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THE WHITE HOUSE

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July 24, 1997

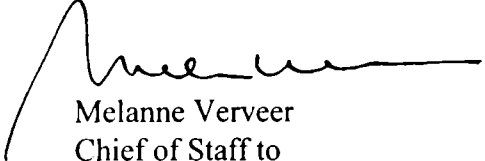
Mr. William Reese
President
Partners of the Americas
1424 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Bill:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and very informative materials on the important initiatives being launched to support youth in Latin America. The First Lady will be visiting Latin America in October and will have another opportunity to highlight key programs.

Thanks for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Partners of the Americas
1424 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005
Telephone: 202 628-3300
Fax: 202 628-3306

Dear Bill

PARTNERS

OF THE AMERICAS

William S. Reese *President*

July 8, 1997

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

We were delighted to see Thomas Lippman's recent article in the Washington Post, outlining for the public what we in the PVO community have known for some time -- that you are a vocal and passionate supporter of U.S. leadership in working with our development partners around the world.

In a variation of a trendy expression -- you have been there, seen that, and are now home telling the American public how it is important to do that overseas. And by "that" of course we mean America working with people and communities around the globe on issues of equity and empowerment, sustainable development, women and families, poverty eradication, economic growth and sustainable, long term development.

I remember your slide show and presentation at the OAS after your trip last year to Latin America. You were persuasive and personally supportive to all of us in attendance.

I must say, while I am sure you talked about your trips to Latin America, the Post article barely mentioned Central and South America or the Caribbean. While none of us want to see one region pitted against another, it does seem that the Western Hemisphere has dropped off the radar screen of our pundits, academics and think tanks.

In keeping you in touch with your visits to Latin America, let me include two publications:

1. A newsletter from the street children's program that supports Projeto Axé in Salvador. "Sexploitation" has become a key component of this A.I.D.-funded program that Partners manages in conjunction with Brazilian NGOs. It continues to be well received by all the participating agencies.
2. Partners initiated a Mexican Conservation Corps that at one point was to be on your agenda in the Yucatán. Here is a wonderful example of a youth-run program, and not just a program steered at youth as beneficiaries. We have incorporated the institution and created a Mexican board such that it is a "spin off," if you will, of a Partners' initiative. This too is an A.I.D.-funded program, fully complementary of the NAFTA accords, as it promotes long term environmental education of the younger generation that will be critical to environmental policy making in Mexico 20-30 years from now. These are long term investments that are paying off.

And finally, I trust that your close friends in the Arkansas Partners are keeping you well informed of their work in Bolivia. Indeed, there are so many ways in which American citizens are reaching out, sustaining their partnerships and linkages with Latin America and the Caribbean, and providing a wonderful leverage for the public dollars that A.I.D. manages on behalf of America's interests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill".

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Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE
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September 22, 1997

Ms. Mary Reed
National President
Chums, Incorporated
2100 Washington Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

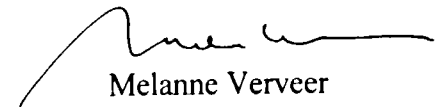
Dear Ms. Reed:

Thank you very much for your letter and for your request for a meeting with the First Lady.

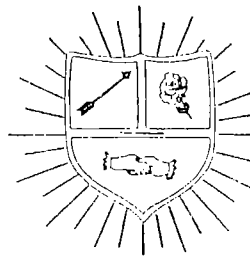
I have forwarded your request to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady, and she will be in touch.

Thanks for writing and best wishes in your important work.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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Chums, Incorporated

National Office

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2100 Washington Avenue
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July 15, 1997

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Washington, DC 20500

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Corresponding Secretary

P.O. Box 4788
Silver Spring, MD 20914

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

LaVerne Vance

Treasurer

9205 Linn Station Road
Louisville, KY 40222

I am writing to you to introduce myself, the organization that I represent, and its work with children, youth and their families.

Marie Lewis

Financial Secretary

183 Beach Club Villa
Frisp Island, SC 29935

My name is Mary A. Reed. I am the National President of CHUMS, Incorporated, a National organization, whose project motto is "Listen to the Children".

Emily Wilson

Parliamentarian

Cheshire Road, Route 2
Bethany, CT 06525

Our organization consists of thirty-three Chapters throughout the United States. In addition to developing our own goals and projects, we are committed to working with other groups that share the same goals.

Gloria Toxey Jones

Member-at-Large

1015 W. Allens Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19150

The CHUMS entire membership is in great admiration of the excellent and noble work you are doing on behalf of our children. We realized your commitment to children through your book "It Takes A Village". We would like to solicit your input on how we can better serve our communities. We realize that there is a great demand on your time, but it is my firm conviction that a visit with you would be of such enormous inspiration to our entire group. Therefore, I feel duty bound to make this request.

Alzen Smith

Public Relations Officer

273 Brookspring Road
Columbia, SC 29203

Yvonne Turner

Historian-Journalist

211 Hibler Oak Drive
Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Robyn Priest-Reed

Sergeant-at-Arms

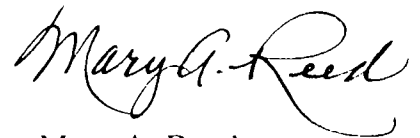
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Baltimore, MD 21207

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

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In that context, I, along with my National Project Committee Chair, humbly request an opportunity to meet with you at your earliest convenience to further explain the future visions of CHUMS, Incorporated and our solemn commitment to our youth and their families.

Sincerely,

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Mary A. Reed
National President

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 25, 1996

Ms. Nancy Rutigliano
P.O. Box 781
Rockport, MA 01966

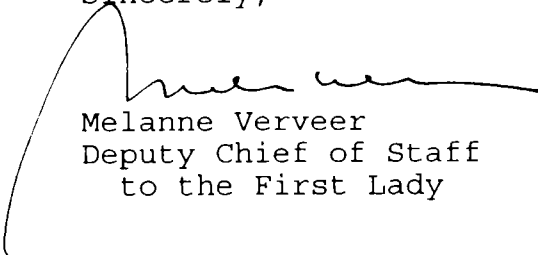
Dear Ms. Rutigliano:

Thank you for the materials you provided regarding adverse health conditions and exposure to Carbonless Copy Paper.

I have referred your papers to the relevant government agencies.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 25, 1997

Ms. Wendy Robineau
One Learned Place
Durham, North Carolina 27705

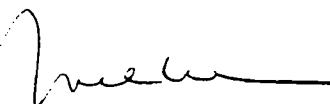
Dear Ms. Robineau:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to deliver the Commencement speech at Westover High School in Connecticut on June 5, 1998.

I have forwarded your request to Patti Solis-Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady, and she will be in touch with you sometime next year. We are not able to make scheduling decisions at this time for events so far in advance.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



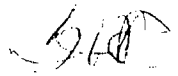
Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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WENDY ANNE ROBINEAU

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff

FROM: Wendy Robineau 

RE: Event scheduling

DATE: September 15, 1997

John Podesta has suggested that I send this request to put an event on the First Lady's schedule directly to you for consideration. The original of the invitation has gone under separate cover directly to the First Lady. I have enclosed for your information and review a copy of the invitation letter, an information summary, and some materials which should give you a feeling for the site and the event.

The event is a Commencement speech at the Westover School in Connecticut on Friday, June 5, 1998. After you look at the materials, I hope you will understand why we think this event is a real match for the First Lady and her interests. We feel it would be an enjoyable and rewarding experience for her.

My husband and I have been "FOB's" for over 25 years. We are also great admirers of the First Lady and care about many of the issues on which she has provided leadership. Because we are campaign veterans—and experienced at the scheduling, event and press advance business—you could certainly count on us for anything you may need at the site to make this a successful and satisfying event for her.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you need further information regarding the event, please feel free to contact: Jane Whitfield at the Westover School: (203) 758-2423 or me at 919-493-4143 and fax: 919-403-1231.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 9, 1998

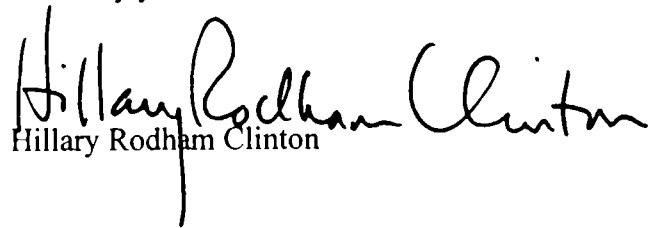
Dr. Zuzana Roithova
Vinohrady Hospital
Prague, Czech Republic

Dear Dr. Roithova:

I have learned from our U.S. Ambassador, Jenonne Walker, that you have just been named Minister of Health. I want to extend my congratulations to you as you assume this important position in your country. I will always remember my visit to Vinohrady Hospital and Orphanage and the interesting discussion we had about the delivery of health care services.

My best wishes to you as you embark on your new challenges. Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

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Walker in Prague

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 9, 1997

Mr. Gerard Roche
Chairman of the Board
Heidrick & Struggles
245 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10167-0152

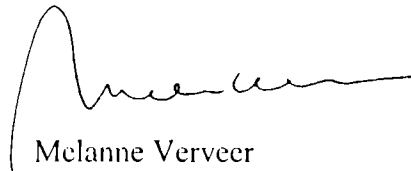
Dear Mr. Roche:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the 24th Annual YWCA Salute to Women Achievers Luncheon on November 18, 1997.

Regrettably, the First Lady will be out of the country at the time and unable to be with you in New York. Please extend Mrs. Clinton's congratulations and best wishes to Veronica.

Best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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Consultants in Executive Search



Gerard R. Roche
Chairman of the Board

September 26, 1997

The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

As a leader in the executive search industry, part of Heidrick & Struggles' mission is to recognize outstanding executives who consistently achieve more than is expected. We not only place them, we employ them.

J. Veronica Biggins is one of those "achievers" who we are proud to have as a member of our team. She is an accomplished woman who came to us from the White House, where she served as Assistant to the President of the United States and Director of Presidential Personnel. On Tuesday, November 18, Veronica will be inducted into the Academy of Women Achievers Class of 1997, at the 24th Annual YWCA Salute to Women Achievers luncheon.

I would like to invite you to be our guest in honoring Veronica. There will be a reception at 11:45 a.m., and the luncheon will begin at 12:30 p.m., in the Imperial Ballroom, at the Sheraton Hotel in New York City. Please call Jennifer Silver at 404-577-0959 to R.S.V.P.

I look forward to seeing you on November 18.

Sincerely,

GRR/sjb

October 2, 1997

Mr. Gerard Roche
Chairman of the Board
Heidrick & Struggles
245 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10167-0152

Dear Mr. Roche:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the 24th Annual YWCA Salute to Women Achievers Luncheon on November 18, 1997.

I have forwarded your letter to Patti Solis-Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady, and she will be in touch with you.

Best wishes. *for a successful event*

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Regrettably the First Lady will be out of the country at that time and unable to be with you in NY.

Please extend her Mrs Clinton's ~~special~~ congratulations & best wishes to Veronica

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 20, 1997

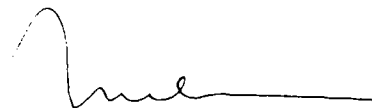
Mr. Mark Rosenman
The Union Institute
1710 Rhode Island Avenue, NW
Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20036-3007

Dear Mark:

Thank you very much for your letter and for *Building the Future Together*. The Labour materials are most interesting. It's always useful to know what other nations are doing in this area, which we care so much about.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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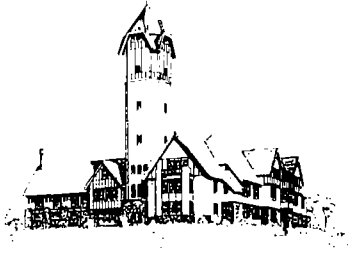
Melanne Verveer
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October 6, 1997

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bruce Reed
Doris Matsui
Melanne Verveer
Tom Kalil

FROM: Mark Rosenman

RE: Nonprofits and Government

Given your particular interest in the nonprofit sector and its relationship with government, I thought that you might like to see the enclosed copy of *Building the Future Together*. It was developed by Great Britain's Labour Party and now guides the work of the Voluntary and Community Unit of the Home Office. My hope is that it might offer some ideas you find worthy of exploration here.

I accompanied Howard Webber, Head of the Unit, to a meeting with Doris a year or so ago. He remains ready to be of any possible assistance, if it is desired. Alun Michael is the relevant Home Office minister.

The paper references Nicholas Deakin's commission and the National Council of Voluntary Organisations; I can provide further information on them if you wish it.

Cc: Gary Bass

P.S. The Nathan Cummings Foundation will publish my response to Lamar Alexander's Commission on Philanthropy and Civil Society, once I elaborate on a current draft. I will send along copies when it is available since my piece challenges Alexander's efforts to separate the sector from government.

CHRISTOPHER J. DODD
CONNECTICUT

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FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

*From the Connecticut Office of
U. S. Senator Christopher J. Dodd*

Telephone (860) 258-6940
(800) 334-5341
Fax (860) 258-6958

DATE: September 15, 1997

Time: 10:00 a.m.

TO: Ms. Melanne Vereveer
Fax: (202) 456-6244
Phone: (202) 456-6266

FROM: Shannon Kula

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pls call me
group in Connecticut
+ tell her w/ Mr.
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September 12, 1997

Ms. Melanne Verevcer
Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Room 100 OEOB
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

BY FACSIMILE

Dear Ms. Vereveer:

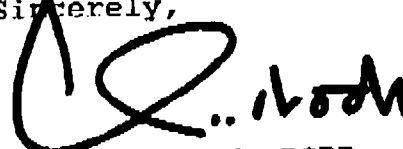
Permit me to refer to your attention, the enclosed correspondence I recently received from Mr. David Roane and Ms. Faith Jackson of Middletown, Connecticut.

As you can see, Mr. Roane and Ms. Jackson have written to me about an upcoming event in Connecticut that will address current issues of interest to the African American community and other minority groups. The Middlesex County Branch of the NAACP dedicates itself to preparing America's youth for future endeavors and would like to share this event with the First Lady.

