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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 13, 1997

V.N. Achkasova
Director of the National Preservation
Area
"Sofia of Kiev"

Dear Ms. Achkasova:

On behalf of the President and Mrs. Clinton, thank you very much for the beautiful book on St. Sofia's treasures which Ambassador Miller forwarded to them. They so enjoyed their visit to Kiev, St. Andrews and the other historic sites. Hopefully there will be an opportunity some day to visit St. Sofia's.

Thank you again for greeting them during their visit and for your kindness in sending the book.

Best wishes and a happy new year.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

cc: Ambassador Miller



Dear Mr. Ambassador,

It was a great honor for us to greet President Clinton and his wife in one of the historic monuments of the National Preservation Area "Sofia of Kiev" - St. Andrew's Church, which dates back to the 18th century.

Unfortunately, due to the lack of time, President Clinton was not able to visit other monuments of St. Sofia, and especially - St. Sofia Cathedral - monument of architecture and monumental arts of 11th century.

We would like to ask you, Mr. Ambassador, to pass this book about St. Sofia treasures to President Clinton.

Sincerely,

V.N. Achkasova
Director of the National Preservation Area
"Sofia of Kiev"

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March 5, 1997

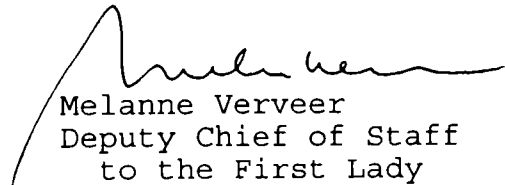
Ms. Lisa Ashner Adkins
Director of Public Affairs
YouthFriends
1055 Broadway, Suite 170
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Dear Ms. Adkins:

On behalf of the First Lady,
thank you for your letter and the
information on YouthFriends which she
was grateful to receive.

Best wishes in your important
work.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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February 26, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR MELANNE VERVEER

Deputy Assistant to the President,
Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady

FROM:

JANET MURGUIA *Jm*

Deputy Assistant to the President, Legislative
Affairs / House Liaison

SUBJECT:

The First Lady's visit to YouthFriends, Kansas
City

Attached is a letter and informational packet from Lisa Adkins,
the Public Affairs Director of YouthFriends. Mrs. Clinton
visited YouthFriends during her visit to Kansas City last week.

YouthFriends is under consideration for presentation as a
national model project at the Volunteerism Summit in
Philadelphia.

The packet includes information on the organization's involvement
with adults volunteering educational and social time with
community children.

Ms. Adkins is sending the packet now, for Mrs. Clinton's review,
as she was unable to give it to her during the visit.]

Thanks for your assistance. If you have any questions, please
call me at 6-6620.

Attachments



February 19, 1997

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady of the United States of America

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Because of your and President Clinton's interest in children, volunteerism, and education, particularly the importance of reading and mentoring, I want to share with you information about YouthFriends, an innovative, broad-based, community partnership in Greater Kansas City. The mission of YouthFriends is to provide Kansas City metropolitan-area young people, ages 5-18, with access to caring adults by utilizing area schools in partnership with community organizations to enhance young people's ability to succeed.

Currently, there are 1500 adult YouthFriend volunteers who are linked with young people, in one-to-one and small group relationships. The primary partners in YouthFriends are seven participating metropolitan school districts, the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, the Heart of America United Way, the Partnership for Children, and the YMCA of Greater Kansas City.

YouthFriends' goal is to connect 10,000 adults with 30,000 young people by December of 1998. YouthFriends choose from a wide range of activities including mentoring, reading, and tutoring. Major participants come from every sector of our community ranging from college students to senior citizens and corporations such as Sprint, UtiliCorp United, Inc. and NationsBank to civic organizations such as the Junior League and Rotary.

We understand that YouthFriends is under consideration to be presented as a national model project at the Volunteerism Summit in Philadelphia. I have attached a packet of information for your review. Thanks for all you and President Clinton do on behalf of America's children.

Sincerely,

Lisa Ashner Adkins
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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January 29, 1997

Ms. Mahnaz Afkhani
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Dear Mahnaz:

Thank you very much for your letter and for Claiming Our Rights. The First Lady is committed to improving the status of women and children globally and we commend your efforts.

Best wishes in the important work you do.

Sincerely,

*It was wonderful
to see you for the
President's
human rights
day proclamation.*


Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady



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January 23, 1997

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
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1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Melanne,

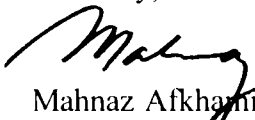
Thank you very much for sending me the First Lady's speeches during her recent trips overseas. Her remarks about the education of girls and women bring up crucial areas of work that need to be emphasized if we are to transform the status of women globally.

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed manual we have prepared for our women's human rights education program for Muslim societies. The manual is being used in Uzbekistan, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Lebanon, Jordan, and Palestine. It has already generated a great deal of interest and excitement in these countries and numerous groups have asked to use it in other parts of the globe, including Chile, Nepal, Somalia, and Azerbaijan. We believe that the bridging of the universal rights concepts to indigenous cultural and religious ideas and materials as well as the interactive and debate-centered methodology have been instrumental in the positive reception of the manual.

In view of the First Lady's recent strong support of the international efforts for the education of girls and women, perhaps it would be appropriate to draw her attention to this campaign.

Thank you again for the President and the First Lady's statements. With best wishes,

Sincerely,


Mahnaz Afkhami
Executive Director

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February 26, 1997

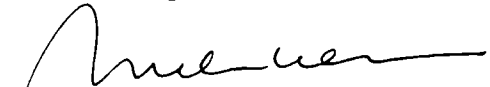
Mr. Frank Almaguer
USAID Mission Director
P.O. Box 425
La Paz, APO AA 34032
BOLIVIA

Dear Mr. Almaguer:

Enclosed are photographs from the First Lady's visit to Bolivia. We would be grateful if you would distribute them as you see fit, with Mrs. Clinton's compliments.

Thank you and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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WASHINGTON

April 1, 1997

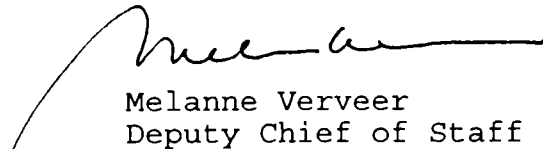
Dr. Kerby Alvy
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Dear Dr. Alvy:

Thank you for your letter, Parent Training Today and information on your efforts to educate American families in effective parenting. We are grateful for your keeping in touch with us. Your efforts are critical and most commendable.

Best wishes in your important work. We regret that we could not see you when you were in Washington, as the First lady was on a goodwill mission to Africa.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady



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Dear Ms. Verveer:

We are writing to re-establish our relationship with the First Lady over a matter of crucial concern to the welfare of America's families and children: effective parenting and making parenting education a national priority.

The "we" is myself, the 23 year old non-profit parenting education organization that I founded, and an array of other non-profit, proprietary, religious and business organizations in the field with whom we have long-standing relationships.

I met the First Lady in the Oval Office in July of 1995 when our organization was recognized for its more than two decades of work in helping parents to be more effective, as part of that year's National Parents' Day celebration (see enclosed photos). I had a chance to engage the President and the First Lady about becoming champions of the growing Effective Parenting Movement to improve the overall quality of child rearing in our country. I also left a copy of my book on the societal importance of parenting education (see additional copy of Parent Training Today).

Shortly thereafter, we began working with Betsy Myers, Sondra Seba and the staff of the White House Office of Women's Initiatives to arrive at vehicles that the President might use to champion the cause.

Our combined efforts have included a series of position papers on the possible creation of a Presidential Council on Effective Parenting, ideas about bringing together the presidential appointees from relevant federal agencies to discuss a Presidential Council, and asking the President and Mrs. Clinton to make statements about the importance of parenting education in such forums as our summer 1996 National Parenting Instructors Association conference (the Association is part of our organization).

The President and Mrs. Clinton made stunning statements (see the Parenting Instructor newsletter and the tape of the First Lady's comments for the conference). I even had a moment to mention the Presidential Council idea to the First Lady during her visit to Covenant House in Hollywood last year.

But the press of the campaign made it difficult for everyone to focus on the idea and it never officially went beyond Betsy's office.

In discussing how to proceed now that the election is behind us, Betsy and her staff agreed that the most appropriate steps would be to directly contact the First Lady's office, the Domestic Policy Council and Vice President Gore's office to make you aware of all the work that has been done and to enlist your involvement in taking these important ideas forward. Hence, this letter and related phone calls.

To bring everything up-to-date, we have updated and enclosed the Position Papers that spell out the need for a Presidential Council on Effective Parenting and what such a Council might look like and accomplish (the Parenting Instructor publication mentioned above is affixed to the Position Papers).

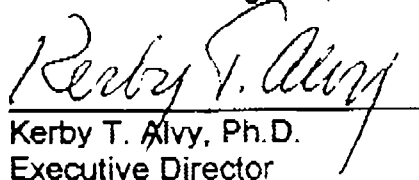
The tape of Mrs. Clinton's message also includes a segment from a recent Today Show where I discussed the Effective Parenting Movement and a special parenting program for African Americans that our organization has created. Additional information about our work, including our Parent Training and Family Life Catalog, a variety of related news stories, and a list of the groups nationwide whose staffs we have trained to deliver parenting programs, should help you appreciate our role in the national movement.

Finally, you will also find a brochure on an upcoming national conference in Washington, Strengthening America's Families. This March 23-25 conference will feature the major parenting programs in our country. These are the programs that make up the heart of the Effective Parenting Movement, as they provide parents with the basic child rearing tools that they need. I strongly urge you and/or your staff to attend so you can become more knowledgeable (and you can come as our guests). A request was made for the First Lady to speak at the conference but she will be out of town. Holly Nichols of your staff is currently exploring whether the First Lady can welcome the conferees through another videotape.

I will be speaking at that conference and will be in Washington from March 22 to March 27. I hope that a visit to your offices can be arranged during that week, so I can share in person the importance of this initiative. Let's talk about such a meeting.

I am looking forward to speaking with you soon.

With warmest regards,


Kerby T. Alvy, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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cc: Betsy Myers



FAX COVER SHEET

To: Thelanne VerueerDate: 3/31/97Fax #: (202) 456-6244From: Dr. Kerby T. AlvyNumber of Pages (including cover page): 2Reference: Effective Parenting Movement

I've been waiting to hear from you regarding my February 12th correspondence. Huma had indicated that something was being prepared just before you left for Africa (what a triumph!).

I had indicated I would be in town - and while I was, Bill Raspberry of the Post met with him.

The enclosed column was the result. Please share with the First Lady -

I await your contact.

Warmly,
Kerby T. Alvy

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in a small, quiet art form at which no one ever makes any money. It is hardly such a person could be much worse than neutral toward a harmless publicity k that takes some of its inspiration from the late Joseph Brodsky, who felt that books of poetry should be in hotel rooms next to the Gibson Bible in case someone woke up in the night with a yen for beauty or meaning.

As popularizing sticks go, National Poetry Month is, if possible, even

ly that great, everyone ought to be able to thrill to it. Those who have no interest in that ideal may ironically be spared the confusion of sorting out their feelings when something weird happens, and the n s actually do.

The writer is a member of the editorial page staff.

William Raspberry

Music to My Ears

Have I become a Johnny One-Note on parenting education? A computer check of several years' worth of columns suggests maybe so. On columns dealing with everything from youthful crime and school failure to drug abuse, intergenerational poverty and welfare, I have sung my one-note song.

If only parents could be taught what the lucky ones learn by familial osmosis—the importance of making children feel loved and valued, the power of modeling values we want our children to embrace, the use of children's natural curiosity as a base for academic success—almost all the social problems that occupy us would be a lot easier to deal with.

The responses to those columns, however, lead me to believe that there are a lot of que-motors out there: people who either are involved in parenting education, or who know someone who is or who wish someone in their hometown would get such a program going.

What brings all this up now is that I've just been talking to Kerby Alvy, a California psychologist who tells me he's making serious headway in turning his effective parenting movement into a virtual one-note choir.

Alvy, speaking at a conference here called Strengthening America's Families, ticked off dozens of parenting education programs gathering steam across the country—in churches, in schools and recreation centers, in Head Start programs—many led by people who have been

trained at Alvy's Center for the Improvement of Child Caring, either at its Studio City headquarters or at one of its regional satellites.

"The goal," he says, "is to increase the numbers of children who are effectively and humanely raised."

It's a deceptively powerful goal. Just imagine an America in which most children were effectively and humanely raised. It's hard to think of an area of our lives that wouldn't be vastly improved. Effective parents get their children ready for school learning, for civic engagement, for personal and social responsibility, for hopeful futures. And children who are both competent and hopeful are overwhelmingly likely to avoid such things as adolescent pregnancy, drug abuse, violent crime, marital behavior—and even sexism and racism, to the extent that these two maladies spring from feelings of inadequacy.

Speaking of racism, Alvy's center has a special program for black parents (and a special handbook, "Effective Black Parenting"). The rationale, says Alvy, who is white, is that minorities face parenting issues that are special. For example:

"How do you teach your children to respond to racial slights or racist treatment? What do you tell them about when to stand and fight and when to try to resolve conflicts by talking? How do you help them to avoid the trap of thinking that academic success or careful speech is 'white'? We even have a section on institutional racism and

another on how to help kids avoid the kind of racial put-down black kids often do to one another."

Most of the training, though, fits parents of all colors and sizes.

I am frank to say I have no basis for judging (nor any reason to doubt) the quality of Alvy's training. But he has enough confidence in what he (and others in the field) are accomplishing with their here-and-there efforts that he wants the White House to take it national.

The point, he explained over coffee, is that, as with all great movements, there needs to be a catalyst. Long before civil rights or women's rights became full-fledged movements, individuals and small groups were out there doing the work. Then something happened to galvanize these individual activities into movements. He hopes that a Clinton decision to launch a presidential commission on parenting, or to call a parenting summit led by effective parenting advocates, might be the catalyst that transforms this fledgling effort into a nation-transforming movement.

Maybe he can make it happen. Maybe a push from the White House would help to avoid the notion that parenting education is only for "bad" parents or poor parents. Maybe Alvy really is close to transforming a series of local programs into a national initiative.

I don't know. I only know he's singing my note.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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February 12, 1997

Dr. Susan Andersen
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Dear Susan:

I received your letter and the copy of your letter to Bob Nash. I am confident that he will keep you apprised of developments in your area of interest.

Best wishes and thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
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January 30, 1997

Dear Melanne -

I'm enclosing a copy of a letter to Robert Nash involving the dossier on me that was ultimately sent to the Office of Presidential Personnel by the National Women's Political Caucus.

I gather that at least one liaison person between the Dept. of Ed. & the Corp. for National Service has already been appointed, but I still hope there might be some room later in the year for more idea people for America Reads, & service & volunteerism more generally. The 4-president summit is a wonderful initiative. Hope I might be able to contribute.

All the best,
Susan Andersen
Professor



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January 27, 1997

Mr. Robert J. Nash, Director
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RE: Dossier - Susan M. Andersen
Nominated by the Coalition for Women's Appointments
America Reads Initiative

Dear Mr. Nash:

My dossier was recently forwarded to you by the Coalition for Women's Appointments of the National Women's Political Caucus, and I am writing to provide some additional information and documentation concerning my nomination.

The position I am seeking involves the America Reads Initiative and the interface it requires between the Department of Education and the Corporation for National Service.

