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letter

October 8, 1997

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
c/o Ms. Melanne Verveer, Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
Room 100, Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

We enjoyed seeing you at the reception for Audrey Tayse Haynes, and were very glad to have the opportunity to let you know how much we continue to appreciate your support of so many issues of importance to women.

As Diana briefly mentioned to you, the Institute for Women's Policy Research is planning to commemorate its tenth anniversary in June, and we would be very honored if you would serve as honorary chair and keynote speaker. We are planning a dinner celebration here in Washington, DC, on Thursday, June 11, 1998, and our Fifth Women's Policy Research Conference entitled, *Women's Progress: Perspectives on the Past, and Blueprint for the Future*, will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 12-13.

As you know, IWPR is an independent, non-profit research organization founded in 1987 to meet the need for women-centered, policy-oriented research. We place women at the center of our work and bring women's perspectives to the policy process. Much of our work, on issues such as child care, the glass ceiling, and welfare reform, is motivated by the goal of enabling women to achieve greater independence of action and increased economic security. To provide just two examples, last July we hosted a Leadership Conference on *Women, the Economy, and the Elections*, which was a very successful, high-profile event, and this past November we released reports on *The Status of Women in the States*, which state and federal policymakers and advocates across the country are using in their work on behalf of women.

IWPR has a reputation for non-partisan, nationally-recognized research and public education on a wide variety of issues that affect women's lives. Our goal is to make a difference for women by providing information about the need to change economic, legal, and social policies that have not always taken women's needs into account. Your long-standing commitment to women and their families directly parallels IWPR's mission. Our colleagues and supporters look to you as an inspiring role model, and would be very excited and energized by your involvement in our tenth anniversary celebration. If you are able to participate in any way, we would be very grateful.

Thank you for your kind attention to this letter. We will contact your office to provide any additional information you may need or answer any questions you may have regarding this request. We look forward to hearing from you and to working with you.

Sincerely,

Heidi Hartmann, Ph.D.
Director and President

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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November 6, 1997

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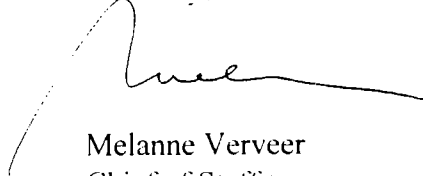
Dear Ms. Hack:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and for the materials from Inez. We saw her during Mrs. Clinton's visit to Belfast which was immensely inspiring.

I am enclosing the First Lady's remarks at the Joyce McCartan Memorial Lecture.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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November 6, 1997

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October 20, 1997

Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady
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Dear Hillary,

I'm so appreciative that you're joining Ruth Messenger tonight for this campaign event and I'm delighted to have a chance to see you. When you head off from here to attend the Children's Defense Fund event, I'm returning to my home where I'm hosting a dinner for the Women's Campaign Fund: the work goes on endlessly!

By serendipity, just today, Inez McCormack, who formally welcomed you to Ireland in December 1995, sent me a fax regarding *Making Women Seen and Heard*. This project owes much of its origins to the sparks of hope ignited by that historic visit you and the President made. Inez requested that I pass these materials onto you, not knowing that I'd be seeing you tonight: some good strong sister-force must have been at work!

Enclosed is a copy of all the materials Inez sent, including: (1) her cover letter requesting that a short meeting or photo opportunity be scheduled for you with members of this project during your upcoming visit; (2) back-up information on the project structure and aims; and (3) a list of their 37 advisory group members, who represent diverse networks of women from 12 counties, Catholic and Protestant, North and South.

I have known Inez for several years and have known of her work for much longer. I hold her in the highest of regard and would take any suggestion of hers as bearing great insight. I hope that you and your scheduling staff will look over these materials and give her request serious consideration. I wish you every success on this upcoming visit and with all your other extraordinary endeavors. It's always good to see you. Please pass on my good wishes to the President.

Warmest regards,



Nadine B. Hack

Enclosures

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15 October 1997

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By fax

Dear Cathy

I have just returned from a visit to the US where I was a guest of the Lawyers Committee on Human Rights in New York at a dinner to honour the new UN Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson.

I was struck by a comment in the Commissioner's speech which referred to the "... language of participation, being the language of rights and the language of change" and the relevance of that quote to a project currently operating in Northern Ireland and the border counties in the Republic which was supported by the Commissioner when she was President of Ireland.

Whilst I was there I met with amongst others, Larry Butler of the National Security Council who was in the course of making arrangements for the First Lady's impending visit to Ireland. It occurred to me that the project I have referred to has a significance for the First Lady, as two of the Directors for the project are, Noreen Byrne for the National Women's Council of Ireland and myself, who had the privilege of formally welcoming the First Lady, Hilary Rodham Clinton on her official and memorable visit to Ireland in December 1995.

The project, Making Women Seen & Heard owes much of its origins to the spark of hope which was ignited by the symbolism of that visit and the visibility which it gave to those whose voices and work had hitherto been invisible.

Consequently, Noreen and I embarked upon discussions with the practical encouragement of the US Ambassador, Jean Kennedy Smith, with grassroots organisations who have had a lengthy and honourable track record in promoting the needs of disadvantaged women.

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Collectively we wanted to create a project which would harness the new understanding of democratic opportunities expressed so uniquely throughout the course of the Clinton visit. The impact of that visit provided a glimpse of what could be possible if we all accepted our responsibilities for creating new democratic processes based on inclusion and diversity.

The timely introduction of the EUSSPPR, gave us the means to develop and deliver the project. The content of the project evolving as it did from the U S Presidential visit, then consolidated its substance by linking ideas around social inclusion with Human Rights analysis emanating from the Beijing conference which linked human rights to women's rights and the political democratic deficit.

The particular focus of the project has been with marginalised women's groups examining the means of their exclusion, equipping them through a rights based approach to effectively participate and develop models of good practice which allows them to share in the ownership of the decision making processes which influence their lives.

The project in its structures and operation has itself been a practice in inclusion. To be meaningful and potent, the project had not only to identify those who are invisible but create a means of organising which gave them ownership of the direction and substance of the project.

Hence Making Women Seen & Heard has an Advisory Board of 37 women drawn from networks and groups of women from all 12 counties within its geographical remit, and representatives of women from ethnic minorities, women with disabilities, lesbian women, lone parents, older women, rural and urban, catholic and Protestant, North and South (see Appendix 2).

The specific training provided by the Women Seen & Heard Project is delivered by the local human rights N.G.O, the Committee of Administration for Justice.

Given the origins, design and content of this initiative, it occurred to me that it would be of particular interest to the First Lady, and something which would be very compatible with her own commitment to Women's Rights as Human Rights. Perhaps it may be possible to include a short meeting or photo opportunity with members of this project during her scheduled visit to Ireland. We would be happy to accommodate such an event in the North or South as the project is cross border in remit.

Yours sincerely



INEZ McCORMACK
NI Regional Secretary

Appendix 1

Project Structure and Aims

The aims of the project are project are:

1. the empowerment of women at grassroots level to be informed about the EUSSPPR.
2. the inclusion of the most marginalised women and their needs in local and regional development in the immediate future.
3. the provision of training for women at grassroots level in the implementation of equality-proofing mechanisms.

OBJECTIVES

The project seeks to accomplish these aims through the following objectives and actions:

- a. dissemination of information relating to the EUSSPPR
- b. the examination of models of participation which will contribute to the conclusion of marginalised women

ACTIONS

1. To establish six local fora throughout the geography of the EUSSPPR between May - December 1997.
2. To conduct four in-depth training sessions between September 1997 - January 1998.
3. To host a North/South conference in late Spring 1998 on the issues and findings arising from the projects activities.

Structure of the Project

The Management Committee is comprised of representatives of the four partner organisations involved with the Project. The personnel are:

Inez McCormack/
Patricia McKeown - Regional Secretary & Deputy Regional Secretary respectively
of UNISON NI.

Marie Mulholland Co-ordinator, Women's Support Network

Joanne Vance Co-ordinator, Women into Politics Project

Noreen Byrne Chairperson, National Council of Women in Ireland

Special Advisor: Maggie Beirne, Committee on the Administration of Justice.

The most innovative element of the Project's Structure is the formation of an Advisory Board comprised of representatives of women's organisations and networks operating in the 12 counties embraced by the EUSSPPR, but also representatives from the sectoral categories named within PAFT as suffering from specific disadvantage.

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Hence the Advisory Board has itself been PAFT-ed and has the participation of women from all sectors and backgrounds; rural/urban, Protestant/Catholic, those with disabilities, ethnic minorities, older women and lesbian women (see Appendix 1).

The role of the Advisory Board is:

- to act as a sounding board and conduit of information and opinion on the progress and impact of the project,
- to assist the project in targeting and organising the specific local fora,
- to provide a local and sectoral focus for the project.

The Advisory Group meets every 4 months.

The Fora

To date four fora have been held,

DATE PLACE TARGET AREA

12.05.97 Enniskillen Fermanagh/Leitrim/Cavan
16.06.97 Belfast Greater Belfast
15.09.97 Derry Derry/Donegal
08.10/97 Dundalk Newry/Armagh/Lough

A total of 210 women's organisations/groups have attended.

(a) Each Forum follows a similar flexible format. A check list for organising each Forum has been drawn up to ensure accessibility, representation and comfort. The project funds mini-buses, taxis and petrol allowances for car pools in those areas where the public transport is negligible. The project also organises childcare for each event.

(b) The fora have specific agenda which is to stimulate women into thinking about how decisions affecting their lives and their communities are taken and to then inform and equip them with the tools to challenge decision-makers in relation to fairness, transparency and application of equity standards.

(c) However, the unique opportunity to come together from rural isolated areas north and south or across the traditional divisions in urban areas is creating a number of new dynamics. In the Border County areas where the Project has been, women are using the facility to network with their counterparts across the most visible divisions whether sectarian or geographic. In one incident, two women's groups only 1 mile apart met for the first time, unaware even that the other existed. One mile apart but with the border between them.

Appendix 1 (con./...)

