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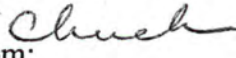
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 26, 1999

Rev. Charles Bergstrom
21 Sierra Way
West Yarmouth, MA 02673-2622

Dear Rev. Bergstrom:



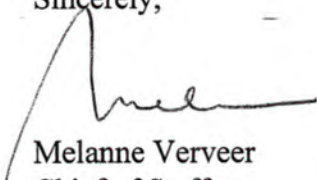
Thank you for your note and belated congratulations on your freedom award! It is wonderful to hear from you.

Joe Hacala is now a Director at H.U.D.. His number is (202) 708-3630 and the address is:

451 Seventh St., SW #10222
Washington, DC 3630

Hope all is well. It was great to see you at the Waldorf PFAW event. Very best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

REV. DR. CHARLES V. BERGSTROM
Pastor
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
(Retired)

Phone:
508-398-3864

21 Sierra Way
West Yarmouth, MA 02673-2622

Chuck & Lois Bergstrom

21 Sierra Way

W. Yarmouth, Mass. 02673

(508) 398-3864

Eric
back to me
re: Miss

Nov 16, 1998

Dear Melanne,

We think of you often and
pray for all you good folks
in the White House. Sometime
we hope to have time for
visit & conversations.

I understand Joe ^(Fr) Hacala
is now with the adm. - perhaps
in HUD. Do you have a
phone number or address? I
would appreciate getting it.

Hi to you and Phil from

Lois & I.

ps I am still a member
of one PMV Board

Chuck.

*Nice surprise for
an old preacher.*

THE REVEREND CHARLES BERGSTROM

recipient of the America Civil Liberties Union

Freedom Award

**WILL BE THE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AWARD RECIPIENT OF THE
MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER OF AMERICANS UNITED FOR THE
SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE.**

Reverend Bergstrom Chairman of the executive committee for People for the American Way and former senior minister of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Worcester is a member of the National Advisory Council of Americans United, and former Executive Director of the Office for Government Affairs of the Lutheran Council of U.S.A. for 11 years. Retiring from full-time ministry in 1988, he now serves as a consultant, preacher, and speaker on Church/State issues.

The award is part of the 1998 Third Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet of the MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER AMERICANS UNITED FOR THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE to be held

Tuesday, November 17, 1998

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 10 Lincoln Square, Worcester

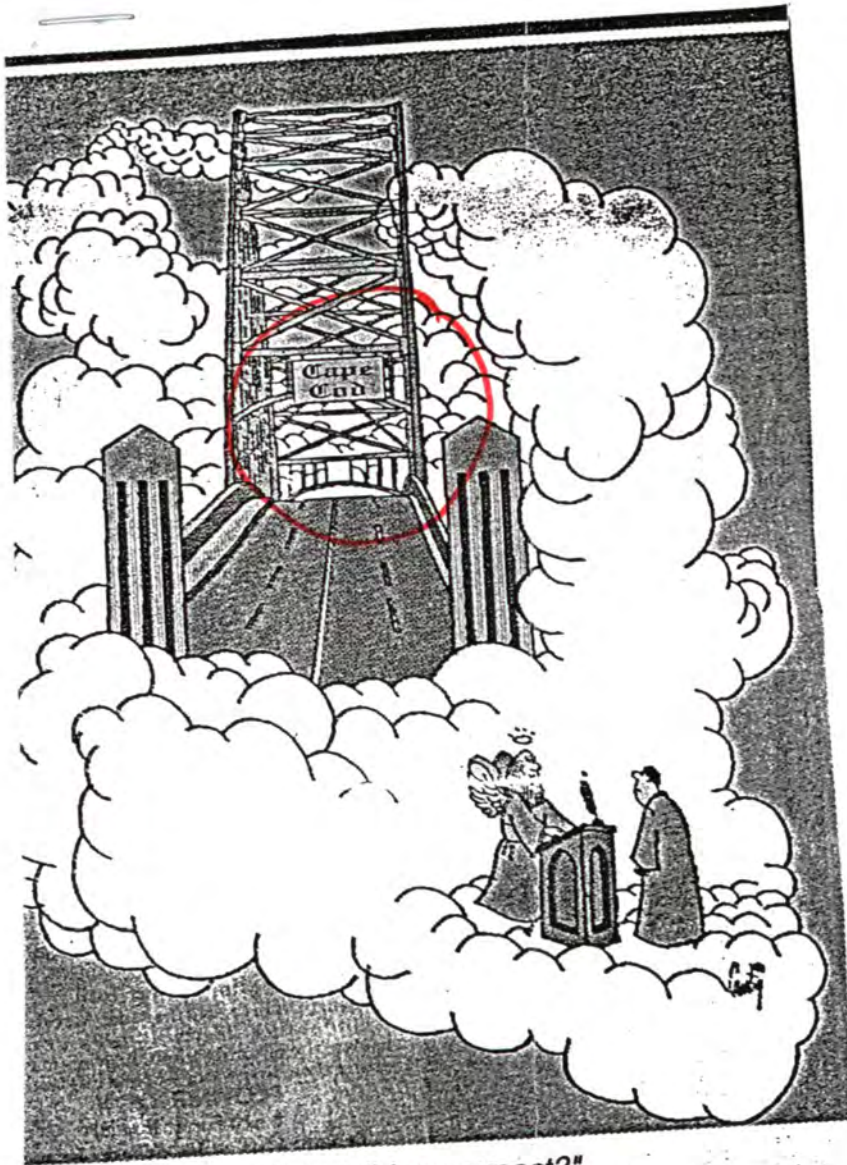
CASH BAR : 5:45

DINNER 6:45

PROGRAM 7:30

The featured speaker will be:

G. ROBERT BOSTON who is recognized as a leading writer and researcher on church-state topics and advocate for the separation of church and state. He is the author of *The Most Dangerous Man in America ? Pat Robertson and the Rise of the Christian Coalition*, and *Why the Religious Right Is Wrong About Separation of Church & State*. He is Assistant Direct of Communication for American United for Separation of Church and State. Mr. Boston joined Americans United staff in 1987. He will speak on the topic : "THE MEANING OF THE NOVEMBER ELECTION FOR THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE"



"What did you expect?"

Great place to visit
- especially at Bephtoms.



Rev Charles Bergstrom
21 Sierra Way
West Yarmouth MA
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Melame Verveer
Chief of Staff, The First Lady
The White House
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April 14, 1999

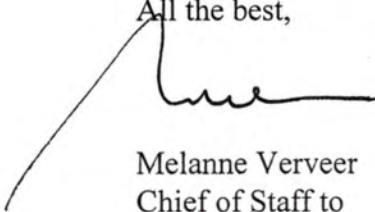
Carol Moseley Braun
1239 East Madison Park
Chicago, IL 60616

Dear Carol:

We got the wonderful "care package" and Hillary and I will be indebted to you and thinking about you on every long distance flight. You are so very thoughtful. It will make traveling much more comfortable.

We hope all will go well with the nomination and look forward to seeing you before too long.

All the best,

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Melanne Verveer
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the First Lady

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CAROL E. MOSELEY BRAUN
PERSONAL DATA STATEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

NOMINEE: Ambassador to New Zealand and Western Samoa

Personal and Family Background

1. Full Name: Carol Elizabeth Moseley Braun
- Home Address: 1239 East Madison Park
Chicago, Illinois 60616
- Home Telephone: (773) 924-8160
- Office Address: 819 South Wabash
Chicago, Illinois 60602
- Office Telephone: (312) 986-9898
- Date of Birth: (b)(6)
- Place of Birth: Chicago, Illinois
- Citizenship: American
- Social Security #: (b)(6)
2. Marital Status: Divorced
- Children: Matthew Braun, age 21

3. No. I do not have any medical conditions that could interfere with my ability to fulfill my duties.

Professional and Educational Background

4. 9/69 to 6/72, University of Chicago Law School, Juris Doctorate
- 1974, Northwestern University School for Prosecutors
29th Annual Short Course for Prosecutors

*Exc -
Pls do a
letter of
[001]
Dear Carol
We got the
wonderful "care
package" and
be indebted to
you + making
about you on
every long flight
dis + see flight
you are*

*So very
much for
make
It will
travelling much more
comfortable
→*

We ~~will~~ hope all will
go well with the
narration & look
forward to seeing you
before too long.
All the best,
m.v.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 5, 1999

Prof. Avishay Braverman and Lord George Weidenfeld
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Beer-Sheva 841105
Israel

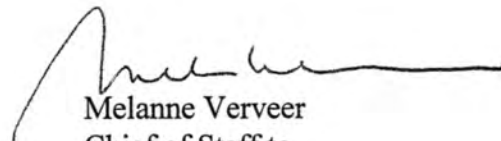
Dear Prof Braverman and Lord Weidenfeld:

Thank you for your letter and invitation for the First Lady to accept an honorary degree from Ben-Gurion University on March 7 in Palm Beach, Florida.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton's demanding schedule will not allow her to accept your kind invitation. She conveys her appreciation for Ben-Gurion's important work in so many areas, along with her best wishes to you and your colleagues for a successful event.

With 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

January 5, 1999

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton

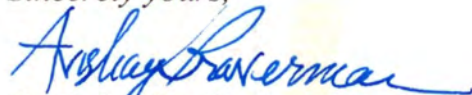
Ben-Gurion University wishes to offer you its utmost admiration for your leadership in making the world a better place for our children and for your exemplary and outspoken advocacy of the rights of women. For these, and myriad other noble battles that you have espoused, we at Ben-Gurion University would like to bestow the degree of doctor honoris causa upon you at our gala in Palm Beach, Florida on the 7th of March.

Mrs. Clinton you are a singular role model not only for women but for all people of good conscience whose concern for making this world a better place is paramount in their actions and philosophies. Your activities in assisting the development of Third World countries is estimable. We at Ben-Gurion University are attempting to make our own impact in this area through our Centers for Bedouin Culture which is geared toward upgrading the level of schooling for the native Bedouin population so that they might matriculate in colleges and universities in Israel, and our Albert Katz International Center for Desert Studies which focuses on bringing scholars and practitioners throughout the world here to learn from our top researchers in fighting desertification; developing desert agriculture and water desalination.

