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THE FRESNO BEE • FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1998

Priest relays Radovcich's remorse

Both sides rest; closing arguments in penalty phase set for Monday.

By SIEVE ELLIOTT
THE FRESNO BEE

After his mother's painful testimony Tuesday, Joel Radovcich told a priest from his childhood he was sorry "for the pain that I caused."

It wasn't a confession in the Catholic sense, Radovcich said, seeking penance. But it was a confession, an admission,

an eleventh-hour expression of remorse.

Father Chris Ponnet related Radovcich's words Thursday as the penalty phase of the Ewell murder trial wound down. Ponnet was the final witness, and all sides rested their cases.

Final arguments will be Monday, then the jurors will decide whether Radovcich and Dana Ewell will be sentenced to death

or to life in prison without parole.

Ponnet concluded an emotional day of testimony that saw all his younger brothers and sisters tell the jurors why they hoped for mercy and looked at Radovcich's childhood and abusive father.

The apology stood out. "He said, 'I feel really bad and I know saying sorry is not

enough,'" Ponnet said.

"He said, 'It was a bad situation all around. It was unbelievably complex,'" Ponnet said.

"I'm sorry for the victims and their families. I'm sorry for the victims and the pain I caused."

Ponnet said Radovcich's apologies came during a 45-minute conversation Tuesday evening through the glass partition at the Fresno County Jail. He and Sister Mary Malone both talked

and listened, Ponnet said, and she took notes on pages of a notebook calendar.

More of Radovcich's comments, related by Ponnet:

"I do not think things through. I have no long-term outlook. I do short-term."

"I'm sure this turned the victims' families' lives upside-down. I'm sorry for the impact on everybody's lives."

"Sorry doesn't seem to say

Please see Ewell, Page B5

RSVP, MR. PRESIDENT



Los Osos artist Carol Paulsen adds finishing touches to a mural at the new Valley Children's Hospital.

Valley Children's asks Clintons to attend new hospital's dedication.

By JIM ORR
THE FRESNO BEE

Question: When do you hold dedication ceremonies for a \$170 million hospital?

Answer: See how they fit into Chelsea Clinton's college schedule.

Valley Children's Hospital will dedicate its new Madera County medical center Sept. 19 — because it falls on a weekend when the first daughter is expected to return to Stanford University for fall classes.

And, the reasoning goes, President and Hillary Rodham Clinton might again accompany the sophomore-to-be to the Palo Alto school. That's a stone's throw from metropolitan Fresno when you've got Air Force One at your disposal.

Valley Children's is going for it. The Clintons have been invited to the hospital's big bash.

"You just cross your fingers and hope it all works out," hospital spokeswoman Cris Monahan Bremer said Wednesday.

The invitation was made through the office of U.S. Rep. Cal Dooley. D-Hanford. Dooley, a Clinton ally, confirmed the president's 1996 campaign visit to Fresno.

Valley Children's also is banking on another political connection. Dr. J.D. Northway, the hospital's chief executive officer, participated in health-care reform talks with the first lady during the president's first term.

But the hospital could face a long wait for a presidential RSVP. A

White House spokeswoman said Clinton rarely finalizes domestic travel plans more than a few weeks in advance.

The hospital also will extend invitations to "celebrities." Gov. Wilson and every imaginable politician with a say in the Valley, Bremer said.

Meanwhile, plans move ahead for Valley Children's to relocate from Fresno to a Madera County blurb near Highway 41 and the San Joaquin River.

Construction of the 216-bed complex should end in June, Bremer said. Other plans are for building inspections in July and August with patients being transferred to the old hospital over Labor Day weekend.

Climbers sue Yosemite over new buildings

They say they just want to preserve the tranquility of a campground and nearby climbing sites.

By MARK GROSSI
THE FRESNO BEE

Rock climbers are suing Yosemite National Park, alleging that new park buildings will increase noise and crowding in a mountaineering mecca known throughout the world.

The federal suit, filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court in San Francisco, is aimed at delaying new Yosemite Lodge buildings and employee dormitories in Yosemite Valley. The buildings are replacements for facilities damaged in the flood of 1997.

The suit lists 30 plaintiffs, including Friends of Yosemite Valley and the American Alpine Club, a national organization.

Climbers say the building locations — out of the Merced River floodplain — will bring too many people into the Camp 4 or Sunnyside Campground area. Climbers say they will fight to preserve the tranquility of the campground and nearby low-level Swan Slab cliffs.

"After the flood, the park didn't take a look at the natural values of Camp 4 before deciding to build next to this place," Greg Adair, one of the climbers who filed the suit, said Thursday. "This has brought the climbing community together in opposition."

Yosemite National Park officials responded that the lodge plan had been studied extensively twice for environmental problems. The plan was finalized briefly last year after the record flood destroyed some of the lodge's units.

Officials decided to remove 173 units from the flooded area and replace them with 134 rooms outside the floodplain — which moves them closer to Sunnyside. Construction was supposed to begin sometime this summer.

The climbers, who call themselves Friends of Yosemite Valley, met with officials last month about the changes after the flood. As a result, officials decided to delay the new employee housing interiors, but the lodge units were supposed to be planned.

"There is no significant altering of Sunnyside in the project as it stands," Yosemite spokesman Scott Godiman said. "We have listened to the climbers. But we have to consider an experience for everybody, not just climbers."

