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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 3, 1998

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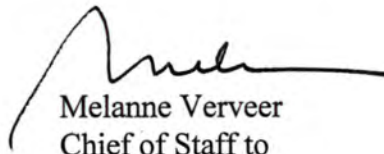
Dear Ambassador O'Leary:

Thank you for the translation of Ms. Sara Navas' article about the First Lady. We are always interested to receive articles from the foreign press.

We're just starting to receive photos from Mrs. Clinton's visit to Chile. They look great and we should be sending them your way soon. We greatly appreciated your hospitality. Our best to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Happy Holidays!



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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Smith

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
SANTIAGO, CHILE

THE AMBASSADOR

October 29, 1998

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff for The First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Melanne:

We are pleased to enclose an article we received from Ms. Sara Navas de Siefer, who is a lawyer and councillor to the Mayor of Vitacura in Santiago. As you can see from the enclosed translation, Ms. Navas sent an editorial to the most prestigious newspaper in Santiago, the "El Mercurio" in admiration of our First Lady.

With best regards,


John O'Leary

Enclosures:

El Mercurio editorial
Translation

cc: Ms. Sara Navas de Siefer

sición a una reunión nazi en el país.

El vicario Rodrigo Tupper, quien tanto éxito alcanzó con el reciente encuentro continental de jóvenes, mediante sus declaraciones ha dado crédito a los nazis, respaldando un congreso que pretende reunir a quienes representan la ideología del crimen, la impunidad y el totalitarismo. Estoy cierto de que el vicario debiera saber que los nazis asesinaron a un tercio del pueblo judío, incluyendo a Edith Stein, y a varios millones de personas, entre ellos gitanos, comunistas, cristianos, inválidos y homosexuales, talando la democracia, la libertad y los derechos humanos en toda Europa bajo su desgarrador dominio.

Igualmente me asiste la convicción de que el vicario de la Esperanza Joven se ha impuesto de las palabras de S.S. Juan Pablo II en la reciente ceremonia de canonización de Edith Stein. En la oportunidad, señaló: "Debemos ayudar al mundo a recordar ese plan bestial para eliminar a un pueblo que les costó la vida a millones de hermanos judíos...". Favorecer un congreso nazi no necesariamente está en el camino del llamado del Papa.

Elimat Y. Jason
Presidente
Comité Representativo de Entidades
Judías de Chile

Caso Chispas

Señor Director:

En la aclaración de los señores José Yuraszeck Troncoso y Marcos Zylberg Klos que publicara el cuerpo de Reportajes de El Mercurio del domingo 11 de octubre (página D4) se señala en uno de sus puntos que "hasta este momento ninguna de las personas que se dicen perjudicadas por la negociación con Endesa España ha recurrido a la justicia". Ruego a usted comunicar a los autores de dicha aclaración que con fecha 26 de noviembre de 1997 CB Administradora de Fondos Mutuos S.A. presentó en el 14° Juzgado Civil una demanda por indemnización de perjuicios provocados al Fondo Mutuo CB Benefit por el caso Chispas en contra de sus personas y las de otros 4 ex ejecutivos de las sociedades Chispas.

Pienso que sería conveniente que se les informara además que dicha demanda fue contestada el 7 de agosto recién pasado por un señor Pablo Rodríguez Grez, quien se identificó en dicha oportunidad como abogado representante de los demandados.

Henry Rudnick V. de W.

Ejemplo De Hillary

Señor Director:

Por la presente, quisiera destacar a través de ese prestigioso medio informativo la actitud que ha asumido en fecha reciente la esposa del Presidente de EE.UU., Bill Clinton, quien, como es sabido, tiene una acusación pendiente en el Congreso de su país.

Posponiendo su posible amargura

por haber vivido sucesos ingratos recientemente, que han sido publicitados en forma exagerada, han primado en ella la lealtad y la ayuda a las que se comprometió el día de su matrimonio.

Lamentablemente, en la vida de quienes contraen una unión conyugal para ser felices llegan, de improviso, algunas pruebas morales que jamás se imaginaron y que exigen un enorme esfuerzo espiritual para sobrellevarlas con dignidad. Hillary así lo ha entendido y en un primer momento se mantuvo en silencio, alejada del escenario en que se encontraba el mandatario más poderoso del mundo. En esa situación pudieron apreciarse la fortaleza y la prudencia de la esposa, quien prefiere mantenerse fuera de los problemas que la afectaban como Primera Dama de la Nación.

Hoy ha cambiado su actitud ante el desarrollo de los acontecimientos y ha optado por salir en defensa de quien es la persona más importante en su vida conyugal y que, además, es el Presidente de EE.UU.

Hillary, superando sus aflicciones —que posiblemente las ha tenido—, se ha puesto frente al mundo para decirle que sigue al lado de su marido, para ayudarlo en un momento de pesares y de tanta trascendencia. No puedo ocultar mi admiración por ella, quien ha sabido sacar fuerzas de su desencanto, de su desilusión, de su dolor de cónyuge, que pienso ha debido haber sentido. Ella merece el respeto y la consideración de todas las mujeres casadas que, a veces, no saben comprender o defender a sus maridos en momentos de aflicción o, cuando menos, nada dicen en su favor para ayudarlos en su desventura.

Con su actitud prestigia y valoriza el matrimonio, que es la unión de dos seres, por toda la vida, para ayudarse en momentos de alegría y de penas, en salud y enfermedad, y que se comprometieron a amarse y a apoyarse mutuamente. La Primera Dama de la Nación de EE.UU. es el símbolo de lo que debe ser el matrimonio, cuyos deberes y derechos deben asumirse "en las buenas y en las malas". Hoy, nos entrega el mejor mensaje que podemos recibir las mujeres casadas que a la primera dificultad conyugal nos desanimamos pensando que todo se ha perdido. Gracias, mil gracias a Hillary. Su entereza, su fortaleza, su lealtad merecen que siga siendo la Primera Dama de ese gran país del norte para orgullo y honra de sus compatriotas.

Sara Navas de Siefer
Abogada

Miserias Del Proceso Civil

Señor Director:

A las miserias del proceso civil que tan certeramente se refirió el 6 de octubre pasado don Albert Arce, cabría agregar muchas otras que hacen insufrible la diaria tarea de los abogados que litigan ante los tribunales.

Tales son, por ejemplo, las costumbres de secretarios de dividir sus obligaciones asignándoles diferentes horarios breves dentro de cada período de audiencia, tales como: entrega de cheques de 14 a 15; exhibición de documentos de 16 a 17; práctica de notificaciones personales de 17 a 18, etcétera, situación que la ley no contempla porque de-

(Translation)

Mr. Director,

I wish to highlight, through your prestigious media the attitude recently assumed by the wife of the President of the United States, Bill Clinton, who, as everyone knows, faces an impending accusation by the Congress of his country.

Mrs. Clinton has chosen to allow her wedding vows of loyalty and support to prevail over and above any bitterness she may feel about the recent and much-publicized unpleasant events in her life.

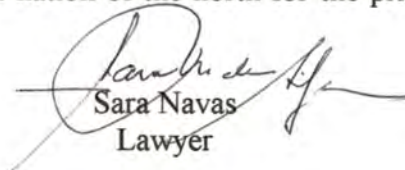
Unfortunately, during what one hopes will be a happily married life together, totally unexpected moral challenges sometimes arise which demand a great spiritual effort in order to overcome them with dignity. Hillary fully understood this and at first remained silent and aloof from the political scene of the most powerful president in the world. His wife's strength and moderation could well be appreciated during this period when she preferred to keep her distance from the problems affecting her as First Lady of the nation.

Today she has altered her attitude in the light of recent developments and has opted to come to the defense of the most important person in her married life, who is at the same time the President of the United States of America.

