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May 5, 1999

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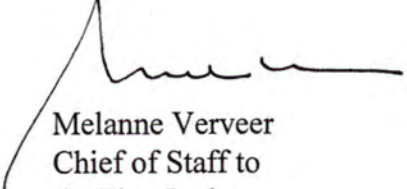
Dear Ms. Brady:

Thank you for your letter and request for videotape from the White House Conference on Childcare.

Regrettably, the White House does not have footage from the Conference that is available for distribution. However it is my understanding that C-Span covered the event and they might be able to help you purchase a tape.

Best wishes and thank you for your ongoing interest in the White House Childcare Conference.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



April 28, 1999

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House

VIA FACSIMILE: 202-456-6244

Re: October 23, 1997 White House Conference on Childcare

Dear Ms. Verveer:

On behalf of Dr. Jeanne Brooks-Gunn of Teachers College, Columbia University, I would like to request a copy of the above-referenced videotape that was broadcast from the White House. The copy we are currently using in Dr. Brooks-Gunn's policy class is suffering terribly from wear and tear.

I have already spoken with representatives from the U.S. Department of Education, the White House, and other government organizations - none of whom were able to procure the tape. As the Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady, I was hoping you may have access to copies of this important conference or may know where I can go to find a copy.

Thank you so much for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Christy Brady

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May 21, 1999

Peter G. Bourne
Vice Chancellor
St. George's University
University Centre,
Grenada, West Indies

Dear Peter:

Thank you for your letter and invitation for the First Lady to speak at St. George's University Commencement next year in New York on June 13, 2000.

At this point, it is too early to know whether Mrs. Clinton's schedule will allow her to accept your kind invitation. But I have forwarded the request to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady. As next year's plans are completed, her office will be in touch.

Very best wishes and hope all is well in the Caribbean.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

May 12, 1999

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Very best wishes and hope all is well in the islands!

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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PETER G. BOURNE, M.A., M.D.
Vice Chancellor

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
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March 30th 1999

Dear Melanne,

Thank you for sending to me and Mary a copy of the First Lady's speech at Georgetown University on December 4th, 1998. It is a fine speech that dwells on many of the things that are closest to my heart, especially in the developing world.

St. George's University will hold its graduation exercises at the Lincoln Center in New York City on June 13th, 2000. I would like to put in a request 15 months ahead of time for her to consider being our graduation speaker. (Past speakers have included Bill Richardson while he was at the UN and Phil Lee when he was at HHS). Our student body comprises students from more than fifty countries and previously we had always held the ceremony at the UN until the number of graduates and their families just became too great. I am hoping very much that she will be looking for speaking opportunities of this type in New York by then.

Everything is going very well here with few regrets about being in the Caribbean instead of on Leroy Place during the winter months.

With very best regards

Sincerely

Peter G. Bourne, M.A., M.D.
Vice Chancellor

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 24, 1999

Carroll Bogert
Communications Director
Human Rights Watch
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New York, NY 10118

Dear Carroll:

Thank you for the copy of the Human Rights Watch report on orphanages in Russia. I read the important report and have shared it with my colleagues.

Mrs. Clinton conveys her appreciation for the work you and your colleagues do every day.

You can take great satisfaction in knowing that your work truly matters. Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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May 21, 1999

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Dear Carroll:

Thank you for the copy of the Human Rights Watch report on orphanages in Russia. I read the report with distress and have shared it with my colleagues. ^{important} ~~It is heartening to learn that the report is receiving so much attention.~~ ✓

Mrs. Clinton conveys her appreciation for the work you and your colleagues do every day.

You can take great satisfaction in knowing that your work truly matters. Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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March 3, 19999

Melanne Verveer
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Dear Melanne:

I'm writing to alert you to a recent Human Rights Watch report that might be of special interest to the First Lady.

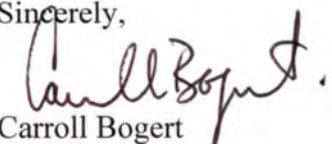
We released "Abandoned to the State: Cruelty and Neglect in Russian Orphanages" in December and have been overwhelmed by the public response. Diane Sawyer did a segment on "20/20" in January and our website has been deluged by concerned Americans.

The author of the report, Kate Hunt, spent a year visiting Russian orphanages and talking with Russian experts. Her knowledge of the problem is broad and deep. Perhaps most important, her recommendations on how to solve it *do not require the Russian government to expend additional funds*.

I enclose a copy of the report, the press release, and some of the press clippings that it generated, as well as the 20/20 tape. Please let me know if Kate Hunt and I, or anyone else from our Children's Rights Division, can visit you and the First Lady to tell you more about it.

Thank you, and I look forward to being in touch.

Sincerely,


Carroll Bogert
Communications Director

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Report Documents Brutal Treatment in Russian Orphanages

Thousands of children suffer neglect and cruelty in state institutions

(Moscow, December 16, 1998) -- In a report released today, Human Rights Watch charged that thousands of Russian children abandoned to state orphanages are being exposed to appalling levels of cruelty and neglect. The 213-page report represents a year-long investigation accompanied by a series of powerful color photographs that provide further evidence of malign neglect and inhuman treatment.

Entitled "Abandoned to the State: Cruelty and Neglect in Russian Orphanages," the report documents that "children in state custodial institutions are deprived of basic human rights at every stage of their lives."

"The abuse in orphanages cannot simply be attributed to Russia's economic crisis," said Kathleen Hunt, author of the Human Rights Watch report. "The problem of scarce resources does not justify the appalling treatment children receive at the hands of the state. It wouldn't take more money for Russia to change these policies immediately."

Hunt said that many of these children do not need to be institutionalized at all, but could be better cared for at home, or in foster homes, at considerably less expense. "The population of these orphanages is far too high and it's growing," said Hunt, noting that about 200,000 children live in state institutions in Russia.

Beginning with infancy, orphans classified as disabled are segregated into "lying down" rooms of the nation's 252 "baby houses," where they are changed and fed but are bereft of stimulation and lacking in medical care.

Those who are labeled retarded or "oligophrenic" (small-brained), face another grave and consequential violation of their rights around the age of four. At that time, a state commission diagnoses them as "ineducable," and warehouses them for life in "psycho-neurological internats." After this diagnosis, it is virtually impossible for an orphan to appeal the decision. According to official statistics, some 30,000 children are confined to these locked and isolated institutions, which are little better than prisons.



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The orphans may be restrained in cloth sacks, tethered to furniture, denied stimulation and are sometimes left to lie half-naked in their own filth. In both "baby houses" and "internats," children may be administered powerful sedatives without medical orders.

In a throwback to the abhorrent abuse in Soviet psychiatric institutions, orphans and institution staff also told Human Rights Watch of cases when children who tried to run away were sent to a psychiatric hospital for punishment or treatment.

Not only disabled orphans suffer violations of their rights in Russian state orphanages, according to Human Rights Watch. Even 'normal' abandoned children---whom the state evaluates as intellectually capable of functioning on a higher level---may be beaten, locked in freezing rooms for days at a time, or sexually abused.

Public humiliation was one of the forms of punishment recorded by Human Rights Watch in interviews with children from three different regions of Russia. "The teacher would punish children by bringing everyone into the classroom, and then making the ones who did something wrong get undressed and stand in front of the open window when it was very cold," according to an orphan interviewed in St. Petersburg. "Several children would be stripped and have to stand like that while the others had to watch...as a threat," the orphan said.

Official statistics indicate that children have been abandoned to the state at a rate of 113,000 for the past two years. This figure is up dramatically from 67,286 in 1992.

Human Rights Watch points out the wide variation among state institutions and cites an independent program in one psycho-neurological internat that has made remarkable progress with disabled children.

Among its recommendations to Russian authorities and international community, the human rights organization calls for the state to "immediately take steps to end the gross neglect, and the physical and psychological abuse by staff working in the custodial institutions of the three ministries involved: Health, Education, and Labor and Social Development."

The report also urges the state to develop humane alternatives to huge custodial institutions by reallocating existing resources to more family-based care.

Human Rights Watch made a number of specific recommendations to the Russian government, including:

- Stop medical personnel from pressing parents to institutionalize newborns with disabilities;
- Develop and implement a plan for the gradual deinstitutionalization of abandoned children and children with disabilities, and reallocate resources now used for institutional care to develop alternative humane, non-discriminatory alternatives;
- Provide and supervise foster care for children who cannot remain with their families;
- Ensure that all abandoned and orphaned children, whether disabled or otherwise, receive full respect for their human rights and protection against discrimination;
- Immediately stop applying the diagnosis of *oligophrenia* (mentally retarded) to infants or young children until they can be observed and examined adequately over a period of time;
- Commence investigation, with the participation of independent medical, educational, and mental health experts, into the process of evaluation at the age of four, which channels abandoned children almost irreversibly into educable and ineducable worlds. This investigation should aim to reform the evaluation procedure in order to take into consideration the extremely limited experience of institutionalized children;
- Cease to inscribe orphans' official identification documents, including passports, with "*dyetskii dom*" (children's home), and list only the street address as place of residence;
- Take immediate steps to end the gross neglect, and the physical and psychological abuse by staff working in the custodial institutions;
- Undertake a public education effort at the federal, regional and local levels, to dispel the deep-rooted prejudice against children who have disabilities and children who are abandoned by their parents;
- Direct all ministries and orphanage directors that corporal and psychological punishment of children are strictly prohibited;
- Establish an effective channel through which orphans may make confidential complaints to an independent outside authority about violence and misconduct committed, or instigated, by the institutional director, staff or other children; and to
- Ensure, in adherence to Russia's national legislation and international law, that all abandoned children in state custody be provided with necessary medical care.

Human Rights Watch recommended that the U.N. Committee on the Rights of the Child, UNICEF, the U.N. Special Rapporteur on Torture, the Council of Europe, and the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture investigate conditions in Russian orphanages and take steps to help the Russian government make constructive changes to improve the lives of the children locked in these appalling institutions.

Human Rights Watch is an international monitoring organization based in New York. For more information and to view the accompanying photographs, please visit the web site at <http://www.hrw.org>.

The photographs accompanying the Human Rights Watch report are available through the Saba Photo Agency in New York, telephone 212-477-7722 or through the photographer, Kate Brooks, in Moscow at (M) 7095-763-6603, or (P) 7095-203-4610.