The Initiative is an ambitious project that will rely largely on individuals participating in community service, including K-12 students. Yet the Department of Education has yet to issue voluntary national guidelines for making service learning available in all K-12 education around the country. Some of the best tutors for first, second, and third graders learning to read are, however, kids in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades (and still higher), who themselves would feel honored and empowered by being asked to teach younger kids, and would have a crucial, identity-forming experience in doing so, if only an organized curriculum for making this possible were available. The younger kids would of course feel honored to be able to spend time with the older ones. I would hope to work on voluntary guidelines for service learning to facilitate America Reads, and on the process of getting these guidelines issued and implemented.

In addition, the bulk of the person-power needed for America Reads will come from AmeriCorps and from individual volunteers in the community. But who will volunteer from the community? How is the kind of large-scale volunteerism needed going to be fueled? No systematic, national effort has as yet been made to promote the "ethic of service" in our society, and the "ethic of caring" that is part of the desire to give back to one's own community, even though a whole variety of public affairs spots could be privately funded and aired repeatedly on

prime-time television to begin to introduce this value into common public discourse. And if such spots contained a 1-800 number to a national clearinghouse for community service volunteers, and an elaborated network were established, calls could be fielded and directed to existing local agencies. Magazines, billboards, and other sources could also be used. The Summit on Community Service to be held in April is an excellent place to begin, and I hope to attend, but an ongoing national effort will be needed to get people to care, get involved, and stay involved, and I would hope to be a part of that.

As a complement to the "bio" the Coalition forwarded to you, which provides the most accessible summary of my interests and experience, I am enclosing my vita, along with a document entitled, "Schools as Moral Communities," which I co-authored for a Task Force concerned with character education at the Communitarian Network. A more scholarly chapter on identity development is also included, and I have asked my professional references to forward letters on my behalf.

I can be reached by telephone (212-998-7799 W or 212-982-7866 H), by FAX (212-995-4292 or 995-4018), by e-mail (andersen@psych.nyu.edu), or by regular mail at the above address.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Andersen
Professor of Psychology
Director of Graduate Studies
in Psychology
Director of Clinical Training

SMA/s

cc: Melanne Verveer

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January 15, 1997

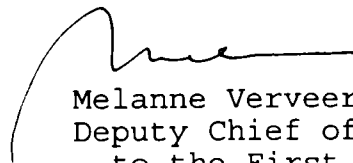
Dr. Susan Andersen
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Dear Susan:

Thank you for sharing your
correspondence with Senator Wofford.
I appreciate your keeping me informed
of your proposal and activities.

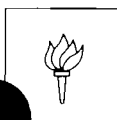
Thanks for writing and best
wishes.

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January 2, 1997

Sen. Harris Wofford, CEO
Corporation for National Service
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Dear Sen. Wofford:

I'm writing to draw your attention to a public affairs initiative I've been pursuing, aimed toward making Americans more aware of the important community service activities that the CNS makes possible. Last June, Melanne Verveer put me in touch with Bill Barrett of Public Affairs, with whom I've discussed these ideas at some length, and now that the election is over and the transition nearly complete, it seems a good time to draw you into the discussion and, if possible, to solicit your feedback.

The idea is to obtain private-foundation funding to sponsor a national-television "media blitz" using the programs of the CNS (especially AmeriCorps) as examples of Americans giving back to their communities and to their nation. The aim is to give Americans something to be proud of and something to aspire to, promoting the ethic of service and volunteerism, and more broadly, the ethic of caring in our society -- using familiar, sympathetic "models" who are easy to relate to, whose stories are moving, and who can readily be emulated. The Herculean task of promoting pro-social values in our society can begin with these simple spots, by provoking renewed national awareness of and discourse about how exciting and transformative for people trying to make a difference can be. The approach is to focus not only on how recipients are impacted by services rendered, but also on how being of service inspires and transforms those who engage in it.

I know that the Corporation focuses its public-affairs attentions mainly on local publicity for local programs, and focuses its evaluation attentions on the quality of services delivered far more than on the "impact" that being of service has on members. And I see these aims as important. But my view is that these strategies are insufficient. At this relatively late stage, most Americans still don't even know what AmeriCorps is, and this does our nation (and the AmeriCorps program) a disservice. Certainly there is little public knowledge of Learn and Serve America and of the Elderly Service Corps. If Americans do not know about these programs, they can hardly be inspired by them so as to wish to engage in pro-bono service activities themselves. And if none of the PSAs or other advertizing is focused on the impact of service on members, it will be less possible for "boomers" and their kids to feel the excitement about their own potential participation, which could otherwise come so naturally and be so useful

Dear Melanne --

The latest installment
is my effort to pursue
the initiative with AmeriCorps
we've discussed.

Best,

Sen. Anderson

in quietly transforming society. As you well know, the old Peace Corps spots provoked discussion and yearning and action in just this kind of way. Even Nancy Reagan's "just say no" campaign had an impact on the national consciousness in its own way.

I gather from Bill Barrett that the Corporation generally endorses the idea of moving forward with an externally funded public affairs initiative of some kind. In particular, we've spoken about using the successful proposal written to the Ford Foundation as a model for how Ford (and/or other foundations) may be enticed to participate. The goal would be to frame the initiative as a form of community building and public service in its own right. If Americans can be induced to care about and to discuss taking actions that may make a difference in the lives of others, and to do so in the context of their own social networks, this can be a substantial beginning in terms of fueling the kind of social action that will come to represent a renewal of pro-social values in our society. Of course, a systematic evaluation of the impact of such televised spots would be necessary, and since I am a behavioral science researcher, I have this expertise.

With the America Reads Initiative about to get underway and your crucial re-authorization in hand, I'm hoping that now is the time when the White House will be willing to encourage moving beyond the phase of hunkering down so as to defend the gains made by the CNS, by encouraging a more pro-active, visionary approach to what can be done with national service in our society. I wonder what your thoughts are about the priority likely to be given to the mission of the CNS in the new administration. I hope you're optimistic.

On a related topic, I'm also deeply committed to service-learning and to the notion of persuading the Department of Education to develop and issue voluntary national guidelines about service-learning in K-12 education, and I believe this could have particular utility for the America Reads Initiative, as well as nicely interfacing with CNS programs. If there is any chance, I'd love to be invited to attend the National Service Summit to be convened this year in Washington, along with the NYU contingent (though I'm not directly involved in the service programs at NYU) -- so as to have a chance to discuss these ideas further with like-minded persons. Meantime, I will certainly continue the discussions that are ongoing, and I would welcome the opportunity to talk with you and hear your thoughts.

I'm hoping you may share my enthusiasm about pursuing this kind of public affairs initiative. And in case it may ring a bell, I did meet you once briefly after a talk you gave at the Communitarian Network's Conference on Character Building in Washington last June, and I mentioned these ideas to you then.

Best Regards,

Susan M. Andersen
Professor of Psychology
Director of Graduate Studies
in Psychology

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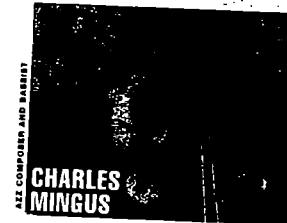
cc: Melanne Vermeer



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Ms. Melanne Verveen
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 22, 1997

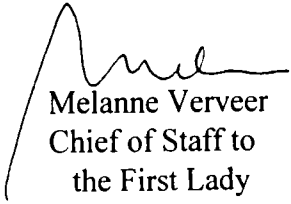
Hulett Askew
Director of Admissions
Office of Bar Admissions
P.O. Box 38466
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Hulett:

Thank you for your letter and recommendation that Patricia McMahon be appointed as District Court Judge which I have forwarded to the Counsel's Office. I am certain that she will receive full consideration.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA
OFFICE OF BAR ADMISSIONS

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

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BOARD TO DETERMINE FITNESS
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HULETT H. ASKEW
DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

April 7, 1997

Melanne Verveer
Office of the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Melanne:

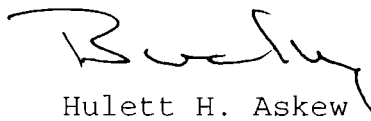
It is my understanding that Senators Kohl and Feingold of Wisconsin have sent three names to the White House as potential appointees to the Federal District Court of the Eastern District of Wisconsin. I am writing because one of the persons suggested is a long-time colleague of mine and someone I can recommend highly. I also know that you have a particular interest in Wisconsin and in the appointment of qualified women to the Federal Court.

Pat McMahon is a former law school classmate of mine and spent her first fifteen years after law school as a legal services lawyer, ultimately serving as the Executive Director of Legal Action of Wisconsin. Since 1985 she has been a Circuit Court Judge in Milwaukee. Her resume is attached.

I can think of no one better suited to be a District Court Judge. Her experience, her intelligence and her temperament are perfect qualifications for this most important and demanding position. My understanding is that there are no female District Court Judges in the Eastern District of Wisconsin, and Pat would be the perfect person to be the first.

I appreciate your consideration. If there is anything else I can do to better her chances, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Hulett H. Askew
Director of Admissions

PATRICIA D. MCMAHON

Circuit Court Judge, Branch 18
Milwaukee County Circuit Court

The Honorable Patricia D. McMahon has been a Circuit Court Judge for eleven years. Her tenure on the bench and her career as a practicing attorney demonstrate her expertise in a broad range of substantive issues. Judge McMahon is currently the Presiding Judge of the Civil Division, where in addition to handling a full caseload of civil cases, she has supervisory responsibilities for the civil cases handled by the other fifteen judges in the division. She has also presided in the Felony Division, including two years in the Homicide/Sexual Assault Speedy Trial Court where she tried dozens of complex murder and sexual assault cases.

Judge McMahon was the first honor graduate of the Emory University College of Law and earned her B.S. at the College of William and Mary. She began her legal career as an associate with Foley & Lardner in Milwaukee. She then practiced with Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc., a law firm representing low-income persons in civil matters. As a staff attorney she gained significant litigation experience in federal and state courts at both the trial and appellate levels. In 1978 she was selected as the Executive Director, where she had supervisory responsibility for the legal work performed by one of the largest firms in the state. During her years as a legal services attorney, she was a tireless advocate within her local and state bar associations, was a spokesperson for legal services issues on a national level, and served on the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin State Public Defender Program.

Within the judiciary, Judge McMahon has led her colleagues in an ongoing effort to improve the administration of Wisconsin's judicial system, primarily through her role as chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee for the heavily burdened Milwaukee County Circuit Court. She was appointed by the Chief Judge of the Milwaukee County Circuit Courts as the presiding judge in a judicial investigation of resource allocation for the courts in Milwaukee County.

Judge McMahon is a Master and Charter Member of the Thomas E. Fairchild Inns of Court. From 1992 to 1996, Judge McMahon served as an appointee of the Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court on the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation, Inc. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Milwaukee Bar Association, the Wisconsin Trial Judges Association, the Migrant Legal Action Program, and Rosalie Manor.

Recently Judge McMahon participated in a workshop for judges at the Ministry of Justice Judicial Training Academy in Moscow. The American Bar Association Central and East European Law Initiative (ABA\CEELI), upon the recommendation of Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson, selected her as one of three faculty members to conduct a Criminal Law Training workshop for approximately 70 judges from throughout Russia. The workshop provided the opportunity to share experiences with the Russian judiciary which is struggling to implement its recently adopted Constitution and Criminal Code in the face of significant economic and political hardships.

Judge McMahon was honored as a recipient of the Emory University School of Law Distinguished Alumni Award for 1996. She has also been selected as a faculty member for the Emory University School of Law Trial Techniques Program in the Spring of 1997.

March 1997

RESUME**PATRICIA D. McMAHON**

Circuit Court Judge, Branch 18
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**PROFESSIONAL
HISTORY:**

Circuit Court Judge, Branch 18, Milwaukee County
Appointed by Governor Anthony Earl December 1985
Elected April 1987; Reelected April 1993
Presiding Judge, Civil Division August 1996-present
Felony Division 1992-1996
Homicide/Sexual Assault Speedy Trial Court—two years
General Felony—two years
Civil Division 1988-1992
Misdemeanor Division 1986-1988

Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc. (LAW) 1970-1985**Positions Held:**

Executive Director	1977-1983
Litigation Director	1983-1985
Managing Attorney	1975-1977
Staff Attorney	1970-1975

Foley & Lardner, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Associate 1968-1970.

Internal Revenue Service, Regional Counsel's Office, Atlanta, Georgia
Law Clerk June-September 1967

Patricia D. McMahon
January 1997

EDUCATION:

Emory University School of Law
Atlanta, Georgia
Juris Doctor June 1968

Honor Graduate—First in Class
Order of the Coif
Bryan Society
Journal of Public Law Associate Editor
The Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award
Corpus Juris Secundum Outstanding Senior Award
West Publishing Company Highest Average Award 1967, 1968
American Jurisprudence Awards
Dean's List
Instructor, Legal Research, Writing & Advocacy
Vice-President, Student Bar Association
Law Students Civil Rights Research Council
Founding Member of the Emory Chapter, first chapter in
a southern law school
Emory Community Legal Services

The College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, Virginia
Bachelor of Science in Mathematics June 1965

**ADMISSIONS
TO PRACTICE:**

United States Supreme Court
Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals
United States District Court-Eastern and
Western Districts of Wisconsin
Wisconsin Supreme Court
Georgia State Courts

Patricia D. McMahon
January 1997

HONORS:

Recipient, Emory University College of Law Distinguished Law Alumni Award of 1996

League of United Latino American Citizens Award in recognition of Service in the Hispanic Community of Milwaukee 1990

ACTIVITIES:

Milwaukee County Circuit Courts (First Judicial District of the State of Wisconsin)

Presiding Judge of the Civil Division

Member, Executive Committee

Chair, Long-Range Planning Committee

Obtained a grant from the State Justice Institute with matching funds from the Wisconsin Supreme Court and Milwaukee County to fund an extensive study of the Milwaukee County Judiciary and begin a strategic planning process.

Chair, Public Interaction Strategic Planning Team

Developed a Project for the Improvement of Court-Community Relations funded by the Helen Bader Foundation, Inc.

Chair, Library Committee

Coordinated efforts of the judiciary with Milwaukee County, the Wisconsin State Law Library, and the Milwaukee Bar Association Courts Committee to create a Legal Resource Center which expands the availability of appropriate legal research information for the legal profession and the general public.

Member and former Chair, Computer Committee

Increased the availability of computer-assisted legal research for the judiciary in Milwaukee County.

Patricia D. McMahon
January 1997

Presiding Judge, Three Judge Panel appointed by Chief Judge Patrick T. Sheedy to conduct an investigation into the resources allocated to the courts in Milwaukee County and render findings of fact

American Inns of Court, Thomas E. Fairchild Chapter
Master, Charter Member
Member, Executive Committee 1992-present

Milwaukee Bar Association
Board of Directors 1994-present
Chair, Supreme Court Visit Committee
Member, Executive Director Search Committee
Co-Chair, Civil Division Bench/Bar Committee
Judicial Selection Committee 1986-89
Legal Aid to Indigents Committee 1977-1985

Milwaukee Bar Association Foundation
Board of Directors 1994-present

Wisconsin Judges Association
Board of Directors 1991-present

Migrant Legal Action Program, Inc., Washington, D. C.
Board of Directors 1991-present
Appointed by the Bar Association of the District of Columbia
The Migrant Legal Action Program is a national center to provide support for migrant legal services programs throughout the United States.