Overcoming the distress she undoubtedly feels, Hillary has faced the world to say that she is at her husband's side and that she will help him at this most difficult and transcendent time. I cannot conceal my admiration for this woman, who has been able to draw strength from her disillusion and from the disappointment that I am sure she feels as a wife. She deserves the respect and consideration of all married women who frequently do not know how to understand or defend their husbands in times of affliction or, at best, refuse to say anything in their favor to help them in their misfortune.

With her attitude Hillary adds prestige and value to marriage, which is the union of two beings who agree to love and support each other all their lives and to assist each other in moments of joy or sorrow, in health or illness. The First Lady of the United States of America is the symbol of what marriage should be, the duties and rights of which must be assumed "in good times and bad". Today she delivers the best message that we married women can receive, when, at the first marital difficulty we often feel discouraged and think that everything is lost. Thank you, Hillary, a thousand times thank you.

For her strength of character, her courage and her loyalty she deserves to continue being the First Lady of that great nation of the north for the pride and honor of her fellow countrymen.


Sara Navas
Lawyer

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 22, 1998

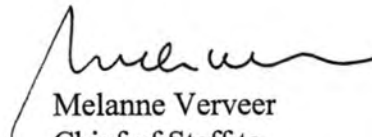
Nina Ogden
Schiller Institute, Inc.
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Dear Nina:

Thank you for the copy of Father McSorley's published letter. His reflections are greatly appreciated. I know the President is especially grateful for his support and many kindnesses over the years.

I trust your recent trip was a success. Wishing you the best.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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P.O. Box 20244, Washington, D.C. 20041-0244

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Thanks

Date: 9,24,98

To: Melanne Verveer

From: Nina Ogden Phone: (703)777-9451 X421

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Document Description: Here is the printed version of Father McSorley's open letter to The President.
 I, myself, will leave for Europe on Saturday and will be in Germany and Italy (including The Vatican) for the next two weeks. I will lead a group of European parliamentarians in some public and private meetings on the subject of defending The Presidency.
 Father McSorley will be back in Washington and can be reached at Georgetown at (202) 687-4189
 yours,
 Nina Ogden

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Father Richard McSorley's Open Letter to President Clinton



Courtesy of Fr. McSorley

Father Richard T. McSorley, S.J., who was one of Bill Clinton's professors at Georgetown University, and has been a friend and supporter in the years since, asked the New Federalist to publish the following open letter to the President.

Dear Bill:

The Republicans are in need of help. They say they are trying to be fair, and at the same time they are hypocritical. They don't know how to do this very well. They say they want a candidate for President in the next election, but they want one without sin—which they're having difficulty getting.

You have had the courage to ask God and all the world for forgiveness. You are an example of what all of us need to

learn. In asking that forgiveness then, you have given us a good example of how to obey the first part of the Lord's Prayer—"forgive us our sins." To follow the first part is difficult enough, but to follow the second part—"forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us"—is even more difficult.

The Lord showed us how to do it. As his hands and feet were being nailed to the Cross, he prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Can you pray that for Kenneth Starr and all his staff? They talk about being for family values, and yet they cram into their attack on you hundreds of pages of sexually explicit stories.

The Republican Congress likewise says that they stand for family values.

Yet they acted like a post office for Ken Starr, and ordered those sex stories to be printed on the Internet, where children could see them. Can you forgive them?

Can you forgive the media for their violations of their professional ethics—broadcasting and printing lurid details no newspaper has ever printed before?

Christ forgave those who rejected Him. The Starr staff and the Republican Congress may refuse your forgiveness. Like the soldiers who crucified Christ, they don't recognize that they need it. But you will be imitating Christ when you give it, and at the same time you will be giving all of us the experience of forgiveness and helping us

come closer to God. You will help us understand, from experience, the meaning of Shakespeare's lines:

"The quality of mercy is not strain'd,—

It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven

Upon the place beneath: It is twice blessed,—

It blesseth him that gives, and him that takes."

Mercy is not only Shakespeare's line, it is Christ's formula for world peace. If we forgive one another as Christ forgives us, there will be no more war. Your example can help all of us in this holy lesson.

Your friend in Christ,
Richard McSorley

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 17, 1998

Ms. Catherine O'Neill
286 Main St.
P.O. Box 617
Sag Harbor, NY 11963

Dear Ms. O'Neill:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your invitation to a "Ladies Lunch" the weekend of July 30.

It is unlikely Hillary will be able to join you. I have forwarded your letter to our scheduling office for a definitive response.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,


Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Huma - can you do
a response to
Catherine telling her
we don't know if
HRC will be in the
Hamptons w/ POTUS +
we can't make a
commitment. And give a
copy to Diane.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 13, 1998

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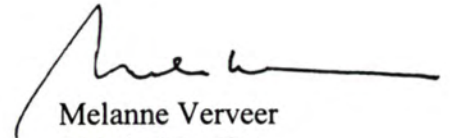
Dear Kristine:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and invitation to deliver the keynote address to CWR's Global Regional Leaders Forum in Brussels in June.

Because of scheduling conflicts, Mrs. Clinton will be unable to accept the invitation. Please convey her regrets to Mr. Gardner as well.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

-- 2/20/98 from **Kris Olson**, forwarding invitation of **James N. Gardner** for you to keynote the Conference of World Regions' Global Regional Leaders Forum in Brussels June 2-4 with First Lady Blair of UK.

cs ✓ See To Melanne Patti for review/response



U.S. Department of Justice

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United States Attorney
District of Oregon

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February 20, 1998

Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Hillary:

This is a perfect opportunity to follow-up on your comments in Davos (which by the way were superb). Jim Gardner, as you may remember, was at law school with us.

I hope to see you soon (maybe at Stanford Parent's weekend?)

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KRISTINE OLSON
United States Attorney



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MEMORANDUM**VIA TELECOPY**

TO: Kristine Olsen
United States Attorney
for the District of Oregon

FROM: James N. Gardner 
President and Founder
Conference of World Regions ("CWR")

DATE: February 17, 1998

RE: Invitation to First Lady Hillary Clinton to Keynote CWR's Global
Regional Leaders Forum

Kris:

It was great to chat with you on Sunday. I really appreciate your willingness to provide an introduction to First Lady Hillary Clinton and to help me explore the possibility that she and the First Lady of England might be willing to jointly keynote CWR's upcoming Global Regional Leaders Forum in Brussels. The proposed content would be along the lines of the First Lady's recent speech to the World Economic Forum in Davos.

THE CONFERENCE OF WORLD REGIONS

Attached by way of background are the following:

1. Letters of endorsement CWR has received from Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott, Sir Leon Brittan (on behalf of the European Commission) and the National Governors Association;
2. My article for World Link (the magazine of the World Economic Forum) entitled "Lesson from Brussels"; and
3. An outline of the substantive program of the Global Regional Leaders Forum.

Please give me a call after you have had a chance to review the attachments.

Attachments

THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Gardner:

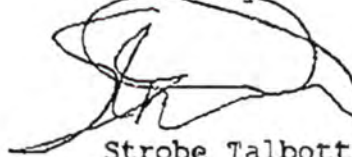
I wish to give my strong endorsement to the goals of the Conference of World Regions and the Global Regional Leaders Forum it is sponsoring in Brussels in March 1998. Regionalism and globalism are the two most important dynamics in international politics and the world economy. Reconciling these seemingly contradictory yet fundamentally complementary forces will be a key challenge for policy makers into the next century.

In May of this year, the U.S. and the EU organized a Transatlantic Conference that had as one of its objectives the promotion of a stronger transatlantic regional dialogue. The CWR Global Regional Leaders Forum is an outgrowth of this initiative, aimed at deepening our transatlantic dialogue and involving leaders from other regions.

I hope that the CWR forum can serve as another catalyst for involving regions more actively in furthering dialogue and providing solutions to the global issues of promoting growth and free trade, protecting the environment, and reducing the threats of organized crime, drug trafficking and disease. Regional leaders have both the expertise and increasingly the resources to tackle these issues effectively.

