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August 26, 1998

Norris Dodson, III
President
The Thurgood Marshall Center
1711A 14th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

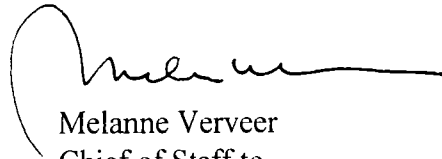
Dear Mr. Dodson:

Thank you for your invitation to the First Lady to attend the ground breaking ceremony to kick off the restoration of the Thurgood Marshall Center on September 24.

Regrettably Mrs. Clinton is scheduled to be out of town on September 24, and will not be able to attend the ceremony. But I know she would want me to convey her appreciation for your work, along with her best wishes.

Thank you for your leadership, and your work to help preserve one of America's great treasures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melanne Verveer', with a large, elegant loop at the beginning.

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



THE THURGOOD MARSHALL CENTER

for Service and Heritage

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July 23, 1998

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Office of Correspondence, Room 18
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

The Board of Directors for the Thurgood Marshall Center for Service and Heritage (TMC) request the honor of your presence at the historical Groundbreaking Ceremony of one of Washington, D.C.'s National Treasures on September 24, 1998 at 11:00 a.m.

TMC is proud to be on the list of 101 examples of historic places, artifacts and documents representing the nation's heritage in the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Save America's Treasures, The Millennium Program.

Built in the early 1900's by one of the nation's first African American architects, W. Sidney Pittman, designed the home of the first full service Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA). From 1912 to 1982, the center served as a vital part of community life in the District of Columbia. The building was a haven and inspiration for young African-American men. The local chapter of the Urban League, the NAACP as well as many churches and civic organizations were founded and convened on the premises. Also, many prominent African Americans utilized the services offered at the center, attorneys Thurgood Marshall and Charles Hamilton Houston, Dr. Charles Drew, poet Langston Hughes and Coach John Thompson. Unfortunately, in 1982, the YMCA was closed. In 1995, the determination of a contingency of African Americans led to the United States Department of Interior's proclamation of this building, no longer a YMCA, as a National Historic Landmark. This delegation consisting of representatives of the Shaw Heritage Trust and other concerned community leaders have since acquired and renamed the facility the Thurgood Marshall Center for Service and Heritage.

In 1996, when the President took the initiative to commit to the development of the District of Columbia, Fred Taylor, a key participant in the TMC project was an invited grassroots leader who took part in these discussions. Mr. Taylor has committed himself to this extraordinary project that will house For Love of Children, the social service agency that he began 32 years ago, and to the Shaw community where his agency has been located since its inception.

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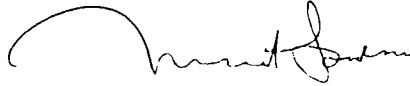
Richard W. Snowden

- Mrs. Clinton, we recognize you are extremely busy, however, your presence at this monumental Groundbreaking Ceremony would add to the legacy of Presidents Roosevelt and Taft's commitment to enhance the lives of African Americans in Washington, D.C. This project has enormous potential for the Shaw community, the District of Columbia and beyond. We are very excited about the start of our restoration process and hope that you would further assist us in bringing National attention to this National Historic Landmark.

Please feel free to contact Jakki Dennis our Campaign Director or myself at 202/462-8686 on extension 350 to work out the logistics of your participation.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norris A. Dodson, III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "N" and "D".

Norris A. Dodson, III
President

Cc: Melanne Vermeer

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 24, 1998

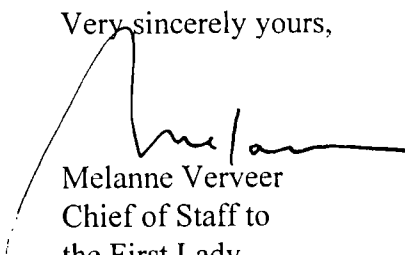
Barbara Dixon
Senior Vice President, Publicity
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Dear Barbara:

Thanks for your new address and telephone numbers. It was great to hear from you and I'm glad everything is going so well.

I'd love to see you in your new environs one day. Until then, best wishes and stay in touch.

Very sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

*This is a good time to see me in
Washington!*



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June 24, 1998

Dear Melann,

I cannot believe it has been almost two months since I moved to Los Angeles. I am just emerging from the initial transition(nothing like starting the job in the middle of GODZILLA.) My new number at Sony is (310) 244-3550 and fax is (310)244-0550. Gregg in my office can usually track me down.

I just purchased a wonderful, old Spanish home in the hills above LA. It is in the Los Feliz area, home to the Hollywood stars of the 1930's. As of July 9, my new address and phone are: 4060 North Farmouth Drive, LA, CA 90027. (323) 664-2552.

Please let me know if you are heading out my way. I'd love to see you. In any case, please stay in touch.

Warmly,

Barbara Dixon

Melann Verveer
2125 Leroy Place NW
Washington, DC 20008

Let me know
if I can ever
help you or be
fun & happy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 8, 1998

Ms. Barbaralee Diamonstein-Spielvogel
Historic Landmarks Preservation Center
720 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Dear Ms. Diamonstein-Spielvogel:

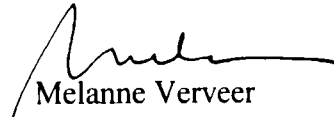
Barbaralee

Thank you for a copy of your remarks recording the President's Millennium initiative. You are so terrific!

I have passed the information regarding the creation of a national commission to restore Ellis Island along to Ellen Lovell, Director of the Millennium Program, as well as to other colleagues.

Best wishes in all you do.

Sincerely,


Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
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May 8, 1998

Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Davis
Chairmen
Children Diabetes Foundation
777 Grant Street, Suite 302
Denver, CO 80203

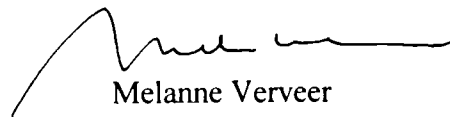
Dear Mr. & Mrs. Davis:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the President and First Lady to serve as honorary chairs of The Carousel of Hope.

I have forwarded your letter to staff who will shortly be in touch with you.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

*A benefit for the
Children's Diabetes
Foundation*



*Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Davis
Chairmen*

May 4, 1998

*Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff for The First Lady
Old Executive Office Building
Room 100
Washington, D.C. 20500*

Dear Melanne,

Last night I was at a marvelous fundraiser for President Bill Clinton and House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt at the home of Eli and Edye Broad. I visited with Lisa Caputo, the former Press Secretary for The First Lady and mentioned that Marvin and I would love to ask Bill and Hillary Clinton to be the Honorary Chairmen of The Carousel of Hope set for October 23, 1998 at the Beverly Hilton. They would not need to appear or do anything other than lend their names. We would also love to have a message of their support for the journal. Lisa recommended I contact you in this regard and said that you would be familiar with The Carousel of Hope because you were there with Hillary when she received the Brass Ring Award in 1994.

The Ball has always been supported and attended by the entire entertainment and music industry, including every major studio and television network, leaders from the world of business, and celebrated guests from all over the world. Jay Leno will again be our master of ceremonies and the Carousel stage will be graced by Celine Dion and Babyface.

Our youngest daughter is one of 16 million Americans who has diabetes, a disease that can destroy sight, kidneys and limbs as well as creating a high risk for heart disease and stroke. Because we have seen its ravages first-hand, every passing year intensifies the urgency to find the cure.

Funds raised at the Ball will benefit over 2,500 children and young adults who come from all over the world to receive care at the Barbara Davis Center for Childhood Diabetes, children like our daughter whose most fervent hope is that someday soon there will be a cure. A portion of the proceeds will also be given to the Los Angeles chapters of the American Diabetes Association and Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International.

It would mean so much to us to have our beloved President and First Lady lend their names again as Honorary Chairmen to give even more strength and credibility to this effort to help children with diabetes reach for their brass ring: the cure.

With much appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara & Marvin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the names joined together.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Davis

THE WHITE HOUSE
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April 13, 1998

Mr. Steve Derrin
Director of Marketing and Development
Mashantucket Pequot Museum
and Research Center
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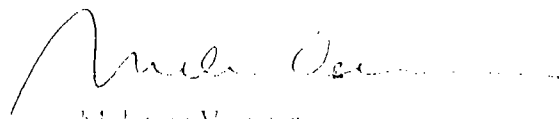
Dear Mr. Derrin:

Thank you for your letter and the CD about the
Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center.

I regret that I will be unable to meet with you when you
are in Washington next month. Please keep us posted as your
plans progress and we will advise you as to whether or not it
will be possible for the First Lady to participate as soon as a
decision can be made.

Best wishes in all you do.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verver
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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April 7, 1998

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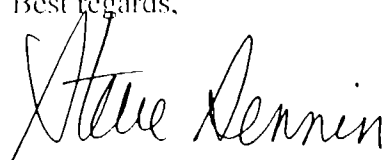
Dear Ms. Verveer:

The enclosed CD provides an update on the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center. While it doesn't come close to a visit to Mashantucket and tour of the actual site, the presentation does convey the enormous potential this facility will have as an educational and cultural institution.

In addition to sending the CD, I wanted to let you know that I will be in Washington on Thursday and Friday, May 7th and 8th. If it would be helpful, I would be happy to schedule a time to meet and discuss this project with you. While we understand it is not possible at this point to determine whether the First Lady will be able to attend our opening on August 10, we remain hopeful she will consider becoming the Honorary Chair of our Committee to Commemorate the Opening. I've enclosed an updated listing for this group, which Alberta Arthurs has been helping us organize.

I look forward to the possibility of our meeting in May.

Best regards,



Steve Dennin
Director of Marketing and Development

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March 20, 1998

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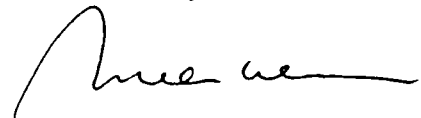
Dear Mr. Dennin:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to participate in the opening ceremonies of the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center on August 10.

It is much too early to determine whether the First Lady will be able to attend. Our scheduling office will contact you once a decision has been made.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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March 12, 1998

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Washington, DC 20005

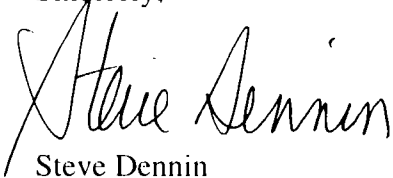
Dear Ms. Verveer:

Enclosed please find a copy of a press release announcing that the opening of the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center has been rescheduled. The extended construction schedule will allow for the timely completion of all necessary work on the building. The Tribe is determined that the Center will be fully operational when it opens to the public on August 11, and that the occasion will help to define this institution as a world-class cultural and educational resource. I've sent you an updated listing of the Committee Alberta Arthurs is helping us organize to commemorate the opening, along with the inaugural edition of our newsletter, *Cross Paths*.

I also wanted to keep you fully informed of our ongoing efforts to create an awareness of this project on the part of the Clinton administration. Earlier this week the Tribal Chairman Richard Hayward attended a luncheon with the President and discussed the Museum and Research Center with him, specifically mentioning the possibility of the President and Mrs. Clinton participating in our opening ceremonies on Monday, August 10. I've communicated the change of date to Stephanie Streett, in response to her February 3 note to me.

Many thanks for your time and interest in the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center. As always, please call me at (860)572-6832 if you have questions about the project or require additional information.

Sincerely,



Steve Dennin
Director of Marketing and Development

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 6, 1998

OPENING OF MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT MUSEUM AND RESEARCH CENTER RESCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 1998

\$135-Million, State-of-the-Art Complex Will Bring to Life the History of the Pequots and Other Tribes, and Serve as Major Educational Resource

The Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center, a new \$135 million, state-of-the-art, tribally owned-and-operated complex, previously scheduled to open on June 2, 1998, will open to the public on August 11, 1998. The grand opening of the 308,000-square-foot facility has been rescheduled due to weather-related construction delays.

The complex, one of the most innovative and comprehensive centers of its kind in the United States, will bring to life the story of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and will serve as a major resource on the history of the tribe, the heritage of other tribes, and the region's natural history. Utilizing the latest in exhibit design and technology, and based on years of scholarly research, the institution will present multi-sensory dioramas and exhibits of evolving Native American life. Films and videos, interactive programs, archival materials, artifacts, and contemporary arts and crafts will all be featured in the exhibits, with extensive research facilities available to both scholars and the general public in the Research Center.

"We have dreamed about this project for 30 years," said Theresa Hayward Bell, the Executive Director. "We have waited so long to share the largely unknown story of the Pequots with the public and to build a facility that will preserve our culture and history. While we are eager to open our doors, we are also eager to present our complete vision."

Located seven miles from Mystic, Conn., the facility will house a series of permanent exhibits that move in time from the Ice Age to the present, recounting the Mashantucket Pequot history, culture, and changing way of life, as well as the history of the environment. A glacial crevasse, a caribou hunt of 11,000 years ago, a walk-through 16th-century Pequot village, a 17th-century Pequot fort, and an outdoor, working, 18th-century farmstead are some of the highlights.

The building architect for the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center project is Polshek and Partners, New York. The conceptual exhibit design was created by DMCD Incorporated, and the exhibit design, by Design Division, Inc., also of New York City.

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Committee to Commemorate the August 11, 1998 Opening

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Sam Gejdenson, Member of Congress, 2nd District Connecticut

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Lionel Bordeaux, President, Sinte Gleska University

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John E. Echohawk, Executive Director, Native American Rights Fund

Ellen Futter, President, American Museum of Natural History

Henry Louis Gates, Chairman, Afro-American Studies, Harvard University

Graham Greene, Chairman of the Trustees of the British Museum

Agnes Gund and Daniel Shapiro, Museum of Modern Art

Delvis Heath, Chief, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Richard A. Higginbotham, President and CEO, Fleet National Bank Connecticut

Wilma Mankiller, Author

Elizabeth Martinez, Senior Fellow, UCLA Graduate School of Education and Informational Science

N. Scott Momaday, Regent Professor, University of Arizona

George F. Pavarini, Sr., Chairman of the Board, Pavarini Construction Co., Inc.

