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THE WHITE HOUSE
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July 13, 1999

Catherine A. Fitzpatrick
Executive Director
International League for Human Rights
432 Park Avenue South, 11th Floor
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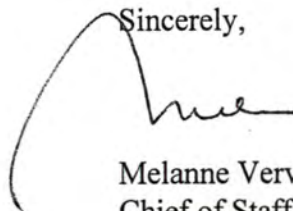
Dear Catherine:

Thank you for your letter and your recommending Felice Gaer as a nominee for the UNHCR and the UN Committee Against Torture.

I greatly appreciate your input and have forwarded your recommendation to the appropriate officials. Felice's work is very well known to us. She has been a colleague in many important human rights efforts.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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Catherine A. Fitzpatrick

June 29, 1999

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff, Office of the First Lady
VIA FAX: 202-456-6244

Dear Melanne,

I am writing on behalf of the International League for Human Rights to nominate **Felice Gaer** to the position of expert member to the **United Nation's Human Rights Committee or to the Committee Against Torture**. To qualify for the UN positions, a candidate must be of high moral character and have recognized competence in the field of human rights. Felice Gaer is eminently qualified for either position and would prove to be a tremendous asset.

With the nomination of Felice Gaer, the U.S. government has a rare opportunity both to promote gender equality at the international level, a goal long sought by the Clinton Administration, as well as to ensure meaningful and effective U.S. participation in the most significant bodies for the promotion and protection of human rights in the United Nations.

Felice Gaer would bring to either UN position an enormous wealth of experience gained from her many capacities: practical advocacy experience as a human rights NGO leader; seasoned diplomatic skills as a public member of the U.S. delegation to the UN Commission on Human Rights, and expertise in international law and the jurisprudence of the UN's treaty bodies gained from years of observation, scholarship and publication on the UN's human rights mechanisms.

As vice president of the League, recently Felice has moved the UN to pronounce the brutal practices in Russia's prisons as torture; to accept a case from Belarus of a prisoner of conscience for investigation of torture allegations; has helped to mount a New York-based lawsuit against Karadzic on charges of rape as a tool of war against Bosnian women; to promote remedies for the scourge of trafficking against women; to brief the High Commissioner for Human Rights on recent missions to Russia and Sierra Leone, where the mutilation campaign is unparalleled in the world; and to inform the UN on violations of Tibetans' rights and ways to improve human rights for women in countries from China to Kyrgyzstan. She continuously works for UN reform and progress in persistently difficult areas by finding creative ways to bridge many communities and issues to ensure all human rights for all.

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We are aware that other qualified candidates, include professors of law from prestigious universities, are being considered for this post.

And yet we must stress to you at this time that in order to excel in this difficult UN position, successful candidates must possess not abstract knowledge, but real diplomatic experience and field-based human rights expertise and a proven ability for flexibility, sensitivity, and high intelligence. Each week, as she has for decades, Felice goes to the UN to work on these issues in practice, where they count and where they must be tackled. Just in the last year, she has negotiated with ambassadors from Cuba, Iran, Belarus, Serbia, Sierra Leone and other states known for human rights violations, and she has achieved progress for issues such as release of prisoners, increased access for NGOs, or improvement of the UN's capacity to meet people's real needs on the ground -- all while maintaining the respect and interest of even these very difficult interlocutors.

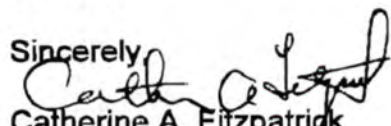
Felice's writings on the UN's treaty bodies, her considerable body of country and issue reporting, particularly on women's rights as human rights, make her a walking interactive encyclopedia which would make her indispensable on these UN committees and a real treasure both to the human rights community and the U.S. government's international human rights programs.

Women are at times poorly represented at the UN, and the treaty bodies have not made such rapid progress in bringing in qualified women experts. The Torture Committee had no women experts at its last session; now it has one substitute, but none have been elected. Progress not only on gender balance but discussion of gender-based practices of torture would indeed be achieved with Felice's appointment to this Committee.

And Felice's years of knowledge and prodigious reading and working abilities could well be put to use at the Human Rights Committee, a demanding task with a heavy work load that will require intensive and long sessions and heavy travel a schedule which we know she is physically and intellectually capable of handling with ease.

We urge you to take this candidate seriously and move forward the worldwide movement for human rights in a very concrete manner by nominating Felice Gaer to the position of either the UN's Human Rights Committee or the Committee on Torture.

Sincerely,


Catherine A. Fitzpatrick
Executive Director

THE WHITE HOUSE
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January 8, 1999

David Fox and Rosalie Goode Fried
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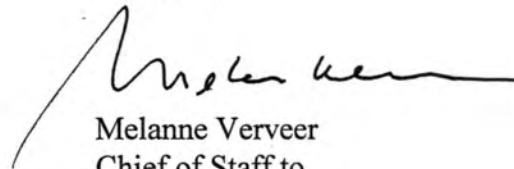
Dear Mr. Fox and Ms. Goode Fried:

Thank you for your invitation for the First Lady to attend the Immortal Chaplains Prize for Humanity ceremony in Minneapolis on Feb. 7.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton will be out of the country on that date and cannot accept your kind invitation. But she conveys her appreciation for the Foundation's important work, along with her best wishes to you and your colleagues.

Thank you for all you do to recognize those that sacrifice so much for others.

