 20, 1997

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

Dear Ms. Verveer,

I am the photographer who took the pictures of Mrs. Clinton at the Eleanor Roosevelt Statue dedication in New York last year. First, let me thank you for sending me the signed photos of Mrs. Clinton. My mother and my daughters were happy to receive their copies.

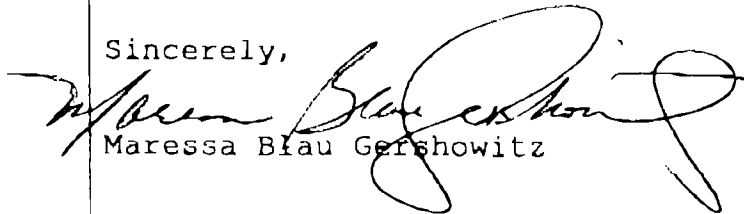
It was suggested to me that Mrs. Clinton might be interested in knowing about another project that I have been involved in so I am enclosing an invitation to a photography exhibit that I will be having on November 1st and 2nd.

I have been working on this Community Theater project for 2 1/2 years. And, in that time I have photographed over 140 plays. I began it as a documentation of community collaborations after spending 6 years on the Board of Education and 5 years coordinating a community-based anti-racism, anti-bias project. I challenged our local newspaper to use these photos to show the community that there were positive collaborative efforts going on here and to counteract the constant barrage of negative images that we were seeing everyday.

I am sure that the President and First Lady are very busy right now, but I thought they might want to know about this as I am very proud of the many people who work together, usually unpaid, to create something special in their communities.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,


Maressa Blau Gershowitz

Please join us for my Photographic Exhibit at The Richter Association for the Arts, 100 Aunt Hack Road, Danbury, CT (next to the Richter Golf Course) Saturday November 1st and Sunday November 2nd 2-5 p.m.

With Special Theatrical Diversions, produced by Brad Blake.

W. A. R.

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY THEATER:



MARESSA BLAU GERSHOWITZ

For directions and more information call (203) 798-2245

Maressa Blau Gershowitz
8 Crest Road
Danbury, Connecticut 06811
(203) 794-9525
Fax (203) 743-2093

Education:

- Adelphi University, Garden City, New York. B.A. Psychology, 1969.
- High School of Performing Arts, New York City, 1964

Employment:

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| 1. Community Education Consultant
1989-1995 | Developed programs and worked with community organizations. Topics included issues of education, parent involvement, racism and bias reduction and the arts. |
| 2. A World of Difference Trainer
1990-1994 | Facilitated anti-racism, anti-bias programs and professional development workshops for teachers, administrators and students in New York and Connecticut. |
| 3. Freelance Photographer | |
| 1. Danbury News Times (January 1995-present)
Danbury, Connecticut | |
| 2. Musicals at Richter (1994- present)
Staff Photographer
Richter Park
Danbury, Connecticut | |
| 3. D'ART/Danbury Theater Company(1995-present)
House Photographer
Danbury, Connecticut | |
| 4. Ridgefield Workshop for the Performing Arts (1995-present)
Still Photographer
Ridgefield, Connecticut | |
| 5. Theatreworks
House Photographer
New Milford, Connecticut | |

Community Service:

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|---|--|
| 1. Danbury Board of Education
Elected member 1985-1991
Chairperson, 1989-1990 | Developed and implemented programs for budgeted \$58 million dollar public school system. Chaired \$33 million dollar Bond Committee, Curriculum and Instruction Committee and Labor and Negotiations Committee. |
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Maressa Blau Gershowitz**2****Community Service Continued:**

2. Greater Danbury Coalition for A World Of Difference
Community based anti-racism, anti-bias project.
Member 1990-1995
Chairperson, 1992-1995
3. Danbury City-Wide Parent Teacher Organization
Organized city-wide educational advocacy effort
Organizer and Chairperson, 1983-1985
4. Young Audiences and On Stage Programs
Organized professional music, dance and art programs for Danbury Public Schools
Chairperson, 1984-1990
5. Hord Foundation
Providing college scholarships and mentoring for African-American students
Advisory Board Member(founding) 1992-1995

Other and Past Board Memberships:

Connecticut Association of Boards of Education
Region 5 Advisory Council for the Department of Children and Youth Service(Connecticut)
Danbury Youth Service
Danbury Music Center

References:

1. Mayor Gene Enriquez
Danbury City Hall
Deer Hill Avenue
Danbury, Ct. 06810
2. Paul Steinmetz, Editor
News-Times
333 Main Street
Danbury, Ct. 06811
3. Marji Lipshez
A World Of Difference
345 Whitney Ave
New Haven, Ct. 06511-2316

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WASHINGTON

August 1, 1997

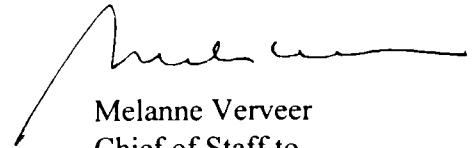
Ms. Carol Gibeson
Ammachi
M.A. Center
P.O. Box 613
San Ramon, CA 94583-8505

Dear Ms. Gibeson:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and wonderful book. It is most interesting.

Thanks for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Mata Amritanandamayi
Ammachi

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6/30.

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

One of my fellow volunteers told me of your interest in India and gave me this book to forward to you. We've worked hard preparing for Amma's visit next week. She will arrive in Washington D.C. Friday evening at the home of Barbara Carpenter and give 4 public programs on Saturday and Sunday.

It is with joy and celebration that I forward these materials to you.

In loving kindness.

