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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 7, 1998

Faxed —
7/7 to
(413)
528-9526

Dr. Alice Kessler-Harris
Rutgers University

Dear Dr. Kessler-Harris:

The First Lady would like to invite you to attend a dinner with women historians on Thursday, July 9th at 7:00 pm. The dinner will bring together women scholars and historians from around the country for a private, off-the-record discussion on issues that have affected American women throughout our history and which continue to challenge us today.

I hope that you will be able to join us. Please call Katy Button in my office at 202-456-6266 if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Assistant to the President and
Chief of Staff to the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 22, 1998

Ms. Anna Krawczuk
President
UNWLA
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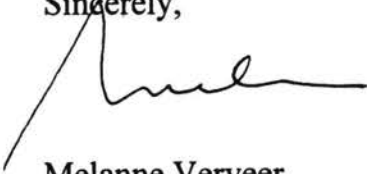
Dear Anna:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to honor the First Lady at the XXV UNWLA Convention on May 28-31, 1999 in Chicago.

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

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



Ukrainian National Women's League of America, Inc.
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UNWLA INC SCHOLARSHIP/STUDENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM - PO BOX 24 - MATAWAN, NJ 07747 - (732) 441-9530 - FAX: (732) 441-9377

June 8, 1998 301/AK

Ms. Melanne Verveer
2125 Leroy Place N. W.
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Melanne:

Just want to touch base with you and inform you of the developments regarding the UNWLA Convention in May 1999. As you know from the general circular sent to all membership, XXV UNWLA Convention will be held in Chicago.

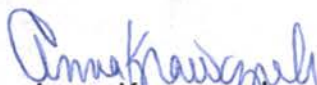
Thank you for the photos and other material you sent to us from First Lady's trip to Lviv, which we used in *Our Life* magazine.

The UNWLA National Board met on May 30, 1998 at which time we discussed the Convention program etc. It was unanimously decided to give special award to our First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton for her courageous stand on women's issues and for her understanding of Ukraine's struggle before and after the independence of Ukraine in 1991. The Convention will be from May 28-31, 1999 at The Westin O'Hare, 4262 West Thromdale, Chicago, IL 60606. The banquet will be held on Saturday, May 29, 1999 at which time we would like to honor Hillary Rodham Clinton.

I would appreciate your help in expediting an invitation to the First Lady. I will wait for your reply before the invitation is sent.

From June 11-17, 1998 I will be attending the convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in New Orleans, LA., of which we are associate members. This is the first time that I will be attending and I am looking forward to that.

Sincerely yours,


Anna Krawczuk



**UKRAINIAN NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE
OF AMERICA, INC.**

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President

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May 27, 1998

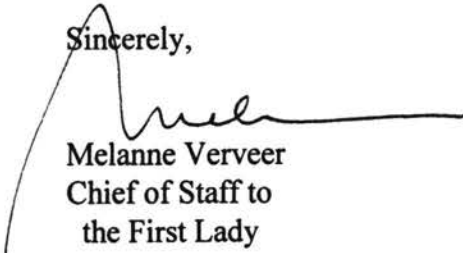
Mr. Alan Khazei
Co-Founder
City Year
285 Columbus Avenue
Boston, MA 09116

Dear Alan:

Have a great event in Cleveland. I'm pleased I could help in a small way and thrilled the President will be joining you.

Best wishes in all you do, and love to Vanessa.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

May 27, 1998

Mr. Alan Khazei
Co-Founder
City Year
285 Columbus Avenue
Boston, MA 09116

Dear Mr. Khazei:

Thank you for your letter and information on the policy forum on national service.

I have shared the information with people in the office and we applaud the important work you are doing.

Best wishes in all you do. + Love to

Vanessa

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Alan
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Dear First Lady,

We will always treasure the dignified and exemplary leadership which you displayed in opening our University. The American University in Kyrgyzstan could not possibly exist without your support and advice.

For this reason at a crucial moment in the development of the American University, I would respectfully like to accept your kind invitation to meet with you when I am in the States. I would be available at any time over the Summer which would be convenient to you to talk about the American University and its future.

I would like to take this opportunity to discuss developments in the American University since you were here last year, and also be sure that we have the benefit of your vital input, as it shall be coming from one of our main Founders with extensive experience in tertiary education.

I will arrange my trip to Washington around the privilege of one or two hours to discuss developments with you. Attached please find a precis of some major concerns which we would like to have your advice about.

Your visit to the Kyrgyz Republic touched on several sectors, from Humanitarian Aid to Tertiary Education. We owe you a debt of gratitude for bringing these issues to the attention of the World Community.

Camilla Sharshelkeeva,
Provost of the American University in Kyrgyzstan



The main problem being faced by AUK is educational independence in order to offer an American college curriculum. In order to escape from the Ministry of Education, who are basically hostile to us, we need to be established with the direct support of President Akaev. Neither USIS nor OSI seems to understand this and are not supporting us on this point.

USIS and OSI are stalling over signing an agreement with the Kyrgyz Government about our funding. We have been forced to make drastic changes in our hiring and budget forecasts for the upcoming academic year because these grants are now delayed indefinitely. We have agreed to every single reform that USIS and OSI have requested, and do know what we can do now to facilitate this process.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 4, 1998

Mr. Don Kennedy
Mr. William Coblentz
Mr. Lois Salisbury
Children Now
1212 Broadway, 5th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

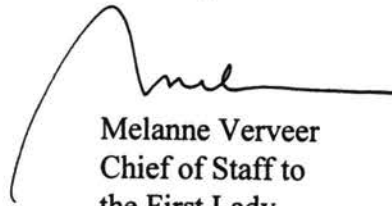
Dear Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Coblentz & Mr. Salisbury:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and invitation to Children Now's Tenth Anniversary celebration in October.

Regrettably, the First Lady will be unable to join you as she is scheduled to be out of the country during that time.

Thanks and best wishes in all you do.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

April 21, 1998

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Donald Kennedy
Board Chair

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Over the years, Children Now's work has benefited immensely from your personal commitment to raising public awareness of children's needs. It was our great honor to be cited in your book, *It Takes A Village*, and to be the beneficiary of your generous donation of a portion of its proceeds. Your participation in our 1994 conference, *Children and the News Media*, helped send a signal to the media industry that the impact of their business on children matters greatly. Now under the direction of Meghan Prunty, our Children and the Media conference series is entering its fifth year.

We write now to invite you to accept a Children Now award for your dedication to children and, in particular, for your extraordinary efforts to raise public awareness of their needs. This will be the inaugural presentation of this award which will thereafter be presented annually. We will present the award at Children Now's Tenth Anniversary Celebration: *A Voice for Children ... A Decade of Achievement*, scheduled for the evening of Thursday, October 1, 1998 in San Francisco. However, we would be happy to look at other dates to accommodate your schedule.

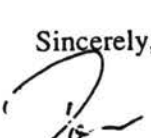
Your acceptance of our first award will, for the lifetime of the organization and its annual awards presentation, elevate its value and significance to future recipients and the public. And it will provide us with another powerful vehicle for amplifying the voice of children and raising their needs on the national agenda.

The Tenth Anniversary Celebration will be hosted by friends of Children Now along with current and emeritus Board members, including Kay and Jack Theimer, Ray Cortines, Geoff Cowan and Angela Glover Blackwell. We will also be honoring our founder, Jim Steyer, along with his mother, for their dedication and commitment to children.

We will present three awards honoring those who have become an amplified voice for children. Other awardees we are approaching include Rob and Michelle Reiner, founders of the "I Am Your Child" campaign. Rob has worked extensively with Children Now and Dr. David Lawrence, CEO of Kaiser Permanente, on a special project to encourage managed care organizations to offer more family-friendly services to parents of infants and toddlers.

The Tenth Anniversary Celebration and the awards presentation will mark our first major organizational milestone. Over the years, you have been a wonderful friend to Children Now and have supported our work in very significant ways. We would be honored to have the opportunity to commemorate our first decade by publicly acknowledging your efforts on behalf of children and your tremendous commitment to their well being.

Sincerely,


Don Kennedy
Chairman, Board of Directors
Children Now


William Coblentz
Board of Directors
Children Now


Lois Salisbury
President
Children Now

cc: Melanne Verveer, Chief of State
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April 8, 1998

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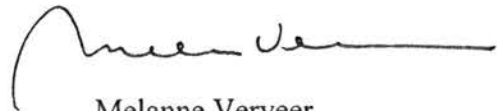
Dear Minister Messing:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to attend your Conference on Violence against Women in Stockholm in May.

Regrettably, the First Lady is unable to accept your kind invitation as she is already committed to a full schedule in May and June.

Best wishes for a successful conference.

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

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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March 5, 1998

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALICE PUSHKAR

FROM:

GLYN DAVIES *(P) tr*

SUBJECT:

Invitation for the First Lady -- Sweden

The NSC sees no foreign policy interest in the First Lady accepting this invitation from the Swedish Minister of Labor to visit Sweden this spring. During May, the First Lady will be in Switzerland, France, and the United Kingdom. Therefore, the NSC does not recommend the First Lady accept this invitation.

Attachment

Tab A Incoming correspondence



REGERINGSKANSLIET

Stockholm 6 February 1998

Ministry of Labour

Mrs Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington D.C.

The Minister for Equality Affairs
SWEDEN

Dear Hillary,

By way of introduction, I would like to take this opportunity to convey to you my sincere appreciation for your valuable contribution to the Conference on Violence against Women, arranged by the IDB last autumn.

I am convinced that you share my view that it is important to take a political stand against violence against women. Every generation must face ignorance, prejudice and sweeping generalizations. Likewise, every generation must move towards greater equality between women and men. Violence against women is an issue of human rights, but it is also an issue of equality that concerns us all - women as well as men, people of all religious creeds and professions, and not the least, people of all nationalities.

I would like to tell you that my Government is in the process of presenting, in February, a Bill to Parliament on a series of measures to counteract violence against women. Legislation is to be improved and made more rigorous. Preventive measures are to be undertaken and women victims are to be supported in better ways than hitherto. Fresh funds will be allocated, inter alia to the voluntary women's shelters.

Let me highlight two of the proposals: Firstly, we will introduce a new offence in the Penal Code designated gross violation of a woman's integrity. Its purpose is to deal with domestic violence. The new crime will make it possible for the courts to increase the penal value for repeated violations that a male perpetrator commits against a closely related woman, in situations where the violations are part of a process which constitutes a violation of the woman's integrity. Secondly, we propose,

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after long and difficult deliberations, to prohibit the purchase of prostitution. This means that it will be a crime to obtain casual sexual services against payment.

Against the background of these and several other proposals, a series of national events will be launched in Sweden, starting this spring. I am writing to you now in connection with one such event. At the end of May or beginning of June we plan to hold a major conference in Stockholm on violence against women - it's causes and consequences.

Your commitment to the issue of violence against women is well known. I would therefore very much appreciate if you have the opportunity to give an opening statement at this conference. I know that you must have a very busy schedule. If you find the idea interesting, you are however free to choose any day in May or June that would be convenient for you. If you would like to take advantage of the opportunity to spend some extra time in Sweden to study some particular issue - related to violence, or, for instance, related to social security; child care, parental leave etc., this would of course be highly welcomed.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to join us in May or June, in which case I look forward to welcoming you to Stockholm and Sweden. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Yours sincerely,

Ulrica Messing
Ulrica Messing

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 20, 1998

Mr Gary Krull
Director of Communications Policy
National Endowment for Humanities
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Gary:

What bittersweet news! Your leadership and expertise will be missed greatly not just at NEH, but by all of us. I wish you all the best in your leave knowing that you've done a terrific job.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE
HUMANITIES

3-11-98

Melanne,

I note to alert you and
your staff to my decision to
move on. The past 5 years have
been interesting, exciting and we are
"Still here!"

I would hope that the first
lady and you are pleased with how
it's gone and I assure you I am only
a phone call away if I can be of
Assistance.

Thank you for asking me to serve
and the very best in the days ahead.

Director of Communications Policy
Room 402 ■ 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW ■ Washington DC 20506
tel 202.606.8446 ■ fax 202.606.8240

Sincerely,


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NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506



March 12, 1998

William R. Ferris
Chairman
National Endowment for the Humanities
12th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Bill,

I take this opportunity to thank you, the President, and the entire Endowment for the opportunity to have been a part of the National Endowment for the Humanities for these past five years. It is my intention to leave the Director of Communications Policy position effective April 15, 1998 to begin the development of Krull Communications.

It has always been my eventual goal to head my own company and the opportunities that present themselves at this time are too good and too numerous to pass up. The chance to share my twenty-five years of experience with others and to hopefully make their corporate and not-for-profit lives better is something I find extremely appealing and something I must do.

I will always remember my time here at NEH, look back on the challenges (we're still here!), and hope that my service has made for a brighter future for NEH and the humanities community in the next millennium. We have done and do good work for the American people and the continuing telling of that story is something we all must do.

My best wishes to you in your years ahead at NEH, and always know I will be available if there is a way I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gary L. Krull".

Gary L. Krull
Director of Communications Policy

cc: Bob Nash

cc: Melanne Verwee ✓

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03/04/98

Dear Ms. Melanne Verveer,

On the 18th of February, 1998, I sent Ms. Hillary Clinton the request to an interview to my newspaper, but I received only an autoresponder message.

This is the copy of the e-mail letter I sent:

Dear Ms. Hillary Clinton,

I'm writing you from the other side of the Earth, from Ukraine to request an interview with you. The more so Internet and E-mail make such interviews possible and the world smaller and more accessible.

I'm applying to US colleges through participation in the USA/USA program and would like to know more about your country.

I'm the editor-in-chief of Kerch school weekly English language newspaper "The Hummingbird" and would like to publish the interview with you in one of our issues.

If you allow me I'll send the article to republic newspaper for young people.

As I'm following up to your trip to Ukraine and on your new interest to the country, my homeland, I'll be interviewing you with the topics that are of concern to your impressions of my country.