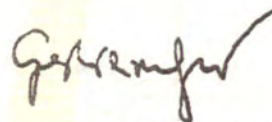
We can think of no one more worthy of this honor than you, and we hope that you would agree to join the many other noteworthy world leaders that have received this encomium, such as Nelson Mandela, Henry Kissinger, Helmut Kohl, Francois Mitterand, Yitzhak Rabin, Daniel Patrick Moynihan and also our dear friend Danny Abraham.

It would be our greatest honor if you would be able to accept this degree from Ben-Gurion University.

Sincerely yours,



Prof. Avishay Braverman
President



Lord George Weidenfeld
Chairman of the Board of Governors

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 7, 1999

Paula Broglio
11012 Cherry Hill Road
Adelphi, MD 20783

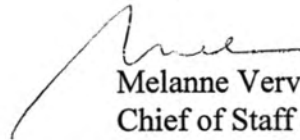
Dear Paula:

Thank you for your letter and the information about the Intergenerational Center Task Force meeting, which I have shared with others here.

Mrs. Clinton conveys her appreciation for the hard work of the members of the task force.

All the best.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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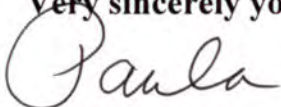
March 2, 1999

Dear Melanne,

It's been a while since I sent you anything for Mrs. Clinton. I really think she would be interested in the meeting we had this Monday, March 1st. It was a real pleasure meeting Kathleen Kennedy Townsend. I've enclosed a copy of the meeting agenda and a copy of the University of Maryland's Diamondback article supporting our Intergenerational Center's project.

Please pass this on to Mrs. Clinton. Thank you as always for your continued support in relaying my paperwork to the First Lady.

Very sincerely yours,



Paula Broglio

11012 Cherry Hill Rd
Adelphi, MD 20783

Task Force for an Intergenerational Center

affiliated with

The Work/Life Committee - Family Friendly Committee

Quality of WorkLife Task Force

President's Commission on Women's Issues

Meeting: Monday, March 1, 1999, 10 a.m.

The Maryland Room, Marie Mount Hall

Topic: The State's Role in an Intergenerational Center at the University

Agenda

The goals of the meeting:

- a) To get information about what state resources and similar or related programs we can learn from or link with.
- b) Hear suggestions for raising funds from both the business community and the state.
- c) Forming an ongoing relationship with the Glendening-Townsend administration so that this idea can become a reality: naming an administration liaison for the project.
- d) Discussing how this project could be viewed as a model for programs of this type to be started in other places in the state in the future.

- 1. Welcome (5 minutes), Vice President Sturtz
- 2. Presentation of Report of the Task Force (15 minutes), Joel Cohen and Paula Broglio
- 3. Remarks by Lieutenant Governor Townsend
- 4. Remarks by Delegate Menes (10 minutes)
- 5. Discussion (10 minutes), facilitated by Susan Taylor
- 6. Closing remarks (5 minutes), Joel Cohen

Guests:

Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, Lieutenant Governor
Arthur Dorman, Senator, 21st District
Pauline Menes, Delegate, 21st District
Barbara A. Frush, Delegate, 21st District
Brian R. Moe, Delegate, 21st District
Anne Healey, 22nd District
Richard Palumbo, 22nd District
Rushern L. Baker III, 22nd District
Charles Sturtz, Vice President for Administrative Affairs
William Destler, Acting Vice President for Advancement
Richard N. Conti, City Manager, College Park
Beth Shapiro, Holy Cross Hospital
David Simpkins, Holy Cross Hospital
Susan Taylor, Chair, Quality of Worklife Task Force
Laura Slavin, Chair, President's Commission on Women's Issues
Marie Davidson, Executive Assistant to the President

IGC Task Force Participants:

Margaret Bridwell, Director, Campus Health Center
Paula Broglio, Maryland English Institute, Childcare Advocate
Robert Coates, Staff Ombuds Officer
Joel M. Cohen, Professor of Math, Chair of the joint committee
Jared Collard, Conference and Visitors Services, Retired Volunteer Corps
Francine Favretto, Director, Center for Young Children
Vicky Foxworth, Organizational Development Specialist, CQI*
Robert Freeman, Counseling Center
Ned L. Gaylin, Professor of Family Studies
Barbara Goldberg, Counseling Center, Returning Students Program*
Beverly Greenfeig, Counseling Center, Returning Students Program
Peggy Higgins, Director of Community Resources, City of College Park
Samuel A. Lawrence, Assistant Vice President for Administrative Affairs (retired)*
Daniel Leviton, Director of the Adult Health and Development Program
Arnold Medvene, Faculty Ombuds Officer
Joanie Millane, Assistant Vice President for Administrative Affairs
Helen O'Ferrall, Health and Human Performance, Chair of Eldercare Committee
Patrick Perfetto, Director of Conference and Visitors Services, Retired Volunteer Corps
Elizabeth Platz, Lutheran Chaplain, Chair of Childcare Committee
Elizabeth Stecher, Coordinator, Math Department Undergraduate Program, Eldercare Committee
Laura Wilson, Chair, Center on Aging*

* Unable to attend

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 13, 1999

Greg Brooks
Executive Assistant
Office of the President of the Borough of Brooklyn
Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201

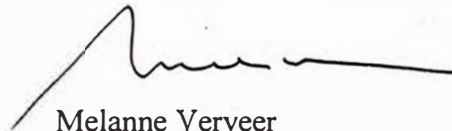
Dear Mr. Brooks:

Thank you for your letter and invitation for the First Lady to keynote the Brooklyn Academy of Music's annual tribute to Martin Luther King on January 17.

I have forwarded your request to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady who is working on Mrs. Clinton's future scheduling commitments. If there is an opportunity for Mrs. Clinton to attend the event, she office will be in touch with you.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

BOROUGH HALL 209 JORALEMON STREET, BROOKLYN, N.Y. 11201

GREG BROOKS
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

1-718/802-3862
FAX: 1-718/802-3959

November 10, 1999

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Assistant to the President and
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Verveer:

I am contacting you at the recommendation of Mr. Harvey Lichtenstein, the former President and Artistic Director of the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

Brooklyn Borough President Howard Golden wrote to First Lady Hillary Clinton last September inviting her to be the keynote speaker at Brooklyn's annual tribute to the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King. The event will take place on Monday, January 17, 2000 at 10:30 AM at the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

I am taking the opportunity to forward you press clippings from this event. As the clippings indicate, it is the largest and among the most prestigious tributes to Dr. King held in New York.

It would be an honor to Brooklyn to have the First Lady attend this event and we are holding the keynote speaker space for her; however, as time is getting short we would appreciate learning if the First Lady's schedule will permit her attendance.

I look forward to hearing from you to determine the possibility of the First Lady's attendance.

Yours truly,

Greg Brooks



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 3, 2000

Dr. Gro Harlem Brundtland
Director General
World Health Organization
121 Geneva 27
SWITZERLAND

Dear Dr. Brundtland:

Thank you for your invitation for Mrs. Clinton to participate in the Ministerial Conference to Stop TB in the Netherlands, March 21-23.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton will not be able to accept your invitation due to scheduling conflicts at that time. As you know personally, Hillary has been very concerned about the need for an effective global effort against TB. Your leadership in this regard and the conference are so very important.

You are doing such an impressive job at the helm of WHO. If a video by Mrs. Clinton to the conference would be helpful, please let us know.

Very best wishes and happy new year.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Vermeer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Melanne Verveer

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to do a formal
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*Patricia -
Invite for
March on
TB*

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*File
January*

*Melanne -
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this - do
they know.
Patricia*

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E.O. 12958: N/A
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SUBJECT: W.H.O. - INVITATION TO MRS. CLINTON TO
PARTICIPATE IN YEAR 2000 STOP TB CONFERENCE

1. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE FOR THE DEPT. SEE PARA 15.

2. SUMMARY: DR. GRO HARLEM BRUNDTLAND, DIRECTOR GENERAL,
W.H.O. HAS INVITED THE FIRST LADY TO PARTICIPATE IN A
MARCH 2000 CONFERENCE IN AMSTERDAM ON TUBERCULOSIS
CONTROL AND THE HIGHEST BURDEN COUNTRIES. THIS MESSAGE
REVIEWS OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE OBJECTIVES, FORMAT, AND
AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.



INVITATION TO MRS CLINTON

3. MISSION HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF A LETTER DATED JUNE 14
SENT TO THE FIRST LADY, HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, FROM DR.
GRO HARLEM BRUNDTLAND, DIRECTOR-GENERAL, WORLD HEALTH
ORGANIZATION (W.H.O.) INVITING MRS. CLINTON TO
PARTICIPATE IN A MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE TO STOP TB, TO BE
HELD IN THE NETHERLANDS, MARCH 21-23, 2000. TEXT
FOLLOWS:

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DEAR HILLARY,

FURTHER TO MY RECENT LETTER OF 27 APRIL 1999 REGARDING THE TUBERCULOSIS EPIDEMIC AND THE STOP TB INITIATIVE, I WOULD LIKE TO ENQUIRE ABOUT YOUR AVAILABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE TO STOP TB. THIS CONFERENCE IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 21-23 MARCH 2000 AND WOULD BE CO-SPONSORED BY W.H.O., AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS WHICH WOULD HOST THE MEETING. THERE, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE SOCIAL, HEALTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONSEQUENCES OF THE EPIDEMIC WOULD BE CLEARLY ENUNCIATED TO MINISTERS OF HEALTH AS WELL AS MINISTERS OF FINANCE, DEVELOPMENT OR PLANNING FROM THE WORLD'S HIGHEST BURDEN COUNTRIES. WE KNOW THAT COMBATING TB REQUIRES SUSTAINED SUPPORT ACROSS SECTORS OF GOVERNMENT AND SOCIETY. THE MINISTERIAL EVENT WOULD SET THE STAGE FOR WIDENING THE RANGE OF ACTORS INVOLVED IN TB CONTROL AT COUNTRY LEVEL.

FOLLOWING FORMAL AGREEMENT, WHICH WE ANTICIPATE SOON, FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS, YOU WILL BE INVITED TO JOIN ME AT THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON THE EVENING OF 22 MARCH AND MORNING OF 23 MARCH. YOUR PRESENCE AND COMMITMENT TO ISSUES SUCH AS TB WOULD LEND STRONG CREDIBILITY TO THE PROCEEDINGS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR CONTINUED COOPERATION AS PARTNERS IN THE STOP TB INITIATIVE, AND TO A SUCCESSFUL MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE TO STOP TB.