I wish you much success in your endeavor.

Sincerely,



Strobe Talbott

Mr. James N. Gardner,
President and Founder,
The Conference of World Regions,
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Washington, D.C. 20001.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
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I was pleased to learn that the Conference of World Regions will convene in early 1998 a Global Regional Leaders Forum in Brussels in the chambers of the European Parliament. This is a welcome initiative.

In the New Transatlantic Agenda, signed at the EU/US Summit in December 1995, we recognised the need to deepen the commercial, social, cultural, scientific and educational ties across the Atlantic. To this end, last May, the Transatlantic Conference on "Bridging the Atlantic: People-to-People links" drew together 300 Europeans and Americans, representatives of government, business and NGOs on both sides of the Atlantic. The present initiative will help to deepen and broaden the dialogue begun last May, giving a new dimension by involving regional leaders. I wish the Forum every success.

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Alan Donnelly, MEP
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Director-General

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Dear Mr Gardner,

The Conference of World Regions plans to organise the Global Regional Leaders Forum in Brussels in March 1998.

I understand that the aim is to improve Transatlantic dialogue by providing the opportunity for regional leaders to meet and to exchange experiences against a background of growing interdependencies on a global scale.

As Director general for EU regional policy, I wish to give my strong support to the aims of this initiative. EU regional policy is based on the policy of the region as the wish for the economic and social progress. This is also reflected more generally in EU affairs with, for instance, the creation of the Committee of the Regions and the continuing efforts toward decentralisation.

Increasing interregional co-operation both inside the European Union and with neighbouring countries is an essential element of EU notion and the enlargement of the dialogue to exchange experiences with other parts of the world will undoubtedly yield considerable benefit for all concerned.

I therefore wish every success to your stimulating project.

Eneko LANDABURU

*Mr. James Gardner
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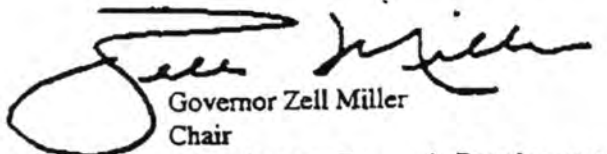
Dear Mr. Gardner:

On behalf of the Committee on Economic Development and Commerce of the National Governors' Association, we commend you for the establishment of the Conference of World Regions. The conference's mission of increasing international cooperation and understanding through public-private global and regional alliances is laudable. The goal of facilitating international partnerships for the expansion of the global economy can benefit each of our states and our trading partners. Promoting the exchange of models of effective regional cooperation is consistent with one of the goals of NGA, as Governors likewise meet to share ideas and experiences. The international scope of the conference broadens the impact of your discussions.

We appreciate the leadership that Governor Pedro Rosselló has shown in promoting international regional development and in urging your conference to establish a task force on public safety. As Governors, we are often asked to accompany businesses from our states to explore potential trading agreements and to promote international investment. The work of the conference appears to support these efforts, and we appreciate being kept informed of your organization's efforts. We will alert our state economic development directors to the opportunities your information exchanges offer.

We wish the conference success.

Sincerely


Governor Zell Miller
Chair
Committee on Economic Development
and Commerce


Governor Stephen Merrill
Vice Chair
Committee on Economic Development
and Commerce

COMMENT

Subsidiarity should not be confined to the EC. It is the way to combine regionalism with global markets

Lesson from Brussels

By James Gardner,
attorney and
author

In a recent essay in *Time* entitled "The Birth of the Global Nation", Strobe Talbott prophesied the dawn of a new era in which "nationhood as we know it will be obsolete" and "all states will recognise a single, global authority". A century hence, Talbott predicted, the EC will be hailed as the pioneer of a new kind of "regional cohesion that may pave the way for globalism".

Talbott's forecast, which received scant attention when it was published during the week of the Democratic National Convention, is of vastly more than academic interest. A Rhodes scholar and Oxford roommate of Bill Clinton, Talbott was recently named ambassador-at-large with primary responsibility for US relations with Russia and the other former Soviet countries. Together with Labor Secretary and fellow Rhodes scholar Robert Reich, Talbott is part of an elite kitchen cabinet to which Clinton is likely to turn for candid advice on a broad range of vital foreign policy issues.

Talbott's remarks offer tantalising hints that the Clinton administration's approach to foreign policy may eventually incorporate unique initiatives aimed at achieving significant, perhaps revolutionary, innovations in the deep structure of international relations.

Such innovations are vitally needed. It is becoming increasingly apparent that the venerable institutions of the post-World War II era – the UN, the IMF, the GATT, even the EC – are experiencing extraordinary strain as they struggle to cope with the challenges of a world no longer dominated by the Manichaean simplicity of the east-west conflict and no longer able to rely on the firm foundation of American economic, political and military hegemony.

Clinton is being quickly drawn into the maelstrom of debate about the ominous implications of these developments. Despite his stated intention to "focus like a laser beam" on domestic affairs, he cannot afford to ignore his own trenchant observation that the tra-

ditional distinction between foreign and domestic policy is rapidly vanishing. Nor can he fail to recognise the incontestable fact that only the US can provide the leadership necessary to fashion a new paradigm of transnational cooperation and governance.

If Talbott's global vision foreshadows broad themes of the Clinton administration's emerging strategy to cope with the new world disorder, what might the specifics look like? Put more sceptically, what mysterious and hitherto undiscovered path might lead from the depressing reality of a world increasingly driven by murderous ethnic strife – Yugoslavia writ ever larger – to Talbott's utopian vision of a global nation?

Progress towards a global polis

Some fascinating possibilities emerge from the writings of another influential Clinton advisor, David Osborne. In *Reinventing Government*, Osborne and co-author Ted Gaebler offer an exciting new philosophy for delivering domestic government services more efficiently and effectively.

The essence of the reinventing government approach is to adapt the most innovative practices of post-industrial, knowledge-driven firms like Microsoft and Motorola for use in the public sector. Bureaucratic flexibility, empowerment of self directed work teams, results-oriented management, the use of competition to force innovation and heavy reliance on market-based solutions to policy challenges ranging from welfare reform to improving the quality of public education are the typical hallmarks of this approach.

Might it be possible to adapt the Osborne and Gaebler paradigm for use in the international arena? Here is one way in which Clinton might be able to reinvent the management of international affairs and in the process, make tangible progress toward Talbott's visionary goal of a global polis.

A central theme of Gaebler and Osborne's *Reinventing Government* is

that governmental institutions, if they are to succeed in an increasingly complex social environment, must push ownership and control of public services out of the hands of bureaucrats and government professionals into communities and individuals. An instinct for self-help must be cultivated in lieu of the clienthood mentality typically fostered by governmental largesse and excessive bureaucratic control. Empowerment – of citizens, of neighbourhoods, of volunteer organisations of every sort – is the watchword of this new approach to the delivery of governmental services.

Consider the potential impact of applying this aspect of the reinventing government philosophy in the international arena. The possibilities are intriguing – fraught with potential peril but also profoundly hopeful.

First, the scary scenario. What one might ask, is the deepening tragedy in the former Yugoslavia but empowerment of ethnic groups run amok? What is the threatened disintegration of Russia but the empowerment of Tuva, Buryatia, Volga, Tatarstan and other Russian *oblasts*? What, in short, is empowerment of any tribe, ethnic group, region or geographic unit smaller than the traditional nation state but a prescription for international chaos?

But the matter is neither so simple nor so bleak. As diplomats fret over the disintegrative forces threatening the traditional nation state, what they fail to perceive is that the drive for regional empowerment now gaining momentum worldwide may turn out to be the catalyst that provokes a serious debate on the future of limited supranational governance of the developed world. Globalism, not anarchy, may turn out to be the enduring legacy of the new spirit of regional autonomy.