Climbers claim the Yosemite Valley experience is unmatched anywhere in the world. Scores of international visitors each year challenge some of the world's largest exposed granite monoliths, such as El Capitan.

But the climbers' suit seems shortsighted, said Jay Watson, California-Nevada regional director of the Wilderness Society, an environmental group. The lodge plan strikes a good balance for all interests without building in the floodplain, he said.

Also, the park already has removed the gas station next to the campground and eventually would turn the nearby roadway into a pedestrian

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Jamaican wins national spelling bee

Two Valley competitors each win \$125 and a watch.

BEE WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — Jody Anne Maxwell of Kingston, Jamaica, jumped into the air Thursday after correctly spelling "chiaroscuro" and becoming champion in the 71st Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee.

Jody Anne beat out Prem Trivedi; it was the New Jersey 12-year-old's second consecutive second-place finish in the national spelling bee. Prem misspelled "prurillon."

Derek Kwan of Fresno and Brad Feldman of Los Banos, who a day earlier qualified for the final rounds, were out

early Thursday. Only 38 of the 81 spellers survived Thursday's fourth round.

Derek, a 12-year-old sixth-grader at Lincoln Elementary School in Clovis, misspelled "epistaxis." He spelled it "epistaxis." The word means a nosebleed.

Brad, a 13-year-old seventh-grader at Our Lady of Fatima School in Los Banos, erred on "anaphylaxis." Spelling it "anaphalaxis." It refers to a hypersensitivity to foreign proteins or drugs.

By making it to the fourth round, Brad and Derek each will receive \$125 and a commemorative watch from Scripps Howard.

For the record, "chiaroscuro" is an artist who specializes in pictorial representation in terms of light and shade without regard to color.

3 Fresno officers absolved of negligence in man's death

Maurice Morrison's estranged wife brought suit.

By JERRY BIER
THE FRESNO BEE

A federal court jury, deliberating only 35 minutes, absolved three Fresno police officers of negligence Thursday in the death of Maurice Morrison nearly five years ago.

The seven woman, one-man jury rendered the civil case at 1:10 p.m. after six

days of trial and announced a verdict by 1:45 p.m.

Morrison, 43, who had a history of mental problems and drug abuse, died June 7, 1993, after a confrontation with officers who were called to the 1400 block of South Sierra Vista Avenue.

Morrison's estranged wife, Violet Morrison, brought the civil-rights suit against the city and the three officers — Ray Sandoval, Pat Saucedo and George Von Eow — who were involved in the arrest of Morrison, charging negligence and use of excessive force.

Please see Death, Page B3

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 28, 1998

Mr. Orest Deychakiwsky
President
The Washington Group
PO Box 11248
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Orest:

Congratulations on your new position as President of the Washington Group. TWG is in good hands!

Best wishes to you as you chart the organization's direction, support efforts to strengthen Ukraine's democracy, and inspire the broader Ukrainian American community.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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Orest



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Monthly newsletter of The Washington Group
An Association of Ukrainian American Professionals

Deychakiwsky elected TWG President

TWG Membership at record 415

Orest Deychakiwsky, staff associate at the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, was elected TWG president at its Annual Meeting May 29. Mr. Deychakiwsky and an unopposed slate of candidates for the Executive Board and board members-at-large were elected unanimously.

Mr. Deychakiwsky replaces George Masiuk, TWG's only three-time president. All of his predecessors had served two terms each.

Also elected to the Board of Directors were: Tanya Stasiuk, vice president; Roman Stelmach, treasurer; Michael Drabyk, secretary; Adrian Pidlusky, membership; Ihor Kotlarchuk, public relations; Laryssa Chopivsky, Cultural Fund director; and Adrian Karmazyn, Fellowship

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Photo by Yaro Bihun

TWG's new president, Orest Deychakiwsky (left), listens as U.S. Ambassador Steven Pifer discusses the economic challenges facing Ukraine.

TWG, IREX host U.S. Ambassador Pifer

TWG joined with IREX (the International Research and Exchanges Board) in a Friday Evening Forum June 26 that featured U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Steven Pifer.

In his presentation—the second before a TWG audience (he was hosted by TWG before departing for his assignment to Kyiv a half year ago)—Mr. Pifer presented a sobering assessment of how things were going in Ukraine.

If Ukraine does not bite the

bullet on economic reform it faces the possibility of a financial crisis within the next year. It stands to lose \$6 billion in potential low-interest international credits and will default on its ballooning domestic and foreign financial obligations.

Mr. Pifer balanced his words of caution with an expectation that President Kuchma's recent decrees dealing with the economy is an indication that his government realizes this precarious situation

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 8, 1998

Meetra Doorandish
Gallery Director
Reality Room
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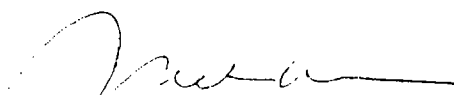
Dear Ms. Doorandish:

Thank you for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to attend the pledge-signing ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights here in Washington, DC on September 26.

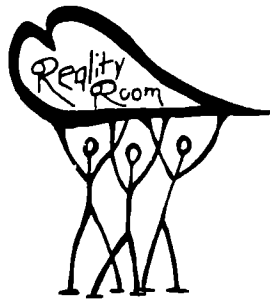
Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton will be out of the country and is unable to accept your kind invitation. But I know she would want me to convey her appreciation for your thoughtfulness, along with her best wishes for a successful event.