YOURS SINCERELY,
GRO HARLEM BRUNDTLAND, MD, MPH
DIRECTOR-GENERAL

END LETTER

OBJECTIVES/OVERALL PURPOSE

4. MISSION'S HEALTH ATTACHE DISCUSSED PLANS FOR THE CONFERENCE WITH DR. MAARTEN BOSMAN OF THE STOP TB INITIATIVE. THE FOLLOWING MAY BE HELPFUL TO THE WHITE HOUSE IN DECIDING WHETHER TO ACCEPT THIS INVITATION:

A. THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF THE CONFERENCE IS TO BUILD, ENHANCE AND SUSTAIN THE POLITICAL WILL OF GOVERNMENTS TO COMMIT TO INVESTING IN AND SUSTAINING EFFECTIVE TB CONTROL AS PART OF OVERALL HEALTH SECTOR DEVELOPMENT.

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B. THE CONFERENCE WILL ADDRESS TB AS A MAJOR CONSTRAINT ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IT WILL PRESENT TB AS A MAJOR CAUSE OF HUMAN SUFFERING, AFFECTING PARTICULARLY THE POOR, WOMEN AND CHILDREN, AND EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR GOOD TB CONTROL SERVICES AS AN INTEGRAL COMPONENT OF EXPANDED AND STRENGTHENED HEALTH SERVICES WHICH CAN ACCELERATE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

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C. TWO POSITION PAPERS WILL BE PRESENTED ADDRESSING THE OVERRIDING ISSUE OF BUILDING AND SUSTAINING POLITICAL WILL AND INVESTING IN AND SUSTAINING EFFECTIVE TB CONTROL AS PART OF OVERALL HEALTH SECTOR DEVELOPMENT.

D. THE CONFERENCE AIMS TO ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVES THROUGH THE FOLLOWING:

--DISCUSSING THE IMPACT OF THE TB PROBLEM ON THE ECONOMY AND SOCIETY AND THE SOCIETAL AND ECONOMIC GAINS THAT CAN BE DERIVED FROM INVESTING IN TB CONTROL;

--STIMULATING INCREASED AWARENESS OF THE GLOBAL TUBERCULOSIS PROBLEM, THE STALLED PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING EFFECTIVE TB CONTROL IN MANY OF THE MOST AFFECTED COUNTRIES AND THE FACT THAT NEARLY 85 PERCENT OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION LACKS ACCESS TO THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE CURE STRATEGY;

-- ANALYZING EXPERIENCES, LESSONS LEARNED AND CHALLENGES TO TB CONTROL IN THE MAJOR HIGH BURDEN COUNTRIES;

-- DISCUSSING AND ADOPTING NEW APPROACHES TO APPLICATION OF DOTS (DIRECTLY OBSERVED THERAPY, SHORT COURSE) IN THE CONTEXT OF SOCIETY AND THE HEALTH SECTOR AT LARGE, INCLUDING SECTOR DEVELOPMENT APPROACHES.

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EXPECTED RESULTS

5. W.H.O. HOPES THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL YIELD A RESOLUTION, ENDORSED BY MINISTERIAL PARTICIPANTS, STATING THEIR COMMITMENT TO REVIEW THEIR GOVERNMENTS' CURRENT INVESTMENTS IN TB CONTROL, REDIRECT COMMITMENT TO REVIEW THEIR GOVERNMENTS' CURRENT INVESTMENTS IN TB CONTROL, REDIRECT THESE RESOURCES TO MORE EFFECTIVE TB ACTIVITIES, WHERE APPROPRIATE RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF TB AND SEEK INCREASED INVESTMENTS IN TB CONTROL TO SUPPORT SECTOR-WIDE DEVELOPMENT.

6. COMMITMENT TO THE STOP TB INITIATIVE INCLUDING OWNERSHIP OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS FOR THE GLOBAL ACTION PLAN AND THE GLOBAL CHARTER.

FORM AND PARTICIPATION

7. THE CONFERENCE WILL INCLUDE PANEL PRESENTATIONS AND FACILITATE DISCUSSION OF KEY ISSUES FACED BY THE HIGHEST BURDEN COUNTRIES. COUNTRY EXPERIENCES ON SIGNIFICANT CONSTRAINTS TO ACTION WILL BE PRESENTED BY PARTICIPATING DELEGATES. A CONFERENCE REPORT REFLECTING THE MAJOR OUTCOMES OF DISCUSSIONS WILL BE PREPARED FOR ENDORSEMENT DURING THE FINAL SESSION.

8. THE CONFERENCE WILL HAVE APPROXIMATELY 130 PARTICIPANTS, WITH AN ESTIMATED 66 OF THESE FROM HIGH BURDEN COUNTRIES, ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH OF THE SIX W.H.O. REGIONAL OFFICES, FIVE CHAIRS AND SPEAKERS, THE W.H.O. TB INITIATIVE STEERING GROUP, DUTCH GOVERNMENT DELEGATIONS.

9. COUNTRIES BEING INVITED ARE: BANGLADESH, BRAZIL, CAMBODIA, CHINA, DR CONGO, ETHIOPIA, INDIA, INDONESIA, KENYA, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, PERU, PHILIPPINES, RUSSIA, SOUTH AFRICA, TANZANIA, THAILAND, UGANDA, VIETNAM, ZIMBABWE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THEIR MINISTERS OF HEALTH ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE.

10. THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE ENGLISH. TRANSLATION INTO RUSSIA, CHINESE, FRENCH, PORTUGUESE AND SPANISH IS PLANNED FOR THE TECHNICAL SESSIONS, PANEL DISCUSSION AND FINAL SESSION.

11. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS IS THE ACTUAL HOST OF THE CONFERENCE, BUT IS ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH

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W.H.O. FOR ORGANIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION.

PROPOSED AGENDA

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PASS TO USAID FOR GLOBAL BUREAU, AFR, PPC

PASS TO NSC WHITE HOUSE FOR DR. BERNARD

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: TPHY, TBIO, WHO

SUBJECT: W.H.O. - INVITATION TO MRS. CLINTON TO
PARTICIPATE IN YEAR 2000 STOP TB CONFERENCE

12. THE CONFERENCE WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS. THE FIRST ONE AND ONE-HALF DAYS WILL BE FOCUSED ON ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF THE PARTICIPANTS THROUGH COUNTRY PRESENTATIONS AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS. A DRAFTING GROUP WILL SUMMARIZE THE RECOMMENDATION FORMULATED DURING THE PANEL DISCUSSIONS INTO A DRAFT CONFERENCE RESOLUTION. DURING THE FINAL HALF DAY OF THE CONFERENCE DR. BRUNDTLAND AND WORLD BANK, PRESIDENT WOLFENSON, OR HIS DESIGNEE WILL ADDRESS THE PARTICIPANTS. IT WILL END WITH A PLENARY SESSION TO DISCUSS AND ENDORSE THE CONFERENCE RESOLUTION.

13. PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOLLOWS:

A. DAY ONE: BEGINS AT 1400 HRS.

WELCOMING STATEMENT: MINISTER A (TO BE DETERMINED)

INTRODUCTION TO THE STOP TB INITIATIVE - DR. DAVID HEYMANN

SUMMARY REPORT OF PRE-CONFERENCE REGIONAL AND COUNTRY WORKSHOP RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATION

SUMMARY OF POSITION PAPERS ON THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF TB AND HEALTH SECTOR DEVELOPMENT AND TB

PANEL DISCUSSION: INVESTING IN TB CONTROL WORKS
---THE W.H.O. RECOMMENDED TB CONTROL STRATEGY

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---PANEL PRESENTATIONS: KENYA, VIETNAM, PERU

--- DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSITION: "A COST-EFFECTIVE
STRATEGY FOR DIAGNOSING AND TREATING TUBERCULOSIS
PATIENTS IS AVAILABLE"

DRAFTING GROUP SESSION

DINNER

B. DAY TWO

PROGRESS MADE AND LESSONS LEARNED IN IMPLEMENTING
EFFECTIVE TB CONTROL

-- PANEL DISCUSSION: CHANGING ECONOMICS AND THE
EFFICIENCY OF GOVERNMENT IN DELIVERING TB CONTROL

-- PANEL DISCUSSION: HEALTH SECTOR DEVELOPMENT AND TB
CONTROL

-- PANEL DISCUSSION: PARTNERSHIPS AND PRIVATE/PUBLIC MIX
APPROACHES FOR TB CONTROL

-- PANEL DISCUSSION; COPING WITH THE TB/HIV CO-EPIDEMIC

DINNER AND SOCIAL EVENT

C. DAY THREE

FINAL SESSION: RESPONDING TO THE GLOBAL TB EPIDEMIC IN
THE NEW MILLENNIUM

-- WELCOMING STATEMENT: MINISTER B (TO BE DETERMINED)

-- ADDRESS: DG W.H.O. - THE STOP TB INITIATIVE

-- KEYNOTE ADDRESS: "THE IMPORTANCE OF INVESTING IN TB
CONTROL" MR. JAMES WOLFHENSON, PRESIDENT, WORLD BANK (OR
HIS REPRESENTATIVE)

-- PLENARY: "THE AGENDA FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION AGAINST
TB" DISCUSSION AND ENDORSEMENT OF CONFERENCE RESOLUTION

CLOSING CEREMONY.

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14. ACCORDING TO DR. BOSMAN SHOULD MRS. CLINTON DECIDE TO ACCEPT DR. BRUNDTLAND'S INVITATION, A UNIQUE ROLE WOULD BE CREATED FOR HER. SHE WOULD BE ACCORDED UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 04 GENEVA 005322

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SUBJECT: W.H.O. - INVITATION TO MRS. CLINTON TO PARTICIPATE IN YEAR 2000 STOP TB CONFERENCE

RECOGNITION IN HER OWN RIGHT FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN THE HEALTH SECTOR AND THE SPECIAL INTEREST SHE HAS SHOWN, PARTICULARLY IN PRIOR DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. BRUNDTLAND, IN TUBERCULOSIS.