I'll be very grateful if you give your permission for the interview.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you,

Tatyana Kulida

So, please, will you be so kind as to assist me in getting Ms. Clinton's answer.

I've enclosed the message to Ms. Hillary Clinton and the questions for the interview in a separate envelope.

I'm looking forward to your help

Sincerely yours,

Tatyana Kulida

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Thank you,

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Tatyana Kulida

Dear Ms. Hillary Clinton,

These are the questions I want you to answer:

1. I've read you visited the former USSR republics, Ukraine was among them, what is the thing you were impressed to see in Ukraine or to learn about Ukraine?
2. I know that the thing that you like most of all is people, but what were the things you wished to change in my country?
3. I know that you plan to enlarge the ties with Ukraine. What sphere will you give the priority to?
4. Being a powerful politician, will you outline your vision of the future relationship of Ukraine and the USA?
5. I've got the information that TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) will cost \$125.00 instead of \$63.00. Do you know the reason why?
6. America's launched a powerful anti-tobacco program inside the country. What do you think of the problem of selling cigarettes to children in Ukraine by American tobacco companies?
7. Due to the program USA/USA many Ukrainian students are getting world-class education in your country, are you planning to extend this program?
8. The number of students from Ukraine entering American institution is increasing from year to year. What can you advise them?
9. You are so popular in your country and your advice is always followed, but what is the best advice you personally have ever received and appreciated most of all?
10. If it is not a secret, will you share the motto of your life with us?

You can answer me either via e-mail or via air mail, as you wish.

Thank you for cooperation and, please, come to visit Ukraine again!

Sincerely yours,



Tatyana Kulida

Dear Ms. Hillary Clinton,
If you are ready to answer the
questions for my interview, you
will find them in this envelope.

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Tatyana Kulida
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 9, 1998

Ms. Iryna Kurowycky
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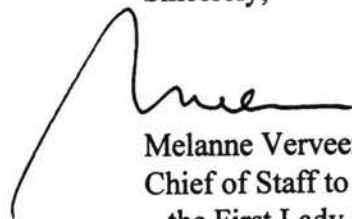
Dear Iryna:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to deliver the keynote address to the Ukrainian Institute's commemorative luncheon on May 31.

Regrettably, the First Lady is unable to accept your kind invitation due to schedule conflicts. She sends her best wishes for a successful event.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



FAX COVER SHEET

DATE: February 27, 1998

TO: Melanne Verveer

FIRM: Office of the First Lady - The White House

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FROM: Iryna Kurowycky

FAX NO: 212-477-0039 TEL. NO: 212-477-0039

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Message:

Please review the enclosed and contact me at the above number.

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email: ukrinst@sprintmail.com

February 27, 1998

VIA FAX

Mrs. Melanne Verveer
Assistant to the President
and Chief of Staff to Office of the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melanne:

When I attended the "*Vital Voices Women in Democracy Followup Conference*" in Washington, D.C. on February 25th, we discussed the Ukrainian Institute of America's interest in inviting the First Lady to a 50th/100th anniversary luncheon in May. The Institute is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to sponsoring and supporting programs directed towards developing a better appreciation and understanding of the rich culture of Ukraine within the American community. Programs sponsored by the Institute include a classical music concert series, art exhibits, film screenings, theater presentations and poetry readings. Forums and lectures focusing on women's issues in America and Ukraine are also incorporated into our schedule of events.

1998 represents a significant year for the Ukrainian Institute of America. Founded in 1948 the Institute celebrates its 50th anniversary and the National Historic Landmark building (designed by Charles P. Gilbert) located on the corner of East 79th Street and Fifth Avenue, attains its century mark.

In appreciation of the interest and support Mrs. Clinton has provided to Ukraine, the Ukrainian Institute would like to extend an invitation to her and request that she participate as the keynote speaker at its commemorative luncheon at the Plaza Hotel in New York City on May 31st, 1998.

I have enclosed a copy of the Institute's Mission Statement as well as a proposed draft invitation letter to Mrs. Clinton for your review. Please contact me at 212-477-0039 with your comments or suggestions.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Iryna Kurowycky
Board of Directors
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MISSION STATEMENT OF THE UKRAINIAN INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

The fundamental purpose of the Ukrainian Institute of America (UIA) is to develop, sponsor and promote through educational, professional and social activities a greater awareness, understanding, knowledge and appreciation in the United States of the traditional and contemporary art, literature, music, culture, history and traditions of Ukraine, as revealed through its people, both in Ukraine and abroad.

The Ukrainian Institute of America strives to strengthen the identity and community of individuals of Ukrainian descent by organizing and sponsoring exhibits, concerts, conferences symposia and other educational, scholarship and professional activities.

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February 26, 1998

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

Dear Ms. Clinton:

1998 marks a year of special significance for the Ukrainian Institute of America, a not-for-profit leading cultural institution of the Ukrainian-American community. Located on the southeast corner of 79th Street and Fifth Avenue in New York City, in the midst of "Museum Mile", which includes the Guggenheim Museum and the Frick Collection, and diagonally across from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Ukrainian Institute celebrates the 50th year of its inception and the French Renaissance style turn-of-the-century landmark mansion where it is headquartered, commemorates its 100th anniversary.

One of the fundamental goals of the Ukrainian Institute is for the purpose of sponsoring and supporting programs based on educational and professional activities, which will develop a better understanding within the American community of the rich culture and history of Ukraine. Lectures and symposia on topics of interest to the Ukrainian and non-Ukrainian public are scheduled throughout the year including art exhibits, musical concerts as well as programs on women's issues in America and Ukraine.

Mr. William Dzus, a prominent Ukrainian-American inventor and owner of the Dzus Fastener Co. in West Islip, Long Island, founded the Institute in 1948 and at that time the Parkwood Mansion in Long Island was its home. In 1955 Mr. Dzus purchased the mansion on East 79th Street and donated it to the Ukrainian Institute to serve as its headquarters and provide the facility as a meeting place for other Ukrainian and Eastern European groups.

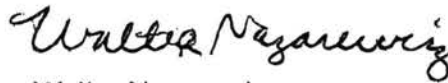
A National Historic Landmarked building, the limestone mansion was built in 1898 in the late Gothic and early French Renaissance style which was so prevalent during this period. Mr. Isaac Fletcher, a banker and railroad investor, commissioned the renowned architect C.D. W. Gilbert to build a residence using K. Vanderbilt's nee Loira Valley chateau as its model. While many similar historic mansions have been razed and replaced by modern structures, the Ukrainian Institute remains in its original beauty and splendor and continues to serve the Ukrainian American communities, thus preserving the history of New York City.

The Ukrainian Institute of America marks a double milestone in 1998: 50 years of the Institute's existence and the century mark for its magnificent land marked mansion. Mrs. Clinton, I believe that you can understand the feeling of pride among the Ukrainian-American community for our dedication in maintaining this small portion of American history. In commemoration of these two very significant turning points, the Ukrainian Institute will sponsor a commemorative luncheon at the Plaza Hotel in New York City on May 31, 1998.

The entire Ukrainian-American community joins me in expressing our appreciation to President Clinton and yourself for the commitment, support and understanding towards Ukraine in its transition from the Soviet regime into a democratic free world. In this regard, our community would be honored with your presence at the May 31st celebration. Accordingly, we would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation for your participation in our program as the keynote speaker. I am certain that the Ukrainian community would eagerly share your thoughts and memories pertaining the struggles of an independent Ukraine which you experienced during your most recent trip in November.

We recognize that your extremely busy schedule may not allow you the time for attending the anniversary luncheon for the Ukrainian Institute on May 31st, but we are still hopeful and would like to thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Walter Nazarewicz".

Walter Nazarewicz
President

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 26, 1998

Ms. Gail H. Klapper
Colorado Forum
511 Sixteenth Street
Suite 210
Denver, CO 80202-4227

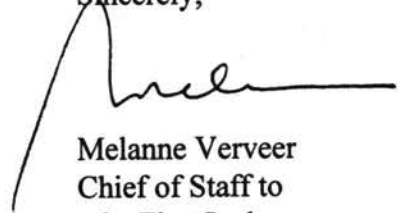
Dear Ms. Klapper:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and invitation to join members of the Denver Metro Chamber of Congress and Colorado Forum in a meeting in April.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton is unable to join you as she is scheduled to be out of the country during that time. She sends her best wishes for a successful and productive meeting.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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February 19, 1998

The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
2nd Floor, West Wing
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Hillary,

I can hardly believe that it's been nearly two years since the members of the Colorado Forum had a conversation with you regarding welfare reform and the visits each of our members made to a welfare family. You will recall that the Colorado Forum is an organization of 55 chief executive officers who come together to try to have a direct and positive impact on a limited number of public policy issues.

The members of the Forum continue to work to try to find solutions that will help our children. We are currently actively involved in creating a private/public initiative that will provide health care for Colorado's uninsured children. In our state, there are approximately 150,000 children who don't have access to the health care system. We know that you have listened carefully, all across this country, to people who have good ideas and have tested solutions in their communities. We want to hear what you know, sort out those ideas for Colorado, and see if we can make something exciting happen.

We all came away from our last meeting with you feeling that the knowledge you have gained as you study these issues from a grass roots level needs to be tapped.

This year, members of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce will travel with members of the Colorado Forum when we return to Washington. We are hopeful that Governor Romer will also join us. Is there any chance that you could meet with us **Tuesday evening, April 28** or talk with the group for a few minutes during the day on **Wednesday, April 29**? We are only in town for a night and a day and we are scheduling a number of meetings. Of course, everyone would be thrilled if there was an opportunity to hear your perspective on this important issue. I would be very grateful if you had a few minutes to spend with us.

I will call your office in a week or so to see if it might be possible to get on your calendar for a few minutes when we are in Washington. Thank you so much for any consideration you might be able to give us.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gail", written in black ink.

Gail H. Klapper
Member/Director

cc: Melanne Verveer

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 25, 1998

Ms. Nina Kostina
Executive Vice President
Frank Foundation
1030 Fifteenth Street, NW
Suite 1020
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Kostina:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your thoughtful follow up letter on her visit to the Bonum Center.

Because of Mrs. Clinton's demanding schedule, it is not possible to schedule a meeting with her at this time. However, if it is useful to you, I will be happy to meet with you about your other projects in Russia. I accompanied the First Lady on her trip and do her policy work on these issues.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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February 24, 1998

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Thank you for the opportunity to listen to your briefing and slide exhibition on your recent trip to Central Asia, Russia and Ukraine. Your outstanding presentation was both interesting and informative. I was honored and particularly pleased that you mentioned our organization and the partnership we had established with the Bonum Center of Ekaterinburg, Russia during your speech. I conveyed your warm and complementary depiction of the Russian First Lady, Naina Yeltzina and her country to her during a recent correspondence. She was very pleased to hear your positive impressions.

I had hoped to meet with you following our initial meeting in Ekaterinburg in November, 1997. Enclosed, for your convenience, I include copies of previous correspondences to this regard. I still remain interested in such a discourse should your schedule allow. The main purpose of this meeting is to describe two projects our Foundation has in development within the Russian Federation. One particular project, tentatively called the Volga-Mississippi Peace Project, was described to you in Russia by Ms. Galina Karelova, Deputy Minister of Social Protection and Labor of the Russian Federation. This ambitious project has won the interest of Mrs. Yeltzina among other officials in Russia. We would be grateful for the opportunity to gain your support for this wonderful project as well.

In closing, I am very pleased to be able to pass along this calender and letter given to you by Governor Edward Rossel of the Sverdlovsk Oblast of the Russian Federation. Along with these items, he sends his best regards to you and your family.

Thank you for your time, interest and support.

Sincerely,

Nina Kostina
Executive Vice President



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December 2, 1997

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

It was an honor for me to make your acquaintance on Saturday, November 15th at the Bonum Center in Ekaterinburg, Russia. It was so kind of you to take your time and show such interest in our work considering how exhausted you must have been with all your travels. I can appreciate the difficulty of maintaining such a rigorous agenda. Nonetheless, the graceful and dignified manner in which you conducted those public conferences left a strong impression on the entire audience.

During this trip, in addition to my visit to Ekaterinburg, I have been conducting an extensive fact-finding mission and field work with my colleague, Ms. Betty Williams, 1977 Nobel Prize Laureate. Since 1994, Ms. Williams has been a strong advocate of our work to assist less advantaged children in the former Soviet Union. Together, we have engaged in several joint ventures to bring awareness to the plight of children suffering from social injustice, war, violence and hunger. This most recent campaign included visits to women's prisons, orphanages, children's hospitals, veterans hospitals and rehabilitation centers. The climax of our journey included a two day trip to Grozny in the Chechen Republic Ichkeriya. This was a non-political humanitarian mission not intended to accuse any party for its actions, but rather, to pave the way to provide both Chechen and Russian children the drastically needed relief after the devastating war. Even during this travel, while bringing humanitarian aid of clothing, medication and toys, we understood that it cannot even begin to relieve the suffering and pain for these innocent war victims and all children living under such tragic circumstances. It was clear to us that the children are paying the price for politics.

Ms. Williams and I have presented our discoveries to First Lady of Russia, Mrs. Naina Yeltzina, as well as to the highest level within the Council of Europe in Strasbourg and the United Nations in Geneva. We believe it is essential for the global community to come together to discover and implement innovative action to stop the violence against children.

At this time, I would appreciate receiving any non-classified information or travel reports on your overseas visit throughout the countries of the former Soviet Union. In turn, I ask for the opportunity to submit to you a proposal which will outline how we may be of assistance to you in meeting your goals of helping the children and promoting peace throughout the NIS.

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My business travel within Russia and Europe will conclude on December 4th. I shall return to my office in Washington, DC during the second week of December. As we discussed during our conversation in Ekaterinburg, I would be grateful for an opportunity to meet with you again to present our report on our findings during this visit and continue our discussions of our future programs which would meet our common objectives of building safe havens for children throughout the world in our global village.