I certainly understand the lateness of this notice, and the many pressing demands on the First Lady's schedule. However, I do wish to pass along my constituents' request and I trust it will receive appropriate consideration.

Thank you very much for your attention in this matter.

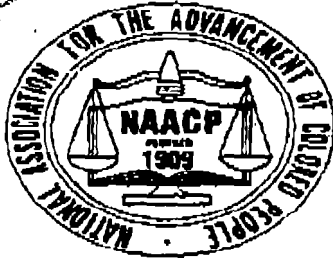
Sincerely,



CHRISTOPHER J. DODD
United States Senator

Enclosures

In reply: Connecticut Office
Attn: Shannon M. Kula

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY BRANCH NAACP**

P.O. BOX 378 MIDDLETOWN, CT 06457
(860) 632-5730

April 7, 1997

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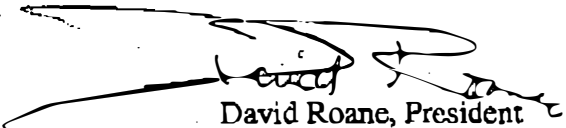
Senator Christopher J. Dodd
100 Great Meadow Road
Wethersfield, CT 06109

Dear Sen. Dodd:

The Middlesex County Branch NAACP of Middletown, Connecticut will be holding its 12th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet on September 26, 1997 at the Radisson Hotel in Cromwell. Connecticut a formal invitation will be forthcoming. We have sent a formal request to Mrs. Rodham-Clinton to be our keynote speaker (copy attached). We are asking your support in contacting the White House and urging/encouraging Mrs. Rodham-Clinton to accept our request.

Our Freedom Fund Banquet is an annual event that provides a forum to address the issues facing the African American community and other minorities. The Middlesex County Branch NAACP recognizes that raising our youth and preparing them for the 21st century is a priority for all Americans. The theme for our 12th annual Freedom Fund Banquet is "Let Us Build A Village Worthy of Our Children", therefore, we ask your help in building today for a greater tomorrow.

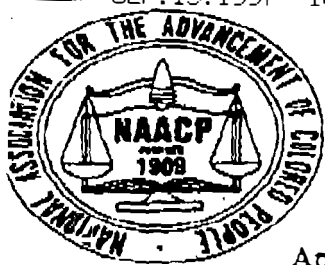
Sincerely,



David Roane, President
Faith Jackson, Chairperson

DR/ydg

enc.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY BRANCH NAACP**

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April 7, 1997

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The White House
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Washington, D.C. 20500

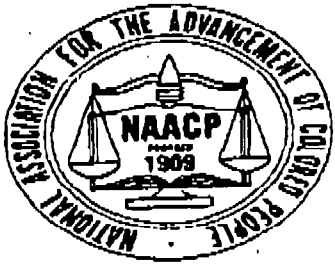
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Our Freedom Fund Banquet is an annual event that provides a forum to address the issues facing the African American community. The Middlesex County Branch NAACP recognizes that raising our youth and preparing them for the 21st century is a priority for all Americans. This year banquet will be held to honor you and your writing, "It Takes A Village" and our theme is taken from your book "Let Us Build a Village Worthy of Our Children".

We recognize and agree wholeheartedly as you so elegantly state, "just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes children to raise up a village to become all it should be. The village we build with them in mind will be a better place for us all." This objective is a prerequisite of the NAACP.

As the Middlesex County Branch NAACP and Connecticut move briskly forward with emphasis placed on preparing our youth and making this a better country for all to live in, we truly believe that your presence as our keynote speaker will help us in our efforts to inform our community regarding this most critical issue facing all of us today. By working together today as a village, we will together prepare our youth for a better life tomorrow.



MIDDLESEX COUNTY BRANCH NAACP

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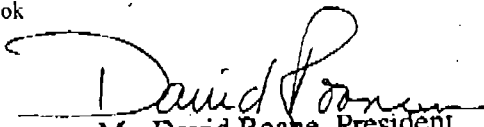
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We prayerfully hope that you will be able to fit us in your very busy schedule by joining us. As we anticipate a large number of people who would be attending to hear you, we have reserved the largest facility in our area. If you would be so kind as to confirm the date by June 1, 1997, it would be greatly appreciated. If the September 26, 1997 date is inconvenient, would you please consider any Friday in October 1997 and/or date that will fit your schedule.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. I look forward to hearing from you in the very near future.

Sincerely,


Mr. David Roane, President
Ms. Faith Jackson, Chairperson
Middlesex County NAACP

cc: Sen. Christopher J. Dodd
Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 6, 1997

Ms. Suzanne Stutman
Ms. Tari Susan Hartman
Awards Dialogue Forum
4545 42nd Street, NW
Suite 311
Washington, DC 20016

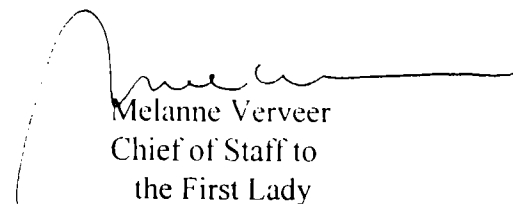
Dear Ms. Stutman & Hartman:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to participate in the Institute for Mental Health Initiatives' forum on December 11, 1997.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton is unable to accept your kind invitation due to scheduling conflicts, but sends her best wishes for a productive and successful event.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 24, 1997

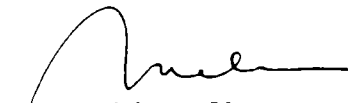
Mr. Mike Santiago
Executive Vice President
Creators Syndicate
5777 W. Century Blvd.
Suite 700
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Dear Mike:

Congratulations on your promotion at Creator's
Syndicate! We wish you all the best in your new challenges
and endeavors and we look forward to continuing to work with
you.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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CREATORS SYNDICATE

RICHARD S. NEWCOMBE
President and Chief Executive Officer

October 13, 1997

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melanne:

Enclosed is the announcement of a major promotion at Creators Syndicate. Effective immediately, Mike Santiago will assume the new position of Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, in charge of the editorial, accounting, publishing, licensing, entertainment, reprint, general and administrative, promotion and production departments. I will continue to oversee our domestic and international sales departments.

Mike and I have worked closely together for more than 10 years, and we will continue to do so to insure smooth coordination and communications. The new position is being created because of the company's spectacular growth since our founding in 1987. Mike has been with us since the beginning, and he brings a professional management background to the company -- precisely what we need to continue our progress toward becoming the biggest and best syndicate in the world.

We are very honored that you are an important part of this company, and if there is anything at all that we can do for you, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Best regards,

Rick

Richard S. Newcombe

CREATORS SYNDICATE

Monday, October 13, 1997

**Contact: Toni Kyle
(310) 337-7003**

SANTIAGO PROMOTED TO EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Mike Santiago has been promoted to the position of executive vice president and chief operating officer of Creators Syndicate. He will be responsible for the editorial, accounting, publishing, licensing, entertainment, reprint, promotion, production and general and administrative departments.

Santiago, 43, joined Creators Syndicate in 1987 and helped the company grow into the multi-million dollar corporation it is today. As executive vice president and chief operating officer, he will oversee the company's day-to-day operations and long-range financial objectives as well as serve as liaison to the syndicate's authors and cartoonists and seek out new features and columnists across the country and around the world.

"The first 10 years were an incredible growth experience for me and the company, and I look forward to helping guide the dynamic and resourceful employees at Creators Syndicate into the next millennium," Santiago said.

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Richard S. Newcombe, president and chief executive officer, said Santiago is a natural leader and just what the company needs to continue its phenomenal growth rate.

"Mike Santiago brings a level of professional management that Creators Syndicate needs as we move into our next level of growth," Newcombe said. "We have been called 'the fastest growing syndicate in history,' and to continue that growth into the future, Mike is the ideal person to lead the company. He is intelligent, honest, direct, hard-working and very knowledgeable about the syndicate business."

Santiago graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Southern California in 1976 with a degree in business administration. He also studied at the graduate business school of the University of California, Los Angeles, and is a certified public accountant. Santiago worked at Peat, Marwick and Mitchell, one of the premier consulting and accounting firms worldwide, and several other companies before joining Creators Syndicate.

Mike and his wife, Linda, live in Agoura Hills with their two sons, Anthony and Matthew.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 3, 1997

Ms. Anna Stjärnerklint
Resident Representative
United Nations Development Programme
90 Chuykov Street
720000 Bishkek
Kyrgyz Republic

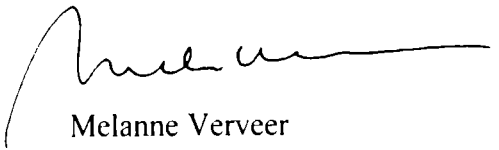
Dear Ms. Stjärnerklint:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and for "Kyrgyzstan: A Country in Transition."

The First Lady is very much looking forward to her trip to Central Asia and we appreciate having the information.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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Dear Mrs. Clinton

Subject: UN brochures

Please accept, with the compliments of the UN agencies in Kyrgyzstan, these copies of "Kyrgyzstan: A Country In Transition" for your information as you prepare for your forthcoming visit to the Central Asian republics.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a pleasant stay in the Kyrgyz Republic. Should we be able to be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at the UNDP office in Bishkek.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Anna Stjärnerklint
Resident Representative

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington D.C., USA

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 20, 1997

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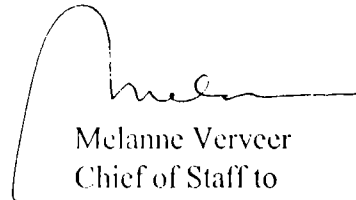
Ms. Cheryl Sim
Consul General
of the United States of America
5/1 Ho Chi Minh Sarani
Calcutta, 700 071
INDIA

Dear Cheryl:

On behalf of the First Lady and her staff, thank you and your staff's assistance and hospitality during our recent visit. We couldn't have accomplished as much as we did without you. Thank you, also, for your thoughtful letter and for the newspaper coverage of Mother Teresa's funeral as well as copies of the Mass program.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



**CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**
5/1 Ho Chi Minh Sarani
Calcutta 700 071, India

September 25, 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: *Melanne*

We are forwarding to you for the First Lady and members of her staff, copies of Sunday, September 14's newspapers which covered Mother Teresa's funeral. We were also able to obtain a few copies of the Order of Mass which was followed during the funeral service. We thought that the First Lady, and the staff who accompanied her, might wish to have these as remembrances. Under separate cover, we have also provided copies of the press to the other members of the Presidential Delegation.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Cheryl J. Sim
Consul General

Enclosure:
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 9, 1997

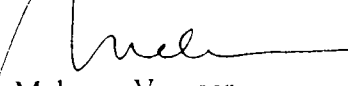
Ms. Hildegard Silva-Herzog
Embassy of Mexico
1911 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Hildegard:

It was wonderful to hear from you and to recall our pleasant times during the President and First Lady's visit to Mexico. Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and for your remarks from the Capital Speakers Club Annual Meeting. You have done well indeed! Mrs. Clinton remembers her trip to Mexico fondly and sends her thanks and best wishes.

I look forward to staying in touch with you. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Hildegard M. Silva-Herzog

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Washington, D.C., September 23, 1997

Mrs. Melanne S. Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Melanne:

Thank you!.. Thank you!.. Thank you! I am very grateful to have received the photographs of Mrs. Clinton's visit to Mexico. It was, for me, an exciting and unforgettable experience.

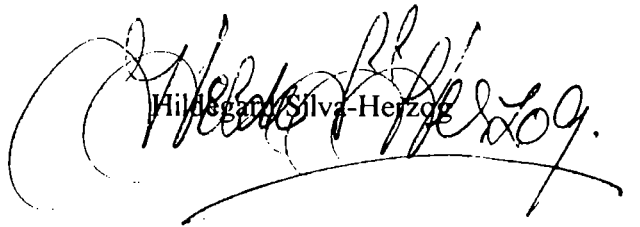
During the women's luncheon, at the Tamayo Museum, I remember telling you I would be giving a speech at the Capital Speakers Club Annual Meeting on the topic "Hats off to Successful Women."

Mrs. Clinton, Mrs. Zedillo and many of the women present during the trip provided me with great inspiration. Two days later, I heard that Mrs. Clinton had been proposed as an award recipient for the CSC, and would, thus, be present at the meeting last June 4th in Washington, D.C..

Unfortunately, she was unable to attend. I am sending you a copy of my speech in which I made reference to her visit to Mexico. Perhaps you might find it interesting.

I certainly enjoyed meeting you and look forward to seeing you soon. Maybe you could accept an invitation to the best Mexican Restaurant in town. . . Our Residence!

Best regards


Hildegard M. Silva-Herzog

FOR MOST OF HISTORY ANONYMOUS WAS A WOMAN

Last month, during the Presidential visit to Mexico, Mrs. Clinton visited Yucatan, one of the cradles of the Mayan culture.

I was impacted by the force and vehemence of the village's women. In spite of how native they may have appeared, what strongly came across in their speeches, was their authenticity, convictions, sheer common sense and solidarity in defending their beliefs and demands as women and for women.

Challenge is the common denominator in their lives, just as it is in ours.

In our process of evolution, from girlhood we are subjected to constant impositions on our character, appearance and desires. Aren't we expected to be pretty, sweet, outgoing, understanding, as well as witty, smart, strong, athletic... and happy?

Later, when most of us have "sort of adjusted" to being told what to do and how to be, we are NOW also supposed to be "wise" enough to have discovered our "uniqueness", our "calling" as to whether we should wear a doctor's, lawyer's or whatever hat. We are expected to be caring daughters, sweet sisters and fully prepared to be future wives and mothers... we must be successful... make lots of MONEY too.

Have we realized that halfway through our lives we have been induced to put on, take-off pick-up and combine so many hats without fully making it a personal choice?