(d) The other notable dynamic is the reaction of the reappraisal taking place among the vast majority of women in each Forum, who find themselves for the first time coming together, working with and listening to women even more marginalised than themselves - women with disabilities, women from ethnic minorities, lesbian women. The recognition of how little we all know about one another, of how difference has been manipulated and accepted as a means of creating isolation from one another becomes a clear awareness of the need to exercise and promote inclusion at the most basic levels of organising.

Appendix 2

MAKING WOMEN SEEN & HEARD ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS

Northern Ireland

NAME OF MEMBER	NAME OF GROUP	AREA
Nancy Ferron	South Down Women's Group	Kilkeel, Co Down
Teresa Devlin	Rural Community Network	Cookstown, Co Tyrone
Sandra Armstrong	Tyrone Training Services	Omagh, Co Tyrone
Deirdre McNamee	Dungannon and Cookstown - Women's Aid	Cookstown, Co Tyrone
Maggie Lavery	WEA OWL Development Office	Newry, Co Down
Philomena Agnew	W O R D Community Centre	Crossmaglen, Co Armagh
Una Walsh	Mullaghbawn Community Assoc.	Mullaghbawn, Newry, Co Down
Ann Scallen	Member of Fermanagh District Partnership Board	Irvinestown, Co Fermanagh
Anna McGonigle	Member of the Omagh Distict Partnership Board	Omagh, Co Tyrone
Cherry Dickson	Mid Ulster Women's Network	Magherafelt, Co L'Derry
Marie Crawley	Fermanagh Women's Network	Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh
Frankie Kelly	Waterside Women's Centre (Spencer Road, Derry)	Derry
Anne Doherty	Women's Centre (Pump Street, Derry)	Derry
Gemma Meehan	Well Woman Centre	Derry
Anne Graham	Ballybeen Women's Centre	Dundonald Belfast
Teresa Watson	Crysalis Women's Centre	Craigavon, Co Armagh

*Appendix 2 (cont...)**Republic of Ireland*

NAME OF MEMBER	NAME OF GROUP	AREA
Sr Celine McArdle	St Mary's Parish House	Castleblaney, Co Monaghan
Kitty Warnock	ATGWU	Dundalk
Noreen O'Donnell	Drogheda Area Women's Network	Drogheda
Joy McCormick	Inishowen Women's Network	Greencastle, Co Donegal
Nuala Murphy	Ballybossey Women's Group	Ballybossey, Co Donegal
Bernadine Brady	Cross Border Women's Network	Blacklion, Co Cavan
Margaret Mary Parsons	North Leitrim Women's Resource Group	Manorhamilton
Margaret Malone	Cavan and Monaghan Rural Development Co-op. Society	Balyhaise, Co Cavan
Joan Mullan	Council for the West	Sligo, Co Galway
Moran Newell	Letterkenny Women's Centre	Letterkenny

*Appendix 2 (cont./...)****Sectoral***

NAME OF MEMBER	NAME OF GROUP	AREA
Ina Broughall	Older Women's Network	Blackrock, Co Louth
Claire Koating	Community Development - Age Concern	Belfast, Co Antrim
Caroline McClure	Foyle Friend	Derry
Sunila Sharma	Indian Community Centre	Glengormley, Co Antrim
Jennifer Yu	Chinese Welfare Association	Belfast, Co Antrim
Marie Kavanagh	Lone Parents - Gingerbread	Belfast, Co Antrim
Siobhan McLaughlin	Donegal Traveller Women's Project	Letterkenny, Co Donegal
Imelda McGrory	Irish Women's Deaf Group	Dublin
Angela Hendra	NIPPA (Disabled Women)	Bangor, Co Down
Margaret Shevlin	FPA (Disabled Women)	Belfast, Co Antrim
Janet Gray	RINB (Blind Women)	Belfast, Co Antrim



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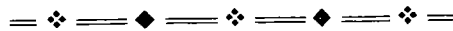
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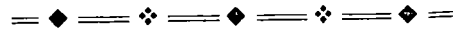
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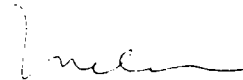
Dear Howard:

Thank you very much for your letter and sending me a copy of your letter to the President on nuclear abolition.

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

Best wishes and happy new year.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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December 22, 1997

To: Ms. Melanne Verveer
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Fax: 202 456-6244

No. of pages: 5

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Dear Melanne:

I would like to share with you my latest epistle to President Clinton on nuclear abolition.

I enjoyed reading the Washington Post magazine article about you. I first met you at meetings of the Coalition on Human Needs and was impressed by how you combined religious idealism with political good sense. I'm glad you have carried this combination into the White House.

I hope you and your family have a happy Christmas.

With best regards,



Howard W. Hallman

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December 22, 1997

To: President William J. Clinton

Through: Mr. Samuel R. Berger

Fax: 202 456-2883

No. of pages: 4

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: Abolition of Nuclear Weapons

Dear Mr. President:

Christmas greetings! I hope that you and your family have a joyous holiday together.

As a person working for the abolition of nuclear weapons, I seem to be drawn to the subject at many times and in many places. Such was the case recently when I sang the last verse of "It Came upon the Midnight Clear".

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,
When with the evercircling years shall come the time foretold
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

The song is "Peace on earth, good will to all from heaven's all gracious King."

Although I'm not confident that we can end all "little" wars in the near future (there are 30 going on now), I'm convinced that "the days are hastening on" when we can abolish nuclear weapons. Clearly there is a growing convergence of opinion from many sources that this task can and should be accomplished.

Public opinion polls reveal strong support for the elimination of nuclear weapons even though there is not widespread, vociferous demand. Numerous denominations have strong statements favoring nuclear abolition. This includes the Episcopal Church, which adopted a resolution on nuclear abolition last summer, and the United Methodist Church, whose 1996 General Conference unanimously adopted a resolution on nuclear abolition (see pages 556-561 of *The Book of Resolutions* recently presented to you). The Catholic Church shares this perspective, highlighted recently by the Holy See's representative to the United Nations who recalled a previous statement that "The world must move to the abolition of nuclear weapons through a universal, non-discriminatory ban with intensive inspection by a universal authority." He observed that "there is a gathering momentum of world opinion in support of the complete elimination of nuclear weapons."

This momentum of opinion includes a variety of commissions and study groups composed of prominent military leaders, scientists, and civilians with national security experience, such as:

- Henry L. Stimson Center's Project on Eliminating Weapons of Mass Destruction (General Andrew J. Goodpaster, Chair).
- The Canberra Commission.
- Sixty generals and admirals from around the world in a December 1996 statement.
- General Lee Butler.
- International Court of Justice in a ruling on Article VI of the NPT.
- Committee on International Security of the National Academy of Sciences.
- Carnegie Commission on Preventing Deadly Conflict.
- A majority vote of the United Nations General Assembly on the Malaysian resolution favoring multi-lateral negotiations on nuclear disarmament.

Who is resisting this momentum, this convergence of opinion? The greatest resistance comes from the military establishments of the United States and Russia, which seem unwilling to give up these relics of the Cold War even though they have no utility in warfighting, no deterrent effect on "little" wars, and no influence over terrorists. All that's left is strategic nuclear weapons deterring strategic nuclear weapons, a task that would be unnecessary if they were all eliminated. SIOP is holding U.S. policy hostage because it requires a considerable arsenal to maintain its commitment to mutually assured destruction, a long-outmoded public policy.

On the matter of disutility, I note that, according to newspaper reports, your recently revised nuclear policy foresees the possibility of using nuclear weapons in retaliation for use of chemical or biological weapons. However, I believe that you as a moral person would never allow this to happen. First, there are other military options. Second, you would not want to kill and maim tens of thousands of innocent civilians because of an action brought on by a rogue ruler. For as General Butler has said, there are no rogue nations, only rogue rulers.

Given this convergence of opinion favoring nuclear abolition, what is most needed now is creative, courageous political leadership. That's your opportunity, Mr. President, for the remaining three years of your second term. I can see a scenario of your taking up this issue in a major way because it is the right thing to do (even though it doesn't appear at the top of the list of concerns expressed in focus groups). Many of us outside government would work hard to develop the practical political support necessary to achieve success, including Senate ratification of international agreements.

You have a great national security staff, but they are already fully occupied in other important tasks. Why not create a special unit for nuclear abolition (or if "abolition" is too scary, call it simply "disarmament")? Appoint someone like General Lee Butler to head it. Create a public liaison unit to help generate widespread public support. Working in partnership with citizen organizations, organize a speakers' bureau of bishops, retired generals, retired admirals, scientists, physicians, lawyers, and many others to go throughout the nation to build support for decisive action.

There is already a solid basis for building grassroots support, stemming from the campaign for ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention, now transformed and enlarged to work for ratification of the CTBT. At the moment 21 religious denominations and religious peace

fellowships are bound together with a dozen or so peace and arms control organizations to build grassroots support for the CTBT. We are organizing coalition networks in 24 states represented by swing vote senators. We have capability of covering all 50 states. It would be a pleasure and relatively easy to mobilize widespread support for imaginative measures of nuclear disarmament proposed by you as president. We could certainly add other denominations and many more citizen groups in support.

I realize that you and your staff worry about Senate conservatives. But I think it is important to realize that die-hard, irreconcilable, Cold War hawks in Congress are not as numerous as some believe. Self-appointed, outside spokesmen who oppose measures to curtail nuclear weapons are crafty and persistent but, again, are not all that numerous and can be effectively countered by mobilizing broad, latent support for nuclear abolition. If approached properly, there is no reason why true conservatives cannot be convinced of the desirability of eliminating all Russian and Chinese nuclear weapons in exchange for reciprocal action by the United States.

That was the experience at the 1996 United Methodists General Conference. Although 40 percent of the delegates were part of the theologically conservative Good News caucus, the resolution on nuclear abolition passed the legislative committee unanimously, went on the consent calendar, and was passed by acclamation. I can't promise unanimous consent in the U.S. Senate, but I'm convinced that strong presidential leadership in full partnership with a vigorous grassroots campaign could yield approval by 75 to 85 of the senators for really significant nuclear disarmament measures.