Sincerely,

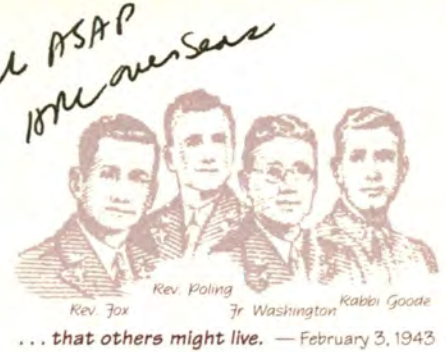
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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House

Dear Mrs. Clinton

The Immortal Chaplains Foundation in Minnesota, was formed to provide a platform to tell the stories of those who have risked their lives to save others of a different race or faith. It is set against the example of four ordinary men, the Immortal Chaplains who, while serving on the U.S. Troopship *Dorchester* on the night of 3 February 1943, gave up their own lifejackets to save others and were last seen arm in arm in prayer as the ship went down with them and some 700 men...a Jewish Rabbi, a Catholic Priest a Methodist Minister and a Dutch Reformed Pastor.

This coming February 7th we are honoring 3 individuals with the very first **Immortal Chaplains Prize For Humanity**. Our foundation Patron, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, is traveling here to present 2 of these awards posthumously to **Charles W. David** (An African-American steward on the Coast Guard Cutter *Comanche*, who had plunged repeatedly into the freezing sea to rescue white men from the sunken *Dorchester*, only to die himself from exposure.) and the second to **Amy Biehl**, a young woman from California who went to South Africa with the dream of fighting Apartheid, only to be tragically stoned to death by those she hoped to protect.

The third recipient does not know he is to receive one, because it is our Patron himself. We felt the living example of Bishop Tutu more than adequately exemplifies the selfless acts of compassion for others that the Chaplains demonstrated. He was almost the lone voice for some time against Apartheid and risked assassination then and continues today to champion compassion for others in other lands. We have been searching for the appropriate person to honor him in presenting this award and have decided that your coming to do this would not only honor *him* but the other recipients as well. We wish to demonstrate in a time of so much hate among nations, that there is *another* way to act toward others different than ourselves... We hope you may find it possible to come.

With admiration for your own example,

David Fox and Rosalie Goode Fried, Co-Founders,
The Immortal Chaplains Foundation

26 December 1998

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The Immortal Chaplains Foundation

Memorial Events, Feb. 6 & 7, 1999

PLACE: Minneapolis, Minnesota

February 6, Saturday: (Thruout day) Arrival of VIPs, Escort to housing

6:00pm Supper for VIPs , Board & Friends

PLACE: (?)

7:00pm Set-up Adath Synagogue for Sunday Luncheon (Staff)

February 7, Sunday:

Ft. Snelling Chapel: Four Chaplains Sunday Service (Chaplain Gronseth)

(Staff arrive by 10am) Service: 11am - Noon (see Chapel format)

Bishop Tutu/Sermon; Acknowledge Dorchester Survivors
and Chaplain Family members (David Fox)

Noon to 12:30: Reception at Chapel Undercroft

12:30: Leave for Luncheon event (Transportation ready outside)

Adath Jeshurun Synagogue: The Immortal Chaplains Prize for Humanity

LUNCH: 1pm WELCOME Barbara Koch, Host, (guests begin buffet)

LUNCH & Music 1/2 hr. (Bishop Tutu, VIPs arrive)

1:30 Native American Welcome & Prayer, David Glass

1:40 Invocation, U.S. Army Chaplain Abdul Muhammad

1:45 Congressional Bill Report, Congressman Bruce Vento

1:50 Videos: Documentary / U-223 1st Officer

2:05 HUMANITY PRIZE PRESENTATIONS: 1) Charles W. David
2) Amy Biehl
3) Bishop Tutu

3:00 Closure & Benediction

(Reception Line)

3:30 Adjourn

(Staff cleanup)

3:30-4pm Media Interviews

Afternoon & Evening (Escort VIPs to airport, hotels, etc.)

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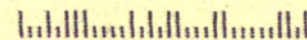
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ATTN: MELANNE VERVEER



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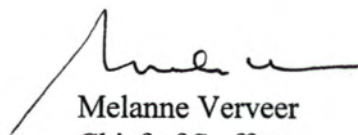
Mr. Robert Fleisher
350 West 30th #2E
New York, NY 10001

Dear Mr. Fleisher:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your many kind words and examples of your work, which were sent to us by Jim Wolfensohn. I have forwarded your information to the staff working with the First Lady on the portrait project.

Very best wishes, and thank you for sharing your interest with us.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

July 20, 2000

Mr. Robert Fleisher
350 West 30th #2E
New York, NY 10001

Dear Mr. Fleisher:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your many
kind words and the ~~samples~~ *examples* of your work, which were ~~forwarded~~ *sent to* us by Jim Wolfensohn. I have forwarded your
information to the ~~appropriate people in the event there is an~~ *the staff working*
~~opportunity for you to contribute to the art in the White House.~~ *with the*
First Lady
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project.

interest Very best wishes, and thank you for sharing your ~~work~~
with us.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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June 28, 2000

Dear Jim Wolfensohn,

Thank you so much for your letter
and your consideration.

Enclosed is the information you requested.
The first lady opened a file of my work in the
curators office in Feb of 97. This has been
a long time dream, and your help in this
matter means a great deal to me.

Again, thank you.

Most Sincerely,
Robert Fleisher

The World Bank
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JAMES D. WOLFENSOHN
President

July 6, 2000

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melanne,

One of the ushers at Carnegie Hall is also a painter and he has asked me if I could present his work to you in case the First Lady should be interested in a portrait. I enclose a package of his materials and I ask very simply that you note his interest. Obviously he would be overwhelmed if you were to take it further but what I think I can do is simply fulfill his dream of having his letter put to you for consideration. Hope all is going well.

With much affection,

As ever,

James D. Wolfensohn

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July 25, 2000

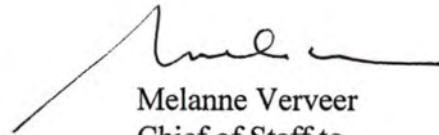
Marino Amoruso
North Shore Entertainment
43 West Main Street
Smithtown, NY 11787

Dear Mr. Amoruso:

Thank you for your letter and the information supporting Gil Hodges as a nominee for the Presidential Medal of Freedom. I've passed the materials on to the relevant staff working with the President and I am confident Mr. Hodges will be given the fullest consideration.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

July 21, 2000

Marino Amoruso
North Shore Entertainment
43 West Main Street
Smithtown, NY 11787

Dear Mr. Amoruso:

Thank you for your letter and the information supporting Gil Hodges as a nominee for the Presidential Medal of Freedom. I've passed the materials on to the appropriate people and know Mr. Hodges will be given the fullest consideration.