The premise of this new regionalism is that each and every tribe united by custom, language or history ought to enjoy its unique place in the sun; it is a movement which recognises implicitly

that the true miracle of civilisation lies in its infinite diversity.

But regionalism is only one of the tectonic forces reshaping the geopolitical landscape. The other is the emergence of what is a genuinely globalised economy dominated by mighty transnational firms based in Japan, the US and the EC. These behemoths increasingly dominate international trade and foreign direct investment. As Reich noted in *The Work of Nations*, they are becoming truly stateless, viewing national capitals not as political home bases to which they owe even vestigial patriotic allegiance but as mere arenas of lobbying combat.

The proliferation of transnational firms capable of eluding the regulatory grasp of national bureaucracies – the BCCI scandal is the most conspicuous example – presents a challenge of global proportions, as does the fact that industrial pollution does not respect national boundaries and that social dumping – the relentless search for low-wage, low-benefit manufacturing havens in poorer parts of the world – will almost invariably create frictions between free trade partners with widely disparate standards of living.

Together these two forces, regionalism and globalism, pose a single question of great consequence: at what level of inclusiveness should the social contract of the 21st century be drafted? Should the subnational region the traditional nation state or supranational groupings like the EC and the OECD be given the dominant role?

Subsidiarity is the logical answer

The logical answer is furnished by the EC's principle of subsidiarity: governmental power should be apportioned according to an ascending hierarchy, with regulatory authority vested in the lowest level at which it can be competently exercised. This principle, analogous to the American concept of federalism, gives supranational authorities like the EC problems with a transna-



tional dimension and relegates all others to entities lower in the hierarchy.

Subsidiarity is a spacious concept with room to accommodate both subnational regionalism and transnational globalism. Certainly, critics will chide that subsidiarity is nothing more than a sterile bit of bureaucratic jargon. But it just may be possible that the new spirit of regional autonomy abroad throughout the civilised world will find comfort in a doctrine that eschews chauvinism and official pretensions of grandeur while emphasising a practical approach to common problems.

It is even conceivable that the newly reinvigorated regions of Europe, Asia and North America, which are yearning to breathe free and prosper economically, would prefer the encompassing web of a genuine supranational order, subject to the rule of democratically adopted law, over the impoverishing cycle of endless ethnic strife or the iron grasp of central national authority.

Europe's recent experience is instructive. The most fervent proponents of regional autonomy – the Basques, for example – tend to support strongly the drive for European unity. The reason behind this support is their belief that European regions will enjoy greater freedom of action in the context of a

sturdy transnational structure which gradually supplants the traditional attributes of national sovereignty.

Indeed, the push for regional autonomy and the drive for ever deeper European unity are tightly linked and mutually reinforcing. In the enlarged pond that is the EC the regions of Europe feel they will have more room to navigate and less to fear from national dictates. They will have more freedom of action as regions, more autonomy as regions. They will be subject to more supranational strictures, to be sure – the regulations and directives promulgated by the EC – but, by the same token, they will be bound by ever fewer purely national constraints.

In short, transnational order and subnational autonomy, if properly managed and structured, are consistent and complementary goals. But management and structure are critical. The paramount difference between the political situation of the Basques – no strangers to past incidents of separatist violence – and the warring factions in Yugoslavia is simply this: the Basques are enmeshed in a powerful supranational institution which they perceive to be politically legitimate – the EC – while the Serbs and the Croats flail at one another in a Hobbesian state of nature where life is nasty, brutish and short.

The paramount foreign policy challenge facing the Clinton administration is the pressing need to launch a concerted international effort to harness the enormously powerful force of regionalism – there is no hope of suppressing it entirely – and transforming it into a mighty engine to drive economic cooperation and global political integration. The EC, for all its flaws, is the only working model available to show how this daunting task might be accomplished. And the young American president, despite his lack of foreign policy experience, is the only world figure with the stature to lead a global effort to reinvent the outmoded tools of transnational governance. ■

FOURTH DRAFT (2/17/98)

**OUTLINE OF PROGRAM FOR
CWR'S GLOBAL REGIONAL LEADERS FORUM
(Brussels, Belgium—June 2-4, 1998)**

I. Date and Location of GRLF

June 2-4, 1998, in European Parliament facilities in Brussels, Belgium.

II. Working Title for GRLF

"The Renaissance of Regions in the Global Economy"

III. GRLF Major Issue Tracks For Concurrent Sessions

A. The Emerging International Health Care Marketplace: The Catalytic Role of Regions in Achieving Progress

1. The Problems Posed by Parallel Trade and Other Trade Distortions in Medical Products in the EU and Elsewhere
2. Disease Management and Prevention in the New Global Information Economy: Internet, Interactive Television and Other Advanced Tools and Strategies
3. Regulatory, Reimbursement and Other Barriers to International Telemedicine
4. Case Studies of Transnational Cooperation by Regions in Delivering Telemedicine and Other Advanced Health Services
5. The Catalytic Role of Regions in Moving Toward Solutions
6. Next Steps and Cooperative Regional Strategies

B. State Subsidies, Barriers to Competition and Trade/Investment Restrictions vs. Expenditures for Research, Development and Education: Strategies for Optimizing the Role of Regions in Developing and Enforcing Global Competition Policy and Promoting Economic Development

1. Case Study of EU State Aids/Competition Policymaking and Enforcement
2. Case Study of Sen. Charles Horn's Efforts in the United States to Discourage Subsidies by American States
3. Strategies for Economic Development Based on Research & Development/Educational Initiatives: Case Study of the Silicon Valley *[European/Asian, etc Case Studies to be Added]*
4. The Role of Fortuity in High Tech Economic Development: Case Studies of Microsoft and Boeing *[European/Asian/etc. Cases Studies to be Added]*
5. The Catalytic Role of Regions in Moving Toward Workable Global Solutions
6. Next Steps and Cooperative Regional Strategies

C. Transnational Cooperation in Fighting Official Corruption: The Role of Regions

1. Overview of Problem by World Bank and Transparency International (Berlin NGO)
2. Overview of New OECD Anti-Corruption Treaty by US Council for International Business and ICC
3. Challenges of Enforcement of New OECD Anti-Corruption Treaty
4. The Role of Regions in Cooperative Efforts to Ensure Enforcement of the New OECD Treaty
5. Next Steps and Cooperative Regional Strategies

**D. Transnational Cooperation to Protect Intellectual Property:
The Role of Regions in Improving Enforcement**

1. The Importance of Intellectual Property Protection in the Global Economy of the 21st Century
2. Overview of Current Treaty Protection for Intellectual Property
3. The Challenge of Enforcement: Case Studies
4. The Role of Regions in Achieving Enforcement
5. Next Steps and Cooperative Regional Strategies

E. Achieving a "Seat at the Table" for Regions in the Global Economy of the Next Century

1. Overview of the Challenge
2. Case Study: EU's Committee of the Regions
3. The Importance and Power of a Global Network of Regions
4. Possible Next Steps: Consolidating and Expanding CWR's Beachheads in the WTO Process and the New Transatlantic Agenda
5. Possible Future Steps: Involvement of CWR in the Summit of the Americas Process, the APEC Process and Other Global Fora

F. The Rise of Electronic Commerce in the Global Economy

1. Current Level of E-Commerce by Category & Region
2. Projection of Future Level of E-Commerce by Category & Region
3. E-Commerce Sophistication as a Core Regional Competence
4. E-Commerce Competence as a Source of Regional Competitive Advantage
5. E-Commerce as a "Leapfrog" Development Tool for Developing Regions

6. Security Issues Associated With the Rise of E-Commerce

IV. Invitees to GRLF

Select group of elected leaders of leading states, regions and provinces from Europe, United States, Central and South America, Asia, Africa and Russia.

Examples: US Governors Romer (Colorado), Engler (Michigan), Kitzhaber (Oregon), Rossello (Puerto Rico); European regional leaders like Pujol (Catalonia) and President of Flanders; Governors of leading regions in Russia and Brazil, etc.