From the Mayan women that inhabited the Yucatan peninsula at its splendor, and the courageous women in World History, TO US HERE, it has

taken a Universe of Anonymous and Remarkable Women to transcend time, overcome distances and differences and build a VILLAGE as a bridge from past to present, a Village, as the community where we learn from each other.

Indeed, This net of Wise Women anticipated the Web!

They have enlightened us to recognize, by ourselves, the anonymous, unique woman within each of us. They taught us that regardless of race, creed or background, our similarities far outnumber our differences.

In this, our privileged Village, Women are finally enjoying the experience of having worn several hats in a day, and countless hats in their lifetime. These challenges have strengthened their character and made them more analytical, emphatic, flexible and tolerant.

We have learned that wise women do not compete, but share. Do not criticize but support each other. In spite of wearing different hats, we respect our personal choices and join forces toward achieving COMMON GOOD.

HATS OFF TO THE MYRIAD OF ANONYMOUS AND RENOWNED WOMEN THAT HAVE LED US TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY. IN THIS VILLAGE WHERE WE ARE NO LONGER ANONYMOUS AND HAVE FOUND A HAT WITH THE PERFECT FIT.

HATS OFF TO CAPITAL SPEAKERS, YOU ARE MY VILLAGE IN WASHINGTON.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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October 1, 1997

Mr. Ori Soltes
Ms. Stacey Saltzman
B'nai B'rith Klutznick
National Jewish Museum
1640 Rhode Island Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036-3278

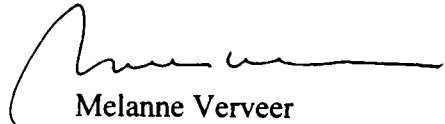
Dear Mr. Soltes & Ms. Saltzman:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and invitation to speak at the George Washington Essay Contest and Awards ceremony in April 1998.

I have forwarded your letter to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady, and she will be in touch with you sometime next year. We are not able to make scheduling decisions at this time for events so far in advance.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



B'nai B'rith Klutznick

NATIONAL JEWISH MUSEUM

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September 23, 1997

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

We are writing to ask for your participation in a biennial, city-wide, George Washington Essay Contest and Awards Ceremony sponsored by the B'nai B'rith Klutznick National Jewish Museum. The Museum is the proud guardian of the original 1790 correspondence between President George Washington and Moses Seixas, Sexton of the Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island. The Touro Synagogue is the oldest continuously functioning synagogue in the country.

Following the President's inauguration, Washington visited the Newport synagogue. During this visit, Moses Seixas made an address to the President and the congregation. In this address he coined the now famous phrase, "...to bigotry, no sanction; to persecution, no assistance..." Following his trip north, Washington sent a letter to Seixas in which he reiterated the eloquent phrase, thus ensuring the Touro congregants, and all citizens, of religious tolerance within the United States. The phrase extends beyond its original context to include the acceptance of racial and ethnic differences as well.

Four years ago the Museum reinstalled this treasured correspondence in a new visual context (the exhibit case emulates the portico of the Touro Synagogue). In conjunction with that event, the Museum sponsored a competition among District of Columbia 7th and 8th graders, who were asked to describe either visually or verbally what these words mean to them and to their communities. The contest is part of a series of Museum programs focussed broadly on learning about the range of cultures, traditions, religions, races and ethnicities which comprise our city and our nation.

Governor Zell Miller of Georgia presided over the awards ceremony as the featured speaker in a moving and enlightening evening for the children as well as the adults in attendance. Two years ago, the Awards Ceremony took place on George Washington's birthday, and D.C. Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton was the featured speaker.

This year we are reaching out to tenth and eleventh grade students in the D.C. metropolitan area. It is our hope that you will be our featured guest speaker. We recognize your commitment to children and the future that they represent. Our goal is to encourage students to think, to discuss, and then to express visually or verbally the way in which Washington's phrase relates to them and their communities - a goal which we know is compatible with President Clinton's call for "a great and unprecedented conversation about race." Therefore, we would be honored if you would accept this invitation.

We also recognize that your schedule is busy. We have not chosen a specific date as yet, in order to be able to accommodate your scheduling needs. We have tentatively reserved April 21st, 22nd, and 23rd (the last of which coincides with Holocaust Memorial Day and thus offers a logical connection to this program's purpose).

Please accept this invitation to celebrate George Washington's timeless charge to the freedom-loving people of America.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ori Z. Soltes
Museum Director



Stacey L. Saltzman
Museum Educator

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"...to bigotry no sanction; to persecution no assistance"

non-denominational notion embodied in the words of his letter to the Newport Jewish congregation.

THE LEGACY OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON LETTER

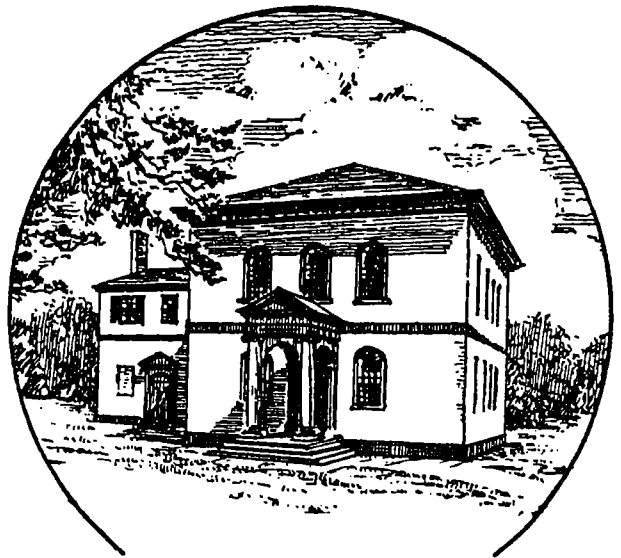
The phrase "to bigotry no sanction; to persecution no assistance" has captured the hearts of different religious, races and ethnic groups throughout United States history.

The Rabbi Touro who served the Newport synagogue at its dedication was gone - to Jamaica, where he died in 1784 - by the time these words were exchanged by Moses Seixas and George Washington. Touro's two sons became famous in the early 19th century as philanthropists. The elder Touro son, Abraham, left a substantial fund for the upkeep of the synagogue in his 1822 will. This "Touro Jewish Synagogue Fund" may account for the references thereafter to the edifice as the "Touro Synagogue." Abraham's bequest was joined 32 years later by a second sum, left by his brother, Judah Touro. Judah, who had moved to New Orleans, left an extraordinary legacy of philanthropy to dozens of Jewish and Christian institutions alike in that city and in different parts of the country.

The notion of a shared heritage for Americans of diverse backgrounds is thus connected to the Touro Synagogue both by the famous correspondence associated with it and by the interdenominational legacy of its first benefactors. The designation of the Touro Synagogue itself as a National Historic Site on March, 1946 marked it as a symbol of the aspirations of all Americans towards the fulfillment of the promise contained in the Washington-Seixas letters.

Nearly half a century after that historic designation, as our nation continues the struggle to fulfill its promise to oppose bigotry and persecution of **every** sort, these letters are being reinstalled in a setting recalling the Touro synagogue portico. This is particularly appropriate in 1993, the 150th anniversary year of B'nai B'rith - the country's first Social Service organization, with an extraordinary history of philanthropy and of fighting bigotry and prejudice wherever they arise. It is this role of B'nai B'rith that was recognized by the Morris Morgenstern Foundation when its leaders determined that these letters should come to rest in B'nai B'rith's Klutznick National Jewish Museum. We are proud to be custodians of such a significant legacy.

Ori Z. Soltes
Museum Director



"...to bigotry no sanction; to persecution no assistance"

from the correspondence between George Washington and Moses Seixas

August, 1790



"...TO BIGOTRY NO SANCTION: TO PERSECUTION NO ASSISTANCE"

Among the most important documents in the collections of the B'nai B'rith Klutznick National Jewish Museum are the letters written in 1790 between George Washington and Moses Seixas, sexton of the Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island. Seixas' letter is the most famous of many congratulatory notes addressed to the new president by Jewish American congregations. At Newport, the sexton's comments were offered when Washington visited the congregation in August. Seixas articulated a principle which Washington repeated in his response, that ours is "a government which, happily, gives to bigotry no sanction; to persecution no assistance."

This phrase is the first statement of such a principle enunciated by a leader of the new American government. It has become the banner statement of American religious and ethnic toleration, so significant to the American ethos as it has developed during the past two centuries. In his letter, Washington goes on to suggest that toleration is not acceptable in the new democratic Republic "as if it were to be conferred by one class of people on another," but that all are by definition equal under law.

Such a sentiment marks a dramatic departure from the various European "emancipations" of the Jews concurrent with the founding of the United States. They all implied the decision of various Christian governments to **allow** to Jews a range of rights which approached but did not necessarily grant full citizenship. By contrast, Washington's statement made it clear that minorities - Jews and others - are included by **definition** as citizens of the United States; they need only "demean themselves as good citizens, in giving it [the US Government] on all occasions their effectual support."

RHODE ISLAND AND RELIGIOUS TOLERATION

That such letters involve the Jewish community in Newport, Rhode Island is not surprising. Roger Williams, founder of the colony, believed strongly in religious liberty. Having been banished from Puritan Massachusetts as a result of religious closed-mindedness, he was convinced that intolerance would both threaten civil peace and obstruct the search for truth. Thus, he sought to establish in Rhode Island a civil government which remained apart from spiritual matters. The colony's 1647 Code of Laws promises that in Rhode Island, "all men may walk as their consciences persuade them, everyone in the name of God."

Not surprisingly, the news of such open-mindedness, reaching Europe, encouraged Sephardic Jews (Jews whose great-grandparents had been driven from Spain and Portugal) to immigrate to Rhode Island. Many whom circumstances had forced to hide their religion beneath a mantle of Christianity, hoped that in a new land they might be able to return to a full expression of their Faith.

Thus, Rhode Island's first Jewish community developed in Newport, perhaps as early as 1658. It was the second Jewish community in continental North America, founded four years after that in New Amsterdam (New York). By 1677, the congregation made its first communal purchase of land for a cemetery. Its members became involved in commercial affairs, partaking in the bustle that defined Newport as a port city in the early 1700's. As shippers and merchants, as craftsmen and builders, they prospered with the Newport community at large.

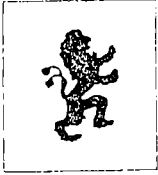
Newport's Jewish congregation grew with the influx of Ashkenazim (Jews from Central and Eastern Europe). They sought a site for a permanent house of worship and sought financial assistance from other Jewish communities for this project - it came from Shearit Yisrael in New York, and from Jamaica, Curacao, Surinam and London. They engaged the pre-eminent colonial architect, Peter Harrison, to design a synagogue, and in 1659 broke ground.

The Newport synagogue was dedicated on December, 1763, with a service led by Rabbi Isaac Touro, and attended by Jewish and non-Jewish notables alike. The Jewish community continued to expand as a vital part of Newport's progress in the years leading towards the American Revolution. During the War, individuals from the community like Aaron Lopez were important supporters of the revolutionary cause. But the destruction of Newport's trade by the British during the Revolution and the reduction of the city to a garrison town occupied by British soldiers led to the decline of the city in the late 1770's. A partial revival afterwards included the frequent use of the synagogue for public as well as religious purposes. Meetings of the Rhode Island General Assembly and sessions of the Court of Rhode Island were all held in the Newport synagogue during the early 1780's.

GEORGE WASHINGTON AND THE NEWPORT JEWISH COMMUNITY

Ironically, it was when the fortunes of city and congregation had fallen so considerably that George Washington visited Newport. Washington responded to Seixas' public remarks a few days later with his famous letter. If Rhode Island's history of religious toleration had led to the development of the Jewish community which Washington visited, so, too, Washington's response to Seixas' remarks was not surprising.

It is not simply his championing of notions implied by the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Washington himself was a Deist. Deism posits belief in the existence of a God on purely rational grounds without reliance on specific revelations or authority; it presents the notion that the Creator takes no further part in the functioning of the world beyond creating it. In the 17th and 18th centuries, Deism was particularly popular. A number of the fathers of our government subscribed to its doctrines. As a Deist, George Washington would have been particularly inclined to the



B'nai B'rith Klutznick NATIONAL JEWISH MUSEUM

Further Information on George Washington Letter Competition

While southern patriots were trying to find a personal reconciliation that in their own lives they were seeking liberty, but continued to hold blacks in slavery, George Washington, however, could not separate theory from practice and was the only Virginia founding father to free all his slaves.

" Nothing but the rooting out of slavery will perpetuate the existence of our union."

National Jewish Museum's Outreach Programs

In addition to being an archivist for these important documents, we see our role as sharing these principles with the young community in a school program designed to dispel stereotype and prejudice. With a museum educator as leader, students with a variety of backgrounds present their own perceptions of certain ethnic groups through role playing, round table discussions and writing assignments.

We reinforce our reaching out with our annual Hanukah -Kwanza Celebration. In December, Ori Soltes, Museum Director, and Abena Walker, Director of Webb Elementary School explored the traditions, origins and symbols of Hanukah and Kwanza with students from Webb and The Jewish Day School. This event was carried on all the TV networks.

Please contact Stacey Lenkin, who conducts the outreach program for any additional information.

To Melanne from Maryory —

I'm on The board of The
Museum and hope That
Mrs. Clinton will share in
This part of our wonderful
outreach to the DC schools.

Maryory. Goldman

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 20, 1997

Dr. Alfred Sommer
School of Hygiene & Public Health
Johns Hopkins University
615 N. Wolfe Street
Baltimore, MD 21205

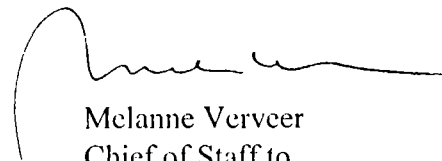
Dear Dr. Sommer:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter supporting Sir George Alleyne's appointment to the position of Director General of the World Health Organization. Mrs. Clinton recently saw Dr. Alleyne at a conference in Panama.

I have also shared your letter with other appropriate officials.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Melanne Verveer', with a large, sweeping initial 'M'.