15. ACTION REQUEST: MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED OF MRS. CLINTON'S ACCEPTS DR. BRUNDTLAND'S INVITATION AND WHETHER SHE WOULD LIKE US TO PLAY A ROLE IN ARRANGING HER PARTICIPATION.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 23, 1999

Mrs. Carroll E. Brown
Executive Director
The Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries, Inc.
84 Crown Street
Waterbury, CT 06704

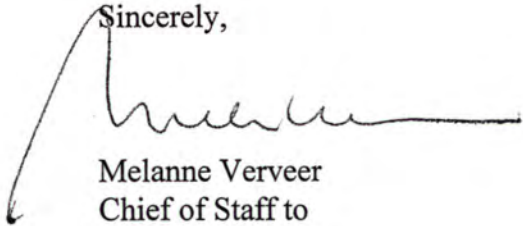
Dear Mrs. Brown:

Thank you for your letter and invitation for the First Lady to keynote the Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries' Annual Breakfast on March 18 in Waterbury, CT, which was forwarded to us by Senator Dodd.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton is scheduled to be in Washington for events on the 18th and will not be able to accept the Ministries' kind invitation. But she conveys her appreciation for the Ministries' vital work to provide for the poor and disadvantaged, along with her best wishes for a successful event.

You have the great satisfaction of knowing that your work matters for so many. Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

GREATER WATERBURY INTERFAITH MINISTRIES, INC.

84 Crown Street

Waterbury, CT 06704

(203) 756-7831 • (203) 419-0024 (fax)

January 25, 1999

The White House
Office of the 1st Lady
Room 100
OEOB - 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Congratulations you remarkable lady! You've been an outstanding role model for all women since the day President Clinton took office. He's an outstanding President who has done more for our country than any President has ever done. He has represented the poor and disadvantaged in every way possible. He has made Corporations, Cities, States, the Wealthy and all breathing individuals know that the poor are under represented and that those people in power need to do their part to bring equality and justice to all the people.

Because I know you share in the President's dreams and beliefs, I would like to introduce you to the agency that I lead. It is The Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries, Inc. (formerly known as the Waterbury Council of Churches), and the agency will be 65 years old Saturday, January 30, 1999. We serve the poor and disadvantaged. We have a Soup Kitchen, Food Pantry and a Fuel and Energy Assistance program. We feed over 200 people a day, we service approximately 125-130 people per day from our Food Pantry, and we service 125-130 families per week for Fuel and Energy Assistance. Our numbers are increasing daily because the need is greater.

We are planning to start an After-school Tutorial program for the children in the Crownbrook community. Our program will help students improve reading and math scores and will help upgrade their Mastery test scores.

As the Executive Director of The Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries, I am in the process of planning our Annual Capital Campaign fund-raising Breakfast which is being planned for Thursday, March 18, 1999 at 8:00 a.m., and it will be so exciting, rewarding and uplifting to the Waterbury community if you would accept to be our Keynote speaker that morning. Leading our Capital Campaign committee is Mr. Timothy Moynahan, Esq., a dynamic, well respected well known gentleman who will help to make this event a huge success.

Our Food Pantry shelves are scarce, and our funds are very low. Therefore, we are hoping that this breakfast will get us off to a good start for 1999 and help us provide

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Hilary Clinton, Cont.'

more for the people that we serve in the Greater Waterbury community. With you as our speaker, Corporations, churches, local civic organizations, and business, as well as community leaders from all over this community will come to hear our First Lady bring a message that will stay in the hearts and minds of those in attendance. They all think they are doing their part, however, none are doing enough. You can reach the masses with your elegant and sophisticated approach to all that you do and the way you do things.

G.W.I.M. is located in the heart of the African-American community, therefore making it more accessible for those in need

My Staff is a small number of eight, but work as a Staff of twenty. We are dedicated to the work that we do for we are loyal to the people that we serve.

Please accept this invitation to come to Waterbury, Connecticut on Wednesday, March 17, 1999 at 8:00 a.m. This will be a 2 hour breakfast. This is not a Press conference for reporters to sit and ask questions. It is a fundraising event where you will be our Keynote. (The Lady of the hour).(smile) We will provide all the necessary local protection necessary. It will be a wonderful morning.

Your immediate response will be appreciated, for I must begin to put things in place. I can be reached by calling (203)756-7831(w), (203)397-3354(h), or write to me at the following address:

*Mrs. Carroll E. Brown
Executive Director
The Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries, Inc.
84 Crown Street
Waterbury, CT 06704*

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

*Carroll E. Brown
Executive Director*

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February 23, 1999

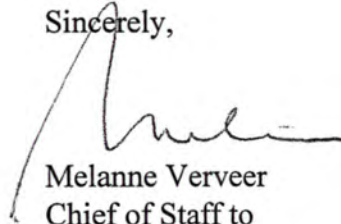
Helene G. Brown
Associate Director, Community Research
Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center
A2-125 CHS, Box 956900
Los Angeles, CA 90095-6900

Dear Helene:

Thank you for your new address and the fabulous ruler. It won't find it's way to someone else's desk - to be sure. You were so thoughtful to send it.

All the best.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

*I loved the article in the
UCLA magazine - your
favorable coverage is well
deserved.*

*New
Address
etc.*

HELENE G. BROWN

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Fax: (310) 206-3566

*Thanks
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Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center

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February 5, 1999

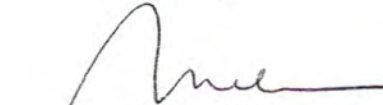
Bill Burton
504 Ravaca Ave., #910
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your thoughtful note and good wishes. It was a tremendous honor to be with Rosa Parks who is truly America's hero and honored us all by her presence. We're all pleased by the positive reaction to the President's speech.

Very best wishes and hope all is well with you.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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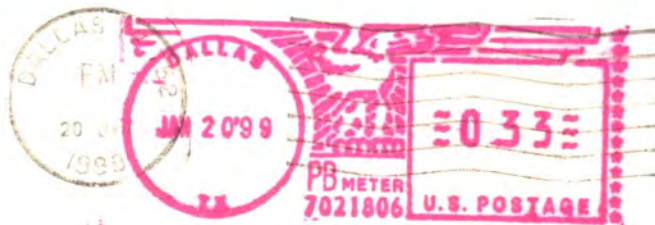
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BILL BURTON

Dear Melanne,

20 Jan 99

I'm jealous! Watching this most exciting
State of the Union, seated next to a genuine
hero of mine, Rose Parker - what a thrill
(and no doubt humbling). Our President did so
well - thanks to you & everybody else
up there who works so hard to ensure his
& our nation's success. Out here in TV Land
(& the heartland), you should know that your
seatmate, Ms. Parker, gave us all goosebumps. All my best,
Bill



The Honorable Melanne Verueer
First Lady's Office
The White House
Washington DC 20500

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SUITE ~~100~~ 910
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March 2, 1999

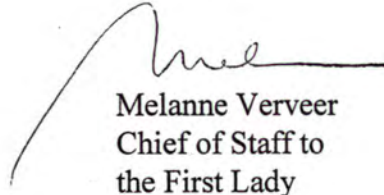
Rev. William Byron, SJ
Georgetown University, Jesuit Residence
Washington, DC 20057

Dear Bill:

Thank you so much for sending along a copy of Answers from Within and for the kind inscription. From just my initial perusal, your work seems useful, inspirational and much needed - a marvelous contribution to everyone's everyday lives. I regret your op-ed draft didn't run. It deserves a wider audience.

Thanks for all you do - few have helped Americans confronting workplace challenges as significantly as you. It was good to see you again. All the best.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Per Bill Byron SJ
Georgetown Univ; Jesuit Reading
Washington, DC 20057
Dear Bill

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Eric,
here's
response
to
another
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Fax Cover Sheet

To: MELANNE VERVEER

From: OMAGH RENEWAL & BEYOND

Message

ORIGINAL TO FOLLOW.

~~With much understanding
that you
workplace more helpfully~~

or
Confronting workplace challenges.

It was good to see you again.
Be the best -

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 7, 1999

Thomas L. Birch
733 15th St., NW
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Washington, DC 20005

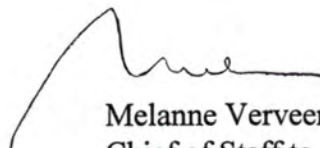
Dear Tom:

Thank you for your letter and the material about child abuse prevention from the National Child Abuse Coalition.

The National Child Abuse Coalition's work is vital and the materials will be helpful. Mrs. Clinton conveys her appreciation to you and your colleagues.

All the best.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Fax Transmission

3 pages (including this cover)

Thomas L. Birch
733 15th Street, N.W., Suite 938
Washington, D.C. 20005

Telephone: 202-347-3666
FAX: 202-628-0302
E-Mail: tbirch@nasaa-arts.org

Date: March 4, 1999
To: Melanne Verveer
From: Tom Birch, Legislative Counsel, National Child Abuse Coalition

The National Child Abuse Coalition has developed the attached position paper on child care as a necessary part of a community's strategy to prevent child abuse. We feel this is an important linkage which can help to build support for a child care initiative. We plan to use this approach in our advocacy in Congress for expanded child care services, including the Early Learning initiative in the President's FY2000 budget, linking child care with child abuse prevention.

Knowing of the First Lady's interest in both issues, I wanted you to be aware of our efforts. I also wanted to let you know that I have been in touch with Nicole Rabner to see about setting up a meeting to talk about this activity.

Best regards,

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE COALITION

733-15th Street NW · Suite 938 · Washington · DC 20005

Phone 202 · 347-3666

CHILD CARE: CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

High quality child care services are essential to a successful strategy for preventing child abuse. Most child abuse occurs when families are under stress. Research has suggested that the availability of quality child care helps alleviate that stress and increases family well-being.

Child care helps to prevent child abuse by:

- Assuring working parents that their children are well cared for and minimizing the stress of combining work and parenting;
- Increasing parents' skills in coping with the pressures of caring for their children;
- Enhancing communication between parents and children;
- Reducing family isolation;
- Improving access to social and health services for the family; and
- Offering some families respite from the daily demands of caring for their children.