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



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July 27, 1998

Dear Melann Verveer,

Enclosed is an invitation from Amnesty International USA and Reality Room for an event they are hosting to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Colman McCarthy asked us to contact you on behalf of this event.

Amnesty International has launched a year long worldwide campaign and at the heart of the campaign is a simple declaration, which we hope millions will sign, pledging their commitment to the principles of this historic document. On Saturday, September 26th 1998 celebrities, heads-of-state, Nobel Prize Laureates, members of Royal Families and prominent politicians will come together as defenders of human rights to declare their support and sign the pledge that will be presented to the United Nations in Paris, December 10, 1998.

The ceremony will coincide with the opening of a photo-exhibit of the works of renowned photographer, Phil Borges. The exhibit, called **Enduring Spirit**, features powerful and compassionate portraits representing endangered cultures from eight different countries.

One of the goals of Reality Room as an art gallery is to represent artists whose works promote dialogue that offer ways of improving reality in the 21st century. We hope to make the pledge signing of the Declaration of Human Rights in Washington, D.C. a memorializing moment, celebrating and calling on others to celebrate the liberties bestowed upon every member of the human tribe by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

I have enclosed background on the exhibit and on Mr. Borges, and included a few examples of the powerful and compassionate photographs that will be a part of the show.

It would be a great pleasure for both **Reality Room** and **Amnesty International** to have you and the First Lady take part in this historically significant event.

Warm Regards

Meetra L. Doorandish
Gallery Director

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THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS:

An Overview

"Recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world."

--THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Fifty years ago, on December 10, 1948, the United Nations General Assembly and the governments of 58 nations joined in the final drafting of an international definition of human rights. Agreement was necessary on every word, phrase, and punctuation mark. The remarkable result, adopted by the General Assembly without dissent, was the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The notion of human rights dates at least as far back as the Hammurabi codes of ancient Babylon. The Universal Declaration, however, presents something entirely new: international agreement on a broad definition of human rights. The agreement is not theoretical; it is rooted firmly in human lives and the relationship of every person to his or her government.

THE RESULT: A UNIVERSAL DEFINITION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

The Declaration states in readily accessible language that there are certain actions a government may never resort to in its attempts to coerce or control its citizens. It also describes certain responsibilities that governments must strive to meet in the interest of advancing the well-being of its citizens. The right to life, liberty and security of person; to equality before the law without discrimination; to a fair and public trial; to be presumed innocent before proved guilty; to freedom of movement; to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; to freedom of opinion and expression; and, to freedom of association.

ADOPTION OF PRINCIPLES IN CONSTITUTIONS

While the Declaration exerts unequivocal moral force, it was not originally conceived as legally binding on United Nations member states. To date, ninety national constitutions adopted since 1948 refer to statements or concepts appearing in the Universal Declaration. Governments are increasingly using the global human rights norms established in the Declaration to formulate foreign policy and to determine development priorities.

As a statement of principles with an appeal to "every individual and every social organization," the Declaration promotes and guarantees respect for the freedoms and the rights it defines.

PHIL BORGES

Biography

Phil Borges has embarked on a lifelong journey to explore and photograph dramatic human landscapes around the world. Through his various projects, Borges strives to promote and preserve ethnic and cultural diversity by creating a heightened understanding among cultural and ethnic groups. His images tap deeply into the human spirit of his subjects, whose warm and honest faces peer out from colorless and spectacular landscapes.

Phil Borges began his photographic work in Seattle, Washington with high-risk teenagers living in Seattle's inner-city. "I wanted to understand the stories behind these individuals and capture them on film," says Borges. As he learned these stories, he became strongly attached to the teens and created a mentoring program for other disadvantaged teens to learn more about photography. Today, the program is flourishing and students from all over the city are participating. To date, several students have had their work displayed in galleries and art museums throughout the city and some have gone on to prominent arts colleges.

Borges searches beyond the surface into the inner spirit of the people he photographs. His award-winning exhibit and book, *Tibetan Portrait: The Power of Compassion*, focused on the endangered people of Tibet, marginalized by the Chinese occupation of their homeland. "With direct, uncompromising gazes, his subjects, old and young, stare back with a wisdom and strength that seems born of suffering," writes the *Washington Post*.

Borges has recently joined Amnesty International to present *The Enduring Spirit*, a photography exhibit and hardbound book celebrating the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The project emphasizes Borges' commitment to work with individuals struggling to survive in cultures where basic human rights are not necessarily guaranteed. "We in the West, tend to either romanticize indigenous cultures or perceive them as fading anachronisms," says Borges, "I find in so many ways that these are people, basically like us, whose unique way of life is being severely threatened." In his exhibit, Borges chronicles those unwilling to be consumed by a homogenizing world. His images are simple and direct. And they go straight to the heart.

Photographs by Phil Borges have been exhibited in museums and galleries worldwide. In 1992, he was presented the Pacific Northwest Media Inc. "Photographer of the Year" award. His book, *Tibetan Portrait: the Power of Compassion* was awarded first place at the 1996 Banff Book Festival and is in its third printing.