Rosalie Manor, Inc.
Board of Directors 1995-present

State Bar of Wisconsin
Legal Assistance Committee 1977-1985
Individual Rights & Responsibilities Section

State Bar of Georgia

Association of Women Lawyers
Member 1980-present

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January 1997

National Association of Women Judges

Member 1989-present

Member, Planning Committee for Regional Conference in Milwaukee,
Wisconsin in April 1997

**Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation, Inc., which administers the Interest on
Trust Accounts Program under the Supreme Court Rules**

Board of Directors 1992-1996

Vice-President 1994-1996

Chair, Grants Committee 1993-1996

**State of Wisconsin Delegate, First National Conference on Eliminating Racial
and Ethnic Bias in the Courts March 1995**

Judicial Conference Planning Committee 1995

State Public Defender

Board of Directors 1984-1985

Milwaukee Young Lawyers Association

Member 1968-present

Executive Committee 1969-1971

Former member of the Courts and Criminal Justice Committees

Project Advisory Group, National organization of legal services workers

Chairperson of the Funding Criteria Committee 1983-1985

Represented the legal services community and provided
testimony before both Houses of Congress and before the Legal
Services Corporation Board of Directors

Midwest Representative, Funding Criteria Committee 1977-1985

National Legal Aid & Defender Association

Federation of Women Lawyers' Judicial Screening Panel

Seventh Circuit Representative 1978-1981

Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union

Member of the State Board of Directors 1974-1978

American Judicature Society

Patricia D. McMahon
January 1997

LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AS PRESENTER OR INSTRUCTOR:

Faculty member for Criminal Law Seminar at the Ministry of Justice Judicial Training Academy, Moscow, Russia, sponsored by the American Bar Association Central and East European Law Initiative (ABA/CEELI) November 1996

Instructor, Emory University School of Law Trial Techniques Program Spring 1997

Trial Practice/Trial Advocacy Course, Volunteer Presiding Judge, Marquette Law School 1986-present

Speaker, Judicial Intern Symposia, Marquette Law School 1994-present

Supervisor, Independent Study Program of the Marquette University School of Broadcast and Electronic Communication 1993-present

Judge, Regional Tournament, Wisconsin High School Mock Trials, Sponsored by the Wisconsin Bar Foundation 1990-present

State Justice Institute Advisory Committee to Review Continuing Education Materials on State Court Civil Rights Litigation 1991-1993

What to do if a Juror Passes Out: Jury Management Issues, Wisconsin Academy of Trial Lawyers, Midwinter Conference 1996.

Civility in the Courtroom, Milwaukee Bar Association Professionalism Committee August 1996

Nuts and Bolts of Discovery, State Bar of Wisconsin, Continuing Legal Education June 1995.

Women in the Courtroom, The Association of Women Lawyers and the Wisconsin Academy of Trial Lawyers December 1993

Wisconsin Judicial Education, Judicial Benchbook Revisions Committee-Criminal and Traffic 1992-1994

The Doors are Open: State Court Concurrent Jurisdiction of Federal Civil Rights Actions, Individual Rights Section, State Bar Conference June 1990

Patricia D. McMahon
January 1997

Instructor, National Institute of Trial Advocacy Training Program Training
Conference for Legal Services Attorneys in Wisconsin and Illinois July 1990

Speaker, *Substitution of Judges*, Association of Women Lawyers December
1989

REFERENCES:

Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson

Chief Judge Patrick T. Sheedy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 12, 1997

Ms. Kathleen AuBuchon, CEO
Playful Harmonies
710 A South Main
Troy, ILL 62294

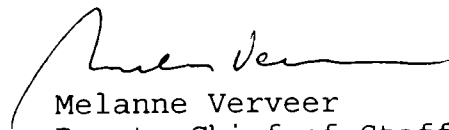
Dear Ms. AuBuchon:

On behalf of the First Lady,
thank you for your letter and for the
information on Playful Harmonies and
your work on behalf of early childhood
education.

Mrs. Clinton is committed to
drawing national attention to the
education and development of young
children and she is grateful for your
efforts.

Thank you for writing and best
wishes in the important work you do on
behalf of children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Melanne Verveer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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Unique music programs for young minds and bodies

February 5, 1997

Mrs. Hillary Clinton
White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Fax # 1-202-456-6244

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I am faxing this information to you in regards to the national attention currently being focused on Early Childhood Education. Because of the unique direction in which our program has taken since 1988, we feel that we have a tremendous amount of expertise and experience to offer. Pat Keefe and I are offering our assistance to the Early Childhood Education Task Force.

As you will see by the following pages, we teach developmental and social skills to infants and children through the age of 4. We currently have six locations in two states and are in the middle of a national expansion. We have a nine year jump on the concept and philosophy of providing higher education for infants. There is no reason the skills and expertise we have acquired could not be repeated in many ways on a national level.

Please let me know of your interest or who I need to speak with in regards to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen".

Kathleen J. AuBuchon, CEO

Making beautiful music

University teaches young children to play instruments, learn melodies

By Melissa Jakubowski
DE Features Editor

Strings of music and lyrics to songs float out from the quaint white house situated at the back of the Communications Building parking lot on Forest Street every Monday and Friday.

The music coming from inside the SIUC Music Annex might make passersby cringe, but to the toddlers who are producing the sounds and to their parents, the music is beautiful.

On SIUC's campus, babies from the age of 6 months to the preschool age of 4 are receiving their own form of higher education through music, dancing and rhythm.

The music education program, Playful Harmonies, was adopted as part of the SIUC Youth Music Program this fall. So far, 40 children have been enrolled in the classes.

Kathleen Spencer, the teacher and director of the Playful Harmonies for Southern Illinois, said the program teaches children to appreciate music and learn social skills in a group environment.

"We've lost a generation of people who

love music," she said. "We just want them to love music. We don't expect them to be musicians, but become musical. We want them to get out and want to see the orchestra."

Playful Harmonies offers a Baby Boogies class for 12-month olds to 24-month olds, an Itty Bitty Boogie class for 6-month olds to 12-month olds, Tuneful Tots for 2-year olds, Musical Munchkins for 3-year olds and a Junior Jammer class for 4-year olds.

Spencer tries to set up a preschool classroom setting, but she does not pass grades or set requirements. She said she does use colors, numbers, holidays and seasons to help teach the class.

On Monday, the children sang about falling leaves and tossed bright-colored silk leaves into the air. They listened to a tape to learn about body parts like the elbow.

"They don't know they are learning," she said. "Music is the hook. It is proven that music helps children remember more."

In a usual 45-minute class, the children will use a pick to strum the strings of an autoharp while Spencer sings and presses buttons to change notes. They also will hang on drums.

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PAT MAHON — The Daily Egyptian

ABOVE: Kendall Bell, a 4-year-old from Carbondale, plays the lollipop drum at Playful Harmonies for Southern Illinois, 900 S. Forest St. RIGHT: Robert Keller (left), a 3-year-old from Carbondale, plays the autoharp with the assistance of Kathleen Spencer, teacher and director for the program.



Music

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march, scrape rhythm sticks (red sticks that are a foot long with ridges carved on them).

The children will listen to taped music and then dance, spin, wave ribbons and perform other body movements to learn rhythm.

Tracy Logeman of Carbondale has enrolled her 3-year-old son Alex in the program. She said she enrolled Alex so he would gain classroom experience and be with other children.

"He talks about it all the time," she said. "He starts singing at home. We went to Arts and Celebration to see a musical performance, and he kept on thinking they were going to let him play the instruments."

"Children get first-hand experience with the instruments. The instruments are broken into tappers, scrapers and shaker groups."

Some of the instruments are made out of ordinary items like a salt shaker.

Marta Keller of Carbondale said she enrolled her son Robert, 4, as a complement to the piano lessons he receives.

"He will also develop cognitive

skills right now when the window is open at the preschool level."

Playful Harmonies was created by Patricia Kotlar, a music therapist, in a New York day care in 1988.

The program was moved to Belleville and is supported by community organizations and institutions.

The registration fee is \$5 a week or \$25 a month. Children should be able to attend class by themselves while their parents can sit in the waiting room. Children enrolled in the Baby Boogies class need a caregiver.

As the miniature students pile out of the classroom, Tracy Logeman

snatches up her son Alex.

"Did you play on the drums today?" she asks.

"Yes," he said back to her while waving his hands in a rhythmic beating motion.

Tracy Logeman looks at her son and comments on his future as a musician.

"We'll see what his interests are," she said. "His uncle is a professional drummer."

"I hope he picks something else. We're always like, 'Why be like Uncle David. Isn't a violin nice?'"

People interested in enrolling their children in the program can call the School of Music at 536-8742.

'Children's brains are most receptive to stimulation when they are under 5 years old. Children's brains grow at a faster rate when stimulated by music.'

— Pat Keefe, founder of Playful Harmonies



COLIN W. SPITLER/Missourian

Teacher Jennifer Mathus, left, shows 2-year-old Callin Currier, middle, and Amalla Dolan, 2 1/2, how

to play the auto harp during an open house for Playful Harmonies, a music program for children.

Making Mozarts

By AMANDA KAZDOY
Missourian staff writer

Bullfrog sounds emit from wooden instruments. Swirls of bright red, orange and yellow adorn several bongos. It's a world of music, and children from 6 months old to 4 years old are invited to share the fun of music classes.

The classes, new to Columbia, were introduced at an open house Tuesday and Wednesday at the Missouri Symphony Society at 203 S. Ninth St. The society sponsors the program to allow children to experiment with

musical instruments, said Jennifer Mathus, who teaches the classes, which begin Nov. 4.

"They learn their cognitive skills, motor skills, social skills and language through music," Mathus said. "We're not trying to get them to be musicians. It's therapeutic, but it's fun."

Baby Boogie, Tuneful Tots and Musical Munchkins are among the classes that children can take as part of Playful Harmonies.

The program gives children a fun activity while developing age-appropriate skills, said Pat Keefe, who started

Children between the ages of 6 months and 4 years have a chance to learn motor and social skills by experimenting with music.

the program in Belleville, Ill.

"They have a good time, but they also have the opportunity to develop skills that the music is geared for and to develop the brain," Keefe said.

"Children's brains are most receptive to stimulation when they are under 5 years old," Keefe said. "Children's brains grow at a faster rate when stimulated by music."

Once the brain is highly stimulated, the rate of brain growth will continue for the rest of a person's life, Keefe said.

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Music: Tuneful kids acquire multiple skills

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Caryn Boeschen said she is interested in the program because her 19-month-old son, Parks, is interested in music.

The lessons are structured because the classes' focus is learning through music, not teaching it.

The lessons are organized differently depending on the age group, she said. For children between 6 and 24 months the classes are 30 minutes long. Parents attend these classes.

Older children participate in more physical activities, such as finger plays. They also sing songs to accompany props such as Hula

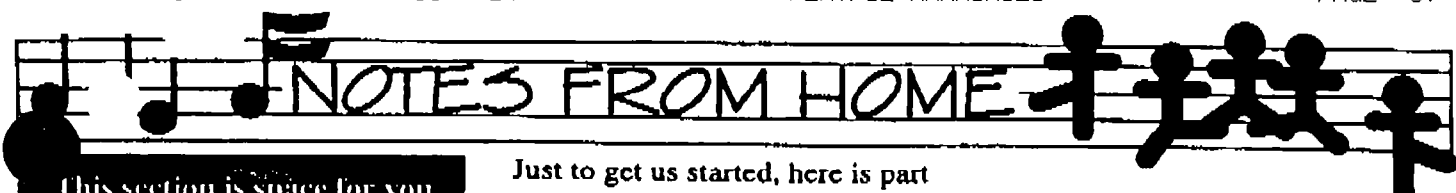
Hoops and beanbags. The classes for the older children are taught without the parents and last for 45 minutes.

"They walk around the room and play the instruments to songs," Keefe said. "When the music stops, they have to stop playing."

Part of the design of the program is to help children adjust to participating independently, she said.

"Music is nonthreatening," she said. "It makes it easier for children to make the initial separation from their parents."

For information about the classes, call the Missouri Symphony Society at 875-0600 or Mathus at 445-1302.



NOTES FROM HOME

This section is space for you, as the reader and a member of the PLAYFUL HARMONIES family, to share ideas, concerns, photos and anecdotes of your child's experiences in your own local program. Although we hope that you will call directly to the PLAYFUL HARMONIES corporate offices if you have serious concerns, we also feel that it is important for everyone to hear from each other, know what others are thinking and doing, and hear some first-hand stories of what it's like to be part of the PLAYFUL HARMONIES family. We'd LIKE to say that we only want to receive rave reviews but what we WILL say is that we must have your name and address (not necessarily to be printed) and that letters may be edited for space.

Just to get us started, here is part of a letter I received while teaching in Michigan.

Dear Playful Harmonies,

Tila and I just had to write...(to) thank you for...your music class. Due to Tila's physical health, many of her experiences away from home are negative for her (...hospitals, tests, etc.). It is wonderful to have watched her (in music class) over the past few weeks. She has blossomed from a shy little caterpillar to a bubbly little butterfly! Even outside of music class we are seeing a big difference in her social behavior and interaction with others. I am amazed at how quickly she became comfortable with (the teacher) and allowed me to leave the room. That was a giant leap for Tila, developmentally.

Lynne
Whitmore Lake, Michigan

Send your letters and comments to:
PLAYFUL HARMONIES, INC.,
710 A South Main Street,
Troy, IL 62294

Or fax them to:
PLAYFUL HARMONIES, INC.,
Notes From Home,
618-667-7724

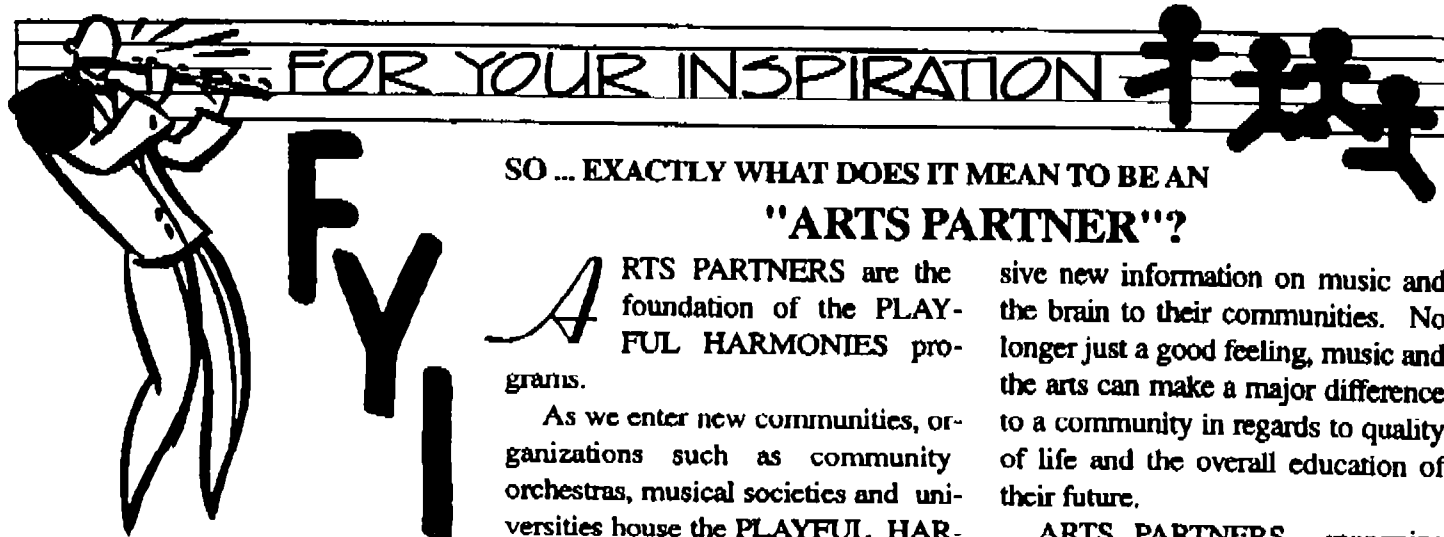
This section will spotlight each new PLAYFUL HARMONIES program as its territory becomes established, its teachers trained and its classes started. The whole process is very exciting and we want you to feel a part of each grand opening!