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the President*

I am confident

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

NORTH SHORE ENTERTAINMENT

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Phone (631) 863-0480 Fax (631) 863-0479

TO: Ms. Melanne VerVeer

Ref. By: Marcy MaCall

From: Marino Amoruso

**Re: GIL HODGES - PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM
(Citizen's Award)**

7/`7/2000

Dear Ms. VerVeer:

As per Marcy MaCall's instructions, enclosed please find a book containing letters of support for the beloved Gil Hodges receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom (Citizen's Award).

Ms. MaCall called me this morning and informed me that you had no material on Hodges. About two months ago copies of the enclosed book were sent to the offices of both Senator Charles Schumer and Congressman Anthony Weiner, and both chiefs of staffs assured the Hodges family and myself that the books would be delivered to the appropriate people. Obviously this has not occurred.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration. Gil Hodges is truly an American Hero, and I am hopeful - along with millions of other Americans - that Gil will receive an honor he so richly deserves.

Sincerely,

**Marino Amoruso
(Gil Hodges Biographer)**

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 19, 1999

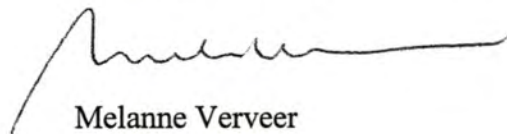
Margaret Fung
Executive Director
Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund
99 Hudson Street, 12th Floor
New York, NY 10013-2815

Dear Ms. Fung:

Thank you for your note and the invitation for the First Lady to attend the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund's 25th anniversary celebration in New York City on March 25.

We regret to inform you that Mrs. Clinton is scheduled to be out of the country on that date. We hope the event is a success and we convey to everyone associated with your organization Mrs. Clinton's best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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FAX COVER SHEET

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FROM: Margaret Fung
DATE: January 5, 1999

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Last month, I spoke with you when the First Lady was at Queens College for the White House Millenium Council event with Wynton Marsalis. At that time, I handed you a packet of materials describing the 25th anniversary celebration of the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, which will be held on Thursday, March 25, 1999 at Pier 60, Chelsea Piers, in New York City.

We very much hope that Hillary Rodham Clinton will be able to attend the event and deliver a brief special message. We expect over 1,000 people from the civil rights, legal, business and arts communities to join us that evening, and it would be a special tribute for our two honorees, Ira Glasser of the ACLU and Loida Nicolas-Lewis of TLC Beatrice International.

I am forwarding another copy of the letter which I delivered to you, in the hope that the First Lady's very busy schedule will permit her to attend this special event. We are going to press with the dinner invitation within the next two weeks and would like to confirm her attendance if possible.

Please give me a call at 212-966-5932 if you have any questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I will be in touch with you soon.

**ASIAN AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND**

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BY FAX AND MAIL

December 1, 1998

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

The Board of Directors of the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) would be honored to have you play a key role at our 25th anniversary celebration on March 25, 1999 by delivering a special message at our "Justice in Action" awards ceremony in New York City. Your extraordinary achievements as the First Lady and as an attorney dedicated to public interest law would ensure that our gala dinner, a festive event with a short program, is a true celebration marking "25 Years of Righting Wrongs."

Founded in 1974, the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund is the first non-profit organization on the East Coast to protect and promote the legal rights of Asian Americans through litigation, legal advocacy and community education. As part of the Public Interest Law Center, we share office space in Manhattan with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, and the Lawyers' Alliance for New York.

At our 25th anniversary gala, to be held at Pier 60, Chelsea Piers, we expect 1,000 legal, corporate and community leaders from across the country to join us in celebrating our work towards achieving racial and economic justice for Asian Americans and all Americans. The evening will begin at 5:30 pm with a small gathering of close friends, civil rights leaders and AALDEF supporters, followed by a large cocktail reception at 6:00 pm. The short "Justice in Action" awards ceremony, the special message and an elegant three-course dinner will take place between 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Two of AALDEF's founding board members and long-time supporters will be honored that evening with the 1999 "Justice in Action" awards:

- **Loida Nicolas Lewis**, chair of TLC Beatrice International Holdings, a prominent business leader, attorney and patron of the arts; and
- **Ira Glasser**, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, the nation's leading advocate for the Bill of Rights who has fought to protect the rights of all racial minorities and immigrants under the Constitution.

Your special message would make AALDEF's 25th Anniversary Gala a distinguished and splendid event, honoring you and others who have a long and distinguished record of public service and have been such important role models to a new generation of public interest lawyers and civil rights advocates. On a personal note, I know that your presence would be especially meaningful to both Loida and Ira. Enclosed is some information about AALDEF and our current programs and activities. I will be contacting your office soon about this request. Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Margaret Fung
Executive Director



THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 2, 1999

Donald Flower
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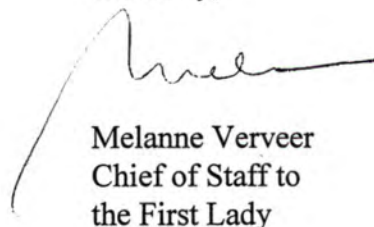
Dear Don:

Thank you for your letter and the invitation from
Dan Streible for the First Lady to speak at the University of
South Carolina's Film Preservation Symposium on
September 22 in Columbia, SC.

I have notified Professor Streible that regrettably,
Mrs. Clinton's schedule will not permit her to attend the
symposium. Enclosed is a copy of the letter for your
records.