My assistant, Julie Hogan, will contact Ms. Brenda Costello upon my return to the States to confirm a time and date for the meeting. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (202) 452-8279.

Thank you for your time and assistance. I look forward to meeting you again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nina Kostina".

Nina Kostina
Executive Vice President

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 30, 1997

PERSONAL

Nina Kostina, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President
Frank Foundation
Child Assistance International, Inc.
Suite 1020
1030 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Dr. Kostina:

Thank you for the Child Assistance International T-shirts. I appreciate your thoughtfulness, and I applaud your efforts on behalf of children throughout the world.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hillary Rodham Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hillary Rodham Clinton



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January 21, 1998

Ms. Brenda Costello
Office of the First Lady
of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Costello:

On November 15, 1997, I had the pleasure of making your acquaintance during the official reception for First Lady Hillary Clinton at the Bonum Center in Ekaterinburg, Russia. Though many people were present during that meeting, I hope you remember me.

Since that time, I have been engaged in many different programs in accord with our Foundation's mission to assist children around the world. In a letter to Mrs. Clinton dated December 2, 1997, I outlined some of our most recent activities and requested a follow up meeting in Washington, DC. Though I have not yet heard from the scheduling office, I remain hopeful that this meeting can take place in the very near future.

Last Friday, I had once again returned from a two week visit through Russia. During this last travel, I met with Governor Edward Rossell who asked me to present a letter and calendar to Mrs. Clinton upon my return to Washington. Attached, please find a copy of the letter and a translation for your review.

I bring best regards to Mrs. Clinton from Mrs. Yeltzina who shares the First Lady's vision of universal support for the dignity of children. Mrs. Yeltzina has continued to render unparalleled support and personal involvement in our humanitarian efforts. A true advocate for children, Mrs. Yeltzina's commitment has been inspirational to all.

I would appreciate any assistance you may be able to give in arranging a meeting with Mrs. Clinton. I have attached my original request letter from December 2, 1997 for your convenience.

Thank you for your time and assistance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me in Washington, DC at (202) 452-8279. In the event that I am unavailable, please ask for my assistant, Julie Hogan.

Sincerely,

Nina Kostina
Executive Vice President

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 30, 1998

Nina Kostina, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President
Frank Foundation
Child Assistance International, Inc.
Suite 1020
1030 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Dr. Kostina:

I am writing to invite you to join me for a briefing and slide presentation on my recent trip to Central Asia, Russia and Ukraine.

At the request of the President and the Secretary of State, I traveled to Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Ukraine to bring from the American people to the people of these countries a message of hope and solidarity and to let them know that we will stand with their countries during their historic transition. On this visit, I had the opportunity to meet with many of the men and women who are working to move their countries toward democracy, economic growth and opportunity. I would like to share with you the promise, possibility and challenges that I saw in the region.

The briefing will take place at 2:30pm on Tuesday, February 17, 1998 in the Dean Acheson Auditorium at the Department of State. Please plan to arrive between 2:00 and 2:30 pm at the State Department 23rd Street Entrance between C and D Streets, N.W. The auditorium is also accessible from the metro Blue and Orange lines at the Foggy Bottom exit.

Please respond to my office by telephone (202/456-6266) or facsimile (202/456-6244) by Friday, February 13. Your date of birth and social security number should be included with your acceptance. Photo identification will be required for admission.

I look forward to seeing you on the 17th.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton

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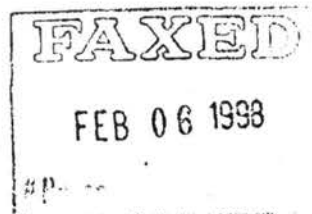
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February 6, 1998

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

Via Fax: 202-456-6244

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I am honored to have been invited to attend your briefing and slide presentation on your recent trip to Central Asia, Russia and Ukraine on Tuesday, February 17, 1998 at 2:30 pm at the Department of State. I had the pleasure of making your acquaintance during the official reception at the Bonum Center in Ekaterinburg, Russia on November 15, 1997. I look forward to hearing your message.

As requested, I provide my social security number and date of birth for admissions clearance. If I may, I would like to bring my colleague, Ms. Julie Lee Hogan, who had been with me in Ekaterinburg in November of 1997.

- Nina Kostina - date of birth:
- Julie Lee Hogan - date of birth:

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Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office by phone (202-452-8279) or fax (202-452-0719).

Sincerely,

Nina Kostina
Executive Vice President

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 12, 1998

Mr. David Hume Kennerly
1015 18th Street, #1
Santa Monica, CA 90403

Dear David:

Thank you very much for the wonderful photographs. I shall long treasure them for they are personally very meaningful to me. It was thoughtful of you to send them.

It was great having you along. We enjoyed our discussion, particularly over dinner in Bukhara. What great stories!

Best wishes for a wonderful New Year. Thanks again..

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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David Hume Kennerly
Contributing Editor(Photo)
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Dear Melanne,
Here are a few
snaps from
"Melanne's Excellent
Adventure in Ukraine."

It was great
traveling with you,
and hope to see
you again soon.

Cheers!
Dank

~~251 West 57th Street | New York | N.Y. | 10019~~
1015 18th St #1, Santa Monica, CA 90403

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 9, 1998

Mr. Stephen Koschoff
52 N. Walnut Street
Mt. Carmel, PA 17851-1630

Dear Mr. Koschoff:

Thank you for your recent letter. It is always good to hear from someone in the vicinity of my hometown, particularly from someone who knew my parents as you did.

We are grateful for your observations of current events and we wish you and yours a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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Mrs. Melanie (Starinshak) Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady.
Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Penna. Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20500.

Hi - Melanie. Long time no see, since
I worked with you ⁱⁿ the P.O. on taxes.
I guess I miss him + your mom just as
you do.

nevertheless - & to the attention of Mrs. Clinton -
+ Fact: The White House is the residence
of President Clinton + Al Gore + family.

II Shoulder to Shoulder (I ponder) this:
As long as they used telephone areas
at their residence for campaign purposes,
they should not be denied the privileges
of their residential area for campaign activities.
Employees who only work there etc., may be
subject to violations of the law. (Federal Bldgs.)
Maybe Janet Reno knows this. (I hope).
at any rate, pass this info onto Hillary.
God Bless You + Yours + Good Luck.

Stephen M. Koschoff

P.S. Your Dad and Mom. were the very BEST.
Walter Mary S.

Dear Mr Koschopp:

Thank you for your recent letter. It is always good to hear from someone in the vicinity, & my hometown particularly from someone who (knew) my parents as you did.

We are grateful for your observations of current events and we wish ~~you~~ you + yours a wonderful New Year.

THE WHITE HOUSE
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January 5, 1998

Sister Karen M. Kennelly, CSJ
President
Mount St. Mary's College
Chalon Campus
12001 Chalon Road
Los Angeles, CA 90049-1599

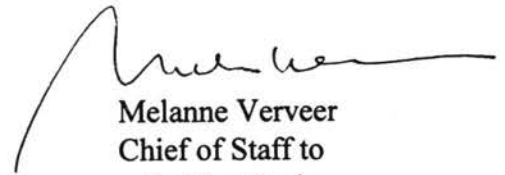
Dear Sister Karen:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to the Women's Rights National Historic Park's celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Women's Rights Movement.

The First Lady hopes to attend, but it is too early to determine at this time whether it will be possible. Our scheduling office will contact you once a decision has been made.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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Office of the President

December 18, 1997

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

Dear Ms. Verveer:

As you know, 1998 will mark the 150th anniversary of the Women's Rights Movement. An afternoon tea shared in 1848 by five women friends near Seneca Falls, New York, led to the global effort to improve women's status that continues today. As Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton has become an international ambassador for this vital cause, it is our hope that she will assume a prominent role in the upcoming anniversary celebrations.

An excellent opportunity for the First Lady presents itself on Saturday, July 18, in Seneca Falls, hometown of this peaceful, determined revolution. If Ms. Clinton would agree to keynote the central program hosted by the Women's Rights National Historic Park and Celebrate '98 on that day, her address could be telecast to thousands of people who will be assembled for celebratory programs across the nation. Her address would most likely be highlighted by the print and electronic media as well.

Already, over 300 national women's and girls' organizations are laying local and state-level plans for this important anniversary under the theme, "Living the Legacy: The Women's Rights Movement 1848-1998". They have called upon the President to issue a proclamation for this anniversary year. Many have already signed on to the Living the Legacy education campaign being organized by the National Women's History Project. They are helping us circulate hundreds of thousands of our *Living the Legacy* Gazette and organize Student Essay Projects in all fifty states.

The First Lady's public appearance on this important day will both give her an historic venue for voicing her conviction that women's rights issues are of paramount importance, and further validate the importance of this nationwide Anniversary celebration.

I hope her presence as the keynote speaker in Seneca Falls on Saturday, July 18, will be possible.

I thank you for your consideration of this request, and look forward to your positive response. You may reach me at (310) 954-4011 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Karen M. Kennelly, CSJ
President

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January 12, 1998

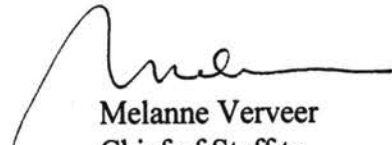
Father Alexander M. Karloutsos
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
8-10 East 79th Street
New York, NY 10021

Mark
Dear Father Alexander:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and the gifts. It was a privilege to have His All Holiness at the White House. It was a visit we will long remember. It was a pleasure to work with you - as always.

Wishing you the blessings of the Christmas season and a New Year filled with an abundance of blessings.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

8-10 East 79TH Street, New York, NY 10021 Tel:(212) 570-3500 Fax:(212) 861-2183

December 10, 1997

Miss Melanne Verveer
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melanne;

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for the time and talent you put into the historic first visit of His All Holiness Bartholomew to the United States. I know that His Eminence Archbishop Spyridon was overwhelmed by the enormous success of the Ecumenical Patriarch's great journey from the Mother Church of Constantinople and is very much aware and appreciative of the important role you played in making it an experience of a life-time.

The task was *herculean* indeed and your hard and inspirational work truly made the Ecumenical Patriarch's pilgrimage to the Archdiocese on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary, one of the most consequential events in the life of our Church in the Western Hemisphere.

May our Heavenly Father ever bless you and yours with good health, love, peace and hope.

Faithfully yours,

Father Alexander M. Karloutsos

The First Lady's Reception was a great day for American Citizens of Orthodox Faith and all advocates for Religious Freedom. W: thank you, it would never have happened. THANKS. I've asked Andy Manatos to deliver two gifts from H.A.H. to the First Lady + You.



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January 7, 1998

Miss Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff-Office of the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melanne;

Please accept the enclosed as an expression of heartfelt gratitude and friendship.

The actual value of the gift is \$19.⁰⁰. It depicts the Patriarchal Seal of His All Holiness, Archbishop of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch.

Faithfully yours,



Father Alexander M. Karoutsos

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 22, 1998

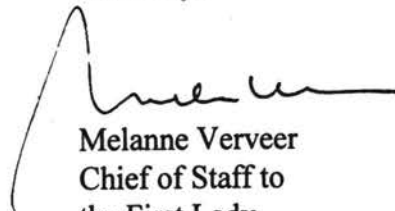
Ms. Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan
Center for Women and Religion
2400 Ridge Road
Berkeley, CA 94709

Dear Ms. Kirk-Duggan:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for Exorcizing Evil - A Womanist Perspective on the Spirituals and for its generous dedication to Mrs. Clinton. Thank you also for the copy of "Currents" newsletter. We congratulate you on your book.

Best wishes in all you do.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



CENTER FOR WOMEN AND RELIGION

GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION

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TY from
Melanne

1/5/97

Dear Katie,

I've enclosed an Autographed
Copy of my most recent book, Exorcizing
Evil: A Womanist Perspective on the
Spirituals, and a copy of "Currents"
the newsletter for the Graduate
Theological Union, especially page 10.

Happy New Year!

Blessings,

Cheryl Kirk Duggan

P.S. We look forward to Mrs. Clinton's
visit in February and pray God's blessings
that her visit to the Bay Area will be an
inspiring one!

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January 13, 1998

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Office of the First Lady
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VIA FACSIMILE

Dear Melanne:

I wanted to make you aware of a memo I sent Tom Kalil regarding the public launch of the PBS Olympic Cyber School. As you may know, the Administration was instrumental in facilitating the partnership that led to this exciting project. We are planning a public launch of the Web site during the week of February 2nd and would be honored if Mrs. Clinton could participate. This project is an unprecedented example of a positive use of the Internet to boost education and has already garnered significant attention from interest groups and the media. Participation in this event would allow the Administration to get the credit for initiating this unique project and to promote the widespread usage of Web technology in the classroom. If there is anything that you could do to help get the First Lady engaged it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Kay

Enclosure



MEMORANDUM

To: Tom Kalil
From: Ken Kay
Re: **FEBRUARY LAUNCH OF THE U.S. OLYMPIC
PBS CYBER SCHOOL POWERED BY IBM**
Date: January 7, 1998

As promised, here is a brief description of what the event to launch the U.S. Olympic PBS Cyber School Powered by IBM™ could look like. As you know, the Administration was instrumental in facilitating the Cyber School partnership and we would be honored to have the Vice President participate in the public launch.

BACKGROUND

The week of February 2, 1998, PBS and its partners IBM and CBS will launch the U.S. Olympic PBS Cyber School Powered by IBM™. The U.S. Olympic PBS Cyber School Powered by IBM™ is an entertaining and educational Web site that helps students, teachers, and parents use technology in a real-time, cross-curricular, cross-cultural learning adventure based on three popular sports of the 1998 Winter Olympic Games: downhill skiing, singles figure skating, and snowboarding.