Quality child care is a critical resource for 29 million young children living in families with working parents (Annie E. Casey Foundation, 1998). In 1995, 60 percent of preschool-age children routinely spent at least some time in non-parental care (U.S. Department of Education, 1995).

In 1997, 62 percent of mothers with children younger than three, 69 percent with children aged three to five, and 78 percent with children aged six to thirteen, were in the labor force (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1997). In all of these cases the majority of mothers worked full-time.

Non-traditional work schedules are a reality for millions of American families. In 1995, 29 percent of the American workforce, and 34 percent of female employees, had nonstandard work arrangements (Annie E. Casey Foundation, 1998). The U.S. Department of Labor's Women's Bureau found that mothers struggling to get off AFDC and TANF, who are able to find work, are likely to face jobs that require evening and weekend hours. Nearly one in five full-time workers (14.5 million) worked non-standard hours in 1991, and more than one in three (5 million) of these were women.

An analysis of child abuse and neglect reports reveals patterns that parallel many of the same families most in need of child care. Significant numbers of child abuse or neglect reports involve: families headed by a single parent; families with children under six years old; and low-income families or families receiving public assistance (American Humane Association, 1988; U.S. Dept. of HHS, 1996).

Any federal child care legislation must:

- Help improve the affordability, accessibility and quality, including health and safety, of child care and include extra support for infant child care, before and after school child care, child care in nontraditional work hours, and child care for children who have been abused or neglected;
- Increase the number of children in Early Head Start and expand funding for Head Start;
- Link child care to other support for parents, including services of home visitors, parent educators, and family support centers; and
- Support therapeutic child care for children with disabilities and other specialized services and treatment for abused and neglected children.

Any federal child care legislation must strengthen training for licensing personnel and child care staff to:

- Require training in the identification and reporting of suspected child maltreatment; and
- Require that training of child care workers to improve the quality of child care include education and skills training on preventing child maltreatment, including attention to the dangers of Shaken Baby Syndrome, especially for workers caring for infants.

Any federal child care legislation must do the following to assure quality care:

- Promote linkages between child care and social services (including CPS), health and mental health services, nutritional services, services for children with development delays and children with disabilities, and other services to support families;
- Give priority for funding to child care programs that provide opportunities for parental involvement and unlimited parental access, in order to reduce the likelihood of abuse;
- Support state and local efforts to improve and enforce standards of quality in child care services;
- Require criminal background checks of all child care workers; and
- Include on state child care licensing advisory boards representation from persons with expertise in the identification, prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 2, 1999

David Beckmann
President
Bread for the World
1100 Wayne Avenue
Suite 1000
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Mr. Beckmann: *David*

Thank you for your invitation for the First Lady to speak to supporters of Bread for the World in June at Georgetown University.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton will not be able to accept the invitation as she will be out of the country at that time. Please convey her best wishes for a successful and productive event.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



Bread for the World

Seeking Justice. Ending Hunger.

March 12, 1999

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff for the First Lady
Office of the First Lady
100 Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Melanne,

Again, thank you for sending me the First Lady's recent speech about children around the world. Her long-standing advocacy for children and her persistent travels to poor countries make her an inspiration to Bread for the World members and supporters.

We are convening about 500 church and community leaders (June 19-22, Georgetown University) to plan for grassroots action across the country in support of government initiatives to reduce poverty and hunger in our country and worldwide. Might Mrs. Clinton make an appearance and speak to this group of grassroots religious and political leaders?

Bread for the World mobilizes a quarter of a million letters to Congress each year. We are supported by the Roman Catholic Church and 55 Protestant denominations. Our 44,000 members include 3,000 local churches. Our newsletter and other religious periodicals would carry news of the First Lady's appearance at Bread for the World's leadership conference to thousands of churches and tens of thousands of people whose religious beliefs tug at them to want justice for people in need.

In 1998, Bread for the World developed and won passage of the *Africa: Seeds of Hope* Act. We also helped to get Congress to agree with President Clinton to restore food stamps to the most vulnerable legal immigrants. This year, Bread for the World is at the center of the *Proclaim Jubilee* campaign, an effort by many churches and humanitarian groups to win debt relief for poor countries by the year 2000. The House sponsors for our Jubilee bill indicate the wide range of support Bread for the World enjoys: Leach, Bereuter, Bachus, LaFalce, Waters, Wolf, Frank and Hall.

I will call your office to inquire about the First Lady's availability in June.

Sincerely yours,

David Beckmann
President

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June 30, 1999

Daniel L. Bratton
President
The Chautauqua Institution
PO Box 28
Chautauqua, NY 14722

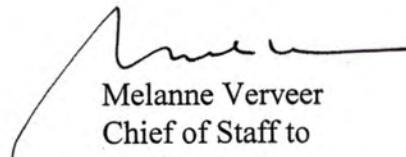
Dear Mr. Bratton:

Thank you for your letter and invitation for the First Lady to speak at the Chautauqua Institution this summer.

It is not yet certain whether Mrs. Clinton's schedule this summer will allow her to accept your kind invitation. But I have forwarded your request to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady. As plans for the summer are completed, her office will be in touch with you.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

A Season of Renewal

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

CHAUTAUQUA
INSTITUTION

June 16, 1999

*Copy to Patti
NY possibility*

Ms. Melanne Verveer, Chief of Staff
The First Lady, Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Ms. Verveer:

Pursuant to a recent conversation with Jan Piercy at the World Bank, I write to confirm what I believe she has already conveyed to you, our hope that Mrs. Clinton can come to the Chautauqua Institution during our 1999 season to deliver a speech. This would be in connection with the 125th anniversary season of the Institution and its lecture platform from which Mrs. Clinton has twice spoken. The President has spoken three times at Chautauqua.

The season commences on Saturday, June 26, and concludes on Sunday, August 29. While we have an extremely full schedule, we would be pleased to adjust it to accommodate Mrs. Clinton's schedule.

I enclose a copy of our 1999 calendar of events should any one of the theme weeks be a particular interest to Mrs. Clinton.

I would be please to discuss this further with you or a member of your staff. I would of course be prepared to present another formal letter of invitation to Mrs. Clinton if you wish. I did write her late in 1998 for this purpose but can only imagine the volume of such invitations. Hopefully this more direct route can prove successful.

Many thanks for your time and attention.

Sincerely,



Daniel L. Bratton
President

DLB/mk
cc: Jan Piercy

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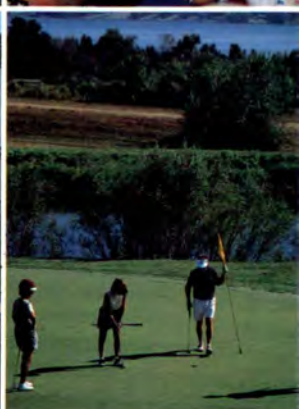
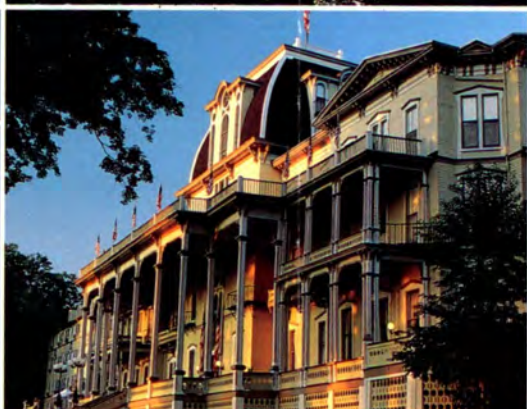
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JUNE 26 - AUGUST 29



A Season of Renewal
CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

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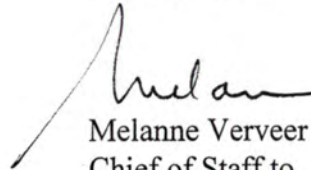
June 21, 1999

Carol Moseley Braun
1239 East Madison Park
Chicago, IL 60616

Dear Carol:

Thank you for your note and your thoughtfulness in sending the music which I've shared with the First Lady. We hope all is going well.

Best wishes,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

It was good to talk to you and
I told Hillary about our conversation.
She wishes you progress on the
nomination front.

June 14, 1999

Carol Moseley Braun

Dear Carol:

Thank you for your note and the ~~very inspirational tune,~~
which I've shared with the First Lady. You always offer so
~~much.~~

~~Very best wishes and hope all is well with you.~~

Best wishes,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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We hope all is going well. ~~Best~~

CAROL MOSELEY BRAUN

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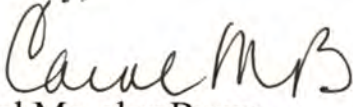
Ms. Melanne Verveer
Assistant to the First Lady
Room 100
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C.
20005

Dear Melanne —

A friend who is a songwriter shared this wonderful, inspirational tune with me at a dinner party recently. I think you should give it a hearing when you get a chance, and perhaps share it with the First Lady. It certainly strikes an important chord for our country.

Remember, I knock on doors, too.....

Cordially,


Carol Moseley Braun

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 2, 1999

David Beckmann
President
Bread for the World
1100 Wayne Avenue
Suite 1000
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Mr. Beckmann: *David*

Thank you for your invitation for the First Lady to speak to supporters of Bread for the World in June at Georgetown University.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton will not be able to accept the invitation as she will be out of the country at that time. Please convey her best wishes for a successful and productive event.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 3, 1999

Maria Becket
Walton House
Walton Street
London SW3 2JH

Dear Ms Becket:

Thank you for your letter and invitation for the First Lady to participate in the symposium on the Danube, June 27-July 7 1999 under the auspices of His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew. The program is so important and I remember Mrs. Clinton's conversations with His All Holiness on why we must become better stewards of our planet and work on critical issues affecting the environment.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton's busy schedule this summer will not permit her to attend the symposium. Promoting international cooperation to protect the environment is very important to Mrs. Clinton and we applaud the focus of this initiative. She conveys her appreciation for the vital work to safeguard the Danube, along with her best wishes to you and your colleagues for a successful symposium.

All the best.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Katy, Will you please
make sure that
a letter goes from
Melanne to this
woman. The package
came to me through
Pete Maudas, an
old friend of Christy's
and mine who works
for Sarbanes in
Baltimore.