Best wishes and hope all is well with you and yours.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT AND
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

February 8, 1999

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

Dear Melanne:

Attached you will find a letter from Dr. Dan Streible of the Department of Art at the University of South Carolina. It explains a unique program being sponsored by the University designed to enhance the appreciation of the need to save treasured American films. As indicated in the letter, the University is sponsoring a symposium in September of this year the theme of which is "Saving America's Treasures." You will, of course, recognize this theme, because the First Lady is Chair of the Millennium Project and deeply interested in saving artistic treasures for future generations.

Dr. Streible would like for the First Lady to attend this symposium and be the keynote speaker. This is self-evident from his letters. I hope that you will speak with Hillary about this and that she will give it positive consideration.

While the President and the First Lady attend the Renaissance Weekend each New Year's weekend at Hilton Head (which many of us real South Carolinians don't consider South Carolina), Hillary has not visited South Carolina outside of that very limited venue. It would be a wonderful treat to have her here. She would receive a massive and enthusiastic reception.

Columbia is the state capitol, the location of the University of South Carolina, and the center of the state's financial and cultural communities. I hope that Hillary will give her close attention to this invitation and that you will encourage her to accept this.

If I can supply you with any additional information that would promote her attendance, I would be more than happy to do so. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Don
Donald L. Fowler

DLF:srw
Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1999

Irwin Sonny Fox
Senior Vice President, U.S. Programs
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Dear Mr. Fox:

Thank you for your letter and the invitation for the First Lady to keynote the Prime Time Summit in Los Angeles on June 4.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton's schedule will not allow her to attend the Summit as she is scheduled to be in Boston for events to which she is already committed on that date. I know Mrs. Clinton would want me to convey her appreciation for PCI's work, along with her best wishes for a productive and successful event.

Thank you for your leadership and all you do.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



*Regret - Commitment
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Dear Mrs. Clinton,

In 1996, you had agreed to be the keynote speaker for the Soap Summit being presented by Population Communications International. Alas, someone determined that the re-election campaign was of somewhat greater import, and we disappeared from your schedule. We were fortunate in having Donna Shalala as our keynoter and she made a telling and well-received presentation to the assembled writers and producers.

And now, once more dear friends, into the breach.

June 4th and 5th PCI, along with the Producers Guild of America and the Caucus of Writers, Producers and Directors, is producing the first Prime Time Summit. It will be held in Los Angeles at the Bel Age hotel. We are inviting the writers, producers and executives responsible for the story lines and characterizations of all the programs on the prime time schedule of ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, WB (Warners) and UPN (Paramount).

We would be extremely pleased if you would accept this invitation to be our keynote speaker on Friday night, June fourth.

Our purpose, as in the previous ~~three~~ Soap Summits, is to make the creative community aware of its importance as communicators of information and attitudes. We bring to their attention issues with which we are not dealing well in this country, and ask them for their help. Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher will be our opening speaker on Saturday. Bonnie Campbell, Director of the Violence Against Women Division at the Department of Justice, will be our lead presenter on that issue. We will also discuss teen-age sexuality with some outstanding experts, and bring in three teen-age fathers to discuss these issues with the writers and producers.

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We have been delighted with the effect our soap summits have had in the development of a new awareness regarding sexual responsibility and other issues in the soap community. In tackling the prime time community, we are facing a larger challenge. The ultimate goal is to get them to take themselves more seriously. Your presence as keynoter would go a long way to insure that the key players in this community will attend and give their attention to the matters being presented.

I checked in with Kathy Berlin, who indicated she would second this idea.

One favor, I would ask. Since the matter of the keynote speaker is critical, we would appreciate an expedited consideration of this request.

We look forward to your participation in this unique event.

Sincerely yours,

CC: Melanne Verveer
Marcia Barry
Patti Solis Doyle
Kathy Berlin

• Sonny Fox



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April 7, 1999

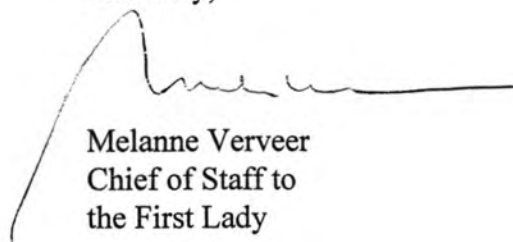
Marjorie S. Federbush
Executive Vice President
Ronald S. Lauder Foundation
767 Fifth Ave.
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Dear Ms. Federbush:

Thank you for your letter and the information about Dr. Grazyna Pawlak's new position as Consultant for Jewish-Polish Heritage Education for The Ronald S. Lauder Foundation. I am sure the Foundation will benefit from her talents and commitment. I also appreciated receiving the update on the History of Polish Jews project. The news is most gratifying.

Please keep us informed about your progress. Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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February 26, 1999

The Ronald S. Lauder Foundation

**Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC**

Dear Ms. Verveer:

I am pleased to report that the project to build the Museum of the History of Polish Jews is entering Phase II. Thanks to the stalwart commitment and creative vision of our Warsaw colleague, Dr. Grazyna Pawlak, of the Jewish Historical Institute Association, the Museum has already garnered international support as well as the endorsements of Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski, and Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek. As the Association's Director, Grazyna has succeeded at attracting the attention and ardent support of the country's leading business people.

Moreover, through Grazyna's efforts and perseverance, the City of Warsaw consented to donate a plot of land adjacent to the Warsaw Ghetto Fighters' Monument to be the site of the future Museum. In addition, the Polish Government provided some early funding. At the present time, other funding sources are being actively pursued.

In the summer of 1998, initial work funded by the Polish-German Foundation in the form of an archeological exploration was undertaken on the site. It yielded old advertisement posters from the Ghetto and a wartime sewing machine.

To complete Phase II, Grazyna leaves this project in the hands of the design team, which she helped assemble including the internationally-prominent museum creator, Shaike Weinberg, who developed the meaningful exhibits of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

His charge is to create an equally impressive edifice in Warsaw that will serve, at once, to preserve and perpetuate the historic legacy of Polish Jewry and the significant contribution it has made to Poland over the centuries.