Robert Redford, Actor and Director

Buffy Sainte-Marie, President, Cradleboard Teaching Project

W. Richard West, Director, National Museum of the American Indian

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March 12, 1998

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Cross Paths

A Publication of the Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center

A VISION OF THE 21ST CENTURY THE ROLE OF NATIVE MUSEUMS

TRUDIE LAMB RICHMOND

The Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center (MPMRC) symbolizes a vision of the future and clearly conveys that the Pequot people are the "Keepers of their Treasures." They are prepared to share their proud history, telling a story that reflects not only "who we were" but emphasizing "who we are."

The Center will be joining a proud tradition of Native American museums, cultural centers and educational efforts across the country that represent a small but growing historical voice. That voice will gain increased resonance nationally when the MPMRC opens in June and the National Museum of the American Indian joins the other museums on the Mall in Washington, D.C. early in the next century.

The chorus that these two institutions will become a part of is not large. Take Connecticut for an example: there are 169 towns, 75 of which have at least one museum or historical society (some have both). With the completion of the MPMRC there will be two Indian operated museums in the state.

The existing institution is the Tantaquidgeon Indian Museum, located in nearby Uncasville, Conn. and founded in 1931 by Mohegan basket maker John Tantaquidgeon and his son Harold. The small three-room stone building, created to house the family and Mohegan historical treasures, is the oldest, continuous Indian-operated museum in the country. Countless adults, myself included, and their children cherish memories of visiting this vivid place and its engaging

curator, Gladys Tantaquidgeon, who is 98 years young.

Museums are institutions of great influence. They are the culture-keepers, representing, preserving and interpreting cultures. Sadly, Native people and museums have had a rather unequal partnership in the past. Oftentimes non-Native museums have treated Indian cultures as if they were only about objects behind glass—not a living, evolving and relevant force.

Native histories and cultures have also been presented too often as closer to natural than human history. This is why the bones and sacred objects of our ancestors have been, until recently, considered fair game for removal, analysis and storage without benefit of proper respect and burial.

Native museums have emerged as important markers of tribal identity because of the past unequal relationship between Native people and mainstream cultural institutions. The telling of history from a distinct perspective is an important counterbalance to past assumptions and misconceptions. Equally significant is the need to protect cultural integrity: museums need to portray the relationship and connection of the people to their respective material culture, in order to assure relevance and validity.

Tribal museums have been serving this purpose for generations. Examples



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*...May it be beautiful
before me.*

*May it be beautiful
behind me.*

*May it be beautiful
below me.*

*May it be beautiful
above me.*

*May it be beautiful
around me.*

In beauty it is finished.

”

A Prayer of the Night Chant/Navajo

in the East include the Tomaquag Indian Museum in Exeter, R.I., the Six Nations Museum in Onchiota, N.Y., the Wampanoag Indian Museum in Mashpee, Mass. and the Wampanoag Indian Program at Plimouth Plantation, Plymouth, Mass. Soon the Shinnecock Cultural Center in Southampton, N.Y. and the Aquinnah Cultural Center at Gay Head, Mass. will join them.

The struggle to bring about change has been painful, and sometimes it has

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WASHINGTON

March 9, 1998

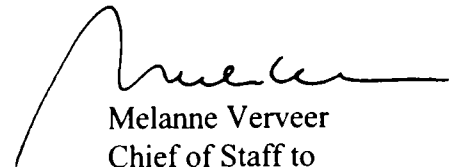
Mr. Herb Ditzel III
323 South Avenue
Garwood, NJ 07027

Dear Mr. Ditzel:

Thank you very much for your letter and for reiterating your suggestion that John Fogerty perform at the White House. I have forwarded your letter to Capricia Marshall, Social Secretary. I am certain her office will give your request full consideration.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Melanne Verveer', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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Feb. 28, 1998

Melann Veveer
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Veveer:

I want to thank you for taking the time for responding to my autumn 1997 letter to the First Lady, in which I suggested the White House consider booking John Fogerty for a performance.

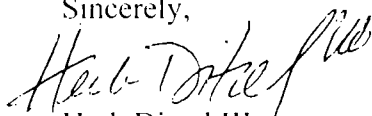
You also were kind enough to pass the suggestion on to the White House social secretary.

As Mr. Fogerty's album "Blue Moon Swamp" won a Grammy award, I figure that his playing White House (he played at a Presidential gala with others at the Kennedy Center, I believe) is more likely.

Meantime, if he plays a concert, I hope you don't forget my request to attend.

Thank you. I wish you and your loved ones health and happiness.

Sincerely,



Herb Ditzel III
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Car cer survivor works to aid Tugos av kids

By CHRISTOPHER M. LODEK

Herb Ditzel was only 8 months old when doctors told his parents that he "didn't have a chance" to survive Wilms' Tumor, a form of kidney cancer.

More than 38 years later, Ditzel is living proof that cancer survivors can lead normal lives.

"I kind of look at birthdays differently," said Ditzel, who turns 39 Thursday. "I look forward to getting old."

But the scars of eight operations still remain, especially when the Garwood resident saw a televised account of children with cancer in the former Yugoslavia who lacked treatment.

Ditzel is launching a campaign to send medical supplies and drugs to Sarajevo in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Belgrade in Serbia.

"I was certainly given a chance and these kids deserve the same chance," said Ditzel, publications manager for the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark. "In the former Yugoslavia, there are children who have a good chance

Airlift of medicine to Belgrade organized by man with a mission

of leading normal lives provided that they receive treatment.

"I was told I had no chance and I was given treatment. The children of the former Yugoslavia still deserve a chance to live normal lives."

Ditzel, who is also a freelance writer, initially sought to bring children to the United States for treatment. But doctors in Belgrade and UNICEF officials told him that sending drugs and medical supplies to hospitals is a "better and more productive" way to help the children.

"Former Yugoslavia, after all, had an excellent health service with highly qualified physicians in every field," said Tom McDermott, UNICEF's special representative to the war-torn region, in a April 15 letter to Ditzel. "What they need are just the tools to

keep on working while the war drags on."

The request for drugs in Serbia and Montenegro is enormous, McDermott said, and pharmaceutical companies often donate drugs close to their expiration date.

He added the government must seek permission from the U.N. Sanctions Committee to allow imports or trade with other countries. Permission is generally granted for drugs, "but the process is slow and cumbersome and the result is empty pharmacy shelves in hospitals," he said.

"Sanctions are a two-edged sword," he added. "They make a point to the government in question, but often at tremendous cost to the poor and disadvantaged. We in UNICEF are very concerned by the impact of sanctions on children, since the result is often a collapse of child services."

Dr. Zarko Barjaktarevic of the Institute of Oncology and Radiology in Belgrade told Ditzel the situation is grave.

"In the last few years the number of cancer relapses has increased (due) to the insufficient chemo and other therapy," he said.

"So far, we have not turned a single patient away. What little drugs we have are shared. How can the shortages be alleviated? By truly allowing and making possible the import of drugs and raw materials for producing drugs locally."

For Ditzel, one of the few people who can honestly say what these children with cancer are feeling, that is a challenge that cannot be ignored.

Ditzel said he first learned of the children's plight in early February, when he saw a network news account about Bosnia and a young boy who lost a leg.

The boy with no leg was adopted by a Florida man and brought to this country for treatment, but what really moved Ditzel was the story of two

behind.

"That's where I felt a moral obligation," he said. "This news report was directed right at me and I felt I had to do something."

Ditzel wrote to U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali. At Boutros-Ghali's orders, McDermott called Ditzel earlier this year to try to identify children who could be brought here for help.

But that's when Ditzel was told it would be "more practical" to send supplies there. McDermott also helped Ditzel get in touch with Donatella Linari, the U.N. representative in Belgrade.

"She told me the horrible conditions in the hospitals and told me they were running out of supplies," Ditzel said. "Being in a hospital in Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia and not being able to be treated is uncalled for."

"I asked a doctor who was to blame and he said, 'Politics is politics, a war crime is a war crime and a child is a child.' In a sense, he was saying that it didn't matter who was to blame. The fact is that there are many children who need to be treated."

"This isn't just about treating kids with cancer, it's about treating all sick children."

Ditzel, who bought a fax machine just for his correspondence with doctors and UNICEF officials, has received scores of information regarding the situation in the former Yugoslavia.

In late June, Ditzel sent that information to President Clinton, New Jersey Democratic Sen. Bill Bradley and Frank Lautenberg, Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole (R-Kan.), Rep. Robert Franks (R-7th Dist.) and P. Roy Vagelos, chairman and chief executive officer of Merck & Co.

"I'm asking the Congress to get together and purchase medicines and medical supplies and ship them directly to the children's hospitals in Belgrade, Sarajevo and wherever needed," Ditzel said. "I also asked Merck to get together with the other pharmaceutical companies and work with the government to ship these items."

Anyone interested in helping Ditzel may write to him at 323 South Ave.,

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In Nov. 1995, I went to Washington and told Congressman Franks and the pharmaceutical companies that, even if the cease-fire went into effect, the suffering would continue and that more medicines and supplies were crucial.

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Prescription for a peaceful world

By JOSEPH PICARD
STAFF WRITER

N.J. pharmaceutical firms join effort to aid Bosnians

Over \$17 million in medical supplies — \$14 million of it donated by New Jersey pharmaceutical firms — is on its way to relieve suffering in war-torn Bosnia.

Rep. Bob Franks, R-7th Dist., yesterday announced the relief effort to which he has rallied New Jersey's corporate pharmaceutical giants will be coordinated by Project Hope, the international nonprofit health organization that shares modern medical technologies with needy nations and provides emergency medical assistance.

Franks made the announcement at a news conference at the Westfield Municipal Building.

"Project Hope's commitment to helping those who have been victimized by forces beyond their control is

unparalleled," Franks said, adding that he and the donating firms sought the relief organization to ensure supplies got to the people who needed them.

"By working with Project Hope, we are confident that the right medicine will get to the right people," said Brenda Colatrella, manager of product donations for Merck, one of 12 New Jersey firms involved in the effort.

"Over the years we have donated many products to Project Hope and know that they control the distribution process by assessing medical needs, evaluating warehousing and distribution systems and, most important, by following the donation through to the end user," Colatrella said.

"We go there and talk to the Ministry of Health and to the health-care professionals to determine what it is

they need and in what amount," said Scott Crawford, Project Hope's director for humanitarian assistance. "Then we present a list of these specific needs to the contributing companies. Then Project Hope personnel return to the country with the shipment and oversee distribution."

Besides Merck, the New Jersey contributors are Becton Dickinson and Co., Ethicon Inc., Hoffmann-La Roche Inc., Hoechst-Roussel Pharmaceutical, Johnson & Johnson Products, McNeil Consumer Products, Ortho Pharmaceutical, Schering Plough Corp., Warner Lambert, Whitehall-Robbins and Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories.

The contributions include antibiotics, cardiovascular medicines, preparations to combat parasitic and fungal infections, and medical supplies such as needles, syringes, catheters, gloves

and sutures.

"The people in this room are making it possible for Bosnian children to get the antibiotics they need to fight sickness and infection," said John Zeman, vice president of Project Hope. "And also they're enabling Bosnian mothers, fathers and grandparents to get the heart medication they need to live normal lives. In short, they're helping to heal the wounds of the Bosnian people."

Zeman praised Franks and the corporations for their combined efforts by the public and private sectors.

"This is the way we will have to get things done in the future," Zeman said.

Zeman and Franks also had praise for Herb Ditzel of Garwood, crediting him with getting the pharmaceutical relief effort started.

Ditzel, a cancer survivor and currently a newspaper reporter, traveled to the former Yugoslavia three years ago while working for the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Upon his return, he pressed Franks' office to do something for all the children in need of medical treatment. Franks — whose 7th Congressional District includes portions of Union, Middlesex and Somerset counties — responded and went to the corporations.

"Herb, you have shown us all that one man can make a difference in the lives of thousands of people," Franks said.

"This is a wonderful example of the solidarity and generosity of Americans," said Ivan Misic, Bosnian ambassador to the United Nations. "You are helping us get through the worst period in our history. We are not only

suffering from war, but also from political leaders who did not make greater efforts to halt the carnage. But we have now seen that we are not alone and have not been abandoned."

Until a preliminary peace settlement was brokered last year, Bosnia was in the throes of a four-year, three-sided conflict among Serbs, Croats and Muslims, which has killed tens of thousands, turned once thriving cities to rubble and left survivors homeless, injured and without basic human services. In the first year of a shaky peace, services are still lacking and violence still threatens.

"Almost every day something or someone sets off a land mine," Crawford said.

Project Hope has committed to bringing another \$12.5 million of medical products to Bosnia this year. The organization also is in the process of rebuilding the clinic at Ilidza, which had served 100,000 residents before being destroyed by mortar shells and looted by marauders.

Consul thanks pharmaceutical firms spreading HOPE

By ANDREA ORLANDO

The most recent cease-fire in Bosnia has brought a fragile peace back to the region, but the war has left a health crisis that may take years to solve, the Bosnian ambassador to the United Nations said yesterday in Westfield.

"This war has left 350,000 invalids," Ambassador Ivan Misic said inside Westfield Town Hall. "So, we will have first to deal with their rehabilitation and initiation into society to help them become productive people again."

Since the Dayton peace accord in December, New Jersey pharmaceutical companies have donated more than \$14 million worth of medicines and medical supplies to Project HOPE, an American non-profit organization that has been working in the region since 1992.

Misic, the charge d'affaires and consul general of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, yesterday thanked representatives from 13 companies and talked about the problems the residents face.

Medical care in the former Yugoslavia was a patchwork, but the ravages of war have created a tremendous demand for basic medical care, Misic said.

For example, the absence of running water and electricity has promoted the spread of infectious diseases such as cholera and tuberculosis.

"We didn't even know what tuberculosis was. It was something we read about in ... journals. Now, we will have to face it again," the ambassador said.

The constant violence, he added, also has created a more insidious health problem -- mental illness.

"We have yet to discover what psychological consequences have been inflicted on our children, in fact, on all Bosnians," Misic said.

Since the war in the former Yugoslavia began in 1992, Project HOPE (Health Opportunities for People Everywhere) has sent more than \$61 million dollars worth of medicine and supplies to Bosnia and Croatia.