Thanks,
Pam



RELIGION, SCIENCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Symposium III: 'A River of Life' Down the Danube to the Black Sea

26 JUNE - 7 JULY 1999

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His All Holiness The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I
His Excellency Mr Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission

Mrs Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House

Athens, March 5 1999

Dear Mrs Verveer,

I am writing to you at the suggestion of Mr Peter Marudas, Senator Sarbanes' Chief of Staff. I very much hope to be able to meet you in the near future in order to explain in greater detail the project of which I am the co-ordinator, and also why we fervently hope that the First Lady might be associated with it. Meeting you will give me a chance to elaborate on the reasons that prompted His All Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to extend an invitation to the First Lady in the first place and also on why these reasons have recently been reinforced by new developments in the area. His All Holiness warmly recalls meeting the First Lady and yourself, both at the Patriarchate and in Washington. He is most aware and appreciative of your help.

The project in question is the third of its kind dealing with Religion, Science and the Environment. It is called "Symposium III *A River of Life – Down the Danube to the Black Sea*" and will be held under the auspices of His All Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and His Excellency Mr Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission between the 27th of June to the 7th of July 1999 afloat on the Danube.

This Symposium aims to highlight the pollution problems of the Danube and to explore the possibilities of their solution through the common efforts of the riparian countries. In other words this is an attempt to bring people of different backgrounds together, urge them to co-operate in tasks that affect their present and their children's future. That is why our Symposium will not restrict its



appeal to Governments, the Academia and the media – although it will do that – but will also try to involve the local people and the NGOs in the arduous common tasks that lie ahead.

We think that in this context, the First Lady's presence, if only brief, will be of immense value to this cause. Her vibrant concern about children's rights in general and – in this case – about their right to grow up in a clean environment in particular, will make all the difference between an abstract exhortation and a practical appeal. We are sure that her presence will galvanise into action people who feel rejected, powerless and even hopeless. That is why we would like her to join us albeit for a few hours not in wealthy Germany or Austria but in the Ukraine where even in summertime the living is not easy. Her warm radiant humanity will convey to these poor people at the end of their tether the feeling that they have not, after all, been totally forgotten. This message will go far beyond the strictly environmental issues that are at the core of the Symposium's interests.

An important aspect of our work so far has been that the world's religions are both able and willing to provide practical, as well as spiritual, sustenance to people in their quest for peace and for an unpolluted environment. Orthodoxy – whose titular head leads this effort world-wide – has been at the forefront of this campaign with excellent results so far. The Ecumenical Patriarch was deeply moved by the success of his message in the USA that went far beyond the confines of the numerous Orthodox communities when he visited the country last year.

It would give me great pleasure to discuss these issues with you further. I hope to meet you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Maria Becket
Symposium Co-ordinator



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The Symposium's Commitment

In the name of 'Religion, Science & the Environment', two sea-borne Symposia have already studied the destiny of the waters which cover seven-tenths of the earth's surface. These assemblies of scientists, environmentalists and representatives of the world's main religious faiths have established a movement which remains committed to using the Symposium structure as a way of exerting an influence on environmental thinking on the world's rivers and seas.

Symposium I: Revelation & the Environment A.D. 95-1995, held under the auspices of His All Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, President of WWF, took place in September 1995, on the 1900th anniversary of St John's 'Book of Revelation'. Travelling through the Aegean Sea, this first Symposium identified the degeneration of the world's waters as a new apocalypse confronting all mankind and requiring the creation of a common language for scientific and theological thought to overcome three centuries of misunderstandings.

Symposium II: The Black Sea in Crisis, held under the joint auspices of His All Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and His Excellency Mr Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission, undertook a specific case study; in September 1997, some 400 participants voyaged around the Black Sea, visiting all six shoreline countries and engaging in intensive debate with local leaders and activists about the decline of the Sea's ecosystem and the role of Church, science and politics in helping to reverse it. The response at religious, scientific and governmental levels led to a series of initiatives for action, and as a direct result, environmental education and training projects are being established in the region.

In the course of the Black Sea voyage, it became evident that no solution to the Sea's ecological collapse could be found without addressing the great rivers which drain into it and the problems of their riparian countries. The fate of both the Danube and the Black Sea is bound up with the lifestyles of the basin's inhabitants, and with the social, economic and cultural forces which influence them. The link between this 'river of life' and the Danubian peoples is as much spiritual as technical.

Symposium III: Danube, A River of Life will sail down the Danube, starting from Regensburg, in Germany, on June 27th 1999 and proceeding through 10 countries, completing the voyage on July 7th at its Delta on the Black Sea. The Symposium will be held under the joint auspices of His All Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and His Excellency Mr. Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission.

Symposium III will convene religious representatives, scientists, the media, environmentalists and other prominent figures of politics and business, who will meet their counterparts in each riparian state. The urgent themes to be addressed will include: The origins of the water resource, as well as the downstream consequences of its utilisation; pollution by industry, agriculture and sewage; the problems caused by altering river courses for waterway traffic; the impact of war on riverine environments; the ecological problems which can be the outcome of major dams; the search for international law solutions to the problems of rivers flowing through and between different states; the interdependence of the riparian countries; the rights of future generations to clean water and rivers rich in natural life.

This event will focus attention on the threatening consequences of exploitation of the world's resources, whether produced unconsciously by inexcusable ignorance or by striving for short term benefits. The aim is to continue exploration of the common ground between practicality and spirituality as a way of identifying causes and potential solutions.

Co-operation among religious and political leaders is essential in trying to heal painful wounds, like those of war. Vukovar, on the banks of the Danube, is the most characteristic example of a city which was and still is being destroyed by inter-ethnic conflict, with the wounds of war deeply marked on the people's lives. The Ecumenical Patriarch has chosen Vukovar and Sarajevo as focus points for this initiative on inter-religious co-operation, bringing together the religious leaders of the Catholic Croats, Jewish and Muslim Bosnians and Orthodox Serbs in common prayer, underlining the need for peaceful co-existence among different ethnic groups.



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Introduction

The Danube is Europe's greatest river. But as the 21st century approaches, it is threatened by profound problems. Its pollution, the future of its wetlands and living ecology, the management and control of this huge waterway passing through many sovereign states and its impact on the Black Sea must all be addressed before it is too late.

The Danube runs for nearly 2,850 kilometres through the heart of Europe. Its immense drainage basin covers significant parts of 13 countries: Austria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Ukraine and Yugoslavia. It even receives small amounts of water from Italy, Switzerland, Albania, and Poland. Those who live on its banks include Catholics, Jews, Moslems, Orthodox Christians and Protestants. As a waterway, it is important for navigation, for sustaining wild life, for water supply, for recreation and - unfortunately - as a convenient receptacle for waste products of human activity.

The river discharges into the Black Sea, already one of the most degraded enclosed seas on the planet. The nitrogen and phosphorus - rich effluents flowing down the Danube are one of the main causes of "eutrophication" in the Black Sea - the algae blooms which destroy marine life.

The Danube itself, though polluted, is far from dead, and still hosts remarkable ecosystems and places of great beauty. But it is afflicted by many other problems. It is the site of acute conflicts between users disputing water use and navigation rights. It has also been part of a war zone, during the recent conflicts in former Yugoslavia. In the past, international agreements managed its use, starting with the 1856 Danube Navigation Convention. In 1994 most riparian states signed the Sofia Convention on "Co-operation for the Protection and Sustainable Use" of the Danube. The Convention came into force in October 1998. With the support of the European Commission and the UN Global environment facility, the signatories adopted the "Strategic Action Plan for the Danube River Basin". Now they are struggling to implement the Plan, but with varying success.

Despite the Plan and Convention, the Danube basin is under serious threat. The rescue actions required can only be taken with the full participation of the communities living along the river and its tributaries. This is not just a technical matter. The fate of both the Danube and the Black Sea is bound up with the lifestyles of the Basin's inhabitants, and with the social, economic and cultural forces which influence them. In other words, the link between this "river of life" and the lifestyles of the Danubian peoples is as much spiritual as technical. The two previous Symposia, "Religion, Science & the Environment", succeeded in raising the awareness of both the participants and world opinion to the urgency of this scientific-religious cooperation to protect the natural environment. We hope that the process will develop until there is global appreciation that humanity and nature are inseparable.

The previous Symposia have emphasised the protection of the seas. Now, attention is turned to the great rivers which flow into the seas. The third Symposium will travel down the Danube to examine the source of some of the most pressing environmental problems of our times. The Symposium will provide an opportunity to reflect on individual attitudes and promote a continuing dialogue among religious leaders, scientists, and policymakers. It will also generate practical projects designed to support on-going initiatives to protect the Danube Basin and the Black Sea, and to apply the lessons learned in other parts of the world. By bringing together religious leaders, scientists and NGO's, the message will be heard throughout the Danube Basin with emphasis placed on the role each member of the community can play.

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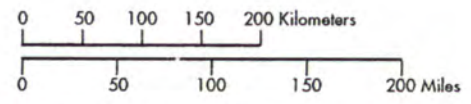
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DANUBE RIVER BASIN

- SELECTED CITIES
- ★ NATIONAL CAPITALS
- MAJOR ROADS
- - - INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES



Draft Itinerary

June 27th – July 7th 1999

Date	Time	Location	Programme
Saturday June 26 <i>Germany</i>	all day	Arrivals at Munich airport and transfer to Passau to board the boat(s).	Reception at Passau town hall. Official dinner & concert.
Sunday June 27 <i>Germany</i>	morning	Niederaltaich	Morning prayers for the Danube.
		Regensburg Empire Hall	Official opening of Symposium III. 1 st Plenary "Sources and Flows".
	afternoon		Visit to the Rhine-Main-Danube Canal.
Monday June 28 <i>Austria</i>	morning	Mauthausen	Silent visit to former Concentration Camp.
	afternoon		Special session on board Sail through the Wachau.
	evening	Vienna	Ceremony at St. Stephen's Cathedral.
Tuesday June 29 <i>Austria</i>	morning	Vienna: Academy of Sciences	2 nd Plenary: "Rivers as a living system".
	afternoon	Regelsbrunn	Visit Danube floodplains National Park.
	evening	Hainburg	"Heurigen" dinner.
Wednesday June 30 <i>Slovakia</i>	morning	Bratislava	3 rd Plenary: "Times of transition".
	afternoon		Visit to the Cunovo diversion, floodplains & Gabčíkovo dam and plant.
Thursday July 1 <i>Hungary</i>	morning	Esztergom	Visit the abbey.
	afternoon		4 th Plenary: "Rivers in transition". Working groups.
	evening	Budapest	Programme on the Castle Hill.
Friday July 2 <i>Hungary</i>	morning	Budapest	5 th Plenary: "Energy and the Environment".
	afternoon		Working Groups.
Saturday July 3 <i>Croatia</i>	morning	Vukovar	Prayer for peace Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, Orthodox & Protestant religious representatives.
<i>Fed Republic of Yugoslavia</i>	noon		6 th Plenary: "Peace and the environment".
	afternoon	Novi Sad	Visit.
	evening	Belgrade	Ceremony at the Cathedral.
Sunday July 4	morning		Travel and lecture through the Iron Gates. Visit Lipenky Vir?
	afternoon		Working group.