As to potential Pentagon opposition, civilian control of the military enables you to determine national security policy. A commitment for nuclear abolition might initially produce some grumbling at the Pentagon, but I think there would also be a certain sense of relief among the top officers who, judging by their retired peers, don't put much store in the utility of nuclear weapons. Moreover, you already have a prestigious cast of retired military officers on your side, and I believe that several of the retired chairs of the Joint Chiefs of Staff would rally in support of carefully designed, verifiable measures of nuclear disarmament.

The menu of actions to take is already well-defined by the reports cited above:

- Declaration of no first use.

- De-alerting by removing warheads from delivery vehicles and other means.

- Accelerating the pace and depth of U.S.-Russian reduction of strategic weapons.

- Negotiating a nuclear weapons convention to complete the task.

On the latter I urge you to end U.S. opposition to multilateral negotiations for nuclear abolition. There is no reason, for instance, why the Conference on Disarmament can't have groups simultaneously working on a fissile material ban and a nuclear weapons convention.

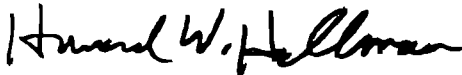
An even greater opportunity will come at the NPT Preparatory Committee meeting in Geneva on April 27 to May 8. A growing number of non-nuclear weapons states supported by a global network of NGOs are advocating that the PrepCom establish a working committee to begin developing a nuclear weapons convention. We ourselves are mobilizing a coalition of world religious leaders to advocate this approach, for believe that "the earth is the Lord's" (to quote Psalm 24), that all earth dwellers are stewards, and that we can't wait for nuclear weapon states to act on the necessity of eliminating nuclear weapons. Why don't you lead the U.S. delegation

and make the commitment to a nuclear weapons convention? Or, send General Lee Butler or an equivalent, prestigious person to represent the United States. Please don't have the United States be a laggard, opposing progressive action widely supported by global opinion.

Don't worry about going out on a limb. Nuclear abolition is the trunk of the tree of public opinion. The roots we are organizing give the trunk support and nourishment. It's the opponents who are out on the limb, their leaves fluttering noisily in the wind they themselves generate. Together we can achieve what prophets have foretold: global abolition of nuclear weapons.

In the three years and a month you have remaining in office, you still have time to set the course for the total elimination of nuclear weapons in the early days of the 21st century. But not a lot of time. The early months of 1998 offer an opportunity for decisive action.

With best regards,



Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Methodists United for Peace with Justice.

THE WHITE HOUSE
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December 2, 1997

Ms. Nikki Heidepriem
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Dear Nikki:

Thank you for your letter expressing support for The World Bank's campaign, "Call to Action for Safe Motherhood," and the invitation to Mrs. Clinton to open the event in April.

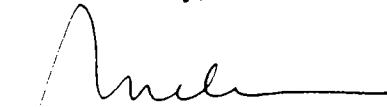
I have forwarded the invitation to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady, and she will be in touch with The World Bank when we have a decision.

As I told Jim Wolfensohn, it is too early, at this time to make a commitment. It is a subject that the First Lady is vitally interested in and something she has promoted around the world.

Best wishes.

I hope all is well!

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
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TO: Melanne Verveer

FROM: Nikki Heidepriem

DATE: November 24, 1997

Total number of pages (Including cover page): 8**COMMENTS:***Melanne -*

The attached pages relate to the World Bank's "Call to Action for Safe Motherhood," a campaign it is conducting in conjunction with the World Health Organization, UN Children's and Population Funds, IPPF and Pop Council. The event is on April 7 in Washington. The sponsors would like Mrs. Clinton to open the event by making an International Call to Action for Safe Motherhood.

Jim Wolfensohn sent Mrs. Clinton a letter of invitation on August 13. That letter, along with other background information, is attached. I offered to help contact you when I heard about the event because it sounded like the kind of thing Mrs. Clinton would want to do if she could. Feel free to have someone get back to me or directly to the organizers. The woman from the World Bank who told me about the event is on travel, but the event is being covered in her absence by Funke Oyewole, External Affairs Officer, the World Bank (202) 473-4486.

Many thanks, Melanne.

Nikki

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JAMES D. WOLFENSOHN
President

August 13, 1997

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Old Executive Office Building, Room 100
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton: *My dear Hillary -*

It is my pleasure to invite you to open a special event at the World Bank on April 7, 1998, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., in celebration of World Health Day and the Year of Safe Motherhood. This "Call to Action for Safe Motherhood" will be sponsored by the World Health Organization, United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Population Fund, International Planned Parenthood Federation, Population Council, and World Bank. The event will be the centerpiece of a year-long campaign, on the tenth anniversary of the Safe Motherhood Initiative, to support maternal survival and family well-being.

You will be joined on the panel by other distinguished leaders and opinion-leaders. Others who have been invited to lend their support include the Secretary General of the United Nations, the Presidents of Sri Lanka and Uganda, the chairman of a coalition of business leaders for safe motherhood, and the head of the Pan American Health Organization. Live satellite reports from selected sites around the world will demonstrate what safe motherhood or the lack of it means to millions of people worldwide, and international media will cover the event.

The heartfelt support of prominent leaders such as yourself who care about and work for humanitarian causes and equitable development will make a difference to women and their families worldwide. It would be an honor and a pleasure to have you join me and other invited guests at this special event.

Warm regards
Sincerely yours,

Jim

James D. Wolfensohn

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The Aims of the Year of Safe Motherhood

Safe Motherhood is a global effort to increase maternal safety and reduce the number of deaths and illnesses associated with pregnancy and childbirth

Women need not die while giving life to future generations.

Every minute of every day, somewhere in the world and most often in a developing nation, a woman dies from complications related to pregnancy or childbirth. Her death represents an enormous cost to her family, her community and her nation. Her family loses her love, her nurturing and her productivity inside and outside the home. Half of all infant deaths can be prevented by improving maternal health. Moreover, the child that survives a mother's death is up to ten times more likely to die within two years than a child with two living parents. In addition, the entire social and economic investment that has been made in her life is lost.

The greatest tragedy is that these 600 thousand annual maternal deaths are largely preventable. A decade of research has proven that surprisingly small and affordable measures can significantly reduce the health risks that women face when they become pregnant.

In 1987 a coalition of the world's leaders in maternal and child health, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Bank, the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and the Population Council, joined forces and developed an Inter-Agency Task Force on Safe Motherhood to assess this problem and recommend solutions.

Now it is time to act upon what has been learned, before one more woman's life is lost needlessly.

To achieve this goal these global leaders have declared 1998 as The Year of Safe Motherhood, which will be declared officially on World Health Day, April 7, 1998.

On that day a call to action will be issued to governments, business leaders, policy makers and citizens of every country of the world. The call to action consists of four simple messages:

International aid agencies are urged to allocate greater portions of their overseas assistance budgets to programs that will promote safe motherhood, such as improved maternal services.

Governments of developing countries, especially those where maternal mortality rates continue to be high, are urged to develop and implement improved health and education policies and programs that emphasize improved protection of the health of pregnant women.

Corporations around the world are urged to encourage governments and private organizations in the countries in which they do business to provide funds and develop programs that foster safe motherhood, and to advocate safe motherhood among their employees and customers.

Women, men and their families everywhere are urged to demand and seek appropriate prenatal and obstetric care to assure that no woman dies unnecessarily during pregnancy or in childbirth.

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THE SAFE MOTHERHOOD INITIATIVE'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

A two-year plan to accelerate country-level action and galvanize international support for safe motherhood among existing and new audiences, including politicians, corporations, the media, and the general public in selected countries.

Why now?

When the Safe Motherhood Initiative was founded ten years ago, data were inadequate to make accurate estimates of maternal death and disability in most countries. Reliable information on the effectiveness and impact of safe motherhood interventions has only recently become available. Technologies and model programs are equally new. As a result, political and donor commitment to safe motherhood has been difficult to sustain, since the return on investments in safe motherhood, and the consequences of inactivity, have not been fully understood.

What are the program's goals?

- ▶ To share existing information, establish a consensus on the most effective interventions, and develop technical and informational resources to help **program-planners** around the world take effective national action.
- ▶ To revitalize the existing international commitments of **policy-makers** and help them mobilize and reallocate necessary financial resources.
- ▶ To raise awareness among **new audiences** – including business and societal leaders globally, and the general public in developed countries – and gain their individual support and their encouragement of government and corporate donations.

What are the program components?

1. **Safe Motherhood Matters: Ten Years of Lessons and Progress, technical consultation**

The technical consultation, which will be held in Colombo Sri Lanka in October 1997, will consolidate research and lessons learned during the past ten years. Participants will pool their knowledge and reach an agreement on what strategies and interventions are most effective for reducing maternal death and disability, and which lessons and research results are most relevant.

The five-day agenda, which will include plenary and working group sessions, will be organized around ten central action messages for safe motherhood (see Annex 1). An estimated 200-225 participants will include those who can contribute substantially to the discussion (technical specialists, researchers, and country-level program-planners) and those who need information to plan, support, and implement new programs (decision-makers and planners from governments and NGOs in priority countries, and representatives from multi-lateral and donor agencies).

The presentations and consensus articulated at this meeting will be translated into easy-to-use and accessible information resource tools that program-planners around the world can use to guide action in their own organizations and countries.

2. Safe Motherhood Day — launching a year of action

In 1998, World Health Day will focus on Safe Motherhood. To observe this day, two events will be held in Washington D.C. to galvanize and recognize action among three diverse audiences. They include:

- ▶ **Day of Safe Motherhood** — On the morning of World Health Day (April 7th), the Inter-Agency Group will organize a major call for action on Safe Motherhood to be held at The World Bank. The President of the World Bank will present the call for action, and the head of PAHO will emphasize why maternal mortality is one of the major public health challenges facing the world today. A series of political leaders will highlight what can and must be done to improve maternal health around the world, and four journalists will report live via satellite from trouble spots around the world during this two hour event. The Day of Safe Motherhood will be attended by select political leaders, NGO representatives, Ambassadors, safe motherhood allies, and the media, and will be carried live on the Internet.
- ▶ **Businesses Helping Mothers** — A coalition of international corporations will sponsor a dinner on April 6th to announce their commitment to safe motherhood. A charter to be developed by the Corporate Council, a core group of at least ten companies, will be released at the luncheon; members will pledge to internal action (policies for employees, access to care), external action, and financial commitment.