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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Alfred Sommer
Dean

October 3, 1997

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

SUBJECT: Director General of the World Health Organization

Dear Ms. Clinton:

I hope you forgive my taking the liberty of suggesting you give considerable thought to whom might be the most appropriate and effective Director General of the World Health Organization, an institution that has recently gone through some difficult times.

There are a number of outstanding candidates. One that is spoken of highly and repeatedly is the former prime minister of Norway, who is both a trained pediatrician and public health worker. While I have absolutely nothing against her candidacy, it is extremely unlikely that she will be appointed at a time when members of the World Health Assembly's Executive Council are seeking someone from a developing country.

Recognizing the reality of the situation, it would be very helpful, and to the good of the World Health Organization, if the United States were to promote the candidacy of Sir George Alleyne, the very effective Director of the Pan American Health Organization. PAHO, as you may know, is officially the regional headquarters of the World Health Organization, but is actually considerably more independent since WHO was modeled after the Pan American Health and Sanitary Organization, which was the predecessor of PAHO. Sir George Alleyne, who is from Barbados, is a first-rate administrator and public health leader who organized the successful eradication of polio from the Americas. This was an accomplishment of outstanding importance that has been recognized worldwide. In addition, Sir George would make an able representative and spokesperson as the candidate of the Americas.

You will be meeting Sir George in Panama on October 9. I hope you will ask him about his candidacy and interest in the WHO position, and form your own opinion about this dedicated and remarkable individual.

Thank you for your continuing interest and leadership in addressing issues of populations around the world, but most importantly the health of children, particularly those living in developing countries and in our own high-risk inner city communities.

Sincerely,



Alfred Sommer, M.D., M.H.S.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 23, 1997

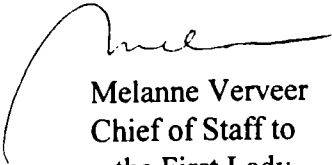
Ms. Joanne Symons
NAFE Washington Representative
927 15th Street, NW
Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Joanne:

Thank you very much for your letter and for the information on NAFE's decision to join the MacDonald Communications Corporation. It appears to be a great marriage that will enhance NAFE's work.

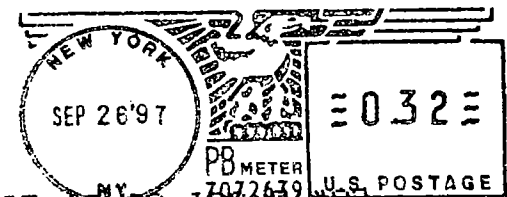
Best wishes in your most important work.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

National Association for Female
Executives
135 West 50th Street, 16th Floor
New York, NY 10020



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Melanne Verveere
Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC 20500



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NEW YORK, NY 10020
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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR FEMALE EXECUTIVES
When a woman succeeds, a company succeeds.



September 21, 1997

Melanne Verveere
Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

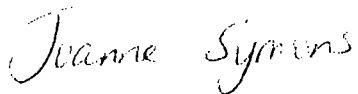
Dear Melanne:

As a leader in the women's community, I thought you would be interested in important news about the National Association for Female Executives, (NAFE).

NAFE has joined the MacDonald Communications Corporation, publishers of *Working Woman*, *Working Mother*, and *Ms.* magazines. These publications have long stood for the same values as NAFE, and have been champions of American working women. Together with these sister publications, NAFE will be able to play an increasingly important role in helping the working women of this country achieve economic, social and political equity.

We will keep you updated on changes at NAFE as they develop. As we review the concerns of today's working women, I hope we can call upon you to share your thoughts and ideas about the issues which need to be addressed and about the most effective means for making a difference in the lives of American women.

Yours truly,



Joanne L. Symons
NAFE Washington Representative

MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

Previous editions usable

TO:

Huma

☒ YOU WERE CALLED BY-- ☐ YOU WERE VISITED BY--

Joanne Symons DC Rep
OF (Organization)

Natl Assoc. Female Executives

☐ PLEASE PHONE ► ☐ FTS ☐ AUTOVON

☐ WILL CALL AGAIN ☐ IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

☐ RETURNED YOUR CALL ☐ WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

Address: 927 15th St, NW
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Washington, D.C. 20005
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(F) (202) 289-3743

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WASHINGTON

October 24, 1997

Ms. Lyn Sherr
ABC News 20/20
147 Columbus Avenue
New York, NY 10023

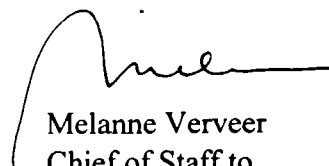
Dear Lyn:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and for the copies of *Tall Blondes: A Book About Giraffes*. I have given one to the First Lady and I will thoroughly enjoy my copy. Thanks for your thoughtfulness.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Sorry we missed
your party. but
thanks for
making it.



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Lynn Sherr

(R)

For

Thanks for

"Tall Blondes"

Melanne

(Sorry you couldn't
make it to the party - But
here's one for you &
HRC) LS

Lynn Sherr
Correspondent
20/20



ABC News
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New York NY 10023
(212) 456 7220


Thanks

ABC News 20/20

Lynn Sherr
Correspondent

October 22, 1997

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Office of the First Lady

fax: 202-456-6244

Just to let you know that I've just overnighted two copies of *Tall Blondes: A Book About Giraffes* to your office. One for you, one for HRC.

I have not had a chance to get to DC and wanted to be sure you both had them. The book is doing very well – second printing! -- and getting lots of attention.

Hope to see you soon.

Lynn

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1997

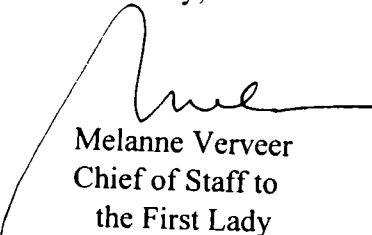
Mr. Edward Shumaker, III
Gallagher, Callahan & Gartrell
P.O. Box 1415
Concord, NH 03302

Dear Terry:

Congratulations on your appointment as Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago! I am sorry that we weren't able to attend your swearing-in. We wish you all the best as you face new challenges and opportunities.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

—
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

OF

EDWARD E. SHUMAKER, III

AS

AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO

THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 4 P.M.

AT THE

WARREN B. RUDMAN U.S. COURTHOUSE
55 PLEASANT STREET
CONCORD, NH 03301

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 28
TO LAURIE SANBORN
TEL: 603/228-1181x217

A RECEPTION AT THE WARREN B. RUDMAN COURTHOUSE
WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW THE CEREMONY.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1997

Ms. Sylvia Panetta
P.O. Box 42
Carmel Valley, CA 93924

Dear Sylvia:

Thank you for your letter and for the invitation to the First Lady from the California Environmental Health Association. Our receipt of ~~them~~ *the invitation* has been acknowledged directly.

I don't know at this time whether Hillary will be able to accept, but the request will receive full consideration.

Our love to you and Leon. Enjoy! *o*

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1997

Mr. James D. Wolfensohn
President
The World Bank
Washington, DC 20433

Dear Jim:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and invitation to "Call to Action for Safe Motherhood" on April 7, 1998.

It is too early to predict whether Hillary will be able to join you and your invited guests. It's obviously a most important topic and convening. I assure you the invitation will receive serious consideration.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

*and one that is
of keen interest to me
First Lady*

Cecily E. Baskir
3715 Bradley Lane
Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Telephone: (301) 652-1456

EDUCATION:

Universität Potsdam, Germany

Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst Fellowship, Academic Year 1996-7
Pursued independent research on contemporary German Jewish women and
attended courses in the Master's Program of Jewish Studies.

Princeton University, A.B., Religion, June 1996, *magna cum laude*, GPA 3.88

Phi Beta Kappa Society

Sacks Memorial Prize for thesis on the role of women rabbis in American Judaism

Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, June 1992, GPA 4.0, National Merit Scholar

EXPERIENCE:

Assistant for Holocaust Claims, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission Sept.-Oct. 1997

Drafted and edited decisions, reviewed claimant files, and corresponded with
claimants in the Holocaust Survivors Claims Program. Translated
correspondence from and into German.

Hospital Intern, Thurgauisches Kantonsspital Münsterlingen, Switzerland Summer 1995

Assisted nurses in the Pediatrics ward of state hospital as a participant in the
Princeton University German Department Summer Work Program.

Assistant Department Head, Camp Louise Outdoor Staff Summer 1994

Organized and led children's hiking, caving, canoeing, and rock climbing trips.
Expanded outdoor education and nature study program for girls ages 8-16.

White House Intern, Office of David Gergen, Counselor to the President Summer 1993

Handled phone calls and written correspondence, including over 3000 letters,
and occasional scheduling during Mr. Gergen's transition to the White House.
Edited briefing books for Mr. Gergen's trip to the G-7 Summit in Tokyo and
for the Flood Summit for State Governors in Missouri.

Campaign Assistant, Marjorie Margolies Mezvinsky for Congress 1994

Coordinated volunteers from Princeton, solicited voter support, and
electioneered at the polls on primary and general election day.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Volunteer, Office of the Vice President, Democratic National Convention	1996
Secretary, New Jersey State Federation of College Democrats	1995
Volunteer, Clinton/Gore Primary and General Campaigns	1992, 1996
Classical Music Director, WPRB-Princeton, 103.3 FM	1992-1996
Social Director, 1995 World Universities Debating Championship	1994-1995

SKILLS: Fluent in French and German, basic Italian and Yiddish
Certified in Teaching English as a Foreign Language
Windows 95, Word Perfect, Word for Windows, basic HTML

INTERESTS: Kokikai Aikido...camping...pig collecting...intriguing earrings...travel...music...ballroom dance

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 27, 1997

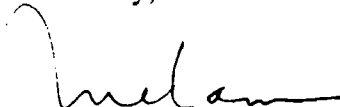
Ms. Elaine Schuster
132 Yarmouth Road
Chestnut Hill, MA 02167

Dear Elaine:

Thank you very much for your letter and for information on P.E.A.C.E 1997 Summer Day Camp Program and the invaluable work being done for children. I have shared the materials with the First Lady.

Thanks and best wishes. *Hope all is well.*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Melanne".

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Melanne / Katy -

Elaine Schuster
sent me this info.
I don't know what
to do w/ it. I'd
like to follow-up
w/ her personally.
Can you help?

Thanks,
— Kelly

Respond from
mv - thank
for sending
info to
HRC

Elaine Schuster

132 Yarmouth Road
Chestnut Hill, MA 02167

July 2, 1997

Kelly Craighead
Office of the First Lady
Old Executive Office Building
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Kelly:

These are the tapes that we discussed yesterday. I do hope that the First Lady gets a chance to see them, I know she'll be impressed.

The program is really great, and I have enclosed some other material regarding the Summer Day Care Program.

Hope you have a great vacation, and look forward to speaking with you this week about Nantucket.

Fondly,



Elaine

Enclosures

Telephone (617) 738-4055
Fax (617) 738-4770

"It Takes A Whole Village To Raise A Child"

P.E.A.C.E. 1997 SUMMER DAY CAMP PROGRAM



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WELCOME TO THE P.E.A.C.E. SUMMER DAY CAMP PROGRAM!!!

We are excited about the exceptional summer that we have planned, and we are confident that you and your Bright One will share a happy, safe, and enjoyable camp experience in our care. This packet is designed to help answer any questions that you may have about your child's upcoming experience.

As with any organization and/or group, we will build a supportive and meaningful environment. We will begin each day with a thought about how to be a good friend, how to help others, and pledges about planting good seed so that we will receive a good reward. Most of all, it means building relationships with your Bright One, which will help him/her enjoy, achieve, feel safe, and confident, but also give them a chance to sit and reflect on their future.

We believe in fun, new skills, education, friendship, faith and self discovery for Bright Ones. Our facilities provide an environment for an active, interested summer full of sunshine, fresh air, and friendship.

If you have any questions about summer day camp, please do not hesitate to contact the camp director, Mrs. Tsehai Russell, or any member of our staff. We look forward to welcoming your child for a summer of fun.

Respectfully,
P.E.A.C.E.



P.E.A.C.E. 1997 SUMMER PROGRAM

STAFF OUR MISSION

WE THE SUMMER PROGRAM STAFF ARE COMMITTED TO ENRICHING THE LIVES OF OUR **BRIGHT ONES**, IN A LOVING ENVIRONMENT, BY SETTING THE BEST EXAMPLES, BUILDING THEIR HISTORICAL AND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, AND INCREASING SELF ACCEPTANCE; THEREBY, STRENGTHENING THEIR MINDS, BRIGHTENING THE LIGHT IN THEIR EYES, INCREASING THE LOVE IN THEIR HEARTS AND ULTIMATELY EMPOWERING THEM TO ACHIEVE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.

Summer Day Camp Goals

- To provide an emotionally and physically safe environment
- To build and develop feelings of self-worth and appreciation of other people
- To promote a thirst for knowledge and education
- To expose our bright ones to new activities
- To experience activities in nature which will continue constructive and enjoyable use of leisure time throughout life
- To establish behavior guidelines and discipline which will teach the Bright Ones to want to control their own behavior.
- To learn and develop physical fitness and team cooperation through exposure to various sports and games
- To explore creativity and use imagination through participation in arts, crafts, and cultural activities.
- To provide a micro-view of real life skills (e.g. banking skills)

P.E.A.C.E.
*SUMMER CALENDAR 1997

WEEK ONE = June 23-27

»Theme: *Umoja (Unity)*

Activities: Team work, leadership, positive outlook,
recognizing each others strengths & Talents.

WEEK TWO = June 30-July 3

(The Reach-Out Center will be closed on the 4th of July)

»Theme: *Black is Beautiful*

Activities: Our African-American history, present and
future. Understanding our unique culture.

WEEK THREE = July 7-11

»Theme: *Non-Violence*

Activities: Consequences of drug abuse and violence,
conflict resolution, gang violence, and H.I.V.
awareness.