Working with Bosnian health officials, the organization has distributed critically needed supplies to war-torn areas including Sarajevo, Gorzla, Mostar, Bihac, Zenica and Travnik.

A few weeks ago, Project HOPE began reopening a health clinic in Ilidza, a small community near the Sarajevo Airport. The clinic, which served 100,000 Muslims, Serbs and Croats in the



Photo by Richard Fisk

John Zeman, vice president of Project HOPE, extends his thanks to drug companies for their support of relief efforts in Bosnia

area, was severely damaged by mortar shells and extensively looted, said Scott Crawford, Project HOPE's director of humanitarian assistance.

Basic health services at the clinic will start at the end of June, Crawford said.

The effort to bring medical supplies to Bosnia from New Jersey began three years ago

when Garwood resident Herb Ditzel visited children's hospitals in the former Yugoslavia. Ditzel, a former publications manager at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and now a Star-Ledger reporter, enlisted the help of Rep. Bob Franks (R-7th Dist.), who began contacting the large pharmaceutical companies.

Yesterday, representatives from the following pharmaceutical companies came to Westfield to hear Misic: American Home Products, Becton Dickinson, Ethicon Inc., Hoffmann-La Roche, Hoechst-Roussel, Johnson & Johnson, McNeil Consumer, Merck & Co., Ortho Pharmaceutical, Schering-Plough, Warner-Lambert, Whitehall-Robbins and Wyeth-Ayer.

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MEDICAL CRUSADE

Yugoslavia visit sparks aid coalition

By CHRISTOPHER M. LODER

Herb Ditzel's "one-man crusade" to send medical supplies to the former Yugoslavia is the type of initiative "too rare in today's time," according to Rep. Robert Franks (R-7th Dist.).

With Franks' help, 11 major pharmaceutical companies yesterday joined Ditzel's crusade.

Representatives of those companies met with Franks and Ditzel at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside to announce a massive campaign to donate drugs and other supplies to Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The medicine will be airlifted in late October and be overseen by Project HOPE, a non-profit international health education organization which distributes materials throughout the world.

Project HOPE evaluated the pharmaceutical needs in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina this summer and made lists of the most urgently needed medical supplies. The companies will make donations based on those lists.

"The first airlift of medical supplies is expected to take place in late October," Franks said. "But this commitment to aid the people of the former Yugoslavia will not end with that plane load. It will be a longer-term effort, lasting into early next year."

For Ditzel, a 39-year-old Garwood resident who is one of the oldest survivors of childhood cancer, yesterday's announcement nearly brought tears to his eyes.

Since he was moved last February by a televised account of the war in the former Yugoslavia, Ditzel has waged a campaign to persuade the U.S. government and pharmaceutical companies to send medicine and supplies. UNICEF officials and children's hospitals in the war-ravaged republics have been in contact with Ditzel, faxing their needs to his South Avenue house. He has forwarded their pleas to President Clinton and members of Congress.

"Children throughout the Balkans are suffering because of the cruelty of adults," said Ditzel, publications manager for the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. "At least 10 percent of the approximately 200,000 killed, wounded or missing are children. Many, many more are hungry, orphaned, homeless or without adequate medical care."

"And unfortunately, it looks like the war will escalate."



Photo by John O'Boyle

Herb Ditzel, who started a crusade to send medical supplies to the former Yugoslavia, displays a photo of a child taken during a trip to Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina. At left is Rep. Robert Franks (R-7th Dist.), who helped Ditzel's crusade

Ditzel embarked on a 10-day, 10,000-mile trip to the former Yugoslavia this month to see first-hand the effects of the war.

In Sarajevo, once a vibrant city that hosted the 1984 Winter Olympics, Ditzel said there was a constant smell of artillery fire, roaming packs of dogs, bombed out hotels and hospital clinics and garbage everywhere.

In his speech, Franks told the pharmaceutical officials that people who have visited "this once prosperous nation will tell you that conditions are far more horrendous than one can possibly imagine."

The pharmaceutical companies which have agreed to send drugs are Schering-Plough, Sandoz, Lederle Laboratories, Pfizer, Merck & Co., Johnson & Johnson, Hoechst-Celanese, Hoffman La Roche, Warner Lambert, Bristol-Myers Squibb and Glaxo.

Christopher York, executive vice president of management for Project HOPE, said his organization's track record in getting supplies to the former Yugoslavia and monitoring the progress is one of the reasons why the pharmaceutical companies joined Ditzel's campaign.

"(The companies) always rally to the call and get very little publicity for it," York said.

As for Ditzel, the sight of sick children lacking proper treatment will not be soon forgotten.

BALKAN CHILDREN

Jersey man will make visit of mercy

By CHRISTOPHER M. LODER

Many people wince at the sight of children suffering in the former Yugoslavia. Herb Ditzel 3d is going to visit them in his quest to educate Americans about their plight.

The Garwood resident, who has waged a campaign to persuade the U.S. government and pharmaceutical companies to send medicines and supplies to the war-torn region, leaves Friday to witness the pain first hand.

Ditzel, 39, will be visiting hospitals in Belgrade, Zagreb and Sarajevo, where children "are dying from bombs, bullets, cancer, heart disease and other illnesses because care is deficient and dwindling."

UNICEF officials and children's hospitals in the republics have been in contact with Ditzel since February, faxing their needs for medicines and supplies to his South Avenue house.

"They need six-month supplies of all types of medicines, including such basic items as bandages and everyday items that we take for granted," Ditzel said.

He has forwarded their pleas to President Clinton, Sens. Bill Bradley and Frank Lautenberg, Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole (R-Kan.), Rep. Robert Franks (R-7th Dist.) and pharmaceutical companies.

"I'm asking them to work together to ship the necessities to the hospitals," Ditzel said. "Physicians have told me that if the children receive treatment, most will have excellent chances of leading normal lives. Without the treatment, these children will die depending upon the severity of their illness."

Ditzel was only eight months old when doctors told his parents that he "didn't have a chance" to survive Wilms' tumor, a form of kidney cancer.

Eight operations and 38 years later, Ditzel is proof that cancer survivors can lead normal lives.

"As someone who may be one of the world's longest survivors of childhood cancer and its treatment (and) someone who was not expected to live, I feel it is my obligation to help children in the former Yugoslavia have chances at normal lives," he said. "Thousands have died—and thousands more may die—because of warfare and shortages."

Ditzel, who is publications man-



Photo by Jim Pathe

Herb Ditzel 3d of Garwood is headed to the former Yugoslavia to advance his campaign to persuade the U.S. government and pharmaceutical companies to send medicines and supplies to the war-torn region.

ager for the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark, will take along toys and art supplies donated by Rose Art Industries of Orange. Items include crayons and

to work with pharmaceutical companies to end this plight."

Ditzel will be leaving Newark International Airport on Friday, and will stay in Budapest overnight. He plans

'Thousands have died—and thousands more may die—because of warfare and shortages.'

— Herb Ditzel 3d

puzzles.

"The major focus of this visit is to get into the hospitals and really see how things are," Ditzel said. "In addition, I hope to get a head count of how many children are there so Rose Art and the U.S. Committee for UNICEF can coordinate a donation of several thousand toys and art supplies."

"After experiencing this first hand, I have a better understanding of the situation and urge any government

to leave Hungary Sunday for Belgrade and will continue on to Zagreb and Sarajevo before returning to the United States on Sept. 18.

A visit to the former Yugoslavia will reinforce Ditzel's belief that every child who needs medical attention should receive it.

"Warfare, period, is immoral and I can't think of a word I can use to describe what the children are suffering because of what the adults are doing," he said.

Jerseyan sees start of lifeline to Bosnia

By CHRISTOPHER M. LODER

The first load of medical supplies donated by New Jersey pharmaceutical companies will be airlifted today to the war-torn former Yugoslavia.

The military transport of the supplies—which include antibiotics, cardiac and antihypertensive drugs, vitamins and decongestants—will go to Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina. Project HOPE, a non-profit international health education organization which distributes materials throughout the world, will supervise the airlift.

"I'm very happy that children and other sick and indigent people will finally receive the medicines they so desperately need," said Herb Ditzel, a Garwood resident who spearheaded the campaign to send medical supplies to the former Yugoslavia. "I felt this was my obligation and privilege to do this."

Ditzel, 39, a survivor of childhood cancer, enlisted the help of Rep. Robert Franks (R-7th Dist.) in his drive. In September, Ditzel and Franks held a news conference at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside to announce that several New Jersey pharmaceutical companies would join Ditzel's campaign.

Project HOPE evaluated the pharmaceutical needs in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina this summer and made lists of the most urgently needed medical supplies.

"I really have to give Congressman Franks and the pharmaceutical companies credit because the children are not customers or constituents," Ditzel said yesterday. "They really put politics aside, which is pretty rare in today's age."

Garden State companies which have supplies on the military transport are Bristol Myers Squibb, Merck & Co., Hoechst-Roussel, Parke-Davis, Hoffman-LaRoche, Pfizer, Lederle Laboratories, Allen & Associates International, Schering-Plough and Johnson & Johnson.

Ditzel started his crusade in February when he saw a televised account of the war. Since then, he has urged the U.S. gov-

ernment and pharmaceutical companies to send supplies to the ravaged region.

UNICEF officials and children's hospitals in the republics have been in constant contact with Ditzel and faxed their needs to his South Avenue house. He has forwarded their pleas to President Clinton and members of Congress.

He added that at least 10 percent of the 200,000 killed, wounded or missing during the war are children and many more are hungry, homeless, orphaned or lacking adequate medical care.

Hoping to witness the devastation up close, Ditzel embarked on a 10-day, 10,000-mile trip to the former Yugoslavia in September. What he discovered were parents selling their homes and other possessions to buy

UNICEF officials and children's hospitals in the republics have been in constant contact with Ditzel and faxed their needs to his house.

medicines on the black market so their sick children could receive treatment for cancer and heart disease.

In Sarajevo, once a beautiful city that hosted the 1984 Winter Olympics, Ditzel found the constant smell of artillery fire, bombed-out hotels and hospital clinics and garbage lining the streets.

While he is gratified that his efforts will be fulfilled today, Ditzel acknowledged that far more needs to be done.

"What Franks and the pharmaceutical companies have done is fantastic, but I don't understand why supplies are not being allowed to go to the children's hospital in Belgrade (because of a general embargo against shipments to Serbia)," Ditzel said. "A child is a child."

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MEDICINE

Drug companies sending medicines to Croatia, Bosnia

■ The first airlift should reach the region by the end of next month.

By LUTHER TURMELLE
Courier-News Business Writer

Eleven of the state's largest pharmaceutical companies are joining forces to bring much needed medical supplies to the war-torn republics of what was once Yugoslavia.

Brought together by Rep. Bob Franks, R-New Providence, some of the pharmaceutical industry's heavy hitters — including Johnson & Johnson, Merck & Co. Inc., Schering-Plough Corp. and Hoechst Celanese Corp. — will begin donating prescription drugs to Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina next month.

Franks said the first airlift of drugs should reach the region by late October, with more shipments to continue through the end of the year.

A non-profit international health education organization, Project Hope, will oversee the distribution of the drugs, according to Franks.

"I'm pleased to see one of New Jersey's leading industries making such a significant contribution to help the innocent victims of civil unrest half a world away," Franks said.

"Through this coordinated relief effort, we can make sure that more medicine — and more of the right medicine — gets to the people who so desperately need it."

"Thanks to Congressman Franks, these pharmaceutical companies and Project Hope, we adults have achieved a victory. We've shown the children that they can rely on the best of human nature."

Cranford resident Herb Ditzel

Franks credited one of his constituents, Cranford resident Herb Ditzel, with making him aware of just how acute the need for medicine was. Ditzel toured Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina this summer as part of humanitarian relief effort.

"Parents try to sell their homes and other possessions to purchase medicines on the black market in the hopes their children with cancer, heart disease and scores and scores of other illnesses will receive treatment," Ditzel said.

"Thanks to Congressman Franks, these pharmaceutical companies and Project Hope, we adults have achieved a victory. We've shown the children that they can rely on the best of human nature."

SOCIAL ISSUES

Franks helps in aid drive for Bosnia and Croatia

■ Congressman said the supplies would be distributed to 10 hospitals in the war-torn region.

By DAVID BAUMAN
Gannett News Service

WASHINGTON — Rep. Robert Franks, R-N.J., announced Monday

that a \$1.7 million shipment of urgently needed medical supplies donated by some of New Jersey's largest pharmaceutical firms is headed for hospitals in war-torn Croatia and Bosnia.

The three tractor-trailer loads of medical aid were part of a plane full of humanitarian supplies that departed Andrews Air Force base here and is expected to arrive in Zagreb, Croatia, by Wednesday, Franks said.

"We have all heard and seen in news reports the terrible atrocities that are ongoing throughout the former Yugoslavia," said Franks, who helped coordinate the donation effort. "We hope these supplies will ease some of the suffering, combat disease and save lives."

At a press conference in his Capitol Hill office, Franks said the supplies would be distributed to 10 hospitals in

Croatia and Bosnia by Project HOPE, an international health education organization.

"HOPE will monitor distribution of the supplies to ensure that all the medicines are safely delivered," said Paulette Maehara, HOPE's vice president, who participated in the press conference.

She explained that HOPE conducted a survey of the hospitals pharmaceutical and medical needs this summer, and the donations from the New Jersey-based companies were in response to the list.

The list includes advanced third-generation drugs aimed at dealing with both the physical and mental trauma caused by the war, as well as chronic diseases, Maehara said.

"We asked the companies for specific supplies, such as antibiotics, diuretics, cardiovascular drugs, vita-

mins, surgical bandages and gloves," she said. "What's really surprising is that we got largely what we asked for."

Franks noted that an estimated 60,000 persons have been wounded during the siege on Sarajevo, Bosnia's capital city. Seventy percent of the wounded are civilians, he said.

"Physical and mental disorders — which used to be found only among soldiers who served on the front line — are now commonplace among ordinary people," Franks said.

"Moreover, the relentless shelling of this former tourist destination, has damaged hospitals — that were among Europe's finest — knocked out water sanitation plants increasing unsanitary conditions and the risk of disease."