3. The Year of Safe Motherhood – Information tools and strategies

A dynamic, multi-faceted communications strategy will link the technical consultation and Safe Motherhood day events, and sustain commitment to safe motherhood during 1998 and beyond. The strategy includes resource materials to improve programming and planning at the country level and an international public information campaign designed to motivate new audiences to take specific action. Current plans call for products and activities to be developed for the following audiences:

For program-planners (from government, NGO, and donor agencies):

Background documents on each of the ten central safe motherhood action messages will be prepared for the meeting. Products will include: a set of *summary sheets* (one for each action message) and a *report* detailing the international consensus in English, French and Spanish, as well as the publication of selected *presentations*.

For leaders, decision-makers, and allies:

A *fact sheet* presenting global maternal health data; a *pocket card* defining each of the ten action messages; and a succinct *list of global commitments* to safe motherhood from conventions and conferences held in the last decade. *Presentations* to introduce safe motherhood and/or report on the progress of the tenth anniversary program will be made at relevant meetings of interested parties (such as the Commonwealth Heads of State, the Heads of State of Francophone countries, the European Parliament, and the Davos Economic Group) throughout the year.

For business leaders:

A *Corporate Council* will be formed for business leaders from developed, and possibly developing, countries (see luncheon on the Day of Safe Motherhood).

For the media:

Press relations will include editorial board meetings, briefings, video news releases and press conferences beginning in Sri Lanka. Key dates include January 1st, Mothers' Day and World Health Day in 1998. Site visits to successful programs and areas of great need may also be organized, as appropriate. A "circle" of committed journalists will be selected, trained on the issues, and assigned specific safe motherhood projects (which will include those receiving Heros Awards) to cover over the course of the year and beyond. A short *video*, and *corresponding slide package*, will also be developed, possibly in conjunction with a *documentary* television program.

For civil society, including opinion-makers, women's health advocates, and the public:

An *Internet web site* will be set up and updated weekly to spur public interest around the world. Features will include: *weekly journals* written by expectant mothers, fathers, and midwives from around the world; the *slide show/video package* developed as above; *and press materials* for journalists; The web page will be linked to sites for expectant women and mothers and will be maintained through the end of 1998.

A safe motherhood *allies kit* will be developed for local women's health advocates and grassroots organizations. The kit will include fliers and materials these groups can use to include their members in the petition drive (which will run the full year).

A *press release* and other materials on safe motherhood will be included as part of a WHO press kit that will be distributed to member countries for World Health Day. The kit will include ideas to help local groups, especially those in developing countries, coordinate media attention and community support for their own activities.

Celebrity endorsements, site visits, and public appearances by UNICEF's Goodwill Ambassadors will be arranged periodically to sustain interest in safe motherhood.

Responsible Agencies

The Safe Motherhood Inter-Agency Group (the World Bank, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Population Fund, the International Planned Parenthood Federation, and the Population Council) and Family Care International (the secretariat for the IAG) are responsible for the tenth anniversary activities. The two-year effort will also require the participation of a wide range of national and international agencies that support safe motherhood.

draft date: 6/30/97

ANNEX ONE:

Safe Motherhood Action Messages for the Technical Consultation

1. ***Establish Safe Motherhood as a Human Right***
Topics will include: national and global commitments to safe motherhood as embodied in international agreements and conventions; women's right to make decisions about their own health free of coercion or violence and based on full information; women's right to have access to quality services before, during and after pregnancy and childbirth; and the obligation of governments to ensure the provision of safe motherhood care.
2. ***Safe Motherhood is a Vital Economic and Social Investment***
Topics will include: the multiple benefits of safe motherhood for mothers, children, and communities, and its impact on women's productive and reproductive roles; and the contribution of safe motherhood to broader reproductive health, women's overall health and status, and national development.
3. ***Empower Women: Ensure Choices***
Topics will include: educating girls and women and increasing their decision-making power about pregnancy and reproductive health; raising women's awareness about the danger signs of complications and actions they can take; promoting good nutrition, self-care and the appropriate use of resources; encouraging women to demand the kind of services they want; and mobilizing family and community support and resources, with special attention to the role of men.
4. ***Delay Marriage and First Birth***
Topics will include: the impact of early pregnancy on the health and well-being of girls and women; the linkages between age at marriage and age at first birth; approaches to providing health information and services to young people, including key topics such as reproductive physiology, responsible sexual behavior, life planning skills and family planning.
5. ***Every Pregnancy Faces Risks***
Topics will include: the need of all women for care during pregnancy; service delivery strategies that are designed to give each woman the level of care she needs; the difficulty of predicting complications for individual women and the consequent notion that all women are at risk; the problem of "risk screening" strategies for services to pregnant women; the distortions of quality of care created by the emphasis on "high risk".
6. ***Ensure Skilled Attendance at Delivery***
Topics will include: definition of skilled attendant; the evidence for the importance of skilled attendance; the role of the professional birth attendant (doctor, midwife, nurse) in managing normal deliveries and detection and management (including referral) of obstetric complications; numbers and deployment of skilled attendants (living and working conditions); allocation of responsibilities; training needs (basic and in-service); supervision; curricula.
7. ***Improve Access to Quality Reproductive Health Services***
Topics will include: overcoming barriers that limit women's access to services; the definition, provision and monitoring of quality services (clinical, interpersonal and logistical aspects); design of services that are sensitive to clients' needs, taking into account gender and socio-cultural issues; decentralization of services; and avoiding inappropriate use of technologies and

interventions, including the overmedicalization of pregnancy and childbirth.

8. ***Address Unwanted Pregnancy and Unsafe Abortion***

Topics will include: the public health importance of unwanted pregnancy and unsafe abortion; universal access to family planning information and services, including emergency contraception, with special attention to the needs of young people and marginalized groups; managing contraceptive failure; provision of postabortion family planning care; access to safe abortion within the limits of the law; and management of abortion complications safely and humanely.

9. ***Measure Progress***

Topics will include: the selection of appropriate ways to measure maternal mortality and monitor and evaluate progress; the need for and uses of data on maternal morbidity; the role of data on service utilization rates and qualitative information on knowledge and attitudes; the challenge of measuring quality of care.

10. ***The Power of Partnership***

Topics will include: collaboration between government, non-governmental and multi-lateral organizations; the role of the private sector, the role of health professional associations; links with sectors outside health; how best to use available resources (including cost, cost-effectiveness and financing); and how to maximize opportunities and increase resources.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 30, 1997

Mr. Michael Henderson
Moral Re-armament
10605 SW Terwilliger Place
Portland, OR 97219

Dear Michael:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful note and holiday greetings.

Thanks also for the conference report. It was so nice to hear from you again.

Best wishes in your most important work and happy new year.

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



Initiatives for Change

Michael & Erica Henderson

Northwest Representatives

Dear Melanne,

Seasons greetings.

I thought that you might be interested to see a report of a conference I have just organized here on race and ethnic relations.

It is building on the work of Hope in the Cities which I also wrote about in "The Forgiveness Factor" and "All Her Paths Are Peace."

Sincerely,

Michael Henderson

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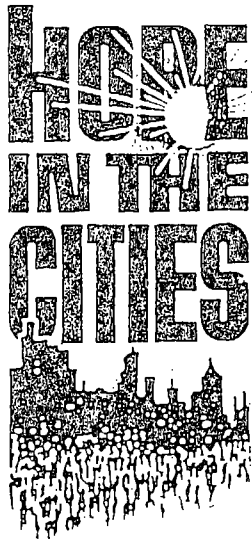
Race Reconciliation & Responsibility

A Conference Report

Harrison Hall, Portland State University, November 1-2, 1997

Initiated by Moral Re-Armament in association with

Portland State University, The Urban League of Portland, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon,
The Institute for Judaic Studies, The Office of Neighborhood Associations



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feel, let alone what they have to
confront with daily — even a day
and a half spent together may
help develop friendships that will
prevail for the long haul."*

Michael Henderson — The Oregonian

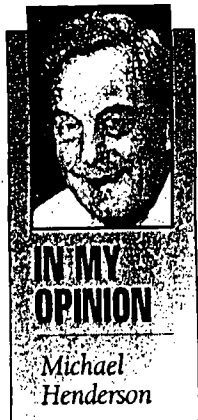
*"They didn't solve the problem of
racism. But they got a good
jump on it."* — The Oregonian

We need to talk

National conversation about race especially important in Portland

Race is a minefield in which fools sometimes rush in and angels tread very warily. But Americans must tread in it if we are to heal our divisions. We need honest conversations on race, and President Clinton should be given credit for recognizing the need for them.

A headline in The Washington Post earlier this month commented on the president's advisory board on race, "An initiative that is going nowhere fast." It would seem a somewhat premature judgment. The advisory board is, of course, in a difficult position to engage in the kind of honest conversations it would like to see in the country because every meeting even between two members is public. Every disagreement within the board will be publicized,



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while if they don't disagree they will be written off as holding one view. This is a challenge to media responsibility.

Some will say the president's initiative, like an apology for slavery, is not needed; others that it does not go far enough.

Apologies for slavery or any other suggestions should follow honest conversations. They need careful preparation and should reflect changes of behavior and attitude.

People can apologize and go on living selfishly; they can *not* apologize and yet still contribute to changing the racial climate.

Even those whose focus has been institutional racism are recognizing that conversation must precede legislation.

This subject is all the more important in Oregon where there is comparatively little racial interaction, where most whites have no idea what blacks really feel, let alone what they have to contend with daily. Most would be astonished to hear African Americans call Portland the most racist city they have ever lived in.