Guest speakers for plenary sessions to include senior national and international officials and CEOs of leading multinational companies. Examples of invited but unconfirmed speakers: Sir Leon Brittan (Commissioner in Charge of DG-1 in the European Commission), Commissioner Van Miert (European Commissioner in Charge of Competition Policy).

V. Official Endorsers/Sponsors of CWR/GRLF

- US State Department
- European Commission
- OECD
- World Bank
- US Council for International Business
- US Council of State Governments
- National Conference of State Legislatures
- National Governors Association
- American Legislative Exchange Council
- Assembly of European Regions
- Committee of the Regions of the EU
- Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
- Many, many more

VI. Background Material About CWR/GRLF (Available on Request)

- A. Keynote speech by President of CWR to 1994 Summit Meeting of the US-Mexico Border Governors Conference
- B. "Mastering Chaos at History's Frontier: The Geopolitics of Complexity" in current issue of Complexity (the scientific journal of the Santa Fe Institute)
- C. "Lesson from Brussels" in World Link (the magazine of the World

Economic Forum)

- D. "The Competitive Advantage of Regions" in State Government News (the magazine of the Council of State Governments)
- E. "Telehealth at the Crossroads" in New Telecom Quarterly

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April 1, 1998

*Regret
by phone
4/6/98*

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

Dear Ms. Verveer:

You are cordially invited to attend a luncheon presentation at the Overseas Development Council on Wednesday, April 15, 1998. We are honored to have as our guest The Rt. Hon. Clare Short, U.K. Secretary of State for International Development. Ms. Short will be in Washington for a series of meetings at the World Bank. She will address ODC's audience on the topic of **"Globalization: Realizing the Benefits for Developing Countries"**.

ODC is particularly identified with this issue through our recent paper released at Davos by Peter Sutherland, "The Challenges of Globalization", and its summary in our ODC Viewpoint of January, "A Globalization Summit". In the fall, ODC Visiting Fellow Dani Rodrik of Harvard University, will publish an ODC Policy Essay on globalization and its impact in developing nations. So, Ms. Short's address is especially pertinent to ODC's research.

The on-the-record luncheon discussion, at our offices at 1875 Connecticut Avenue N.W., Suite 1012, will begin at 12:30 p.m. and adjourn at 2:30 p.m. **Please R.S.V.P. to ODC's receptionist at 202 234 8701 before Monday, April 13.** I look forward to seeing you on the 15th.

Yours sincerely,

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January 23, 1998

Ms. Nina Ogden
Schiller Institute, Inc.
P.O. Box 20244
Washington, DC 20041-0244

Dear Ms. Ogden:

Thank you very much for your letter and the copy of the ~~final~~ interview. It was wonderful to hear from you.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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to read me out loud which
with Fr me Sincerely,

I have also
shared with
others here

RONALD FELDMAN FINE ARTS INC

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TO: Melanne Verveer, Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
Via Fax No. 202-456-6244

FROM: Ronald Feldman

DATE: January 20, 1998

Handwritten:
Hanna -
P/S her book

Dear Melanne:

The President and First Lady and Vice President and Mrs. Gore are scheduled to be at the Corcoran Gallery of Art tonight for a DNC function. By coincidence, Nancy Chunn's *Front Pages* are on exhibit at the Corcoran now. These 366 *Front Pages* of 1996's *New York Times* are transformed with pastels, inks and stamped comments into a contemporary history of how the news is presented by the media and received by the public. It's riveting.

I recently sent dedicated copies of Nancy's book to you and the First Lady via Ellen Lovell. Nancy greatly admires the First Lady. I am certain that a visit to the one-room exhibition at the Corcoran would provide great enjoyment, loads of laughs and a serious look at what Americans think of the news.

The exhibition was reviewed in full-page color in Friday's "Weekend Section" of the *Washington Post*. It was again well-reviewed in Sunday's *Washington Post*. Nancy was on C-Span for an hour and has just pre-recorded an interview for NPR with Susan Stamberg. CNN is in the process of setting a date to film.

I do not know if this visit to Nancy's show will be viable tonight, but it would be great. Nancy is in New York and can get on a shuttle in a minute as she is the best tour guide. But even a visit to the exhibition without her will prove truly memorable.

I trust all is well.

With warm regards,



Ron

c.c.: Steve Grossman, D.N.C.

January 23, 1998

Mr. Ronald Feldman
Ronald Feldman Fine Arts Inc.
31 Mercer Street
New York, NY 10013

Dear Mr. Feldman:

Thank you for the information about the exhibit at the
Corcoran Gallery of Art and the copy of Nancy Chunn's book
Front Pages. It was wonderful to hear from you.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

which we will treasure. Unfortunately,
the First Lady never made it
to the event, so she missed
the opportunity to see the
~~exhibition~~ at that time.
Show
Hopefully, there will be
another chance.

Kevin, also
pls do a
separate ltr
to Nancy Chunn
to mention her
in book -
c/o Feldman

"Front Pages"

I hope we can
get together before
too long.



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Melanne Verveer

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Dear Ms. Verveer,

Father Richard McSorley received a very encouraging letter from President Clinton in response to the interview I had with him which was published in Fidelio.

We have now published the full interview in The New Federalist newspaper. The Fidelio version was the shortened version, and Father McSorley thought you all would be interested in the full interview.

Sincerely yours,

Nina Ogden

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 13, 1998

Ms. Judith O'Connor
President & CEO
National Center for Nonprofit Boards
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2000 L Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Judith:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and invitation to participate in NCNB's 1998 National Leadership Forum in November.

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

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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Judith O'Connor

March 6, 1998

Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Hillary:

It has been several years since we have seen each other. I still have your kind and thoughtful letter wishing me well when I departed the American Bar Association and moved here to Washington to work with Jim Joseph at the Council on Foundations.

Last year I became President and CEO of the National Center for Nonprofit Boards (NCNB). Upon arriving at NCNB, I was so pleased to learn that you had greeted NCNB's National Leadership Forum participants several years ago (by video, due to a scheduling conflict). I am hopeful that you might be able to deliver a keynote address to our participants in person this year! NCNB's 1998 National Leadership Forum will take place from the afternoon of November 15 to the afternoon of November 17 in Washington, DC, and we would be happy to work out a time that fits your schedule.

Your participation as a keynote speaker at this conference would have a tremendous impact on nonprofit governance in the U.S. and globally. First, given your enormous contribution to civil societies everywhere, your recognition of the importance of the nonprofit sector, and your active participation on nonprofit boards, you would be a powerful voice in our efforts to improve the effectiveness of nonprofits by strengthening their boards of directors.

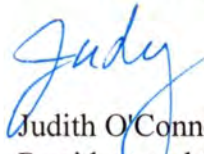
Second, NCNB is celebrating its tenth year by identifying new directions that will build upon our past successes and will position us to aggressively raise the bar of effective nonprofit governance. We are at an important crossroads and your stature would assist greatly in our efforts to expand our outreach and assistance to state and local management assistance organizations, academic centers, attorneys general offices, corporations and others interested in improving nonprofit board stewardship.

And, it would be good to see you again! You are an exceptional First Lady and it has been with great pride that I have watched you in this role. I would be honored if you would give serious consideration to accepting this invitation. Your participation would

send a strong message regarding the important role of volunteer boards of directors in the building and maintaining of civil societies.

I am enclosing a fact sheet that provides more information about the conference and some additional information about NCNB. I will check with your office next week to discuss this request. Please don't hesitate to call me or have your staff call me--my direct line is 202/776-7920.

With warm regards,


Judith O'Connor
President and CEO

Enclosures

HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
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September 4, 1990

Ms. Judith O'Connor
American Bar Association
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Dear Judy:

One of the highlights of my tenure as Chair of the American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Legal Profession is the chance I have had to work with women like yourself who epitomize the highest level of professionalism and ability. Although our association has been too short in my opinion, I will always remember your enthusiastic support for the work of the Commission, your kindness and assistance to me personally, and your smiling presence at every ABA meeting I ever attended.