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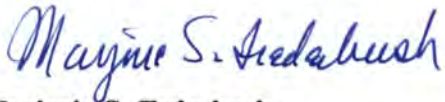
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Now that Grazyna's vision and determination has brought about the end of the first phase of the project, the time has come for her to apply her outstanding amalgam of talents to a new challenge. In this regard, it gives me great pleasure to announce that Grazyna has been appointed Consultant for Jewish-Polish Heritage Education for The Ronald S. Lauder Foundation.

While her base will continue to be Warsaw, the scope of her activities on behalf of the Foundation will broaden as she strives to further our critically important mission.

I know you all join me in wishing Grazyna a hearty Yasher Koach and much mazel in her new position.

Warm regards,



Marjorie S. Federbush
Executive Vice President

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June 14, 1999

Margaret Fung
Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund
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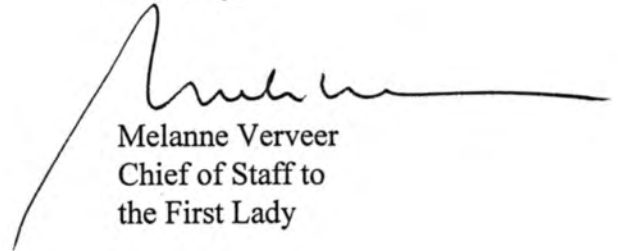
Dear Margaret:

Thank you for your letter and the information about the history of the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund. It is heartening to know your event was such a success!

It is unlikely that Mrs. Clinton would be able to attend an AALDEF event in July as her schedule for that month is already full. But please accept her appreciation for your thoughtfulness, along with her best wishes and keep us apprised of your progress.

Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

June 10, 1999

Margaret Fung
Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund
99 Hudson Street
New York, NY 10013

Dear Margaret:

Thank you for your letter and the information about the history of the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund. It is heartening to know your event was such a success!

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Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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May 10-1999

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NOTE FROM
Margaret Fung

AALDEF
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To Melanne Vermeer -

I'm sorry that Mrs. Clinton was unable to attend our 25th anniversary gala on March 25th. It was a great success, with over 800 people attending the event at Pier 60 in Manhattan. Enclosed for your information is a journal highlighting our programs in the Asian American community over the past 25 years.

Loida Nicolas Lewis, of TLC Beatrice Intl. (and AALDEF founding member and 1999 Justice in Action award recipient) is hosting a special event for AALDEF at her East Hampton home on Saturday, July 17 or July 31. Is there any chance Mrs. Clinton would be in NY on one of those weekends? It would be a great opportunity for her to meet NY's Asian American leaders in the legal and business communities.

Best regards, Margaret Fung

NEW YORK TIMES
April 4, 1999

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March 25: The Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund celebrated its 25th anniversary, raising \$300,000 for its work.

EIGHT 6:25 P.M.: From left, **JIM OBI**, **SAMUEL P. PEABODY** and **LOIDA NICOLAS LEWIS**, the chief executive of Be-atrice International, who was one of two recipients of the fund's annual award. The other was Ira Glasser, the executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union.



LEFT 6:35 P.M.:
SYLVIA SCHUR DOMOTO and **KANEJI DOMOTO** at the dinner at Pier 60 at Chelsea Piers.

RIGHT 6:30 P.M.:
GORDON HIRABAYASHI, left, and **GARRET WANG**.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1999

EVENING HOURS

Saluting Words And Music

Short stories, City Center, Asian Americans, a hospital and millinery are cause for celebration.



NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL
March 29, 1999



PHOTOGRAPH BY ELIZABETH LIPPMAN

Asian American Fund Honors Glasser

Former Planned Parenthood Executive Director Faye Wattleton presents Ira Glasser, executive director of the ACLU, with a Justice in Action Award. Mr. Glasser and Loida Nicolas Lewis, CEO of TLC Beatrice International, were both honored last Thursday at the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund's 25th Anniversary Gala at Chelsea Piers. More than 800 lawyers, elected officials, community leaders and celebrities attended the event.

Lewis, Glasser honored at AALDEF gala night

Special to the Filipino Reporter

Before 800 civil rights, arts and business leaders, and with the Hudson River as a backdrop, Loida Nicolas Lewis, CEO of TLC Beatrice International, and Ira Glasser, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, were honored on March 25 at the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund's 25th anniversary gala, at Pier 60, Chelsea Piers, in New York City.

Both Glasser and Lewis were founding board members of the AALDEF, a New York-based civil rights group that does community education, advocacy and litigation on police brutality and hate crimes, immigrant rights, voting rights, workers' rights and affirmative action.

Harvard Law Professor Lani Guinier, the first tenured woman of color at the law school, and Faye Wattleton, former Planned Parenthood Federation executive director, presented the 1999 Justice in Action awards. Korean American broadcast journalist Juju Chang, anchor of ABC World News This Morning, was the event emcee.



1999 Justice in Action award recipients Ira Glasser and Loida Nicolas Lewis.

FILIPINO REPORTER

April 9-15, 1999



Seated, l-r: Dr. Lorie Lizardo, Gail Magpantay, Dr. Esmeralda Magpantay, Cecile Enrile, Dr. Imelda Ong. Standing, l-r: Rudy Lizardo, Dr. Rodolfo Magpantay, Glenn D. Magpantay, Esq., Dr. Archie Laano, Loida Nicolas Lewis, Cora Reyes and Rose Mejia.

Some notable attendees included former Mayor David Dinkins; Public Advocate Mark Green; financier Lilia Clemente; Cecile Rebong of the Philippine Consulate; author Jessica Hagedorn; television news anchors Ernabel Demillo and Bernadette Versoza of Fox 5 TV; Drs. Rodolfo and Esmeralda Magpantay; Rudy and Dr. Lorie Lizardo; Dr. Archie B.M. Laano; TLC Beatrice's spokesperson Butch S. Meily; Mrs. Carolyn Fugett, mother of Reginald Lewis; and Leslie Lewis, daughter of Reginald and Loida.