Geared toward students in grades 4-8, the PBS Cyber School will feature more than 60 math, science, and social studies "challenges" for students to answer using the Internet and other resources. The Cyber School site will also feature:

- resources that help Cyber School participants create Web pages in response to Cyber School Challenges;
- background information in multi-media format about the Olympic Games, athletes and events;
- additional information about how parents and teachers can use the Winter Games as a teaching tool; and
- stories about the Olympic Games written and edited by students.

The Cyber School is a positive example of the Internet bringing people of all generations together to make a real difference. Not only will the site entice students and teachers to use technology to improve learning, but the Cyber School will also draw on the incredible resources of our nation's seniors. Volunteer members of Senior Net, a nonprofit organization that teaches older adults to use computers, will be evaluating the challenge responses.

While the public launch of the site will take place the week of February 2 (preferably the 4th or 5th), the site will be available to teachers to plan their lessons beginning January 15.

PUBLIC LAUNCH

Vision -- Our vision for the public launch would be a one hour event that would include both a press briefing and an online discussion with school children nationwide. The event could be held in a school classroom or auditorium, at a sports venue like a skating rink, or at the White House if that would be most convenient. The location of this event would be selected to both accommodate the Vice President's

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schedule and emphasize the virtual, worldwide/international nature of the Cyber School. Members of the press, particularly photographers and camera crews, would be invited to the event.

Program — Ervin Duggan, President of PBS and Stan Litow, President, IBM International Foundation, would open the event with a 5 minute briefing on the Cyber School. They would then introduce Vice President Gore who would be asked to talk for approximately 5 minutes about the importance of education and the power of technology to improve teaching and learning in the Digital Age or about the importance of leveraging the Administration's investment in connecting all classrooms to the Internet with the right content in the hands of properly trained teachers. PBS is prepared to present a \$10,000 scholarship as part of the Cyber School activities and we are working to have IBM and CBS match that donation. If the donation is matched, we would like the Vice President to announce the scholarship. We are also working to have an Olympic athlete participate as well. Vice President Gore would introduce the athlete who would talk for a few minutes about the importance of commitment, hard work and education. During this portion of the presentation, the Cyber School home page (with the torch unlit) would be projected on a large LCD monitor.

Vice President Gore would then venture online to light the Cyber School torch and officially open the Cyber School. He would then enter an online auditorium for a 30 minute discussion with school children from around the country and, possibly, a member of the U.S. Olympic team from Japan. During this part of the program, the backdrop could include several large screens displaying simultaneous projections of the Cyber School Home Page (with the flame unlit until the Vice President lights it), a map of the U.S. with the torch being passed "virtually" from Cyber School class to Cyber School class, images of the Cyber School sites, athletes and the text of the online discussion. We are also working to link some participants, including an Olympic athlete, into the discussion from Nagano.

Quality Control — To exert some control over the real-time interaction, participants wishing to enter the auditorium would be required to review a short summary of the Cyber School and the purpose and parameters of the online discussion. We would ensure that at least the seventy schools that worked on the Cyber School challenges would participate. Vice President Gore could open the discussion by commending the school kids and the athletes for being part of an important learning experiment that brings together the excitement of the Olympics with the power of technology to achieve a critical goal — better education. A discussion moderator would then invite questions from the audience.

The questions will be screened by a team of moderators and then posted on screen to be answered in real time by the Vice President and the Olympic athletes. To help ensure good questions, we will provide the various schools which have worked on the challenges and the Vice President with an advance set of

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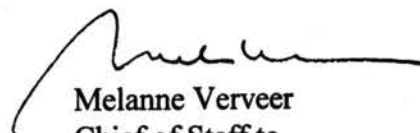
Mr. Edward Kessler
10171 SW 9th Lane
Pembroke Pines, FL 33025

Dear Mr. Kessler:

Thank you very much for your letter and for sharing information on your initiative for Capitol Hill, "Heart of America." I have shared your proposal with the President's Millennium Council.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Edward Kessler

February 2, 1998

Ms. Melanie Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
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17th and Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Vermeer:

Earlier this week I forwarded to your attention a letter and proposal directed at the First Lady, regarding an Initiative I am proposing to revitalize the architecturally significant, historic neighborhood surrounding the Capitol grounds, entitled the "Heart of America" and, to create a **Presidential Preserve**, in the same sector, to commemorate the service of all Presidents to our country.

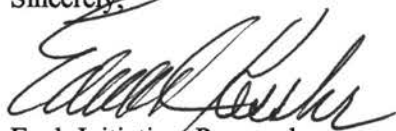
The proposal sent by my part-time assistant was inadvertently a rough copy, containing a few unattended to typos, for which I deeply apologize. As you can imagine, I certainly don't wish to have an unfinished sample of my work potentially circulating around the White House with typos interspersed through it.

I hope you will accept my apology for this oversight and request you remove the former Initiative copy from your records and replace it with the enclosed copy.

Of course, as the content of the proposal is more critical than the presentation, I remain hopeful that given the First Lady's dedication to improving the quality of life and celebrating the historic significance of the District, that this Millennium Celebration oriented concept strikes a positive chord and can be placed on her docket as a program to which she will lend her critical support.

As indicated in my previous letter, I will be in Washington through this week, available at the office of Mr. Philip Beaumont: 202-974 5650, or, thereafter, at my temporary address below, until I relocate to Washington this March.

Sincerely,



Encl: Initiative Proposal

**The
Capitol Hill
“Heart of America” Neighborhood
&
Presidential Preserve
Initiative**

Presented by:

**The
“Heart of America” Society**

Founder: Edward Kessler

February 7, 1998

**The
Capitol Hill
“Heart of America” Neighborhood & Presidential Preserve
Initiative**

Capitol Hill... the “Heart of America” Millennium Commemorative Project

Initiative Objectives:

1. Establish Capitol Hill as America’s 1st Neighborhood - the **“Heart of America”** - thereby creating a living example of life in the new Millennium for our country, and, it’s Capitol City.
2. Establish on Capitol Hill, a special historic district which features an architectural statuary preserve to the memory of, and, to further dignify, the office of the President.
3. Create a new and dynamic appreciation for the value of living in Washington, and, a relevant and fresh, new center of tourism within the Capitol.
4. Initiate the project during 1998 with the objective to be able to demonstrate significant progress by the opening of the Millennium 2000 national celebration.

The Capitol Hill “Heart of America” Society.

The **“Heart of America”** Society would be an organization founded to manage and promote the establishment of a special historic district surrounding the Capitol Hill governmental offices, as a neighborhood designed and maintained so as to represent the best of America to all travelers visiting the US Capitol.

Whether established as a not-for-profit, or, commercial entity, the **“Heart of America”** Society will function as a dedicated leadership group to develop interest, understanding, and, the concrete support necessary to establish the Federal and District of Columbia Government’s commitment to the timely implementation of the laws and statutes required to ensure the project can be realized.

The Society will be dedicated to raising the project’s awareness, and, the funds needed to further support the physical implementation of the project.

The **“Heart of America”** project represents a community based rejuvenation concept which should be embraced by the social, economic, and, political leaders throughout the D.C. community, and, transcends all special interests other than the desire to establish a lasting, uniquely American historic site for posterity .

Capitol Hill has never received the recognition the neighborhood deserves for it’s historic architectural integrity and charm, in part, because it never fully recovered from the images of decay and devastation which occurred in the Sixties. Commercially it remains in idle while other communities have moved assertively forward. Much progress has been made, yet, pockets of unrealized potential remain, and, properties in disrepair. In an age of prosperity, the opportunity to bring the Hill to it’s unrealized potential is within reach.

The District’s overall image, reputation for progress, and, economic well-being would all be greatly enhanced by this neighborhood based Initiative. The nation’s Capitol City should reflect what is great about America, not decay or lost opportunity. The Federal Government and District leaders can provide the incentives for rapid, and, positive change. The moment to accept this timely challenge and historic opportunity is now.

The Special Historic “Heart of America” District & Presidential Preserve

The “**Heart of America**” District... would encompass the area bound by 1st Street on the west, H Street NE on the north, 20th Street on the East, north of E. Capitol St., and, 19th Street south of E. Capitol St., and, K Street SE on the south.

This sector is in relative close proximity - walking distance - to federal governmental venues frequented by tourists, and, is home to many government employees, legislators, and, a highly ethnically diverse community.

The Initiative is based on granting within this area, certain limited restoration and development rights, created through public and private funding, supported by personal/commercial, federal/local tax relief to ensure the area could be actively restored primarily by local residents. The objective is to dramatically improve the sector architecturally, and, landscaping, to create a historical environment equal to Williamsburg VA, or, restored neighborhoods found in cities with historic residential beauty such as San Francisco, Boston, Seattle, etc.

A **Presidential Preserve** would be created by designating the streets within this area by the names of the Presidents, and, a grid designed to allow for inclusion of Presidents through the next two hundred years.

For example, starting with 1st Street, the sector would be divided in half, with E. Capitol St. the north - south dividing line up to 20th Street to the north, and 19th to the south. Ultimately, 8th Street would become the east - west dividing line to increase the number of segments available for dedication to future Presidents.

This grid pattern will create approximately thirty-nine segments west to east, and, forty segments south to north, or, about eighty segments in total.

Ideally, the street designations would begin with the first president, Washington, beginning at numeric 1st Street, and moving up the north side of E. Capitol. Thus, the first twenty presidents would be situated on streets 1st NE through 20th NE. The second set of nineteen presidents would run up the south side of E. Capitol, receiving designations 1st SE through 19th SE, for a total of thirty-nine presidents. The alphabetic streets would begin with Ronald Reagan, the fortieth president, then Presidents Bush and Clinton. An option would be to place statues at random through the area rather than along designated streets. Also, an alternative street selection procedure could be used; the random drawing of the presidential names placed at each street; though it is not believed either alternative best serves the public interest now, or, in the future.

These short new streets would be called “Ways”, and, would maintain as a second, subordinate address locator. This present numeric or alphabetic designation could be used indefinitely, or, for a short period. An address would therefore consist of “**221 Washington Way** - 1st - NE”, or, “**322 Reagan Way** - A - SE”.

Independence and Constitution Avenues would remain so named, as well as state named avenues such as Massachusetts Avenue. Existing short “Places” and “Terraces” located in the designated sector could also be given more fitting historic names, perhaps war heroes, generals, civil rights leaders, or, Supreme Court heads.

The designated area, ideally, would receive a new postal zip code designation “20000” to signify it’s special historic importance. Surrounding zips could be realigned to achieve necessary postal operational efficiency.

The Presidential Preserve...At the corner of each “Way”, running first along E. Capitol Street west from the Capitol towards the east, and, later as required, on 1st and 8th Streets, from the Capitol north and south, bronze life-size statues on stone bases of each President would be “stationed” along the sidewalk / property lines of the homes, at the corners where each “Way” began. The effect would be to create a magnificent line of statuary down these primary streets commemorating presidential service to the country. Each statue would feature a plaque carrying personal data on each president and a tribute to their finest hour in office.

Architectural Enhancement of the “Heart of America” Neighborhood

The proposed “**Heart of America**” neighborhood is primarily a residential area centered on Capitol Hill which for the past decade has continued to experience gradual improvement in its housing stock. The pace of housing and commercial values and residential upgrading in this area, however, has not kept up with the renovation trends found in most similar environs throughout the country.

Problems in the perception of lifestyle for living in the District have hindered this important, historically intact, and, potentially elegantly beautiful neighborhood from achieving the quality of life found today even within other sections of the District, or, equal in character to neighborhoods prevailing just beyond the Beltway.

This sector also represents an ideal cross section of a racially and demographically diverse population; all of whom would benefit considerably, economically and spiritually, from the creation of this special historic district, created to represent the entire country through its commitment to community pride and excellence.

The commercial strips of Pennsylvania and Maryland Avenues, and, H Street NE, each serve a different ethnic and demographic population segment. All would benefit aesthetically by renovation, and, commercially, by the traffic that more interesting and beautified entertainment and retail environs would bring to these areas. The corner shops and grocers interspersed along many residential streets would also take on new usage and value.

The proposed operational plan for this endeavor is based on the premise to keep the redevelopment, and, responsibility for its implementation, to as great a degree possible, in the private sector of the community, and, non-political, with limited financial incentives provided property owners, via federal and local tax relief support, and, private/corporate funding for public architectural enhancements such as the presidential statuary, historic street lighting, etc. Normal public improvement monies available for repair and replacement of the existing physical plant would be planned to support the overall upgrade of the special district.

Architecturally, the objectives would be: 1. to create an environment conducive to tourist walking tours, providing exposure, and, therefore a greater appreciation for the historic values and beauty of America's Capitol City, 2. increase the level of safety and general economic welfare of the city, and, 3. to achieve these goals without excessive involvement, or, financial responsibility by either the Federal or District governments.

Improved landscaping and care represents a key component to the Initiative, to show how the quality of urban life can be enhanced from the appropriate and creative use of flowers, bushes, trees, etc. in a community. The seasonal nature of the D.C. area provides an underutilized opportunity on the Hill to bring out even more fully the potential beauty of this neighborhood, and, for it to be so easily enjoyed by visitors from everywhere.

The communal interaction and sense of responsibility for keeping one's private and public community landscaping beautiful will also bring a new appreciation, interaction, and, harmony among the Hill's diverse neighbors; a key local social benefit resulting from the implementation of the Initiative.

The “**Heart of America**” Millennium Commemoration Initiative is designed to create on the Hill a glimpse of America at its best. The scale of the housing stock in this proposed area reflects American life at every income standard; for residences in the special sector range from small farm-like houses to grand mansions, with the great preponderance of homes fitting in the middle - - just like across America.

The millions of US, and, foreign visitors to America's seat of political power should experience our country in its most positive light. One shouldn't have to visit Atlanta or San Francisco to see the pride and beauty that comes from tending to one's home. It should be found centered right at the heart of our nation's capitol; not only over in exclusively affluent Georgetown, but atop middle class grounded Capitol Hill.

Proposed Financial Incentives for Residential Property Owners, Commercial Owners/Tenants, Donors.