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Russia's Gulags for Children

Millions of the disabled live as virtual prisoners

IN THE SOVIET ERA, IT WAS said that to visit a government-run orphanage for disabled children was not much different from watching animals in a zoo. In the new Russia, little has changed. In the "lying down" room of the Uvarovka Home, 90 miles west of Moscow, a frail child is tied to a bed by a twisted sheet. Another child, afflicted with elephantiasis, stares at the ceiling for hours. Nearby, another rocks back and forth, moaning.

Seven years after the Soviet Union's demise, such institutions remain a sort of gulag for the disabled—a fact that Human Rights Watch will document this week when it releases what is expected to be a scathing report on Russian orphanages. Part of the problem is economic: more children are being abandoned to state-run institutions. But the more serious problem may be old attitudes. The

Russian Ministry of Health still classifies severely retarded children as "idiots"—those worst off—and "imbeciles"—children who are judged "ineducable."

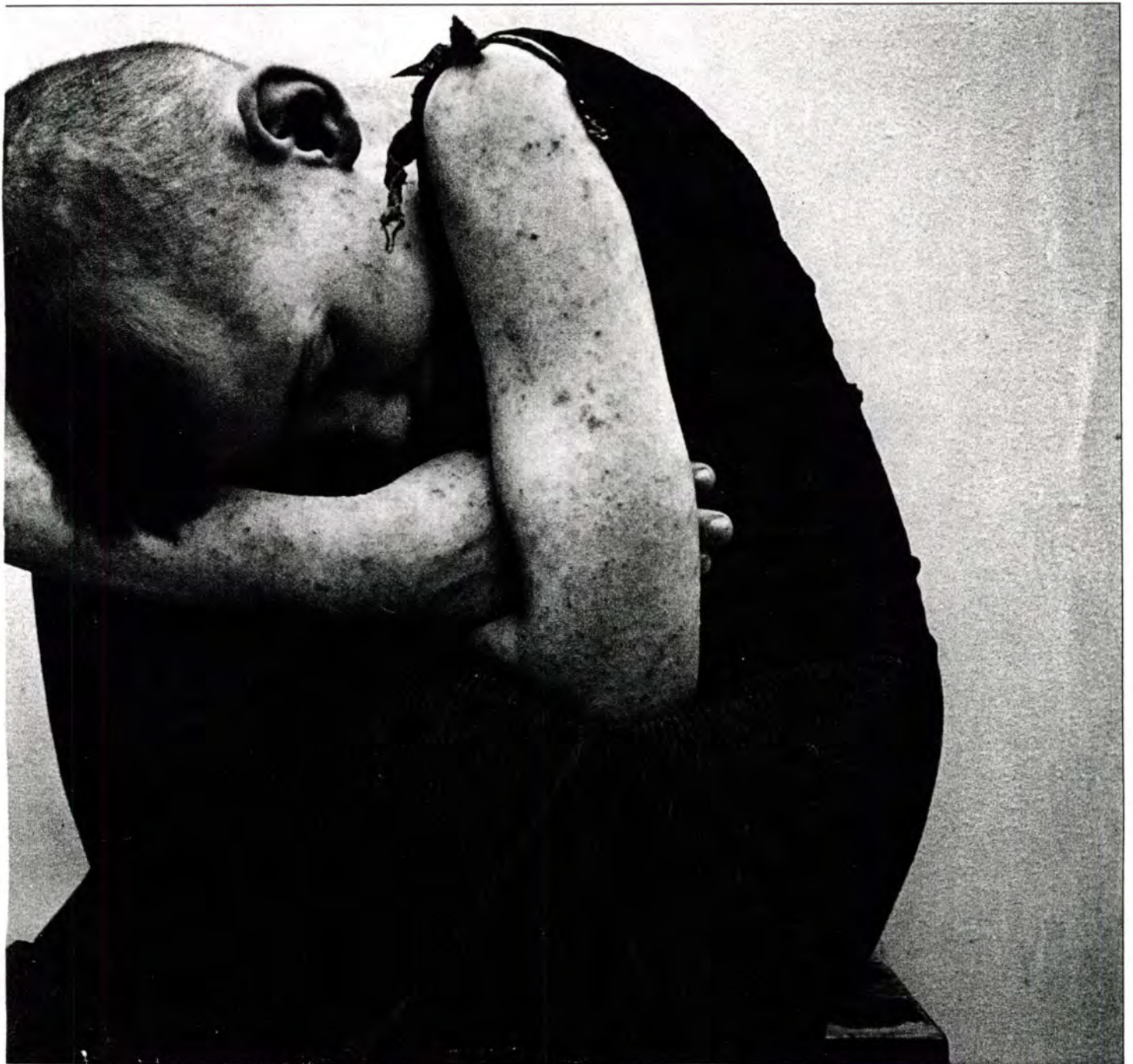
Two million Russian children live in such homes. Some are merely blind, deaf or have cleft palates. To Uvarovka workers like Lidia Korsakova, this is fate: "God," she says, "has cursed these children, has chained them to a bed for all their lives." Tatyana Mikhailovna, a nurse, has another view: "They live like kings here ... They're fed four times a day, they're washed. We're the ones who have to figure out how to get money for food." In struggling Russia, there's little room for pity—even for the most deserving.

BILL POWELL with YANA DLUGY

'God has cursed these children': A 16-year-old runaway tied to a bench (upper left), a grim ward, two emaciated patients and a girl whose head was shaved for lice

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The Grim Face of Russia's Orphanages

■ **Children:** Rights group documents 'appalling' abuse, seeks end to Soviet-style warehousing.

By RICHARD C. PADDOCK
TIMES STAFF WRITER

MOSCOW—Thousands of children confined to orphanages across Russia suffer "appalling levels of abuse and neglect" that constitute a violation of their human rights, the organization Human Rights Watch charged Wednesday.

In a detailed report, the group documented how children in some orphanages were kept in bare, dark rooms without stimulation, tied to furniture to restrain them, cruelly punished and deprived of toys and books.

The organization called on Russia to put an end to the Soviet-style

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A girl is tied to a bench in a state-run orphanage in Russia.

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system of warehousing unwanted and disabled children out of sight of society and depriving them of their fundamental human rights.

"Thousands of children in a sprawling maze of state-run orphanages have been subjected to appalling levels of abuse and neglect that stunt their development and relegate them to a social underclass," Kathleen Hunt, the author of the report, said at a news conference here.

The New York-based organization estimates that at least 30,000 children locked in orphanages for the severely disabled are confined in violation of U.N. covenants and international law spelling out the rights of children.

An additional 170,000 abandoned children who are considered "normal" live in institutions where they can be subjected to "cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment," including beatings and sexual abuse, the report found.

"Russian children in orphanages are deprived of basic human rights at every stage of their life—from the most fundamental right to survival and development to their rights to humane treatment, health, education and full enjoyment of civil rights," the report concluded.

The government could dramatically improve the lives of the children in its care by rejecting the



KATE BROOKS / SABA

An adolescent girl peers from her bed in a Russian orphanage.

philosophy that severely disabled children cannot be educated and should be taken from their parents and confined for life, the organization said.

Human Rights Watch charged that the grim conditions of Russia's orphanages are well known to top government officials.

"Human Rights Watch finds it all the more deplorable that the shocking treatment we documented this year still persists in state institutions with the knowledge of officials at the highest levels," Hunt said. "Orphanage of-

officials and the bureaucrats overseeing them should be held accountable for these unconscionable policies."

Of the 200,000 children institutionalized in Russia, 95% have at least one living parent. In most cases, the parents have given their offspring to the state because they are unable to care for them or because the children are disabled.

Because of the stigma attached to physically or mentally disabled children and their families, Russian doctors routinely persuade parents

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RUSSIA: Many Orphans Are Deprived of Their Basic Rights, Group Says

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to give up disabled children at birth and send them to orphanages.

From infancy, children in institutions for the severely disabled are confined to bed, and some are never taught to walk or talk. They live in barren dorms with no pictures on the wall, have no toys of their own and rarely receive affection from adults. Many are denied operations that could improve their condition.

At age 4, an official determination is made as to whether the children are "oligophrenic"—mentally retarded. Doctors are notorious for making incorrect diagnoses, but once a child is designated as oligophrenic, it is almost impossible to reverse the decision.

As the children grow older, they are sometimes confined to dark rooms all day with nothing to occupy them. Many of the children are heavily sedated. Problem children are sometimes put in makeshift straitjackets or tied to furniture to immobilize them.

"Abandoned infants, toddlers and older children with disabilities are languishing in interminable idleness, deprived of touch, sound, visual stimulation and love," Hunt said.

Human Rights Watch said major improvements could be made in Russia's orphanages without in-



Photos by KATE BROOKS / SABA

A child huddles near a radiator, above, while other youngsters sit on the floor, left. A report says orphans suffer abuse at Russian institutions.

creasing expenditures, and it made dozens of recommendations to the government and international organizations.

Among the recommendations

were:

- End the practice of encouraging parents to institutionalize disabled infants.

- Begin the development of a

foster care program to take the place of orphanages;

- Halt the early diagnosis of oligophrenia.

- Establish an independent com-

mission to investigate orphanages, with full access to the institutions and the ability to receive confidential complaints from children and staff members.

- Undertake a public education program to dispel Russians' deep-rooted prejudice against disabled and abandoned children.

- Ensure that all children in state custody be provided with necessary medical care.

"We often hear that in Russia,

the laws don't work, that the state has collapsed and that what can we expect from such lawlessness," said Rachel Denber, Human Rights Watch deputy director. "The thing is, as long as children are in institutions, there will always be agencies and bureaucrats who answer for them. And to that degree, the state does exist and must see to it that the law is upheld to protect Russia's most vulnerable population."

The Boston Globe

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1999

front page

Russia's abused children suffering grim neglect

Study describes minimal care received by orphaned, disabled

By David Filipov
GLOBE STAFF

TOMILINO, Russia - Dima Chesnokov has known more hardship in his seven years than most people do in a lifetime.

His abusive, alcoholic father forced him and his sister to beg for money at the local market. When Dima's mother died last year, his father's drinking became worse. So did the daily beatings, as evidenced by the scars on the boy's body. The family lost its home and

moved into a barn. And when his father drank faster than they could beg, he began killing stray dogs to feed his children, until finally he abandoned them.