Cardi Johnson
Volunteer



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COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT
For Immediate Release

DATE: JUNE 6 1997

CONTACT: LOUISE MEYER
LOCAL COORDINATOR
(301) 590-0634

One of India's Most Prominent Saints Visits the Washington, DC Area July 5 and 6

Mata Amritanandamayi, affectionately known as Ammachi or Beloved Mother, revered as one of India's most prominent saints, will visit the Washington, DC area for the first time since 1988. Two free public programs will be held on July 5 and 6 at Armory Place, 925 Wayne Ave., Silver Spring, Md. Darshan begins promptly at 9:30 a.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. on both days. Her bhajans (spiritual singing), renowned for their beauty, will be sung throughout each program.

Ammachi has been appointed one of the three Presidents of Hinduism by the World Parliament of Religions and was invited to address the United Nations on the occasion of their centennial Interfaith celebrations in September 1995. Her extraordinary love and compassion have attracted thousands of people from around the world to dedicate themselves to helping others. Her words speak to her philosophy, "Children, our hearts are the shrine where God should be installed. Our good thoughts are the flowers with which He is worshipped. Good deeds are the worship, good words are the hymns, and love is the offering." In the nation's capital, she has inspired "Mothers Kitchen", a community service project that will feed the area's homeless.

For more information about Ammachi's visit, call Louise Meyer at: (301) 590-0634.

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"She reaches out through hugs, drawing thousands into her embrace.

It is a spiritual experience, an embrace that opens up the soul." —Los Angeles Times

Mrs. Verver:

Please deliver this
package to Mrs. Clinton.

Thank you.

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Silver Spring, MD 20906



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To: Hillary Rodham Clinton
C/O. Melanie Verveer
Assistant to the President and
Chief of Staff to the First Lady,
The White House
OEDB 100
Washington, D.C. 20503



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THE WHITE HOUSE
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June 27, 1997

Mr. Franklin Getchell
General Manager
Flextech Television
160 Great Portland Street
London, W1N 5TB

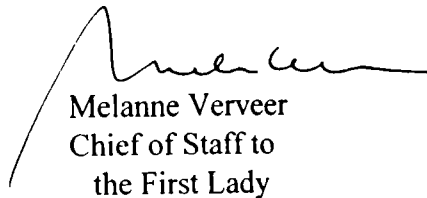
Dear Mr. Getchell:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to deliver the keynote address at the Second World Summit on Television for Children in London next March.

I have forwarded your letter to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling to the First Lady, and she will be in contact with you as next year's schedule is developed.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

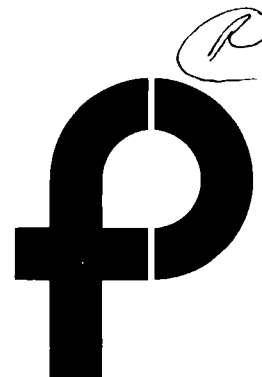


Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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Our ref:

Your ref:

Ms. Milanne Verveer
Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
West Wing
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500
USA

18 June 1997

Dear Ms Verveer

I am writing at the suggestion of my good friend, Ruth Hunter, who says you are the most appropriate person to whom to address this request.

The request is for Mrs. Clinton to participate as the keynote speaker on the opening day of the Second World Summit on Television for Children to be held in London next March.

I am not myself directly involved in the Summit, but I work with several members of its Board and because of my connection to Ruth, and more distant, my connection to Mrs. Clinton, who used to sit on the Board of Children's Television Workshop where I was head of programming and production, I have undertaken to facilitate an introduction.

Mrs. Clinton will have already received a formal invitation from Anna Home, Head of BBC Children's and Chair of the Summit, a copy of which is attached. Much more detail on the Summit can be obtained directly from Anna, as she indicates in her letter.

This is an extraordinarily worthwhile endeavour, and should fit well with Mrs. Clinton's own commitment in improving and protecting the lives of children. I hope her schedule will permit her participation.

Yours sincerely

Franklin Getchell
General Manager TCC, Trouble and Bravo

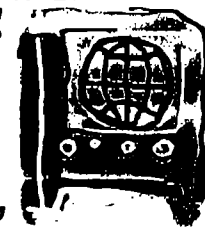
cc: Anna Home, Joan Lofts, Ruth Hunter

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**The Second
World Summit
on Television
for Children**

4-13 March 1998

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

Mrs. Hilary Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.,
Washington DC 20500,
USA

3rd June 1997

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

The Second World Summit on Television For Children, which will be held in London from 9th - 13th March 1998. The Summit intends to advance a global commitment that the television provided for children shall meet the highest standards, both in quality of production and respect for its audience.

I am writing to invite you to participate in the Summit as a Keynote Speaker.

The success of the First World Summit, held in Melbourne in 1995, has been reflected in the series of regional initiatives in Latin America, Asia and Africa. These are encouraging the development of more locally-based programming for children. The First Summit also provided a unique opportunity for the developed world to understand the challenges on children's broadcasting which face the developing nations today.

Over one thousand international delegates, including broadcasters, producers, writers, politicians, regulators, academics and NGO representatives are expected to attend next year's Summit, which will take place at London's Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre. We are also planning for about 75 children from around the world to participate in the Summit.

The aims of the Summit are to promote the ideal that children watching television should be entertained, informed and educated by the medium; and to devise initiatives to encourage the making of such programmes in every corner of the world, so that children everywhere are able to see their own cultures represented on the screen.