REVIEWS OF PHIL BORGES' WORK

"In this remarkable collection, we are brought to grips with our own need to know more about these people--Masai herdsman, American Indians, or Tibetan children--Borges' camera instills a sense of wonder, and an assurance that in these days of rising nationalism, the enduring call for the universality of man is still the sweetest chord."

-RICK SILVERMAN
FESTIVAL DIRECTOR
TELLURIDE FILM FESTIVAL

"Every word is substantial food for thought. Every picture honest and revealing. Tibetan Portraits is truly moving. Everything here goes straight to the heart."

-ROBERT THURMAN
CO-FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT
TIBET HOUSE

"Phil Borges has somehow transformed portraits of Tibetans into landscapes of the soul of an occupied nation. We cannot avert the steady gaze of his chosen subjects. Their haunting eyes are open windows into a culture of compassion that must attract global attention to regain its freedom and its homeland."

-GALEN ROWELL
PHOTOGRAPHER

"Tibetan Portrait: The Power of Compassion represents contemporary documentary portrait photography at its best. There is a point of view here, but the photographer Phil Borges has the subtle good sense to get out of the way, allowing his subjects to eloquently, powerfully, quietly make a personal case for our sympathy and support."

These great photographs become real people as we contemplate their images and words. Bravo Borges for taking us to a place so important in our world today."

-HOWARD GISKE
CURATOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY
MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND INDUSTRY
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

"Phil Borges' exhibition, Tibetan Portrait: The Power of Compassion, was an important and timely reminder. The message contained within Phil's show, inspired our audience and programmers in a way never experienced before at the museum. I have no doubt that the new project for Amnesty International will influence people to respond with understanding and respect to endangered cultures worldwide."

-KATHERINE LIPSETT
CURATOR OF ART
WHYTE MUSEUM OF THE
CANADIAN ROCKIES

PHIL BORGES

Career Highlights

SOLO EXHIBITS:

- 1991 Silver Image Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 1991 Speakers Gallery, State Capital Building, Olympia, WA
- 1992 Kinsey Gallery/Seattle University, Seattle, WA
- 1992 Benham Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 1994 Benham Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 1995 Photographic Image, Portland, OR
- 1996 Cannon Rotunda, Washington DC
- 1996 Alexandra Palace, London, England
- 1996 G. Ray Hawkins Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 1996 Camera Obscura Gallery, Denver, CO
- 1996 Lowinsky Gallery, New York, NY
- 1997 Museum of History and Industry, Seattle, WA
- 1997 Diane Farris Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 1997 The Studio Gallery, San Diego, CA
- 1997 The Albuquerque Museum, Albuquerque, NM
- 1997 Whyte Museum, Banff, Alberta, Canada
- 1998 Museo Mazionazionale della Montagna, Torino, Italy

PERMANENT COLLECTIONS:

- Los Angeles County Art Museum
- Portland Art Museum

AWARDS:

- 1989 Society of Professional Journalists -
First Place 1989 Annual Award of Excellence for Photography
- 1989 Pacific Northwest Media Inc. - *Person of the Year, Photography*
- 1992 Advertising Photographers of America - *Award of Merit*
- 1993 Annual Report (National Medical Enterprises) - *Silver Advocate*
- 1993 Award of Excellence - *Potlatch Poster Competition*
- 1994 Society of Professional Journalists -
First Place 1994 Annual Award of Excellence for Photography
- 1995 Society of Professional Journalists -
First Place 1995 Annual Award of Excellence for Photography
- 1996 Seattle Photographic School Transcendence Competition - *First Place*
- 1996 Banff Mountain Book Festival - *Best Book on Mountain Images*
- 1998 PhotoMedia Magazine - *Photographer of the Year*

THE WHITE HOUSE
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September 11, 1998

Madame Dominique de La Garanderie
Ordre Des Avocats A La Cour De Paris
11, Place Dauphine,
75053 Paris, France

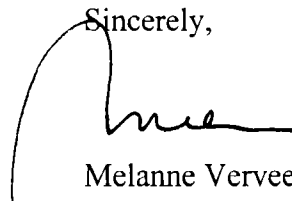
Dear Madame de La Garanderie:

Thank you for your invitation for the First Lady to attend the Law and Economics Conference in Paris, November 14-15. Issues relating to globalization through an economics and legal lens are important to analyze and address. We applaud your leadership in this effort and in the Paris Bar Association.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton's fall schedule will not allow her to accept the invitation to attend the conference. But she conveys her very best wishes for a productive and successful event.

I hope I'll have a chance to see you again. I very much enjoyed meeting you in Paris and wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melanne', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right. A large, curved line starts from the left, arches over the signature, and ends near the top of the page.

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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COUR DE PARIS

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Paris, 7th August 1998

Mrs Milanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
White House
1600, Pennsylvania avenue
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Etats Unis

DLG/JT

Dear Mrs Verveer,

Its a real pleasure for me to write to you, after having met you, during your French tour with the First Lady.

I understand that one of my advisers, Arnaud Dotézac, had briefly exposed to Mr. Eric Woodard information about the forthcoming « Law and Economics Paris Conference » to be held in Paris next November 14th and 15th 1998, organized by the Paris Bar Association.

As you will see in the documents to be sent to you very soon, the Conference will gather several high political authorities, such as Jacques Santer, President of the European Union, Elisabeth Guigou, French Minister of Justice. Renato Ruggiero, General Manager of the WTO (Geneva) etc, as well as important Judges from several countries, important heads of international law firms and CEOs of first rank international companies. We also are waiting for rapid replies from other important people such as Janet Reno US Attorney General.