I hope we have a chance to remain in touch both personally and professionally. As you begin your work at the Council on Foundations, I wish you much happiness and success.

Sincerely yours,



HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

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THE LASALLE FOUNDATION

February 27, 1998

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Attn: Melanne Verveer, Chief of Staff
Room 100, OEOB

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I am writing to invite you to be the honored guest at the Grand Opening of Cornerstone Center, 1111 North Wells Street, Chicago, on Thursday, May 28, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. This 50,000 square foot building will house five existing programs serving children, youth, families and the elderly, plus a new child care program; its many conference rooms and large community hall will also be available for use by civic and community organizations.

Cornerstone Center is the final piece of an ambitious mixed-use development which includes

- *Atrium Village* - The beautifully-landscaped cluster of low- and mid-rise buildings has been widely hailed as one of the nation's most successful models for accomplishing diversity in urban living, with an invigorating mix of ages, cultures, races and incomes among its residents. In 1995, NBC's Today Show featured Atrium Village as one of 2 national models of racial reconciliation. After seventeen years, it remains an extremely successful and desirable residence.

- *Maple Pointe* - This 342 unit, \$35 million project was the first major new residential center for the "well elderly" to be built for Chicago's north side low-income tenants since federal subsidy programs were discontinued. Using a complex and unusually successful marriage of public and private resources, including Illinois' largest-ever allocation of low-income housing tax credits, the beautifully-appointed senior tower was completed in 1996 and is fully occupied with a wonderfully diverse group of residents.

What may be most remarkable about all of this is that it has been achieved by a small, neighborhood church of 200 members and little wealth -- LaSalle Street Church.

Since 1963, LaSalle has been serving Chicago's urban poor, particularly residents of the Cabrini-Green public housing development, just two blocks west of the church. LaSalle Street Church started all of the programs that will be in Cornerstone Center. Currently scattered in separate and inadequate sites, these programs are non-sectarian and independently incorporated:

- *CYCLE (Community Youth Creative Learning Experience)* uses hands-on "learning labs" to develop in students an advanced problem-solving capability and excitement for life-long learning that transform lives and communities. More than 500 children, youth and

adults participate in CYCLE's daytime, after school, evening and summer programs.

- *The Center for Life Skills* is a counseling resource for individuals and families of all income levels who are struggling with conflicts in their relationships at home, work or school. Participants develop skills in communications, interpersonal relationships, problem solving and conflict management.
- *The LaSalle Senior Center* annually serves nearly 200 seniors, many of whom are homebound and have few family or social contacts, providing them with nutritious meals, socialization, outings, home visits, transportation, exercise classes, health information and advocacy, all in the context of a caring, supportive community.
- *LaSalle Young Life*, one of 600 chapters of a national organization, offers personal and academic support, spiritual guidance and character-building activities for teens whose most pervasive alternatives are gangs, drugs and dropping out.
- *Cornerstone Child Care*, will be a licensed, not-for-profit program that fosters the spiritual, physical, emotional, cognitive and social development of more than 150 children ages 2-6 in a secure and stimulating environment. It will serve families from diverse economic and cultural backgrounds, supporting parents in the care and growth of their children. Lower income families, through scholarships, will come together with wealthy families, paying market rates, to provide their children the best available away-from-home experience.
- *Cabrini-Green Legal Aid Clinic* assists low-income residents with information and representation to assure that they have equal access to justice; it already occupies its own building one block away from Cornerstone Center, and will be an active participant in Cornerstone group activities.

Chicago's Near North side is a rapidly changing neighborhood. It is becoming a blended community, with the geographic lines between ethnic groups, wealthy and poor, Gold Coast and Cabrini, more and more blurred. Cornerstone Center can become a comfortable crossroads, a safe place for the casual, but important, everyday contacts between people that lead to trust and acceptance. A real center of community.

We would be extremely honored if you could come to your "home town" and celebrate with us the Grand Opening of a valuable new resource for a changing community. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Bruce A. Otto, President
The LaSalle Foundation

Enclosure

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An architectural floor plan of a building, likely a school or community center, drawn in red lines on a light background. The plan shows several rooms and corridors. Labels include 'DAYCARE FOUR 4YR. OLDS (20)' at the top, 'CLOSET 212A' on the left, 'CLOSET 213A' in the middle left, 'CLOSET 214B' at the bottom left, and 'GREENHOUSE' on the right. A central text overlay in red reads 'Help build the center of a community – for mind, body & spirit'.

The LaSalle Foundation
Campaign for Cornerstone

Help build the
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& spirit

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 29, 1998

Mr. Gus Owen
Vice Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
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Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Owen:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and good wishes. I will pass your thoughts along to the President and the First Lady. It was delightful to meet you and your wife.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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From the desk of Gus Owen

Melanne:

It was a pleasure chatting with you last night during dinner. As Kathryn and I were having breakfast this morning, we were talking about the current events in the White House. We both have said silent prayers on behalf of the President and the First Lady.

I hope you convey this to the President and the First Lady, that we are very supportive of them, and will continue to keep them in our thoughts.

I look forward to meeting you again to talk about transportation, connectivity issues, and the vetting process.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 14, 1998

Mr. Steve Olweean
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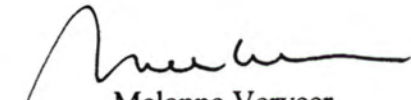
Dear Mr. Olweean:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to speak at the Annual International Conference on Conflict Resolution on May 9-14.

Regrettably, the First Lady will be unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts. The First Lady does send her best wishes for a successful conference.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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TO: **Hillary Clinton**
The White House
Pennsylvania, Avenue, Washington, DC

FAX: 202-456-6244

FROM: Steve Olweean, Director

DATE: 4-9-98

RE: Invitation to
**6th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
CONFLICT RESOLUTION**
May 9-14, 1998 St. Petersburg, Russia

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Hillary Clinton
The White House, Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

April 8, 1998

Dear Ms Clinton,

I am writing on behalf of Common Bond Institute (US) and HARMONY Institute (Russia) to express our sincere gratitude for the ongoing support President Clinton has given now for 5 years to the **ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CONFLICT RESOLUTION**, held each May in St. Petersburg, Russia. His consistent endorsement of this joint effort by our American and Russian organizations offers invaluable encouragement to the hundreds of participants coming from more than 30 countries and all continents across the globe, at their own expense and often traveling through difficult situations. It is important to note that individuals who attend this event each year are in key positions in their societies to model and teach these skills to hundreds more.

The purpose of this letter is to ask if you would honor us by joining all or any part of the conference this year and addressing a plenary on the topic of your choice. We would be honored to invite your daughter Chelsea to accompany you and take part as well. The conference opens the evening of May 9 (which is also Victory Day in Russia) and closes the afternoon of May 14.

We feel the program content, intentional community experience, and dynamic networking that takes place during the conference itself, as well as the many productive cooperations and projects that grow out of these meetings to continually spread this good work in the world during the months between events, is of a caliber that you, the President, and others you are in contact with would value experiencing personally. We would also like to extend this invitation to others you feel would be interested. This precedence setting, grass-roots event is clearly in line with your and the President's stated values and goals, and your participation would certainly add a great deal of quality and focus to the effort.

In addition to the approximately 50 practical workshops and lectures, there will be four special Roundtable dialogues you may find of particular interest.

- 1) Roundtable of Indigenous People
- 2) The Role of Grassroots Communication Technology and the Media in Conflict Resolution
- 3) The Role of Spirituality in Conflict Resolution
- 4) Healing the Offender Relationship: Within Ourselves and With Our Community

A description of these roundtables is included with this letter and a copy of the '97 site program is being sent to you. In addition, the '98 full program will be posted soon on our website.