While the Clinton administration has shied away from intervening in

the conflict without a clearly defined mission, "private citizens in our nation are coming forward with urgently needed supplies and equipment," Franks said.

Franks paid special tribute to one of his constituents, Herb Ditzel, Cranford, N.J., who he said "has been waging a one-man crusade to save the lives of children."

Ditzel, a survivor of childhood cancer, brought to Franks' attention the desperate need in Croatia and Bosnia for drugs and medical supplies.

Ditzel shares experiences in Bosnia with class

by CHRISTINE EDWARDS

"I have an obligation to help the children in the Balkans and elsewhere ... as someone who was not expected to live beyond infancy ... as someone who wants to give something back to life. It is the least I can do." These are the words of Herbert Harry Ditzel III. If his efforts of sending medical supplies to Bosnia save just one child he has more than given something back to life; he has shown that the word humane still remains a part of humanity.

In the former Yugoslavia, a region where over 200,000 lives have been taken, 20,000 of which are children, giving life back has become increasingly difficult for the hospital facilities and those of the medical profession in that devastated region. After hearing of the atrocities of war over there, Herb Ditzel began writing government officials and pharmaceutical companies to send medical relief to this region. Donating much time and money to this effort, he has even bought a fax machine for UNICEF and physicians to fax him their list of medical needs.

Representative Robert Franks was moved by Ditzel's efforts. He is quoted in a recent article by

writes, "Herb Ditzel's 'one-man crusade' to send medical supplies to the former Yugoslavia is the type of initiative 'too rare in today's time,' according to Rep. Robert Franks (R-7th Dist.)." Robert Franks helped bring Ditzel's efforts to fruition. He met with 11 pharmaceutical companies and persuaded them to donate supplies to Croatia and Bosnia Herzegovina. The first shipment, overseen by Project HOPE, was successfully delivered this past December of 1993.

Ditzel, at age 39 and a resident of Garwood, New Jersey, is a survivor of childhood cancer. Born with kidney cancer, he knows first hand that we live in a world where such diseases can be cured. He says, "Things should not be this way. Yugoslavia's health care system was once considered to be among the best in Europe." He cites "The freezing of Serbian assets around the world, coupled with military spending by the government, have inflated the currency 500,000 percent- making food, medications, medical supplies and treatment virtually unaffordable."

Herb Ditzel made the dangerous journey to Belgrade,



Child in a hospital in Belgrade, Bosnia holding a gift given by Ditzel.

spent ten days in the ravaged city, bringing as much food, supplies, and games as he could carry. He discovered that "Physicians in hospitals throughout Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia say their institutions don't have enough funds to purchase specialty medicines and such basics as bandages, cotton and scalpels. The hospitals' halls are dark. Lights are kept off to save energy,

alcohol. Some physicians haven't received medical literature in nearly three years."

Professor Phil Donahue of the history department heard of Ditzel's crusade one evening on channel 13 on a program called "New Jersey People." He called him to see if there was anything he could do to help, so they made plans for Ditzel to come and speak to the students here. Professor Donahue says, "I was very impressed by him because everyone is always talking about how terrible the world is and here is someone doing something about it."

On the afternoon of Wednesday, April 20, 1994, Ditzel shared the story of his actions with Professor Donahue's class. He spoke again at 4:30 in the Young Auditorium of Bey Hall. The students were very moved by his story. One student, Annabelle Alt, threw up her hands and said, "I feel so helpless. Tell us what we can do as a class to help." He gave the telephone numbers of two foundations that had helped make it possible for him to send the supplies, the Princess Elizabeth Foundation (212-262-5066) and Project Hope (800-544-4673). He also suggested writing local

Within a week Annabelle had drafted a letter and made copies for the class to send to Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. Her message to him pleads, "Children that would have otherwise responded favorably to a minimum of treatment are now being denied simple medical provisions such as rubbing alcohol ... We have a responsibility to humanity as a whole to care for these children in whatever manner we are capable." The other students were very excited about the letter- some took several copies to give out and to send. They are still awaiting his response.

The underlying message of Ditzel's presentation was that as he says, "You don't have to venture far from your homes to find people in need, to find illiteracy, homelessness, hunger, loneliness. And people of all ages need your help and support. For there is no greater gift, than giving of yourself, because it comes from the heart. Ditzel's presentation may not only have gained more support for his crusade in the former Yugoslavia, but it at least taught those who heard him speak that amidst much pain and killing,



DAVID GIPSON/THE CHRONICLE

Herb Ditzel works on his computer in his Garwood home. He is one of three local citizens to receive the Martin Luther King Award in a special ceremony in Cranford tomorrow. His efforts spawned a Congressman's campaign to link drug manufacturers into a massive relief drive for children in war-torn former Yugoslavia.

'Survivor' acts to salve pain of war childre

By JOANNE McFADDEN
THE CHRONICLE

Herb Ditzel can trace his ancestral roots in Cranford back

MLK Award to be given to heroic trio

Martin Luther King Jr. dreamed of a world free of hate, prejudice and violence. The three winners of the Cranford Interfaith Council's Martin Luther King Jr. Award for Civil and Human Rights share his dream.

Arleen and Jim Walsh and Herb Ditzel III have acted on that dream; their stories could serve as inspiration for many.

Honorees will receive the award during the 15th annual commemoration services in observation of Dr. King's birthday 8 p.m. tomorrow at First Presbyterian Church in Cranford.

"Get involved," said Garwood resident Mr. Ditzel recently. "It doesn't have to be an international organization. It doesn't have to mean traveling to another country. Visit a shut-in. Teach someone to read. Remember, the greatest gift of all, is a gift of self because it is a gift from the heart."

Mrs. Walsh aims her call for service to the retired.

"Now that we tend to live longer, and stay healthy longer, it's critical for people our age to do something for others, to become volunteers, to remain active," said Mrs. Walsh.

several generations to the early 1860s.

With pride, he talks about the past owners of Ditzel's farm, delivering eggs house-to-house with his grandfather and father; and the plaque that memorialize his great, great, grandfather, the owner of one of the largest farms in Cranford's rich history.

Mr. Ditzel was just 8 months old when he was diagnosed with cancer. At that very young age, he began fighting his own little war ... a war on cancer, a war that he has fought successfully for almost 40 years. Today, he is the longest-lived survivor of cancer in the nation, and probably the world.

Two years ago, Mr. Ditzel, freelance writer, took on another cause. Sitting in his Garwood home he watched an ABC World News Tonight broadcast about three ill children in the former Yugoslavia. One boy, who had lost his leg to a land mine, was adopted by a Florida couple and brought to the United States. The other two children, cancer victims, were not as lucky. They remained in their homeland without adequate medical care and supplies.

"It was as if these two hands came out from the TV and grabbed me around the neck and shook me and said do something," said Mr. Ditzel. "As a longterm survivor, I felt an obligation to them to try."

His first move was to purchase a fax machine which became his hired gun. Mr. Ditzel faxed everyone he could think of — politicians, business associates, social service agencies and friends.

"I really was a pest," he said. (Please turn to page A-6)

'Survivor' acts to salve pain of war children

(Continued from page A-1)

Weeks later, in response to a fax to the United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Ditzel heard from Thomas McDermott, the UNICEF representative to the former Yugoslavian nation, now Croatia, Serbia and Bosnia.

Mr. Ditzel originally wanted to bring the sick children to the United States, but, as he explains, Mr. McDermott asked him to redirect his energy.

"For every one child who leaves those countries, there are tens of thousands who can't leave," said Mr. Ditzel. "They asked me to channel my efforts to gather medicine and supplies."

Out came the fax machine again, only this time the receivers were an ocean away.

"I started faxing hospitals in Croatia, Belgrade and Sarajevo asking for lists of medication they needed," said Mr. Ditzel. "Then I took those lists, made copies, and sent them to my representatives in Congress and urged them to develop a consortium of pharmaceutical companies that

would donate what was needed."

Mr. Ditzel heard from Rep. Bob Franks almost immediately. Mr. Franks said he would try to organize the effort.

Even before hearing that his efforts had paid off, Mr. Ditzel decided to visit the Yugoslavian countries to "see first hand the needs."

Through his connections with UNICEF, he was able to get a 30-day humanitarian visa. He flew to Budapest and took a train to Belgrade where he was met by a UNICEF driver. He traveled more 10,000 miles in 10 days.

"There is a tremendous shortage of supplies due to the war, but also because of the economic embargo," said Mr. Ditzel. "There are children dying in hospitals waiting for surgeries that would give them normal lives. It's horrible what I saw, what I witnessed there. It's very sad ... I think about the children I met all the time."

The situation in Croatia was not as bad, said Mr. Ditzel, although there were still some shortages as medical personnel tried to treat the wounded. But Sarajevo is a

story of a city totally destroyed, said Mr. Ditzel who stayed in a hotel that had no hot water, and cold water only up to the third floor. The cost was \$100 per night.

"The whole city reeked of carbon," said Mr. Ditzel, "and no matter where you were you could hear heavy artillery in the hills and small arms in the street. I was really taken aback by it all."

Throughout his stay in Sarajevo, Mr. Ditzel, a small man, wore a 30-pound bulletproof vest and helmet. He shows the pictures of children he met on his mission ... children in hospital beds, children walking the burned out streets, children in mountain villages. He remembers a group of children who gathered around the UNICEF truck one morning. He asked them all, how are you? "And in perfect queen's English, one little girl said, very well thank you. I'll never forget her," he said.

He returned a different man. "By then I was hell-bent on doing something," said Mr. Ditzel. "I jumped on the phone, and before I could say or do anything, Mr.

Franks office said that plans were under way for 11 New Jersey pharmaceutical companies and Project Hope (a non-profit international organization), to ship the medicines over."

"It's my understanding that they shipped enough for thousands of children," said Mr. Ditzel. "Sure, it made a difference. Was it enough? Probably not. I don't know if we ever really do enough."

"I feel human beings have an obligation to one another," said Mr. Ditzel, "and in my case, seeing the suffering, having been seriously ill in my life, I know their pain. I think it's unconscionable that children are suffering from the cruelty of adults ... the war and the embargo. I just don't understand."

"I don't sweat the trivial things any more," continued Mr. Ditzel. "I've seen Yugoslavia, I've seen suffering, hunger, a country under siege. Now I realize that I often didn't realize how good I have it. Now I say, I'll never complain again."

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 23, 1998

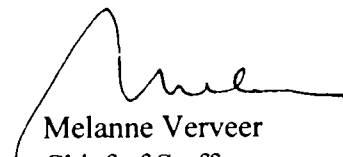
Ms. Barbaralee Diamonstein-Spielvogel
Historic Landmarks Preservation Center
720 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Dear Barbaralee:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to
**An Admirable Vision: The Landmarks Movement and
NYC** on in March.

Regrettably, I will be unable to attend due to a
scheduling conflict, but thank you for thinking of me and best
wishes for a very successful evening.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

*Maybe one or
more years
I'll be able
to join you.*

**HISTORIC
LANDMARKS
PRESERVATION
CENTER**

Melanne Verveer
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melanne:

The Historic Landmarks Preservation Center, a not-for-profit organization devoted to increasing and enhancing public appreciation and awareness of our cultural and historical heritage in New York City as well as throughout the country, is pleased to announce *The Landmarks of New York* project, which is being planned as part of New York City's Centennial Celebration. We would like to invite you to attend the Opening Celebration of *The Landmarks of New York* exhibition at the New York Historical Society on March 31, 1998.

The Landmarks of New York project documents the range and diversity of New York City landmarks. It brings into focus over three hundred years of architectural and cultural history, as well as thirty-three years of progress in preservation. This project includes the book *The Landmarks of New York III*, a comprehensive compendium of each of the New York City landmarks; an exhibition of 150 photographs and text to be held at the New-York Historical Society from March 31 until July 7, 1998; and a series of symposia designed to assess the current state of the landmarks movement in New York City—to look at how far we have come, and where we need to go from here.

The Opening Celebration will take place on March 31, beginning at 5:30pm with the symposium **An Admirable Vision: The Landmarks Movement and NYC**, followed by a reception and *a small, informal dinner for the participants and supporters of The Landmarks of New York project*. Both the reception and dinner will be held at the New-York Historical Society, 2 West 77th Street, and we hope you will join us for what promises to be a lively evening.

For your information, we have enclosed a list of *The Landmarks of New York* events. We invite you to attend any or all of these events, as your schedule permits. We hope that you are able to join us for the Opening Celebration on March 31, and are eager to hear your response. Please RSVP for the dinner to **861-4641**.

In the meantime, with warm regards,

Barbaralee
Barbaralee Diamonstein-Spielvogel
6 February 1998

THE LANDMARKS OF NEW YORK

General Exhibition

March 31 - July 7, 1998

New-York Historical Society West Gallery
2 West 77th Street 212 873-3400; Press Zero

Opening Celebration

Symposium and Reception: Tuesday, March 31, 5:30 pm

**"An Admirable Vision: The Landmarks
Movement and New York City"** at N-YHS

Denise Scott Brown/ Douglas Durst/ Paul Goldberger/ Hugh
Hardy/ Peggy King Jorde/ Richard Meier/ John Zuccotti

Tuesday, April 14, 6:00 pm

"The Streetscape as Landmark" at N-YHS

Frank Addeo/ Debra Bershad/ Randall Bourscheidt/ Ivan
Chernayeff/ Martha Cooper/ Elizabeth Barlow Rogers/ Ashton
Hawkins

Tuesday, May 5, 6:00 pm

"Greenspace: Scenic Landmarks" at N-YHS

Kent Barwick/ Dan Biederman/ Gregory Long/ Karen Putnam/
Henry Stern/ Tupper Thomas

Wednesday, May 13, 6:00 pm

**"Landmarks, Planning, Politics,
and Neighborhoods"** at N-YHS

Laurie Beckelman/ Peg Breen/ Deborah K. Dietsch / Alex
Gorlin/ Charles Gwathmey/ Gene Norman/ Beverly Moss Spatt/
Sam White

A project of the

Historic Landmarks Preservation Center

Barbaralee Diamonstein-Spielvogel, Chair

Wednesday, April 8, 6:00 pm

**"Landmarks of New York: Does the Past
Have a Future?"**

Slide show at the New York School of Interior Design
170 East 70th Street 212 472-1500 \$15

Monday, April 20, 7:00 pm

**"The Shape of Things to Come: The Future
of Landmarks in New York City"**

at The New School

66 West 12th Street 212 229-5488 \$10
James Marston Fitch / Frances Halsband/ Toshiko Mori/ Herbert
Muschamp/ James Stewart Polshek/ Joseph Rose

Tuesday, April 28, 8:00 pm

**"Landmarks: Politics, Planning,
Programs and Progress"**

at the 92nd Street Y

1395 Lexington Avenue 212 996-1100 \$18
J. Carter Brown/ Kenneth T. Jackson/ Sam Roberts/ Rebecca
Robertson/ Jerry Speyer/ Robert A.M. Stern/ Deborah Wright

Tuesday, May 12, 7:30 pm

**"Landmarks at 33: Yesterday's Dreams,
Today's Realities"**

Slide show and book signing at Chelsea Barnes & Noble
675 Sixth Avenue 212 727-1227

Admission is free at the New-York Historical Society and
at Chelsea Barnes & Noble. Seating is limited at all events.
Please call early to reserve.