WEEK FOUR = July 14-18

»Theme: Community Service

Activities: Helping the elders in our community, keeping
our community safe & clean, environmental
protection, recycling drive.

WEEK SEVEN = August 4-8

»Theme: Celebrate Family

Activities: Value diversity of families, learning individual
family tree and history, our community family.

WEEK SIX = July 28-June 1

Cultural Awareness and Career Week ELLE

Activities: Appreciate and value cultures from around the
world. Speakers from other countries.

WEEK SEVEN = August 4-8

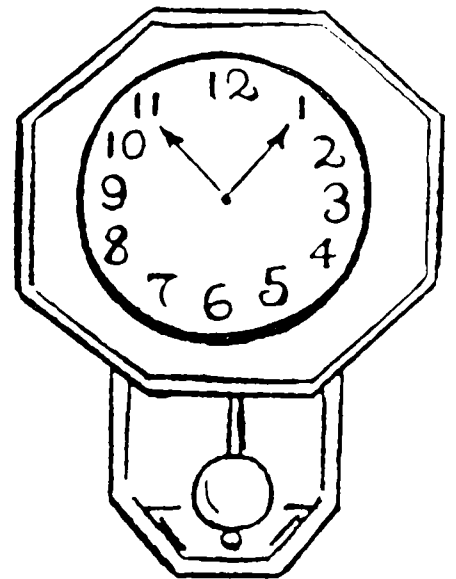
»Theme: *Olympia and Grand Finale*

Activities: "Fiesta Days" and Talent Show (awards and
Banquet).

Daily Schedule

Bright Ones must arrive promptly at **9:00 a.m.** to receive breakfast.

9:00 a.m. -	9:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:30 a.m. -	10:00 a.m.	Circle Time
10:00 a.m. -	11:00 a.m.	Activity One
11:00 a.m. -	12:00 a.m.	Activity Two
12:00 a.m. -	12:30 a.m.	Lunch
12:30 a.m. -	1:30 p.m.	Activity Three
1:30 p.m. -	2:30 p.m.	Activity Four
2:30 p.m. -	3:00 p.m.	Snack & Quiet Time
3:00 p.m. -	4:00 p.m.	Activity Four
4:00 p.m. -	4:30 p.m.	Team Time



LATE FEE: If you have indicated that your Bright One is to be picked up from camp and a designated individual does not arrive at **4:30 p.m.** you will be charged **\$5.00 for every 15 minutes** after 4:30. Please make necessary arrangements.

****Payment must be made within one week of the charge or your Bright One will not be allowed to return to camp until payment is made.**

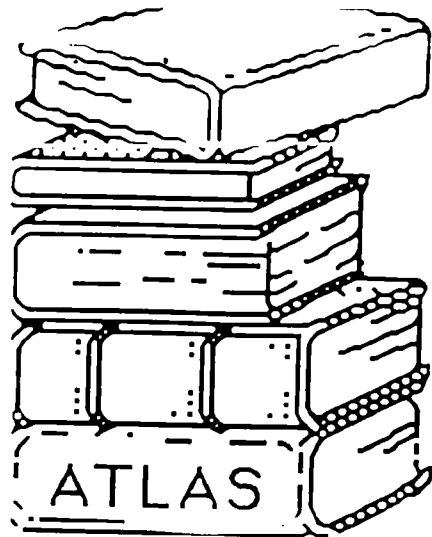
*Bright Ones will spend one hour daily (Mon-Thur) in Reading/Writing Center

*Bright Ones will spend one hour in Math/Computer Classes (Mon-Thurs alternating daily between Math and Computers)

Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack Program

P.E.A.C.E. will provide a USDA approved lunch and breakfast during the designated times only. If your Bright One arrives after the meals are served they will not receive a meal.

P.E.A.C.E. will also provide an afternoon snack to each camp participant.



L.O.V.E. To Read

Family Reading Program
(Love Optimizes Value and Empowerment)

You have the chance to earn **FREE Grocery Items**
just for Reading with your child **15 minutes** a day!

P.E.A.C.E. is excited to enroll you in a Fun, New, Reading Program. This program is designed to increase the reading levels of our Bright Ones. Studies show that a child who reads only 10 min a night at home for a year is guaranteed to increase their reading level by one full grade level.

Our Bright Ones need all the advantages they can get to succeed in today's competitive world and that is why we are trying this new innovative program.

How Does It Work?

Every evening your Bright One will bring home copies of pages from the book the family is expected to read. The reading has been timed to take no more than 15 minutes. Parents are **to** read to and/or **with** their Bright One and complete the questions that accompany it. The questions should be returned daily during reading class. For each completed assignment the family will receive one point.

At the end of the week we will add up the number of points earned, and the family will receive one grocery item per point. It is that simple! If you successfully complete all five assignments you will receive **bonus** grocery items.

Grocery Items may include:

Cereal	Canned Foods
Cake Mixes	Oatmeal Milk
Eggs	Frozen Foods
Bleach	Detergent
Household Cleaners	

And Much...Much...More!

*Parents may not choose items they chosen according to availability to P.E.A.C.E.

P.S. We have chosen exciting books that the whole family is sure to enjoy!

COOPERATIVE DISCIPLINE

Greetings Parents! Throughout the Summer Program, we will utilize Cooperative Discipline as the method of discipline for our Bright Ones. The purpose of this method is to teach our Bright Ones to want to control their own behavior, thereby fostering self-discipline and self-control. Rather than reprimand our Bright Ones for unruly behavior, we will use positive reinforcement to praise those who follow the center's guidelines.

SUMMER PROGRAM RULES

1. SHOW RESPECT TO OTHERS

- call each other by their proper name
- keep your hands to yourself
- use positive, kind words
- maintain a positive attitude
- no violence

2. OBEY AUTHORITY

- raise hands before talking
- address authority properly
- do as you are asked

3. NO PERSONAL PROPERTY

- no food, candy, gum, etc.
- no electronic equipment (radios, pagers, etc.)
- you are responsible for your own money

4. RESPECT PROPERTY

- clean your mess
- walk and talk quietly inside
- no stealing

5. DRESS APPROPRIATELY

- no tank tops
- no mesh
- must wear shoes and shirt at all times
- no short shorts or short skirts
- no hats inside

DISCIPLINARY PROCESS

THE FOLLOWING ARE CAUSES FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

1. Fighting
2. Stealing
3. Disrespecting authority or property
4. Having 3 time-outs

1. WRITTEN WARNING

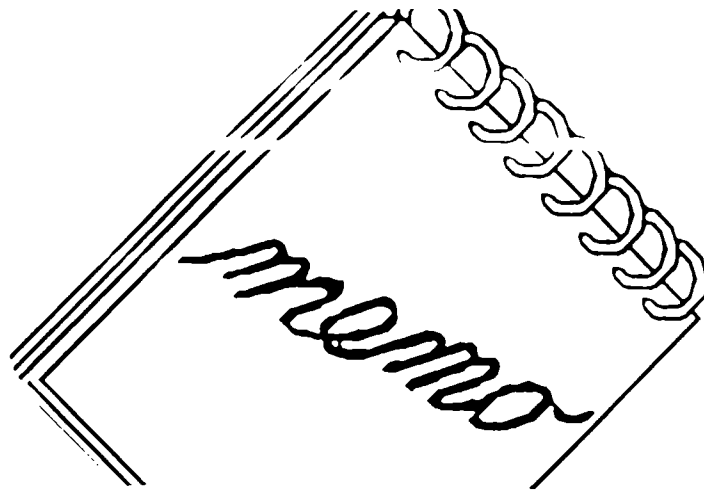
- call home
- bring back written apology signed by parent

2. SUSPENSION

- 1 day
- parent-counselor conference

3. EXPULSION

- parent-counselor conference



IMPORTANT NAMES & NUMBERS

Reach-Out Center

Edna Moffett

881-6358

874-6301

Emergency

911

Poison Control

616-9000

Department of Family & Children Services 756-4900

Staff:

Mrs. Tsehai, Camp Director

Ms. Jacquetta, Assistant Director

Ms. Felicia, Reading Instructor

Ms. Lakeitah, Computer/Math Instructor

Ms. Ayla, Counselor*

Mr. Cliff, Counselor*

Mrs. Michelle, Counselor*

Mr. Carl, Counselor*

Brother Ant, Counselor*

Sister Asha, Circle Time Coordinator

Alex. Jr. Staff

AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICATION

CHILD'S NAME _____

TYPE OF MEDICATION _____

WEEK BEGINNING: MONTH _____ DAY _____

TIME OF DAY MEDICATION IS TO BE GIVEN _____

PHYSICIAN'S NAME _____

PHYSICIAN'S PHONE NUMBER _____

AMOUNT (DOSAGE) OF MEDICATION GO BE GIVEN _____

DATE

PARENT'S SIGNATURE

A NEW FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT EACH WEEK IF MEDICINE IS CONTINUED

CENTER RECORD

STAFF ADMINISTERING MEDICATION ARE TO RECORD: DATE, TIME, AMOUNT OF MEDICATION GIVEN, AND INITIAL/SIGN NAME.

DATE	TIME	AMOUNT	STAFF SIGNATURE
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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 4, 1997

Mr. David Stern
National Association for Public Interest Law
1118 22nd Street, NW
Third Floor
Washington, DC 20037

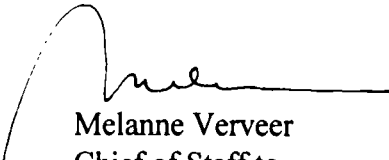
Dear David:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and invitation to speak at the National Association for Public Interest Law Awards Dinner on October 17, 1997.

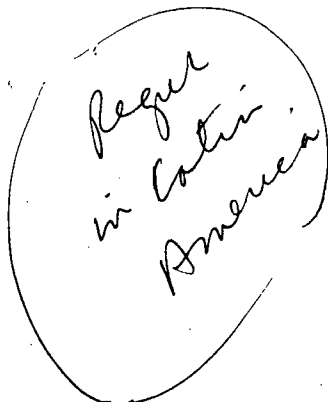
Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton is unable to attend as she will be in Latin America, but sends her best wishes for a successful event.

Thanks and best wishes.

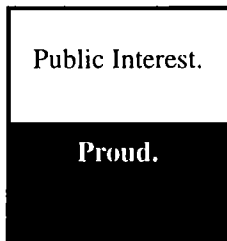
Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



John --



August 11, 1997

*Melanne
fyi
(to the)*

It was great to see you at the IR&R Council meeting.

I am writing to follow up on my note asking whether you would be willing to help encourage Hillary Rodham Clinton to speak at our dinner honoring Jamie Gorelick or to address our national conference and career fair, which attracts 1,200 public interest-minded law students.

Attached is our letter to HRC along with a fact sheet about NAPIL and a "save the date" card for our Awards Dinner. You will note that our mutual friend, Cliff Sloan, is involved with this program and co-signed the letter to the First Lady.

Any help you can provide in getting the First Lady to say yes would be greatly appreciated.

*He's a
good guy
JDP*
David Stern

National Association for Public Interest Law (NAPIL)
1118 22nd Street NW • Third Floor • Washington, DC 20037
Tel: 202/466-3686 • Fax: 202/429-9766 • e-mail: dstern@napil.org

July 18, 1997

The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Clinton:

For the past two years, you have honored us by serving as an Honorary Chair to the National Association for Public Interest Law (NAPIL) Awards Dinner, an annual event galvanizing support for public interest law from the bar and from law schools. At the dinner, we recognize unique contributions to public interest law by seasoned practitioners as well as law students.

This year we are honoring Jamie Gorelick and presenting her with our Public Interest Advocate of the Year award. It would be a tremendous statement of support for public interest law -- and a recognition of Ms. Gorelick's remarkable public interest contributions -- if you could offer a few remarks and present Ms. Gorelick with the award. **The dinner will be held on Friday, October 17th here in Washington, D.C.**

Founded in 1986 by students at 15 law schools, NAPIL is now a national coalition of 142 law student organizations working on their campuses to inspire and train the next generation of public interest lawyers. We work with students and lawyers to create public interest legal employment and training opportunities, remove the economic barriers that confront future public interest lawyers, and provide information and inspiration for public service work. One of the main activities of NAPIL's law school member groups is to fund summer public interest jobs for law students, and NAPIL's fellowship program provides public interest opportunities for law school graduates across the nation.

NAPIL also administers the National Service Legal Corps, a project of President Clinton's AmeriCorps national service program. Started in 1994, this program puts lawyers, paralegals and community educators to work at legal services offices in underserved communities nationwide to address the problems of homelessness and domestic violence and to create community-based economic development. Based on the program's success, the Corporation for National Service has tentatively agreed to double the size of this program to 13 sites and 55 participants, 42 of whom will be lawyers.

The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
July 18, 1997
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Another part of NAPIL's mission is to present role models who can inspire students committed to public service. Jamie Gorelick is such a role model. Her public service accomplishments, dedication and success are particularly impressive. We expect about 600 people to attend the event, including 250 law students from across the country who are interested in pursuing public interest law careers. Many of our other guests will be from the private and public interest law communities.

It would truly be a wonderful evening if you could offer a few remarks and present Ms. Gorelick's award. If you are unable to attend, we would still be delighted if you could once again serve as an Honorary Chair. NAPIL has also sent a letter to the President and Vice-President and Mrs. Gore inviting them to serve as Honorary Chairs, as in past years. We will call your staff within the next two weeks to discuss your possible involvement.

Thank you very much for your consideration and thank you for your vigorous support of public interest law.

Sincerely,

David Stern
Executive Director

Clifford M. Sloan
Wiley, Rein & Fielding
Member of the Board of Directors
NAPIL Fellowships for Equal Justice

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 24, 1997

Ms. Elizabeth Shannon
Director
International Visitor's Program
25 Lenox Street
Brookline, MA 02146

Dear Elizabeth: ^{Liz}

Thank you very much for your letter and CD which I have given to the First Lady. The cease fire is good news. Let's hope it lasts. Mrs. Clinton has received a number of invitations to speak in Northern Ireland. Hopefully, we'll get there before too long.