Knowing of your concern for children and your interest in the media, we wondered whether you would be able to participate in this event as a keynote speaker. If you are not able to attend in person, you might consider sending us a video message. I can of course provide you with detailed information about both the First and the Second Summit.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

ANNA HOME
CHAIR SECOND WORLD SUMMIT
ON TELEVISION FOR CHILDREN

cc: Jenny Thompson
David Kleeman

Jan Loft - 0171 249 5350



Office of the First Lady
Linda K. Graves

July 11, 1997

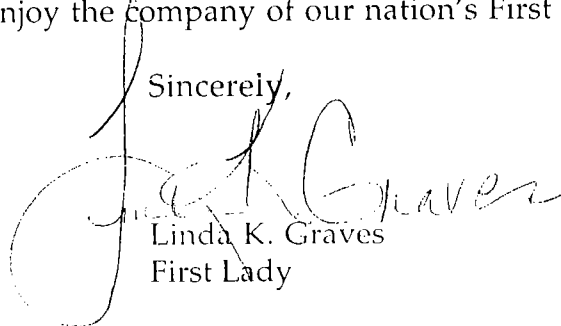
Melanne Verveer
Deputy Assistant to the President and
Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Verveer:

Thank you for sending the photograph of Mrs. Clinton and me taken at the winter meeting of the National Governors' Association. You are kind to forward a copy which will serve as a pleasant reminder of our time together.

While I can only imagine the many demands upon Mrs. Clinton's schedule, I am particularly appreciative of her willingness to spend some time with our spouses' group. It is always a privilege to enjoy the company of our nation's First Lady.

Sincerely,



Linda K. Graves
First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 11, 1997

Mr. Johann W. Gerlach
Freie Universitat Berlin
Kaiserswerther Strabe 16-18
14195 Berlin

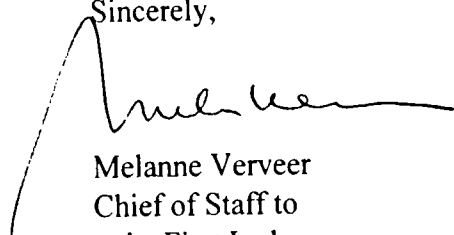
Dear Mr. Gerlach:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and invitation to receive an honorary doctorate and deliver a keynote speech at the Freie Universitat Berlin.

I have forwarded your letter to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady, and she will be in touch with you as to whether or not it will be possible for Mrs. Clinton to accept your kind invitation in the future.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Freie Universität Berlin, Kaiserswerther Straße 16 - 18, 14195 Berlin

Ms. Hillary Clinton
White House
200 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Ms Clinton:

Founded in 1948 after students decided to break away from the communist controlled Berlin University, now Humboldt University, and create a new university based on democratic ideas Freie Universität Berlin will celebrate its 50th anniversary next year. With strong American support from American citizens including Lucius D. Clay, Henry Ford, Eleanor Roosevelt, John and Robert Kennedy, the Freie Universität Berlin became one of the major research universities in Germany, Europe and the world. Initially enrolling only 200 students, we nowadays educate more than 45,000. Internationally well connected, we pride ourselves on our long-term relations with over 30 universities in the United States.

During our anniversary year, we would like to stress our important and crucial links to the United States that we have maintained for the last five decades. For example, John F. Kennedy received an honorary citizenship in 1963 and Robert Kennedy was conferred an honorary doctorate in 1964. In continuation of this tradition, i today have the honor of inviting you to receive an honorary doctorate in the field of Political Sciences. This degree is meant as an acknowledgment of your important contributions to the political arena, especially your engagement to reform the American health system as well as your activities concerning equal opportunities for women. Since the awarding of an honorary degree is not connected with a commencement ceremony, you could suggest the date of your visit to the Freie Universität Berlin. Most convenient for us would be a date during the semester (we are on break from mid-February to March and from mid-July to September).

At our university, a women's study week concentrating on issues of women in academia, is organized annually. We would be deeply honored if you would give the keynote speech on a women's topic such as women in politics, equal rights, affirmative action, etc. Some of the other events in that week will correspond to this keynote's topic. The honorary degree shall be conferred to you on this occasion. We would set the time frame for the „Women's Week 1998“ according to your schedule.

Please find enclosed some material on the Freie Universität including a publication dealing with the history of the university written by the American historian James Tent.

We would be very pleased if you agree to participate in „Women's Week 1998“ and if we had the chance to award you an honorary doctorate at this point. We look forward to hearing from you and thank you once again for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Johann W. Gerlach
President

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 24, 1997

Mr. Michael J. Gerhardt
Case Western Reserve University
School of Law
10705 East Boulevard
Cleveland, OH 44106-7148

Dear Michael:

Thank you very much for sending me "The Democratic Judge" which is such an informative read.

Thanks and best wishes.

Hope all is well!

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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THE DEMOCRATIC JUDGE

Michael J. Gerhardt

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July 30, 1997

Attorney General Christine Gregoire
Attorney General of Washington
1125 Washington Street, SE
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Olympia, WA 98504-0100

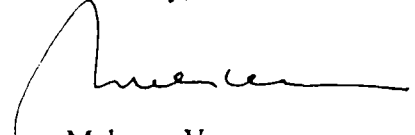
Dear Attorney General Gregoire:

Thank you very much for your letter and for expressing your interest in meeting with the First Lady to discuss the settlement between tobacco companies and the State Attorneys General.

I have forwarded your letter to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady, and she will be in touch with you as to whether or not a meeting will be possible.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

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Christine O. Gregoire

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF WASHINGTON

1125 Washington Street SE • PO Box 40100 • Olympia WA 98504-0100

July 22, 1997

Patti Clinton

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
Room 100
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms Verveer:

I have had the pleasure and responsibility of being one of the key negotiators in the tobacco settlement between the tobacco companies and the State Attorneys General. Knowing the keen interest by Mrs. Clinton on children's issues, I recently wrote to her offering to meet with her or her designee to talk in detail about the settlement.