THE LANDMARKS OF NEW YORK

AN EXHIBITION OF 150 PHOTOGRAPHS
AND DESCRIPTIVE TEXT

FROM
THE LANDMARKS OF NEW YORK III

MARCH 31 - JULY 7, 1998

AT THE

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A project of the Historic Landmarks Preservation Center
Barbaralee Diamonstein-Spielvogel, Chair

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 24, 1998

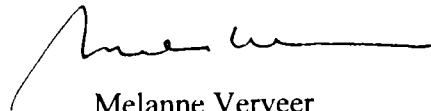
Mr. Matthew Dzik
909 S. McLean Blvd., #48
Elgin, IL 60123

Dear Mr. Dzik:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and good wishes. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thanks for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Matthew Dzik
909 S. McLean #48
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Dear Ms. Verwee,

The State of the Union message delivered by President Clinton again demonstrated the intelligence, leadership and integrity of his administration. At the same time, it showed the petty, spiteful politics of Congressional Republicans who sat on their hands. The American people should remember these images when considering the political maneuverings in Washington. The Republicans have been championing negative campaigning since 1980, when they began an organized hatchet job on the character of the Democratic Party and it's leaders. With the help of an actor, an expert at moving people to believe illusions, they achieved great success even as the nation suffered. Bill Clinton promised a positive change and has delivered admirably against constant Republican opposition. Since his election, the Republican propaganda machine has been in overdrive, churning out as much sleaze, or rather, the illusion of it, as it could manufacture.

The time has come for all those with integrity, Democrats, journalists, Americans, to condemn this most malicious, deceitful kind of politics as un-American and unacceptable. It is the vision and leadership of Bill Clinton that has revived hope and strength and pride in this nation, and he deserves our gratitude and respect. Every Democrat, especially, who does not recognize and defend this great president with absolute faith and loyalty should feel ashamed. Every one, at every opportunity, should point out, "There is no scandal in the White House now, and there never has been in the past; there is no evidence of wrongdoing by the Clintons now, and there never has been in the past. There might be a Republican Right-Wing Media Scandal and a Republican Congressional Investigation Scandal and maybe a Kenneth Starr Scandal, but there has never been anything wrong in the White House. The Republicans have been smearing the Clintons in the media for six years with no proof, no credible sources and no conscience; that should be considered a scandal"

Crisis creates opportunity. Democrats have the opportunity to restore faith in the party by defending and supporting President Clinton unequivocally. Journalists have the opportunity to restore faith in the legitimate press by investigating sources, insisting on verification, and remembering the trust given to them by the American people. And all Americans have the opportunity to restore faith in it's government, the government of the people, by recognizing those who try to honor it, and those who try to degrade it.

President Bill Clinton has distinguished himself with honor on behalf of the American people. It is his opposition that has acted dishonorably at great cost to the American people. The time has come to set the record straight.

Thank you,
Matthew Dzik

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 5, 1998

Ms. Judith M. DeSarno
President/CEO
NFPRHA
122 C Street, NW
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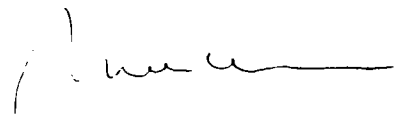
Dear Ms. De Sarno:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and invitation to address the 27th Annual Meeting of the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association later this month.

Regrettably, the First Lady is unable to attend due to a schedule conflict, but sends her best wishes for a successful and productive event.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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January 30, 1998

Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Thank you for providing the vision and leadership in securing an increase in funding for family planning in the President's budget request to Congress. The time that you gave to the leaders of the women's health community two weeks ago and your in demonstrated depth of knowledge about the importance of family planning has been a source of great encouragement to those of us who advocate daily for reasonable policies. You are a beacon of light for those people across the country who are providing family planning and basic reproductive health services to women every day.

I am writing to invite you to address the 27th Annual Meeting of the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association (NFPRHA). The meeting will occur on February 16 - 18, 1998 and will be held at the Capitol Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C.

While we would make time at any time during the meeting that would be convenient for you, the times that work well with our program are:

Tuesday, February 17th between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.;
Wednesday, February 18th between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.,
Wednesday, February 18th (on Capitol Hill) between 12:30 - 2:00,
Wednesday, February 18th between 2:00 - 3:30.
Monday, February 16th between 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

The National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association is a non-profit membership organization whose mission is to assure universal access to voluntary, comprehensive, confidential and culturally sensitive family planning and reproductive health care services for those who need them and to support reproductive freedom for all. NFPRHA represents the entire family planning community, including clinicians, administrators, researchers, trainers, educators and individuals interested in promoting family planning. Our members include state and local health departments, Planned Parenthood affiliates, family planning councils, hospital-based clinics and other non-profit clinics. Virtually all of the grantees funded under Title X of the Public Health Service Act are members of NFPRHA and together they provide services to more than four million low income women and adolescents.

The First Lady
Hillary Rodham Clinton
January 30, 1998
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Several years ago, upon the 25th Anniversary of the Title X family planning program, we honored Justice Harry O. Blackmun. At that time you were kind enough to provide a video-taped tribute to the Justice. It was received with overwhelming enthusiasm. I have reported to the membership on your substantive remarks at the White House meeting on January 20th. Your presence at this meeting would be received with jubilation and would provide such support for the year of work ahead of the attendees in providing health care for low income women and in our work in advocating for the Title X increase. It would also provide a chance for our membership to thank you for your courageous leadership.

I have enclosed a copy of the preliminary program. You will note that we are holding a facilitated discussion on the issue of race and family planning as our part in the President's Initiative on Race and Reconciliation.

I do hope that your schedule will permit you to speak at one of the times indicated. And thank you, again.

Sincerely,



Judith M. DeSarno
President/CEO

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 12, 1998

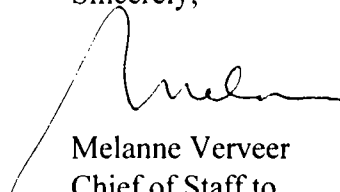
Mr. Thomas Dine
Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty
RFE/RL, Incorporated
Vinohradska 1
110 00 Prague 1
Czech Republic

Dear Tom:

Thank you very much for your wishes and the copy of your speech. It was wonderful to hear from you and your card brought back wonderful memories of our visit to Radio Free Europe.

Thanks and best wishes. I hope we will get to see you in Vienna at some point. Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



Season's Greetings

Šťastné Vánoce a nový rok

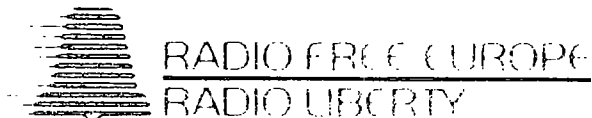
Dear Melanne,

Life in Prague is so stimulating. I
hope you return soon.

all the best in 1998.

Tom Liné





THOMAS A. DINE

A TALE OF TWO COUNTRIES

by

Thomas A. Dine

Eight years ago when the Berlin Wall fell, many people in Central Europe and the former Soviet Union -- and the West -- assumed that the countries of the region would march forward together toward democracy and free markets just as they had been forced to march in a single but very different direction under communism.

But the optimism behind that assumption has been undermined by developments in many countries in that region. While several of the countries have made enormous progress, others have not, and still others have retreated from their initial achievements.

Indeed, Freedom House, in its latest worldwide survey of democratic development, concludes that only seven of the 27 states in this region are now firmly in the democratic camp, 12 are partly free, and eight remain not free at all.

Not surprisingly, the failures have received the most attention, and some in both the region and the West have written off one or another country as incapable of change and unworthy of our diplomatic time and developmental money. Conventional wisdom in recent years has consigned Bulgaria to the list of the lost.

Three visits to Bulgaria over the last 13 months, however, convince me that such a decision could be one of the worse mistakes any of us could make.

A year ago when I visited four Bulgarian municipalities as a senior representative of the U.S. Agency for International Development, I found myself in a dysfunctional country that fully justified the conventional view. When I returned three weeks ago, I visited a very different country -- a Bulgaria in recovery.

In December 1996, a dark oppressive hopelessness hung over the entire country. Vicious partisanship, hunger for personal power and money, policy incompetence, and indecisiveness dominated the political scene. The economy was collapsing, and the value of the national currency dropped 300 percent during the course of the week I spent there. Food shortages were reportedly spreading across the landscape. Socialist mayors in each of the cities I visited predicted that the Socialist government would not last if it did not address the pressing problems engulfing the cities and countryside.

In May 1997, I returned to Sofia. After suffering through the winter, Bulgarian voters had indeed a month earlier kicked out the old, neo-communist guard and installed a new reformist regime. Progress was not immediate. The new government in its early days was treading water, barely able to keep the inherited political system afloat. And the isolation from the outside world that the Bulgarian Socialist Party had earlier brought upon itself and the public continued to cast a shadow over the country. Just a few were discussing joining NATO or the European Union.

But in early December 1997, I found a very different Bulgaria. In place of psychological and financial depression, I found a new if still cautious optimism about the country's future. The center-right government of Prime Minister Ivan Kostov commands a substantial parliamentary majority and is moving forward with comprehensive reforms.

What is more, the international development community was upbeat, having stuck with Bulgaria, particularly the World Bank, IMF, and USAID.

The Bulgarian people are beginning to see the benefits of privatization, the essential first-stage of developing an economy led by the private sector. Inflation has dramatically declined; the lev is pegged to the Deutsche Mark under the strict rules of a Currency Board and, according to the IMF, is "rock solid." And foreigners have doubled their investments in Bulgaria over the last nine months.

At the same time, Bulgaria is reaching out to the world. Backed by broad public support, the government has declared its interest in joining NATO and the EU, and is working to make its laws and policies meet the standards of those institutions.

From Sofia out in all directions, it is a country entirely unlike the one I had seen a year ago; indeed, the change is a tale of two countries.

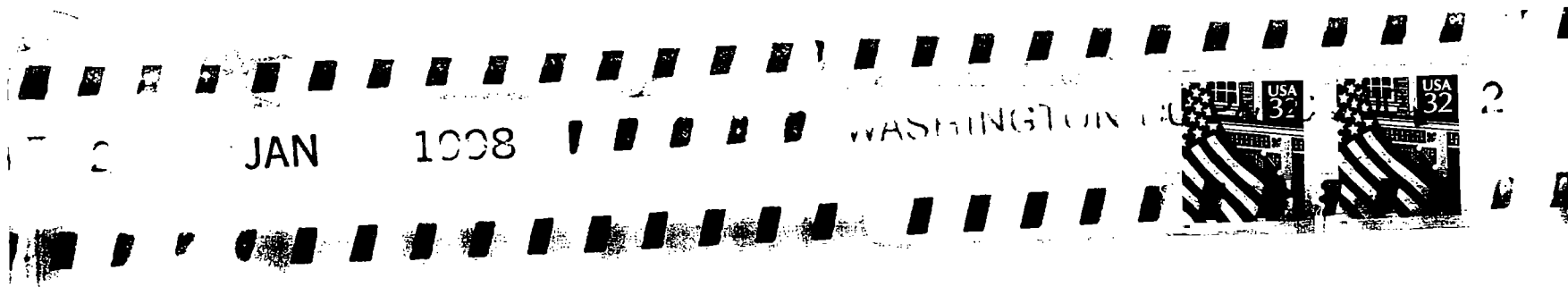
What made the difference? First of all, the Bulgarian people themselves. They concluded that the past would not work for the future, and at the ballot box they demanded a significant change.

Second, the governing coalition is unified in its direction and approach and determination. President Stoyanov, Prime Minister Kostov, and other leading figures in government, business, and intellectual circles emphasize that Bulgaria cannot afford to fail again. As several senior officials said, Bulgaria under its neo-communist leadership had "looked into the abyss" of near total economic collapse and after that traumatic experience had opted for the hard work of building a democracy and a market economy that would bring the nation firmly back to Europe.

Third and equally important has been the commitment to build for the long haul genuine democratic institutions such as free speech and free media. In contrast with Belarus and Armenia, for example, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty's programs on local news and current affairs are not only carried on local stations but are praised by political leaders as helping the public understand the tasks ahead. Sofia's energetic and visionary mayor, Stegan Stofianski, told me that RFE "is a corrective factor" in Bulgaria's free-wheeling, sensationalist media." And just a few days ago, Prime Minister Kostov -- in RFE's Sofia studios for a nationwide call-in program -- said, "your listeners are the best informed citizens about domestic affairs in the country."

My recent experiences in Bulgaria suggest that even those backward moving countries -- like Belarus and Slovakia -- that some are inclined to write off as failures can turn themselves around -- especially if they have the continuing help and understanding of Western institutions and instruments of freedom. The last decade has painfully demonstrated that in the struggle for human freedom one cannot declare defeat. The struggle for victory is mankind's most important and noble -- and possible as Bulgaria is showing.

Thomas A. Dine is the president of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty headquartered in Prague, Czech Republic.



Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff for The First Lady!
The White House
Washington DC 20500

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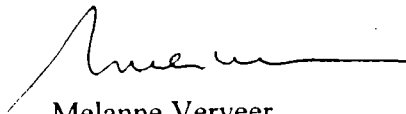
Mr. Thomas Dubbs
140 Broadway, 25th Floor
New York, NY 10005

Dear Mr. Dubbs:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your thoughtful letter. It was kind of you to share your thoughts on the incident at the University Club.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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Thomas A. Dubbs, Esquire
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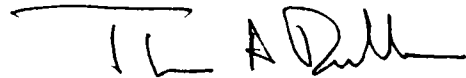
Ms. Hilary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

At the University Club, Democrats like myself are, along with women members, a "discrete and insular minority". Even knowing that as I do, I was surprised and shocked at what apparently happened at the Club yesterday.

As a member of the Board of the Club and as a vocal supporter of the Clinton administration, let me offer my personal apologies. We clearly have a long way to go.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T A Dubbs", with a horizontal line above the first part of the signature.

Thomas A. Dubbs

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 23, 1998

Ms. Alexandra di Portanova
2745 29th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Ms. di Portanova:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to speak to the Hollywood Radio and Television Society in the month of February.

It is too early to determine whether the First Lady will be able to speak at this event. We have forwarded your request to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady, and she will be in touch with you if the First Lady's participation is possible.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Sent by —
fax per
Ms. Portanova's
request

Alexandra di Portanova

202-298-0668 (voice mail only)

Telephone

202-462-2635 (private phone & fax)

No. of pages (including Cover) 12 Date 1/15/98

Fax Number: 456-6244

To: Melanne Leven

Comments: Dear Melanne,

As always it is an honor to assist
in any way I can. Please feel free
to contact me, if you have any questions.



(R)

Alexandra di Portanova
2745 29th Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20008
202-462-2635 (DC Office)

VIA FACSIMILE
January 14, 1998

Mrs. Melanne Verveer, Chief of Staff
Office of The First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Mrs. Verveer,

Attached please find a copy of the original request addressed to Mrs. Clinton, pertaining to her speaking at a Hollywood Radio and Television Society Newsmaker Luncheon. You will be receiving an additional copy from Mr. Haskell (the request pertains to the same speaking engagement).

I did contact your office in an attempt to arrange a brief meeting during Mr. and Mrs. Haskell's December 4, visit to Washington, for the screening of Amistad, unfortunately I did not hear back from your office. The Haskell's are lovely people, I know you would have enjoyed meeting them.

I contacted Wayne Skinner, who saved the day. The Haskell's, received V.I.P. treatment to include a photo-op with President Clinton.

I know Mr. Haskell is anxious to know if Mrs. Clinton will be able to address the Hollywood Radio and Television Society in the month of February.

In as much as the India and Pakistan trip has been postponed, will one of the suggested dates for February, coincide with The First Lady's schedule? If we need to consider alternative dates for March or April, please let us know as soon as possible.

Anxiously waiting to hear from you.

Respectfully,



Alexandra di Portanova

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for me,
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Alexandra di Portanova
2745 29th Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20008
202-462-2635 (DC Office)

VIA FACSIMILE
November 13, 1997

Mrs. Melanne Verveer, Chief of Staff
Office of The First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Verveer,

Attached please find an invitation addressed Mrs. Clinton requesting she serve as key note speaker at a Hollywood Radio and Television Society (HRTS) Newsmaker Luncheon. I am forwarding the invitation on behalf of my dear friend, Mr. Sam Haskell, who is Executive Vice President, West Coast Head of Television for the William Morris Agency and President of the Hollywood Radio and Television Society.

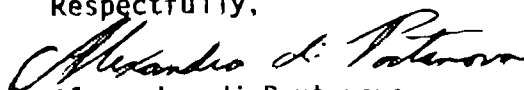
Last year, Mr. Haskell received an award from The Alliance for Children's Rights, for his commitment to children's education. With short notice, I facilitated a letter (attached hereto) from the president's office, commending Mr. Haskell's efforts, which was read by Les Moonves at The Alliance award ceremony.

Although, Mr. Haskell is a close friend of the Thomason's, he refrained from asking their assistance, regarding the HRTS request. I am familiar with the vetting process and offered to act as liaison. I have taken the liberty of informing Mr. Haskell, February 5, 1998 is the date of The National Prayer Breakfast, and impending visit of Prime Minister Blair. I have also apprised Mr. Haskell of President and Mrs. Clinton's impending trip to India and Pakistan during the month of February. If the suggested dates pose a conflict, please advise, we will accommodate Mrs. Clinton's schedule, to include re-scheduling the luncheon to the month of March or April, or a breakfast or dinner.

Included for your perusal is an article from the June 23, 1997 issue of People magazine, featuring Mr. Haskell.

Thank you for your time and serious consideration.

Respectfully,


Alexandra di Portanova



WILLIAM MORRIS AGENCY, INC.
TALENT AND LITERARY AGENCY

SAM HASKELL
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
WEST COAST HEAD OF TELEVISION

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

November 11, 1997

Mrs. Hilary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

As President of the Hollywood Radio and Television Society (HRTS), I wish to extend an open invitation, for you to address the leaders of the Hollywood community at a HRTS Newsmaker Luncheon.

The Hollywood Radio and Television Society sponsors eight Newsmaker Luncheons annually, dates are flexible. I have listed several possible dates for the month of February, 1998. If these dates coincide with an impending visit to the West Coast, we will do our best to accommodate your schedule. If these dates are not satisfactory, please advise of any alternative dates and/or month, which may be better suited to your schedule. The available dates are as follows February: 5, 10, 11, 13, 17, 24, 26.

The congenial atmosphere of the HRTS Newsmaker Luncheons provide a powerful and productive forum to discuss media related issues.

In the past, Bill Gates has addressed issues concerning the internet, and Rupert Murdoch and Ted Turner have both spoken on the future of the entertainment industry. In addition President Bush addressed a luncheon, while in office, and Vice President Gore recently addressed a Newsmaker Luncheon regarding programming and ratings issues.

Not unlike politics, the entertainment industry leadership roles have been dominated by men. Women are a vital part of any industry, and it is our hope to encourage more women to become actively involved.

As a wife, mother, business professional, and a leader dedicated to community service, you have been an inspiration to women from all walks of life. I have listed a few topics which may be of interest to you.

Women in Politics
Women in Corporate America
Women in the Seat of Power
Leadership from a Woman's Perspective
Empowering Women in the Entertainment Industry
Empowering Women in Television Programming

Alexandra di Portanova has offered to act as a liaison, and she should be able to address any questions your office may have.

Thank you for your time and serious consideration.

Respectfully,



Sam Haskell
SBH/ac

cc: Ms. Alexandra di Portanova

Skater OKSANA BAIUL rebuilds her life A beauty sues Brunei's Sultan

JUNE 23, 1997

People

weekly



IN TROUBLE Melissa Drexler, 18.
Her baby was found dead at the prom

**HEARTBREAKING
CRIMES**

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**WITHOUT A
CONSCIENCE?**

Rape, murder, a baby
dead at a prom: A look
at young lives that
seem to have gone
very, very wrong



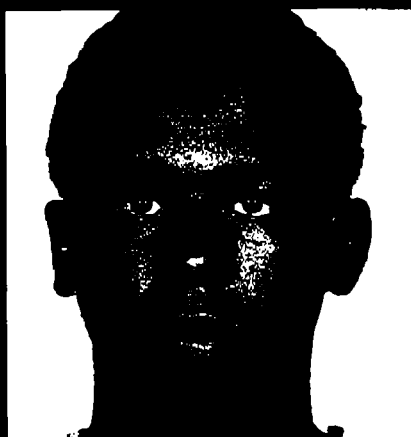
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of a Central Park murder



ACCUSED Jeremy Strohmeyer,
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ACCUSED Amy Grossberg,
18, of killing her newborn



ACCUSED Corey Arthur, 19,
of murdering Jonathan Levin





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A His foundation, says Haskell (in Amory this spring with past and present scholarship winners), helps "people realize their dreams."

DOUBLE AGENT

Honoring his Mississippi upbringing, Hollywood player Sam Haskell lends a hand to students back home

ON THE SCALE OF PUBLIC OPINION, Hollywood agents probably rank somewhere below lawyers and above tax collectors. Tom Cruise's recent hit *Jerry Maguire* dramatized how ruthlessly competitive the business can be, a fact that William Morris talent agent Sam Haskell, 42, knows up close and personal. The mighty agency's West Coast

head of television has proved himself a master, amassing a client list that includes Bill Cosby, Kathie Lee Gifford, George Clooney, Phil Hartman, Lily Tomlin and two dozen others. "In matters of war, like TV," says Hartman, "Sam knows where the Scuds are and where the baby-milk factories are. He is state of the art in conducting a campaign for his clients."



A Haskell (in '73) was named to his high school hall of fame.

Photographs by Michael A. Schwarz

But though he swims in Hollywood's riptides, Haskell is more guppy than shark. For six years, he has helped high schoolers from his tiny hometown of Amory, Miss. (pop. 7,000 and change), fulfill their dreams—all in the name of his beloved mother, a dedicated public school nurse who died of stomach cancer in 1987. Her death, says her son, "was not only a devastation to our family but a complete devastation to the community. I started thinking immediately of something I could do to honor her life." In 1991 he settled upon a foundation to let promising high school students continue their education. "The thing she talked to me most about when she was a school nurse," he says of his mother, "was her concern over children who could not get a college education."

Since its founding, the Mary Kirkpatrick Haskell Scholarship Foundation has raised more than \$500,000 and helped put 63 students through college. "Many of the best parts of who I am are her," Haskell says. Like his mom, he adds, "the biggest dilem-



In April, Haskell met townspeople before presenting Amory with an award which honored his mother (in a portrait).

ma for me is turning my back on someone in need."

The "someones" are not ungrateful. "I was wondering how I was going to pull through," says Rachael Sibley, 18, one of this year's recipients. "It is a big, big help—more than he'll ever know." For Josh Ward, 20,

his 1996 award came not a moment too soon. "My dad passed away in 1990," he says, "and me and my mom have had a hard time since. It's helped us out tremendously."

Several of Haskell's high-profile clients and friends have made time to get into the fund-raising act. Celebs

is full of changes.





A Jaleel White, Haskell's wife, Mary, Vince Gill, Nell Carter, Haskell and Debbie Allen gather for the 1996 benefit.

rena, "touched my heart and changed my life. It left me feeling that one person really can make a difference."

Haskell has been making a difference even before he was a gleam in Hollywood's eye. An Eagle Scout, he worked weekends in the public library for 50 cents an hour and was named Rotary Club Boy of the Year in 1973. He and his two younger brothers (James, now a salesman for a Denver-based clothing company, and Bill, a construction foreman) were especially close to their mother, because their father, Sam, a clothing salesman, was often on the road. In high school,

such as Gifford, Vince Gill, Kathy Ireland, Nell Carter, Debbie Allen and Sela Ward have made the every-other-year trek to Amory (a 3-hour flight to Memphis, then a 2-hour bus ride) to perform in the town's high school football stadium on a massive stage Haskell imports from Nash-

ville. "I felt like I'd been transported to a Norman Rockwell world," says comedian and Bill Clinton impressionist Phil Hartman, who was put up by the local Piggly Wiggly supermarket owner for his 1996 visit. Kathy Ireland says that her second trip, in 1996, in which she danced the maca-

New Charmin Triple Roll isn't one of them.



A "I could not be what I am or do what I do without Mary," says Haskell of his wife (at home with children Sam IV and Mary Lane).

Haskell took up football, coached the local swim team and earned enough money giving swimming lessons at the Amory public pool to go to the University of Mississippi. "I put myself through school in the water," he says proudly. "I taught every kid in northern Mississippi how to swim."

At Ole Miss, he joined a campus song-and-dance group and majored in theater. After graduating in 1977, he moved to Los Angeles and, in the time-honored William Morris tradition, started his career in the mailroom. Jerry Katzman, the agency's vice chairman, remembers thinking that the young grad was "very proper, very Southern and very nice." But Katzman wasn't convinced Haskell "had the instincts to be an agent." After 1980, when Haskell was promoted to agent, Katzman's doubts dissolved. "I knew that he would be a superstar," he says. "[Networks] liked dealing with him much better than they liked dealing with me. Everybody, everybody, responded to him."

Haskell became the youngest senior vice president in the agency's history

in 1990 and was promoted to his current position in '94. "I can be as tough as the next guy," he says. "But I don't like to be. I like to deal with people in a fair and honorable and nurturing way, and I have found that the way I deal wins me more than this 'f-you' screaming and yelling that a lot of agents are known for." The approach works. "He mesmerizes you with that down-home charm," says Warren Littlefield, president of NBC Entertainment. "We get all soft and mushy and the next thing you know our hands and feet are tied and we're just squirming. We've been hog-tied by Sam more than once. The amazing thing is we come back for more."

Haskell claims his success can all be traced to the lessons he learned at his mother's knee. "I've never lost sight of the fact that I get my strength from Amory," he says. But not all of Amory's lessons were positive. Haskell's father, he recalls, "was more concerned about making money than about us." Determined not to make a similar mistake, Haskell makes sure to have breakfast with his

children, Sam IV, 9, and Mary Lane, 7, each morning. By the time he returns at night to his six-bedroom colonial-style home in the San Fernando Valley community of Encino, they are tucked happily in bed, thanks to his wife of 14 years, Mary, 38, a former Miss Mississippi and an actress (Lois Gantner on Nickelodeon's *The Secret World of Alex Mack*) he met in college. "Mary," he says, "is the heart and strength and soul of our family."

Haskell's strength, on the other hand, is knowing who he is and resisting the Hollywood swirl. "I've been asked, 'What's your greatest success?'" he says. "I'm sure people want me to talk about a deal for Kathie Lee or Bill Cosby or some show I sold that made ga-billions of dollars. But my greatest success," he says, "is that I'm exactly the same person today as I was when I arrived here 19 years ago." And that, he knows, would make Mom awfully proud.

■ DAN JEWEL

■ SHELLEY LEVITT in *Los Angeles* and
RON HIDEHOUGH in *Amory*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 28, 1997

Mr. Sam Haskell
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Sam:

I am delighted to extend my congratulations to you as you are honored by The Alliance for Children's Rights with the 1997 National Champion for Children Award.