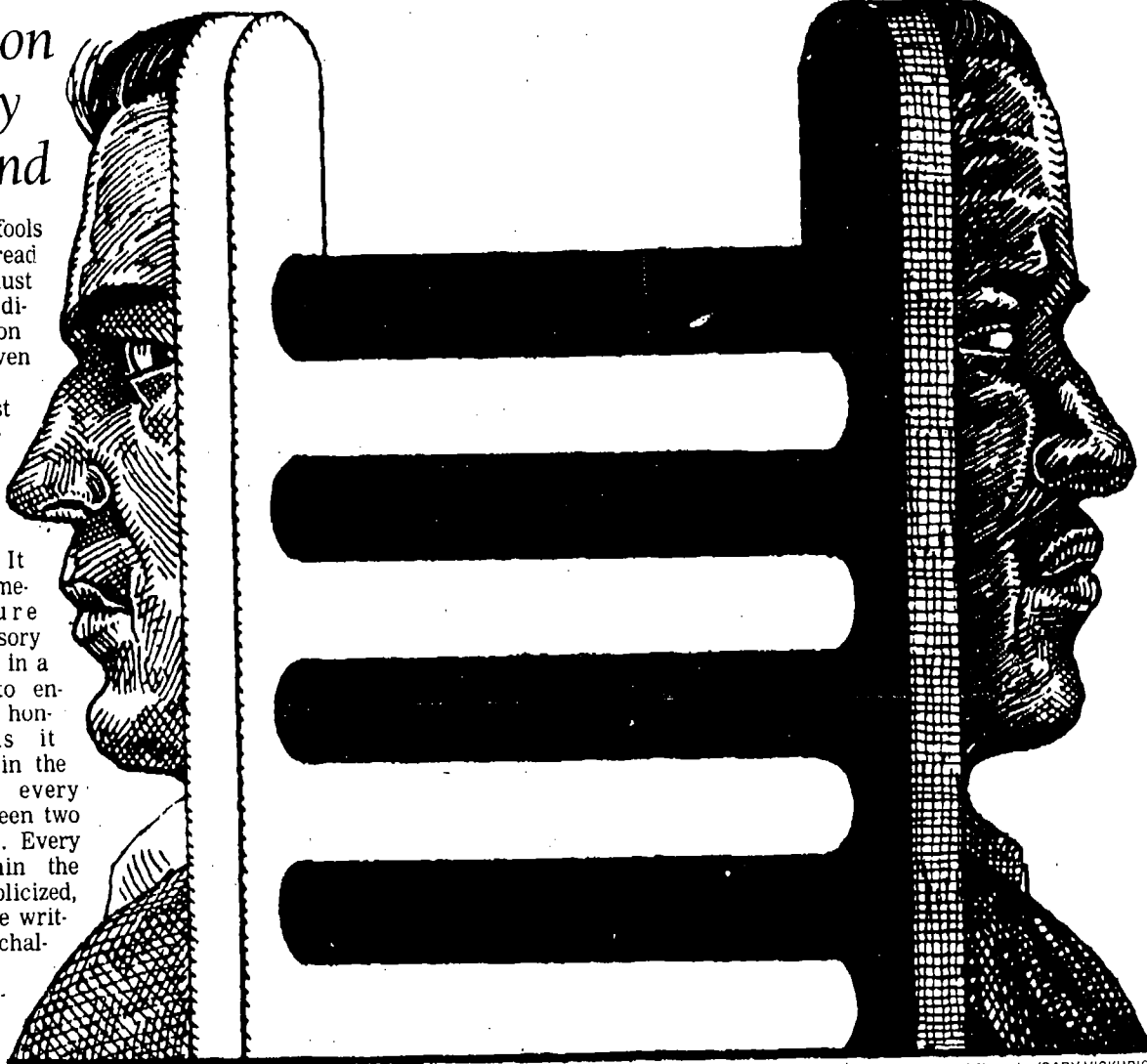
Oregon has made considerable progress and many respected leaders are African American, but the depth and breadth of the problem cannot be understood unless people come together in a forum where multiple voices can be heard.

That is the purpose of the honest conversations on race, reconciliation and responsibility that are to take place in Portland Nov. 1 and 2.

A two-day conference, Hope in the Cities, is being held at PSU at which a call to community will be launched that has the backing of Gov. John Kitzhaber and three former governors, Mayor Vera Katz and other mayors, and about 30 local leaders.

The call states, "We must demonstrate that our diversity is our greatest strength and that out of this diversity is rising a new American community."

The conference and call are a local contribu-



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tion to the national conversation on race. It will be a chance for citizenry from our area to get to know people they would not normally meet — in an atmosphere of trust, and, as far as is possible, free from finger-pointing or guilt trips.

It does not set out, as one person asked Hope in the Cities to do, "to name names and confront the perpetrators" because it wants to "encourage the best qualities in each person rather than confirm the worst."

As one of the organizers, Carolyn Leonard, head of multicultural education for the Portland Public Schools, puts it: "One does not promote change by preaching one's message. It is more likely to happen if one understands 'the other.' This requires listening and sincerely looking for points of agreement."

The conference is initiated by Moral Re-Armament in association with Portland State University, The Urban League of Portland, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, The Institute for Judaic Studies and The Office of Neighborhood

Associations. Rabbi Joshua Stampfer says, "Participants will be invited to come to grips with subtle racism, latent anti-Semitism, urban-rural divisions, and the collision of values as newcomers move into the community."

The conference is building on the work of Hope in the Cities in Richmond, Va., which, says an article in USA Today, has already contributed after years of distrust to "local officials from racially polarized areas working together on housing, transportation and municipal finances." Among those coming from Virginia will be Henry L. Marsh III, a Virginia state senator and Richmond's first African-American

mayor; Warren Kennedy, head of Richmond's NAACP; and Rhodes Scholar Richard Ruffin, whose family founded Richmond and whose ancestor, Edmund Ruffin, fired the first shot in the Civil War.

Hope in the Cities aims to bring people together not in confrontation, but in trust, seeking solutions on the basis of what is right and not who is right, and recognizing that the energy for a fundamental change requires a moral and spiritual transformation in the human spirit.

It insists on everyone being invited to the table and stresses the need to heal history. Indeed, citizens of different races in the former capital of the Confederacy initiated a walk through its history that brought many in the community together. Richmond's progress can be seen in the fact that a statue of Arthur Ashe, forbidden while growing up to play tennis on the city's public courts, now shares a place of pride with southern Civil War generals on Monument Avenue.

Two participants in the conference illustrate the transformative element. Paige Chargois, a Baptist minister, for whom the Confederate flag was the symbol of everything she hated, reached out to one of the daughters of the Confederacy in a way that is affecting the life of her city. She says, "I knew I had to move towards what I hated and those I hated." Bob Webb, who as a journalist was a willing conduit for racist views, is using his life to bring all races together. He says, "The 'southern way of life' was my lifeblood and I sorely needed a transfusion."

To have a conference that refuses to blame is hardly politically correct. And may be uncomfortable for some. But even a day and a half spent together may help develop friendships that will prevail for the long haul. It might even defuse some mines.

Michael Henderson of Southwest Portland is the author of numerous books and is a long-time member of Moral Re-Armament.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 5, 1997

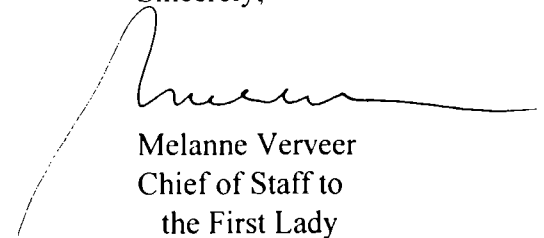
Mr. David Haproff
Russell Sage Foundation
112 East 64th Street
New York, NY 10021

Dear Mr. Haproff:

Thank you very much for your letter and for
Neighborhood Poverty, Volumes I & II, which I have shared
with others here.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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DAVID A. HAPROFF
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November 17, 1997

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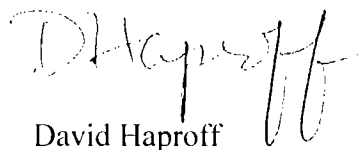
Dear Ms. Verveer:

On behalf of the editors, Jeanne Brooks-Gunn, Greg J. Duncan, and J. Lawrence Aber, I am pleased to send you a copy of our latest release, *Neighborhood Poverty, Volumes I & II*. This two-volume set offers the most current research and analysis from experts in the fields of child development, social psychology, sociology, and economics. Drawing from national and city-based sources, *Volume I: Context and Consequences for Children* reports the empirical evidence concerning the relationship between children and community. *Volume II: Policy Implications in Studying Neighborhoods* incorporates this data on neighborhood poverty into discussions of policy and program development and explores the possibilities for a richer and more well-rounded understanding of neighborhood and poverty issues.

I would be very interested in hearing your reaction to the book and am happy to answer any questions you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Cordially,



David Haproff

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 1, 1997

Mr. Michael Holmes
Editor in Chief, Law Review
School of Law
University of California, Davis
Davis, CA 95616-5201

Dear Mr. Holmes:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to contribute an article to the *U.C. Davis Law Review*.

Regrettably, the First Lady is unable to accept your offer at this time, but sends her thanks for your invitation.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
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September 22, 1997

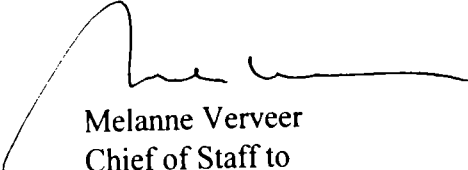
Mr. D. Jeffrey Hirschberg
1225 Connecticut Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Hirschberg:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and for *Tribal Grind*. I have forwarded the CD to the Social Office which will review your suggestion for Wayquay to perform at the White House, should an opportunity present itself in the future.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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D. Jeffrey Hirschberg

September 12, 1997

HAND DELIVER

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Hillary,

Native American Artist Wayquay

A very close friend of mine is the founder and promoter of a music business called Global Beat Music Company. Their artists and music are well regarded—more overseas than in the United States. One of their artists, Wayquay, is a Native American singer and songwriter. She is a marvelous performer who has cut a new album called *Tribal Grind*.

I encourage you to listen to her. If there is any way that this artist, at an appropriate time, could be invited to perform either in the White House or at a sponsored event, I am sure that you will not be disappointed.