Lewis, dressed in a traditional Filipino gown, accepted her award by first giving thanks to her late husband Reginald F. Lewis, who "through sheer daring broke through that highly selective game of high finance...and created the largest Black-owned business in the United States." She noted that as the nation becomes more diverse and multi-cultural, with one in

ten of police misconduct, in which African Americans and other people of color have been stopped on the street and their cars pulled over and searched, solely because of their skin color and national origin. He said that Asian Americans should be concerned when the police target people based on race, because the first targets of such violations are never the last.

At the close of the evening, special messages were given by Japanese American activist Gordon Hirabayashi and Tony Award-winning playwright David Henry Hwang. The 81-year-old Hirabayashi, who was imprisoned for resisting curfew and exclusion orders during World War II, and succeeded in overturning his conviction 40 years later, announced the creation of the Hirabayashi Social Justice Fellowship at AALDEF, to encourage legal activism among young lawyers.

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April 9-15, 1999



Left to right: Lani Guinier, Faye Wattleton, Loida Nicolas Lewis, Ira Glasser, Carolyn Fugett and former New York City Mayor David Dinkins at AALDEF's 25th anniversary gala.



Front row, l-r: Consul Cecile Rebong, Amor Orig, Luz Micabalo, Loida Nicolas Lewis, Suzette Rutherford, Len Madlansacay, Roger Alama. Second row, l-r: Tambi Wycoco, Lolita Compas, Angie Cruz, Rose Garcia, Irving Spivey. Back row, l-r: Ronald Rutherford, Lucien Stott, Dr. Zosimo Micabalo, Grace Hamiel, Minda Salandanan, Pio Orig and Carmen Rances.

INDIA in NEW YORK
April 2, 1999

AALDEF marks 25th anniversary

From News Dispatches

The Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) celebrated its 25th anniversary at a gala fund-raiser on March 25 in New York, where the group is based.

At the event, AALDEF honored Ira Glasser, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, and Loida Nicolas Lewis, chairperson of TLC Beatrice International, with its "Justice in Action" awards for their work in advancing civil liberties and minority-owned businesses. More than 800 people attended the event, held at Chelsea Piers in Manhattan. Among the guests was scholar Lani Guinier, whose nomination to a civil rights post at the U.S. Department of Justice was withdrawn in 1993 by President Clinton following a storm of criticism of her writings.

AALDEF litigates cases, provides free legal advice to Asian immigrants and the poor, and offers education programs for college students preparing for careers in public interest law, among other things.

Last fall, the group took on a prominent role as an adviser to the family of Rishi Maharaj, an Indo-Caribbean man beaten in a bias attack in Queens. It organized a major rally in the area to condemn the attack and lobbied the New York State Legislature to pass its first-ever hate crimes bill.

AALDEF is continuing to provide assistance to the Maharaj family as the Queens District Attorney prepares to take the case to trial in the coming months. AALDEF also represented a Sikh man, Jaswinder Pal Singh, who alleged that a restaurant in Manhattan refused to serve him because he was wearing a turban.

The restaurant settled with Singh in February, agreeing to pay him \$10,000 and change its rules to allow patrons to wear headgear for religious reasons.

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April 2, 1999

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July 13, 1999

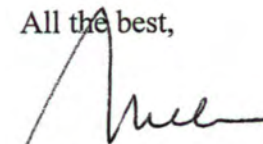
Ambassador Thomas Foglietta
US Embassy Rome
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Dear Ambassador Foglietta:

Enclosed are photos the First Lady took with Mrs. Flecha de Lima before she and Ambassador Flecha de Lima left Washington for Brazil's embassy in Rome. Could your office kindly forward the photos to Mrs. Flecha de Lima, with Mrs. Clinton's compliments.

Thank you for this and for all you do.

All the best,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 13, 1999

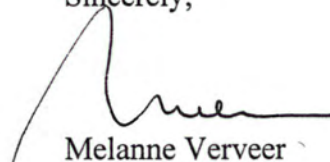
Gloria Feldt
President
Planned Parenthood
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Dear Gloria:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your letter and many kind words. Mrs. Clinton was honored to speak before the distinguished audience at the Conference of Spouses of Heads of State and Government of the Americas in Ottawa. She has played a leadership role in the conference over the last several years. The First Lady's remarks were on the subject of early child development because on the day she was able to participate, that was the thematic focus of the conference.

Please accept Mrs. Clinton's appreciation for you and your colleague's long-standing commitment to healthy families here and around the world, along with her best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



September 22, 1999

Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I was delighted to hear from my colleague Bonnie Johnson, Executive Director of the Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada, that you are going to address the Ninth Conference of Spouses of Heads of State and Government of the Americas, in Ottawa, Canada. Your leadership in the United States and around the world makes you a natural choice to address this distinguished group.

In February of this year, I was pleased to talk with you when you were in the Netherlands to address the Hague International Forum. Your remarks to the NGO Forum and Hague Forum remain in my mind, and those of my colleagues, as some of the most memorable parts of a very exciting week. The forcefulness with which you defended women's rights and reproductive freedom continues to serve as a rallying cry for individuals and organizations around the world.

It is for this reason that I hope you will include these themes in your address to the conference in September. The men and women attending the conference look to you for your leadership in the interests of women, particularly as a champion for reproductive rights. As you know, women in the Americas face an ongoing struggle for access to basic reproductive health services. Nations must recognize that women's rights are human rights, including reproductive rights.

On behalf of Planned Parenthood staff and volunteers, let me again say how pleased we are to have you to speak out for women around the globe. I look forward to speaking with you more in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'G. Feldt', is written over the typed name 'Gloria Feldt'.