Sadly for Dima, the shelter cannot keep him. He will probably not be adopted by a Russian family and end up instead in Russia's notorious state orphanage system, doomed to a life of "deprivation and cruelty."

That is how the New York-based Human Rights Watch described conditions for many of the 200,000 children who live in Russian orphanages. In its report released Dec. 17, it described

state institutions as a "gulag" where children suffer "appalling levels of abuse and neglect."

The situation has deteriorated since Russia's August economic collapse. Federal funding has all but disappeared, and even facilities where children are treated well are struggling to provide basic care. Despite promises to improve the situation, the Russian government has tried to hide the problem.

Dima still cannot tell his story with words. He draws the events of his short, tragic life using stick figures. His night-

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PP1 PHOTO / MAXIM MARMUR

Dima Chesnokov, 7, showed off his bed at a shelter for abandoned and abused children in Tomillino, Russia.



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The view through the bars of this annexed pen at the Uvarovka Home orphanage in Moscow is all these children see of the outside world.

'No one in Russia will take them. Russian families aren't prepared for children with problems.'

IRINA ABRAMOVA, director of shelter

Russia's orphans neglected

■ ORPHAN

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mare ended temporarily in October, when he and his sister, both undernourished and suffering from dysentery, were taken in by a shelter for abandoned and abused children in Tomilino, a suburb 10 miles east of Moscow.

"I like it here," Dima said at the shelter last week, taking a break from a rollicking play session around the first New Year's tree he has ever had. "They feed us real food and buy us toys. Nobody beats me with a rope, or a knife or an ax."

Human Rights Watch found evidence of punishment similar to torture and brutal hazing by older children at state institutions, home to 200,000 Russian orphans and abandoned children. Some 30,000 children are summarily diagnosed as "invalids," "imbeciles," or worse, "idiots," deemed ineducable. They are condemned to lives in dark isolation and never taught to walk or read, according to the report.

Kathleen Hunt, its author, recently told reporters that even abandoned children deemed "normal" by the state may be beaten, locked in freezing rooms, tied to furniture for days at a time, or sexually abused.

"The reaction of the Russian authorities to the critique of their orphanages has been to block access to the institutions; punish or threaten to fire workers if they speak about abuses; and, in some instances, pardon those who are responsible for the wrongdoing," the Human Rights Watch report said.

The destructive legacy of such treatment is clear. Of the 15,000 children who leave orphanages each year, one in three ends up

homeless or unemployed, said Hunt. One in five commits a criminal offense. One in 10 commits suicide.

The report arrives at a time when the number of abandoned children in Russia has doubled over the past three years to some 600,000, according to government figures. Financial hardship and alcoholism have contributed to increasing instability of Russian families. And Russian maternity wards persuade parents to give up children with even mild or operable birth defects.

That policy has a bitter irony. It costs the Russian government \$300 a month to keep children considered disabled in institutions that Boris Altshuler, director of the Moscow-based nonprofit group Children's Rights, calls "graveyards for hopeless children."

Yet families, where the children would be treated far better, receive only a \$50 allowance from the state for care for their disabled children, he added.

Poor families with older children give them up when they decide they cannot cope.

"I can tell how bad things are by the way families are starting to ask us to take their children," said Irina Abramova, director of the small Tomilino shelter. She says her colleagues at shelters in Moscow are experiencing the same phenomenon. "Families in Russia are falling apart. If we don't take measures to prevent the destruction of families, we won't be able to build enough orphanages," she warned.

Abramova's facility has room for 20 children, but 37 live there now. Children are not supposed to stay in her care longer than six months. But some have been there for sever-

al years.

The reason is that Abramova does whatever she can to keep children from entering orphanages. This involves a lengthy search for the child's real parents. Sometimes, people claim to be the parents of a child when they are not. Alisa, 3, a somber redhead who cannot shake a case of pneumonia, was brought to the shelter by a woman who stole her from her real mother to make her begging more lucrative.

Reuniting children with their parents sometimes is impossible. Abramova says 50 percent of her wards have been sexually abused by adults. In some cases, parents forced their grammar school-aged children into prostitution.

"I could not imagine that people could treat children like that," Abramova said.

For Abramova, success is the family agreeing to take the children back. She says in 40 cases since the shelter opened in 1993, alcoholic, drug-dependent, or abusive parents have "rehabilitated" themselves and reclaimed their children.

More often, this does not happen. If Abramova cannot find a suitable relative or an adopting family, she has to give the children up. Adoption is difficult, she explains, because many children suffer from chronic illnesses or behavioral disorders because of the treatment they received before entering the shelter.

"No one in Russia will take them," Abramova said. "Russian families aren't prepared for children with problems."

Abramova tries to help children cope with their problems using specially trained



Dima Chesnokov, 7, used this drawing to show how his abusive father killed and skinned a dog to feed him and his sister.

child psychologists. The children go to school. For some, like Dima Chesnokov, they are in classrooms for the first time in their lives. All children are encouraged to keep scrapbooks in which they can put pictures of their parents in better days, or drawings and stories of happy times at home.

"It helps restore the children's self-esteem when they know they have roots," Abramova said.

But her shelter is suffering from the crisis. Salaries are minuscule; Abramova earns \$50 a month. Funding is nonexistent. The shelter used to get 12 rubles per child each day for food from the state. That was 50 cents before the August crisis, about 17 cents today. And the state has not paid since September. The shelter survives on charity. But acts of kindness are the exception rather than the rule.

"You know, I love my country, but our best intentions in Russia always come down to finances," Abramova said. "We used to live by the motto 'the best for the children.' Now we are left with only a motto."

Chic Trib 12/17/98

Photos show 'appalling neglect' in state-run Russian orphanages

REUTERS

MOSCOW—Emaciated, shaven-headed children sit staring vacantly into space. Some peer out through bars, another is tethered to a bench like a dog.

These harrowing photographs, at times reminiscent of a World War II concentration camp, accompanied a 214-page report published Wednesday chronicling rampant cruelty and neglect in Russian state orphanages.

Human Rights Watch, which drew up the report, said the bulk of Russia's 200,000 orphans are being denied the right to basic health treatment and education.

Children deemed to have mental or physical disabilities are confined at the age of 4 to prisonlike institutions, where they may be restrained in cloth sacks, tied to furniture or given sedatives without medical prescription, it said.

"Thousands of children in a sprawling archipelago of state-run children's homes are being subject to the most appalling neglect ... that turns them into a social underclass," Kathleen Hunt, author of the report, said at a news conference.

She said children diagnosed as mentally deficient face an especially bleak existence, sitting untended in rooms or confined to bed bereft of stimulation and medical care.

"Some of the women looking after them do show compassion and concern, but they suffer from a complete lack of training. ... Everywhere there is this fatalistic view that the physical and mental condition of the children cannot be changed," Hunt said.

Some children died of malnourishment, such as a 9-year-old girl whose emaciated corpse, ribs protruding through the skin, were among the report's photographs. She was buried by other orphans in an unmarked grave earlier this year, Hunt said.

Among examples of cruel punishment, the report cited unruly children being forced to strip and stand before an open window during very cold weather. Others' heads were shoved into toilets or their hands squeezed in a vise, the report said.

Quoting official Russian sources, the report said about 15,500 children leave state orphanages every year. Of those, 5,000 will be unemployed, 6,000 will be homeless, 3,000 will turn to crime and 1,500 will commit suicide within a few years.

Hunt said the New York-based Human Rights Watch recognized that Russia is in the grip of a deep economic crisis but said many improvements could be made without spending any money.

"The abuse in Russia's orphan-

ages cannot be attributed to Russia's economic crisis," she said.

The report urged Russia to stop the practice of pressuring parents to put children with grave disabilities into institutions, to cease diagnosing children as retarded without a period of observation, and to ban corporal and psychological punishment.

It also recommended the government appoint a panel of independent experts empowered to conduct surprise visits to orphanages to check whether children were being badly treated.

Hunt emphasized that many Russian experts and human-rights groups had been trying to expose conditions in the orphanages and said the overall picture was not entirely negative.

Some institutions have seen improvements. Exchanges and other forms of contact with foreign organizations have encouraged some orphanages to introduce more humane treatment or launch small-scale foster projects.

In one example, children written off as worthless and confined to bed learned over a one-year period to walk, play and feed themselves, Hunt said.

The group said Russia needs to be pressured to improve the situation in its orphanages, in line with its international commitments.

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May 27, 1999

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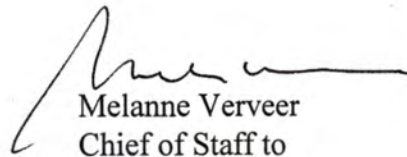
Dear Friend:

Thank you for your letter and invitation for the First Lady to be a panelist at, "Violence in Entertainment: Reel Life vs. Real Life" on June 30 in New York City.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton will not be available to attend the event as she will be out of the country on that date. The impact of violence in the media on our children is a vitally important subject. Mrs. Clinton conveys her best wishes for a successful event.

Thank you for your leadership and all you do.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

May 27, 1999

Gerry Byrne
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Friend
Dear ~~Mr. Byrne:~~

*Send some letters
as Creative
Coalition*

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your letter and invitation to meet with leaders from the entertainment, arts, media, business and policy communities to discuss the impact of violence in ~~the~~ entertainment on June 30th in New York City.

[Signature]

Unfortunately, Mrs. Clinton will not be available to attend the event as she will be out of the country. The First Lady conveys her appreciation for your efforts to address the impact of violence in the media and conveys her best wishes for the event.

All the best. With best wishes

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
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May 28, 1999

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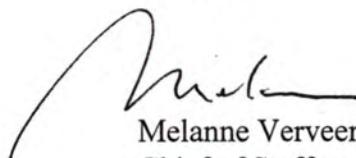
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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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May 26, 1999

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Thank you for your leadership and all you do.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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May 19, 1999

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

On Wednesday evening, June 30, 1999, The Creative Coalition and *VARIETY* will convene a Town Hall meeting entitled, "Violence in Entertainment: Reel Life vs. Real Life." This timely and important meeting will be held at the HBO Screening Room at 7:00 pm in New York City. At this time, leaders from the media, entertainment, arts, business and policy communities will come together to address the impact of violence in entertainment.