I enclosed for your review a copy of the information on Global Beat as well as samplings of their recordings. Please let me know if this can be arranged at any time.

Best regards,



copy to: Melanne Verneer (with attachments)
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September 17, 1997

Charles F.C. Ruff
Counsel to the President
White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. Ruff:

The *U.C. Davis Law Review* is currently soliciting articles for this year's volume and cordially invites the First Lady to contribute a piece of her choosing. Professor John Oakley suggested that I contact you. Professor Oakley anticipated that Mrs. Clinton may have a written article or an idea for an article that she would like to publish.

We are prepared to accept a piece of any length and on any subject that Mrs. Clinton chooses. I plan to call you within the next couple of weeks to see if Mrs. Clinton has a piece she would like to publish with us this academic year. I look forward to speaking with you further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael J. Holmes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent vertical line at the end.

Michael J. Holmes
Editor in Chief

cc: John Oakley

THE WHITE HOUSE
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October 9, 1997

Mr. Jay Hoffman
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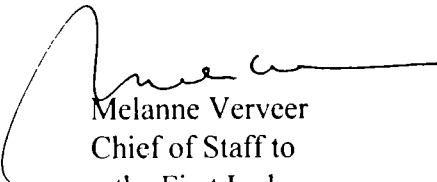
Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Thank you very much for your letter and request for an interview with the First Lady for a PBS documentary on Bangladesh.

I have forwarded your letter to Marsha Berry, Director of Communications for the First Lady, and she will be in touch with you. Should you want to contact her directly, she can be reached at (202) 256-2960.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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JAY S. HOFFMAN
PRESIDENT/CEO

September 30, 1997

VIA FACSIMILE (202) 456-6244 & U.S. MAIL

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff
OFFICE OF THE FIRST LADY
THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Verveer:

I was referred to your office by Bob Nash, Director of White House Personnel, for the purpose of requesting an interview with Mrs. Clinton.

USA Global is currently in production on a film documentary for PBS focusing on Bangladesh. I just returned from Bangladesh where I filmed interviews with several people including the Prime Minister. Our film is highlighting the positive elements of Bangladesh society and its potential for economic and social growth. The highlight of my visit, however, was being exposed to the incredible work and research being done at the ICDDR,B - The Center for Health and Population Research.

Mrs. Clinton and Chelsea also visited this remarkable research and treatment facility when they were in Bangladesh in 1995. During Mrs. Clinton's tour of the Center she remarked that "ICDDR,B is a world-class success story in saving lives of people suffering." It is for this reason that I felt it would be most worthwhile to interview Mrs. Clinton, as she would be the most articulate American spokesperson on this subject. Very few Americans visit Bangladesh, and as such having the First Lady speak to her experience would be most useful in again bringing attention to a very worthwhile cause.

We would only need approximately 20 minutes of her time and the questioning would be limited to her experience in Bangladesh and the ICDDR,B Center.

Mrs. Clinton's participation in this manner would undoubtedly bring much needed attention to the ongoing great work of the Center.

Please let me know if we can schedule the interview in October. I will be as flexible in timing as possible to fit her schedule.

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Jay S. Hoffman

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"The fundamental mission of the Centre is to develop and disseminate solutions to major health and population problems facing the world, with emphasis on simple and cost-effective methods of prevention and management."

DONOR ORGANIZATIONS

The Centre is supported by countries and agencies which share its concern for the health problems of developing countries.

Current donors (1996)

The aid agencies of the Governments of Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America.

International organizations, including Arab Gulf Fund, Asian Development Bank, the European Union, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and the World Health Organization (WHO).

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INTRODUCTION

ICDDR,B, or "The Centre", was established by Ordinance No.LI of 1978, as the successor to the Cholera Research Laboratory (CRL), which had been created in 1960 to study the epidemiology, treatment, and prevention of cholera. The Centre is an independent, international, non-profit organization for research, training, and clinical services.

Located in Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh, the Centre is the only truly international health research institution based in a developing country. Research findings developed at the Centre provide guidelines for policy-makers, implementing agencies, and health professionals in Bangladesh and around the globe. Researchers at the Centre have made major scientific achievements in diarrhoeal disease control, maternal and child health, nutrition, and population sciences. These significant contributions have been well recognized worldwide.

"Both UNICEF and WHO regard the Centre as a unique world resource for both the global health community, and for addressing many of the health problems in Bangladesh."

- Dr. R.H. Henderson, Assistant Director General, WHO



In 1995, Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton, the US First Lady, visited the Centre, and remarked "ICDDR,B is a world class success story in saving lives of people suffering from cholera, malnutrition and diarrhoea."

Partnership in Progress

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 9, 1997

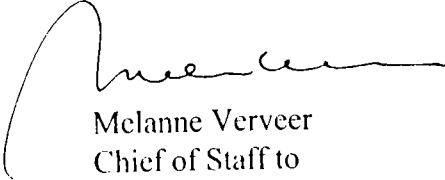
Ms. Sarah Harder
Women's Studies
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Eau Claire, WI 54702-4004

Dear Ms. Harder:

Sarah
Thank you very much for your letter and for your recommendation of the partnership project contact for the First Lady's upcoming trip to Russia. I have shared your information with others involved in planning the trip.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,


Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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MESSAGE:

Dear Melanne Verveer, My colleague, Joan Kuransky, who participated in the Vital Voices meeting in DC on my behalf, stated that you were seeking women's projects for Mrs. Clinton to visit in Russia. Based on my 8 years of work there, I have a recommendation. The co-director of our partnership project (Russian Women's Political and Civic Forums) is Olga Bessilova, Deputy Director of TsAGI (the Central Aerohydrodynamic

beginning of the 1990s, she worked at the Institute in the city of Zhukovsky, 35 Kilometers NE of Moscow and Russia's aerospace research center. Olga is also a pioneering activist in women's organizations which emerged during perestroika, president of Prolog (the Society of Humanistic Initiatives, devoted to empowering women through political participation and civic initiatives).



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SARAH HARDER

Sarah Harder has worked for twenty years on issues involving women at grassroots, national and international levels. In Washington DC, she co-chairs the National Women's Conference Committee and serves on the board of the National Peace Foundation and the steering committee for the Council of Presidents of US women's groups. These groups build connections among citizens working for equality, democratic participation, civic and environmental development, focusing their efforts for greater impact on public policy. From 1985-89 she served as President of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and chaired its \$46 million Educational Foundation. She is vice-president of the International Federation of University Women (IFUW) based in Geneva. At the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Harder established academic support services for minority, disadvantaged and reentry students. A tenured member of the English Department, she heads the Women's Studies program and local projects for girls and low-income women.

As AAUW president and through IFUW, Sarah Harder has worked since 1987 for women's partnerships in the former Soviet Union. She co-chaired the 1990 Soviet-American Women's Summit, which brought the first ideologically diverse delegation from the USSR together with 100 heads of women's organizations. Co-sponsored by Women for Meaningful Summits with the Soviet Women's Committee, it was planned to translate shared expertise into working models for women's leadership and change. Delegates from both new independent women's organizations and official women's councils went to 10 state capitals. There they learned how diverse grassroots American women coalesce for institutional and policy change and laid plans for long-term working relationships. From that base a network now connects groups and individuals across the US and former Soviet Union. At least 100 projects developed from those early contacts now deal with consequences for women of the Soviet collapse. Harder has provided 40 voluntary on-site consultations working with women in Russia, Ukraine, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Lithuania, while facilitating connections that extend across other CIS republics.

The University of Wisconsin Women's Studies Consortium, whose CIS partnership effort Harder leads, has facilitated responses to project proposals submitted by women from Russia and other republics. These emphasize economic dislocations, social service delivery, environmental health, and political leadership. In 1994, Harder co-chaired the Consortium co-sponsored Moscow symposium "Women, Politics, Environmental Action." Harder's partnership projects with women in Russia and the Transcaucasus have been funded by the National Endowment for Democracy and by the Mott, MacArthur, and Eurasia Foundations (most through the National Peace Foundation). Recent priorities include Women's Political and Civic Forums for coalition building held in 10 Russian regional centers and the Transcaucasus Women's Dialogue.

Harder's experience in network-building and leadership for women has been earned nationally and internationally. She helped establish advocacy networks of women's groups now operating in 34 states. She is an originator of the Council of Presidents of US women's organizations and a continuing leader in implementing its annual Women's Agenda. Networking before and after the 1995 UN Fourth World Conference for Women in Beijing built upon Harder's work at 1980 and 1985 World Conferences. Her study and action guide, "Women's Future, World Future: Education for Survival and Progress," is used by IFUW affiliates in 74 countries. Its focus is capacity-building and advocacy related to issues in the Beijing Platform for Action. Her work with CIS women's groups stresses training in NGO management, coalition-building, institutional transformation, and policy change.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 20, 1997

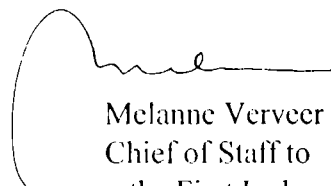
Ms. Shireen Hunter
Truman Hall 4 Waalsebaan
3080 Tervuren
BELGIUM

Dear Ms. Hunter:

Thank you very much for your letter and for your briefing several weeks ago. The First Lady greatly appreciated your insights. We leave for Central Asia in early November and we look forward to talking to you about the experience.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Truman Hall

4 Waalsebaan
3080 Tervuren
Belgium

Phone: 322-767-8819
Fax: 322-767-8899

October 3, 1997

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

Dear Ms. Verveer:

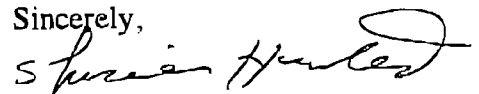
Thank you very much for sending me a picture of my meeting in July with you and the First Lady. It was very thoughtful of you. I also very much enjoyed the meeting.

As the First Lady prepares for her trip to Central Asia, I would be very pleased to help out further in any way that would be useful. Please let me know.