The main purpose of the Conference is to analyze the Globalization process jointly with economic and legal eyes as far as such matters are closely and simultaneously concerned, bearing in mind that no other place is yet open in the world to discuss these topics together.

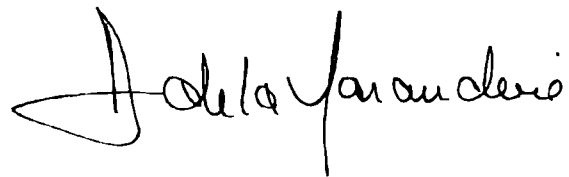
The American influence in the legal and economic process of globalization is of first importance. Here is a true challenge for Europeans as to whether or not European principles should be the paradigm towards globalization of new rules and regulations.

All those topics will be addressed during the Conference under the organization system used in International Forums as in Davos - where the Forum is logistically supported by the same team in charge of our Conference.

As Mr. Woodard may have already reported to you, our wish would be to invite the First Lady to attend a commission of her choice on Saturday 14th or the Brainstorming to be held on the 15th, if ever it interested her and also of course if her schedule would be convenient.

Anyhow, this project would be a nice occasion for me to be in contact with you again and remind me of the excellent time we shared in Paris with President and Mrs Jacques Chirac. You can be sure that Arnaud Dotézac, who is still in the area for two weeks, is prepared to come to Washington and give you anymore details you may need.

Yours truly

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Dominique de La Garanderie

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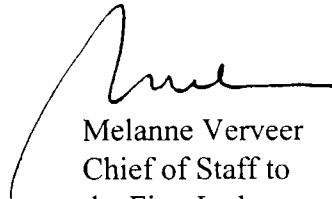
September 23, 1998

Ms. Mary Dixon
2001 16th Street, NW #607
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mary:

Congratulations on both completing your master's work at Columbia and on your new job at Glamour. We're glad you're back here in Washington. Call if we can be helpful.

All the best,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

MARY DIXON

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Mary Dixon

@ Congrats

Melanne-

As I passed along in our telephone conversation, I've returned to D.C. after a great year of getting my master's from Columbia.

I will be writing the "Women in Washington" column for Glamour and doing other features.

If I can ever be of any help to you, please call on me.

I will stay in touch.

Take care - Mary

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 23, 1998

Ms. Joan Dunlop
Director, Women's Lens on Global Issues
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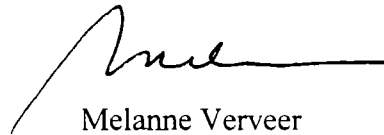
Dear Joan:

Thank you for your note and invitation to attend the symposium, "A Women's Lens: Defining an Agenda for Global Issues" in Los Angeles on October 1, 1998.

Regrettably, I will be with Mrs. Clinton in Latin America when the symposium convenes. We wish you and your colleagues a successful and productive meeting. Your work is so important and we're grateful for all you do.

Thank you for your leadership and your thinking of me.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

— John Dunlop —

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Melanne

Susan Sechter told me she
would be seeing you. I thought
the attached would interest
the First Lady. We are
working closely with Susan
on this — see Los Angeles
material —

Warmest wishes

John Dunlop

formerly International Women's Health Coalition

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Ms. Melanne Verveer

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Dear ~~Ms. Verveer~~: *Melanne*

The Los Angeles Women's Foundation, in collaboration with the New York-based Women's Lens Project, invites you to be our guest at a symposium "**A Women's Lens: Defining an Agenda for Global Issues.**" Broadly defined, a "women's lens" is a view of the world that gives priority to the security of people, their health, their potential for work and learning, their livelihoods, their environment and their rights as human beings. This event will take place on **Thursday, October 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the University of Southern California, Davidson Center, 3415 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA.**

The planning for this event began over six months ago and is the work of a Program Planning Team (list attached). **You were recommended** by members of the Team as someone who would be interested and willing to lend your expertise and experience to an innovative concept. We view the Symposium as an opportunity to begin collaboration and a dialogue about issues that affect our own communities and the lives of people in other countries.

Many of us who returned from the U.N. World Conference on Women in Beijing and the NGO Forum in Huairou (1995), the International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo (1994), the World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna (1993) and the Earth Summit in Rio (1992) are actively seeking ways to stay connected with colleagues and allies around the world. We have seen how activism among women that leverages our collective clout can change agendas and influence the outcomes of public policy.

By bringing a diverse group of women leaders together, we hope to achieve the following objectives:

- ❖ To **identify** priorities in human rights, health, economic development and environment that link U.S. women to women in other countries.

- ❖ To **connect** women leaders who bring expertise and a commitment to action with a goal to shift the values and priorities of global policies.
- ❖ To **build on** women's expertise and contribution to our communities and to propose strategies that will actively promote the status, influence and power of women both locally and globally.

Please join us in this exciting and bold endeavor that will join together grassroots and community-based activists across diverse sectors in Los Angeles. **The Symposium is part of a national, constituency-building effort to engage, galvanize and promote women's leadership** and activism in defining an agenda and influencing the United States' approach to global issues.