Every reasonable financial incentive to participate in this Initiative and to improve the exterior of the properties in the special district should be given to the present and next set of property owners within this special sector. To those who might cry out “special treatment”, the reply is simple; for the proposed area holds the unique potential to uplift the entire D.C. community by demonstrating life in Washington is as good as life anywhere in America. The Society founder believes the government’s revenue resulting from this Initiative will far exceed the limited loss of revenue from the proposed tax relief incentives limited to a six year period. These limited incentives for local owners could take the form of the following:

1. Tax deduction relief of limited deductions for six years, for direct expenses incurred in architectural, external renovation / improvement of properties in the designated area. Example: a maximum total of \$75,000 of tax relief, with no more than \$30,000 in a given year.
2. No increase in property taxes, or, reassessment for a period of six years following the granting of D.C. renovation permits for improvement or renovation.
3. Landscaping tax relief equal similar to the above, limited to \$20,000 in total, and, \$5,000 in a given year. This would include items such as: ornamental yard railings, porch stairs, walkways, walls, and, public sidewalk repair, or, historically correct renovation, landscaping and pruning, architectural artforms etc..
4. If the present owner does not take advantage of these incentives, and, make approved improvements, the first owner to occupy the property that does, will receive the tax benefits.
5. While no additional limiting historic renovation guidelines should be created, the D.C. property assessor’s office would be responsible to monitor and sign-off when improvements had been completed and paid.

For private or corporate donations made by citizens to the **Presidential Preserve**, for costs of statuary, public property improvements, e.g., historic street lighting, etc., in the “**Heart of America**” neighborhood district, the same Federal Tax relief benefits should apply, regardless of their residency, private or corporate, thereby allowing all Americans to participate, and, if desired, benefit from limited tax relief incentives.

Special New Capitol Hill Celebratory Events

In keeping with a revitalized and beautified historic Capitol Hill “**Heart of America**” neighborhood district, and, **Presidential Preserve**, the Society suggests the institutionalizing of two “**America Founding Days**” celebrations on the Hill. These would occur around early May, and, mid October to take advantage of the natural beauty of the seasons in Washington.

The key theme to these two, annual, weekend events, would be the wearing of historic costumes by Hill residents, and, whomever else wished to participate. An Easter Parade type of event based in front of the Capitol could be featured for which trophies would be awarded for the finest costuming, historic personality characterizations, or, a march of the presidents and first ladies, in historic costume, carriages, whatever one might produce to celebrate Washington’s glorious past. Open houses, or walking tours, could also be offered.

The “**Heart of America**” Society could establish two seasonal costume cotillions, one in May at the Library of Congress, and, one in October at Union Station, designed to raise funds to continually improve the public physical plant within the historic designated “**Heart of America**” neighborhood.

The Next Steps

As only the originator of this Initiative to create a progressive, revitalized Capitol Hill presently exists, the primary objective now is to muster a cadre of supporters dedicated to establish a viable Society organization, a charter, and, funding methodology. The opinions and ideas of Hill residents and city leaders are fundamental to taking this concept, and, bringing it to reality. This presentation is designed to directly solicit your involvement, and, hopefully, your support for the Initiative.

**The
Capitol Hill
“Heart of America” Society
Membership and Funding**

Membership and Volunteer Cadre

This Initiative holds the potential to establish Capitol Hill as one of the most desirable, exciting neighborhoods in which to live in America. However, without your support and commitment, the concept to revitalize this historically valued neighborhood, thereby creating a national treasure, will remain only an idea on paper.

The core membership for this Initiative must come from property owners and commercial operators on the Hill. The potential lifestyle and economic benefits of reinvigorating life on the Hill is obvious. Issues such as property values, safety, and, commercial activity will all be positively impacted if the Hill becomes a new focal point of social and commercial activity in the District.

The potential for greater social interaction among neighbors, and, the participation in new, nationally recognized events and celebrations, will bring new life and energy to the Hill, to be shared by families and individuals who actively support these functions.

Because of the physical layout of the residential area targeted for revitalization, the impact of more day foot traffic will have no negative impact on the quiet lifestyle present on the Hill, and, if anything, will increase the general level of security which comes with the greater presence of people on the streets.

The founder of the “**Heart of America**” Society, requests you give full consideration to this plan, and, show your personal commitment to it’s implementation by providing a donation to support the development of a comprehensive and creative program to make the Initiative a reality. As the Society is presently not designated as a not - for - profit organization, your personal financial offering is not tax deductible. As a commercial operator, however, as a form of promotion, it may well be deductible, but it is recommended that you speak with your attorney or accountant in this regard.

Whether governmental bodies provide all the financial incentives to support this Initiative, or, only a few key ones, the fundamental values grounding this Initiative are financially sound, and, socially relevant.

Funding Programs

Society Membership...Founding Individual and Corporate Membership in the Society are now available. For each, there are four suggested levels of participation, as follows:

<u>Individual Membership</u>		<u>Corporate Membership</u>	
First Secretary	\$5,000 +	First Secretary	\$10,000 +
Governor	\$1,000 +	Governor	\$ 2,500 +
Senator	\$ 300 +	Senator	\$ 600 +
Representative	\$ 100 +	Representative	\$ 250 +

Members shall receive a membership card, and, various rights of participation in events to be determined, such as, for First Secretaries and Governors, free entry to sponsored seasonal Society cotillions, etc.

The Society founder is presently considering and developing operating systems, procedures, and, programs to build awareness and support within the leadership community of the Federal and District governments, members of the District Oversight Committee in the Congress and, corporate / commercial executives with an interest in the development of the designated area, and, of the district at large.

Supporting the Initiative

Key to this first nurturing phase, is creating a cadre of volunteers with personal contact to natural supporters of this Initiative; to gain their commitment and credibility that such a project must enjoy in order to succeed.

The substantive value of financial contributions goes beyond the need for funding to operate effectively. Such contributions give essential credibility to the Initiative, and, are a proven way to indicate to the community - at - large that the Initiative is an important and viable project.

The Society will strive to develop these critical relationships and funding sources and continually refine the direction of the Initiative as opinions and ideas are forthcoming from the community.

The Initiative provides the District with the ideal affirmation and focus that are indicators it is succeeding in the healing process it has undertaken. The present Administration plans for celebrating Millennium 2000 provides the perfect backdrop for the rapid and creative impementation of the **"Heart of America" Neighborhood & Presidential Preserve** Initiative to bring a new and exciting national treasure to the Nation's Capitol.

All that is needed now is the commitment of a cadre of dedicated Hill volunteers and contributors to succeed.

Notes on the Society Founder

Mr. Edward Kessler was a Capitol Hill residential property owner on "C" Street NE from 1989 - 92. A graduate of Stanford University in political science, he has had a long career in the marketing and advertising business based in New York, San Francisco, Atlanta, and, in volunteerism domestically and in Central/Eastern Europe. He is in the process of returning to the Hill to live permanently.

Mr. Kessler has restored historic residences as a hobby in San Francisco, Washington, New York City and Salem NY, and, Atlanta.

Having lived and/or visited in every major city in the US and Europe, Mr. Kessler believes the Capitol Hill neighborhood represents one of the most historically beautiful, yet, undervalued residential and retail stocks in America. It also represents one of the great living treasures of the nation, and, he believes, deserves to be restored and enhanced to it full charm and quality of life; as a living example of what's best in America.

He wishes to dedicate his experience and entire effort to this Initiative challenge, which he believes to be a once in a lifetime opportunity for himself and present Capitol Hill residents to give back to the community, and, to create a world class architectural destination. In doing so, life on the Hill will become an ever increasingly enriching social, and, economically rewarding experience.

For more information on this Initiative, or, how to participate in it's development, Mr. Kessler can be presently reached in Florida at 954 431 7428, or, through Mr. Philip Beaumont, at 202 974 5650.

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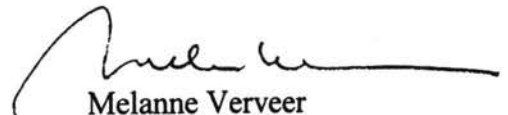
Dr. Miguel Kamat
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Dear Dr. Kamat:

Thank you very much for your letter and materials on the important work you are doing. I have brought them to the attention of the First Lady and others here working on women's health.

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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Dear Ms. Verveer:

I am writing, at the suggestion of Tamra Bentsen, to request you to please ensure that the enclosed interview of mine on the 'Underserved' reaches the desk of the First Lady. I work closely with Tamra, Roseanne Domenici and others in the National Race for the Cure here in Washington.

I am a radiologist, specialized in Mammography, and very involved with the Race, where I serve on the Communications and Grants Committees and as Medical Advisor to the International Committee. I have a special interest in the 'Underserved' and in fact spoke on this theme at our Grants Awards Luncheon this past Wednesday. For some years now, I have been very active in the field of health education and communications regarding breast and prostate cancer, speaking and writing on the subject to a variety of audiences.

I am also an active Democrat - and in fact got to know Tamra and her husband, Texas Congressman Ken Bentsen, during the elections last year when I volunteered to help in his reelection campaign. At the time I lived in Houston, and was actively engaged in helping the Clinton-Gore Coordinated Campaign effort, and several judicial campaigns. Currently, I serve as Chair of the Communications Committee of the Maryland Democratic Party, and am attempting to help the DNC with Latino and Portuguese outreach.

Thank you once again for bringing the enclosed interview and articles to the attention of the First Lady. I hope to hear from you in the near future.

With best wishes,

Miguel Kamat

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The Hon. Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady of the United States
The White House

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I was so pleased when I learned that in the President's recent Radio address on breast cancer you stressed how important it was for us to "reach women who, because of income, language or cultural barriers, are the least likely to get mammograms." I wanted to share with you an interview (enclosed) I gave in October's issue of the magazine *Diagnostic Imaging (Breast Center Management supplement)* in which I stressed this very point, that we have to reach the underserved if we are to make true inclusive progress in decreasing mortality rates from breast cancer, realizing that the underserved are not synonymous with the poor, but include, in addition, those who face language and cultural barriers, the elderly and rural women with inadequate access to mammography services. I thought you might be happy to know that there are folks doing work in this area!

I am a radiologist, specialized in breast cancer, and very active in the area of communications and public health (please see CV). I have tried in particular to work with linguistic minorities in this country, using some of my languages - I speak Portuguese, Spanish, German, French, Italian, Arabic and some Japanese.

I am an active Democrat - in the last election in Houston, with Clinton-Gore, Congressman Ken Bentsen's reelection and several other campaigns, and currently with the Maryland Democratic Party (I chair their communications committee) and the DNC (helping with Latino and Portuguese outreach). Given my background in communications, languages, writing and public health issues, especially breast cancer, and my belief in this Administration, I would be very happy to help you or your staff with presentations, background briefings, writing or any outreach work in these areas. Please let me know if there is anything I could do to help. I live in Rockville, MD and may be reached at the above numbers.

Once again, may I say how proud I am of you and the President, and of all you do for our country,

With every good wish,

Miguel R. Kamat

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40 to 49 than it is for women aged 50 to 69."

However, the marginal cost per year of life saved for women in their 40s is similar to that of other accepted medical prevention and treatment programs, including screening for and treatment of hypertension, coronary artery bypass surgery, and hemodialysis for renal disease, Sickles said.

Another issue discussed was the cost-effectiveness of mammographic screening of all women.

"There is no clear consensus on the optimal breast cancer screening strategy," said Dr. Karen Lindfors, a professor of radiology at the University of California, Davis. "Guidelines advocated by the American Cancer Society (annual screening for all women after age 40) are the least cost-effective. The most cost-effective strategy that includes women in their 40s is annual screening from age 40 to 49, with biennial screening after age 50."

Reaching underserved takes sensitivity to cultural differences

BREAST CENTERS MAY BE SHIRKING their ethical responsibility and missing out financially if they fail to target underserved populations for screening mammography. Unless the women who compose that population are encouraged to undergo screening, compliance may never surpass the current low levels.

The underserved are not synonymous with racial minorities, noted Dr. Miguel Kamat, a Washington, DC, radiologist and a member of the American Cancer Society's National Task Force on Cancer in the Poor and Underserved.

"There are minorities who are not underserved and there are underserved who are not minorities. The latter include the elderly and people in rural populations," Kamat said.

Kamat's assessment of various underserved populations includes the following:

- **Rural women.** Many live far from medical services and are reluctant or find it difficult to travel to dis-

TRENDS IN BREAST CANCER SURVIVAL BY RACE AND YEAR OF DIAGNOSIS, U.S., 1960-92

Race	Relative five-year survival rate (%)				
	1960-63	1970-73	1974-76	1980-82	1986-92
White	63%	68%	75%	77%	85%
African-American	46%	51%	63%	66%	70%

Source: American Cancer Society

tant locations for mammography.

- **Hispanics.** Some Hispanic women are fearful of undergoing a breast examination for cultural reasons, and may be unable to afford screening mammography.

- **Migrant workers.** Many of these women are uncomfortable asking their employers about healthcare services, including screening mammography, even though it may be available. Lack of transportation is often a problem.

- **The elderly.** Many live on fixed incomes and cannot afford mammography. Transportation is also often a problem. Many of these women fear that if cancer is found, the treatment may be as debilitating as the disease, which further dissuades them from undergoing screening. Elderly women are aware that at best, screening will detect cancer near the end of their lifetime and treatment may not prolong their lives.

- **Native Americans.** Many older Native American women have a negative attitude about screening mammography based on previous experiences or past lack of availability of screening.

"Screening programs can be tailored to each group," Kamat said. "For rural women, teleradiology would make the service more available. For Native Americans, home-care professionals could go to the reservations to provide screening mammography. The key word here is acculturation: being culturally and linguistically sensitive, and tuning in to the feelings of the community."

Studies bear that perspective out. A 1995 study by the American Cancer Society (*Cancer* [suppl] 1996;78: 1633-1637) concluded that careful prioritization, resource allocation, and a commitment to the Native

American group can result in partnerships with the community, which might result in more timely cancer control interventions.