TAKE THE "A (for autoharp)" TRAIN!

Right now, October 1996, PLAYFUL HARMONIES, INC. has 4 separate programs up and running. Greater St. Louis, with the original Belleville program and its satellites in Collinsville and Scott Air Force Base has weekly enrollments of nearly 150 students. Southern Illinois, with the Carbondale program (arts partnered with the Southern Illinois University at Carbondale School of Music) has 45 children walking through its

doors each week and the Centralia program (arts partnered with the Centralia Cultural Society) has 25 students. Madison County, which just opened its doors in September, currently has 6 brave musical souls enrolled! In November, there will be another PLAYFUL HARMONIES Grand Opening in Central Missouri, which is arts partnered with the Missouri Symphony Society in Columbia.



OUR SONGS

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Our newest Southern Illinois location with the SIU-Carbondale School of Music began classes in September and is growing by leaps and bounds. Some of the classes are full but there are still some spots available, so tell your friends! While classes are currently only available on Mondays and Fridays, we foresee scheduling additional days as our demand for classes increases. The PLAYFUL HARMONIES program with SIU-C will be having a Winter Holiday Recital - date and time, to be announced.

CENTRAL MISSOURI - Director and Teacher Jennifer Mathus

Although we had originally intended to open our program with the Symphony Society in September, the logistics of it and my impending wedding (September 28) were just too much to coordinate! So instead, we are doing a heavy media blitz now and an Open House on October 15 and 16, with an opening date of November 4. We will offer classes on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and are projecting an enrollment of 45 students by February 1997. Prepare yourselves for our l-o-n-g list of enrollees in the next issue!

October 1996

SO ... EXACTLY WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN "ARTS PARTNER"?

ARTS PARTNERS are the foundation of the PLAYFUL HARMONIES programs.

As we enter new communities, organizations such as community orchestras, musical societies and universities house the PLAYFUL HARMONIES program and support the efforts of each individual program. Partners share many things, from space in an existing facility to promoting each other on brochures and publicity pieces.

The goal of ARTS PARTNERS is that together, PLAYFUL HARMONIES and the community organization, provide at the earliest age, the introduction and education of the arts.

PLAYFUL HARMONIES' ARTS PARTNERS have taken on a role of leadership in providing explo-

sive new information on music and the brain to their communities. No longer just a good feeling, music and the arts can make a major difference to a community in regards to quality of life and the overall education of their future.

ARTS PARTNERS recognize and promote the fact that music is critically important to the development of the brain. By understanding and supporting this amazing new research, PLAYFUL HARMONIES' ARTS PARTNERS have positioned themselves to provide the most beneficial service of all to their communities. They have truly committed to making our next generation of children, the smartest ever!

For more information on becoming an ARTS PARTNER, please call the Corporate offices of PLAYFUL HARMONIES.

WHO AND WHERE

TRAINING AND CORPORATE OFFICES, PLAYFUL HARMONIES of MADISON COUNTY

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Troy, IL 62294
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PLAYFUL HARMONIES of BELLEVILLE/METRO EAST

Belleville Philharmonic Society
110 N. High Street, #6,
Belleville, IL 62220
Phone: 618-236-1107;
Fax: 618-236-1108

PLAYFUL HARMONIES of SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

SIU-C School of Music,
Carbondale, IL 62901
Phone: 618-53-MUSIC
Centralia Cultural Society,
P.O. Box 220,
Centralia, IL 62801
Phone: 618-523-2951 or
618-336-5547

PLAYFUL HARMONIES of CENTRAL MISSOURI

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203 S. Ninth St.,
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DOES MUSIC INFLUENCE THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE BRAIN?

Patricia R. Keefe, Registered Music Therapist

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Community and school-based arts, and particularly music programs have had to bear the brunt of the budget cuts and program trimming in recent years. Volunteer community orchestras have faced bankruptcy and dwindling audiences because they cannot compete for the limited grants and supplemental city and federal funding. Public and private schools have chosen to cut music education, choral and orchestral programs when budget belts are tightened. Music and the arts are considered frills and not directly related to the task of education. Unfortunately, what so many school and public officials don't realize is how valuable an education that includes the arts can be.

There are well-documented statistics that show that the majority of high-scoring SAT students and those who graduate in the top ten percent of their senior class are also musicians. Many of our greatest medical, political and scientific minds, past and present, have musical backgrounds. A logical follow-up question is: Does music influence the growth and development of the brain or do intelligent individuals lean toward musicianship? New research indicates that music is the catalyst, at least if it is introduced at a young age, while the brain is still developing. One study looked at the "Mozart Effect" and found

that students retained information longer and with greater accuracy after listening to Mozart compositions. Another has found that sections of the brains of individuals with perfect pitch are significantly more developed than those of people without perfect pitch, but only if music instruction begins before the age of 12.

Most recently, researchers at the University of Wisconsin and the University of California - Irvine have found that when preschool aged children are actively involved in music activities, the neuro-pathways for rational thinking and problem solving become more strongly developed. Thus early music exposure can "tune up" a child's mathematical, analytical and logical brain for a lifetime.

This isn't to say that all children should be playing the violin at age 3. Active music participation that includes singing, chanting, doing fingerplays, moving creatively to music and playing simple percussion instruments will sufficiently stimulate and connect the reasoning side of the brain with the emotional, artistic side. Repeated exposure to this stimulation creates strong bridges between both sides of the brain. And when the whole brain is working together, the intellectual possibilities are endless.

This section will provide articles of interest by guest writers, brief listings and announcements to make it easy for you to locate names, dates, phone numbers and other bits of stuff you might want to access in a hurry.

WHAT AND WHEN

October 21-26, 1996

Teacher/Program
Director Training in Troy, IL

October 30, 1996

Centralia (Southern Illinois)
Halloween Recital, 6:30 pm

November 4, 1996

Opening day for
Central Missouri
in Columbia

November 16-19, 1996

American Music Therapy
Association Conference

December 19, 1996

Centralia (Southern Illinois)
Holiday Recital, 6:30 pm

February 1, 1997

Deadline for submissions for
Spring newsletter

March 1, 1997

Spring Newsletter
disbursement date

October 1996



Early musical experiences can enhance logical, rational, and creative thought for a lifetime.

(Rauscher and Shaw, 1994)

Our goal is not to create future musicians, but to help young children grow into creative, rational, expressive, and social

individuals who may ultimately be very musical.



The PLAYFUL HARMONIES therapeutic model of "educational music" is based on the philosophy that music is invaluable to the growth and development of very young children. Research shows that when a young child's brain is stimulated by active musical participation (singing, playing an

The Philosophy

instrument, moving to

music), the neurological pathways for rational thinking and problem solving become more strongly developed. These early childhood musical experiences can enhance logical, creative thought for a lifetime (Rauscher and Shaw 1994).

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itty Bitty Boogie

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Itty-Bitty Boogie-ing plus singing fingers, dancing bodies, and wailing instruments.

TUNEFUL TOTS

2 YEAR OLDS

Baby Boogie-ing on their own—singing their own songs and playing their own music.

MUSICAL MUNCHKINS

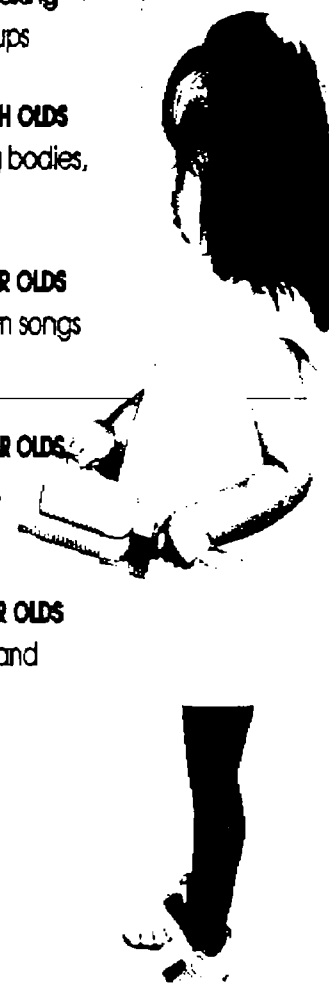
3 YEAR OLDS

Tuneful Tots with *ATTITUDE*—I can sing, I can move, I can play instruments and I can pretend.

JUNIOR JAMMERS

4 YEAR OLDS

Music is creativity—musical games, song stories, and the melodies of drums, rattles and ribbons.



Playful Harmonies was created in 1988 as a daycare-based music program in New York City by Patricia Roberge Keefe, Registered Music Therapist. Keefe based the program on her 10 years of musical and educational experiences with very young children and her therapeutic sense that music can be a developmental tool for learning.



The History

In 1993, Keefe and Playful Harmonies moved to Belleville, Illinois where Kathleen J. AuBuchon, Executive Director of the Belleville Philharmonic Society, first recognized the connective role that community organizations can and must play in supporting, offering and emphasizing the value of music to very young children and their families.

Together, Keefe and AuBuchon are making Playful Harmonies the primary musical and educational connection between community organizations and the very young.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 13, 1997

Mr. Lee Auspitz
17 Chapel Street
Somerville, MA 02144

Dear Lee:

Thank you for your letter and for the update on the activities of the Sabre Foundation. It is wonderful to hear about the progress on Mongolia.

Thank you for writing and best wishes. Happy new year!

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

DATE: December 3, 1996

FROM: Lee Auspitz, PHONE 617/628-6228
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TO: Melanne Verveer 202/456-6244 FAX

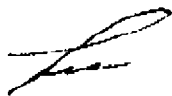
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Dear Melanne,

The enclosed letter from Mark Gearan shows further progress on Mongolia. It comes just in time for us to include Mongolia in Sabre's proposal due on Friday for AID's Ocean Freight Reimbursement (OFR) program.

By the way, the Director of the OFR program, Kevin Rafferty, was thrilled to be invited by the First Lady to the ceremony on Bosnia. He is one of those dedicated people in government who work on without recognition, but who appreciate an occasional gesture of this kind.

With best regards,





PEACE CORPS

DIRECTOR

November 20, 1996

Mr. Josiah Lee Auspitz
17 Chapel Street
Somerville, MA 02144

Dear Lee:

Thank you for your kind note and for the group photo with Mrs. Clinton. That was truly a special event.

The Peace Corps would be very interested in extending our cooperation with the Sabre Foundation to programs in other countries, specifically in Mongolia and Jordan. As we do not yet have Volunteers in Jordan, our book needs for that program will not be determined for some time. However, I know that the need for books very much exists in Mongolia. I have asked Ann Truxaw to further explore this idea with Tania Vitvitsky and the Peace Corps staff in Mongolia.

As you know, the Peace Corps is most appreciative of the resources you have provided for our Volunteers and their host country organizations. We look forward to a continued relationship with the Sabre Foundation.

Mary Shanks

Sincerely,
Mark D. Gearan
Mark D. Gearan
Director

cc: Ann Truxaw, Gifts In Kind Program Manager, Peace Corps
Tania Vitvitsky, Director, Scientific Assistance Project, Sabre Foundation, Inc.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 5, 1997

Ms. Diana Aviv, Director
Ms. Sharon Daley, Deputy Director
Mr. John Fredriksson, Washington Rep.
Ms. Karen Narasaki, Executive Director
Ms. Cecilia Munoz, Deputy Vice President
Council of Jewish Federations
1640 Rhode Island Avenue, NW
Suite 500
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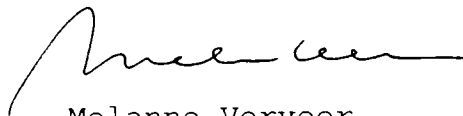
Dear Ms. Aviv, Ms. Daley, Mr. Fredriksson, Ms. Narasaki, Ms. Munoz:

Thank you for your letter regarding legal immigrant and refugee provisions in the welfare reform law. As the President said when he signed the law, he strongly objects to some of the provisions that have nothing to do with welfare reform, such as the provision that penalizes legal immigrants if they become disabled and require medical assistance through no fault of their own. The President's FY98 Budget, that will be released this week, while balancing the budget will still contain funds and propose changes consistent with the promises he made when he signed the welfare reform law. The President is fully committed to these proposed changes.

We are gratified by the recent statements of some Republican and Democratic governors calling for restoration of benefits for legal immigrants and we are hopeful that Congress will support such modifications.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady



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December 10, 1996

Ms. Melanne Verveer
 Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady
 Office of the First Lady
 Old Executive Office Building
 Washington, DC 20501

DIANA AVIV

Director,
 Washington Action Office

Dear Ms. Verveer:

We are writing on behalf of Catholic Charities USA, Council of Jewish Federations, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium and National Council of La Raza concerning the funds to be included in the Administration's FY98 budget proposal for fixes to the immigrant provisions of the welfare reform law.

In response to the very harsh provisions affecting legal immigrants and refugees in the welfare statute, President Clinton stated that he intended to ease some of the provisions concerning legal immigrants and food stamps. This intention was stated when he announced he would sign the law, at the time of signing of the bill, and during his interview with David Brinkley after the election. These priorities of the President were also confirmed in conversations that we have had with Senior Administration officials, who affirmed the President's intention to spend \$13 billion to pay for these modifications. We have heard recently that there may be some interest in diminishing the amount of funds available to address the legal immigrant and Food Stamp problems. It is our firm view that given the profound impact the welfare law has on immigrants and refugees, any scaling back of the funds available to make some modifications would constitute a breach of faith and a betrayal of trust.

While recognizing that these funds would not cover all the improvements that we seek, we firmly urge you to use the dollars available for permanent fixes and not for a one or two year delay in the implementation of these provisions. We consider as a priority the protection of legal immigrants and refugees who become disabled after entering the United States; exempting children from Medicaid restrictions; and extending the 5 year exemption for refugees and asylees for an additional 2 years. We also support an exemption for elderly people over 75 years of age.

We reiterate the importance of permanent rather than temporary fixes such as a 1 -2 year delay which would not protect those people who are unable or unlikely to naturalize because of age or disability. We believe that the chances for change to occur are small after the delay is over. Moreover, this kind of delay makes no accommodations for future legal immigrants, who through no fault of their own may become disabled after living in the United States. We urge your support for including in the President's budget at least these long-term fixes to the immigrant provisions of the welfare law.

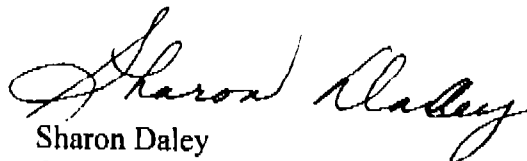
Paying for these permanent fixes in this year's budget deal represents the best opportunity to secure these changes. As a small component of the large five year budget deal we are confident that with the President's staunch support, these changes will be possible. Given the pay-as-you-go budget rules in place, any efforts to amend the welfare law in a year or two will have to be paid for by tax increases or cuts in other entitlement programs. Given the mood in the Congress, this is not a likely possibility.

In conclusion we urge you to use the full \$13 billion for some permanent improvements to the immigrant and food stamp provisions.

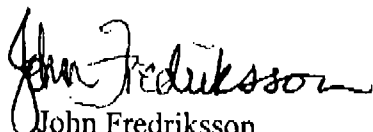
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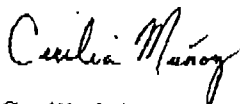
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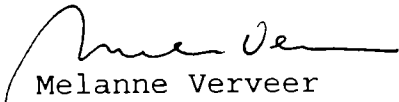
Mr. Norris Bacho
City of Hartford
Economic Development Department
10 Prospect Street
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Mr. Bacho:

On behalf of the First Lady,
thank you for your kind letter,
information on the Hartford Peer
Lending Project and your words of
support for microenterprise
development.