It was suggested to me by Frank Greer and Stephanie Solien that I contact you directly with my offer. I have been traveling to Washington, DC regularly and would welcome the opportunity to speak with you, your designee or Mrs. Clinton if she is available. I believe it is important that we do all we can to save lives and save our children from addiction and I would like to do all I can to ensure a clear understanding of the issues. I've enclosed an article from the *Seattle Times* which may be of interest to you.

I can be reached at (360) 774-8564 or you may contact my scheduler, Barbara Winkler, directly at (360) 664-9082. I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

Christine Gregoire

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE
Attorney General

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Enclosure



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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF WASHINGTON
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MELANNE VERVEER
CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE FIRST LADY
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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August 5, 1997

H.E. Fernando Andresen Guimaraes
Portuguese Embassy
2125 Kalorama Road, NW
Washington, DC 20008

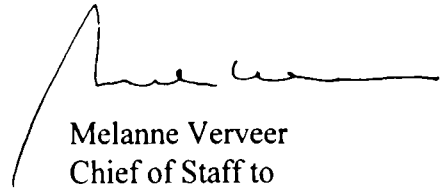
Dear Ambassador Guimaraes:

Thank you for very much for your thoughtful letter and for the wonderful catalogue on the exhibition of the art of Josefa de Obidos, which I have given to the First Lady.

Mrs. Clinton very much enjoyed her visit to Portugal and is grateful for the gracious hospitality she received. We were especially pleased that your wife could be with us.

Thanks and best wishes.

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

PORTUGUESE EMBASSY
WASHINGTON

July 24, 1997

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

Dear Ms. Verveer,

I hope you have enjoyed your visit to Portugal with Mrs. Clinton.

I know you have traveled to Óbidos and I wonder if Mrs. Clinton is aware that an exhibition by a 17th Century Portuguese painter that worked mainly there, Josefa de Óbidos, is on display in Washington at the National Museum of Women in the Arts until mid September. Josefa was one of the rare professional women painters of that period, everywhere in Europe.

I am sending, herewith, a catalogue of the exhibition that the First Lady may find worth of her curiosity.

Sincerely Yours,

Fernando Andresen Guimarães
Ambassador of Portugal

May 21, 1997

Ms. Kay Goss
Federal Emergency Management Agency
PT622
Washington, DC 20472

Dear Ms. Goss:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and invitation to serve as honorary chair of an effort to secure donations for the Medical School at the University of Sarajevo.

I have forwarded your letter to Ann Stock, Social Secretary, and she will be in touch.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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-- Undated from **Kay Goss**, writing about a medical doctor from Bosnia, now at Walter Reed Army Hospital, and running a clinic/professional association. He would like you to serve as Honorary Chair of an effort to secure donations for medical books for the Medical School at University of Sarajevo, where all books were burned, lost, stolen or destroyed. He would also like to meet with you to discuss suggestions for health care reform.

✓ To Melanne Verveer for review/response



Dear Hillary:

While we were in Arkansas in the Governor's Office, one publicly-active medical doctor from Bosnia, a Muslim, often called our office to keep the Governor informed of his support and his thoughts on the conflict. Dr. Edit Korkut was in New Orleans at the time. Since he has moved to Walter Reed Army Hospital and now has started a clinic/professional association called "House Calls, Inc."

He has two suggestions that he asked me to pass on to you:

(1) He would like for you to serve as Honorary Chair of an effort he and my daughter Susan, as a pre-med student, would Co-chair, to secure donations of medical books for the Medical School at The University of Sarajevo in Bosnia, the school from which he graduated. The school from which he graduated. He says all their books have been burned, lost, stolen, or otherwise destroyed, and they can rebuild the buildings faster than they can restock the library. His wife teaches languages for The State Department and The President of Bosnia has asked him to serve as head of Voluntary Repatriation



Efforts over the next several years.

He sees the library effort to go forward to all the medical schools in Bosnia over time.

(2) He has always been an adamant supporter of our health care reform efforts and most especially of your heroic efforts. He requests an opportunity to meet with you to discuss some improvements which could be made in any incremental approach, including

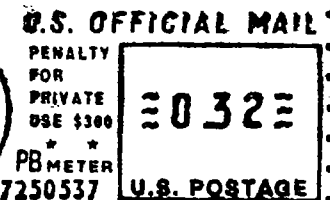
- (a) tax deductions for physicians who provide health care for the uninsured;
- (b) mandatory licensing of pharmaceuticals to reduce the cost;
- (c) lifelong treatment awarded instead of cash for malpractice settlements;
- (d) mortgage-type line of credit for health care.

He has lots of other options he has been meditating on for many years that he has practiced in the U.S.

Also, your staff would probably enjoy meeting with him in preparation for your future visit to Bosnia. Best wishes & warmest regards,
Kay Goss

Federal Emergency Management Agency
Washington, D.C. 20472 *PT622*

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*attn
Miss Alston*

*Hillary Rodham Clinton
The First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC 20502*



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WE WILL BE PLEASED TO HONOR THE 1997 VISIONARIES!

AT THE PIERRE ON SEPTEMBER 24, 1997

RESERVATIONS

PLEASE RESERVE:

- ☐ **Benefactor table(s) of ten at \$10,000**
Includes name inscribed on a donor plaque in the Museum, listing on a prominent page in the dinner program; one Museum corporate membership; five limited edition works of art by Beatrice Wood; 20% discount on one purchase in the Museum Store.
- ☐ **Patron table(s) of ten at \$5,000**
Includes listing in the dinner program; ten Museum dual memberships; two limited edition works of art by Beatrice Wood
- ☐ **Individual Sponsor tickets at \$1,000 each**
Includes one Museum dual membership.
- ☐ **Individual Friend tickets at \$500 each.**

I cannot attend, but enclose my contribution of \$ _____

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I am returning _____ completed tickets at \$50 each, for a total of \$ _____

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Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

Please charge to my: ☐ VISA ☐ M/C ☐ AMEX

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Please make checks payable to American Craft Museum and mail with the appropriate enclosures to: Credit Office, American Craft Museum, 40 West 53rd Street, New York, NY 10019. Contributions above the amount of \$130 per gala ticket are tax-deductible. Contributions above the amount of \$50 per raffle ticket, or \$250 per six tickets, are also tax-deductible. For additional information, or to reply by phone, please call Lisa Hanson at 212-956-3535.