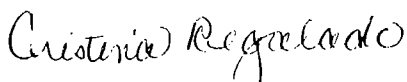
Local women activists/artists will ground the day's discussions by highlighting the issues that impact women in Los Angeles using theater, storytelling and performance art. We seek to engage all participants and celebrate the rich tradition of ethnic strengths and cultural diversity that make up Los Angeles. We will connect women in Los Angeles to international authorities who share our values and can offer perspectives and ideas on international issues. However, **much of the day will be devoted to small group discussions on human rights, health, economic development and environment.** We want your perspective, experience and expertise in defining an agenda of issues and charting a new course toward solutions.

Since space is limited, we request that you confirm your attendance **no later than Thursday, September 24th**. Please respond by faxing back the enclosed Reply Form at (213) 938-0129. The symposium will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will end at 4:30 p.m.

Please feel free to call Terri Lujan, our Conference Manager at 1- 800-450-9636 if you have questions or you need additional information.

We look forward to your participation in this exciting effort.

With best wishes,



Cristina Regalado
Director of Administration and Programs
Los Angeles Women's Foundation



Joan Dunlop
Director
Women's Lens on Global Issues

Enclosures: Reply Form
Women's Lens on Global Issues: Mission Statement
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**A WOMEN'S LENS: DEFINING AN AGENDA FOR
GLOBAL ISSUES**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1998
USC DAVIDSON CENTER
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

FAX BACK FORM

Please return this form to Cristina Regalado at LAWF (Fax 213-938-0129), 6030 Wilshire Blvd., #303, Los Angeles, CA 90036

NAME: _____ **TITLE:** _____

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- ☐ I plan to participate in the Thursday, October 1, Symposium
- ☐ I am unable to attend this event, however, keep me on your mailing list for future activities

Please indicate your area\ of interest and expertise:

- ☐ Health- specify: _____
- ☐ Human Rights – specify: _____
- ☐ Economic Development – specify: _____
- ☐ Environment – specify: _____
- ☐ Others: _____

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LAWF FAX: 213-938-0129

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Crafted by the Program Planning Team, the enclosed mission statement articulates our shared vision for a just and humane global society made possible only by the full and equal participation of women.

A WOMEN'S LENS ON GLOBAL ISSUES: MISSION STATEMENT

As women, we share a vision of a just and humane global society for all people. We believe that such a society can only be created through the full and equal participation of women of all generations using our inherent leadership capabilities at a local, national and international level. As Californians, we have inherited and intend to bequeath a rich tradition of ethnic strengths and cultural diversity.

We define a "women's lens" as a perspective on global issues that is informed by the knowledge of self and community and puts the values of justice and equity at its moral core. We marshal the courage to change local and regional realities while acting in collaboration with a global community. By viewing global policy through this lens, women and men can transcend boundaries of race, class, gender, religion, ethnicity and nationality.

We recognize that the rush towards global economic and technological integration has harmed and will continue to harm vulnerable women, children and men. We want to increase public awareness of these deleterious effects.

We seek a fundamental shift in the values and priorities of global policies in the areas of human rights, health, the environment and economic development. We will articulate the issues within these four interconnected areas impacting women's lives and linking us to our sisters here and in other parts of the world. We seek to increase the awareness of women's expertise and contribution to our communities, and enhance the status, influence and power of women both locally and globally. Our solidarity is based on mutual experience. We plan to build a united and powerful voice to increase public awareness and advocate with governments, international agencies, and corporations for fairer and more equitable policies both at home and in the global community.

August 14, 1998

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A Women's Lens on Global Issues

Building a New Constituency for International Engagement.

an independent project of The Aspen Institute

"Nothing begins to take off without the drive of idealism"

Nadine Gordimer

Op Ed Page

New York Times, August 4, 1998

The project represents an experiment and an exploration. Our vision is to identify the issues and the leadership that will build a new constituency for international engagement: namely, American women.

We recognize that the issues must be shaped to reflect the reality of women's lives, otherwise the potential power of women's activism cannot be unleashed. Therefore, we plan to do more than hard thinking. We also plan to do careful listening and action-oriented research to help mold and shape an agenda of issues that could galvanize women.

The ideas addressed by this project are stimulated by the swirling debate around U.S. isolationism regarding foreign policy and emerge from the belief that women view the world and its problems through a unique lens. Recent research indicates that women put a somewhat higher priority than men on the nonmilitary issues that will greatly impact people's well-being in the twenty-first century: human rights, economic development, the environment, and health. Among policy institutes and in the research and foundation communities, there has been much debate and discussion in recent years about the critical need for a fresh approach to mobilize support for a new international agenda.

We believe that women could play a critical part in this effort and plan to try to design a "blueprint" for women's activism that will strengthen the voices of women in defining the United States' approach to global issues.

Our hypothesis comes from recent polling on U.S. attitudes to foreign policy indicating that women view issues related to interdependence and globalization differently than men. We plan to test our assumption that women embrace certain "values." We will examine concepts and listen for vocabulary that might stimulate interest and potential activism. Is it a myth that American women are preoccupied with local concerns and have little interest in or energy for the global community? Or have the Beijing Women's Conference and the consequences of globalization energized many women at the community level so that there is, in fact, a nascent constituency waiting to be tapped?