Our country's greatest strength is the community spirit of its people. Throughout our history, Americans have been eager to serve the common good. Your involvement and dedication to caring for others are vital in sustaining this enduring legacy. By taking more responsibility for ourselves, our families, and our communities, we can ensure a brighter tomorrow for generations to come.

I commend you for your deep concern about our future and for your exemplary commitment to improving our world.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY
Washington, D.C. 20501

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 1995

Contact: Bob Weiner/Alexis Revis-Yaoman
(202) 395-6618

ACTOR LOUIS GOSSETT JR. TO BE FIRST RECIPIENT OF WHITE HOUSE
ANTI-DRUG AWARD: DRUG CZAR LEE BROWN GOES TO LOS ANGELES TO
PERSONALLY PRESENT AWARD AS CELEBRITIES INITIATIVE BEGINS:

1:30 P.M. FRIDAY, JUNE 23, PENINSULA HOTEL,
9882 SANTA MONICA BLVD. BEVERLY HILLS

(Washington, DC) -- The White House Director of National Drug Control Policy, Dr. Lee P. Brown, will go to Los Angeles Friday to personally present actor Louis Gossett Jr. with a special recognition award as the first advocate of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy's "Celebrities Initiative on Behalf of Parents and Teens for Drug Free Schools and Homes." Later this summer, as school begins, Brown will gather a number of celebrities in Washington who will also urge maintaining drug free schools and homes.

The event will take place at 1:30 p.m., Friday, June 23, at the Peninsula Hotel, 9882 Santa Monica Boulevard, Beverly Hills.

Lou Gossett is one of the most respected, sought after and busiest actors working in movies and television today. He has won an Emmy, television's highest honor, for his portrayal of Fiddler in "Roots", and five additional Emmy nominations; an Oscar, the highest film honor, for his role of Sergeant Foley in "An Officer and a Gentleman"; and a Golden Globe award for "The Josephine Baker Story" among his achievements.

Brown asserted, "But none of his high-powered acting roles nor the enormous pressures associated with them has stopped Lou Gossett from spending all his available time working with oppressed and desperate young people living in poverty and threatened with succumbing to crime and drugs. Lou Gossett has spent his life giving young people who may not have solid family foundations a way to bond to something important, lives filled with hope, and a supportive network. Lou Gossett is working young people to have positive meaningful lives instead of gangs dedicated to drugs and violence."

Friday's ceremony is being hosted by Alexandra di Portanova, founder and President of Project Health in the Hood, a non-profit, privately funded community organization working with gangs whose successful pilot operation is in Los Angeles. President Clinton this year commended Project Health in the Hood as having "helped thousands throughout the community" and "an inspiration for people everywhere". Gossett, an active member of the project's Board, works with the community to assist gang members and others rise from the pervasive forces of poverty, drugs, and despair.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 30, 1998

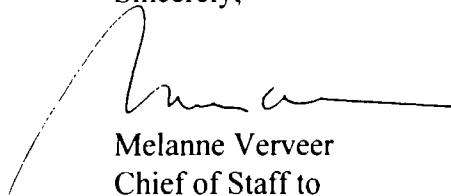
Mr. Matthew Dzik
909 S. Mclean Blvd., #48
Elgin, IL 60123

Dear Mr. Dzik:

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 support.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Please extend my
loyalty, faith and gratitude
to President and Mrs. Clinton
Thank you

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Matthew Dzik

909 S. McLean Blvd., #48

Elgin, Ill. 60123

Dear Ms. Verveer,

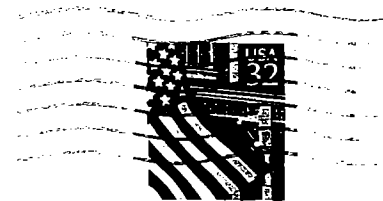
Enough! It's about time the Republicans and their hatchetmen are condemned for what they are. For five years they have engaged in a malicious, relentless muckraking campaign to assassinate, one way or another, the character of Bill Clinton for their own political ends. The Republican propaganda machine has never presented a scrap of proof, yet continues to manufacture endless accusations and innuendoes in a despicable effort to manipulate the press and pollute public opinion. While President Clinton has demonstrated great character and done great service to this country while being viciously attacked, the Republicans have consistently shown that their politics are even more disgraceful than their policies.

Now is the time for every Democrat to rally to this good and great president who has fought so valiantly for America, defending him unwaveringly and disdaining the political cowardice that allowed Ronald Reagan and the Republicans to rape the truth during the Eighties and still. The media must also be responsible, reporting objectively rather than echoing the sensationalist Republican chorus of scandal where there are only self-serving accusations. And all Americans must see things in context, remembering how diligently President Clinton has tried to bring all people together and lift up the nation while the Republicans continue to wallow in the mud, wasting the countries time, money and spirit on their political vendetta, obstructing effective government at every turn. The American people must see that the shame of America arises from the stench of Republican politics.

History will show that the scandal of the Nineties did not belong to Bill Clinton, but the dishonorable, vindictive schemers who have chosen the lowest of political roads, and to all those that allow them to go on.

Matthew Dzik

Matt Dzik
909 S. McLean #48
Elgin, IL 60123



Melanne S. Verveer
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington D.C. 20500



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 13, 1998

Ms. Beth Dozon, cz
240 Corporate Boulevard
Norfolk, VA 23502

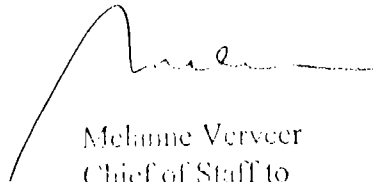
Dear Beth:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to attend the Westchester Fund for Women and Girls Grants Awards Breakfast on November 19, 1998.

We have forwarded your request to the First Lady's Scheduling Office and they will be in touch with you as to whether or not it will be possible.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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March 27, 1998

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

RE: Westchester Fund for Women and Girls Grants Awards
November 19, 1998

Dear Melanne:

Deborah Larkin has been a loyal friend and a wonderful advocate for children. Her request for Hillary to attend the Westchester Fund for Women and Girls Grants Awards Breakfast on November 19, 1998 would be very meaningful to her. I hope you will be able to give this request every consideration.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

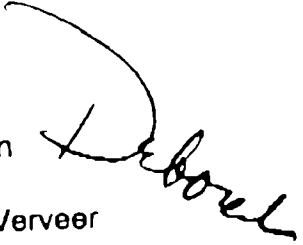
Warmest regards,

Beth Dozoretz

BD/ks

ATTACHMENTS

Deborah Slaner Larkin
237 Loring Avenue
Pelham, New York 10803
914-738-7829

TO: Beth Dozoretz
FROM: Deborah Slaner Larkin 
RE: Request to Melanne Verveer
DATE: March 30, 1998

Thank you for contacting Melanne Verveer with my letter requesting the First Lady to speak to the Westchester Fund for Women and Girls' breakfast on child care.

We would appreciate any assistance you can provide. I would appreciate your letting Ms. Verveer know that while we have requested Mrs. Clinton speak on November 19, 1998, if that date is not good, we would be happy to accommodate her schedule any day that week. In addition, I did not mention expenses as I am not familiar with White House policy in that regard. We would, however, pay expenses or costs associated with her visit as appropriate by law and custom.

Again, thank you for your help. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Deborah Slaner Larkin
237 Loring Avenue
Pelham, New York 10803
914-738-7829

March 22, 1998

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
Room 100
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Ms. Verveer:

Beth Dozoretz suggested I write to you regarding a request to have First Lady, Hillary Clinton be the keynote speaker at the Westchester Fund for Women and Girls Grants Awards Breakfast on November 19, 1998.

The focus of the breakfast is Child Care, a subject we know to be of particular interest to the First Lady. There is no one who can inform and motivate other women about child care and other important issues affecting women and our families more convincingly than she. I have had the privilege of meeting Mrs. Clinton on several occasions through my work with the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, National Women's Law Center, Partnership for Women and Families, The Women's Leadership Forum and at her most recent birthday party. I represent a constituency of strong and steadfast supporters of the First Lady and would be extremely honored if she would speak to our community on this important issue.

The Westchester Fund for Women and Girls was created three years ago because nationwide and in Westchester there has been a lack of financial and other resources directed specifically to females. Even though Westchester County has some affluent areas, many residents are not so fortunate. For example, in Westchester County:

- * There are 4300 homeless people, the highest per capita of homeless in the state.
- * 61 percent of women are living below the poverty level.

* According to the Child Care Council of Westchester, there are only 3.8 slots for every 10 children needing child care. We need 1200 more child care slots for children under the age of 5 and 16,000 more slots for school-aged children.

Our breakfast is attended by women throughout the County who represent corporate, political, non-profit, education and the private sector. We include a diverse population and broad racial and ethnic mix. Previous breakfast speakers have included NY Times Columnist Jane Brody; Olympic Gold Medal swimmer Cristina Teuscher, Olympic gold medal and professional WNBA basketball players Lynette Woodard and Teresa Weatherspoon; Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan Sex Crimes Unit Linda Fairstein and National Executive Director of Girls, Inc., Isabel Stewart

Over the past three years we have awarded grants in the area of Health and Nutrition and personal safety. This year's grants will be targeted to organizations and local agencies working in child care areas.

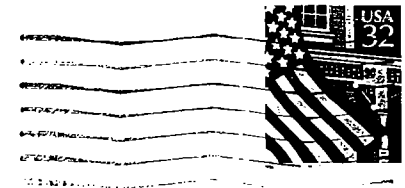
We would appreciate every consideration you could provide regarding this request. We recognize and appreciate the work she is doing for all Americans and look forward to the possibility of her speaking to us to help us support women and children.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 914-738-7829.

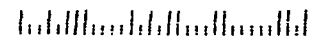
Cordially,



Deborah Slaner Larkin
Chair, Westchester
Fund for Women and Girls



**MS. MELANNE VERVEER
CHIEF OF STAFF, OFFICE OF THE FIRST LADY
OLD EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING
ROOM 100
WASHINGTON, DC 20500**



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 21, 1998

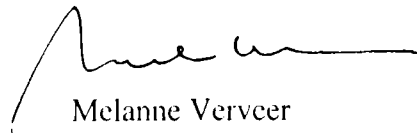
Ms. Corneli Dora
Abbey Library of St. Gallen
Stiftsbibliothek St. Gallen
Klosterhof 6D, Postfach
CH-9004 St. Gallen
SWITZERLAND

Dear Corneli:

Enclosed is a photograph of Mrs. Clinton with Bishop Ivo Furrer taken during the First Lady's visit to St. Gallen. We would be grateful if you could forward the photograph to the Bishop with Mrs. Clinton's compliments.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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Mrs.
Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington D.C.
U.S.A.

St.Gallen, 25th February 1998

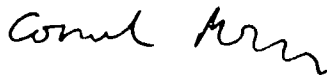
Thanks for your visit

Dear Mrs. Clinton

Your visit to Switzerland with its message of warm friendship and sympathy was a very special event for the Swiss people. It was a great honor and a memorable experience for us that on this occasion you came to visit our Abbey Library of St.Gallen. We hope that you had a few comfortable and enriching moments with our ancient manuscripts in these historic surroundings, and that you felt to some extent how *culture makes our spirits soar*, as you said in your speech in Davos.

Who knows, perhaps you, your daughter or even your husband will find the opportunity to visit St.Gallen again in the future. Our doors will always be wide open.

Thank you and all our best wishes!



Cornel Dora
Abbey Library of St.Gallen

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 22, 1998

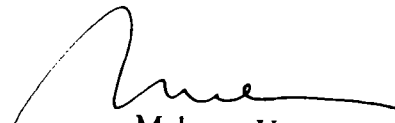
Ms. Barbaralee Diamonstein
720 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10021

Dear Barbaralee

I am following up on the invitation that you gave me when you were at the White House for the President and the First Lady to attend the Southampton Hospital benefit on August 1.

Regrettably, because of other scheduling commitments, neither the President nor the First Lady will be able to accept the invitation. Know that they send their best wishes to everyone involved in the benefit for a successful and productive event.

Best Wishes,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

The Summer Party

To Benefit Southampton Hospital

August 1, 1998

Galaxy
of
Stars

June 17, 1998

Barbaralee Diamonstein & Carl Spielvogel
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Dear Barbaralee and Carl,

As Vice-Chairmen of "The Summer Party" to benefit Southampton Hospital, I do not have to remind you of our shared commitment to bringing first rate, affordable healthcare to wide numbers of persons on the East End of Long Island.

We have all heard by now that President Clinton and The First Lady will be coming to the East End the weekend of July 31 and August 1. It would mean a great deal to our work, and the success of our efforts in providing quality healthcare, a cause which has been central to President Clinton's administration, if you would invite the President and Mrs. Clinton to appear, even briefly, at the Southampton Hospital Benefit, on Saturday evening, August 1st.

There is a field adjacent to the benefit site where a helicopter could land to facilitate their secure arrival and departure without disrupting traffic. He will be greeting 1400-1500 people, which is the largest gathering on the East End of Long Island each summer. Guests at this event are among the most prominent, philanthropic, concerned citizens from New York and the surrounding metropolitan areas.

Thank you for your help and support in our shared effort.

Sincerely,

Barbara

Barbara Stovall Smith
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June 17, 1998

Ms. Barbaralee Diamonstein-Spielvogel
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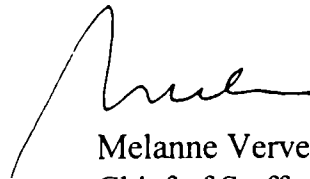
Dear Ms. Diamonstein-Spielvogel:

Thank you for a copy of your remarks recording the President's Millennium initiative. You are so terrific!

I have passed the information regarding the creation of a national commission to restore Ellis Island along to Ellen Lovell, Director of the Millennium Program, as well as to other colleagues.

Best wishes in all you do.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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Melanne Verveer
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Dear Melanne:

I thought it might interest you to know what I've been saying about President Clinton's Millennium Fund proposal.

With warm regards,

Barbaralee
Barbaralee Diamonstein-Spielvogel
28 May 1998

P.S.: As you know, the Supreme Court decision about the splitting of Ellis Island resolves only where Ellis Island is, not who owns it, because it is owned by the United States. Perhaps a national commission to restore and stabilize Ellis Island would be an appropriate first project for the Millennium Program, since Ellis Island is a place that honors the past and permits us to imagine the future.