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WASHINGTON

September 22, 1997

Ms. Phyllis George
945 Fifth Avenue, 10-C
New York, NY 10021

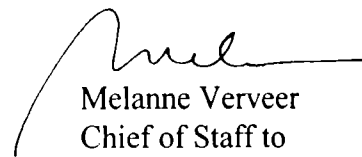
Dear Phyllis:

Thank you so much for your note and for the invitation to the American Craft Museum's gala.

Regrettably, I will be unable to attend but thank you for your thoughtfulness and I wish you all the best for a successful event.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,


Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

*I'm sure it
will be a fabulous
event ---- wish
I could be with you.*

Melanie Kueven

Phyllis George
945 FIFTH AVENUE, 10-C
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10021

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I can't come

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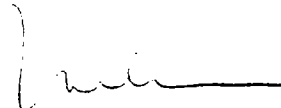
Ms. Mary Moss Greenebaum
Kentucky Author Forum
624 W. Main, Second Floor
Louisville, KY 40202

Dear Mary:

I received your letter and invitation to Secretary Albright. I have forwarded your letter to Elaine Shocas, Chief of Staff to Secretary Albright, and told her how terrific the Kentucky Author Forum is for participants. I am certain her office will give your request full consideration.

Best wishes. You are associated with a wonderful project!

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

MARY MOSS GREENEBAUM

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Melaine Verveer and
Marsha Berry

Thank you Both very
much for your
guidance.

Anything you can do
directly By contacting
Mrs. Stocas - and
reinforcing our effort -
would be appreciated!

Someone - VERY sweetly -
got a letter off to the little
girl who painted the pot for
Mrs. Clinton in Louisville. Family
is beside themselves. Thanks
for that too. Best and appreciatively
Mary

bcc: Melanne Vermeer
Marsha Berry

Kentucky Author Forum

624 W. Main, Second Floor
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Telephone 502/589-2884
Fax 502/589-4334

Mary Moss Greenebaum
Producer

September 19, 1997

Ms. Elaine Shocas
Chief of Staff
Office of the Secretary of State
2201 C Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Ms. Shocas,

I am writing to you personally at the suggestion of Melanne Vermeer and Marsha Berry to propose that Secretary of State Madeleine Albright be the honored guest of the Kentucky Author Forum in April of 1998.

The Kentucky Author Forum is a non-profit cultural organization sponsored by the University of Louisville in honor of its Bicentennial. Five pre-eminent authors and/or policy makers are honored each season. It is the overwhelming consensus that Secretary Albright should be among them.

The day's events include a visit to the University of Louisville campus for a session with students and faculty, followed by a luncheon with the entire Editorial Board of the Courier-Journal. The Courier-Journal session results in a full page article, based on that discussion, which runs the following Sunday on the Opinion Page. Keith Runyon, the Opinion Page Editor, is also the Forum's Master of Ceremonies.

The highlight of the Kentucky Author Forum is the evening interview between the honored guest and a carefully matched interviewer. It is always held at 6:00 p.m. at the Kentucky Center for the Arts before an audience of 620. The interview lasts for about an hour, is followed by a brief Q and A, and is taped by our public television: Kentucky Educational Television (KET) and Public Radio Partnership for future airing statewide. Incidentally, KET's broadcasts reach into Indiana, Tennessee, West Virginia and parts of Ohio. The finished programs are being evaluated by PBS for possible national broadcast.

Since the Secretary has placed great priority on educating the public on the relevance of foreign policy, she would be pleased to know that all of our interviews are connected live to public libraries, not only in Louisville, but state wide, so that any individual can view the interview free of charge.

After the evening's interview, the Secretary would proceed to a dinner in her honor hosted by the University of Louisville President Dr. John Shumaker. We plan a dinner at the Humana Building, directly across the street from the Center, an arrangement which worked very successfully for Mrs. Clinton. The dinner will be co-hosted by Mr. and Mrs. David Jones. Mr. Jones is the Chairman and CEO of Humana Inc. About 200 ticket holders from the event attend that dinner as well as the Governor, if his schedule allows. The Secretary's remarks after dinner can be on any subject of her choice.

Kentucky Author Forum guests last year were: Senator Bill Bradley, Sister Helen Prejean (*Dead Man Walking*), Neil Simon, John Updike, Katharine Graham and Hillary Rodham Clinton. Mrs. Clinton was our final speaker in April, the identical slot we have reserved for Mrs. Albright.

A Proposed Schedule for Secretary Albright based on First Lady's visit

Mrs. Clinton arrived the morning of the Forum and departed that same night after the dinner, around 10 p.m. She began her visit at 10 a.m. at the University before a student and faculty group of approximately 550 and went on at noon to the Courier-Journal Editorial Board luncheon where she remained until about 2 p.m. After another brief stop, Mrs. Clinton was back in her hotel for some quiet time. We will arrange a room at the Seelbach Hotel for Secretary Albright. The hotel is only 3 or 4 blocks from the Kentucky Center for the Arts.

All guests arrive at the Kentucky Center for the Arts for lighting and sound adjustment by about 4:45 p.m. The Theatre doors open at 5:30. The Secretary will have a chance, at that point, to chat a little with her interviewer behind stage before the 6 p.m. interview. We will be certain to work with you on the choice of an interviewer, but we have some excellent options in mind.