The project plans to produce the following outcomes:

- ◆ Conduct a probing analysis of recent research and undertake additional research while consulting with women and women's organizations in communities outside the North East, such as Los Angeles, the San Francisco Bay Area, Chicago and Atlanta, and possibly a city in Texas, to elicit their views and values. Through additional consultations with women's organizations working internationally and with national organizations searching for a global perspective, we hope to further define the issues which may stimulate interest and action.
- ◆ Develop "white papers" that delineate issues identified as "inter-connective tissue" from the four issue areas — economic development, human rights, the environment, and health. These interconnected issues must link women's lives in the industrialized North with those in the Southern countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America. The intent is to identify common ground and common life experience.
- ◆ Generate sufficient intellectual capital, via research and consultations, to inform the direction for a sustained, possibly ten year, effort to build a constituency of knowledgeable, diverse and influential American women who can and will promote their values and views about the United States' role in the global community.
- ◆ Orchestrate a national conference that will bring together the leadership and ideas culled from the three to four geographic areas mentioned above. This event would be a catalyst for decision making and future action.

The project, known as "A Women's Lens on Global Issues," will be coordinated by a three-person secretariat under the auspices of The Global Stewardship Program of The Aspen Institute.

For the duration, the project will be housed in the offices of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund in New York City. It is supported by grants from the Rockefeller Foundation and the Open Society Institute, and a proposal for support will go before the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Board for approval in September.

The project has already begun organizing efforts in Los Angeles, partnering with the Los Angeles Women's Foundation. A diverse planning committee of approximately 25 women has been meeting over the last six months and a symposium is scheduled for October 1, 1998 at the University of Southern California. The symposium will be a day long event bringing together approximately 100 activists from the Los Angeles region to shape the issues that may come to define a "Women's Lens Agenda on Global Issues" for Los Angeles.

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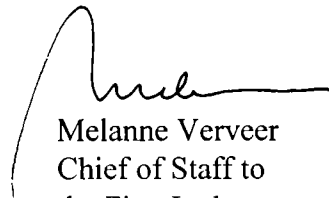
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Ambassador Alfred Defago
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Dear Ambassador Defago:

On behalf of Mrs. Clinton, thank you for the photo which captures our wonderful visit to Davos. She will love having it. I enjoyed being with you at the National Gallery and I look forward to seeing you again before too long.

With best wishes,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

October 15, 1998

Melanne Verveer

Ms. Melanne Verveer
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Dear Melanne,

It is my honor to forward to you the photograph of the First Lady taken last winter at the Davos-Parsenn ski resort. I am certainly pleased that Mrs. Clinton had such an enjoyable stay in Switzerland, and I was delighted to learn that her favorite slope was renamed in her honor.

It was very nice to see you again last evening at the National Gallery, and I will look forward to having you join us for lunch at the Residence once the election season is over. My office will contact you to make necessary arrangements.

Please extend to the First Lady my best wishes and hopes that she will return to Switzerland to ski the Hillary Clinton Run in the very near future.

Cordially,

[Signature]

Alfred Defago

Melanne Verveer

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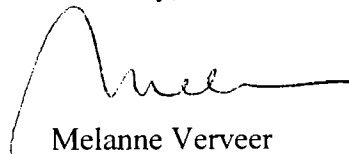
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Dear Jim:

Thank you for forwarding the copy of Don Byrd's editorial to the First Lady. His reflections are insightful and greatly appreciated. I know the President and First Lady are especially grateful for your support.

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for all that
that you do.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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Sept. 29, 1998

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

One of our "kids" did a
great piece for the
Chicago Tribune.

We agree completely with
him and do not believe
the President should resign.

We continue to stand by
and pray for you.

Sincerely,

The consequences of forgiveness

By Don Byrd

Warnings of the Moral Majority, two decades old, would seem to be vindicated by recent events. Years of pious contempt, now armed with what Baptist leader James Dunn calls a "\$50 million microscope," have finally yielded a new poster boy for immorality—Willie Horton having lived out his political usefulness. We bore into Bill Clinton's life until we hit the dirty secret he was willing to lie up and down about. All of his anger and efforts of concealment left his presidency nearly crippled.

But on Sept. 11, on the way to the public hanging—with conservative religious leaders snickering "I told you so"—an unexpected development took shape at the president's annual prayer breakfast. With a sad face, a bent-over frame, and a quivering voice, he confessed. He declared his sorrow and his penitent resolve. He begged for forgiveness. He vowed to improve himself and prayed with a rare acknowledgment of the anger and self-deceiving pride which have made his complete contrition so difficult. We were ready for this type of confession, but had not quite thought it through. For now we are faced with a situation we never expected to come from our prodding, poking, and prying. Our prey lay open bare before us and the next move is ours.

For more than nine months this tale has unfolded in public. On Sept. 11, it started turning inside out for me. The man we have joked about and made names for—and whose particular immoral proclivities we had long since guessed—is asking for our forgiveness. Where we thought to be mere observers we have become players; where we felt the safety of a sea of poll numbers we have become alone in our most human responsibility; where we once saw an enormous distance between citizen and commander in chief, we now are face to face with the most human president our country has ever known; where we thought a drama was playing out on our television it has turned up in the center of our



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soul; where we once complained of the messages our elected officials sent children, we will now—like it or not—be sending yet another with the answer we give back.