We invite you to participate in a panel that will be the centerpiece of the evening. Other invited panelists include: Vice President Al Gore; Empower America Co-Director (former U.S. Secretary of Education) William Bennett; producer Steven Bochco; Chairman and CEO of Oxygen Media (former Nickelodeon President) Geraldine Laybourne; actor, director and producer (former Mayor of Carmel, CA) Clint Eastwood; Chairman and CEO of the Motion Picture Association of America Jack Valenti; and clinical professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School Dr. Alvin Poussaint. *VARIETY* Editor-in-Chief Peter Bart will moderate the panel.

VARIETY is the leading global provider of news and information to the entertainment industry. Publications include weekly *VARIETY*, *Daily VARIETY* and *Daily VARIETY - the Gotham Edition*.

Founded a decade ago, The Creative Coalition is the premier nonprofit, nonpartisan organization representing members of the arts and entertainment community. The Creative Coalition is dedicated to educating and advocating on behalf of social and political issues, specifically in the areas of children's education, First Amendment rights and arts advocacy.

We sincerely hope that you will accept our invitation to join your peers in this effort to educate, empower and mobilize the arts and entertainment community. Shpresa Oruci, The Creative Coalition's Manager of Special Projects, will be contacting your office as a follow-up to this invitation. In the meantime, if you have any questions or if you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at (212) 512-5515. We look forward to seeing you on June 30th.

Sincerely,


William Baldwin
President, The Creative Coalition


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THE WHITE HOUSE
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June 9, 1999

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Dear Charlie:

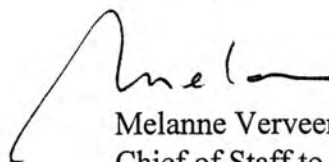
Thank you for your letter and the articles from your travels. You always offer so much wisdom.

I am very sorry to hear about the death of your mother. You have my deepest sympathy

I also want to congratulate you on your appointment to the New York State Council on the Arts! I can't think of a better participant. And the news about the new foundation in Europe is tremendously exciting

Very best wishes and thank you for all you do. Hope to see you sometime soon.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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June 8, 1999

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Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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May 25, 1999

Ms. Melanne Verveer
First Lady's Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Melanne,

I was sorry not to be able to greet you at the New York State Theater last night in the incredible crowd present to honor the First Lady and my good friend Aggie Gund. Mrs. Clinton spoke beautifully as evident by the tribute that she received.

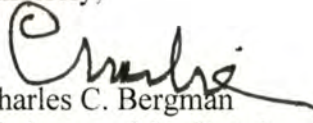
I have some personal news both sad and good. My beloved chairman Gerald Dickler died several months ago and on April 17th, just as I returned from an official trip to Australia and New Zealand, my dear mother became ill and died. It has been a rough time as there have been so many other positive and exciting things happening to me. For example, the New York State Council on the Arts has honored me with membership, (and I'm a Democrat!) and I am helping to set up a major new foundation in Europe which will have tremendous assets to help in so many ways world wide.

Increasingly as I travel around the world I am now being asked by host countries to be a spokesperson for enlightened corporate social responsibility and the important role foundations, wealthy individuals, and corporate patronage play in sustaining the arts. In this context I thought that you might be interested in the enclosed articles from my recent trip.

Melanne, I hope to see you in the near future and want to reiterate to you my desire to help this administrations national arts program in any appropriate and strategic ways possible.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,


Charles C. Bergman
Chairman of the Board

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June 15, 1999

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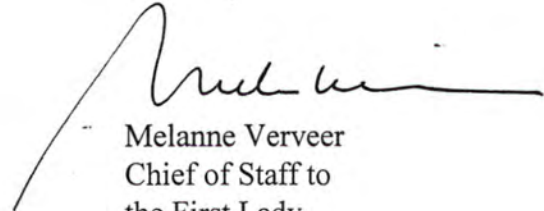
Dear Dr. Barbash:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your letter and invitation for Mrs. Clinton to serve on the King Hussein Cancer Center's International Board of Trustees.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton cannot accept the Center's kind invitation as government regulations proscribe her participation on boards. However, if there is anything she can do to be helpful in another capacity, please do not hesitate to be in touch with us. Mrs. Clinton conveys her best wishes to you and your colleagues in your extraordinary work to bring high quality cancer care to Israeli as well as Arab patients from all over the Middle East. It is entirely fitting that this work be carried out in the name of King Hussein.

Best wishes and thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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June 8, 1999

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton

The White House

Washington, D.C.

Fax: 001(202) 456 - 6244

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

Upon the advice of Mr. Martin Indyk, we would like to inform you that we have recently been granted permission by His Majesty King Abdullah of Jordan to name our new Cancer Center, now in the planning stage, "The King Hussein Middle East Cancer Center".

With the professional excellence acquired here, especially in surgical oncology where we have already become a referral center, The King Hussein Cancer Center will serve as a bridge of peace, offering access to sophisticated medical care to Israeli as well as Arab patients from all over the Middle East, regardless of nationality.

The Tel Aviv Medical Center is distinguished by its deep involvement in the Israel-Arab peace process. As the municipal hospital of this city, the Medical Center treated most of the casualties of the bus bombings in Tel Aviv. It was to this hospital that the late Prime Minister Itzhak Rabin was rushed immediately after he was shot

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during the peace parade. All these violent acts were perpetrated by those who oppose the peace process.

Over the last 5 years the Tel Aviv Medical Center has been involved in a humanitarian project supported by the Government and People of Denmark with physicians from Gaza hospitals spending periods of several months at the Tel Aviv Medical Center as fellows in the different fields of medicine and then returning to Gaza to apply their knowledge there. Surgeons from the Tel Aviv Medical Center spend time in Gaza hospitals, teaching their colleagues new surgical techniques. In this spirit, the King Hussein Cancer Center will establish a fund to support the collaboration of physicians and scientists in this field from both Israel and Jordan.

When we met with His Majesty King Abdullah, we mentioned the late King Hussein's historical visit to the Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center in January 1996. During that visit, King Hussein took part in a ceremony perpetuating the name of his partner in peace, the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, at the hospital Trauma Center.

King Abdullah's letter of approval concludes, *"His Majesty sincerely hopes that this will be an additional point of departure for further cooperation between Jordan and Israel in the medical field, and beneficial to all in our region."*

We believe it is more than symbolic that both the beloved comrades who died at the height of their fight for peace and for a better Middle East, will find commemoration in a Medical Center which puts into practice the peace that was signed by both of them.

We are now working on the assembling of the **International Board of Trustees of the King Hussein Cancer Center** and would be honored if you would be kind enough to join us in our efforts, together with family members of the Hashemite

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Kingdom of Jordan and other prominent International figures. We realize that there are many demands on your time and that you have a very hectic schedule. Nonetheless, we would be most grateful if you could give our request your favorable consideration for the benefit of all of us here in this region.

Respectfully,

Gabriel I. Barbash, M.D., M.P.H

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June 8, 1999

Mr. Martin Indyk

Assistant Secretary of State

For Near Eastern Affairs

Washington, D.C.

Fax: 001(202) 4566244

Dear Mr. Indyk,

I hope this letter finds you in good health.

We thank you for your considerate attention and good will to further help us with our endeavors in strengthening the bridge to peace with our neighbors, and your continual support enabling us to do our utmost to excel in the medical field.

We welcome your good advice, and hope to see you as always; our friend.

Sincerely,

Gabriel I. Barbash, M.D., M.P.H

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June 29, 1999

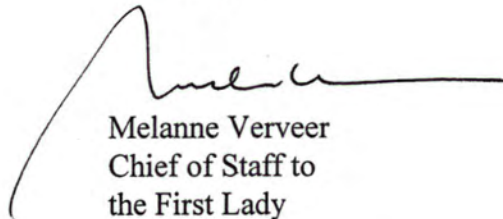
Philip J. Berg
706 Ridge Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444-1711

Dear Mr. Berg:

Thank you for your fax and your interest in traveling with the First Lady to visit relief efforts for the refugees in Albania. Mrs. Clinton has no plans to travel in the area in the foreseeable future.

With best wishes

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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DATE: 04/19/99

TO: Hon. Hillary Clinton (202) 456-6266
White House, Washington, DCAttn: Melanne Vermyer, Chief of StaffRE: **"Refugees - Your Trip To Albania
My Request To Be In Your Party"**FROM: Philip J. Berg, Esq.FAX #: (202) 456-6244 Total = 1 page

Dear Honorable First Lady:

As you know, I have been a supporter of the President and you and my efforts were helpful nationwide through my Web Site (www.VotePower.com) which was against the impeachment.

I believe that the President is right in his efforts as a part of NATO.

Also, our #1 effort must be with the refugees.

I think your planned trip to refugee camps in Albania is needed and I would like to be part of your party.

I know that as a former candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania; as a 16 year Volunteer Fire Police Lieutenant; and my entire civic and political background, I:

..would be an asset to you in helping refugees during your trip; and

..would be an asset to you in speaking in PA and elsewhere about our efforts with refugees.

I look forward to hearing from you and joining your trip.

Thank you.

Respectfully,


PHILIP J. BERG

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July 7, 1999

Gigi Bradford
Center for Arts and Culture
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Washington, DC 20001-2728

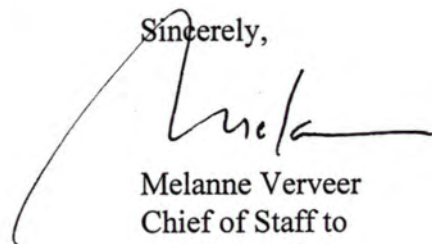
Dear Gigi:

Thank you for your letter and invitation to the Cultural Policy Network conference. Regrettably, I'll be out of town, but I trust the gathering will be a huge success!

You have the great satisfaction of knowing that what you do truly matters. Thank you for all the Center's vital work and best wishes for a successful conference.

All the best.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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June 16, 1999

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Dear Ms. Verveer:

Have you ever felt that you just didn't have the context or "the numbers" to really make the case about what you do every day? Scholars from across the country are working on issues that affect the arts and cultural sector, and we'd like to invite you to contribute to this dialogue.

Please join us at the Center for Arts and Culture's second Cultural Policy Network conference in the National Building Museum in Washington, DC on Friday evening, July 16th and Saturday, July 17th. This gathering is predicated on the assumption that better information, research and assessment will better reflect the cultural community and inform the public about the significance of the work you do.