A slightly different approach for the Secretary is to come to Louisville a little later- arriving at the Courier-Journal about noon. That can be followed by a University visit at 2:00 p.m. and getting her back to her hotel at about 3:30 or 4:00 p.m. The only caveat about the later start is that events would be rushed and it would be relentless, leaving Secretary Albright very little time at the hotel before she needed to arrive to the theatre.

It is a long day but a full one, offering extraordinary coverage. Her visit to the University will have full statewide coverage. Further, we will arrange for all local radio and television stations to have a "feed line" from KET-TV to record portions of the interview live for use in the evening news.

April dates which we have already put aside! in the hopes that this can work: April 2, 14, 20, 24, 28, 29.

Of note: we are aware that Ms. Albright has agreed to stop briefly at the University of Louisville on October 27 at the request of Senator Mitch McConnell. She will be lecturing, I believe, in recognition of the Senator's international program within the Department of Political Science. We see no duplication, since the nature of the Kentucky Author Forum event and the audience is substantially larger and the exposure far more public due to our arrangement with statewide public television, radio, the library system, and the *Courier Journal*.

We will hope for the best and look forward to your positive response.

Yours sincerely,



Mary Moss Greenebaum

THE WHITE HOUSE
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November 6, 1997

Mr. Anthony Giddens
Director
The London of Economic and Political Science
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London, WC2A 2AH
UNITED KINGDOM

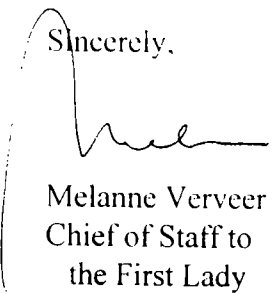
Dear Tony:

Thank you very much for your fax. We all enjoyed our discussions last week during our all-too-brief visit to England and I valued my conversations with you, as well as your reflections to the larger group.

I have forwarded your suggestion that First Lady give a speech at the London School of Economics to our Director of Scheduling and we will keep it in mind should a return trip be possible in the future.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

The London School of Economics and Political Science



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From the Director:
Anthony Giddens

3rd November 1997

Ms Melanne Vermeer
Chief of Staff, Office of the First Lady
White House

Fax: 001 202 456 6244

Dear Melanne,

I really enjoyed meeting you and having the chance to chat at the US/UK Policy Dialogue last Saturday. I hope you will get this letter before you go off to Central Asia and I do hope you enjoy the trip. I was very impressed by what the First Lady is doing and felt privileged to have the opportunity to sit next to her at the Dinner. I didn't ask her at the time, but do you think she would ever come to give a speech at the LSE? We have a very diverse and cosmopolitan audience and she could be assured of a very good reception. She must get very many such requests, but the LSE is a special place and it would give me a lot of pleasure if it were at some point possible.

Please let me know if you yourself are coming over to London again in the near future. I'd very much like it if you would come into the LSE for lunch.

With warm regards.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Giddens

Office of the First Lady

Fax: (202) 456-6244

Comments: _____

The London School of Economics and Political Science



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Anthony Giddens

By air mail
Par avion



Ms Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff, Office of the First
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The White House
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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December 4, 1997

Mr. Curtis B. Gans
40220 Haywood Lane
Lovettsville, VA 22080

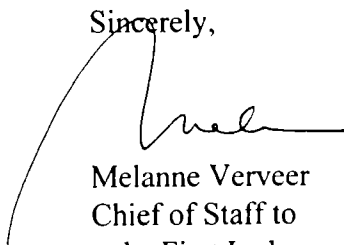
Dear Curtis:

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

Thanks, too, for your advice. My husband's expertise is not as extensive in broadcast law, so you'd be better off with an expert in the specific area.

Wishing you all the best.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 4, 1997

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40220 Haywood Lane
Lovettsville, VA 22080

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arena.

Sincerely,


Melanne Verveer
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Mr. Curtis B. Gans
40220 Haywood Lane
Lovettsville, VA 22080

November 24, 1997

Ms. Adrienne Germain
President-Elect
International Women's Health Coalition
24 East 21 Street
New York, NY 10010

Dear Adrienne:

Congratulations on your new position as President of the International Women's Health Coalition. I am confident that IWHC will continue to prosper under your leadership and direction. The challenges in this policy area are too important to address.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



International Women's Health Coalition

24 East 21 Street, New York, New York 10010 Telephone (212) 979-8500
Fax (212) 979-9009 glugliani@iwhc.org <http://www.iwhc.org>

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Congrats to
Adrienne*

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Contact: Greg Lugliani

(212) 979-8500 x 343

October 21, 1997

(212) 387-9465 (night/weekend)

ADRIENNE GERMAIN NAMED PRESIDENT-ELECT OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH COALITION

Germain to Succeed Joan Dunlop, the Group's President of 14 Years, on April 1, 1998

Adrienne Germain was named President-Elect of the International Women's Health Coalition (IWHC) on October 14, 1997 by the organization's board of directors. Ms. Germain, who is currently IWHC's Vice President, will succeed Joan Dunlop, the organization's president for the past 14 years, on April 1, 1998. In addition to naming Ms. Germain as President, IWHC's board also elected new officers during its meeting. Ms. Dunlop will join IWHC's board of directors when she steps down as President.

"Adrienne Germain's profound understanding of the complex issues involved in women's health in the international arena, her first-hand experiences of the realities of women's lives in many countries, and her crystalline vision for the future of IWHC make her the right person to lead us forward," said Ellen Chesler, Ph.D., IWHC's newly elected Chairperson. "Joan and Adrienne have worked shoulder to shoulder to build this organization, making this a natural transition of leadership."