I was very pleased to meet you, and look forward to the next occasion. Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



Shireen T. Hunter

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 24, 1997

Mr. Val Halamandaris
Executive Director
Caring Institute
513 C Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002-5809

Dear Val:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and invitation to the Tenth Annual Caring Awards Ceremony.

Regrettably, the First Lady was unable to accept your kind invitation due to a schedule conflict, but we are certain that it was a successful event.

Best wishes.

Thinking
I hope you are
see me soon in
the new year.

Sincerely,

Melanne
Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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November 7, 1997

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
OEOB Room 100
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I am writing for two reasons. First, I wanted to commend you for your appearance on the Oprah Winfrey Show. You are always so bright, articulate and so wonderful, but I thought you were especially so during this appearance.

I am also taking the liberty of inviting you to participate in the Tenth Annual Caring Awards Ceremony on November 21, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. The ceremony will be held in the Department of the Interior Auditorium, located at 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC.

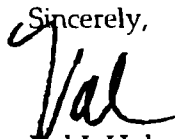
You will remember that you appeared at the Caring Award Ceremony in 1994, honoring us with a few well chosen remarks. You also helped present the awards to the young people the Caring Institute had chosen as the most caring young people in America. We would be delighted if your busy schedule would allow you to make a brief appearance to honor the Caring Award Winners.

I am enclosing a summary which tells you about this year's honorees. In addition, I am enclosing a copy of *Caring People* magazine from last year and a reprint from *Parade Magazine*, which describes our activities in great detail.

If you have any questions, please call me at 202-547-4273 or at the National Association for Home Care at 202-547-7424.

I wish you all the best, and I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Sincerely,



Val J. Halamandaris
Executive Director

With addition,

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October 17, 1997

Ms. Katy Button
OFFICE OF THE FIRST LADY
THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Katy,

Enclosed is a copy of the material I sent 2 weeks ago to Melanne Verveer.

Please call me when you get this so we can proceed. I will be at (818) 225-7580.

Thanks for all your help.

Sincerely,

Jay S. Hoffman

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September 30, 1997

VIA FACSIMILE (202) 456-6244 & U.S. MAIL

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff
OFFICE OF THE FIRST LADY
THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Verveer:

I was referred to your office by Bob Nash, Director of White House Personnel, for the purpose of requesting an interview with Mrs. Clinton.

USA Global is currently in production on a film documentary for PBS focusing on Bangladesh. I just returned from Bangladesh where I filmed interviews with several people including the Prime Minister. Our film is highlighting the positive elements of Bangladesh society and its potential for economic and social growth. The highlight of my visit, however, was being exposed to the incredible work and research being done at the ICDDR,B - The Center for Health and Population Research.

Mrs. Clinton and Chelsea also visited this remarkable research and treatment facility when they were in Bangladesh in 1995. During Mrs. Clinton's tour of the Center she remarked that "*ICDDR,B is a world-class success story in saving lives of people suffering.*" It is for this reason that I felt it would be most worthwhile to interview Mrs. Clinton, as she would be the most articulate American spokesperson on this subject. Very few Americans visit Bangladesh, and as such having the First Lady speak to her experience would be most useful in again bringing attention to a very worthwhile cause.

We would only need approximately 20 minutes of her time and the questioning would be limited to her experience in Bangladesh and the ICDDR,B Center.

Mrs. Clinton's participation in this manner would undoubtedly bring much needed attention to the ongoing great work of the *Center*.

Please let me know if we can schedule the interview in October. I will be as flexible in timing as possible to fit her schedule.

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Jay S. Hoffman

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The Centre Endowment

Fulfilling the promise and potential of the Centre requires an endowment, the income from which can launch new research, and provide greater flexibility in serving people everywhere.

Commitments are being sought to endow the Centre's two hospitals (\$10 million) and to create a \$20 million Centre Fund. The Centre Fund will enable the Centre to support promising research initiatives, recruit and train the best available talent, attract top experts, maintain links with institutions around the world, and mount an effective response to new global health challenges. The Endowment campaign offers the world donor community an opportunity to invest in this crucial, global health endeavor and to bring the benefits of the Centre's research capabilities to the world for many years to come.

For more information please contact—



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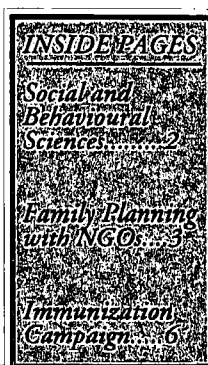
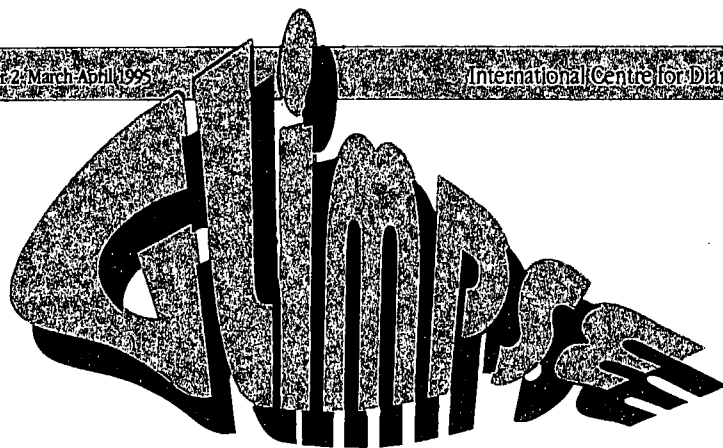
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"I have heard a great deal about the Centre and the importance of its work for the world, and am pleased to be able to come here to see it for myself," said the US First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, as she was introduced to the Centre's Director Demissie Habte in the morning of 4 April 1995, the concluding day of her short visit to Bangladesh.

Hillary Clinton was accompanied by her daughter Chelsea, Minister for Women and Children's Affairs Sarwari Rahman, and US Ambassador David Merrill.

Mrs. Clinton reviewed the Centre's research programmes on health and family planning and noted that there were many important lessons not just for the developing world, but also for the developed world including the United States. A common theme in the current leg of her trip has been the development successes in Bangladesh which have application in the United States and

Hillary Clinton Impressed by the Centre's Work

other developed countries. These include: the Grameen Bank; Oral Rehydration Solutions (ORS), and the community outreach programmes for health and family planning services developed at ICDDR,B, the Centre for Health and Population Research.

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Finance Minister pledges increased support to the Centre

Health and Family Welfare Minister applauds the Centre's health services



Mrs. Clinton discussing the reestablishment of exclusive breast-feeding with Ruksana Haider



The Director of the Centre, Demissie Habte leading the Minister of Finance (left) and the Minister of Health and Family Welfare (right) on a tour to the hospital

The Government's annual contribution to the Centre will be reviewed in the light of increasing needs of the Centre, assured M. Saifur Rahman, Minister of Finance, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Minister for Health and Family Welfare, applauded the Centre's clinical services which are being offered free of charge to nearly 100,000 patients a year.

The two ministers visited the Centre's Dhaka hospital on 5 March 1995. Demissie Habte, Director of the Centre, led their tour to the hospital. The hospital is renowned throughout the world for its

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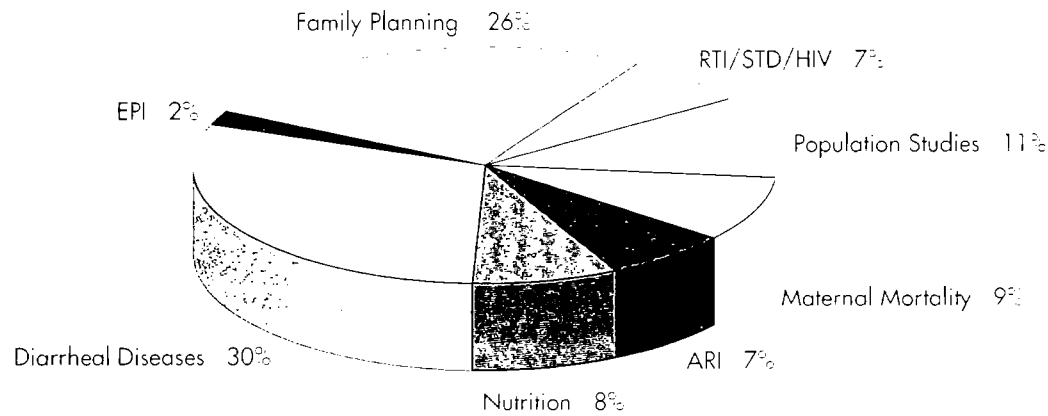
Mission Statement

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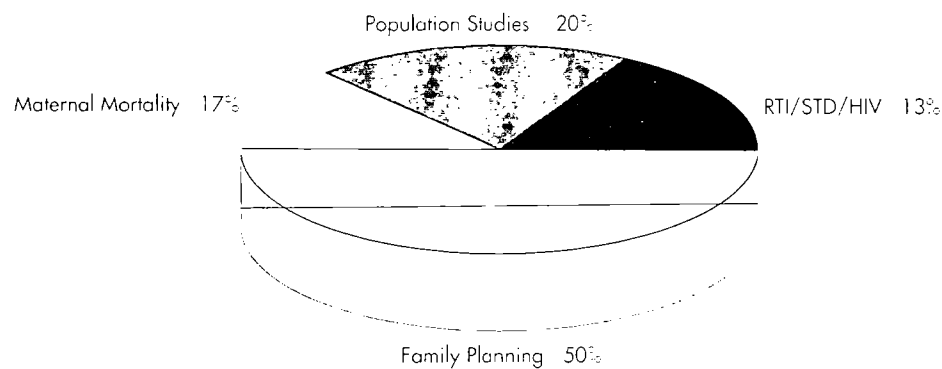
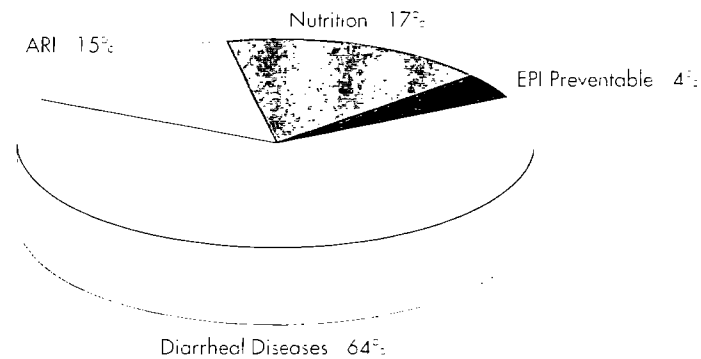
Centre Facts at a Glance