Supported by a grant from the Ford Foundation with additional assistance from the Pew Charitable Trusts and the Rockefeller Foundation, the Cultural Policy Network seeks to connect the research scholars do to the everyday life of culture. Participants will identify and discuss strategies to support this work and bring it to the attention of policymakers and the general public.

On July 16th the opening session will explore how journalists and policymakers use research. Influential Senate arts staffers Jenny Smolson (Jeffords-R: VT) and Corinne Larsen (Bennett-R: UT) (invited) will join Michael Janeway, director of the National Arts Journalism program at Columbia University and Bruce Weber, National Cultural Correspondent for the *New York Times*. They will discuss how research affects decision-making and the time-lines in which this information is needed. The panel will be followed by an informal reception and buffet supper.

On Saturday, July 17th members of the cultural community will discuss the various meanings of community in cultural policy, partnership opportunities, and research in progress. Invited speakers for these sessions include officials from AFA, NASAA, NEA, NEH, USIA; scholars such as Judith Blau, Maria Rosario Jackson, Stanley Katz, Bruce Seaman and Mark Stern; and Network members from the 28 participating colleges and universities from across the country.

We hope you will join us for what promises to be a focused and lively examination of why research matters, what it should be, and how it could be better supported.

Please fax back the following form with your acceptance so we can be sure to save your seat and order your meals.

Sincerely,

Gigi
Gigi Bradford
Executive Director

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Cultural Policy Network Conference II
Friday and Saturday, July 16-17, 1999

Friday, July 16

4:30-5:30 Opening Panel: Uses and Time Frames for Research: in Journalism, in Congress
5:30 Reception
6:30-8:00 Dinner

Saturday, July 17

9:45-11:15 What Does "Community" Mean for Cultural Policy?
11:30-12:45 Research Partnership Roundtable
12:45 Lunch
2:00-3:30 Research-in-Progress Reports
3:30-5:00 Next Steps and Research Directions for the Cultural Policy Network
5:00 Reception

REGISTRATION FORM

_____ **Yes, I will attend the Cultural Policy Network conference on July 16 and stay for dinner.**

_____ **Yes, I will attend the Cultural Policy Network conference on July 17 and join you for lunch.**

Name _____

Title/Position _____

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Address _____

Telephone _____

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Please return this form, via fax: (202) 783-4498, no later than Friday, July 2, 1999.
Thank you.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 13, 1999

Norman Birnbaum
Georgetown University Law Center
600 New Jersey Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001-2075

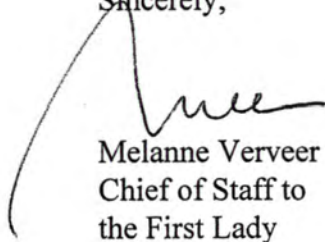
Dear Norman:

Thank you for your note and many kind words. I have given your lengthy tome to the First Lady.

I hope you are making good progress on your book even though you're confined to Fresh Fields, not Tuscany.

All the best.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

Norman Birnbaum
University Professor

3 July 1999

Ms. Melanne Verveer
The White House
Washington DC 20500

Dear Melanne:

It is summer and all of you who work for a living suppose that we professors are doing our thinking, deep or otherwise, on the Riviera or in Tuscany. In fact, my travelling this summer has been limited to trips to Fresh Fields on Wisconsin Avenue: I'm struggling to finish a book. I have to confess that I will be going to Spain for a fortnight in mid-July, but that's work: arguing with Tony Giddens and Felipe Gonzales about the Third Way.

However, I did regard it as a duty to write the attached.

With very best regards,

Norman Birnbaum

THE WHITE HOUSE
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July 13, 1999

Jacob Bergsland, MD
Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery
77 Sandhurst Land
Williamsville, NY 14221

Dear Dr. Bergsland:

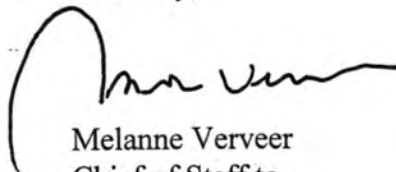
On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your heartwarming letter about the successful Bosnia/Buffalo Healthcare Partnership.

Cooperation between nations is so important to improve health care. The Bosnian experience with which you have been involved demonstrates the positive difference that can be made through participation on all levels. Mrs. Clinton has seen such partnerships around the world – many in the most difficult circumstances. Perhaps some day she'll get to see the Bosnian project.

Please accept Mrs. Clinton's appreciation for you and your colleagues' vital work in Bosnia, along with her best wishes for continued success.

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

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Jacob Bergsland, M.D., P.C.

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March 29, 1999

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Five years ago I was working as a cardiac surgeon for the UN in Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina. The situation at the time seemed hopeless to most of the outside world and for most Bosnians alike. 100 000's had been killed or become refugees, the economy was destroyed and the very survival of the country was questionable.

I was fortunate to meet and get to know a lot of exceptional Bosnians. We made a promise to try to rebuild and improve the health care system once the war was over. Being a cardiac surgeon myself, I focused on the development of cardiology and cardiac surgery programs in Tuzla, programs that were completely lacking in Bosnia both before and during the war.

Thanks to NATO the war came to an end. Thanks to USAID and AIHA Tuzla was able to develop its healthcare system in many areas far beyond cardiac services.

It was one of the greatest moments in my life, however, when we finally could initiate cardiac surgery in Bosnia in September of 1998. During the official opening of the program President Izebegovic, US Ambassador and the first operated patient were all present. Our Bosnian team performed top quality work assisted by a group of health care workers from Buffalo.

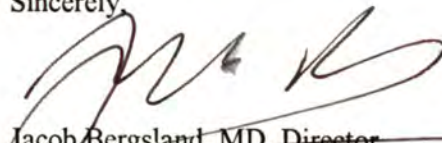
The program for treatment of heart disease is presently running with Bosnian staff and running very well, too. The program was elected the most important civilian program in Bosnia in 1998 and Drs. Emir Kabil and Teofik Tulomovic the driving forces in Tuzla chosen as the best managers of the year.

Starting such a program under such adverse condition truly represents a major accomplishment.

None of this would have been possible without help at multiple levels. Thanks to the military and civilian effort by our country, I believe the Bosnian multicultural society will survive and re-emerge.

When we see the horrifying pictures from Kosovo the last few days, my thoughts as so many others, immediately go back to the war in Bosnia. I hope and believe that the continued effort of the US will eventually bring peace and democracy to countries on the Balkan. I hope to continue to play a small part in this effort.

Sincerely,



Jacob Bergsland, MD, Director
Center for Less Invasive Cardiac Surgery
Buffalo, NY

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 12, 1999

His Excellency Rubens A. Barbosa
Embassy of Brazil
3006 Massachusetts Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20008

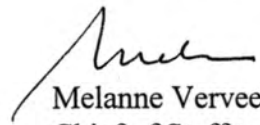
Dear Ambassador Barbosa:

On behalf of the first Lady, thank you for your embassy's forwarding the Brazilian Bar Association's invitation to the conference in Rio de Janeiro this summer.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton will not be able to accept the Association's kind invitation, as her summer schedule is full and a trip to Brazil will not be possible. Please convey her appreciation for all the Association does to help legal leaders, along with her best wishes to the conference participants.

It was a pleasure to meet you and your wife at the Bagleys. We wish you all the best in your new post.

Very best wishes,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Melanne Verveer

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**BRAZILIAN EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

THE AMBASSADOR

March 17, 1999

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Her Excellency
Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.
20500 Washington, D.C.

my dear Mrs Clinton,

I am pleased to forward to you the enclosed invitation to participate as a guest speaker at the National Conference of Lawyers sponsored by the Brazilian Bar Association.

The Brazilian Bar Association holds a unique and respected place in recent Brazilian history. I am sure that, as an attorney, you can fully understand the key role the Bar plays for the country in its oversight and protection of the Brazilian Constitution.

As with the American Bar Association, the Brazilian counterpart is very selective and its members are found in many prominent leadership roles.

We would be most honored if you could participate in this conference and share your experience in the legal and political arenas.

Yours ever,

Paulo-Tarso Flecha de Lima

P.S. I enjoyed enormously your speech of
yesterday at USAID.
Respect
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Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil
Conselho Federal
Brasília - D.F.

Brasília, march 8, 1999

Her Excellency
Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
20500 Washington, D.C., USA

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

The Brazilian Bar Association (OAB), an institution established in 1930, today has a membership of over 400,000 attorneys from Brazil's 27 states.

One of the main OAB events is its tri-annual gathering, the National Conference of Lawyers, which will be held from August 29 through September 2, 1999, in Rio de Janeiro, with the theme: Justice: *Reality* and *Utopia*.

Since its inception, the Brazilian Bar Association has been committed to defending the Brazilian Constitution and improving the Rule of Law, democracy, freedom of expression, human rights, social justice and the expeditious administration of Justice

The Brazilian Constitution gives the Bar Association an oversight function in the constitutional process, which reflects the long history of efforts by Brazilian lawyers in safeguarding human rights and dignity. Indeed, the work of the Brazilian Bar Association has been recognized by its counterpart organizations around the world as well as by other important international organizations which work to promote the



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advancement and achievement of ethics and a balanced relationship between citizens and governments.

Thus I am honored to invite you as a Special Guest Speaker for the opening ceremony of the XVII National Conference of Lawyers, which will be held on August 30 th. Approximately 10,000 participants are expected to attend.

Given your prestige as a guest speaker, I believe your personal presence at the Conference will improve and strengthen the event and will encourage law firms and both governmental and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to advance and improve actions and policies promoting social justice.

I would appreciate hearing from you at your convenience.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Reginaldo Oscar de Castro', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Reginaldo Oscar de Castro
National President of the Brazilian Bar Association



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Summary Description of the XVII National Conference of Brazilian Lawyers

Theme : Justice: Reality and Utopia
Dates : August 29 - September 2, 1999
Place : Rio de Janeiro State University (UERJ)
Expected Attendance: An audience of 15,000 lawyers from throughout Brazil

Basic Structure:

August 29: Evening Gala Reception

August 30: Morning Opening Session with speeches by the President of Rio de Janeiro State Bar Association, the Representative of the Brazilian State Bar Associations and the President of the National Council of the Brazilian Bar Association.