Ms. Germain has worked for 25 years to promote women's opportunities and reproductive health and rights in Southern countries. She joined the staff of the International Women's Health Coalition in 1986 as Vice President and has been the architect of the organization's programs. Prior to joining IWHC, Ms. Germain worked for 14 years at the Ford Foundation, where she was the first woman to serve as a Resident Representative. In this capacity, she spent four years in Bangladesh directing a grants program in agriculture, rural employment, international economics, women's rights, arts and culture, and reproductive health. She also worked for two years as Staff Associate at the Population Council. Among her many distinctions, Ms. Germain serves on Human Rights Watch/Asia, the Advisory

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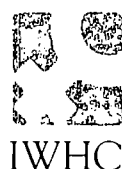
Committee of the Women's Rights Project of Human Rights Watch, and the editorial board of *Reproductive Health Matters*. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and an advisor to the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida). Ms. Germain was a member of the official United States delegations to the international conference on population in Cairo (1994) and the international conference on women in Beijing (1995). She is an alumna of Wellesley College and the University of California, Berkeley, where she earned degrees in sociology and demography.

"Every year, the lives of some 600,000 women are needlessly sacrificed to unsafe childbirth, botched abortions, violence and sexually transmitted diseases," said Ms. Germain. "Many millions more suffer severe illnesses and traumas that are entirely avoidable. We're determined to change this picture by ensuring that women's voices are heard and heeded -- in their relationships, in their communities and in the corridors of power, nationally and internationally."

In her new role, Ms. Germain will oversee the more than 50 projects of a New York-based organization with an annual budget of approximately \$4 million and a staff of 22. IWHC provides practical, moral and financial support to groups promoting women's health in eight countries, including Nigeria, Brazil and Bangladesh. IWHC also advocates on the international level for realistic, humane and effective population and development policies that make women's reproductive and sexual health and rights a priority.

Dr. Ellen Chesler, IWHC's newly elected Chairperson, is a scholar and longtime activist who resides in New York. She is the author of *Woman of Valor: Margaret Sanger and the Birth Control Movement in America*. Other new board officers include two Vice Chairs: Jacqueline de Chollet, who is Deputy Chair of London's Southern Housing Group; and Dr. Gita Sen, Professor of Economics, Indian Institute of Management in Bangalore, India. IWHC's immediate Past Chairperson, Judith Lichtman, remains on the board as chair of the nominating committee. Ms. Lichtman is Executive Director of the Women's Legal Defense Fund, Washington, DC. Two new members were elected to IWHC's board of directors: His Excellency Dr. Pascoal Manuel Mocumbi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mozambique, and Dr. Jo Ivey Boufford, Dean, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University.

Founded in 1980, the International Women's Health Coalition (IWHC) is a non-profit organization based in New York that works with individuals and groups in Africa, Asia and Latin America to promote women's reproductive and sexual health and rights. IWHC provides technical, managerial, moral and financial support to reproductive health service providers, advocacy groups and women's organizations in Southern countries. Visit IWHC's web site at www.iwhc.org.



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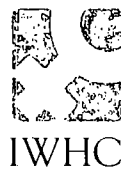
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Dear Friend and Colleague,

I am delighted to be back in touch with you again to bring you up-to-date on a number of exciting developments here at the International Women's Health Coalition (IWHC). It's been a while since our last letter to you, and we have been busier than ever in our work to promote the reproductive and sexual health and rights of women around the world, especially in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Today, IWHC gives technical, moral and financial support to more than 50 projects in eight countries -- Viet Nam, Bangladesh, Nigeria, Cameroun, Brazil, Chile, Peru and Bolivia. These projects involve a wide array of activities: from providing sexuality education to African teenagers, to advocating to change restrictive abortion policies in Latin America, to working with men on sexuality and gender roles in both regions. We have also just completed a preliminary review of our efforts in Asia, which explores the possibility of expanding to Western and Central Asia.

IWHC continues to furnish crucial financial support to help women's organizations get started and to assist those that are established to grow and affect policy. Though the dollar amounts of these grants might appear modest, when coupled with our careful attention to in-depth technical assistance, their impact within countries is unique, far-reaching and almost beyond price.

Following on the successes of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Women's Conference, we have been allied to 25 colleagues around the world working at the global level to ensure that the promises made by national governments -- including our own -- are kept. IWHC continues to devote significant amounts of time and money to this international alliance of women activists known as Health, Empowerment, Rights and Accountability (HERA). The 19-country group began in Cairo and is dedicated to the full implementation of the Cairo and Beijing agreements.

Another example of our global work involves research on microbicides, the topical compounds that women could use to prevent the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV. Building on IWHC's many years of fighting to bring attention to the effects of sexually transmitted diseases on women, we helped organize a major symposium called "Practical and Ethical Dilemmas in the Clinical Testing of Microbicides." Held in April 1997, the event brought together some 50 African, Asian and South American researchers, social scientists, women's

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health advocates and donors to wrestle with the thorny issues involved in developing and testing these important women-controlled prevention methods.

Since United States foreign policy often influences what other national governments do -- or do not do -- last spring IWHC held a first-of-its-kind gathering of women and men, policy experts, activists and policy makers in Washington, DC. Called "A Women's Lens on Foreign Policy," the May 21 event made the case that U.S. foreign policy should employ perspectives and values that emphasize the security of people. We released the results of a national poll showing American voters overwhelmingly support a foreign policy approach that focuses on poverty, the environment, health, education and human rights -- and believe that women will bring new ideas and new solutions to U.S. foreign policy.