Best wishes in your important
work.

Sincerely,

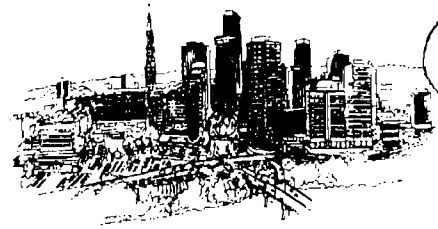


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CITY OF HARTFORD

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February 28, 1997

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I read with interest the news report relative to your micro-enterprise development proposal and the micro-lending component. The City of Hartford Economic Development Department fully endorses and supports these initiatives.

It may not be amiss to state that the court of common council of Hartford had previously endorsed the establishment of a peer lending program for Hartford. A copy of the resolution is attached as well as a copy of my letter of support to the peer lending project.

As stated in my letter of support, the Hartford Peer Lending Project is being initiated by the Hartford Peer Lending Development Corporation, a non-profit all volunteer group with support from the Citizens' Research Education Network. This group has adopted the Working Capital model to achieve micro-lending to businesses in Hartford neighborhoods. Attached for ready reference are materials pertinent to micro-lending, as an essential component of micro-enterprise development.

Rest assured of our continuing support and endorsement of President Clinton's program and your initiative as well.

Sincerely,

Norris A. Bacho
Economic Development Director

cc. Hartford Peer Lending
and Development Corporation
c/o 32 Elm Street
Hartford, CT. 06196

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February 10, 1997

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Any help or assistance to the Hartford Peer Lending Program will be greatly appreciated.

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Norris V. Bacho
Economic Development Director

cc. Hartford Peer Lending
and Development Corporation
c/o 32 Elm Street
Hartford, CT. 06196

First Lady Re-emerges, With an Aid Plan for Tiny Businesses

By JAMES BENNET

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 — On her own terms and armed with her famously formidable command of policy detail, Hillary Rodham Clinton edged back into the spotlight today — though the policies seemed smaller than they once did, and the details less liable to send lobbyists to their telephones, or Republicans around the bend.

For the first time in more than two years, Mrs. Clinton met with reporters who cover the White House, answering questions crisply, cheerfully and confidently for half an hour in the Map Room, where Franklin D. Roosevelt monitored the progress of World War II.

She was in part reintroducing herself, aides acknowledged, by promoting an embryonic idea with a small-sounding name — “micro-enterprise” — that Mrs. Clinton argued would help confront the big issues of poverty and personal growth that she has grappled with for 25 years.

Micro-enterprise “may look like a kind of small issue at first glance,” she acknowledged, after describing how tiny loans of a few thousand dollars or even \$300 could begin businesses in developing countries, or in the inner cities of the United States.

“But this is a very big idea,” Mrs. Clinton continued. “And it’s a big idea because it takes governmental catalytic action, that will directly affect some people’s lives, but more than that, create a new environment for private economic activity, that could have very long term consequences.”

It was not as big an idea, certainly, as changing the entire health care system, an effort that she once commanded for President Clinton, overseeing a staff of 300 economists, health policy experts and Government employees.

But, when asked if her views had changed, Mrs. Clinton, more in amused exasperation than aggravation, declared that she never favored excessive government control.

“I believe in the balance of power,” she exclaimed, using a term she has invoked frequently in speeches in recent weeks. “I believe in the balance of power in government, I believe in the balance of power between government and the private sector, I believe in the balance of power between men and women.”

She added: “And I think that if you tilt too far one way or the other, you run into trouble.”

But while the Hillary Clinton who testified on Capitol Hill about health care was not on display today, neither was the Hillary Clinton of the 1996 Presidential campaign, who shunned reporters and stuck mostly to safe topics and friendly crowds.

Instead, as Mrs. Clinton sat at a long table, which was covered with a

white cloth and ringed by about 16 reporters, she spoke easily about transfer payments and capital formation in the inner city and did not hesitate to describe big dreams for a small Federal program to encourage micro-enterprise — defined as businesses with five employees or fewer. “What I would hope that would come out of this emphasis on micro-enterprise,” she said, “is a greater appreciation in our society at large about the capacities of people at all levels in our country.”

The questions clung mostly to Mrs. Clinton’s chosen topic, as she intend-

ed. But even at the end, when reporters apologetically began to ask her about her role in creating a White House database whose use Congressional Republicans are investigating, her tone remained even and her manner friendly.

With a deliberate absence of fanfare, Mrs. Clinton has been delicately re-emerging as a public promoter of her own ideas and favorite programs since President Clinton was re-elected.

“She’s still finding her way on what’s the most comfortable way for her to do public appear-

ances,” a senior official said, adding that Mrs. Clinton had had a “historically rough ride” as First Lady.

After meeting with reporters, Mrs. Clinton made her way upstairs to the East Room, to join her husband in presenting the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Micro-enterprise Development. There, Mr. Clinton said: “I’d also like to thank the First Lady for beginning this obsession, almost, that we have with micro-enterprise.”

“Since I became President, we have tried to go national with this micro idea in a very macro way,”

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Mr. Clinton said.

The White House said today that it would seek \$125 million from Congress this year for a Treasury Department fund that in part contributes to organizations supporting micro-enterprise. Over five years, Mr. Clinton said, he would ask for \$1 billion.

Last year, the White House also sought \$125 million for the fund, but Congress appropriated only \$45 million.

In the United States, micro-enterprise loans are defined as ones of less than \$25,000. Overseas, where the United States extends such credit through the Agency for International Development, the loans run closer to \$300. Repayment rates run well over

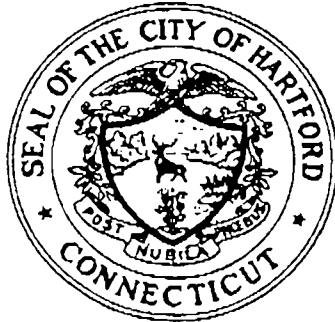
90 percent, officials said.

Mrs. Clinton said the programs were examples of the Administration’s efforts to act as a catalyst. In keeping with her husband’s second Inaugural Address, she offered a spirited defense of Government’s role — combining it with a wry disclaimer of her own influence on the subject.

“There will be and continue to be certain functions that I would argue — speaking only for myself and not anybody else — that only the Government can do and other functions that only the market can do,” she said. “But as with life you will find that much of the rest of it is in this kind of grey middle, and that’s where the debate should be.”

Court of Common Council

Hartford, Connecticut



Resolution

Whereas, The Peer Lending Task force of Hartford Working Group on Community Economic Development has been functioning since February of 1995 as an un-incorporated all-volunteer organization in an attempt to establish a Peer Lending program for Hartford; and

Whereas, The Peer Lending Task force is requesting \$20,000 from the Bank of Boston Connecticut for the purpose of initiating a Peer Lending Project in Hartford which will provide to people who have been economically disadvantaged: group support, networking, business-training (both in English and Spanish), and loans from \$500 to \$5000; and

Whereas, The goal of the Peer Lending Project is to address the lack of capital in the urban neighborhoods and give small entrepreneurs an otherwise unattainable chance to succeed; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Hartford Court of Common Council acknowledges and commends the efforts of The Peer Lending Task force of Hartford Working Group on Community Economic Development in their attempt to establish a Peer Lending Program; and be it further

Resolved, That the Court of Common Council endorses the Peer Lending Task-force's request for \$20,000 from the Bank of Boston Connecticut for the purpose of initiating a Peer Lending Project; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Hartford Working Group on Community Economic Development c/o C.R.E.N, 32 Elm Street Hartford CT 06106.

Adopted by the Court of Common Council

1/9/96

Michael P. Pitaro Mayor

Attest: Dan J. Carey City Clerk



**HARTFORD PEER LENDING
AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**
c/o 32 Elm Street * Hartford, Connecticut 06106
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**THE PEER LENDING / MICRO-ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
FOR
LOCAL, DEMOCRATIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

History of Peer Lending / Micro-Enterprise Development

The recent notion of peer lending as a strategy for microenterprise development in low-income communities derives from traditional community lending groups common in the West Indies, Africa, and Asia. In cultures from these parts of the world, trusted group members contribute a regular donation to a collective fund which is then lent out to members on a rotating basis. Such funds enjoy a remarkably high repayment rate since group members know that subsequent lending depends on their reliability, and because their reputation in the community is at stake.

An adapted form of this lending strategy has been used over the last two decades or so in developing countries, and more recently in the U.S. in impacted urban and rural areas, with much success. The modern strategy does not rely on donations from group members but engages banks and other lenders and contributors in provision of capital. The notion of a close-knit, local solidarity group based on mutual trust and support is very much the same, however.

Characteristics of Peer Lending / Micro-Enterprise Development

Peer lending groups are typically composed of four to ten self-employed business owners or potential entrepreneurs. They are people who work from their homes or businesses on a part- or full-time basis. They may have an employee or two. Typically, they are not eligible for credit from traditional lending institutions because their funding needs fall below what banks typically offer, or because they have not established credit records.

Peer group participants meet regularly and support one another in business planning. A curriculum is typically available to facilitate learning. Members apply directly to their groups for loans which often begin as low as \$500 and

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Hartford Peer Lending and Development Corporation Advisory Board  
Ron Armstrong, Patricia Darling, Teodilo Dino, Mary Hoyer

range up to approximately \$5000. Group members review applications and decide who will receive loans, a procedure that helps participants understand first-hand how credit allocation works. Additional group members cannot receive a loan unless all group members are up-to-date on loan payments, a procedure that ensures timely repayment. Because loan amounts start small and build gradually, group members acquire credit records that eventually allow them to access traditional lending institutions.

Peer lending groups function in the community rather than in formal institutions of higher education or finance. Loan applications are simplified and training is presented in a relaxed but organized fashion. The small group structure ensures that each participant counts. The model offers peer support, community self-reliance, and hope. It fosters independence, but requires working together. It is accessible to all ethnic groups and to participants at various levels of skill development. Unlike other business development programs, it has proven particularly effective with low-income, economically marginalized participants. The model addresses lack of capital in impacted areas and gives owners of small local enterprises a chance to succeed and thrive. The model is designed to keep income generated by enterprises in the community, thus contributing to economic stability.

#### Potential of Peer Lending / Micro-Enterprise Development

Based on statistics provided by Working Capital, Inc., a peer lending technical assistance provider in Boston, Massachusetts, such a model can create up to 40 full-time jobs for every 100 businesses initiated or assisted. Income generation increases as participants' skill levels and involvement in their businesses increase. This is particularly significant given the current state of the national economy in which many jobs are being eliminated and newly created jobs are low-level, under-paid, and offer poor working conditions.

The peer lending model generates typical small businesses: car repair, sewing / tailoring, cabinetry, trash collection, hair cutting, bookkeeping, clothing retail, catering. While seemingly ordinary, these businesses constitute the very foundation of a healthy local economy. They provide a community's most essential goods and services. If these businesses get what they need--capital and opportunities to link to mainstream commerce--they can expand and provide services for larger, more sophisticated businesses to emerge and grow.

Because participants begin borrowing only limited amounts of money, repayment rates are high. Loan levels gradually increase from low to moderate levels as participants become accustomed to allocating modestly increased amounts of earnings for debt repayment. By the time they have reached the maximum loan amount, they enjoy an established credit record that allows them to go to banks for traditional funding.

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AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
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**Phone (860) 659-0612 \* Fax (860) 247-9480**

**PEER LENDING / MICRO-ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT**

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# CITY OF HARTFORD

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

10 Prospect Street, Hartford, CT 06103  
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February 4, 1997

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the Hartford Peer Lending Project that is being initiated by the Hartford Peer Lending Development Corporation with support from the Citizens' Research Education Network.

I am pleased about this project for three reasons. First, loan pool monies will reach into our communities at very low levels. Loans start at \$500, a level which other lenders will not approach. These small loans allow low-income entrepreneurs access to the world of credit that they are traditionally denied.

Second, education is built into this model. Many small businesses lending programs provide little, if any, technical assistance and training to borrowers, a reality that results in many failures. The training provided by this model increases the likelihood of success.

Third, projections indicate that significant number of businesses, jobs, and income will be generated by this project. The proposed technical assistance provider, Working Capital, has a strong track record in communities like Hartford. Therefore, this project has my endorsement and I ask others to support the Hartford Peer Lending Project.

Sincerely,

Norris V. Bacho

Director of Economic Development

The Peer Lending Task Force of the Hartford Working Group on Community Economic Development recommends the selection of Working Capital as the model to implement to achieve capital lending to businesses in Hartford neighborhoods. Based on their Mission Statement and 5-year track record, Working Capital is a non-profit program that strengthens micro-businesses and communities by providing group-based support, loans and technical assistance to self-employed persons with limited access to resources.

The program offers credit, networking opportunities and business education, and does not require collateral or a formal business plan.

It originated in the New Hampshire College Community Economic Development Program and the Institute for Community Economic Development. It is similar to collective lending strategies adopted by various ethnic groups throughout history, and is used domestically as well as internationally.

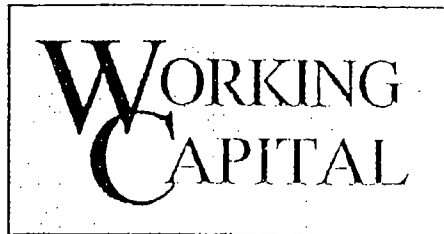
Loans are available from \$500 - \$5000, which are usually not offered by conventional lenders. It offers credit-building services, has a loan repayment rate of 98%, a track record in other locations that is attractive to funders, and a major local funder (Bank of Boston Connecticut) is interested in supporting the program.

In addition to the financial aspects, Working Capital uses friendship, personal experience of reliability, and group assumption of responsibility as determiners for loans rather than elaborate business plans and collateral. It works in small groups, so each member counts. It offers peer support, community self-reliance and hope; it fosters independence, but requires working together. It is not exclusionary, and reaches all ethnic groups yet has a flexible structure that can be modified as needed.

The program will use established nonprofits that are familiar with the neighborhoods as

conduits. It will start in Hartford and move to outlying towns in the Greater Hartford area. Working Capital will recruit and train organizations to implement the program through staff consisting of a Director and Enterprise Agents.

This program begins to address a lack of capital in urban neighborhoods, and gives owners of small local enterprises a chance to succeed and thrive. The additional income generated stays within the community, leading to economic prosperity and stability.



*99 Bishop Allen Drive, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139 (617) 576-8620*

## **SUMMARY AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1995**

**Mission** Working Capital is a non-profit program that strengthens micro-businesses and communities by providing group-based support, loans and technical assistance to self-employed persons with limited access to resources.

Through credit, networking opportunities and business education, owners of small local enterprises gain a chance to succeed and thrive. The additional income generated stays within the community, leading to vigor and economic prosperity.

To implement our program in Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Delaware and Florida, we have formed partnerships with financial and non-profit institutions. Banks supply loan and operating capital; local agencies or Working Capital affiliates recruit, train and distribute credit to borrowers; universities provide technical services; and, government agencies offer marketing and funding assistance.

**Market Need** Almost ten percent of the work force earns income from self-employed activities (12 million people). Many are low and very low income sole proprietors. Working Capital extends loans to anyone who joins a business loan group. However, our aim is to grant credit to those who have no other resources to grow their businesses.