Date	Time	Location	Programme
Monday July 5 <i>Bulgaria</i>	morning	Rousse	7 th Plenary: "Development and environmental degradation".
	afternoon	Rousse	Visit Rusenski Lom National Park?
Tuesday July 6 <i>Ukraine</i>	morning		Short stop in Moldavia.
			8 th Plenary: "Responsibility for future generations".
	afternoon	Vilkovo/ Kilia Arm	Visit wetland restoration site.
Wednesday July 7 <i>Romania</i>	morning	Tulcea	Romanian officials board.
	noon	Crisan	Romanian Delta visit by small boats.
	evening	Tulcea	Flight Tulcea – Munich and departures.

Themes and speeches

The Symposium will combine personal experience with discussions on important issues in which ethical values and science must act together if the environment is to be protected. A programme of closely interlinked presentations, discussions and land visits will continue the main work of the Symposium.

Theme 1: "Sources and flows"

In early Christian tradition, the waters of the earth originate in the foundations of the Garden of Eden, which divide the world's great streams. Hindu and Buddhist traditions place mythical Mount Meru, the dwelling place of the gods, as the centre of the universe and the source of all the great rivers of the earth. These myths arise in part from the sacred role of water in sustaining life and in part from our early ignorance of the functioning of the global water cycle.

From its source in Donaueschingen, Germany, the Danube flows 2,850 kilometres to the Black Sea where it discharges 6,000 cubic metres of water every second, nearly three times the amount of water that the Volga River, Europe's longest, discharges into the Caspian Sea. Despite the large flow at its mouth, serious concerns about the diversion and damming of water in the upper and middle reaches of the Danube have been raised. This session will examine the sacredness of water in life, the management of river flows and the allocation of water in major rivers of the world, and specific concerns about water quantity in the Danube River basin.

Speeches:

- Principle of life: water as a source of beauty and fertility.
- The Danube, an overview.
- Modification of the flow of rivers.

Theme 2: "The River as a Living System"

Historically the Danube and other major rivers have been modified and transformed through human activities and actions. River navigation, for example, is often best facilitated by cutting channels to straighten out and eliminate the natural meanders of the river. In addition, dyking for flood control often cuts the river off from its natural floodplains and the wetlands that cleanse and modify the flows of water. Damming for energy and dyking for agricultural production, while bringing benefit to human settlements, have also reduced the natural floodplain ecosystems and damaged the river as a living system.

Concern about the condition of rivers has in recent years led to a rethinking about our relationship with rivers. Questions have been raised about whether human development, including transport, energy production and flood safety, can occur while at the same time maintaining living rivers. In Austria, for example, the government agencies responsible for water and environment and non-government groups have initiated a Living Rivers Campaign which has involved reconnecting rivers with their wetlands and restoring natural dynamics in river system. Mindfulness and respect for natural functions of ecosystems is not merely technically desirable in human development but a moral responsibility.

Speeches:

- Water as a source of purification and regeneration.
- A highway across Europe or a green lifeline?
- Wetlands: Restoring the connection to the river.

Theme 3: "Times of transition: Setting the priorities"

Several of the countries along the Danube have recently had a drastic change of social and economic organization. As a consequence, they have been forced to face a series of difficult decisions, some related to a transition to a market economy, in other cases, like that of Slovakia, related to a newly established national sovereignty. In these countries the transitions have been accompanied by severe economic hardships, as a consequence of the collapse of entire sector of the productive system. The struggle to recover basic needs during the transition makes environmental protection appear an unaffordable luxury. How can environmental issues be kept high on the political agenda? What is the role of scientists, religious leaders, educators and politicians in such a situation?

Of special interest is the role of the churches in this context. Over the centuries, churches have played a significant role in the development of the Danube area and of its landscape. Such historical perspective may indicate yet another option towards regeneration

Speeches:

- The soul of the river: Stewardship.
- Moral choices in economic and technological development.
- Regional cooperation.

Theme 4: "Rivers in transition: Water of life"

Protection of the environment of rivers that cross international boundaries from degradation and the over-exploitation of their resources and amenities is no longer a matter solely of concern for each individual riparian state, but raises issues of community interest. Principles of cooperation, equitable utilization, inter and intra-generational equity and the need for an anticipatory and precautionary approach have been endorsed in the Declaration of Principles and Agenda 21, adopted by the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), and in the recent United Nations Convention on Non-Navigable Uses of International Watercourses. Common management systems need to be devised, and existing systems adapted as required, to take account of existing international standards and concerns and the responsibilities as well as the rights of riparian states.

- Speeches:
- Ethical values of common concern.
 - International rivers: responsibility and common concern.
 - Conflicting interests and regional cooperation.

Theme 5: "Energy and the Environment"

Viewed from outer space at night, the Danube basin is illuminated by a myriad of clusters of light, a reminder of a human use of energy which we tend to take for granted. The countries along the Danube are very much part of the global energy market and have been sharply aware of this in times of transition. Countries such as Bulgaria have been hard-hit by global conflict: Prior to the Gulf War, much of Bulgaria's energy supply came as fossil fuel from Iraq, traded for agricultural produce. The embargo on Iraq forced Bulgaria onto the world energy and food market where it fared badly, obliging it to rely upon the ailing nuclear power station in Koslodoy for energy to supply the winter needs of the human population. There are many other examples of the emerging 'energy crisis' which have forced countries to make difficult short-term decisions on essential energy supplies. To where should countries short of capital turn? All energy sources used have an impact on the natural environment – fossil fuel, hydropower or nuclear power. The nuclear option is a particularly difficult one to consider, especially following the tragic accident in Chernobyl.

The symposium will consider the moral and scientific challenges of meeting energy needs and defining the needs themselves. How much energy do we really need? Do we have to follow the example of the west? The session will include a special group discussion where four specialists will present differing views of the nuclear energy debate: Is nuclear energy worth the risks? What are the alternatives?

- Speeches:
- Production, consumption and sustainability.
 - Energy efficiency: examining the options.
 - Nuclear energy: Is it worth the risks?

Theme 6: "Peace and the environment"

Armed conflicts have a devastating impact on the environment. This adds to the immense suffering of the many innocent victims of war. Weapons and military equipment tear apart the earth, saturate it with chemicals, destroying at the same time plant and animal life. The destruction does not end with the silence of arms. Landmines remain hidden and unmarked, a threat to both life and land; entire communities are deprived of access to their land; normal life cannot be resumed. The sense of collective insecurity, real or imaginary, reduces dramatically the perceived priority of the environment. In the name of security the environment is often sacrificed, without any consciousness that this is yet another cost of conflict. The silence of arms does not bring reconciliation among peoples in conflict. They need the support and prayers of others in their effort to live again in peace. Together, then, they can heal the land and live in harmony with the environment.

- Speeches:
- Security and the environment.
 - Dealing with the impact of war on the environment.

Theme 7: "Development and Environmental Degradation"

Environmental degradation along the Danubian riverine landscapes is most reflected in agricultural development and related river regulation works. The Green Revolution of the 1960s changed traditional farming practices by introducing the widespread use of fertilisers and pesticides as well as animal husbandry techniques based upon intensive rearing (e.g. pig farms with up to one million animals) rather than open grazing. In the Lower Danube, large parts of former floodplains were drained (in Braila island and in the delta on more than 200,000 hectares). Huge collective farms replaced smallholdings and traditional practices with their high diversity of crops were, often forcibly, eliminated. The environmental and social consequences were enormous as the former balances were tilted. Nitrogen and phosphorus from liquid manure and excess fertilisers found its way into the rivers and eventually accounted for some 30 % of the discharge of these substances into the Black Sea.

In addition to concerns about wetland habitat losses and the effects of water pollution on wildlife, millions of people in all the Danube countries face groundwater pollution when using their local drinking water wells. Microbiological contamination from urban and agricultural sources is also a serious public health risk.

Today, farmers have to pay the full cost of chemicals, and land is gradually being reprivatised. This gives an opportunity to re-examine agricultural practices and to adopt techniques that can increase productivity as well as environmental protection (e.g. ecologically sustainable farming). However, there is also the risk that the land is being opened up for new agrarian technologies. If food production is to satisfy the needs of present and future generations without destroying the natural environment, a new consumption ethic and pattern must emerge.

- Speeches:
- Consequences of environmental degradation.
 - Water quality – quality of life.
 - Water quality and development in the Danube basin.

Theme 8: "Responsibility toward future generations"

While environmental problems of the past are now being considered and countered, both former and current concerns will inevitably influence future generations. Therefore, questions of water pollution (groundwater, rivers and oceans) become issues of water consumption and of public health, with direct and indirect effects on millions of people along the Danube River, as well as throughout the world.

The concluding session of this Symposium will focus on the inter-generational obligation and responsibility of our common vision, policy, and action with regard to the environment. It will further concentrate on the particular rights of children to a cleaner, safer world.

Finally, a general synthesis and discussion will seek to bring together the various individual areas of concern and priority covered during the Symposium.

- Speeches:
- Children of the river: Inter-generational obligation.
 - Children's rights.

THE WHITE HOUSE
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May 3, 1999

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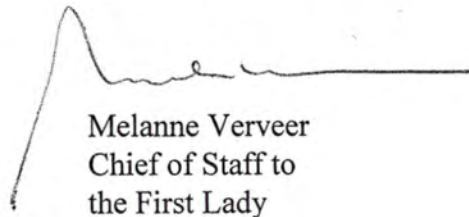
Dear Ron:

Thank you for your letter and the fact sheet about the UJA-Federation's work in Kosovo. There is so much work to be done and it's gratifying that the organization is providing much needed assistance. It was a pleasure to speak with you at the Keepers of the Flame Dinner.