August 30 - September 2

45 panels with presentation by 135 Brazilian and foreign speakers.

The panels will deal with Institutional, Professional and Functional topics on subjects such as: *Social Exclusion, Right to Work, Access to Justice, Right to Communication, Globalization, Economic Integration Human Rights, Consumer Rights, Bioethics, The Citizen and the State, Alternative Judicial Procedures, Children's Rights, The information Society, Changes in Family Relationships, The Lawyer and the International Environment, and other important issues.*

Simultaneous meetings developed by and for various NGOs will also be held, including a meeting of women lawyers, a conference of lawyers concerned with ecology and the environment, as well as others.

Special Events:.

August 31 Evening Social Event

September 2 Closing Session and Festive Dinner

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Amb. Paulo-Tarso Flecha de Lima

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Her Excellency
Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
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August 12, 1999

Judith Ann Butler
Executive Director
Americans United to Save the Arts and Humanities
1001 G Street, NW #900 East
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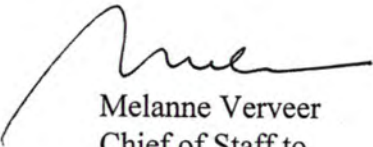
Dear Ms. Butler 

(Thank you for your letter and copy of the ad supporting the NEA and NEH. I've shared the ad with the First Lady. It was terrific!

Please accept Mrs. Clinton's appreciation for all you and your colleagues are doing to promote greater public support for the endowments. The message of this ad was right on target.

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

Best wishes,


Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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AMERICANS UNITED TO SAVE
THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

August 10, 1999

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

Dear Ms. Verveer:

Knowing of your strong support for our nation's cultural agencies, I wanted to send you a copy of the advocacy ad sponsored by Americans United to Save the Arts and Humanities in support of the NEA and NEH which ran in the July 18th edition of *The New York Times*.

Over one hundred business leaders from around the country united to show their support for increased federal funding for the Endowments. The ad highlights arts and humanities programs aimed at children who already had juvenile court records or who were at risk. The studies referred to in the ad were conducted in Portland, Oregon; San Antonio, Texas; and Fulton County, Georgia. The programs were proven over three years to reduce delinquent behavior and keep youth from entering the court system in the first place. With the dramatic increase of youth violence in today's society, this is welcoming news. "*Kids with this mug shot hardly ever get the other kind,*" the ad states.

Americans United is a non-profit advocacy organization whose goal this year is to persuade Congress to increase the federal funding for the agencies. We have sponsored ads in previous years and similarly delivered a copy to each Member of Congress, governor, state arts and humanities council, and the media in order to influence the debate. In addition, each year we have asked the business leaders to sign onto advocacy letters sent to Congress. As Executive Director, I personally spend time on the Hill and with other cultural organizations developing strategies and messages.

We have always appreciated the support that the President and the First Lady has given to the Endowments, and want you to know that the business community shares that enthusiasm. Please call me if I can be of any assistance.

Best wishes,



Judith Ann Butler
Executive Director

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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June 29, 1999

Professor Avishay Braverman
President
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Beer-Sheva 84105, Israel

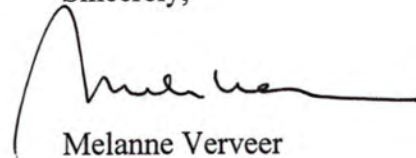
Dear Prof Braverman:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your gracious letter and the invitation for Mrs. Clinton to accept an honorary degree from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

As you know, Mrs. Clinton has had to postpone her visit to Israel originally scheduled for June. A date has not been set yet for the First Lady's return trip and it is not possible, until the itinerary is set, to determine whether she will be able to accept your kind invitation. We will let you know once Mrs. Clinton's new schedule is determined. But please accept Mrs. Clinton's appreciation for you and your colleagues' thoughtfulness along with her continued best wishes.

All the best

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

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Office of the President

Fax Transmission

TO: Deborah Mohile
FROM: Lana Shalit
DATE: June 1, 1999
RE: Attached letter for Mrs. Clinton
PAGES: 2 (including cover)
FAX #: 001-202-456-6218

Dear Ms. Mohile,

Would you please be so kind as to pass the attached letter of invitation to Mrs. Clinton, from Professor Avishay Braverman at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. This invitation is time-sensitive.

Thank you kindly,

Lana Shalit
Assistant to the President

AVISHAY BRAVERMAN

BEN-GURION
UNIVERSITY
OF THE NEGEV

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 30, 1999

Mrs. Hilary Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC
U.S.A.

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, in high regard for your outstanding personal and political achievements in creating a better world for humanity, your work to bring peace to all peoples, your heartfelt concern for all children, and your support of advances in the prevention of disease, would feel honored and privileged to bestow our degree of doctor honoris causa upon you during your upcoming trip to Israel.

Ben-Gurion University represents the generation of Israelis whose research, studies and goals are intimately linked with the future of our region. At the Goldman Medical School, which you so kindly convoked by video on the day of its inauguration, has Israelf's first and only female Bedouin student matriculating and the S. Daniel Abraham International Center for Health and Nutrition which was founded by our mutual friend Danny Abraham and is doing important work to improve the world's health care.

It would be most fitting if you could accept this honor in a special ceremony at our University during your upcoming visit to Israel.

I hope for your favorable response,

Prof. Avishay Braverman
President

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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September 2, 1999

Benjamin Barber
Director, The Walt Whitman Center
Rutgers University
Hickman Hall, Douglass Campus, 89 George Street
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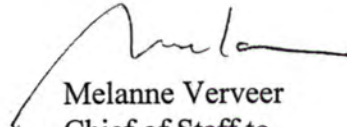
Dear Ben:

Thank you for your letter and invitation for the First Lady to keynote the conference "Two Forums on Democracy" at Rutgers, October 28-31.

Regrettably, she will not be able to join you. Her schedule has only gotten more complicated since we last spoke about this. However, she would be able to do a short video for the event. There is some cost involved, but if a video is useful for the conference please let us know.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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The Walt Whitman Center for the Culture and Politics of Democracy

Benjamin R. Barber, Director
Whitman Professor of Political Science

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August 11, 1999

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to The First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Melanne,

When we talked six or seven weeks ago, you said you would be happy to hand on my plea for participation by the First Lady in our October White House Millennium sponsored event at The Walt Whitman Center. Here is that letter along with a flyer for the event.

Let me emphasize that I really do believe the First Lady would benefit politically in New York through her participation in this high level, bi-continental event closely related to the issues a Senator must face.

Best wishes,

Benjamin R. Barber,
Director

Enclosures: August 11, 1999 letter to the First Lady
France / United States Forum on Democracy flyer

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The Walt Whitman Center for the Culture and Politics of Democracy

Benjamin R. Barber, Director
Whitman Professor of Political Science

August 11, 1999

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

This letter follows up on our exchange in the spring about your participation in our conference, "Two Forums on Democracy," co-sponsored by the White House Millennium Council and the French government's Mission 2000 commission and hosted by the Walt Whitman Center at Rutgers University, October 28 - 31, 1999. From discussions with Ellen Lovell in the spring, I know that you were hoping to be able to spend some time at this international Millennial Conference, which your White House Millennium Council has generously agreed to co-sponsor with the French government. I also know from Melanne Vermeer that your pressured schedule as First Lady and your new obligations in New York State have made it difficult to commit definitively to an appearance at this meeting.

I am writing to urge you to participate with a significant keynote address. I hardly need tell you how vital your presence is to the success of a conference focused on French-American and Euro-American relationships that has been sponsored by the White House Millennium Council and the French Millennial Committee. But I also believe a speech from you at this prominent scholarly meeting, which will bring together many of France's leading journalists, including the publisher of *Le Nouvel Observateur*, the editor of *L'Esprit*, and the President and Editor of the *International Herald Tribune*, Peter Goldmark, would play a useful, even vital, role in a New York State campaign. Just twenty-nine miles from New York City, we are very much in the New York media capital, and I know your speech would attract widespread New York coverage. Moreover, because the setting is international, scholarly, and distinguished, you would have an opportunity to talk thoughtfully and at length about crucial issues relating to democracy, multiculturalism, immigration, and the long history of these two democratic twin republics, France and America.

Such a "senatorial" speech would have significant political entailments without being explicitly political and could make a major contribution to a New York political campaign. Indeed, because we are only forty-five minutes from the City, a visit here during the October 28-31 period could easily be combined with ongoing engagements in New York.

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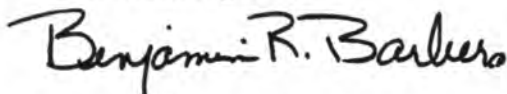
Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
August 11, 1999
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Finally, I hardly need to tell you, as someone who has deeply admired the leadership you have given to America as First Lady, as a committed citizen, and a brilliant advocate for issues that have not always been fashionable. I would be devastated to see a conference the idea for which was born in part from the possibility of your participation and out of your commitment to global civil society as embodied in your Davos speech -- proceed without you.

So I hope, despite the many pressures on your time, you might be able to find a few hours to share with us at Rutgers between October 28th - 31st. We could schedule an appearance and a speech at almost any time Thursday, Friday, Saturday or even as late as Sunday morning to meet the needs of your schedule, and I of course stand ready to contribute in any way you deem useful to the preparation of an appropriate speech. As you perhaps know, I had an extensive conversation with your speechwriter (Laura Schiller) contributing ideas to the speech you gave in France at the time the President was meeting with the G-8 in the spring. So you can be sure I would contribute actively.

To invert a phrase of another First Lady, one who had few of your virtues, please, please just say yes!

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Benjamin R. Barber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'B'.

Benjamin R. Barber,
Director

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Two Forums on Democracy

Les Deux Forums de la Démocratie



France / United States

The second forum in a bicontinental series

October 27–31, 1999

presented by

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in collaboration with the

White House Millennium Council, the French government's Mission 2000, the journal *L'Esprit*,
and Rutgers University Global Programs

For further information and to preregister, contact :

Jennifer Gano, *Conference Coordinator*

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Starting June 1999, visit our conference web site:

<http://www.wwc.rutgers.edu/forumdemocracy>

Two Forums on Democracy

Les Deux Forums de la Démocratie

The mission of this conference is to focus explicitly on the French/American experience, within the context of their common democratic histories—both as a mirror in which to view our problems, and as a lens through which to look at issues of democratization elsewhere in the world.