IWHC's work these days, however, is not confined to New York City, or Washington, DC, or even the five continents: We have moved into cyberspace. Our world wide web site -- www.iwhc.org -- went "live" in April 1997 and currently averages some 1,500 visitors a month. The site offers viewers basic information about IWHC, background on the issues we're involved with, and a description of our publications, which can be ordered directly from the site. If you have access to the Internet, I encourage you to visit us online.

To be more pro-active in sending our messages to the press and the wider public, we strengthened our communications program. Headed by a senior professional, a new department will conduct media relations, centralize publications production and sustain visibility of IWHC and our work. A President's Council that will include some of IWHC's staunchest individual supporters has been formed and will participate in a number of special educational efforts to broaden understanding in the United States of IWHC's work overseas. Other initiatives include the release of new publications, among them our first annual report for the general public, French translations of some of our most-widely read papers, and a report on the above-mentioned "A Women's Lens on Foreign Policy" symposium.

With all of this going on, it may come as no surprise to you that IWHC has grown. We currently have a budget of nearly \$ 4 million and staff of 22 dedicated individuals. We can boast a number of new staff members, as well as some "old" staff in new roles.

We are also thinking about our future and the challenges of the new century. To address that future, we have made a significant shift in leadership at both the management level and in the Board of Directors.

After 14 exciting and rewarding years as President of IWHC, I will be leaving in April 1998 to realign my life and explore new challenges. It may come as no surprise to you to learn that I have long seen Adrienne Germain as my natural successor and I am pleased to report that on October 14, 1997, the Board of Directors named her as President-elect, to be effective April 1, 1998. Adrienne will be supported and guided by new leadership on the Board, including Ellen Chesler as

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Chair, and two new Vice Chairs, Jacqueline de Chollet of the United Kingdom and Gita Sen of India. IWHC's newly elected Board members are His Excellency Dr. Pascoal Manuel Mocumbi, Prime Minister of Mozambique, and Dr. Jo Ivey Boufford, Dean of the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University. Judith Lichtman, our hard-working Chair for the past three years, will remain on the Board, and I, too, will become a member of IWHC's Board in the spring.

Adrienne and I have worked shoulder to shoulder during the past 14 years to build IWHC. Her intellectual rigor, her first-hand knowledge of the realities of women's lives in Africa, Asia and Latin America, and her passionate commitment to improving their lives, are well known. I have great confidence that she will translate that passion into a new vision for IWHC's future and clear leadership for the staff and Board.

Adrienne and I have spent years identifying and fielding a new generation of reproductive and sexual health and rights activists and analysts. In the past two years, we have sought to deepen IWHC's international expertise, technical depth and professional maturity. We have sought to "make real" our commitment to the professional growth and advancement of young women at IWHC and in the field in general.

As a result, we begin 1998 with a strong new team. Let me introduce its members:

* **Susan Wood**, formerly Senior Program Officer for Latin America, stepped into the role of **Program Director** on October 1. Susan has been with IWHC for five years as leader of the Latin America Program. She has also defined our involvement in microbicides research by being IWHC's representative in an international women's advocacy group on the subject. Susan was a principal organizer of the April 1997 symposium on that issue, mentioned earlier.

* **Andrea Irvin**, who was the major architect of IWHC's Africa program during the past eight years, has shifted to **Senior Program Officer for Global Programs**. In her new role, Andrea will spend the year documenting our colleagues' work on sexuality and gender, and analyzing how best IWHC can contribute to the well-being of adolescents.

* In another shift, **Theresa Kim**, who has worked with IWHC in several capacities over the last four years, joins the staff as **Program Associate for the Asia Program**. Theresa will maintain IWHC's commitments in Asia, particularly our involvements in Bangladesh and Viet Nam. She will also carry on the work begun by our former Asia Program Officer, **Leyla Gulcur, Ph.D.**, who resigned from IWHC in October. We will begin recruiting for a new Asia Program Officer early in 1998.

* IWHC newcomers include **Betty Farrell, MPH**, a nurse-midwife who joined IWHC as **Senior Program Officer for Global Programs**. Betty has spent years working with international

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agencies that provide technical assistance for programs in Uganda, Botswana, Egypt, Jordan and Viet Nam. At IWHC, she will lead our work on emerging technical issues in the field, and also serve as secretariat for the international activist coalition called HERA.

*** Corinne N.C. Whitaker, Ph.D.** joins us as **Program Officer for the Africa Program**. Corinne has extensive field research experience in Togo, Tanzania and Mexico, is fluent in four languages, including Swahili, and has written frequently on women's health and economic opportunities in Southern countries.

*** Stoking IWHC's fund raising engine is JoAnne Davidson, Senior Program Officer for Major Gifts.** JoAnne comes to us from Columbia University's School of General Studies, where she was Director of Development/Major Gifts Officer. In addition to her fundraising background, JoAnne has some 20 years of experience in investment banking.

*** Greg Lugliani** started in September as **Director of Communications**. Greg was Director of Communications at the NAMES Project Foundation, the sponsor of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. He has eight years of experience in press relations, publications production and message development.

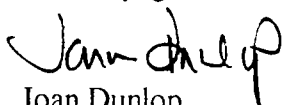
I am extremely enthusiastic and very encouraged by this extraordinary list of talent and accomplishments. We have included a complete listing of IWHC Board and staff with this letter.

Having given you the news about IWHC, let me say that we would love to hear about your efforts -- the successes, the challenges, community support and political opposition. Please feel free to drop us a line about the work you do to improve the lives of women.

It has been a thrill and a privilege to have led the International Women's Health Coalition through some truly amazing times. We have worked together over the years -- often in person and always in spirit. I send you my best wishes for personal strength and professional success. And I thank you for the moral support and the interest you have shown in the work of International Women's Health Coalition.

May our paths cross again. And in the meantime,

Bon Voyage and Farewell,



Joan Dunlop
President