Gloria Feldt
President



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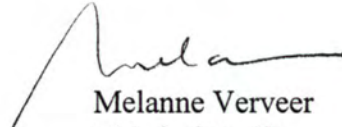
Ambassador Thomas Foglietta
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Dear Ambassador Foglietta:

Enclosed are photos taken during the First Lady's visit to Palermo in June. We would be grateful if you and your staff would forward the photos to the right people, with Mrs. Clinton's compliments.

Mrs. Clinton was honored to visit all the interesting places and meet so many fascinating people during her memorable visit. Thank you for the gracious hospitality you always provide and from which we benefited once again in Florence.

Very best wishes and our deepest thanks. *We will
see you in November.*
Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
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November 9, 1999

Jim Fitzpatrick
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Dear Jim:

Thank you for the copy of Americans for the Arts' analysis of the Brooklyn Museum of Art case. I read your article with the interest I have had in your reflections on this related topic over the years. Thanks so much for sharing it with me.

Very best wishes and see you soon.

Sincerely,

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SPECIAL REPORT

OCTOBER 1999

THE MUSEUM VS. THE MAYOR

A Constitutional Analysis of the Brooklyn Museum of Art Case

By James F. Fitzpatrick

This is the arts funding case that the Supreme Court has been waiting for.

In *NEA v. Finley*, the Supreme Court refused to declare unconstitutional a Congressional statute that the NEA must take "decency" into account in making grants. The suit was a challenge to the decency provision "on its face," i.e., even before it has been enforced. The Court found that the potential chilling effect on artistic expression was insufficient to deem the "decency" provision an unconstitutional interference with First Amendment rights, particularly in light of the fact that no artist had ever been denied a grant under that provision, that the NEA had stated that it did not intend ever to deny a grant on that basis, and that the Court read the "decency" language as instructive, not mandatory, on the NEA.

On the other hand, seven Justices joined in opinions saying that the outcome would be different if an NEA grant was actually denied because of constitutionally forbidden viewpoint discrimination or if it was denied as a punishment for allegedly offensive, controversial, or dangerous ideas contained in the artistic work funded by the grant. The Court said that:

Of course, no museum or arts institution has a constitutional right to government funds, but once granted, public officials cannot unilaterally eliminate them mid-stream because they simply don't like the content of the shows which to them appear to be offensive.

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Special Report

October 1999

"If the NEA were to leverage its power to award subsidies on the basis of subjective criteria into a penalty on disfavored viewpoints, then we would confront a different case. We have stated that, even in the provision of subsidies, the government may not 'ai[m] at the suppression of dangerous ideas' and if a subsidy were 'manipulated' to have a 'coercive effect,' then relief could be appropriate."

The Court in *Finley* noted that the initial four plaintiffs in the suit were individual performance artists who were, in fact, denied grants; they claimed that NEA's grant rejections were based on political grounds, not on the artistic criteria set out in the NEA's enabling statute. The Court took notice of the fact that the NEA settled the "as-applied constitutional claims" by paying those four individuals the amounts of the vetoed grants, damages and attorneys fees.

Enter the "Sensations" exhibition at the Brooklyn Museum.

This is the paradigm case of a government official denying funds because he believes the content of a show is offensive. On that basis, Mayor Giuliani:

- cut off city funding for the Museum. This funding for fiscal year 2000 had been long previously approved by the city for "maintenance, security, administrative, curatorial, educational services and energy costs." Based on the city's threats and the Museum's refusal to cancel the exhibition, the city failed to make its \$500,000 grant payment on October 1st;
- sued to evict the Museum from its premises, asserting in a series of rationales that the Museum had violated its 102 year old lease; and
- indicated his intention to replace the board of trustees of the Museum.

The record in this case is absolutely clear that the punitive action against the Museum was taken solely because the Mayor was offended, in particular, by one image – Chris Ofili's depiction of the Virgin Mary. Ofili used a mound of elephant dung on that painting, as he did in his other four works in the show. Ofili is a Catholic of Nigerian descent. In African paintings, the Museum director said, the use of dung is not a symbol of blasphemy or religious intolerance; rather is a symbol of regeneration. The image was also surrounded by small cut outs of women's buttocks and genitalia.

The Mayor said that the city "shouldn't have to pay for sick stuff." He announced that he would withdraw city funding from the Museum unless it agreed to cancel the exhibition. "[U]ntil the Director comes to his senses," the Mayor asserted that "city funding would be suspended." The Deputy Mayor likewise said, "those checks will be suspended unless this exhibit is cancelled."

These statements reflect, without any doubt, the Mayor's personal contempt for the show (which he had not seen). But they also indicate the unmistakable intent to retaliate against the Museum by suspending city funding and moving to evict the Museum if it didn't cancel the show.

It is clear that the "Sensation" show, which premiered in London to blockbuster crowds, and likewise at a second venue in Berlin, was promoted in an aggressive, attention-grabbing fashion by the Brooklyn Museum. But it is likewise clear that, although it contained controversial content to some, the artists in the show were recognized as some of the most talented of the young British arts scene. Three of them, including Ofili, had been awarded the prestigious Turner Prize, and many artists in the show have been widely exhibited around the world, including in New York City.

Promptly after the funds were cut off, the Museum sued and the case is now before a federal judge on the Museum's application for a preliminary injunction. A decision is expected shortly.

Under applicable First Amendment standards, spelled out in the *Finley* case and a long line of prior precedents, the Mayor's retributive actions cannot stand.

First, the Mayor's response in cutting off funds and attempting to evict the Museum was clearly an attempt to punish what he considered to be dangerous or offensive ideas. The statements from the Mayor and his deputies reflect their personal judgments that the content of the show was offensive. The city funds were cut off mid-stream during the fiscal year, simply because the Museum would not cancel the impending exhibition. Significantly, city funding was not for particular exhibitions but rather for maintenance, energy and general upkeep.