GOOD EVENING, AND THANKS TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU FOR JOINING US TONIGHT. I'M BARBARALEE DIAMONSTEIN-SPIELVOGEL, AND ON BEHALF OF THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS PRESERVATION CENTER, A WARM WELCOME TO THIS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF *THE LANDMARKS OF NEW YORK*.

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM MARKS THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION, AND THE SYMPOSIUM SERIES FOCUSING ON SOME OF OUR CITY'S MOST STUNNING RESOURCES— THE RICH INVENTORY OF LANDMARKS THAT HAVE SURVIVED THROUGHOUT THE FIVE BOROUGHES.

MOST MEMORABLE PLACES IN THE WORLD ARE KNOWN FOR THEIR NATURAL BEAUTY— CASCADING WATERFALLS, LUSH RAIN FORESTS, TOWERING MOUNTAINS— BUT NEW YORK IS CELEBRATED ABOVE ALL FOR ITS UNNATURAL BEAUTY: THE SOARING PANORAMA OF SKY, STONE, STEEL AND GLASS THAT DEFINE LIFE IN THIS “VERTICAL CITY;” THE GRAND ARCHITECTURE THAT INSPIRES US;

AND THE SURPRISING, LITTLE-KNOWN TREASURES WE FIND
HIDDEN WITHIN OUR GREAT METROPOLIS—STRUCTURES WHICH
MAY HAVE LESS MAJESTY, BUT WHICH NONETHELESS HAVE
CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE. THESE ARE THE
MONUMENTS AND SPACES WE REMEMBER— AND RETURN TO—
IN DAYLIGHT AND IN DREAMS.

AS WE CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
CONSOLIDATION OF NEW YORK CITY THIS YEAR, IT SEEMS A
FITTING OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK WITH FRESH EYES AT OUR
CITYSCAPE— TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE REMARKABLE
OPPORTUNITIES NEW YORK PRESENTS BOTH TO PEOPLE AND TO
BUILDINGS TO RECREATE THEMSELVES; AND TO APPRECIATE THE
INCREDIBLE DIVERSITY, HISTORY AND BEAUTY THAT SURROUND
US.

NEW YORK CITY HAS BEEN, AND CONTINUES TO BE, A LEADER IN
HISTORIC PRESERVATION— ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL,
BROAD-GAUGED, AND EGALITARIAN CITIZEN MOVEMENTS IN
HISTORY.

THE NEW YORK CITY LANDMARKS LAW WAS ENACTED IN 1965, AND SINCE THEN MORE THAN 1,000 INDIVIDUAL LANDMARKS, 101 INTERIOR LANDMARKS, 9 SCENIC LANDMARKS, AND 70 HISTORIC DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED— A LITTLE MORE THAN 21,000 PROPERTIES. IF THAT SOUNDS LIKE A LOT TO YOU, IT IS ACTUALLY LESS THAN ONE PERCENT OF THE REAL ESTATE HERE.

ACROSS THE COUNTRY, THOUSANDS OF LOCAL PRESERVATION ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION EFFORTS ENJOY WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FROM THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS, FROM ACADEMIA AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. IN FACT, THE THEME OF THE WHITE HOUSE MILLENNIUM PROGRAM IS “HONOR THE PAST; IMAGINE THE FUTURE.” PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS PROPOSED A MILLENNIUM FUND— THE FIRST FEDERAL ARTS INITIATIVE SINCE THE INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM SERVICES WAS ESTABLISHED TWENTY YEARS AGO.

THE MILLENIUM FUND WILL PROVIDE \$50 MILLION IN EACH OF THE NEXT TWO FISCAL YEARS—THAT’S A \$100 MILLION PROPOSAL—TO STIMULATE A NATIONAL EFFORT TO “SAVE AMERICA’S TREASURES.” THAT COULD TRULY BE A GIFT TO THE FUTURE. NOW IF THAT SOUNDS LIKE A LOT TO YOU, CONSIDER THIS—THE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED LOTTERY IN THE U.K. HAS A CATEGORY CALLED “THE HERITAGE.” FROM LAST YEAR THERE IS \$1 BILLION IN THE PIPELINE FOR PROJECTS—ANOTHER \$1 BILLION IS EXPECTED TO COME ONSTREAM THIS YEAR.

SO, WHILE MUCH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE, THIS IS NO TIME FOR COMPLACENCY. THE PRESERVATION MOVEMENT MUST CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD, AND IT IS TIME FOR SOME NEW DIRECTIONS.

THE CONTINUITY OF OUR HISTORIC LANDMARKS CONFIRMS AN EFFORT TO ENGAGE THE PAST, IN A DIALOGUE WITH THE PRESENT, ABOUT A MUTUAL CONCERN FOR THE FUTURE.

THE PURPOSE OF OUR SYMPOSIUM SERIES IS TO RENEW THIS DIALOGUE—TO BRING TOGETHER SOME OF THE MOST INFORMED AND THOUGHTFUL PEOPLE, FROM DIVERSE FIELDS, WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH THESE CIVIC ISSUES.

SOME OF THE QUESTIONS WE HOPE TO ADDRESS ARE: HOW HAS THE ENACTMENT OF THE LANDMARKS LAW IN 1965, AND THE LANDMARKS DESIGNATION PROCESS, AFFECTED THE LIFE AND LANDSCAPE OF NEW YORK CITY OVER THESE PAST 33 YEARS? ARE ISSUES SUCH AS PLANNING, NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION AND REVITALIZATION, CONSERVATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM NOW APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE PRESERVATION MOVEMENT? WHAT ARE THE CONTEMPORARY IMPLICATIONS OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN TERMS OF THESE ISSUES? AT THIS JUNCTURE, WHEN EVEN SOME OF THE MOST ARDENT PRESERVATIONISTS BELIEVE THAT THE ROSTER OF LANDMARKS WORTHY OF DESIGNATION IS FINITE, AND AT A TIME WHEN MORE RECENT ARCHITECTURE IS BEING CRITICALLY EVALUATED, WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS FOR THE LANDMARKS MOVEMENT? HOW, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EXISTING LAW, CAN WE: FURTHER STRENGTHEN ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS AND PROCEDURES;

HOW CAN WE PRESERVE SIGNIFICANT NEIGHBORHOOD
QUALITIES, VALUES, AND FEATURES BY EXPLORING
DESIGNATION CATEGORIES NOT PRESENTLY RECOGNIZED OR
PROTECTED; HOW CAN WE SIMPLIFY THE DESIGNATION PROCESS;
IN FACT, MAKE THE PROCESS MORE AGREEABLE AND PREDICTABLE,
WHILE EASING THE BURDEN IN CASES WHERE HARDSHIP RESULTS?

AND FINALLY, WHAT NEW DIRECTIONS OR INNOVATIONS CAN BE
RECOMMENDED?

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM IS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF SIX SYMPOSIA,
TAKING PLACE OVER THE NEXT THREE MONTHS, THAT WILL
ADDRESS THESE AND OTHER ISSUES. WE ARE APPRECIATIVE
THAT SO MANY DISTINGUISHED PEOPLE HAVE SO GENEROUSLY
AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SERIES— IN FACT, TOO MANY
TO BE MENTIONED INDIVIDUALLY NOW, BUT PLEASE TAKE A
MOMENT AND LOOK AT THE ANNOUNCEMENT AND PROGRAM ON
YOUR SEAT, WHERE YOU'LL FIND THE DETAILS OF WHAT WE
HAVE PLANNED.

THE TYPE MAY BE SMALL, BUT THE IDEAS ARE LARGE, AND THE CONTENT, IT IS TO BE HOPED, WILL BE COMPREHENSIVE. WE URGE YOU ALL TO ATTEND THESE UPCOMING EVENTS. THE NEXT IS APRIL 6 AT 6PM AT THE NEW YORK SCHOOL OF INTERIOR DESIGN.

THESE EVENTS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE INTELLIGENCE AND DILIGENCE OF THE STAFF OF THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS PRESERVATION CENTER, MARYBETH KAVANAGH AND MICHAEL STEWART. SPECIAL THANKS— MARYBETH AND MICHAEL.

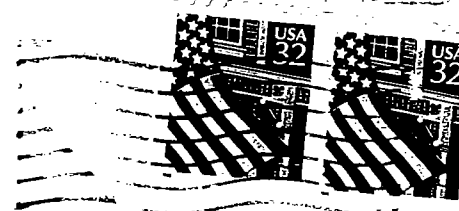
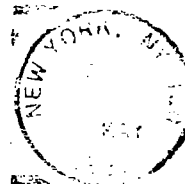
TWO FINAL COMMENTS— FIRSTLY, WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE WITH US TONIGHT THE GIRL'S CHOIR OF HARLEM, WHOSE SPIRIT, FOCUS, TALENT, AND DETERMINATION EXEMPLIFY THE ASPIRATIONS OF OUR CITIZENS. THEY WILL BE PERFORMING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SYMPOSIUM, SO PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR SEATS AND ENJOY THEIR FINE PERFORMANCE.

AFTER THAT, THERE WILL BE A RECEPTION TO WHICH YOU ARE ALL INVITED, IN THE GALLERY JUST BEHIND THE DOUBLE DOORS AT THE BACK OF THE AUDITORIUM.

SECONDLY, A WORD ABOUT THE FORMAT— EACH PANELIST WILL SPEAK SEQUENTIALLY, AND THEN THE AUDIENCE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR FOCUSED AND FRIENDLY QUESTIONS ON THE CARDS THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE. THE CARDS WILL THEN BE COLLECTED AND PASSED TO THE MODERATOR.

AND NOW— TO BEGIN, TONIGHT’S PANEL PROMISES TO BE LIVELY AND INFORMATIVE. OUR GUESTS HAVE AGREED TO SPEAK ON ISSUES RELATED TO DESIGN, THE ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMICS, AND URBAN CIVILITY. SO OUR GENUINE THANKS, IN ADVANCE, TO DENISE SCOTT BROWN, DOUGLAS DURST, HUGH HARDY, PEGGY KING JORDE, RICHARD MEIER, JOHN ZUCCOTTI, AND TO OUR MODERATOR, PAUL GOLDBERGER. AND AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR JOINING US.



Melanne Verveer
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 23, 1998

Ms. Lillian Darden
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Dear Ms. Darden: *Lillian*

Thank you for your kind letter. It was wonderful to see Buddy again. We miss not having him in the Congress.

He proudly told me about your work. I hope our paths will cross again.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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Lillian Budd Darden
Vice President for Development

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June 11, 1998

Dear Orelane,

Buddy certainly enjoyed having dinner with you on Tuesday evening at Mary's home. I remember fondly (and proudly!) the day we spent together - November 22, 1993. I have a photo on my office wall of The First Lady, Jan Johnson, and I calling Buddy

From Ted Turner's office to wish him happy 50th birthday.

We are blessed by the fine job you do for the Clintons and for our nation. Hope to see you soon -

Sincerely,

Lillian Darden



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July 27, 1998

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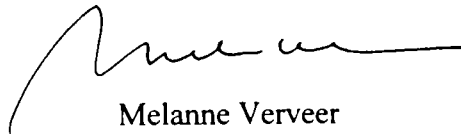
Dear Congressman Dooley:

Thank you for the article, and invitation for the First Lady to attend the opening of the Valley Children's Hospital on September 19 in Fresno, CA.

It is not yet certain whether the Mrs. Clinton's schedule will allow her to accept the invitation. I have forwarded the article to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of First Lady Scheduling; she will be in touch with Valley Children's Hospital soon.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

July 7, 1998

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Dear Ms. Verveer:

I am writing to you regarding a potential event that Karen Skelton of the President's political staff was made aware of in early February. This is a follow-up to that initial discussion, which concerned the possibility of the First Family and the Vice President and Mrs. Gore attending the dedication of the new Valley Children's Hospital facility on Saturday, September 19, 1998 in Fresno, CA.

As you may know, Valley Children's Hospital has been a major force in pediatric healthcare in California since its opening in 1952, helping nearly 1.5 million children battle illness and cope with hospitalization. With the opening of the new 615,000 square foot facility overlooking the San Joaquin River, Valley Children's Hospital will be able to expand and strengthen its research and care capabilities.

The hospital's "dream" is to have the entire First Family (Chelsea Clinton's school year at Stanford begins just after that weekend) and the Vice President and Mrs. Gore attend the opening ceremony for the new facility. Clearly, the chance of this happening are remote, and the hospital is aware of that.

Nonetheless, this event is one that is of huge magnitude and importance to the children of the San Joaquin Valley, and indeed of California. The presence of either the President or the VP and their spouses would combine to generate a public event that is not only historically and socially important, but is a phenomenal opportunity for positive exposure not only for the hospital but for the President and Vice President.

As you may recall, the President has visited Fresno County twice over the past three years. Fresno is a key media market in California; the President received phenomenal press at both events, and at each event was joined by over 20,000 Valley residents. September 19th is only six weeks before the election, and an Administration presence at the hospital opening would send a powerful message about its commitment, and the commitment of all Democrats, to health care for children of all ages.

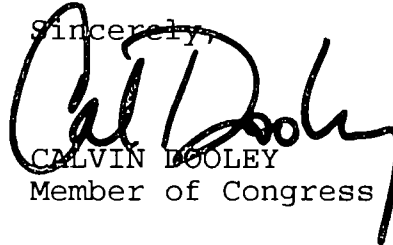
I am aware that the September schedules for both the President

and the Vice President are beginning to be assembled. I would urge you to seriously consider the Valley Children's Hospital event as a possibility for the President, First Lady, and for Chelsea.

Attached is a packet of materials from Valley Children's Hospital which describes the range of pediatric services provided, as well as describing the capabilities of their new facility. I have also attached a recent article from the front page of the Fresno Bee, which publicizes the attempts of Valley Children's to bring the President and Vice President to Fresno for this event. I hope you find them informative.

I want to thank you for bringing this event to the table as an executive scheduling possibility. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cal Dooley", is written over the printed name and title.

CALVIN DOOLEY

Member of Congress

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