It was good to hear from you. Thanks for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Boston University

International Visitors Program
Elizabeth Shannon, Director
25 Lenox Street
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(Handwritten signature)

July 17, 1997

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Office of the First Lady
Room 100
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melanne:

Here is the latest CD of Robert White accompanied by Samuel Sanders. Robert asked me to send this along to Mrs. Clinton. I hope she will enjoy it.

I just returned from a month in Ireland, both North and South. The last-minute decision on marching by the Unionists was very magnanimous, and I hope it signals yet another step towards peace.

I trust that you are enjoying the summer and that Washington is not yet into its August hothouse mode. I look forward to seeing you down there one of these days.

Best wishes,

Liz

Elizabeth Shannon

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 24, 1997

Ms. Rosalia Arteaga Serrano
Constitutional Vice President of the Republic of Ecuador
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entre Chile e Espego
Quito, Ecuador
SOUTH AMERICA

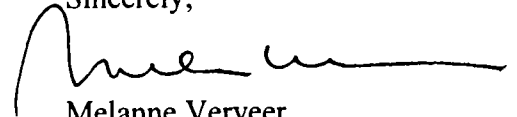
Dear Ms. Serrano:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to participate in the International Conference on Women in Politics held in Ecuador on October 2-3, 1997.

Regrettably, because of a schedule conflict, Mrs. Clinton will not be able to accept your kind invitation. We wish you much success with the conference.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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SUBJECT: INVITATION FOR FIRST LADY HILLARY CLINTON TO
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1. THE EMBASSY RECEIVED ON JULY 7 A LETTER FROM VICE
PRESIDENT ROSALIA ARTEAGA INVITING FIRST LADY HILLARY
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WOMEN IN POLITICS TO BE HELD IN ECUADOR OCTOBER 2-3,
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TO ACCOMPANY HER FOR A VISIT TO THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS.
ORIGINAL LETTER POUCHED TO ARA/AND. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF
INVITATION LETTER IN ENGLISH AS RECEIVED.

2. ENGLISH ORIGINAL
(BEGIN TEXT)

QUITO, JULY 1, 1997

MRS. HILLARY CLINTON
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR MRS. CLINTON:

I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS YOU TO CONVEY THE WARMEST AND
MOST HEARTFELT GREETING ON MY BEHALF AND IN THE NAME OF
THE PEOPLE OF MY COUNTRY. THE TRANSCENDENTAL ACTIONS
THAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED IN ALL THE FIELDS OF HUMAN
ACTIVITY ALSO GENERATE MY DEEPEST SOLIDARITY TOWARDS YOU.
THE DECISIONS ADOPTED BY YOU TO SUCH A HIGH LEVEL BRING
REPERCUSSIONS IN ALL PARTS OF OUR PLANET.
TAKING ALL OF THIS INTO ACCOUNT, I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO FORMULATE TO YOU AN INVITATION TO PRESIDE,
JOINTLY WITH ME, OVER THE INTERNATIONAL MEETING THAT WILL
TAKE PLACE IN MY COUNTRY DURING THE SECOND AND THIRD OF
OCTOBER. PENDING YOUR ACCEPTANCE, I WILL PROCEED TO ASK
THE MOST IMPORTANT LEADERS OF OUR REGION, PEOPLE THAT

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HAVE BEEN PROMINENT IN THE FIELDS OF POLITICS, HUMAN RIGHTS, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, IN ORDER TO INFORM AND ANALYZE THE PROBLEMS RELATED WITH THE RECENT PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN, AND THEIR EXPERIENCES IN THE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF POLITICAL DECISION MAKING.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, I WOULD LIKE TO FORWARD TO YOU THE LIST OF POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS IN THIS EVENT, AS WELL AS THE PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES TO BE ACCOMPLISHED DURING THIS OCCASION.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF ACCOMPANYING ME ON A TRIP TO THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS WHERE YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO ADMIRE, AS YOU KNOW, THE MOST REMARKABLE NATURAL WONDER, WITH ITS UNIQUE FLOWERS AND FAUNA, AS WELL AS WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED AND WHAT COULD BE ACHIEVED IN THE FUTURE, IN ORDER TO PROTECT THIS NATURAL SANCTUARY.

I DEEPLY HOPE THAT YOU CAN ATTEND THIS INTERNATIONAL GATHERING. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY GOOD TO EXPRESS MY HIGHEST AND MOST DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION.

(SIGNED)

ROSALIA ARTEAGA SERRANO

CONSTITUTIONAL VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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July 24, 1997

Ms. Rhoda Sharp
Mr. Ben Bushman
Beverly Hills High School
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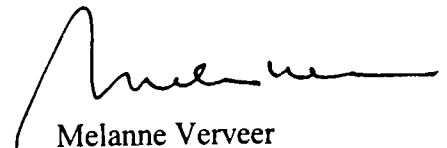
Dear Ms. Sharp & Mr. Bushman:

Thank you very much for your letter and kind invitation to the First Lady to visit Beverly Hills High School.

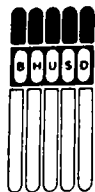
I have forwarded your letter to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady, to keep on file in the event that Mrs. Clinton makes a trip to Beverly Hills.

Thanks for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



BEVERLY HILLS HIGH SCHOOL
241 Moreno Drive
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(310) 201-0661

Ben Bushman, Principal

July 1, 1997

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

Dear Ms. Verveer:

On behalf of the Beverly Hills Unified School District I would like to take this opportunity to invite Mrs. Clinton to visit our school community and specifically, Beverly Hills High School.

The secret service is familiar with our area as we have had, in the past, presidents and vice presidents run on our track, land on our field, and speak to student leaders.

School is closed for the summer; we reopen on September 4 with classes starting at 8:00 AM and ending at 3:30 PM. Our auditorium seats 1300 but we have smaller theaters as well. While I have given you the schedule, I hasten to add that we are extremely flexible and could arrange any time frame you might require.

Our school population is multi-cultural; in more than forty percent of families English is not their first language.

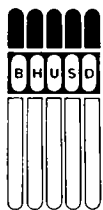
Our mutual friend, Mel Levine, suggested that I send this letter to you for possible scheduling. We realize how many requests you receive on a daily basis but we are hoping that we will be considered.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Respectfully,

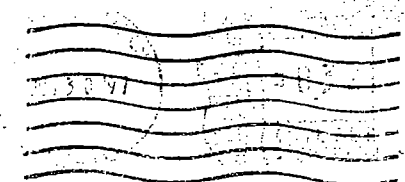
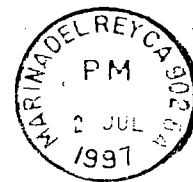
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July 2, 1997

Ms. Robyn Shapiro
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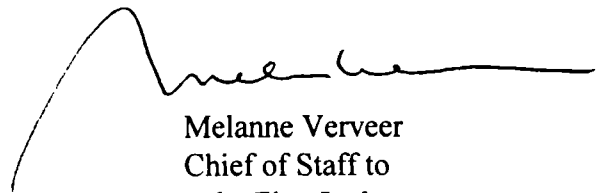
Dear Ms. Shapiro:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and for the information on the Coordinating Group on Bioethics and the Law.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton is unable to accept your invitation to be an At-Large member.

Thanks for writing and best wishes in your important work.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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Mrs. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

The American Bar Association's Coordinating Group on Bioethics and the Law is honored to invite you to be an At-Large member in the spring of 1998. The Coordinating Group was created in 1991 in an effort to foster coordination, communication, and partnerships among ABA entities working in the field of bioethics and the law. The Coordinating Group's primary aim is to serve as the focal point for Association activities related to bioethics. The Group achieves this goal by serving as an ABA information clearinghouse on bioethics topics, coordinating response to internal and external bioethics-related inquiries, bringing salient national bioethics issues to the attention of the Association and its entities, and strengthening the ABA's position as the nation's preeminent legal source on bioethics issues.

One important avenue for the Coordinating Group's efforts to provide information and coordinate Association-wide bioethics activities is its publications. Biannually, the Group publishes the *Bioethics Bulletin*, a newsletter which informs the Association of bioethics-related legal developments, issues, and professional conferences of interest. In recent years, the Group has also developed issue papers and anthologies on specific topics of interest. This past year, the Group has addressed: telemedicine, physician-assisted suicide, legal issues in managed care, genetics, and computerized medical records. The Group's issue papers highlight salient legal issues surrounding these important topics.

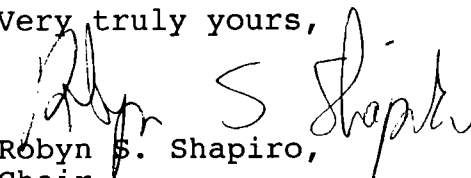
Mrs. Clinton
June 20, 1997
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The Group meets twice a year, at the Mid-year and the Annual meetings of the Association. While the Group does not sponsor ABA policy recommendations, often times at Group business meetings members will discuss their own entity's policy recommendations, prior to submission to the House, so as to benefit from groups members' information and insights.

As the Coordinating Group on Bioethics and the Law embarks on its sixth year, it is clear that it has evolved into a distinguished and successful resource to the Association -- and beyond -- on bioethics issues challenging the country. The Coordinating Group's future activities will continue to serve the ABA, in its need and desire to be informed about bioethics issues, as well as outside individuals, institutions, and groups who will look to the ABA for guidance.

Your interest and insights about health care issues would be invaluable to the Coordinating Group. We hope you will give serious consideration to our request. If you require further information about the activities of the Coordinating Group, I can be reached at (414) 225-4956. Thank you for considering our invitation.

Very truly yours,



Robyn S. Shapiro,
Chair

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 5, 1997

Ms. Nikki Stephanopoulos
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese
8 East 79th Street
New York, NY 10021

Dear Nikki:

Thank you very much for your very thoughtful note and wonderful souvenirs. The First Lady was delighted to receive the Ecumenical Patriarch at the White House, to see so many old friends from the Greek community, and to be able to reciprocate for His Excellency's gracious meeting with her in Istanbul.

It was great to see you. Best wishes and happy holidays!

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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11/25/97

Melanne,

We continue to hear news throughout the
Country for the wonderful reception hosted by
Mrs Clinton at the White House. All thank you
so much for making this event happen. He
is truly a most gracious lady. My wishes
for a blessed Thanksgiving for you & yours

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 24, 1997

Mr. Ted Strong
Executive Director
Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
729 N.E. Oregon
Suite 200
Portland, Oregon 97232

Dear Mr. Strong:

Thank you very much for your letter and for the information on the difficulties being faced by salmon restoration programs. I have forwarded your letter to Lynn Cutler, Deputy Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs, and her office should be in touch with you.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Melanne', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION

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November 14, 1997

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

Dear Ms. Verveer:

Over the past year, the four Columbia River tribes with treaty-reserved fishing rights and the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission raised concerns at all stages of Northwest Power Planning Council implementation of the Gorton amendment to the Northwest Power Act. Unfortunately, NWPPC's decision to condition or delay funding for tribal salmon restoration programs (ostensibly, until additional reviews take place) has forced the tribes to take legal action.

The Yakama, Umatilla, Warm Springs, and Nez Perce tribes petitioned the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, asking it to review the legal aspects of NWPPC's decision and its responsibilities under the Northwest Power Act. At the same time, the tribes are asking the NWPPC to rescind its decision.

The enclosed full-page advertisement, which is running this week in major newspapers in Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, was prompted by NWPPC's recent actions. As the advertisement indicates, more studies are not necessary. Many of the tribes' projects have undergone fifteen years of extensive study and planning, costing hundreds of millions of dollars under NWPPC's leadership. By NWPPC's own admission, the tribal hatcheries are based on sound science. The tribal projects are also based on sound policy and law.

Delay caused by NWPPC's decision to create new and shifting policies jeopardizes many salmon restoration programs, including those in the Yakima, Clearwater, Walla Walla, Grande Ronde, and Salmon basins. NWPPC's actions are keeping us from repeating the successes we have had in the Umatilla Basin. Salmon runs that had been eliminated in the Umatilla for about 70 years are beginning to flourish again. For the past two years, salmon returns have been strong enough to allow limited spring chinook fishing seasons for both Indian and non-Indian fishers, something that is still almost unthinkable in the rest of the Columbia Basin above Bonneville Dam.



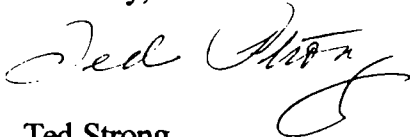
These are the types of projects that would be halted under NWPPC's recommendation.

Accountability is about getting results, not about more study, process and bureaucratic delay. The tribes agree that we need monitoring and evaluation. Let's get projects on the ground so that we can assess them and apply the adaptive management techniques the NWPPC adopted more than a decade ago.

For fiscal year 1999, we call for the NWPPC to work with the tribes and the federal government to establish a coordinated, cooperative structure for reviewing projects. This cooperative approach to project review must be consistent with the 1996 Secretarial Memorandum of Agreement on Bonneville Power Administration's fish and wildlife funding.

We wanted you to be aware of these recent developments and are requesting your support for our efforts. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ted Strong".

Ted Strong
Executive Director

cc: NWPPC members



If the Northwest Power Planning Council has its way, the only place our children will see wild salmon will be in a museum.

The Northwest Power Planning Council (NWPPC), charged by Congress to restore declining Columbia Basin salmon populations, wants to halt \$35 million of critical funding for successful salmon restoration programs.

What does the Northwest Power Planning Council think will save salmon?

More ratepayer-financed studies and bureaucratic maneuvering. After 15 years of research and study, we say enough is enough. Successful model programs that help salmon are in place today.

What programs are saving salmon today?

The same programs the NWPPC is putting on hold or delaying. Restoration projects done through cooperative community partnerships to put salmon back in the rivers where they belong.

• Restoration programs that work

In some Northwest locations, damaged salmon habitat is coming back to life. Thanks to successful restoration projects which reintroduce native plants and prevent erosion, streams and rivers are salmon-friendly once again. How many studies will it take before the NWPPC understands what scientists already know—salmon need cool, clean water to thrive?