"Building and sustaining these partnerships takes time and thoughtful exploration of issues and concerns to develop mutual trust and respect," the study found. "Both cancer centers and tribal communities can benefit by recognizing that shared power, as a reciprocal value, can benefit the whole."

Although each group represents a small portion of the total number of women who fail to undergo regular screening, in combination they may represent a substantial population—perhaps up to half of all eligible women, Kamat said. Breast centers have an obligation to encourage these women to undergo regular mammography, even if there is no financial benefit for the centers.

"One of the problems is that little research has been done to aggregate them as a whole," Kamat said. "It's hard to put numbers together and say that a certain percentage of rural, elderly, and black women are underserved. I'd say that between one-third and one-half of women over age 40 could be categorized as underserved."

What might be done to reach these groups? Teleradiology may eventually make screening more available to rural women, and Medicare could cover the cost of screening elderly women annually instead of biennially.

Despite the moral imperative to reach out to the underserved, breast centers are missing the boat, in part because reimbursement is so low, Kamat said.

"I don't think breast centers are that interested in the underserved," he said.

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Miguel Kamat is a dynamic young physician, who has accomplished much in his chosen field of breast cancer. As a clinician and mammographer, trained in public health, he has taken a lead in public education regarding breast cancer, especially among underserved communities, speaking and writing extensively in English, Spanish and Portuguese. Coming from a bicultural Portuguese and Indian background, he speaks several languages. His work in promoting mammography, both in the United States and internationally, has been featured in several US, Portuguese, Spanish and Indian print and television media.

Mammography & Public Health training

Physician; residency - Radiology, Fellowship - Mammography
Masters in Public Health (Health Policy) from Harvard University

Health Communications skills

Strong written and oral communication skills: has written for Texas Cancer News, Cancer Currents and other news periodicals; has spoken to womens groups & media about breast cancer and Womens' Health in English, Spanish and Portuguese. Work featured in Harvard Public Health Review, O Jornal, American College of Radiology Bulletin, Goa Today, News India, India Abroad, Indo-American News etc.

SENIOR POSITIONS: member, Board of Directors, & Chair Cancer Detection Committee (Montgomery), American Cancer Society; Medical Advisor, International Committee, & member, Communications committee, National Race for the Cure; Chair Clinical Standards Subgroup, Jt. Federal Telemedicine Working Grp

International expertise & Languages

Speaks 7 foreign languages: English, Spanish, Portuguese, German, French, Italian, Arabic, Japanese, and some Turkish and Russian. Training in International Public Health & Development at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. International work in mammography featured in Harvard Public Health Review & the widely read magazine Goa Today (cover interview).

Political experience

Chair, Communications Committee, Maryland Democratic Party. Board of Directors, Rockville/Mid-County Democratic Breakfast Club. Assisting Democratic National Committee (DNC) with Latino, Portuguese outreach and possibly, communications. Attended course in communications at DNC night school (1997). Very active in Campaign '96: Clinton-Gore Coordinated Campaign, Congressman Ken Bentsen (25th District) reelection and several judicial races in Texas, Precinct Coordinator in Houston.

Doctors from Goa promote Women's Health

BY LURDES C. DA SILVA

The most common type of cancer among American women is breast cancer and in the state of Massachusetts alone it accounts for 32% of cases—up from 29% in 1982.

Dr. Miguel Rodrigues e Correia-Kamat, a Fellow in Mammography and Breast Imaging at Faulkner Hospital in Boston, is actively involved in spreading awareness on the importance of mammography in detecting breast cancer. He is not alone in his mission since he has the support and help of his sister, Dr. Brinda Analise Rodrigues-Kamat, a Pathologist specializing in women's pathology at Mount Auburn Hospital, Cambridge. They both hold degrees in Public Health from Harvard University.

Together, they are getting out the very important message that breast cancer is a grave public health hazard, which could be detected early, through self-examination of the breasts and regular mammography. With this in mind, they have given several lectures throughout the world, including Goa, Bombay, Germany and England. As a matter of fact, Dr. Miguel Kamat has spent a month at the Universidade Nova, Hospital de Santa Maria e Hospital Pulido Valente—all in Lisbon.

According to Dr. Brinda Kamat, the two are presently "collaborating on a symposium to be presented in Goa. It will be a combination of radiology and pathology and its main goal is to spread the idea on breast cancer awareness and new techniques not just to different colleagues and colleges, but also to the public." In India, too, breast cancer is the most common type of cancer among women.

The success of the team work of brother and sister relies on the fact that "we complement each other because we are so different," stated Dr. Brinda Kamat. "I have a very detailed scientific approach, and he sees things in a very general



Dr. Miguel Kamat and Dr. Brinda Kamat at O Jornal.

way. I think that is because of his background in History. You need a broad view to understand where you are but you also need a narrow view to take you to the next step. We hope to have more projects together.

Dr. Miguel Kamat, who speaks Portuguese, Spanish, German, French, Italian and Arabic, is currently working with the American Cancer Society to produce a video about breast cancer in Portuguese. He has given lectures at União Continental Portuguesa-Harvard, Coimbra Club, Brown University, University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, Portuguese Genealogical and Historical Society and Portuguese Channel and hopes to develop other materials in Portuguese.

BREAST CANCER PREVENTION

Mammography, while it does not prevent breast cancer, is a form of preventive medicine

tors," said Dr. Miguel Kamat.

Thus, it is very important that women who are 40 years or older have mammograms every year because a tumor could be detected when it is very small—long before it becomes readily apparent as a lump—with a much better chance of being cured.

Asked about signs or symptoms a woman should look for, he answered "Hopefully, you should not have any if you go regularly for a mammogram; however, the most common sign is a lump, which in most cases is benign. If it is cancerous, it may be accompanied by changes in the skin, redness or thickening, enlarged lymph nodes under the arm pit and sometimes skin lesions or discharge."

The fear that most people have about mammography is regarding radiation, but according to Dr. Miguel Kamat the breasts are not sensitive to it beyond the age of 35. He feels that mammography has a very bright future in the current primary care oriented environment, as it is relatively inexpensive, cost-effective, and has a preventive care oriented focus.

GOA AND THEIR PORTUGUESE BACKGROUND

The Kamats are originally from Goa—for-
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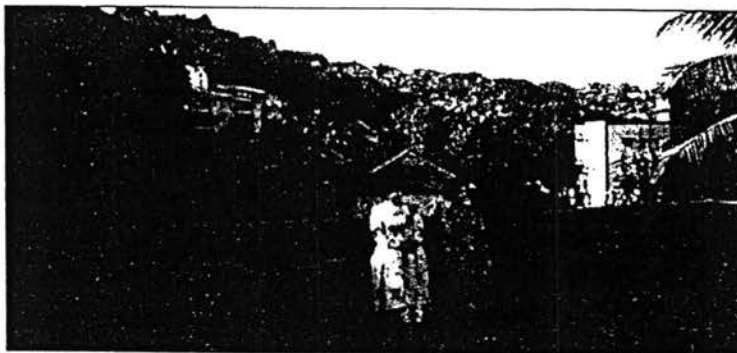
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Doctors from Goa promote Women's Health

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Dr. Brinda Kamat(at left) in Goa. At right, Dr. Miguel Kamat at the Goa Medical College.

merly a Portuguese territory annexed by India in 1961.

Dr. Miguel Kamat came to the United States in 1978. His interest in History and Portuguese cultural background influenced him to pursue a BA in History at Dartmouth College and write a thesis on 16th century Portuguese maritime history. At one point, he considered doing some research about Portuguese medical history and Garcia da Orta.

According to Dr. Kamat, "The Portuguese culture in Goa is a 'cultura vivante.'" It is present in every aspect of everyday life, from basic structures to the way people dress. For instance, widows dress in black and brides wear white unlike the Hindus, who consider white and red mourning and nuptial colors, respectively.

The similarities between Portugal and Goa are numerous: people kiss on both cheeks when they meet; play the Portuguese guitar and sing fados; prepare Portuguese dishes; have large weddings; live a laid-back lifestyle and take siestas. Each village has a church, which is very characteristic of Goa and quite different from the Mainland. Churches, that by law are still the tallest buildings in town, are white-washed every year as it was customary under Portuguese rule. Close to 50% of the 1 million residents follow the Catholic religion and most names are of Portuguese origin: Fátima, António, José, Isabel and Ana Maria, among others.

India is very respectful of Catholic Churches, especially of Basilica de Bom Jesus, the oldest basilica East of Rome, which was built to enshrine the miraculously preserved body of São Francisco Xavier.

"Even though not everyone speaks Portuguese, people still have a Portuguese way of speaking and thinking. It's very hard to express in words... There is a local language called Konkani, which is much more soft spoken than the neighboring Indian languages. There are so many Portuguese words in it. Some examples are *balcão* for balcony and *pão* for bread," said Dr. Miguel Kamat.

His sister stated, "When growing up I could see the different ways between Goa and the rest of India, I didn't fully understand them until we went to Portugal and saw the similarities."

OCCUPATION/INDEPENDENCE OF GOA

Goa, the capital of the Portuguese Empire in the Orient, was conquered by Afonso de Albuquerque in 1510. The territory, about 250 miles South of Bombay, was annexed by India in 1961.

According to Dr. Kamat the issue of occupation/independence was a very complex situation. At the time, India was ruled by a Democracy while Portugal was under a dictatorship. "This raised questions of morality. How can you take the side of a dictatorship 5000 miles away?"

Nowadays, many families can still trace their Portuguese lineage and roots to Europe. "Since I was born at a time India was taking over Goa, my parents thought it would be nice to use our Indian name; hence, he researched church records and found the name Kamat. Our father is Rodrigues not Kamat."

Portugal, Brazil, Goa and the vast maritime Empire—magic casements opening wide...

By DR. MIGUEL RODRIGUES E CORREIA-KAMAT

Portuguese studies generally tend to be under emphasized in the contest of Latin American and Iberian scholarship, which is usually weighted toward its Spanish component.

However Portuguese speaking countries play a key role in today's world—Portugal is an active member of the European Union; Brazil is in the Mercosur, and the global girdle of Brazil, Angola, Mozambique, Goa, Timor and Macao share a common Portuguese heritage. It is hoped therefore that the following brief historical review will enkindle a desire to learn more of this legacy.

The three points that anchored this vast seaborne empire were Portugal in the north, Brazil in the west and Goa in the east, constituting an enormous triangle that encompassed and controlled vast stretches of ocean, which was the key to the Portuguese empire establishment.

The territorial situation of the Portuguese, their disposition and skill in cartography had shaped them into a maritime nation which had been fired by a spirit of exploration fostered by Prince Henry the Navigator. In rapid succession Madeira (1419), the Azores (1439) and Cape Verde (1456-60) were discovered, followed by Bartholomeu Dias' rounding off the Cape of Good Hope in 1488, Vasco da Gama's voyage to India in 1498 and Pedro Alvares Cabral's arrival in Brazil in 1500.

THE EASTERN HALF OF THE EMPIRE

The Portuguese were a crusading nation continuing in the East the momentum which had freed the Iberian peninsula from Moslem Moorish control. Now it was the spice trade that had to be wrested from Moslem hands. For the Portuguese, the economic and religious motivation were closely intertwined.

It was Afonso de Albuquerque who was the real founder of the Portuguese Empire, conquering Goa in 1510 and linking together thirty Portuguese colonies between Persia and China with squadrons based in Goa. Golden Goa, the Rome of the Orient, served henceforth as the seat of the Eastern Empire—the viceroyalty, the patriarchate and innumerable religious houses were based here, which led

Rémy, a 16th century French traveller, to exclaim "He who has seen Goa need not see Lisbon".

The Portuguese Empire attained its apogee in the wonderful exuberance of 16th century Lisbon. Imports of exquisite brocades and jewelry produced a realignment of political power, for every nation was impelled to envious emulation by the sight of heavily laden carracks bringing fabulous cargoes into Lisbon harbor.

THE WESTERN HALF OF THE EMPIRE

When the Portuguese under Pedro Alvares Cabral landed in Brazil in 1500, they called it the Island of the True Cross, not realizing it was actually a vast continent! Later they began to appreciate the commercial properties of the new land, principally Brazil-wood, which was very useful in the textile industry because of its scarlet dye, and the sugar industry which called for ample land and the available cheap labor. Hence interlopers like the French who also had a valuable textile industry were destroyed by an armada dispatched from Portugal in 1530.

Thereafter the entire coast was parcelled out into hereditary captaincies on lease in lieu of money, but in 1549 the Crown stepped in, establishing a formal Governor-Generalship in Porto Seguro, thus bringing political statehood to Brazil. It was the imaginative ambiance of Brazil that caused Daniel Defoe to create his famed Robinson Crusoe.

CONCLUSION

The 16th and 17th centuries were the age of mariners and their discoveries. The Portuguese in establishing their global maritime empire contributed immeasurably to the mosaic of European civilization. Portuguese speaking communities and nations continue to play an active role in today's world, epitomizing the tribute paid by the national 16th century poet laureate Luis de Camões:

Não vos hão de faltar, Gente Famosa
Honra, valor e fama gloriosa!

You were never wanting in honor, famous race
nor valor nor glorious renown.

El cáncer del seno

Dr. Miguel Kamat
El Día

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Segunda y última parte

Y ahora, algunas nuevas menos comúnmente empleadas, pero muy estimulantes técnicas en el campo de captaciones de imágenes del seno.