Location:	Dhaka, Bangladesh.
Establishment:	Founded by the United States and Pakistan in 1960 as the Cholera Research Laboratory (CRL).
Internationalization:	Ordinance of the Government of Bangladesh signed in 1978 to transform the CRL to the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh. Twenty-five countries and organizations pledged support by signing a Memorandum of Understanding.
Incorporation:	The Centre is an autonomous, international, and non-profit institution for research, training, education and clinical services.
Board of Trustees:	Governed by a 17-member international Board of Trustees.
Personnel:	200 scientists from about 25 countries supported by 1,000 field staff with over 100 studies under way at any one time.
Budget:	\$12 million average annual budget, contributed by over 50 governments and organizations.
Contact:	GPO Box 128, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh Tel: 880-2-871751, Fax: 880-2-883116, E-mail: habte%cholera@external.ait.ac.th

Research Activities



- The Centre's research priorities are child survival and reproductive health.
- The Centre is the leading international health and population research institution based in a developing country.
- Located in Bangladesh, where rampant population growth, poverty, high illiteracy and poor access to health services result in high disease burden, the Centre has been well-placed to conduct relevant research over the past 30 years that has contributed to the alleviation of human suffering.
- The Centre provides guidance and technical support to UNICEF, WHO, the World Bank and many other national and international organizations.
- The Centre has played a pivotal role in policy development for improvements in public health, family planning, reproductive health and emergency relief response.



Key Achievements for a Healthier World:

- Development of the Oral Rehydration Solution for treatment of diarrheal dehydration that saves one million children's lives each year;
- Training of 15,000 health care professionals, currently holding top positions in the fields of public health, medicine and population worldwide;
- Field-testing of oral cholera vaccines that have opened new avenues for control and eradication of cholera;
- Provision of free treatment to 120,000 patients annually in two hospitals (average per patient cost of \$12);
- Demonstration that fertility decline is possible in poor and illiterate populations with appropriate service delivery. The lessons learned have made Bangladesh a "family planning success story" and a model to the world;
- Demonstration of breast-feeding as an effective birth-spacing tool;
- Identification of a new vibrio strain, *Vibrio cholerae* O139;
- Determination of the inter-relationship between diarrhea and infection that has resulted in better diarrhea management;
- Demonstration of successful emergency treatment and management of disease by expert teams in Rwanda, South America and worldwide.

Core Strengths of the Centre

- Excellent infrastructure for health and population research in a location where the problems are most acute.
- State-of-the-art investigative laboratories staffed by leading scientists.
- Exceptionally effective community programs.
- Interdisciplinary success in integrating education, training and policy.
- The world's largest demographic data bank in a developing country collected over a period of thirty years.
- A widely-read international scientific journal and newsletter for health professionals.
- Training programs and other resources for dissemination of information.
- Proven track record of research accomplishments over the past 30 years.
- Multi-disciplinary research team with social, biomedical, epidemiological and laboratory scientists.

Sources of Support

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Child Health Foundation
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United Nations Children's
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The Centre Endowment at a Glance

The Centre Endowment Fund

\$30 million.

Funds Received

\$8 million.

Capital Fund

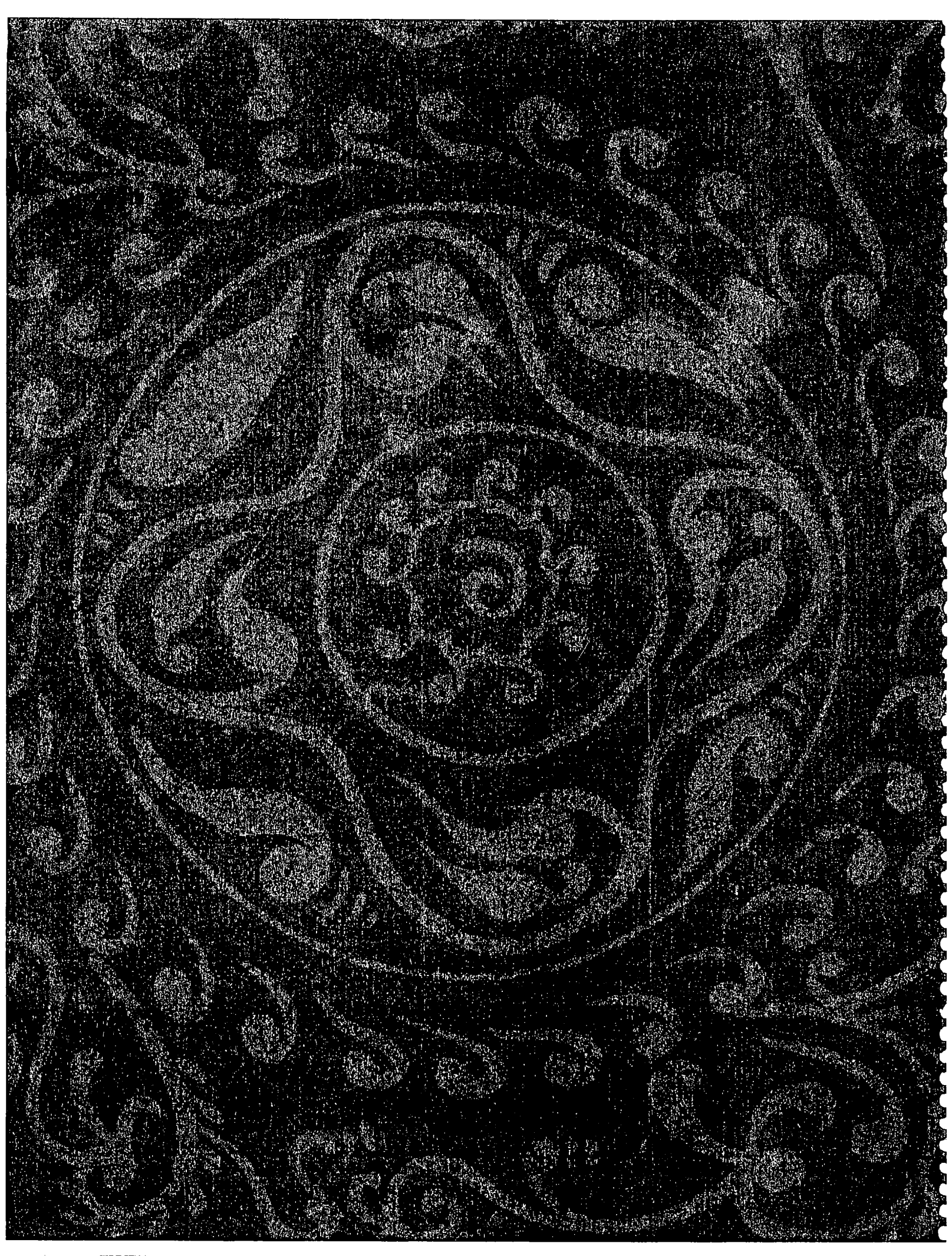
To build a working capital fund to be managed like an endowment, the income from which will provide the Centre and its two hospitals with enhanced capability for responding effectively and rapidly to emerging health and population problems in Bangladesh and around the world.

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Other Donors

Foundations, corporations, governments and individuals.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 24, 1997

Mr. Irving Brooks Harris
Two North LaSalle Street
Chicago, IL 60602-3703

Dear Irving:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to launch the public kick-off of the Reach Out and Read campaign in Chicago. It is obviously something Mrs. Clinton would like to do.

I have forwarded your letter to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady, and she will contact you once we know what is possible.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

*It's always
good to see you!*


Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Irving Brooks Harris

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Chicago, Illinois 60602-3703
312 / 621-0650

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Patti -
when we're
in Chicago.*

November 5, 1997

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

Dear Ms. Verveer:

It was very nice to see you again at the National Public Radio meeting and at the White House Conference on Child Care. The child care conference was well done and provided the right forum to start the much needed national conversation on the this important topic. Please let me know if I can be of assistance as the President and First Lady move forward in their policy planning regarding issues concerning early childhood development and young children and their families.

As I mentioned when I saw you, the Harris Foundation has been spearheading the effort to bring the Reach Out and Read (ROR) early pediatric literacy program to the Chicago area. We have already made over ten grants to start new ROR programs at large hospital outpatient clinics and community health centers (the largest of which is at Cook County Hospital) and are currently working with another fifteen sites which we expect to fund in the next few months.

I would like to invite the First Lady to Chicago to launch the public kick-off of our citywide ROR campaign. I attended the White House press conference last April when the First Lady announced her Prescription for Reading Campaign which endorsed the ROR model. Since then, I believe she has attended at least one public kick-off of the Baltimore ROR citywide effort. We envision a similar event and would love to have Mrs. Clinton as our guest of honor.

Ms. Melanne Verveer

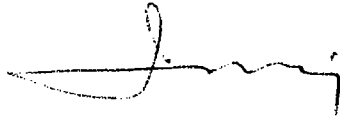
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I believe that Barry Zuckerman and Pat Cowan with the National ROR office at Boston Children's Hospital have been in touch with Jennifer Klein and Patti Solis Doyle at the White House to discuss possible dates for the Chicago kick-off. We would like to have the event sometime in the middle of January, preferably the week of January 12 (although I am unavailable on January 15). I believe the First Lady has already received an invitation to speak at the Chicago/Cook County Welfare Reform Task Force's symposium on children for that week and we would be happy to coordinate our event with the city if it would help in your scheduling.

Please let me know how I should follow-up with this request. We certainly can move the kick-off to a later date if the First Lady's schedule does not permit a visit in January. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Yours very truly,



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xc: Patti Solis Doyle
Barry Zuckerman, M.D.