I sincerely hope you can accept our invitation and join us in St. Petersburg, and I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



Steve Olweean, Director
Conference Co-coordinator

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(ATTACHMENT)

6th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CONFLICT RESOLUTION

May 8 - 18, 1998 St. Petersburg, Russia

CONFERENCE UP-DATE

Current samples from the '98 program:

**50 institutes, workshops, lectures, and roundtables,
and a full slate of evening activities that offer:**

- ◆ training in practical skills,
- ◆ sharing of programs and curriculums,
- ◆ intensive dialogues exploring theory and perceptions of conflict and resolution
- ◆ networking and collaboration opportunities during and beyond events
- ◆ a powerful intentional community experience

CURRENT SAMPLES OF PRESENTERS include: George Lakey (US), Pir Vilayat Khan (France), Marilyn Youngbird (US), Dmitry Leontiev (Russia), Neil Douglas-Klotz (England), Red Earth Woman (US), Shoji Muramoto (Japan), Nira Kfir (Israel), Marina Tjasto (Russia), Toshihru Kasai (Japan), Muhammad Tehrani (Iran), Ann Johnston (US), Valentin Krindach (Russia), Makram Haluan (Venezuela), Chris Stout (US), Alexandra Moiseyeva (Russia), Robin Milstead (US), Carlo Hawk Walker Carlino (US), Victor Kagan (Russia), Demetri Efthymoulos (US), Peter Timoshenkov (Russia), Galina Azovtseva (Russia), Stefan Wolff (England), Ella Poljakova (Russia), Kelly Weiler (US), Sergey Zubarev (Russia), Alexander Rusetsky (Georgia), Alexander Badkhen (Russia), Mark Pevzner (Russia), Alice Crume (US), Oleg Lysenko (Russia), Irina Bagdasarjan (Armenia), Sharif Abdullah (US), Vladimir Safyanov (Russia), Yaron Ziv (Israel), Svetlana Yermakova (Russia), Nigel Hamilton (England), Valerij Kabrin (Russia), Annedore Schultze (Germany), Olga Kazanskaja (Russia), Elizabeth Jenkins (US), Atum O'Kane (England), Vladimir Dmitriev (Russia), Star Jameston (US), Yuriy Krasin (Russia), Adrian Wolfe (England), Galina Mikkil (Estonia), and Yevgenia Volkova (Russia).

ROUNDTABLE DIALOGUES

1) "THE ROLE OF GRASS-ROOTS COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE MEDIA IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION":

Facilitating Members:

Representatives of computer and electronic communications technology (internet, cellular, fax, simultaneous interpretation, etc.), and the media.

This roundtable focuses on the current and future impact of increasingly available technology allowing more direct, frequent, and highly personal contact between an unprecedented and increasing portion of the global population on a daily basis. It also addresses the role of the formal and alternative media in reporting and potentially influencing existing and potential conflict situations. Implications for the manner in which these different aspects of local and global communications are evolving, interacting, and impacting on each other will be explored. To highlight the technology's potential, during the conference - and even the roundtable - a computer link will be set up to our web site through the internet to allow posting brief synopses of the roundtable dialogue and conference in-process, and to receive comments and questions from "virtual" participants around the world.

2) "THE ROLE OF SPIRITUALITY IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION":

This topic has been represented at each of the 6 conferences to date, and is always well attended. It explores what we mean by spirituality, and how relationships and interactions with ourselves, each other, and other forms of life are effected when this potential is developed and fully present. It also explores the impact of it's hindrance or distortion.

3) "ROUNDTABLE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE":

Facilitating Members:

representatives of various indigenous spiritual traditions.

The vision of the Roundtable is to renew indigenous forms of communications, reconnect relationships among peoples, and explore interconnectedness as one global people. Organizers of this roundtable are bringing together representatives of indigenous spiritual traditions from several different regions of the world. Currently this includes Native American (North and South), Siberian, Northern Russian, Caucasus, the Middle East, and Australia.

Vision Statement:

"The vision of the Roundtable is to renew our indigenous forms of communications, to reconnect our relationships among peoples, and to explore our interconnectedness as one global people.

We affirm that life is one place or "country" with no borders. We honor the ancient prophecy of one world: one people. To move toward one people, we offer a different world view which focuses on the "13 essential nations of life".

The essential nations are:

Fire Nation (represents life)
Air Nation
Animal Nation
Rock Nation
Water Nation
Plant Nation
One People

Ancestors (represents our teachings and prophecy)
Children
Two-Leggeds
Winged Nation
Water Creatures
Star Nation

At the Roundtable, we hope to bring together representatives of the 13 essential nations who share the vision and spirit of one world: one people."

4) "HEALING THE OFFENDER RELATIONSHIP: INTERNALLY AND WITH COMMUNITY:"

This roundtable explores healing and reconciliation paradigms for prison and offender programs in diverse cultures, utilizing spirituality and humanistic psychology as a base. Developers of highly innovative and effective prison reform and offender reconciliation programs in Iran, Russia, Sweden, the US, and elsewhere offer their work as practical applications of this approach.

EXAMPLES OF EVENING CULTURAL PROGRAMMING:

- ~ Cross-cultural dance and songfest on the shores of the Finnish Gulf where participants from different cultures share sacred/healing dances and songs of social and personal transformation
- ~ Sharing of indigenous spiritual ceremonies,
- ~ Dances of Universal Peace,
- ~ Children's concert of traditional Russian music,
- ~ Russian folk and ritual dancing,
- ~ Slide show of River Spirit images.

Annual International Conference on Conflict Resolution

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Grand Traverse Band of the Ottawa
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6TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CONFLICT RESOLUTION

"Sharing Tools for Personal/Global Harmony"

May 8 - 18, 1998 St. Petersburg, Russia

Sponsored by Common Bond Institute and HARMONY Institute,
in cooperation with the Association for Humanistic Psychology

The ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CONFLICT RESOLUTION (ICR), held each spring in St. Petersburg, Russia, represents a collaboration between two institutes - one American, one Russian. It addresses the immediate potential for both dramatic and violent decline in world relations, and at the same time profound movement toward peace, understanding, and harmony in the global community. Now in its 6th year as a jointly sponsored professional conference, this annual event attracts hundreds of change-makers in key positions from all corners of the world who come together and define this time of true crisis as opportunity for positive change and healing, and for the formation of a culture of peace.

The ICR Conference is endorsed by major universities, professional groups, and government organizations. Of particular note are endorsements by US President Clinton, Russian President Yeltsin, and St. Petersburg Governor Yakovlev, who are represented at these events. Each year the *Ashley Montagu Peace Award*, first established in 1995, recognizes and honors individuals who have distinguished themselves in contributing to international peace.

The **OVERALL PURPOSE** is to create an open learning community for sharing highly effective skills in conflict resolution. Of the hundreds who participate, most are in positions in their respective societies and cultures to walk away from the conference empowered with hands-on tools they can immediately begin to model and teach to hundreds more. This is based on the premise that as individuals in a society are equipped and empowered with tools to positively manage differences and appreciate diversity day to day, the society as a whole can effectively commit to healthy alternatives to violence as a means of resolving conflicts.

ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE GOALS ARE TO:

- ◆ Provide a **multi-disciplinary open forum** for exploring new ways of thinking of and perceiving conflicts, differences, and issues of personal/global security, as well as managing them.
- ◆ Form a **multi-cultural community experience** to explore conference themes and create a common ground of reference and support. Nurturing a close intentional community is highly valued by participants as essential to engaging and integrating formal learning.
- ◆ Devote program time for **processing, brainstorming, and networking** to ensure application and collaborative follow-through between events.
- ◆ Bring together quality presenters at a time and place where **representatives of societies in turmoil and upheaval**, who otherwise would be excluded due to economics or travel constraints, **can participate fully**. By design, hard-currency registrations subsidize attendance costs of those from economically impoverished societies to help balance the economic impact.