**Borrower Profile** Sixty percent of Working Capital's borrowers are women. Some 30% are minority and 65% are either low or very low income by HUD guidelines. Only 8% have received a conventional business loan.

**Recent Results: Working Capital is the largest microcredit initiative in the United States.** Since October 1991, the program has assisted 1,500 small businesses, distributing 1783 loans totalling \$1,599,200. We are working with 45 local affiliates in rural areas of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire; and in cities such as Boston; Burlington, VT; Manchester, NH; Miami, FL and Wilmington, DE. We have experienced a loan repayment rate of 98.91% across all loans issued.

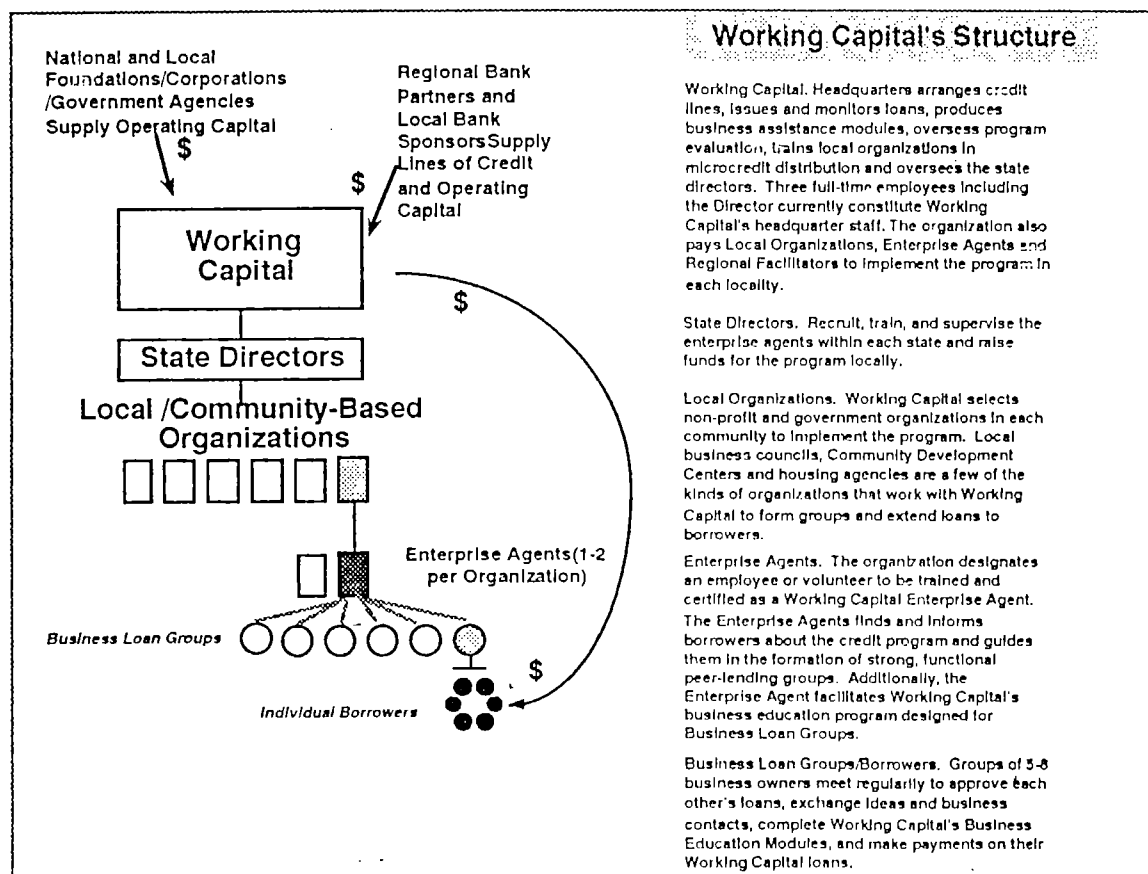
**Expansion Plan** By year-end 1997, Working Capital expects to have reached 4,000 businesses through 8,000 loans in some 200 of New England's rural communities and inner cities.

**Lending Model** Working Capital uses a peer-lending methodology to issue loans. Groups of 4-10 small business owners in a community meet regularly to review and approve loan applications as well as to exchange ideas and contacts. All members of a group must be current on loan payments for any member of the group to obtain a larger loan. First time borrowers receive initial loans in the amount of \$500. Each successive loan cycle affords borrowers the chance to increase their loan sizes to a maximum of \$5,000. While loans are approved by members of the group, each borrower is able to build an individual business credit history.

**Economic Impact** Working Capital believes that the smallest businesses, often owned by low income and minority entrepreneurs, can become increasingly productive with access to those advantages enjoyed by larger companies namely: *capital, sales leads and connections, practical business education, and support from peers*. Collectively, borrowers reported a 40% average increase in sales and 20% average increase in income after one year in the program. Working Capital has demonstrated that the number of commercial borrowers in a given area can be multiplied ten fold.

**Operations** Working Capital recruits and trains organizations based in target communities to implement the Working Capital program. Selected organizations appoint a staff person to become a Working Capital Enterprise Agent. Enterprise Agents form Business Loan Groups, assist borrowers with business education, and monitor lending activity within groups.

**Funding** Working Capital obtains loan capital from regional and local banks such as Fleet Bank, Meredith Village Savings and Vermont National Bank. To date, funding for operations has been supplied by banks, such as Fleet Bank, Savings Bank of Walpole, and Community Bank and Trust; national foundations such as Ford, MacArthur, and Mott; government agencies such as Health and Human Services; and local foundations such as New Hampshire Charitable Trust. In the future, we will broaden our funding base to include bank partners as well as local entrepreneurs and corporations.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 14, 1997

Ms. Kathy Adams Baczko  
144 Alexander Palm Road  
Boca Raton, FL 33432

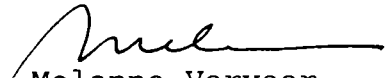
Dear Kathy:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter and good wishes. I have forwarded your resume to the Office of Presidential Personnel where I am certain that you will be given full consideration and I will also keep you in mind if I hear of something that might be of interest to you.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

*Hope all is  
well.*

  
Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

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144 Alexander Palm Road  
Boca Raton, Florida 33432

February 10, 1997

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

Dear Melanne,

Congratulations on your new appointment, and I wish you all the best as you meet increasing challenges in your new role as Chief of Staff. The First Lady and the country are fortunate to have your talent, energy and experience to facilitate the management of Mrs. Clinton's tireless efforts in a wide variety of issues.

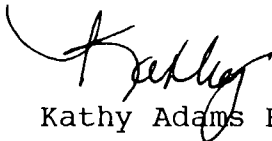
I had such a positive experience working on the campaign that I have decided to investigate where I might continue to serve the President as loyal friend and supporter. I have strong skills to offer in management, administration and organization which could be applied in a number of areas.

I am enclosing my resume for your reference and would appreciate any suggestions you have about finding my way through the maze of the political network in Washington for possible job opportunities in the second Clinton/Gore administration. You certainly pointed me in the right direction the last time.

I will be in Washington from February 19 - 26 and again in early March. You can leave word for me either in Boca Raton (561) 367-7291 or Washington, D.C. (202) 298-6647.

We are still living off all the happy memories of the Inauguration. The Georgetown Class '68 events kept the weekend quite lively. Now, it's back to business!

Sincerely,



Kathy Adams Baczko

**KATHLEEN ADAMS BACZKO**  
**144 Alexander Palm Road**  
**Boca Raton, Florida 33432**  
**(561) 367-7291**

## **OBJECTIVE**

To serve in the Clinton/Gore administration in the area of domestic policy, education, protocol or other appropriate department, agency, commission or board.

## **EDUCATION**

**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY**  
**SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES & LINGUISTICS**  
**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (CUM LAUDE), FRENCH/ECONOMICS**

## **MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS**

- ***Deputy Director***  
***Women's Outreach, Clinton/Gore '96, Washington, D.C.*** ***1996***  
Participated as a full-time volunteer in leadership role for seven months in the national outreach effort to organize and mobilize women in the democratic political process. Assisted in developing and directing network and communication with 50 state women directors, establishing national and state steering committees, developing and targeting mailings to women constituencies, organizing women's caucus events at the National Convention, managing of interns, volunteers and state liaisons, coordinating with national women's organizations, and implementing women's GOTV outreach events.
- ***Board of Directors***  
***Florence Fuller Child Development Center, Boca Raton, Florida*** ***1992-Present***  
The Center offers subsidized child care to 600 children from low-income families in Palm Beach county. As a Board member, chaired special events, created the first auxiliary of volunteers to the Center, and, as chair, developed the first corporate giving campaign establishing permanent underwriting from over 100 local corporations. Nominated in 1994 for Volunteer Woman of the Year in Boca Raton.
- ***Board of Advisors***  
***School of Languages and Linguistics, Georgetown University*** ***1993-Present***  
SLL is the preeminent language school in the country. As a Board member, advise and oversee curriculum and faculty development, fund raising, alumni relations, and coordination of Language School with other University departments. Chair of SLL Alumni Council.
- ***Board of Governors***  
***Alumni Association, Georgetown University*** ***1994-1997***  
One of 60 elected Board members. Responsible for general policy development, alumni/university relations, regional club development, fund raising and premium merchandising.
- ***Strategic Planning Committee for Capital Campaign, Georgetown University*** ***1995-1997***  
As a member of the select development committee reporting to the University President, responsible for formulating policies and strategies for the current \$450 million capital campaign.

KATHLEEN ADAMS BACZKO

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**

- ***American Red Cross, Montclair, New Jersey***  
Designed and implemented the first high school *AIDS Awareness and Peer Education* program in the nation. Responsible for curriculum development, program implementation in public and private school systems, and volunteer recruitment and training.
- ***Saint Andrews School, Boca Raton, Florida***  
Founding member of the *Multicultural Committee* to initiate and implement educational programs for students, parents and faculty to address critical social and cultural issues in the community. Developed and directed the first *Student/Parent Drug Awareness Program* series which is now a permanent program at the school.
- ***Georgetown University***  
***Alumni Admissions Committee***  
For 22 years, interviewed and evaluated applicants to undergraduate programs at Georgetown University.

**FUND RAISING/SPECIAL EVENTS**

- ***25th Reunion, Class 1968, Georgetown University***  
As a member of the steering committee, helped raise record \$1.2 million contribution from Class of 1968. Directed a successful corporate solicitation effort to underwrite entertainment, hospitality and documentary for White House Reunion Gala, June 1993.
- Clinton/Gore campaign personal solicitation activities from 1992 to present have raised \$150,000.
- Leadership positions over past 15 years in numerous fund-raising events which have raised from \$10,000 - \$150,000 for nonprofit and charitable organizations.
- Founded and organized Georgetown Club of Boca Raton. Directed major membership recruitment program, development of special events, community service projects and speakers' bureau.

**KATHLEEN ADAMS BACZKO**

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- *Ivory Bird Antiques, Montclair, New Jersey* *1983-87*  
Part owner of a successful English antiques importing business.
- *Resource Planning Associates, Cambridge, Massachusetts* *1972-74*  
Assistant Treasurer for environmental consulting firm.
- *Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, D.C.* *1968-69*  
Assistant to Director of Conferences for Corporate Executives

**CURRENT BOARD MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS**

Board of Directors, Florence Fuller Child Development Center, Boca Raton, Florida

Board of Advisors, School of Languages & Linguistics, Georgetown University

Board of Governors, Georgetown University Alumni Association

Executive Member, Women's Leadership Forum of DNC

Sustainer, Junior League of Boca Raton

**PERSONAL**

Married, three children ages 27, 22, 19

Extensive international background

Fluent in French

*References available upon request*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 11, 1997

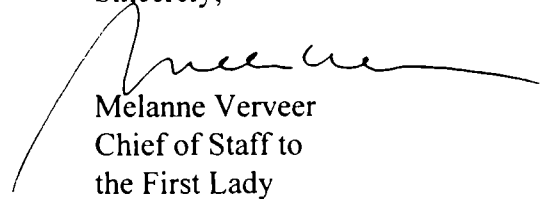
Casey Bahr  
Director of Development Education  
ADRA's Global Village  
12501 Old Columbia Pike  
Silver Spring, MD 20904

Dear Casey:

Thank you for your letter and invitation to Chelsea Clinton to open ADRA's Global Village on April 16, 1998.

Regrettably, neither Chelsea nor her parents will be able to attend, but best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer  
Chief of Staff to  
the First Lady

March 31, 1997

Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20502

**GLOBAL  
VILLAGE**

Dear Ms. Verveer:

I received your name from Tamara Pleitez, Press Relations Director for ADRA. She met you at an humanitarian awards ceremony for Mrs. Clinton. Tamara was doing the follow-up work to see if Mrs. Clinton would conduct the ribbon cutting ceremony at *ADRA's Global Village* in Dayton, Ohio, last October. Ms. Pleitez has left ADRA due to her husband's job re-location.

ADRA International and The World Bank, in partnership, are bringing *ADRA's Global Village* to the U.S. Capitol Mall near the Smithsonian Castle, April 16-May 3, 1998. (Original plans called for the exhibit to be here in April 1997; however, more time was needed to coordinate all of the public and private school groups that wanted to attend. We expect 50,000 students.) *ADRA's Global Village* has been exhibited in a few locations, but this is the first national sized event. This development education project helps elementary students to better understand those who live in developing situations around the world, especially children. Visitors are challenged to look for ways to assist those who are in need.

We would be honored if President and Mrs. Clinton would allow Chelsea to open *ADRA's Global Village* to the students of the nation on Thursday, April 16, 1998, at 8:30 a.m. Of course we would welcome Chelsea bringing her parents to help her with the opening ceremonies since this exhibit is also for families, but it seems highly appropriate to invite her to cut the ribbon and say a few words to welcome the students since this interactive experience has children at its core. Chelsea has visited so many cultures and would understand the value of sharing new perspectives with many children. Touring life-size replicas of various kinds of living environments can be the first step to understanding other cultures.

12501 Old Columbia Pike

Silver Spring, MD 20904

The enclosed materials indicate how *ADRA's Global Village* begins to change children's and adults' perceptions of our world. We would value the First Family's support of this endeavor. I would be pleased to answer any questions you and your staff have.

Sincerely,

☎ (301) 680-6380



Casey Bahr  
Director of Development Education

Fax: (301) 680-6370

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Pediatrics



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April 19, 1997

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the case,  
sent him  
thanks

Dear Mr. Verveer,

Thank you for the kind  
letter. I am sorry that Dr. Clinton  
will not be able to confirm

that she can accept the 1996  
Richmond Award.

I've had to offer it to  
someone else.

Please thank the Trust body.  
And thank you.

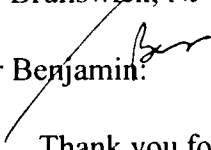
Sincerely,

William Coleman, MD

Chair, Section on Dev-Behav Pediatrics

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
April 11, 1997

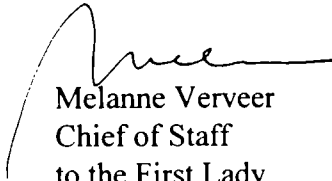
Mr. Benjamin Barber  
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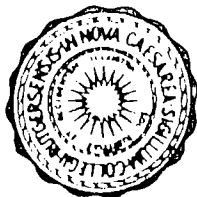
Dear Benjamin: 

Thank you for your thoughtful letter and for your reflections on last week's meeting on national service themes and projects. Thanks, also, for "Lincoln's Portrait," which I have passed along. However, it appears unlikely that either the President or the First Lady will be able to be in Tanglewood on July 6.

With best wishes and appreciation for all you do.