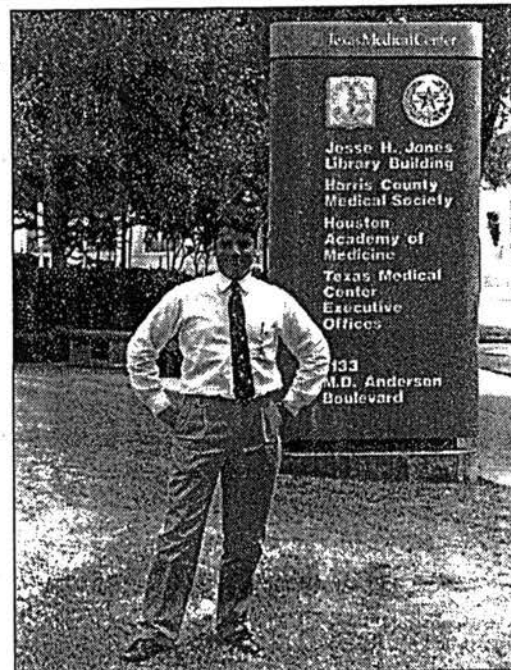
Gamagrama con contraste de material radioisótopo, una prueba que utiliza isótopos radioactivos, está basada en la premisa que el cáncer del seno acumula el isótopo (un compuesto de tecnecio, un agente farmacéutico que se usa muy comunmente en medicina), mientras que las condiciones benignas no. Esta técnica ha estado disponible por algún tiempo ya para estudiar el corazón, pero las aplicaciones al seno son relativamente nuevas. Pruebas de multi-

centros están en proceso alrededor del país, y el jurado está afuera todavía, pero pronto lo sabremos.

Imágenes de Resonancia Magnética MRI también se aplican al seno, especialmente para evaluación de implantes para integridad. Todos probablemente estén familiarizados con la MRI porque tiene numerosos usos dentro del cuerpo. Ahora hasta existe un ián especial para el seno y creo que tenemos uno en nuestro propio estado de Texas.

Finalmente, un nuevo instrumento de biopsia llamado "Mammotoime" está causando una ráfaga de agitación entre los círculos radiológicos, es un aparato especial para biopsia el cual acertadamente puede tomar varias muestras de una zona minúscula mientras que una aspiradora anexa rápidamente aspira las muestras centrales fuera del seno. ¡Espérela pronto en un hospital grande cerca de usted!

Bueno, espero que este resumen breve le haya dado a usted, el lector, una idea de la extensiva variedad de equipo diagnóstico



DR. MIGUEL KAMAT.

que constituye el campo de captaciones de imágenes del seno. Es un campo excitante, y esperamos que una apreciación de las varias posibilidades lo hagan un paciente mejor informado durante su próxima visita a su centro del seno.

No hay piedras semipreciosas ni mujeres semiembarazadas

RIO DE JANEIRO, Reuter - La fortuna del joyero más famoso de Brasil, H. Stern, aumenta rápidamente. Es que cada vez son más las brasileñas que pueden pagar

la sede, localizado en el elegante sector de Ipanema, en Río. Se pueden encontrar tiendas de H. Stern en Estados Unidos, el Caribe, la mayoría de los países de América del Sur,

Ningún país del mundo tiene tantos tipos diferentes de piedras preciosas como Brasil. Este país cuenta con la producción mundial de cerca del 90 por ciento de las aguamarinas, 75

Stern. En este país están la mitad de sus joyerías, con un 70 por ciento de los ingresos de la compañía.

Los brasileños son los que compran el 80 por ciento de sus

Padres se asocia enfrenta

MONTEVIDEO, EFE.- Preparados decenas de mamaderas (biberones) al día, cambi treinta pañales, lavar ropa s parar, atender los llantos por general simultáneos, y sobre a la experiencia son algunos los desafíos que afrontan l socios de la Asociación Apoyo a Gemelares Múltipl del Uruguay.

El grupo, de reciente creación, reúne a unos ochenta padres de trillizos y cuatrillizos y lo preside Cristina Armele, madre de las trillizas Micaela Mariana y Camila, de ocho años.

"Sólo las personas que han vivido la experiencia de tener varios hijos en un mismo parto saben las dificultades que ello representa", afirmó.

Armele aseguró que "cada uno no te alcanzan las manos para tratar de atender todo lo que necesitan los hijos, sobre todo en los primeros años de vida, siempre parece poco el tiempo que se les brinda".

Los integrantes de la asociación de prolíficos se reúnen mensualmente con una psicóloga, experta en el asunto de los hijos múltiples, para tratar

Breast imaging

Exciting approaches to breast cancer

Breast Cancer, that scourge of public health planners, is still #1 among cancers in women in this country and abroad. Although, according to the latest statistics, the overall mortality rate has dropped, the death rate is still on the rise among African-American women. But the good news is that there are exciting, new diagnostic tests available which, when combined with time-tested screening methods like mammography, constitute a comprehensive and effective diagnostic approach to this dreadful disease.

Mammography

Mammography, of course, is still the mainstay of early breast cancer detection. Typically, two x-rays of each breast are taken, sometimes supplemented by additional special views which aid in detection and localization of lesions within the breast tissue. It is very important to be regular with your mammogram, annually after age 50, and once within two years between ages 40 and 50, and to combine this health-promoting practice with an annual physical and monthly breast self-examination.

Breast Ultrasound

Having studied your mammogram, your radiologist may perform an ultrasound for a variety of reasons. He or she may wish to determine whether a lesion is a cyst (not of great clinical concern unless it is causing you discomfort) or solid (which may require further work-up, depending on its features on ultrasound). Ultrasound, a safe technique not involving exposure to

radiation, can also be helpful in the work-up of a lump, or to better examine dense breasts in young women.

Ultrasound is also used to guide interventional procedures in the breast, such as aspiration of cysts (which makes you feel better), or core biopsies. A core biopsy is a procedure wherein a very small piece of a lesion (the core) is obtained with a fine needle through a single skin puncture hole and done under local anesthesia to minimize pain. It does not involve surgery, hospitalization or immobilization of any sort, and provides useful information as to whether a lesion is benign or malignant. This information is very helpful to the surgeon, should he be planning an operation.

Stereotaxis

Stereotaxis is a form of mammographic visualization wherein, with the help of a computer and using geometric principles, very fine calcifications can be localized, and a needle used to either sample them, or to facilitate their removal by the surgeon. Again, this procedure is done under local anesthesia to minimize pain and in an outpatient setting, and it does not actually involve surgery. While on the subject of calcifications, I would like to reassure our readers that not all calcifications are malignant;

as a matter of fact, the majority are benign, and by studying the shape, size, number and distribution of calcifications appearing on the



Miguel Kamat, MD

mammogram, the radiologist comes to a decision as to their nature.

And now, some newer, less commonly used, but very exciting techniques in the field of breast imaging...

Sestamibi Scintimammography, a test using radioactive isotopes, is based on the premise that breast cancers accumulate the isotope (a compound of technetium, a pharmaceutical agent which is used very commonly in medicine), whereas benign conditions would not. This technique has been available for some time to study the heart, but applications in the breast are relatively new. Multicenter trials are going on around the country, and the jury is still out, but we shall soon know...

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is also being applied to the breast, especially to evaluate breast implants for integrity. Everybody is probably familiar with MRI because it has numerous uses within the body. Now there is even a special breast magnet, and I believe we have one in our very own state of Texas!

Finally, a new biopsy instrument called the Mammotome is causing a flurry of excitement among radiological circles - it is a special biopsy device that can accurately obtain several samples from a tiny area while an attached vacuum whisks the core sample out of the breast. Expect it soon at a large hospital near you!

Well, I hope this brief summary has given you, the reader, a feel for the sweeping variety of diagnostic tools constituting the field of breast imaging. It is an exciting field, and an appreciation of the various possibilities will hopefully make you a better informed patient on your next visit to the breast center.

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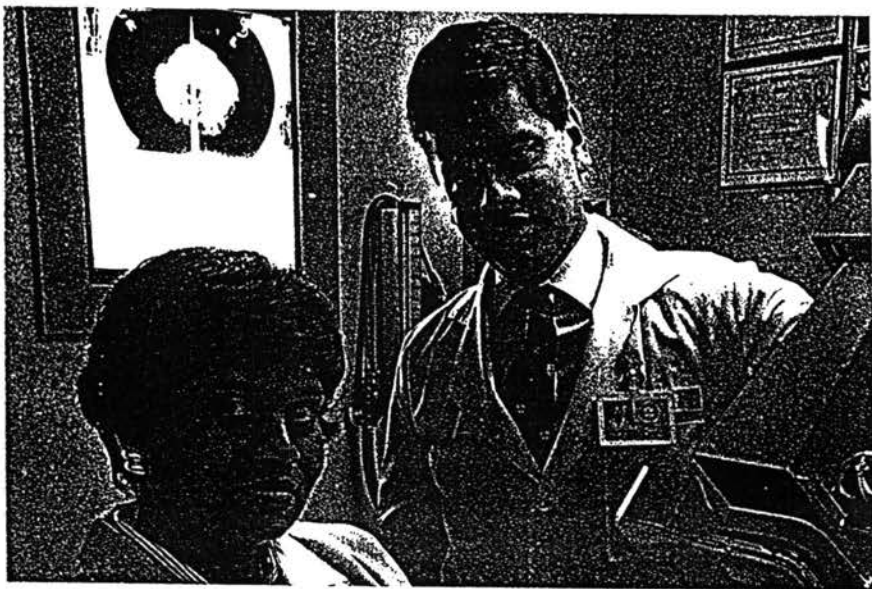
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Promoting Health in India



Dynamic duo: Brinda (M.P.H.'89) Kamat and brother Miguel (M.P.H.'91)

Nothing has quite the staying power of a myth.

Just ask Brinda and Miguel Kamat. Over the past five years, this brother-sister team has taken time off from their clinical duties to return to their native India where they lecture at medical schools, lead grand rounds, give press interviews, and meet with government officials in an effort to raise public awareness and upgrade their country's breast cancer services. But, despite evidence that the disease is on the rise, many people still believe that "this is not an Indian problem."

"We want to dispel the myth that the only people at risk for breast cancer are people in Western countries," says Miguel, M.P.H.'91.

With just a handful of breast imaging machines operating in the entire country, few programs to encourage women to get routine exams, and little expertise in interpreting the results of a mam-

mogram or follow-up biopsy, India's medical system is on the whole not well-prepared to deal with the rising breast cancer rate, says Kamat, a diagnostic radiologist at the Kelsey-Seybold Clinic in Houston and formerly a fellow in mammography at the Faulkner-Sagoff Breast Imaging and Diagnostic Center in Boston. The situation is fueled by widely held beliefs that technology-oriented Western medicine is misguided and that public health spending should be targeted at infectious disease control. It was a controversial decision, Miguel notes, when the health minister in Goa, the Kamats' home state in southern India, budgeted for a mammography machine.

The "politically correct" position is to spend money on diseases primarily associated with poverty, he says. "It was a very courageous political decision on the behalf of the government."

Brinda, M.P.H.'89, said she and her younger brother are well-suited to working together on improving breast cancer screening and care in India. Miguel, the radiologist, pushes the value of screening, the need for mammography machines, and the importance of reading mammograms correctly. Brinda, a pathologist at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, focuses on the next step: the correct interpretation of a biopsy after the mammogram has found something suspicious.

Brinda says she and her brother also fit well together temperamentally. "We have very different ways of approaching a subject," she says. She tends to home in, specialize. He tends to take in more of the big picture. Together, they hit the right balance, Brinda says.

Health care is a tradition in the Kamat family. Miguel and Brinda's grandfather trained in England and was the superintendent of a leprosy hospital in Bombay. They also have a sister, Janine, who is an anesthesiologist at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in Boston.

We have very different ways of approaching a subject, says Brinda.

Brinda was the first, however, to get public health training. Originally interested in obstetrical and gynecological pathology, Brinda said she also had an abiding interest in women's health issues more generally. "I was looking to broaden my interest in medicine," she says. Two years after she graduated, Miguel followed his sister's example. He says his public health training is directly relevant to his interest in dealing with breast cancer in India: he credits it with making him sensitive to the epidemiologic background of disease trends as well as taking a systematic

approach to treatment. "You can think of breast cancer mammography as a mini-health-care system," says Miguel.

India's medical system is, on the whole, not well-prepared to deal with the rising breast cancer rate. The "politically correct" position is to spend money on diseases primarily associated with poverty.

Because screening practices vary so much, getting a firm handle on trends in cancer incidence is always tricky, even in places where health officials have set up good cancer registries to record all cancer cases. But in India, according to Miguel, almost no information is available on cancer rates in rural areas. And the cancer registries that do exist—in the handful of larger urban areas—only date back to the early 1980s, which is not enough time to track cancer trends.

Still, some evidence exists that breast cancer incidence is, indeed, on the rise. In Bombay, which has the country's oldest cancer registry, there were 620 cases of breast cancer recorded between 1964-66, which translates into a crude, non-age-adjusted rate of 10.9 per 100,000 population. Two decades later, between 1983-87, the crude rate had increased to 15.8 per 100,000 population.

Just making sure that Indian physicians, researchers, government health officials, and, ultimately, the public, are made aware of that kind of information is a big part of what the Kamats are trying to accomplish. They have both spoken at medical colleges in India, most often at Goa Medical College. By giving public talks, press interviews and conferring privately with colleagues, Miguel says he is working to change the Indian mindset

about mammography, which is currently viewed as a diagnostic tool after a case of breast cancer has been identified, rather than as a screening tool.

Brinda is currently working with Indian colleagues to organize a symposium on radiological and pathological correlations in early breast cancer diagnosis. She is also collaborating with former Sloan Fellow Rupa Chinai and members of the Indian press to cultivate public awareness about breast cancer and improve health journalism.

Despite their abiding interest in the health affairs of their native country, neither Miguel nor Brinda

is inclined at this point to return to India permanently. Brinda noted that while India now has a much larger middle-class and the amenities that go with it, the country's medical infrastructure remains underdeveloped. Thus specialists, like the Kamats, who train outside of the country on advanced technological instruments do not always have the technological support to practice their expertise.