Both France and the United States have democratic regimes born from revolution. Both revolutions shared a common ideology of rights and liberties. Despite the different character and outcomes of the two revolutions, both nations were partners in forging the ideology inscribed in the French Declaration of Rights and in the Declaration of Independence. Both share a common history of rivalry, cooperation, and cultural exchange, embedded in shared political ideals. Both have struggled to balance centralist instincts (Hamilton, Bonaparte, de Gaulle) with anti-federalist tendencies (de Toqueville, Jefferson).

Both have experienced the tragic contradictions of forging empires in the name of democracy.

This conference represents the ongoing conversation of French and American academics, public representatives, journalists, political theorists, and philosophers begun at Quimper. Sharing a commitment to strong democracy, we explore issues such as the:

- nature of political models
- interaction of democratic institutions
- ethical and political foundations of democracy

- evolution of nation-state and sovereignty
- relation between citizenship and international politics
- impact of mass and technological communications on democratic politics
- means to create and preserve civic and democratic spaces

Our conference will be highlighted by French/American cultural entertainment, a visit to significant New York City landmarks, and a keynote address from the First Lady of the United States, Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Our aim—to draw positive and critical lessons from this joint experience to be applied toward democratization efforts elsewhere in the world.

Partial list of participants

Annie Cohen-Solal,
Historian / Former Minister
Paris, France

Seyla Benhabib, *Professor*
Center for European Studies
Harvard University
Cambridge, MA, USA

Jean Daniel
Le Nouvel Observateur
Paris, France

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Institute d'Etudes Politiques
Paris, France

Chantal Mouffe, *Philosopher / Theorist*
Centre for Social Thought
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Tariq Ramadan
University of Geneva
Geneva, Switzerland

Richard Sennett, *Professor of Theory and Culture*
London School of Economics /
New York University
New York, NY, USA

Benjamin Barber, *Professor/Director*
Walt Whitman Center for the Culture and
Politics of Democracy
Rutgers, The State University of
New Jersey
New Brunswick, NJ, USA

Hillary Rodham Clinton, *Chair*
White House Millennium Council
Washington, DC, USA

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 2, 1999

F. Harlan Batrus
Managing Director
Lazard Freres & Co.
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, NY 10020

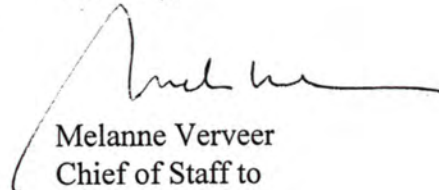
Dear Mr. Batrus:

Thank you for your letter and the information about Winged Foot. I have passed it along.

Please accept Mrs. Clinton's appreciation for your thoughtfulness in sharing the information, along with her best wishes.

All the best.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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August 17, 1999

Mrs. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady

Dear Mrs. Verveer:

My name is Harlan Batrus.

I live on the 4th Hole East Course of Winged Foot Golf Club. Mrs. Clinton visited 1016 Old White Plains Road on Sunday which is on the 3rd Hole East Course of Winged Foot. Club members refer to the home as the Schaefer House, built by Rudy Schaefer of Schaefer Beer.

The property is wonderful.

I have information about the area and golf availability at Winged Foot and other venues that I believe would be very helpful and positive to assist the First Lady with her housing decision. If you would like a brief conversation, you may call me here at Lazard, 212-632-6758 or 1-800-221-3381.

Sincerely,

Harlan

F. Harlan Batrus
Managing Director

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 14, 1999

K. David Boyer, Jr.
Chairman, Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts
1624 Trap Road
Vienna, VA 22182

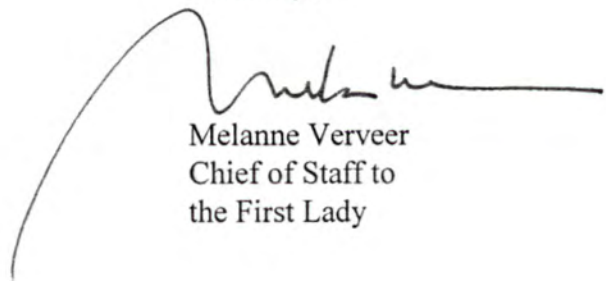
Dear Mr. Boyer:

On behalf of the President and First Lady, thank you for your letter and invitation for the First Family to visit Wolf Trap.

Wolf Trap continues to make an enormous contribution to our nation's cultural life in an incredibly beautiful setting. The First Lady is especially pleased to serve as honorary chair of the Wolf Trap Foundation. If there is an opportunity for the First Family to visit Wolf Trap in the near future and to partake in the wonderful offerings, we shall alert the staff at Wolf Trap.

Very best wishes and thank you for thinking of the First Family.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



Foundation for the Performing Arts

July 28, 1999

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It was a pleasure visiting with you at the reception hosted by Jonathan and Melissa Silver on Tuesday, July 20. It was a delightful and informative evening.

Following up on our conversation, I would like to formally invite you and your family to visit Wolf Trap this summer. There is an exciting line-up of shows at the Filene Center this season, and we would be honored if you would join us one evening. Some upcoming performances include *Ray Charles* on August 8, *Natalie Cole* on August 9, *Vince Gill* on August 13, and *Al Jarreau* on August 22. *Peter, Paul and Mary*, an annual tradition for many Wolf Trap patrons, will perform on August 6 and 7. The enclosed calendar includes a full listing of upcoming performances.

It is indeed a privilege to have Hillary Rodham Clinton serve as Honorary Chairman of the Wolf Trap Foundation. As America's National Park for the Performing Arts, Wolf Trap plays a valuable leadership role in both the local and national performing arts communities. Through a wide range of artistic and education programs, Wolf Trap enhances our nation's cultural life and ensures that the arts remain accessible and affordable to the broadest possible audiences. We are honored that one of our education programs has been designated a White House Millennium partnership. The enclosed materials reflect the many facets of Wolf Trap.

Again, I hope you and your family will join us this summer for a performance of your choice. If you or your staff have any questions, please call Terrence D. Jones, President and CEO of the Wolf Trap Foundation at 703/255-1920, or me at 703/218-6700.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

K. David Boyer, Jr.
Chairman, Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts
Chairman and CEO, TROY Systems, Inc.

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C. RICHARD ALLEN
President and Chief Executive Officer

July 30, 1999

Honorable Nancy Hernreich
Assistant to the President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Nancy:

At the event at Jonathan Silver's and Melissa Moss' house the night of the 20th, the President asked me to forward to him information on Wolf Trap that he discussed that evening with David Boyer, the organization's Chair. David has delivered the enclosed to me for that purpose.

David's corporate telephone number at TROY Systems is 703.218.5300.

Sincerely,

C. Richard Allen



1145 17th Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036-4688

HONORABLE NANCY HERNREICH
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
THE WHITE HOUSE

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September 14, 1999

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Brigham and Associates
1131 University Blvd. West
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Silver Spring, MD 20902-3346

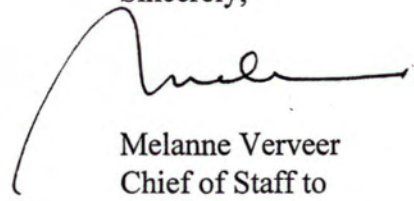
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Please convey to Mr. Zed that it is unlikely that Mrs. Clinton will be able to accept his kind invitation, as her spring schedule is very full. Please convey Mrs. Clinton's best wishes to the group. It was wonderful to hear from you. I well remember how helpful you were when you worked for the NCEA. I was always grateful. Your life seems to reflect a civilized pace with challenging opportunities. Stay healthy.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

September 14, 1999

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*Please convey
Mrs. Clinton*

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

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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Brigham and Associates

July 30, 1999

Ms. Melanne Verveer

Chief of Staff, Office of the First Lady

Room 100, OEOB

1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW

Washington, DC, 20500

Dear Melanne,

I have not spoken with you since I was Executive Assistant to the President of the National Catholic Educational Association. You may recall that you and I worked on the draft of the letter of President Clinton to Catholic Education Administrators during the campaign of 1992. After that, you were most helpful to me in arranging White House Tours and other meetings for education leaders during their visits to Washington.

After a heart attack in March of 1995, I retired from NCEA and am living part time in Prince Edward Island, Canada and Silver Spring, Maryland. Over a year ago, I rotated off the Advisory Council of the National Center of Education Statistics after a two year appointment. Presently, I am consulting in education technology and am the Executive Producer of a series of interactive video conferences on theology for teachers in Catholic schools and parishes in the US and Canada. The series is produced by Golden Dome Productions, University of Notre Dame.

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I am writing to you at this time in behalf of Gregory Zed,
a friend of mine who is President of the Boys and
Girls Club of Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada. In May , 2000, the Boys and Girls
Clubs of Canada will celebrate their 100th anniversary between May 31st and June 3rd
in Saint John, New Brunswick. It will be attended by representatives from all Canadian Provinces

The first chapter was founded in Saint

John, New Brunswick in 1900. Greg wishes

to invite Mrs. Clinton to address the group on this occasion at a time that
would be convenient to her. He is aware that she will probably be in the
race for the Senate in New York but still wishes to extend her an invitation
given

her continual concern for children and those programs which can make
a difference in their lives. Some of the speakers who are on the program include Dr. Mary
Pipher, author of " Reviving Ophelia... Saving the Selves of Adolescent Girls "

and " The Shelter of Each Other...Rebuilding Our Families " , Dr. Dan Offord,
Professor of Psychiatry and Head of the Division of Child Psychiatry at McMaster
University speaking on children at risk and intervention in early childhood development
And Alan Simmons whose topic is" Organizational Change and How to Tap the Talents We
All Have ". This program will involve participation of the Prime Minister at the President's
Dinner, the Premier of New Brunswick and other dignataries of the Province and Canada.
Among the political issues of much interest to New England and Upstate New York is
the study of a new highway linking the Maritimes with the US and Canada from
New Brunswick through Maine and New York State. Should she be able to come, Greg
has assured me that she would receive the National Keystone Award in recognition of
her efforts in behalf of children.

July 30, 1999

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After speaking with your Assistant, Ed Woodard, I will suggest that Greg send his formal invitation to your attention . I would very much appreciate your indication of her possible availability . I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience. I can be reached by phone at 301-593-3234 or by letter at the above address.