• Community partnerships that work

Salmon restoration doesn't happen in NWPPC meeting rooms, it happens in communities where people form real partnerships that work. Innovative programs pairing

scientists, educators, tribes and community leaders are producing real results. The symbol of the Northwest—our salmon—can make a comeback. But NWPPC's cuts have put a stop to this.

• Putting salmon back in the rivers

Salmon have been returning to the Yakima River in recent years, but only in very low numbers. Why are the salmon coming back? Because of tribal efforts to put fish back in the river where they belong. Now the NWPPC wants to put a hold on this successful project and others like it.

Say "NO" to more studies and "YES" to saving salmon

Ask Governor Gary Locke to work with the tribes to see that salmon restoration funds are spent for programs that work.

Phone: 360-753-6780

Fax: 360-753-4110

E-mail: governor.locke@governor.wa.gov

Tell him to take action today.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 8, 1997

Mr. Lael Stegall
Delphi International
1828 L Street, NW
Suite 900
Washington, DC 20036

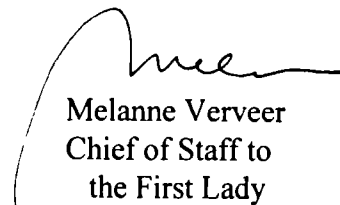
Dear Lael:

Thank you very much for your letter and for information on the Star project, which I have shared with the First Lady. We know firsthand what a difference it makes.

It was great to have you in Vienna and it's vital to have you and Delphi International engaged as you are in Bosnia and beyond.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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November 25, 1997

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
Office of the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Melanne:

I thought you and the First Lady would appreciate seeing the "good news" coming out of the former Yugoslavia in the recent newsletter of The STAR Project. While the film, "Welcome Sarajevo" is real and recent, our STAR Project - with US foreign aid dollars -- is giving assistance to the positive leadership of the very women who may well lead a peaceful future.

A number of these women were at the Vital Voices gathering and the ripples from that meeting continue. I met just this week with Ambassador Bob Gelbard who is enthusiastic about a new women and violence initiative that STATE hopes to fund in conjunction with the STAR Project. Our partner groups in Bosnia and Croatia will work with media and local police in building new alliances to prevent community violence. Now that's good news, right!

Thanks for your superb work, Melanne. It means so much to our work internationally to have the continuing and determined interest of the First Lady and you on these issues.

On a personal matter, I know you are happy to have Bobbie Greene on your team now.

Best wishes,



Lael Stegall

STAR Tracks

Volume III (6-12)

The Newsletter for The STAR Project of Delphi International
Strategies, Training, and Advocacy for Reconciliation:
Women for Social Change in the Yugoslav Successor States.

Summer/Fall 1997

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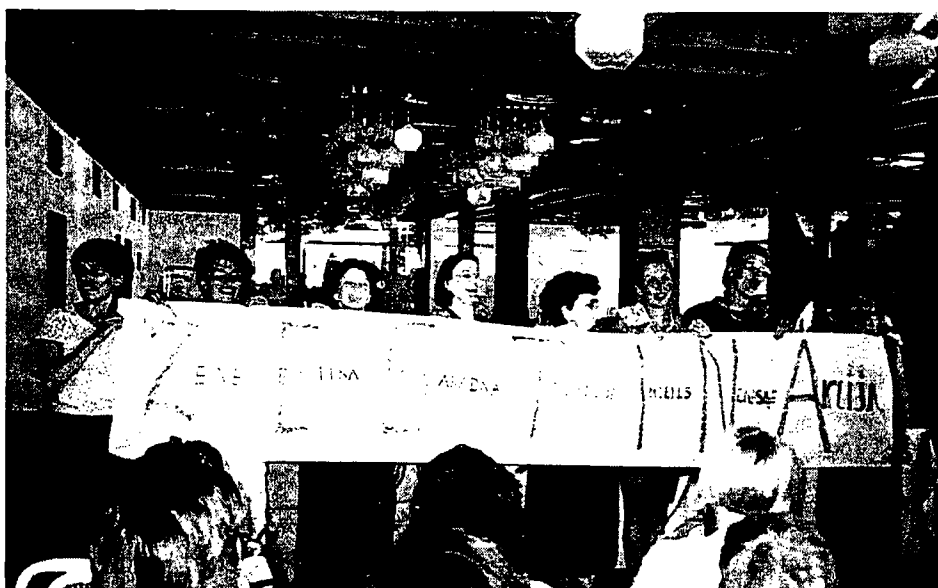
WOMEN GATHER FOR REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON POLICY ADVOCACY

by Rada Stakic-Domuz, Infoteka, Medica Zenica, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Hvar, 21 - 25 May, 1997

Sunny Hvar, Stari Grad, Croatia -- five days in May. This was the regional women's conference on policy advocacy. Eighty-six women from the former Yugoslavia, organizers, and guests from USAID participated in the conference organized by the STAR Project of Delphi International and funded by USAID, the Soros Foundation, private foundations and individual donors. Present were fifteen women from Croatia, fifteen from Bosnia-Herzegovina, twelve from Serbia, two from Vojvodina, one from Montenegro, three from Kosova, and four from Slovenia. This and other meetings play an important role in the processes of

Participants from the Women in Politics Workshop at STAR Na Hvar.



normalization and reconciliation, most of all reminding us that there are still many things which hold us together. Indeed, Hvar represented the first time that members from each part of the region gathered at this kind of conference. Montenegro and Republika Srpska had their own representatives for the first time. It was also only the second instance of this type of meeting of women NGO activists since the Struga Conference in 1995. Jill Benderly, Regional Co-Director of the STAR Project of Delphi International, said at the opening session, "We want to put the experience of NGOs and activists in a new framework on the local, regional and national level. We call this framework advocacy. Each country has its own specific problems: the return of refugees from third countries to their homes, women's issues in politics, the strengthening of women's economic position, reproductive rights. Our primary goal is to take everything that you learn here and put it into action, working together towards your common goals." In the last four years, what happened has happened, but we as a region are connected on many levels. We live in too small a space to live without self-confidence and self-esteem on a regional level. We met to exchange our experience about advocacy. We found that we had many similarities but also had many different interpretations when translating this term.

Women use Advocacy Skills For Issue Action in Local Communities

VOICES FROM HVAR

Mirjana Bilopavlovic of Women's Club, Pakrac, Croatia, returned from Hvar to lead her group in planning a Women's Health Advocacy Campaign. With support from STAR and the U.N. Development Program, a round table brought together women NGO activists and health professionals to launch a campaign on breast cancer and preventive gynecological care for women without medical insurance.

WORKSHOPS

Intensive, daily workshops focused on advocacy in the areas of violence prevention, women's health, economic independence, politics, and human rights. In addition, there were many self-initiated workshops including: women and global policy; elitism in women's organizations; the return of refugees; conflict resolution; fundraising, and techniques in moderating workshops.

Eni Kurtovic, Krajiska Suza, Sanski Most, BiH, on the Hvar Conference:
"I go home filled with ideas and great energy from what I learned and a certain direction to work on problems I left behind in Bosnia. With the knowledge I gained on Hvar, it will be much easier to solve them."

Lindita Azizi, League of Albanian Women, Ohrid, Macedonia, a journalist and published poet, living in a small community with a socially oriented women's group, saw the potential for positive social change when she met the women's groups so active in the region at Hvar. When she returned to her community, she formed a partnership with another young woman to organize a youth group to provide positive social models for young people in Ohrid.

HIGHLIGHT: Women's Health

Women from all regions participated in the women's health workshop. The focus of the discussion was on health education and the relationship of policy and media to women's health. Participants found that they face similar problems, such as diminished access to health services and the growth of fundamentalism. Quality health services are becoming more and more scarce and women's health has been damaged by difficult socio-economic circumstances such as unemployment, post-war trauma and "burnout." Participants noted that with strong networks, coalitions and use of the media--in one word **ADVOCACY**--they could influence those who have the power to improve women's health. Breast cancer prevention, health insurance cutbacks, domestic violence and HIV prevention are among the issues these women have addressed.



(Left)
STAR Na
Hvar
Panelists
(from Left):
Rada
Stakic-
Domuz;
Martina
Belic;
Aleksandra
Dukovska;
Vesna
Kesic.

Marina Blagojevic, a sociologist active in Women's Studies, Belgrade, returned from Hvar inspired by Marana Palikovic-Gruden and her monthly Zagreb women's magazine, *Zaposlena*. Marina is now planning a new women's magazine in Serbia!

STAR & HVAR

From Croatia

STAR FUTURES

As STAR Tracks goes to press, we are encouraged by USAID's interest in giving continued financial support for women's advocacy leadership in the Yugoslav Successor States. In late September, USAID Croatia formally notified Delphi/STAR of fourth year support under their democracy and governance program. Zvezdana Schulz will coordinate STAR's on-going technical assistance and financial support to women's advocacy organizations. Jill Benderly will provide regional leadership for what we hope will be continuing programs in Bosnia and Macedonia and a likely program in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Please note the following correction with regard to the last issue of STAR Tracks: STAR Project support to the Croatian Women's Ad Hoc Coalition for the '97 elections has been given through the regular activities of the STAR project supporting Croatian women's NGOs and the Croatian Women's Network. STAR Croatia will focus on supporting advocacy efforts of women's groups in '97-'98.

Women Against Violence

The Autonomous Women's House, Zagreb, Croatia is fighting domestic violence through powerful public outreach and awareness campaigns as well as by providing direct social services at their shelter for women and children.

The following page displays one of AWHZ's posters publicizing the organization's services for women. Posters such as this one also serve to increase visibility regarding issues of violence against women.

The Poster is translated as follows:

MALE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IS NOT JUST A PRIVATE PROBLEM

Let's recognize and resist it!

Violence against women exists in different forms

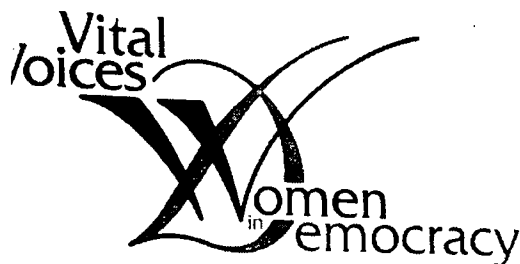
- physical (beating, battering, wounding)
- psychological (isolation, insulting, belittling)
- sexual (rape, sexual abuse, incest)
- economic (withholding money, nonpayment of child support)

THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR VIOLENCE

Call the women's counseling center workdays from 11 am - 5 pm at 455-2836

The poster production was funded by a grant from the STAR Project.

VITAL VOICES: Almost 300 women attended Vital Voices, a gathering in Vienna of women leaders from throughout Central/Eastern Europe and NIS. Marina Skrabalo (below) from the Center for Peace Studies, Zagreb, Croatia, spoke at the conference which initiated new action on political leadership, legal rights and women's economic independence.



July 9 - 11, 1997
Vienna, Austria





**MUŠKO NASILJE NAD ŽENAMA
NIJE SAMO PRIVATNI PROBLEM
PREPOZNAJMO GA I ODUPRIMO MU SE!**

Nasilje nad ženama postoji u različitim oblicima:

- fizičko (udaranje, premlaćivanje, ranjavanje ...)
- psihičko (izolacija, prijetnje, vrijeđanje, omalovažavanje ...)
- seksualno (silovanje, seksualna zloupotreba, incest ...)
- ekonomsko (uskraćivanje i oduzimanje novca, neplaćanje alimentacije...)

ZA NASILJE NEMA OPRAVDANJA

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INTERNATIONAL POLICY ADVOCACY: Leadership Skills Training

Delphi/STAR sponsored the participation of eight women from June 6 - July 4, 1997 at the International Policy Advocacy training program in the U.S. sponsored by World Learning of Brattleboro, Vermont.

Delphi/STAR participants were: Serbia-Violeta Krasnic of the Autonomous Women's Center Against Sexual Violence in Belgrade, Serbia; Bosnia-Herzegovina- Aleksandra Petric from Helsinki Citizen's Alliance, Banja Luka; Macedonia- Azbije Memedova, Roma Youth Organization; Biljana Bejkova, Urban and Media Action of Macedonia; Mjelma Ahmeti, Humanitarian Organization for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality all of Skopje and Jagoda Gligorovska of Kumanovo;

Croatia- Gordana Stojanovic of the Center for Peace and Human Rights, Baranje, and Bojana Genov, Women's Group of Mali Losinj. They constituted the largest delegation in the group of twenty-two international trainees. Participants from NGOs in South Africa, Uganda, China, Romania, Kenya, Mozambique, and Indonesia were also represented in the World Learning group.



The IPA'ers in Brattleboro, VT

Designed to train experienced NGO leaders in the process and techniques for public policy advocacy, the program included intensive theoretical presentations and site visits to many U.S. and international NGOs. In Washington, D.C., participants visited the World Bank as well as local women's advocacy organizations such as the D.C. Rape Crisis Center to see how advocacy strategies can be developed for both local groups and international institutions. Sladjana Dankovic, an IPA participant last year from Nis, Serbia, hosted the group at the Community Family Life Center, a Washington D.C. agency serving the homeless and the poor.

In New York City, participants observed the United Nations General Assembly and joined a gathering of participants attending the Summer Institute of the Center for Women's Global Leadership. The Sister Fund, a woman's foundation, hosted a briefing on women's funding issues.

The last week of the program was held at the campus of the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont. Lael Stegall, Co-Director of the STAR Project, joined the participants for their final presentations on advocacy campaigns which they will conduct upon returning to their communities. Each participant will conduct at least two workshops for their country's NGOs on public policy advocacy and most will do team teaching.