Still, Miguel notes, the progress he and Brinda have made in India shows that "you don't have to be a public health practitioner" to be involved in public health. ▀

DeBuono Enters New York Fray

Barbara DeBuono doesn't sound or act like a dictator, but as New York State Health Commissioner, she wields the kind of power that many a tyrant might envy.

"We dictate the behavior of the health-care providers like you wouldn't believe," says DeBuono, M.P.H.'84.

By cutting back on regulation and dismantling the state's unusual hospital rate-setting system, DeBuono hopes to change her department's dictatorial ways and let health-care providers and market forces shape the New York health-care system. Given a choice between the invisible hand of the market and the heavy hand of regulation, DeBuono believes the former, combined with some important safeguards, makes more sense in these days of managed care and the rise of the HMO.

DeBuono became New York's top health official in February 1995 after Republican George Pataki was elected governor of New York, end-



*New York State Health Commissioner
Barbara DeBuono, M.P.H.'84*

ing two decades of Democratic control of the state's executive branch. The move to Albany was a major step up for DeBuono, who had been state epidemiologist and then director of the health department in Rhode Island. Not only is New York's state health department a

Boston Radiologist Stresses Importance Of Mammogram

BOSTON: A Boston radiologist stressed the importance of mammography in defeating the dreadful disease breast cancer.

Early detection through self examination of the breasts and regular mammography are the only means of arresting the disease, said

Miguel Rodrigues Kamat, a board certified radiologist with a degree in Public Health from Harvard. Kamat is currently a Fellow in



Dr Miguel Rodrigues Kamat

Mammography and Breast Imaging at the Faulkner Hospital in Boston.

"Getting out the message is very important that breast cancer is a grave public health hazard, but one that we can do something about," said Kamat. With this in mind, he has given several lectures at private and teaching government hospitals in Bombay and Goa, where he addressed approximately 200 physicians.

Breast cancer is the No. 1 cancer in women, having surpassed cancer of the cervix, both in India and US. Its incidence increases with age; young women in their 40s are not exempt. "While there are some risk factors that we have identified for breast cancer such as significant

family history (mother or sister), cancer in the opposite breast and late childbearing, the majority of breast cancers occur in women without any risk factors," Kamat said. Thus it is important that women have mammogram regularly because mammography can catch the tumor when it is very small, long before it becomes readily apparent as a lump, with a much better chance of being cured.

Mammography, while it does not prevent breast cancer, is a form of preventive medicine in that it prevents the development of more advanced malignancy by detecting it early. The key is therefore for a woman to have a mammogram while she feels fine, not only after she develops a lump.

Kamat is actively involved in spreading awareness of the importance of mammography in detecting breast cancer. Dr Kamat speaks several languages including Portuguese, Spanish, German, French, Italian and Arabic, which comes in handy in the course of his work. He feels that mammography has a very bright future in the current primary care oriented environment, as it is relatively inexpensive, cost-effective, and has a preventive care oriented focus.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 20, 1998

Ms. Rosalie Kessler
4514 Drummond Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Dear Lee:

Thank you very much for your note. I know that you will be greatly missed at the helm of American Arts Alliance. Your leadership and commitment have made such a positive contribution to the arts, the NEA, and citizens' advocacy. I wish you all the best in all you do.

I know that you will continue to make a significant contribution to America's cultural life. I hope we will continue to have opportunities to work together in the future.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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ROSALIE KESSLER
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February 5, 1998

Melanne
Dear Friend and Colleague,

As you may know, I recently resigned as Executive Director of the American Arts Alliance. Although I did not have the chance to speak with you before leaving, I want you to know how much I continue to value your help and friendship.

Over the past 15 years, the Arts Alliance offered me unparalleled opportunities and none more challenging than this past year when the National Endowment for the Arts faced the most serious threat in all its history. I am proud to have played a part in creating and implementing the intense advocacy efforts that resulted in the continuation of the agency's vital role in supporting the arts in America. Now that the Endowment seems to be on firm footing, it is an appropriate moment for me to pursue new endeavors.

I am grateful that the Alliance afforded me the chance to work on a myriad of issues from tax policy to education to the advocacy rights of nonprofits. I remain deeply committed to the mission of the Arts Alliance and will continue to support its efforts to advance enlightened federal arts policies.

What I will miss most about leaving the Alliance is the pleasure of working directly with you on issues of deep importance to the cultural community. It is my hope that we will stay in touch in the future. For right now, you can reach me at:

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Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815

Thanks again for all of your help.

Sincerely,

Lee

Rosalie Kessler

It was a pleasure working with you. You have been a terrific role model. My appreciation always for your leadership and commitment to the arts and arts advocacy! Lee

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February 20, 1998

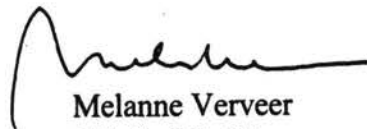
Dr. Victor Kugayesvsky
Executive Vice President
Unites States-Kazakhstan Council
2000 L Street, NW
Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Dr. Kugayesvsky:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for the informative materials you provided on Kazakhstan. As you could deduce from the First Lady's State Department briefing on her trip, she was most impressed on her visit and hopes for continued progress in Kazakhstan's building of its market democracy.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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February 17, 1998

Mrs. Hilary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

On behalf of the U.S.-Kazakhstan Council (USKC), I would like to thank you for inviting us to the briefing/discussion session you are holding today at the State Department.

Your trip this past fall to Central Asia and Kazakhstan, and your personal expression of interest and support to these several countries provides a powerful force and morale builder to strengthen democratic institutions and to counterbalance the constant gravitational pull of their northern neighbor. I hope the positive results of such a trip make the long flight hours worthwhile.

The USKC has as a part of its mission similar goals of promoting democratic institutions via supporting mutually beneficial economic and business relations between the USA and Kazakhstan. I thought it might be of some interest for you to take a few moments to glance through the enclosed publications of the Council to get an idea of the scope of the Council activities. Possibly in the future we may be of some assistance, especially in the areas of health, including the fearful legacy of Kazakhstan use as a nuclear weapons test area, the environment and the children focused programs. As large and as significant as Kazakhstan is in social, economic, and geostrategic terms, so equally sized are the country's internal challenges. The Council is increasingly involved with public awareness programs, and mobilization of private and government resources to address these social problem areas.

If we can provide any further information to your office, or be of any assistance, please let us know. We will respond promptly.

With kind regards,

Victor Kugayevsky, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President

Enclosures : original and enclosures sent under separate cover.

THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 13, 1998

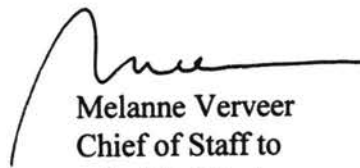
Mr. David Hume Kennerly
Newsweek
The Washington Post Co.
251 West 57th Street
New York, NY 10019-1894

Dear David:

Thank you very much for the wonderful pictures of Hillary. They are fabulous! I have given her the photos and I am sure you will be hearing from her.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

DAVID HUME KENNERLY

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March 11, 1998

Dear Melanne,

Here's a picture for you from
the State of the Union speech.

I'd appreciate it if you would
pass on the other prints to Mrs. C. She's
either going to love the winning pic, or
want to kill me! Cheers! David K.

THE WHITE HOUSE
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June 22, 1998

Ms. Kathy Kemper
Coach
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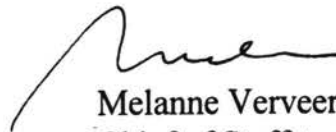
Dear Ms. Kemper: *Kathy*

Thank you for your letter and invitation to speak at an INFO '98 breakfast. It was a pleasure to meet you at Karen and Alan's.

Regrettably, due to schedule constraints, I am unable to accept your invitation at this time.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,


Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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June 4, 1998

The Honorable Melanne Verveer
Assistant to the President (First Lady's Chief of Staff)
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Melanne:

I enjoyed meeting you at Karen Ruckman and Alan Pearce's home on Sunday evening. Alan suggested that I extend an invitation to you to speak at an INFO '98 breakfast. I am the president and founder of the breakfast series which is attended by senior representatives from industry, government, business and the media. The group meets to converse with our guest speaker and discuss pertinent issues. I would like to have Alan introduce you.

The breakfasts are small, collegial groups limited to about 30 guests. We meet regularly in the LBJ Room of the U.S. Capitol from 8:00a.m. to 9:30a.m. and so far it has been most interesting and enlightening. You would speak informally (and off the record) for 15-20 minutes, then a roundtable discussion takes place and you would have the opportunity to answer questions and listen to other viewpoints. The conversations are always high spirited, interesting and thoughtful.

Regular attendees include senior media people such as Eleanor Clift, Morton Kondracke, Norm Ornstein, Bill Press and Tony Snow. Other guests include business leaders in the Washington and New York communities. Some of our past speakers have been Supreme Court Justices Stephen Breyer, Sandra Day O'Connor and Antonin Scalia, Majority Leader Trent Lott, Speaker Newt Gingrich, Democratic Leader Tom Daschle, Secretary Donna Shalala and Art Buchwald to name a few.

We would love to have you join our group. Currently, we are scheduling breakfasts for June, July and September. The available dates are June 9-12, 16-19, 23-26 and June 30, July 1-3, 7-10, 14, 15, 17, 21-24, and 28-31. For September, the available dates are 8-11, 15-18, 22-25, and 29-30. You would be such a highlight to the INFO series -- please give this your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Coach K.
Coach Kathy Kemper

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 22, 1998

Ms. Nina Kung
Top Floor
Chinachem Plaza
Tsim Sha Tsui
Kowloon
Hong Kong

Dear Ms. Kung:

Thank you for your letter and information on the China Initiative and the Chinachem Group and your invitation to visit the Red Cross or the Women's College.

It is unlikely that Mrs. Clinton will be able to accept your request due to schedule considerations in Beijing.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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June 5, 1998

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
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Dear Mrs. Clinton,

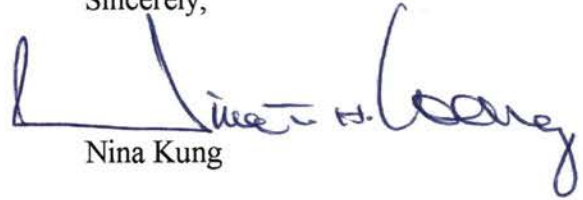
I am looking forward to the official state visit that you and the President will make to China at the end of this month, which will be an important step in Sino-American relations. Through the Nina Kung China Initiative at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, I have been an active advocate of improved US-China ties. The programs which I sponsor, including executive programs for senior officers of the People's Liberation Army and China's National School of Administration and conferences on a wide range of issues of mutual interest, have received a positive response from the highest levels of the Chinese leadership as well as from sectors of the United States government. For your reference, I enclose a report about my Initiative.

As you will see from my resume (enclosed), I am the honorary president of the Chinese Red Cross Foundation, and am also an honorary professor at the Women's College of China. Both of these institutions are located in Beijing. The Red Cross Foundation would be an ideal place for you to visit, because by doing so you could promote our very beneficial work. I am also aware of your great interest in the economic and social standing of women around the world, and so I encourage you to visit the Women's College. I would be happy to arrange a program of activities for you there so that you could personally meet our extremely talented students, some of whom I am confident will go on to be leaders in China.

Please contact me if, as I strongly hope, you are interested in visiting the Red Cross and the Women's College. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will then incorporate those visits into your schedule. During the next month, I will be in the United States and

can be reached on my cell phone (415-793-6636). Alternatively, my assistants Ms. Au and Mr. Liang in Hong Kong (number listed above) can also answer any additional questions you may have. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Nina Kung

Cc:

- Ambassador Robert D. Blackwill, Belfer Lecturer in International Security and Director of Chinese Executive Programs, John F. Kennedy School of Government;
- Ms. Sheila Burke, Executive Dean, John F. Kennedy School of Government;
- Mr. Nick Mitropoulos, Executive Director for External Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government;
- Ms. Holly Taylor Sargent, Associate Dean for External Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Enclosures:

- Resume of Nina Kung;
- List of companies in China in which Nina Kung has investments;
- Chinachem Group brochure, including paintings by and pictures of Nina Kung;
- *The China Initiative*.

Nina Kung Wang

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Mrs. Nina Kung Wang is Chairlady of the Chinachem Group, which is Hong Kong's largest private real estate developer. Furthermore, the Group has considerable interests outside of Hong Kong, in particular, China, the United Kingdom, and the United States. These interests range from real estate, technology companies, and industrial facilities.

Mrs. Nina Kung Wang is a Director and substantial shareholder of the following companies:

1. Genelabs Technologies, Inc., a publicly listed company in the United States;
2. Chelsfield plc, a publicly listed property company in the United Kingdom;
3. Yang Ming Marine Transport Corporation, a publicly listed company in Taiwan; and
4. Young Asia Television.

Mrs. Nina Kung Wang is also associated with the following institutions:

1. John Harvard Fellow of Harvard University

Mrs. Kung Wang is a patron of the Nina Kung China Initiative at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. This program is set up to develop closer relationships between the United States and China. The Initiative includes faculty exchanges, seminars, and collaboration on a wide range of issues including the environment and public health throughout China.

2. Deputy of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference
3. Peking University - Advisory Professor
4. Foreign Affairs College, China - Advisory Professor and Honorary Director
5. University of International Business and Economics, China - Professor and Director
6. Women's College of China - Honorary Professor
7. Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics - Honorary Professor

8. Institute of International Relationship, China - Honorary Professor
9. Chinese Red Cross Foundation - Honorary President
10. Chairlady of the Ruxin (Nina's Chinese name) Agricultural Award, a \$10,000 Yuan prize which is granted weekly to one farmer to recognize technological advancements and achievements in agriculture in China
11. Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong - Vice President and Director
12. Hong Kong Federation of Women - Honorary President
13. Fellow of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award World Fellowship, United Kingdom
14. Trustee of the Heifer International Foundation, United States
15. Special Advisor to the World Federation of United Nations Associations, United States

List of Chinese Domestic Investment Companies

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