Sincerely,

Frederick H. Brigham, Jr.

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Cc: Gregory Zed

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 15, 1999

Ann Blackman
Time Magazine
555 12 Street, NW Suite 600
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Ann:

Thank you for your letter and the information about Lesley Gore, which I'll be sure to pass along. Your son's got the right idea. Lucky him. Hope you're doing well too.

All the best,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

September 15, 1999

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Washington, DC 20004

Dear Ann:

Thank you for your letter and the information about Lesley Gore. ~~It is always heartening to hear from you. Sounds like you are thriving!~~

~~Best wishes and hope to see you soon.~~

All the best,

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Chief of Staff to
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Ann Blackman
555 12th Street NW
Suite 600
Washington, DC 20004
Tel: (202) 861-4069
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September 3, 1999

Melanne Verveer
The White House

Yo Melanne,

Should you be interested in entertainers who would like to perform for Mrs. Clinton's campaign in New York, I know that Lesley Gore (of "It's My Party" fame) is a big supporter of both the President and the First Lady.

Lesley just finished a stint as guest star in *Smokey Joe's Cafe* on Broadway. She was, simply, knock-you-over fabulous. She owned the stage and the standing ovation went on and on. Between gigs, she is currently mounting a musical of her own.

Mrs. Clinton would like Lesley a lot. In person, she is very funny and down-to-earth. Also very well read and smart. On stage, she holds the crowd in her hands. We have known each other since 5th grade and were best friends through high school. Like Mrs. Clinton, Lesley is the kind of person who makes people WANT to turn 50!

You can reach her at her apartment in Manhattan: (b)(6)

Hope you are well. And that you love New York 'cause it sounds like you will be spending a lot of time there.

Miss you. Be in touch. And my best to Mrs. Clinton. (Tell her my son Christof called last night from Prague where he is spending the semester to tell me he kissed a Wellesley girl on the Charles Bridge!)

Best regards,

Ann Blackman

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 20, 1999

Bill Burton
Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue
PO Box 660623
Dallas, TX 75266-0623

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your invitation to the reception for Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue on September 28. I'm sorry I'll be out of town. With such a distinguished group, it's sure to be a very nice evening.

It's wonderful to hear from you. Thanks for thinking of me.

Best wishes,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

September 17, 1999

Bill Burton
Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue
PO Box 660623
Dallas, TX 75266-0623

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I'll be out of town.

Group,

It's wonderful to hear from you. Hope to see you
sometime soon!

Thanks for thinking of me.

Best wishes,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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August 24, 1999

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The Honorable Melanne Verveer
Assistant to the President & Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melanne:

On behalf of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, I would like to invite you to join us at a reception to be held on Tuesday, September 28, 1999, from 5:30-8 p.m. on the rooftop of our new offices at 51 Louisiana Avenue, N.W. overlooking the Capitol. The reception will be attended by leaders from the international banking community in Washington for this year's Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, members and staff from the United States Congress, officials from the Administration, and business leaders from major corporations throughout the United States and the rest of the world.

Our Guest of Honor will be Jacques de Larosière, former Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund and Governor of the Banque de France. Mr. de Larosière will deliver informal remarks on international financial matters starting at approximately 6:15 p.m. He will be introduced by Lord Geoffrey Howe, formerly the Deputy Prime Minister of England and the Chairman of the International Monetary Fund Interim Committee. Lord Howe is currently Jones Day's Special Adviser on European and International Affairs.

My partners and I hope it will be possible for you to join us next month. A formal invitation and response card will follow shortly. Please feel free to contact me if you would like further information about the reception.

Sincerely yours,

[Handwritten signature: Bill]

Bill Burton

*I saw HRC in
Dallas last week -
she sure is enjoying
herself, it seems. I'm
so happy for her!*

THE WHITE HOUSE
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September 20, 1999

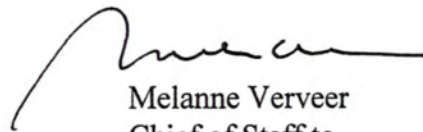
Edward J Burger
President
Institute for Health Policy Analysis
1150 18th Street, NW Suite 275
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Burger:

Thank you for your letter and recommendation for Kathleen Murphy, which I have forwarded on to the Office of Presidential Personnel. I know they will give her every consideration.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,

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September 8, 1999

Melanne S. Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
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Washington, D.C. 20500

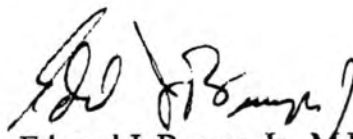
Dear Ms. Verveer:

I am writing to you to enlist your attention to and support for Kathleen Murphy who is currently a candidate for Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Senate Affairs in the office of the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs. Kathleen Murphy serves presently as Legislative Assistant in the Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs in the Agency for International Development. In this role, I can personally attest to the fact that she has performed extraordinarily well in a very challenging setting.

Kathleen's past career includes considerable experience on the Hill and particularly in the defense sector. She served with distinction on the subcommittees on Defense and Foreign Operations of the House Appropriations Committee. She would bring to her new challenge the same remarkable combination of skill and knowledge which she has exhibited in the past. She would be a credit to the government and to the department she would serve.

With your permission, I will call your office in a few days to inquire if there is any additional information which you would find helpful. In the meantime, thank you once again for your attention and assistance.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Burger, Jr., M.D., Sc.D.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 17, 1999

His Excellency Anton Buteiko
Ambassador
Embassy of Ukraine
3350 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Ambassador Buteiko:

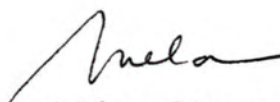
Thank you for your letter and for apprising us of the Horowitz competition winners' visit to Washington, October 13-17.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton will not be in Washington during the time the talented young pianists will be visiting. However, I have forwarded your letter to Mrs. Gore's scheduling office in hopes that she greet the competition winners.

In any case, my colleagues and I would be happy to welcome the Young Pianists to see the White House sometime during their stay in Washington. If they would like a tour, please have them contact my assistant, Katy Button at (202) 456-6266.

Very best wishes and hope all is well with you.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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**Mrs Melanne VERVEER
Assistant to the President
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House, DC**

June 24, 1999

**Re: The US tour of the winners of the Third International
Competition for Young Pianists in memory of Vladimir Horowitz**

Dear Mrs. Verveer,

I am pleased to attach hereto a letter of Mr. Yuriy Zilberman, General Director of the International Competition for Young Pianists in memory of Vladimir Horowitz, addressed to the First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton who kindly sent her greetings to the competitors of the Third Horowitz Competition which was held this April in Kyiv.

You will also find enclosed herewith several medals of the winners of Horowitz competition as well as information on this year's participants. I have been very glad to learn that one of the winners comes from the USA. His name is Jian Liu, and he currently studies at the Desert Mountain High School in class of Prof. Caio Pagano.

It is my pleasure to inform you that four winners of the Competition will tour the US this October: Vadym Kholodenko, Ukraine (1st prize, 3rd group), Daniil Shleyenkov, Byelarus (1st prize, 2nd group), Oleksiy Grynyuk, Ukraine (1st prize, 1st group) and Seiko Tsukamoto, Japan (2nd prize, 1st group).

They are to visit New York where they will perform in the Lincoln Center, as well as Boston and Washington, DC. We are currently working on their schedule, and hope to arrange at least four events in Washington, including their concerts in Ukrainian and Polish Embassies and Japanese Cultural Center. One concert will be organized by the

Cultural Fund of The Washington Group, and one more will be supported by the American Jewish Committee and the National Conference of Soviet Jewry.

The visit to the White House and, hopefully, their meeting with the First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, by all means, would be the highlight of their trip to the US. Further to our previous conversation, I would appreciate it if you could fix a date of such a visit between 13 and 17 of October, 1999.

Looking forward to further cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Anton Buteiko
Ambassador

Enclosure

September 15, 1999

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3350 M Street, NW
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Anton Buteiko
Ambassador

Enclosure

Eric - pls write
Ann's name
C won't be in
HLC Oct 13-17.
We're trying to get
Mrs Gore & we
will certainly wel-
come winners here.
at WH.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 15, 1999

His Excellency Anton Buteiko
Ambassador
Embassy of Ukraine
3350 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Melanne,
Copy to Mrs.
Gore's Scheduling
Office?
-ERIC *yes*

Dear Ambassador Buteiko:

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Thank you for your letter and apprising us of the Horowitz
competition winners' visit to Washington, October 13-17.

great
Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton will not be in Washington during the
time the talented young pianists ^{will be} visit. However, I have forwarded your
letter to Mrs. Gore's scheduling office in hopes that she may be able to
~~meet~~ with the competition winners.

In any case, my colleagues and I would be happy to welcome the
Young Pianists to see the White House sometime during their stay in
Washington. If they would like a tour, please have them contact my
assistant, Katy Button at (202) 456-6266.

Very best wishes and hope all is well with you.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 18, 1999

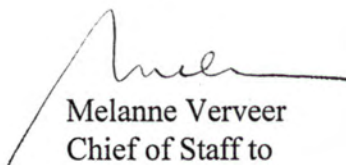
Charles C. Bergman
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Dear Charlie:

Thank you for your letter and many kind words. I was so very sad to learn that you did not receive an invitation to the National Medal of Arts ceremony this year. It was an unfortunate oversight on our part. I wish you had called me. It would have been rectified instantly.

Very best wishes and my apologies.

All the best,

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

Melanne Verveer
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the First Lady

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September 29, 1999

Ms. Melanne Verveer
First Lady's Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Melanne:

I have been remiss in not thanking you for your gracious and lovely letter of June 9, which I deeply appreciated receiving. Considering how overwhelmed and busy you must be you were more than kind and thoughtful to write as you did.

In the spirit of our friendship, I want to tell you that I was amazed and frankly rather hurt that I was not invited to attend the National Medals for the Arts Ceremony this year as I have been invited for the last fifteen years. My good friend, George Segal, was honored as you know and I was embarrassed to have to tell him that I never received an invitation.

I fully realize that this oversight is not even in your office, but considering the role I am honored to play in the arts and the respect that I have shown the White House by my attendance, I really thought that this matter deserved being brought to your attention.

Needless to say, you are a valued friend and colleague always.

With warm regards,

As ever,



Charles C. Bergman

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