I know the First Lady would want me reiterate her appreciation for the UJA-Federation's vital work in Kosovo. Thank you for all you are doing to help bring relief to those in need.

Very best wishes and please stay in touch.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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April 22, 1999

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Dear Melanie,

It was a pleasure to meet you at The Keepers of the Flame Dinner honoring the Bronfman families. I was glad we had the chance to speak about the situation in Kosovo with Michael Bolton and The First Lady. I am enclosing a UJA-Federation fact sheet about our work in Kosovo as I promised.

Please feel free to contact me if I can answer any questions or be of further assistance.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Brien
Campaign Director
Entertainment, Media & Communications Division

cc: Michael Bolton



Crisis in the Balkans: Answers to Some Frequently Asked Questions

Why is UJA-Federation involved in the Balkan crisis? What does it have to do with us?

UJA-Federation, as the voice of the organized Jewish community of New York, is concerned with humanitarian issues arising from the crisis in the Balkans. We see our responsibility as two-fold: first, to protect any of the Jewish people of Yugoslavia who may be imperiled by the war, and second, to take a strong stand against ethnic cleansing and to help alleviate the suffering of the refugees in that region.

What are we doing to ensure the safety of Jews in Yugoslavia?

Through our overseas agencies, including the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), and United Jewish Communities, UJA-Federation is helping to evacuate Jews from war-torn Belgrade and bring them to safety in Budapest, Hungary. Many members of the Hungarian Jewish community have opened their own homes to their fellow Jews from Yugoslavia.

Some of the Yugoslavian Jewish refugees in Budapest want to go to Israel. JAFI is working to cut through some of the red tape that stands in their way. Many of the refugees are children who arrived in Budapest without their parents; others fled Belgrade so hastily that they do not have the documentation they need to immigrate to Israel. Some of these refugees are being admitted to Israel on a temporary basis.

For those Yugoslavian Jews who lack documentation, JAFI is making special arrangements for some to be admitted to Israel on a temporary, two-week basis. The goal is ultimately to enable those who wish to stay permanently to do so. Forty young Jews from Belgrade have arrived in Israel under this program. An equal number, including mothers and their children, are now on their way to Israel. In addition, a youth camping program is being developed as a way to bring Jewish children from Yugoslavia to Israel.

What are we doing to address the human needs of the Kosovar refugees?

Our overseas agencies are flying medicines and other badly-needed supplies into the refugee camps of Macedonia. More than 100 tons have already arrived. The Jewish Agency has collected more than 15,000 blankets from drop-off centers throughout Israel. The return flights are carrying refugees to Israel. On April 12, a delegation from our new international entity, the United Jewish Communities, accompanied a historic rescue mission that brought 106 Muslim Albanians to Israel. The Israeli government has also established a field hospital in Macedonia.

Isn't our primary responsibility to take care of our own — why is UJA-Federation spending funds to help non-Jews?

As our great sage, Rabbi Hillel said, "If I am for myself alone, what am I?" The Jewish people are commanded to be a light unto the nations. In other words, we must set an example of righteousness, and we must work tirelessly for human rights and justice for all people. We know the horrors that grow from ethnic cleansing and other forms of racial and religious bigotry; and we know what devastation a community can suffer when others remain silent and uninvolved. The crisis in the Balkans presents us with a clear-cut human rights challenge. It brings us face-to-face with what it means to be a Jew.

How can I and other members of the Jewish community help? Will UJA-Federation conduct a special campaign to which we can contribute?

The best way to help is to make an unrestricted gift to UJA-Federation's annual campaign. That will enable JAFI and JDC to continue to respond quickly and effectively to human rights crises wherever and whenever they occur. Today, we are able to make a promise to our fellow Jews that we could not make a generation ago: that they will never face danger alone. No matter where or how they are imperiled, we will provide for them and move them out of harm's way. A generous, unrestricted commitment to UJA-Federation's annual campaign is the best way for each of us to make and keep that promise to our worldwide Jewish family.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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May 26, 1999

Rita Balian
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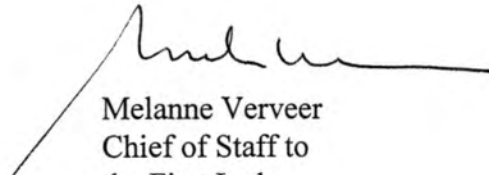
Dear Ms. Balian:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your letter and invitation for Mrs. Clinton to attend the groundbreaking of AAMUC's Second Phase this fall.

Regrettably, there are no plans for Mrs. Clinton to visit Armenia this year. But should she have the opportunity to visit Armenia in 2000, we will let you know. Mrs. Clinton conveys her appreciation for all the AAMUC is doing to keep women healthy. Your work is very important.

Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

CC. Esther Coopersmith

May 24, 1999

Rita Balian
Armenian American Mammography University Center
58 Abovian Street, Yerevan
Republic of Armenia

Dear Ms. Balian:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your letter and invitation for Mrs. Clinton to attend the groundbreaking of AAMUC's Second Phase this fall.

Regrettably, there are no plans for Mrs. Clinton to visit Armenia at this time. But should there be an opportunity for the First Lady to accept your kind offer, we will be in touch. Mrs. Clinton conveys her appreciation for all the AAMUC is doing to keep women healthy, along with her best wishes.

Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
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April 27, 1999

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

We are writing to you on behalf of the women of Armenia in hopes that you will honor us by participating in the inauguration of the Armenian American Mammography University Center's Second Phase and the groundbreaking ceremony for its new center in Yerevan, the Republic of Armenia.

The Armenian American Mammography University Center is the first of its kind in the entire former Soviet Union, providing the women of Armenia and the Caucasus region with American state-of-the-art equipment, know-how and technology. The Second Phase will introduce more comprehensive diagnostic services by installing a stereotactic-core-biopsy-table with its mammotome, building a new pathology lab, and providing specialized training.

Your presence at the inauguration and groundbreaking ceremonies would attest, in a most visible and inspirational way, that the health needs of women are of universal importance, and that working together women can transcend the barriers of fear, ignorance and neglect. We would schedule these ceremonies to take place within the same day in Yerevan in accordance with your availability anytime between August and December of 1999.

In Armenia, breast cancer tops the list of female cancer mortality rates; however, up until recently, Armenian women did not have access to modern mammography screening. Against this stark backdrop, the Armenian American Cultural Association, Inc. (AACA), together with two radiologists, Drs. Richard Hirsh of Summa Health System in Ohio, and Ann Archer of Washington Hospital Center in D.C., spearheaded efforts to take modern breast imaging equipment, diagnostic tools and training to Armenia.

Through the generosity of many people, AACA was the proud recipient of private contributions from all across the nation, ranging from donations of \$5 from a great-grandmother in Philadelphia to \$25,000 from an Armenian American family foundation in San Francisco. Corporate donors such as LoRAD, Baldwin, Bennett, Fischer, Eastman Kodak and many others were very generous in providing valuable equipment and supplies. These include two mammography machines, an ultrasound, a processor, testing tools, X-ray films and other necessary equipment.

The US Department of State provided the Center with surplus equipment and furniture as well as invaluable logistical support. The Armenian Embassy in Washington, D.C. and the US Embassy in Yerevan have been extremely supportive of our effort in Armenia. The Government of the Republic of Armenia provided space for the Mammography Center on

the campus of Yerevan State Medical University, which is centrally located and accessible by public transportation.

The inauguration of the Mammography Center took place on April 27, 1997 in the presence of then First Lady of Armenia, Mrs. Ludmila Ter Petrossian, and the wife of the American Ambassador. The Center began operations a month later. Within days of our opening, several women were spared the ordeal of breast removal surgeries that had been scheduled because local doctors could not differentiate between a malignant lump and a benign fibrocystic mass based upon the images produced by the antiquated equipment in use before our arrival.

For the first time in the region's history women suffering from breast cancer have access to accurate diagnosis and the chance to prolong and save their lives. According to records compiled from June 1997 to December 1998, almost 5000 women have been examined at the Mammography Center with over 150 coming from neighboring republics in the Caucasus. Through private donations the Center has been able to heavily subsidize the cost to patients, and free service is provided to the needy. Of the 3,988 women who have received mammography screening, 305 have been diagnosed with breast cancer and 216 have undergone treatment in the form of surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, or a combination of these methods.

After almost two years of work to educate the Armenian public about the importance of early detection of breast cancer through mammography and monthly self-examination, the Mammography Center has earned the trust of the population and the respect of the medical community. Each day, 30 to 40 women come to the Center for breast screening. The number of medical referrals increases daily. The Mammography Center not only has an excellent reputation for its medical findings, but also as one of the most cost effective, transparent and accountable institutions in Armenia. The Center has served as an example to other Armenian institutions with its American style management.

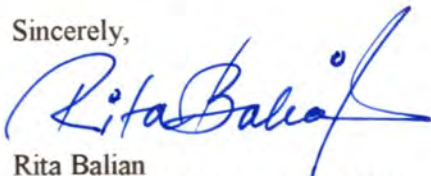
In November 1998, the Government of the Republic of Armenia, in recognition of the importance of the Mammography Center and the indispensable services it provides, offered land in the heart of Yerevan City for construction of a new Center. This new facility will be called the Women's Healthcare Center. In addition to mammography screening and comprehensive diagnosis, this center will also provide treatment. The new facility will be able to accommodate more patients and can reach out to all women in the region.

Mrs. Clinton, you have been so active around the world in matters affecting the welfare of women and on issues of health care. Your compassion is not bounded by geography. Your presence at the inauguration of the Mammography Center's Second Phase and the groundbreaking of the new Women's Healthcare Center in Yerevan this year would provide a message of hope and encouragement to thousands of women in Armenia and the Caucasus region.

Enclosed is a video, titled *A Gift of Hope* that documents our 1997 start-up mission to open the Mammography Center. If you wish, we would be happy to provide you with more information on our work and our organization.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Rita Balian
President of AACAA and AAMUC



Esther Coopersmith
Honorary Chairperson of AAMUC