The participants gathered for a follow-up meeting in late October in Macedonia and were joined by former IPA participants, Rada Stakic-Domuz, Edita Bacic and Aleksandra Dukovska. A policy advocacy network for the region has been formed. The regional public policy advocacy workbook which emerged out of the proceedings of the "STAR na Hvar" conference in late May, will be developed by the IPA network and be ready for publication in 1998. IPA'ers have initiated a variety of campaigns such as a new youth network in BiH and a monitoring project on use of IMF reconstruction funds in Croatia. Funding for the STAR participants in the IPA training was provided by USAID/PIET, a grant from the Samuel Rubin Foundation and scholarships from World Learning.

MOSTAR AS AN OASIS OF TOLERANCE

By Nedzma Dzananovic, Project Assistant, STAR, Sarajevo

To talk about tolerance in the middle of the forcibly divided city of Mostar, which is living proof of human hatred and irrationality, is a complicated thing to do. Yet more than 70 women, from both entities of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), took part in a three-day Women's Conference, "**Room for Conversation**," the third in a series organized by Helsinki Citizens' Assembly (HCA). The conference was co-funded by Kvinna till Kvinna, the Soros Foundation and the STAR Project of Delphi International.

During the Conference, two plenary sessions and three workshops provided space to talk about tolerance as a pre-condition of democracy, dialogue and solidarity within society in terms of the post-war BiH context. The conference was divided into three workshops: 1) politics and tolerance 2) reconciliation and tolerance 3) culture and tolerance.

"Tolerance is you and me talking; tolerance is these women from both Mostar East and Mostar West who are here together," said one of the Conference participants. Participants agreed on how best to disseminate the idea of tolerance in their local communities and concluded that they would do the following:

Recommend to women during the forthcoming elections to vote only for the candidates and the lists of the political parties which are truly dedicated to the issue of return.

Concentrate on efforts to build tolerance between local and displaced populations.

Intervene, not only in their families but in the educational system as well, in order to prevent the younger generation from being brought up in the spirit of non-tolerance, and appeal to teachers to take responsibility for encouraging tolerance in the future.

Launch a legal initiative to enforce laws which protect women from all kinds of violence.

Do everything to keep the existing legal regulations on the issue of abortion.

Empower women economically and enable them to participate in the processes of economic reconstruction and privatization.

Increase media coverage of women's ideas and activities.

Insist on women's participation in the political and decision making process in all segments of life.

After having very ambitious topics at the two previous Conferences in Zenica (Women-refugees, Women in politics, Women in BiH rebuilding and development) and Banja Luka (Analysis of the September 1996 elections in BiH, Women's role in renewal of education and schooling system, Social problems and possible solutions) a discussion of tolerance was essential. This was especially true for women who attended the conference for the first time and were able to talk openly, free from all kinds of fear and ideological restraints.

The wish to have more women involved in the "Room for Conversation" Project and to support and encourage women from areas that lack citizens' initiatives resulted in the decision to hold the next conference in Livno. Nobody believed it when they heard that there would be women from the Republika Srpska at the first conference in Zenica, nor when they heard that the second would take place in Banja Luka. After overcoming these obstacles, is there any reason to doubt that HCA will be as successful in Livno?

STAR DONOR CIRCLE EXPANDS

Cost-sharing of USAID grant funds through financial support, gifts-in-kind and volunteer services is not only a requirement of our project but is a positive step toward building sustainability and new linkages for the organizations with which STAR works. STAR is proud that non-US government support to STAR program and partner groups has continued to grow. The MEET microenterprise project in Bosnia is funded through contributions from UNHCR and the Local Initiative Department of the World Bank. The Banyan Tree Foundation of the United States has funded Motret Qirazi in Kosovo for girls education. The Shaler Adams and Caritas Funds have continued to be generous contributors to grassroots advocacy in Macedonia, Serbia, and for exchange programs within the region. Soros Foundation in Belgrade has supported regional travel, and individuals and the Tides Foundation have contributed to special projects on child abuse and research on women and violence. The Holdeen India Fund helped to finance the participation of Dr. Stanislava Otasevic at the First World Conference on Breast Cancer. **THANK YOU STAR DONORS and volunteers!**

FROM BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

SUSTAINABLE NGOS

In June, Nuna Zvizdic of Zene Zenama worked with coordinators from Federalne Zene in Gornji Vakuf/Uskoplje to iron out organizational development problems that were facing the group. This example of mentoring of new women NGO leaders by a more experienced NGO leader reflects the core goal of the STAR Project--to build the capacity of local NGOs to serve as resources and mentors for one another. Nuna Zvizdic was instrumental in identifying organizational strategies. She has offered to take part twice a month in their weekly meetings and to work with both the coordinators and the other members to rebuild trust and cooperation that have been lost. The coordinators will travel to Zenica and Sarajevo in mid-July to work one-on-one with Nuna on their leadership skills.

In continued efforts in mentoring new NGOs, Nuna Zvizdic is also working with Li-Woman from Livno to identify their mission and to work on proposal writing and fundraising.

REGIONAL NEWS

WAVE: Women Against Violence Europe Convenes Historic Meeting in Belgrade:

Women from seventeen countries, including Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Macedonia gathered for four days in late October to discuss strategies for dealing with male violence against women. WAVE has formed a network to exchange experiences in public education, legal advocacy, strengthening social institutions and providing needed services for victims of violence.

Women in Sarajevo have recently met to develop a plan of action for assessing the problem and creating public awareness on domestic violence in this post-war period. Look for more information in the next STAR Tracks on action targeting violence against women.

In May 1997, Rada Stakic-Domuz, in conjunction with Aleksandra Petric from the Helsinki Citizens' Assembly, facilitated a three-day Policy Advocacy Workshop in Banja Luka. A total of 15 women, of all nationalities, from NGOs in the Banja Luka area, took part in this workshop, including: Merhamet, Duga, Udruzene Zene, HCA, Women's Legal Center, and the Danish Center. The goal of the workshop was to introduce the concept of advocacy to the participants and to work with them systematically to enable them to enhance their work with new theoretical and practical knowledge. Rada Stakic-Domuz noted, "I think we reached an understanding of advocacy and sparked an interest in subsequent work. The general consensus was that, at the moment, they find it very hard to work on advocacy in a place with a very low standard of living and with repressive and nationalistic political parties in power...But to all of us it was clear that our future depends on *us*. If we wait for someone else to build our country or leave it to the politicians, we will be manipulated."

MEET: MICROCREDIT EMPOWERMENT AND EDUCATION TEAM

The STAR Project has initiated a new program for women's economic development in Bosnia-Herzegovina, called the Microcredit Empowerment and Education Team (MEET). Project Manager, Leesa Wilson, and Project Assistant, Natasa Goronja, work in both the Federation and Republika Srpska to strengthen the capacity of women's NGOs to successfully manage microcredit programs in Bosnia. Microcredit programs give small business loans to vulnerable groups, such as the displaced, unemployed and others affected by war. Leesa and Natasa work intensively with select women's organizations in Tuzla, Bihac, Mostar and potentially Banja Luka, to develop their capacity to make large numbers of small loans to Bosnian women in order to increase their household incomes, end dependence on humanitarian aid and develop successful new businesses at the local level. Close to 1,000 loans have been made with a 100% pay-back rate so far! MEET is funded by UNHCR's Bosnian Women's Initiative and the World Bank.

Leesa has been working with the STAR Project since November 1996 to develop the MEET program concept and officially joined the STAR team in May, 1997. Leesa started one of the first microcredit programs for women in St. Petersburg, Russia in 1994. She will work with STAR in developing an agenda for women's economic leadership and empowerment in Bosnia and in the region.

Natasa comes to MEET from Women for Women in Bosnia, Sarajevo, a microcredit program. Over the next year, Leesa and Natasa will serve as resources to Bosnian women's organizations and other NGOs and microcredit programs.

Subgrants: Regional Highlights

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Helsinki Citizens' Assembly and Mostar Youth Center~ Hosted a July 3-6 women's conference in Mostar "Room for Conversation: Democracy and Tolerance." With co-funding from Soros and Kvinna till Kvinna, the STAR Project supported the participation of 35 women from the Republika Srpska and 35 from the Federation.

Zene Zenama's Center for Women Returnees ~ Is concentrating on its goal of integrating women returnees into their Sarajevo surroundings. Activities included psycho-social support, as well as weekly sessions on education and issues related to feminism and current political developments.

Medica Zenica Infoteka~ Continues distribution of the bulletin, *We Choose for You*, to their network of women's NGOs in BiH, and continues networking with different NGOs in both entities of BiH. Most recent editions of *We Choose for You* have focused on Policy Advocacy, Conflict Resolution, and Management of Small Enterprises/Self-Financing of NGOs through Profit-Generating Activities. To celebrate its four year anniversary, Medica organized a widely attended press conference.

Udruzene Zene, Banja Luka~ Is implementing a "Women and Law" project that provides free legal aid to women and includes an SOS Telephone, as well as a series of eight open seminars entitled "Women Today." These seminars explore such topics as gender relations and women's health, and aim to engage a greater number of women in the democratic process. Udruzene Zene uses local media to televise these open discussions and reach a greater audience.

MACEDONIA

Majka: Women's Humanitarian Organization of Kumanovo~ Is initiating capacity-building efforts and preparing a potential partner in a domestic violence network spanning Macedonia and southern Serbia. Funding will support training efforts and facilities for a domestic violence hotline.

Humanitarian Organization for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality, Skopje~ Will disseminate research conducted on domestic violence. The group will also gain experience in conducting short-term, issue-based research through surveys.

Iskra, Bitola~ Initiated a public awareness campaign on breast cancer. This project will build the group's capacity to conduct public awareness campaigns, establish a network of media contacts, and work with national experts on breast cancer issues.

Women of Gostivar~ Is improving democratic processes by fostering organizations among rural women through lectures to village women on legal and health issues. The project will build the group's standing in the community as an organization actively working across ethnic lines to identify the needs of local women for further education and access to legal and medical information.

Women of Gazi Baba, Skopje~ Will test the feasibility of an employment agency for women in order to improve their economic position. Eventually, the group intends to establish a pool of women candidates for job training and skills development. Early efforts have been very successful.

League of Albanian Women, Zhitoshe~ Will use this subgrant to support lectures on women's health issues for rural women, including production of multilingual materials for the semi-literate.

Center for Urban and Media Action, Skopje (UMAM)~ Will focus on issue-based advocacy research on the portrayal of gender in the local media and in advertising.

FROM MACEDONIA

Workshop in Participatory Leadership Training: June 20-22

Thirty women from fourteen women's NGOs took part in Leadership Training workshops led by Stephanie Clohesy. Participants represented a wide range of experience, including leaders as well as younger members from each organization. Stephanie provided basic skills for evaluating the behavioral profile of NGO leadership. The workshops also focused on how expanding leadership to include people with different styles strengthens and enriches organizations. Stephanie presented nonjudgmental language and organizational development models which the leaders used to evaluate their own NGO's stage in the organizational development process. A similar workshop was held June 23-25 in Belgrade for 30 women activists from 17 women's NGOs in Serbia and Montenegro.

Women's Leadership for Issue Action participant
Irmela Bajramovska



WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP FOR ISSUE ACTION

August is a dead month in Macedonia. People flee to the mountains, their home villages, or to the seaside to get out of the heat. Instead, this August, 10 women from Macedonia fled to the U.S. for an eighteen day study tour specially designed for them by Lael Stegall, consultant Martha Burk and Delphi staffer Rebecca Sholes.

The theme was women working together for issue action - NGOs, the media and public officials. Tour participants met with national and grassroots activists in Washington, D.C., Austin and Houston, Texas. The trip culminated in their attendance at the bi-annual convention of the National Women's Political Caucus.

And where are the women now? Sashka Srbinska, a single mother in Shtip who works as an epidemiologist and is active in the local branch of the political party noted after the tour, "I've been wanting to do this kind of work for 14 years, but I haven't known how. Now I see exactly how I can get more involved in political life." She is doing workshops both with her Organization of Single Mothers of which she is vice-president, and with the most active women in her political party.

Kristina Al-Jarrah, president of the Women's Organization in Gostivar, is using her training in the organization's outreach work with women in villages of mixed ethnicity. After sponsoring lectures on women's legal and health issues in four villages, the Women's Organization encouraged women to form groups to meet their own needs. In addition, Kristina encouraged her NGO to sponsor a meeting with the school directors, mayors, and the potential presidents of the new organizations from all four villages in a day-long meeting with the media. With experience gained from the tour, The Women's Organization of Gostivar found new ways to bring local government officials and NGO leaders together.

In late October the participants gathered with Lael Stegall, Jill Benderly and Edith Johnson for a follow-up meeting in Skopje, Macedonia to exchange successes and challenges in their follow-up work. Action on domestic violence, voter education, Roma youth leadership, and media training for NGOs is currently underway.

STAR FAREWELLS AND WELCOMES:

FAREWELL: *Claudia Crawford* STAR's project manager in the Washington, D.C. office has accepted a new position with Internews in Jerusalem. Claudia leaves after three year of energetic leadership in coordinating STAR's administrative and reporting relationships with USAID. Her special spirit will be missed but we know she will cultivate new STAR partnerships in the Middle East! *Ana Kajevska*, STAR's project assistant in the Macedonia office, is moving on after working with us for a year and a half. She came to us as an activist with years of experience in the Macedonian ecological NGO world. While she was with us, she broadened her volunteer activities as an AIDS educator. She has accepted a position in Amsterdam as the Internet manager for an ecological network.

WELCOME: *Aferdita Imeri* is our new project assistant for the Macedonia office. She brings experience from her years managing the finances of a small pharmacy. She is fluent in Albanian, English, Macedonian and Serbian. *Natasa Milenkovic* joins the Macedonia team as a project assistant. She brings extensive experience as a women's movement organizer from Belgrade, and a student of psychology and women's studies. *Jessica Greenberg* is our new project assistant in the Washington office. She recently graduated with a degree in Women's Studies from Columbia University, concentrating on issues relating to gender and the Yugoslav Successor States. *Natasa Goronja* will be working with the MEET project as the project assistant. She has a background in microcredit projects through her work with Women for Women in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

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