It has become commonplace to muse about the tattered legacy our president will leave. But what will be the abiding legacy of his constituents? Shall we hide from our responsibility by declaring our president's lack of sincerity? We could continue this cynicism forever. But which choice is a larger mistake: to forgive one whose contrition might not be complete, or to risk turning away a sincere confession? Jesus, the name often cited by those most publicly upset, said we are to forgive not just 7 times but 70 times 7 times. He doesn't say we may pass until we are convinced of the sinner's sincerity. He doesn't say we may pass should the confession not come in a timely way.

Shall we forgive Clinton as many have tried, reminding him—with a shrug—that consequences must still be faced? Is forgiving a person so meaningless that we could do it or not and the consequences would be the same? Shouldn't forgiveness have consequences? Is a hollow apology any worse than hollow forgiveness? Jesus said to the adulterous woman, "go and

sin no more." He didn't say, "Go and sin no more after these fellas get through throwin' rocks at you." And then he had a few things to say to the men with stones . . .

Maybe I'm a sucker. Maybe I have been duped. Maybe the only moral, yet politically savvy way to respond is to doubt—point at him and away from myself. Maybe grace is for suckers.

Until Sept. 11, that might have been my attitude. But somehow, under a public moral scrutiny greater than any human being has faced in history, President Clinton moved me. He announced his path of repentance with an eloquence that is simply unparalleled in political leaders today. As I listened to his message, I realized that if we insist on the private morality of our public leaders, then inevitably we will uncover failings and weaknesses and if we uncover their personal failings, our leaders have to publicly address those offenses while still trying to lead and if they have to speak about their weaknesses while trying to lead, I want them to sound like President Clinton sounded. He moved me and that's one thing I need a president for. That's what leaders do.

The religious right has finally gotten the national conversation about

morality they've always claimed to want. To be genuine, that conversation has to start with an acknowledgment of our own shortcomings. And so, the leader of this meeting is the president they despise. Do I wish he had initiated it months earlier? Of course. But focusing on the should-haves and could-haves is another way to avoid the responsibility that has become ours.

President Clinton delivered the speech we had hoped to hear on Aug. 17, and I remember now why I voted for him twice. I finally saw evidence of the human morality that I knew had to be lurking behind the most moral presidency we've had since perhaps FDR and at least since Jimmy Carter. I learned more about moral leadership from his brief remarks than I ever learned from an attack ad, or a Christian Coalition voter guide, an abortion-clinic protest, or a prayer-in-school debate. I learned—because of his request—that the book on moral values conservatives are always wanting to teach has a chapter in it on forgiveness that they seemed to have forgotten all about.

We can either resolve to doubt and mistrust him—and I see nothing honorable in that—or we can be compelled by his words and the promise of his legacy. We can be pridefully stubborn and risk cold-heartedness, or optimistically moved and risk foolhardiness.

He is my president, and as awkward as it is to have to do, I forgive him—whether he deserves it or not. Because I do, I expect him to gut it out and remain in the position I sent him to fill. And likewise I expect my congressman and senator, should it come to that, to respect the four-year vote I cast for president in 1996. My argument might best be made by restating a not-so-old political slogan: It's grace, stupid.

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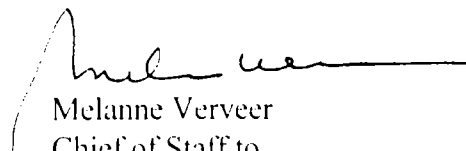
Dear Sir:

Oscar de la Renta forwarded your invitation to the First Lady to address the Association of Young Businessmen when she is in the Dominican Republic.

Mrs. Clinton's visit regrettably is short and her schedule is very tight. Therefore, she will not be able to accept the Association's kind invitation. However, please convey Mrs. Clinton's appreciation for the group's thoughtfulness, along with her best wishes.

Hope all is well with you.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

cc: Oscar de la Renta

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November 12, 1998

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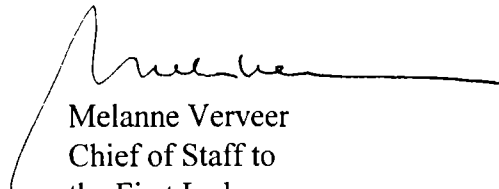
Dear Mr. Dean and Mr. Amitay:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to be the keynote speaker at the luncheon celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on December 10, 1998.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton's schedule will not permit her to accept your kind invitation. The First Lady conveys her very best wishes for a productive and successful event.

Best wishes, and thank you for all of the important work you do.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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29 October 1998

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

We would like to invite you to be keynote speaker at a luncheon program on Capitol Hill celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The United Nations Association of the National Capital Area (UNA-NCA) hosts this event from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, 10 December 1998.

The annual UNA-NCA Human Rights Day Luncheon is co-sponsored this year by the Washington Coalition for Human Rights (WCHR) - a network of national and international organizations working in Washington to promote and protect human rights. Organizations attending the luncheon nominate and honor individuals who have supported their human rights work. This year our program will be both retrospective and prospective, highlighting the important role that human rights has played in the past half-century, while focusing on the powerful effect that human rights has had and will continue to have in shaping national and international political, social and economic landscapes in the new millennium.

We could arrange for your address at any point during the program, depending on your availability. Should you not be able to participate, could you kindly arrange to have a written message for the occasion, which would be printed in the program for the event.

Given your outstanding record as a staunch promoter and defender of human rights, we truly hope that your schedule will permit you to participate in UNA-NCA's celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on 10 December.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Dean
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