Sincerely,

  
Melanne Verveer  
Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady



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Walt Whitman Center for the Culture and Politics of Democracy

Ms. Melanne Verveer  
Chief of Staff to the First Lady  
and Deputy Assistant to the President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500  
FAX: 202-456-6244

Director,  
Benjamin R. Barber  
Whitman Professor of Political Science

April 2, 1997

Dear Melanne:

We made a good start yesterday but obviously we have a considerable way to go -- not only to recapture momentum on the Summit but to use the President's powerful service/citizenship/partnership message as the basis for a governing philosophy in the second term.

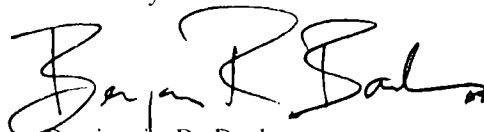
With the Maryland event with Kathleen Kennedy Townsend moved up into the radio address and nothing major left for National Voluntarism Week, it might make good sense for the President to do the 15-minute White House event for the Council of Jewish Federations on April 16/17. I believe the event is already generically on several White House agendas, but no final scheduling decision has been taken as far as I know. It would be a great way for the President to talk about his service ethic with some of America's most committed philanthropists. It also would allow him to make amends with a group unable to participate in the Summit because it was scheduled (no fault of ours) on the last two days of Passover.

Re: the Lincoln event at Tanglewood on July 6, I know not to bother you with this yet, but I did want to send the enclosed copy of Copland's "Lincoln Portrait," which the President or the First Lady would accompany, if they accept the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Chesterwood invitations. The President, the First Lady, and/or you can listen to the piece on track 13 to get a sense of the text and the musical settings.

I am very grateful to you that, in the midst of all your extraordinary new responsibilities, you took time to help us put citizenship and national service back at the center of this month's White House schedule. I know it will be tremendously important in focusing the President's agenda for the balance of the term.

Talk to you soon.

Sincerely,

  
Benjamin R. Barber  
Director

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 3, 1997

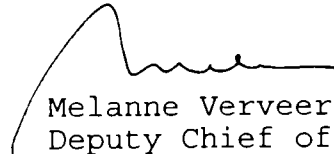
Mr. Laurel Bellows  
Bellows and Bellows  
Suite 800  
70 West Monroe Street  
Chicago, ILL 60603

Dear Laurel:

I received your letter and the letter from Eunice Buhler to the First Lady. We have sent Eunice a signed photograph under separate cover.

Thanks for writing and best wishes. It was wonderful to see you at the White House "Working Mom's" event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Melanne Verveer', with a stylized, wavy line extending from the end of the name.

Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

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January 27, 1997

Ms. Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
Office of the First Lady  
White House  
OEOB, Room 100  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melanne:

I am enclosing a letter to Mrs. Clinton from one of her biggest fans, Eunice Buhler, age seven. Eunice is the daughter of Violetta Buhler, who serves as Vice President and General Counsel for the Midwest region of Fannie Mae.

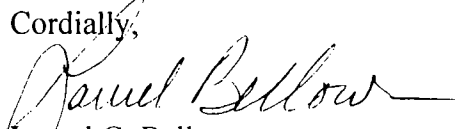
For her school project, Eunice has drafted a speech, in the First Lady's voice, and has chosen the First Lady as the woman in history with whom she would most like to have a conversation. If you could arrange for Mrs. Clinton to send a note with an autographed photo, as well as an autographed transcript of one of the First Lady's speeches, both Eunice and Violetta would be forever grateful.

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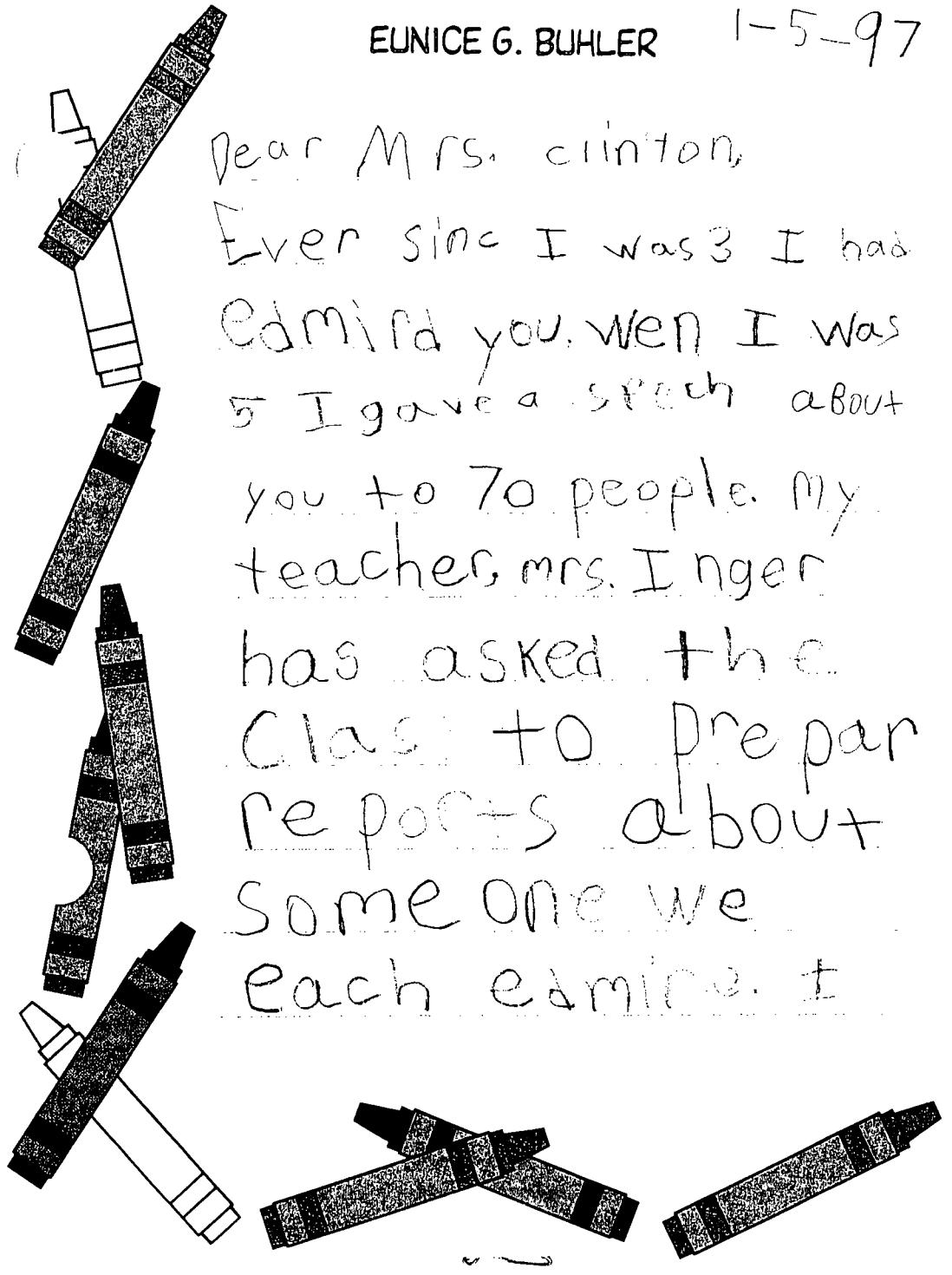
A letter to Eunice Buhler should be forwarded to her at 1033 S. Hamlin Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068.

I hope to see you at The "Working Mother" lunch on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps, we will have a moment or two to catch up on your life since the Chicago convention.

If I am not lucky enough to see you, please accept my best wishes for a happy, healthy, but not overly exciting New Year!

Cordially,  
  
Laurel G. Bellows

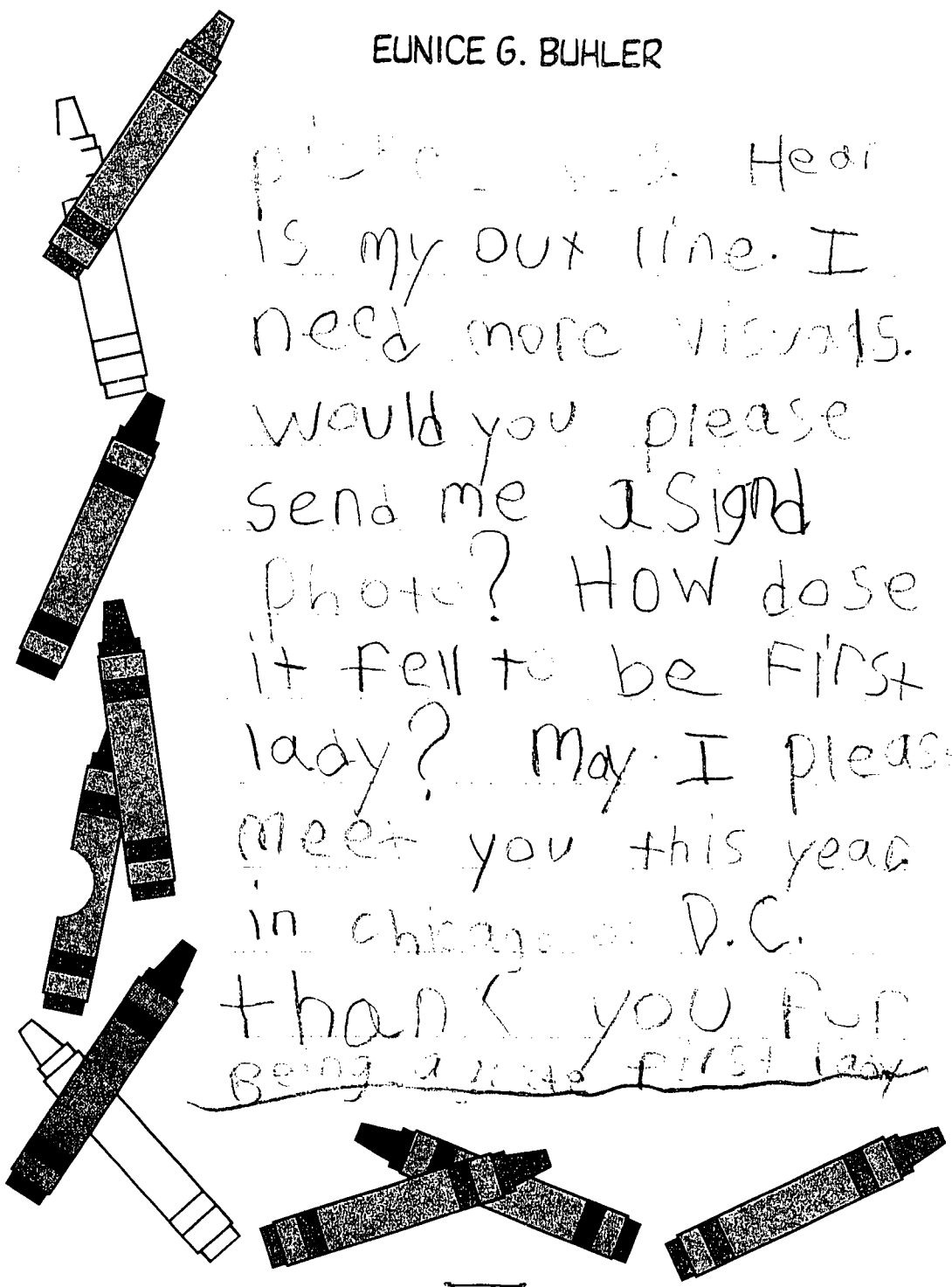
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EUNICE G. BUHLER

1-5-97

Dear Mrs. Clinton,  
Ever since I was 3 I had  
admired you. When I was  
5 I gave a speech about  
you to 70 people. My  
teacher, Mrs. Inger  
has asked the  
class to prepare  
reports about  
someone we  
each admire. I

A decorative border of various crayons is drawn around the text. On the left side, four crayons are arranged vertically, overlapping each other. At the bottom, three more crayons are arranged horizontally, also overlapping. The crayons are drawn with simple outlines and some shading to give them a three-dimensional appearance.

EUNICE G. BUHLER

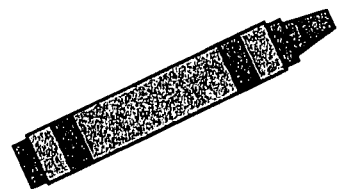
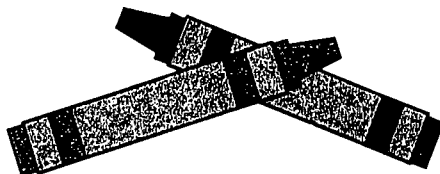
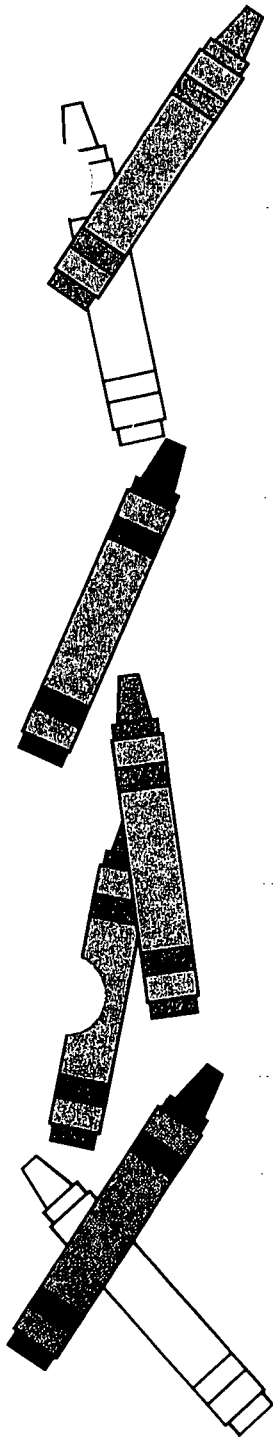
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Would you please  
send me a signed  
photo? How dose  
it fell to be First  
lady? May I please  
meet you this year  
in Chicago or D.C.

Thank you for  
being a 1st lady

EUNICE G. BUHLER

Good luck  
during the  
next four years.

Sincerely,  
Eunice  
age 7.



# H. RC

- Born 1947 in IL - High School  
grew up in Park Ridge  
graduated from Maine South  
in 1965
- in 1969 graduated with  
a bachelor's degree from Wellesley  
College
- First student ever asked  
to give commencement  
address at that college
- law school - Yale, 1973. Date Bill 72.
- staff attorney - children's  
defense fund - children's  
rights.
- 1974 - investigating Pres Nixon  
- moved to Arkansas  
- taught law - Univ. of Arkansas
- 10-11-75 married William  
Jefferson Clinton
- \* 1977
  - founded Arkin Associates  
for children & families
  - joined the Rose Law Firm
- '79 - youngest governor's wife

- 2-27-80 gave birth to only child - Chelsea Victoria
- Rose Law firm 77-92
  - potent & intellectual property
  - twice named 100 most influential lawyers in US
  - first lady - 1993 - present
  - first lady to have Crier
  - health care reform
  - children's advocate
  - women's rights
  - author - It takes a Village to raise a child
  - good mother & wife.
  - smart lawyer & Beautiful women.

By Eunice G. Buhler  
1-5-97

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1997

Mrs. Nitza Ben-Elissar  
Embassy of Israel  
3514 International Drive, NW  
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mrs. Ben-Elissar:

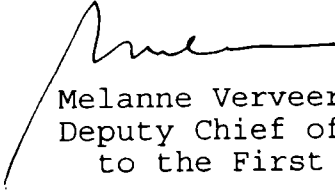
Enclosed are photographs of Mrs. Clinton with Mrs. Sara Netanyahu taken on February 14, 1997 at the White House.

