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September 23, 1998

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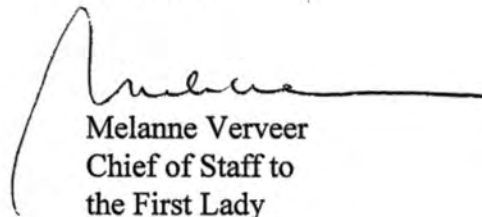
Dear Mr. Van Iderstine:

Thank you for your invitation to the First Lady to visit the Parque Nacional Torres del Paine during her upcoming visit to Chile. Mrs. Clinton will only be in Santiago briefly to deliver a speech at the Hemisphere Conference of First Ladies.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness in making what sounds like a fascinating proposal.

All the best.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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September 10, 1998

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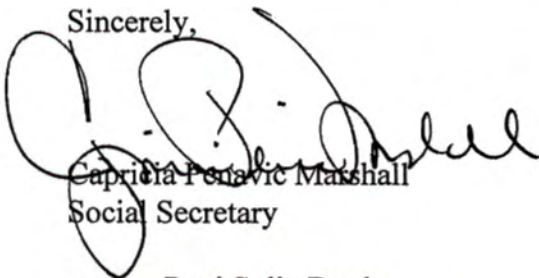
Dear Mr. Van Iderstine:

Thank you for the fascinating idea which you sent to me with regards to the First Lady and a possible trip to Chile. Your recommendations sound wonderful!

I have taken the liberty of passing along your suggestion to Mrs. Clinton's scheduling office. Should they need further information, I am sure they will be in touch with you.

Thank you for your kind thoughts of her and I send along my best wishes to you.

Sincerely,



Capricia Penavic Marshall
Social Secretary

cc: Patti Solis-Doyle
Melanne Verveer



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VIA FACSIMILE

Ms. Capricia Penavic Marshall
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Re: First Lady's Trip to Chile

Dear Ms. Marshall:

I used to keep in touch with your predecessor, Ann Stock, who I knew from back when I did staff advance for Fritz Mondale and she was Deputy Press Secretary. I recommended a stop in Bariloche for the Argentina trip, and having recently read the First Lady will travel to Chile one of these days, I have a recommendation for her for that one.

Assuming the trip will be during the Chilean summer and not later than about mid-March, I'd recommend a visit to the Parque Nacional Torres del Paine. Part of a UN Biosphere, it's what I'd call very Patagonian stark, compared to the lush Switzerland-like quality of Bariloche. It's a haul from Santiago, but the First Lady can travel lighter and if she likes that sort of thing, you can have the best of both worlds if you visit the park but stay at the Explora Hotel Salto Chico. (The hotel has a web site.)

I say it's a haul because you have to fly to Punta Arenas, on the Strait of Magellan, the southernmost city in the world. It has commercial air service to an airport that is joint use with the Chilean Navy. My family and I stayed at the Hotel Los Navegantes, which has (or had in March of last year) outstanding food. There's not much to do in town, but there are penguins nearby. You can see them at a site reachable by car about an hour's drive from Punta Arenas, or you can see them by taking a boat to the Isla Victoria. Much beyond mid-March and it starts to get cold and the penguins head north then anyway.

Torres del Paine is 250 miles north of Punta Arenas. We drove (the Explora Hotel drove us, and there are some neat things to see on the way), but you could fly to Puerto Natales, a town/small city about two hours from the park which has a small airport. There was no commercial service as of last year (not that you'd

Ms. Capricia Penavic Marshall

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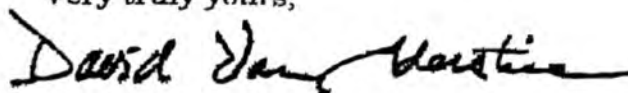
necessarily go commercial, it's just an idea of what level you're dealing with), but if ya gotta fly part way, this would appear to be an option.

The Explora Hotel Salto Chico has only about 30 rooms (though there are two or three other hotels in the park for traveling party) and was put up only about five years ago. It has breathtaking views (including a view of granite mountains called Los Cuernos from the dining room), outstanding food and is done in Scandinavian wood-style. Indoor pool in a separate building with its own view of the river the hotel sits beside. It is so far out there that the hotel makes its own electricity and drinking water. We are not talking about a South American Yosemite here. Local communication is by radio and outside calls are by satellite telephone. They have multi-lingual guides for a variety of hikes and other nature things that range from easy enough for my then-five-year-old to do, to more challenging. There are glacial lakes, a glacier and icebergs in the lake called Lago Grey. And southern sky stars at night like you haven't seen. You are way the hell out there, so if rest and solitude are your thing, this place has got it. By virtue of its cost and location, you also tend to get a clientele that won't crowd you. We got there on Easter Sunday, had three days of hikes and left on Thursday.

The guidebook we read didn't do the hotel justice; we stayed there on a recommendation. The incongruity of such luxury in the middle of a nowhere that is itself so far from anywhere is amazing. The company that runs it is also putting one up in the Atacama Desert of northern Chile, the driest (but not hottest) desert in the world and a place very popular with astronomers. The two women who appeared to be in charge on the property (there is a booking office in Santiago) were extremely gracious. And the bar makes a mean Pisco sour, which was described as the national cocktail.

While there are other places in the world we plan to see first, this is one place I'd go back to. If you're going to go to Chile anyway, this is one special place that's worth going the extra distance.

Very truly yours,



David E. Van Iderstine

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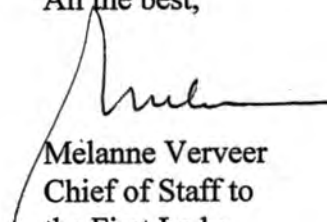
October 29, 1998

Teresa Indjein
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Dear Teresa:

Thanks so much for the Gershwin CD which I enjoy so much. It was great to see you at the Vienna Ball and to have you at the Kennedy Center. We'll have to do it again soon!

All the best,



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