The **CONFERENCE PROGRAM ADDRESSES** all levels and dimensions of conflict resolution, from the intrapersonal - to the interpersonal - to relationships between groups, organizations, cultures, and societies - and ultimately between us and other species.

The **6 day conference program** (May 9-14), consisting of approximately 50 full-day institutes, workshops, and round-table discussions, reflects a broad and in-depth selection of views and practical approaches to conflict resolution. Facilitated evening community meetings, focused on topics that arise during the course of the conference, are offered to encourage dynamic interchanges between participants. The evening program time and space is allocated to provide many opportunities for poster sessions and naturally evolving, spontaneous meetings.

4 day pre & post-conference program offers additional local professional visits & rich cultural events.

Presentations explore conflict within a variety of contexts. **Program tracks** include psychotherapy, organizational development, global conflict, gender, economics, deep ecology, transpersonal, the arts, etc. Presenters represent **diverse disciplines as well as cultures**, including psychology, education, peace activism, social work, medical & healing arts, organizational development, theology & philosophy, ecology, diplomacy, journalism, business & economics, law, the physical sciences, and the arts. Anyone with a commitment to the topic: "Sharing Tools for Personal/Global Harmony" is welcome.

AS PART OF THE CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UP:

- 1) A **Journal of collected papers** on conflict resolution by conference presenters is in the process of being prepared for publication.
- 2) Practical **skills training curriculum and programs** presented at the conference made available to participants and their representative organizations. Follow up evaluations verify the effective introduction of these materials into universities, schools, institutes, business and government settings, and community centers of represented societies.
- 3) Key individuals and organizations from high-risk regions attending the conference are linked with **longer term, intensive training programs** offered by the conference sponsors and other host training organizations represented.
- 4) A **global computer conference** on conflict resolution is being created to maintain contact between participants and provide networking, support, and follow-through between events.

In the midst of struggling peace negotiations at the governmental level, the clear success of these conferences is evidence that this is the right time & place for this work. We invite you to be part of this effort, and join us in endorsing a vision of non-violence in the world and the methods to achieve it.

"As the interaction of the global community grows ever greater and more complex, we face the challenge of responding creatively to disputes not only in our individual communities and nations, but also in the international arena. Through your ongoing work to learn, develop, and encourage the use of innovative techniques of conflict management and resolution, you are helping to promote such creative alternatives. I commend the organizers and participants in this year's conference for your leadership in and commitment to fostering reconciliation and understanding. You are serving the common good and helping to build a more peaceful world for us all. Best wishes for a successful conference." Bill Clinton

Sponsored by COMMON BOND INSTITUTE *(Contact for all Information)*

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 4, 1998

Father Leo O'Donovan
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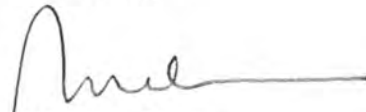
Dear Leo:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful note and for the materials on Georgetown microcredit projects. I have passed the information on.

Also, since the First Lady has become an international voice for microcredit and has visited projects here and abroad, we will also keep the information on hand should an opportunity present itself.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

April 28, 1998

Ms. Melanne Verveer

Dear Melanne,

Enclosed is a letter to the President about several microcredit projects underway here at Georgetown.

Given the President's advocacy of microcredit initiatives as tools for alleviating poverty -- and his emphasis on such programs during his trip to Africa -- I thought some information about projects here in the District might prove useful. A copy for the First Lady is enclosed as well, as she was an inspiration to the students who launched our service-learning course in this area.

Many thanks for your help guiding these letters to their destinations. With best spring wishes,

God bless.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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June 4, 1998

Jo Owen
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McLean, VA 22101

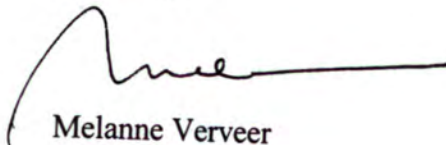
Dear Jo:

Thank you for your letter and for the information on the wonderful event to be held at Georgetown on October 4, 1998.

Thank you also for conveying the formal letter of invitation from Dr. Shashaani, and all the materials. I do not know at this point whether Mrs. Clinton's attendance will be possible since she has a heavy travel schedule in October. Our scheduling office will notify Dr. Shashaani once a decision is made.

Best wishes in your many important endeavors. Love to the family.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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May 22, 1998

Dear Melanne,

I am writing to tell you of an event which I think you and Mrs. Clinton would be most interested in knowing about.

The program is being planned by Rabbi Harold White of Georgetown Univ; Sufi Muslim, Avidet Shashaani; Diane Sherwood of Holy Trinity Church and myself, of St. Aloysius Church in D.C.

The event will be held at Georgetown University on October 4, 1998.

It is an event that is a symbol of great hope for Jews and Palestinians in Israel, at a time when things seem so negative.

Melanne, could you please read the enclosed letter and let us know if you think it is worthy of your pursuit?

With deepest thanks, and
great sincerity,
Owen

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 24, 1998

Mr. Robert O'Leary
Office of the Governor
State Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

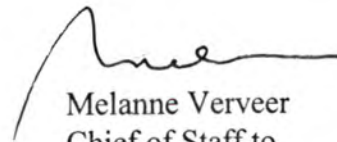
Dear Bob:

It was such a wonderful surprise to hear from you. By all means, tell Chris to call me. After all these years in Washington, I may have a few ideas. However, Chris clearly has a lot going for him being a Georgetown grad and a friend of yours.

I cannot believe that Devin is in college. That makes me feel so old! We love Lawton Chiles here and all he's accomplished. What will you do when he leaves office? Give our love to Lynne. I hope we get to see you before too long.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

LAWTON CHILES

April 13, 1998

Melanne Verveer
Office of the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Melanne:

Chris LaVigne is a very bright, recent graduate from the University of Pennsylvania. Lynne and I idled away our college years at Clydes, Rock Creek and Great Falls with his parents when we were all in Washington in the 1960s. As best I can figure, he's the smartest child of the Georgetown University Class of 1970.

Chris has decided to work for a year before he enters law school at Northwestern. He's been interested and involved in government in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington already. Having worked in Congress over the years, he's hoping to spend the year lobbying. I've tried and failed to convince him to work in state government, He's convinced that Washington is exciting, glamorous and important while state government processes paperwork. He's sure got that right.

I have agreed to find some people who could help him chart his course in Washington. He needs some advice about where to look for a one year gig. He's interested in lobbying Congress or agencies and is open to either firm, organization, or agency work. He's most interested in health care or international issues but he has worked for a House member, in the House Judiciary Committee and with Ways & Means so he has a broader range. I've suggested that he contact you and hope that you could give him some ideas or referrals. I know that he would appreciate any help you can give him as would I.

Every so often we see you on CNN and Lynne screams out, "There's Melanne." It's about as much excitement as we can handle after seven years in Tallahassee. Chiles is finishing up while MacKay gears up for the Fall. We'll see how that goes with Bush. Hope that Phil and the kids are ok. Devin is a freshman at Florida State. Brennan is 16, plays the electric guitar and has two woofers in his car. Save his ears oh Lord.

Thanks,

Robert O'Leary

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 8, 1998

Ms. Catherine O'Neill
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Sag Harbor, NY 11963

Dear Ms. O'Neill:

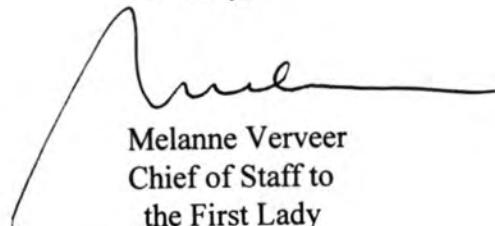
Catherine

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your invitation to a "Ladies Lunch" the weekend of July 30.

It is unlikely Hillary will be able to join you. I have forwarded your letter to our scheduling office for a definitive response.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

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