We would be grateful if you could pass them along with Mrs. Clinton's compliments.

Best wishes.

*It was wonderful to spend time with you.*

Sincerely,

  
Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 4, 1997

Mrs. Nitza Ben-Elissar  
Embassy of Israel  
3514 International Drive, NW  
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mrs. Ben-Elissar: *Nitza*

Thank you for your thoughtful letter and invitation to a luncheon at your residence on April 17, 1997.

Regrettably, I will be unable to attend, but thank you for thinking of me. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

  
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Deputy Chief of Staff  
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AMBASSADOR OF ISRAEL  
WASHINGTON, D.C.



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ושינגטון

*P. Regal*

March 31, 1997

Ms. Melanne Verveer  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Verveer:

The growing interest in the Bible, evidenced by the thousands of study groups and dozens of recent books published in America on this topic, prompts me, as the wife of the Ambassador of Israel, to invite you to participate in a series of monthly afternoon luncheons at my home in an exploration and discussion of the Bible.

I have invited Naomi H. Rosenblatt, author of Wrestling with Angels, noted lecturer, and psychotherapist as my guest to guide us in probing the mysteries, miracles, and dramas described in the Bible. Her discussions, demonstrating the relevance of the teachings of the Bible in our daily lives, will stimulate and inspire the religious, agnostic, or merely inquisitive woman.

The first luncheon will be on Thursday, April 17, 1997 from 12:30 to 2:00 P.M. Please call (202) 364-5688 or (202) 364-5537 prior to April 14, 1997 to reserve your place.

I certainly hope that you will be able to join us and look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,

*Nitza Ben Elissar*

Nitza Ben-Elissar

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 12, 1997

Ms. Marjorie Benton  
Public Media, Inc.  
5547 N. Ravenswood Avenue  
Chicago, ILL 60640-1199

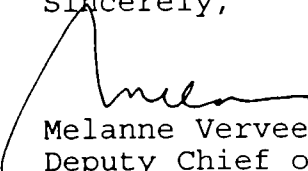
Dear Marje:

Thank you for your fax and for  
your wonderful comments on the State  
of the Union address.

It is anticipated that the First  
Lady will be traveling to the  
Netherlands with the President, but at  
this point, no decisions have been  
made about her schedule. I will keep  
your recommendations for the  
foundation in mind as we proceed with  
plans.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Melanne', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

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MESSAGE:

Dear Melanne-

I thought the President's speech was 1st rate.

How really too bad that the Simpson verdicts crowded him out - and I can imagine how really sad he is about Pamela.

How are we doing on the First Lady &amp; her possible trip to the Netherlands? Would it help for me to orchestrate some other letters?

I'm going away on SAT. for a week &amp; reachable at 602-948-2100 #209 or fax 602-483-7314.

All the very best,

Marjorie

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 21, 1997

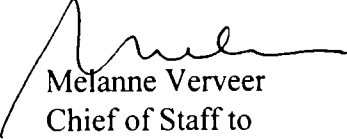
Mr. Charles Bergman  
The Pollock-Krasner Foundation  
725 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Charles:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and good wishes. It was so wonderful to hear from you.

Thanks for writing and for your friendship.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer  
Chief of Staff to  
the First Lady

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April 15, 1997

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

Dear Melanne,

Flying back from Sarasota I read with great pleasure in *The Wall Street Journal* that you will become the First Lady's Chief of Staff at the end of this month. What a wonderful tribute to your highly respected talent and experience. You will be an invaluable colleague to Mrs. Clinton, as you have been already! Congratulations and best wishes for your professional and personal fulfillment in this exiting new post.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

*Charlie*

Charles C. Bergman

CCB/cg

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 21, 1997

Ms. Eugenie Bisulco  
1215 N. Courthouse Road  
Apartment 200  
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Eugenie:

I received your letter and a copy of your resume. Unfortunately, there are no positions available in the First Lady's office at this time but I have forwarded your resume to the Office of Presidential Personnel in hopes that an interesting opportunity will become possible.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer  
Chief of Staff to  
the First Lady

**EUGÉNIE BISULCO**

1215 N. COURTHOUSE ROAD • APARTMENT 200 • ARLINGTON, VA 22201

4 April 1997

Ms. Melanne Verveer  
Office of the First Lady  
Room 100 OEOB  
via fax: 456-6244 7805

Dear Melanne:

I wanted to congratulate you on becoming the Chief of Staff to the First Lady and to wish you success during the transition. Please give Maggie my regards -- I know she will be missed.

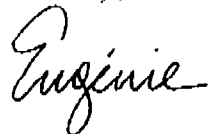
The Department of State seems energized by its new leadership. I met Secretary Albright for the first time a few weeks ago; she is an amazing person. The Art in Embassies Program continues to do great things, though, as you know, Cissie has been leading it from San Francisco for several months. It was so nice to see her this week.

An updated copy of my resumé follows. I am very interested in returning to the White House, preferably to work directly with you. I hope that you will keep me in mind for any positions in the First Lady's Office which you consider relevant to my skills and experience (particularly in communications or personnel administration). If there are no positions currently available, perhaps you can suggest other opportunities within the White House.

— none  
or miss  
found

I would love to talk with you soon if you can spare some time out of your busy schedule. My number at work is 202-647-5321. I'll look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Eugénie Bisulco

## EUGÉNIE BISULCO

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*Diplomatic and respected, with balanced work experience and proven skills in written and oral communications.*

### EXPERIENCE

- 
- **U. S. Department of State, Art in Embassies Program** 1994 - Present  
*Imaging Manager/Assistant to the Director* 1996  
 Promoted to GS-11. Interview and select Program personnel. Facilitate special projects.  
*Inventory Manager/Assistant to the Director* 1995  
 Promoted with advanced responsibilities.  
*Inventory Specialist/Assistant to the Director* 1994  
 Handle Director's scheduling. Serve as Personnel Administrator and Intern Coordinator/Supervisor. Design and manage digital artist registry. Train staff in Adobe Photoshop and image scanning equipment. Serve as State Department liaison to the Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies.
  - **Wellesley College, Davis Museum and Cultural Center** 1993 - 1994  
*Assistant to the Public Relations Manager*  
 Wrote press releases, facilitated special promotions, and served as press liaison. Conducted art research, conceived and implemented new outreach methods for campus publicity, and maintained press database.
  - **The White House, Office of the First Lady** 1993  
*Intern*  
 Assigned to scheduling, correspondence, and research for the Deputy Chief of Staff. Drafted correspondence for the First Lady.
  - **Wellesley College, Office for Resources** 1991 - 1993  
*Student Assistant*  
 Drafted trip reports and donor status reports, and tracked gifts for Senior Development Officer.
  - **U. S. House of Representatives, Congressman Bill Alexander** 1992  
*L.B.J. Intern*  
 Assisted in preparing Congressman for Democratic National Convention. Handled constituent inquiries.
  - **Wellesley College, Office of Financial Aid and Student Employment** 1991 - 1992  
*Student Assistant*  
 Assigned incoming first-year students to work/study positions. Requested by Office of Personnel to create report on management procedure used in determining direction of new work/study program. Handled parent and student inquiries. Processed loans.
  - **Stone County Citizen, Mountain View, Arkansas** 1988 - 1992  
*Contributing Reporter and Photographer*  
 Given front page and by-lines for coverage of political events. Conducted exclusive one-on-one interviews with political figures.
  - **U. S. House of Representatives, 101<sup>st</sup> Congress** 1989  
*Page*  
 Delivered urgent messages to Members on the House floor. Distributed notices to Congressional offices.

### EDUCATION

- 
- **Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD** 1998  
*Master of Arts in Writing (candidate)*
  - **Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA** 1994  
*Bachelor of Arts in English and Studio Art*  
 Magna cum laude; Departmental honors in Studio Art

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 1, 1997

Ms. Madeline Blinder  
218 Cherry Hill Road  
Princeton, NJ 08540

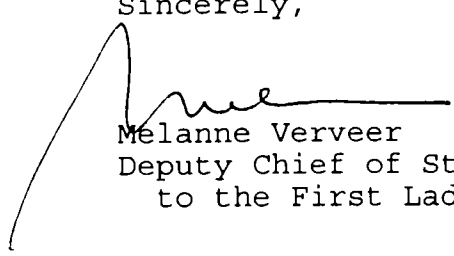
Dear Madeline:

Thank you for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to deliver the keynote at Princeton University/ New Jersey Legislature Symposium. It looks promising.

I have forwarded the request to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady, who will ensure that it receives full consideration.

Thanks for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,

  
Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

*Love to all*

218 Cherry Hill Rd

Rm 401 08540

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## FROM MADELINE BLINDER'S FAX

Telephone: 609-921-9771

FAX: 609-921-2072

TO: Melanne Kewer

FAX number: 202-456-6244

DATE: 3/6/97

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## MESSAGE:

I know you've got a million more important things to deal with today, but I promised the University I would try and speed up the process of inviting the First Lady. Princeton is inviting her to be the key note speaker at the first of what they hope will be an annual University/NT Legislature symposium. They choose "early childhood education" as this year's topic in hopes of enticing the First Lady. A formal invitation is being mailed. But since you'll be out of town next week, Nicole suggested I fax the info. to you and Patti. Thanks for any time you can give this. Take care.

Fondly,  
Madeline

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 3, 1997

Mr. Peter Bourne  
Carter Biography Project  
2119 Leroy Place, NW  
Washington, DC 20008-1848

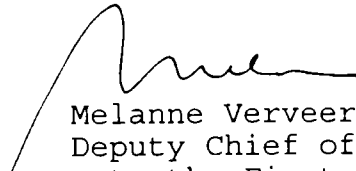
Dear Peter:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter and for sending me the interesting information on St. George's University in Granada.

Phil and I also enjoyed being with you and Mary and our new Ambassador.

Thank you for all you do and much success on your book.

Sincerely,

  
Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

*Thanks too  
for me study  
on Carter.*

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20008-1848

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PETER G. BOURNE

AUTHOR  
February 17, 1997

CHARLES SCRIBNERS'S SONS

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Dear Melanne,

I wanted to propagandize you on the medical school in Grenada.

It is now the largest medical school in North America and Western Europe with an annual intake of 400 students, 50% of whom are required to be non-US citizens in order to maintain the truly global nature of its mission. At present only one in ten of qualified applicants is being accepted. Unlike most medical schools in the US where, for the top faculty, research is the primary focus and teaching students comes a poor second, at St. George's teaching is the absolute priority, and while there is a research institute associated with the medical school its staff is almost entirely separate. Because the school is accredited in both the US and the UK (and also therefore throughout the Commonwealth) its graduates can practice in more countries than those from any other school.

As I mentioned, under the new law, the Department of Education has recently ruled that Australia, Canada, Great Britain and Grenada are considered to provide medical education comparable to that in the US and graduates will therefore continue to be eligible for residencies here. All recent St. George's graduates who wanted residencies in the US obtained them.

I find it a most inspiring model of what global medical education is likely to be in the future. In keeping with this, its graduation exercises are usually held in New York at the UN. However, this year, because it is the twentieth anniversary it will be at the Lincoln Center.

Mary and I enjoyed being with you and Phil immensely and thank you so much for the beautiful spring flowers.

Sincerely,



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 19, 1997

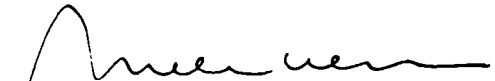
Mr. David Beier  
Vice President  
Government Affairs  
Genetech, Inc.  
808 17th Street, NW  
Suite 250  
Washington, Dc 20006

Dear Mr. Beier:

Thank you very much for your letter and for the CD-ROM overview of biotechnology. We appreciate your sharing this information with us.

Best wishes in your important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Melanne Verveer', with a stylized, flowing script.

Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady



808 17th Street, NW Suite 250  
Washington, DC 20006  
Tel. (202) 296 7777  
Fax (202) 296 7220

February 12, 1997

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

Dear Ms. Verveer:

Of the many new medical technologies that have marked the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, perhaps none has been as dazzling as unlocking the door of DNA. By using a variety of recombinant genetic techniques, scientists working at the nation's leading biotechnology companies have resolved a number of long-standing medical puzzles and appear on the threshold of answering many more. To mark the first quarter century of progress, I am pleased to send you the enclosed CD-ROM overview of biotechnology, courtesy of Genentech, Inc.

Of the leading biotechnology companies, none has conducted as broad a range of research and brought to market as diversified a portfolio of products as Genentech. We also dedicate about 40 percent of total revenues to research and development, a figure that no other American biotechnology, or for that matter, high-tech corporation can match.

Hence our interest in this CD-ROM package. The program provides a broad overview of biotechnology, with an emphasis on past and ongoing research, and its critical role in medicine's technological arsenal. The 40-minute CD-ROM is fully interactive, allowing the viewer to select and watch segments of particular interest. The program features vignettes narrated by people who have benefited from biotech products. In addition, the CD-ROM includes mini-lessons in genetic engineering and recombinant DNA technology, reviews the history of biotechnology, and demonstrates some of the most significant advances in the field.

Genentech is proud of the central role we have played in helping biotechnology reach maturity. Through its commitment, the biotech industry has made a marked contribution to improving the quality of life of millions of Americans. Given how far we have come in so short a time, who knows what marvels the next decade will bring? Should you have any questions about either Genentech or biotechnology, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

David Beier  
Vice President, Government Affairs

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 5, 1997

Ms. Sue Berinato, Administrator  
Beth Shalom Woods  
2027 Lauderdale Drive  
Richmond, VA 23233

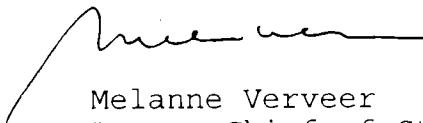
Dear Ms. Berinato:

Thank you for your letter regarding legal immigrant and refugee provisions in the welfare reform law. As the President said when he signed the law, he strongly objects to some of the provisions that have nothing to do with welfare reform, such as the provision that penalizes legal immigrants if they become disabled and require medical assistance through no fault of their own. The President's FY98 Budget, that will be released this week, while balancing the budget will still contain funds and propose changes consistent with the promises he made when he signed the welfare reform law. The President is fully committed to these proposed changes.

We are gratified by the recent statements of some Republican and Democratic governors calling for restoration of benefits for legal immigrants and we are hopeful that Congress will support such modifications.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
to the First Lady

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December 31, 1996

Melanne Verveer, Deputy Asst. to the President  
and Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady  
Office of the First Lady  
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Washington DC 20501

Dear Ms. Verveer,

President Clinton said that the **Welfare Reform statute's treatment of refugees and legal immigrants is too harsh** and promised to fix these provisions. The Administration has the power to meet this commitment through their FY 1998 budget proposal.

On behalf of Beth Sholom Woods, a HUD-subsidized low-income apartment project for the elderly (Section 202/8), I am writing to request that the **immigrant fixes include the elderly and disabled as well as refugees**. We urge the Administration to include the following fixes in its budget proposal:

1. Exempting legal immigrants who become disabled after entering the U.S. from the statute's restrictions;
2. Exempting elderly legal immigrants from the SSI and Food Stamp bar;
3. Exempting refugees and asylees from any bars until citizenship;
4. Eliminating the five-year bar on Medicaid for future legal immigrants.

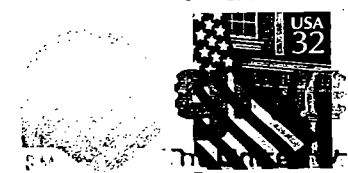
Sincerely,

Sue Berinato  
Administrator

BETH SHOLOM WOODS



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Richmond, Virginia 23233



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and Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady  
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