Of course, no Museum or arts institution has a constitutional right to government funds in the first instance, but once granted, public officials cannot unilaterally eliminate them mid-stream because they simply don't like the content of the shows which to them appear to be offensive.

Second, the entire retributive action was done on the whim of the Mayor. There are no regulations at play here – no standards to control the Mayor's action and discretion. The Mayor's office acknowledged that there were no objective standards or criteria to judge what is officially offensive and that there was no one in the city who was in a position to evaluate offensiveness. However, when one is dealing with the deprivation of First Amendment rights, at a minimum, there must be reasonable procedures in place that permit deliberative decisionmaking. Here there were none – the Mayor simply didn't like a painting and

therefore, if it was not removed, the Mayor retaliated by cutting off funding and attempting to cancel the lease for a building it has occupied for decades.

Third, the city's various, successive defenses for its actions have been obviously pretextual – constantly appearing and then just as promptly disappearing. The city initially said that the Museum violated its lease because it was not planning to admit young people under 17 years without their parents – which was a perfectly sensible policy. However, the Mayor's office claimed that this restriction violated a lease provision that said that the Museum is supposed to be open to schoolchildren. The Museum therefore dropped the under-17 requirement and simply put up cautionary signs; this defense vaporized.

Then, the city said the show was a "scam" and the Museum had conspired with Christie's and Charles Saatchi, whose collection composed the "Sensation" show, to enhance the value of his collection. The city promptly dropped that defense after it was found to be utterly without merit.

Now, the Mayor has said that the Museum has violated its special obligation to the city's children by presenting a show which contains objects that the Deputy Mayor says he wouldn't want his eight year old daughter to see. The city believes that the Museum should forfeit its lease and be deprived of its funding because it has not been sensitive to its "educational mission" by presenting paintings that the mayor asserts are "obviously offensive" and not suitable for children.

All this clearly is an after-the-fact attempt to rationalize and defend conduct that was apparent from the first moment – the Mayor was offended by an object in the show, threatened the Museum that funding would be cut off unless the show was cancelled, and when it was not, retaliated by denying funding and bringing suit to evict the Museum. Under established First Amendment principles, that action is clearly unlawful.

The only issue left is a technical one under the standards for the issuance of a preliminary injunction – whether the Museum is suffering irreparable injury because of the city's actions. The Mayor argues that the Museum has suffered no such injury – it has opened the show (which predictably enough is enjoying record crowds) and the matter can be delayed until there is a full trial on the merits.

But the better precedents are on the Museum's side – that any deprivation of First Amendment rights (and that clearly is the case here) is the basis for an issuance of a preliminary injunction.

Stay tuned.

James F. Fitzpatrick is a senior partner of Arnold & Porter in Washington, D.C. For the last decade he has been active in the Culture Wars representing numerous artists, libraries, and broadcasters in congressional hearings, Supreme Court proceedings, and public debates. He did an amicus brief in the Finley case on behalf of American for the Arts, among others. Mr. Fitzpatrick is also a member of the American for the Arts' National Policy Board.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 28, 2000

Ambassador J. Richard Fredericks
US Embassy, Bern
Department of State
Washington, DC 20521-5110

Dear Ambassador Fredericks:

Thank you for your card and the pamphlet about your sister's artwork, which is quite wonderful. I regret that she and I were unable to make contact before the holidays but it is heartening to know her work made such a fantastic contribution to the Millennium decorations here at the White House.

Very best wishes to you and your family. Hope all is well in Switzerland. Enjoy Davos.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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J. Richard Fredericks
Ambassador of the United States of America

Dear Melanne,

It was great being with you at Tom and Debbie Siberts home in December.

I relayed your instructions for my sister Anne to call you when she came to Washington to put her artwork into the White House for the Millenium Celebration. She tried to call you but

didn't hook up. Afterwards, she came over to Switzerland with my mom to celebrate Christmas with our family.

I am taking the liberty of sending along a pamphlet my sister did so you can see her efforts. I think it is quite an achievement and I am proud of her. I hope everyone there enjoys it too.

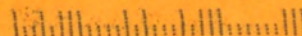
Best to you and Happy New Year

Dick

Ambassador J. Richard Fredericks
American Embassy Bern
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20521-5110



Ms. Melanne Verveer
Assistant to the President and
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Second Floor, West Wing
Washington, D.C. 20520



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 3, 2000

Ms. Vered Fishbein
Office of the Prime Minister
3 Kaplan Street Hakirya
Jerusalem 91919 Israel

Dear Vered:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for the wonderful album of pictures from her visit to Israel. It brought back so many wonderful memories. Also, many thanks for the materials on Elem.

I know Hillary and Chelsea will treasure these photos as a way to remember the visit. Thank you again for all you did to make the visit such a success. You are simply the best.

We loved seeing Nava when she was here. It was an all-too-brief visit, but warm and wonderful, nevertheless. The only problem was not seeing you! We just saw the Indyks off. Please give them our best when you see them.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Melanne', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady


Thank

Prime Minister's Office

משרד ראש הממשלה

January 11, 2000
די שבט, תש"ס

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

Dear Malanne,

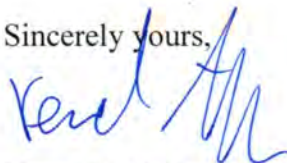
It may be hard to believe, but even the employees of the Prime Minister's Office belong to a worker's union, and we were recently faced with a protracted strike that lasted for several weeks; thus, the delay in sending you the publications and photos.

While reviewing and packing the material, I was reminded of your successful visit to Israel. We were very sorry to say goodbye at the airport, and I only hope that we'll see each other again in the very near future.

I was sorry that I wasn't able to join Nava on her recent visit, but I heard that the meeting was very warm and that she thoroughly enjoyed every moment.

Malanne, on the occasion of the New Year and New Millenium, I wish you another productive and successful "1000 years", filled with happiness and good health.

Sincerely yours,



Vered Fishbein
Personal Assistant to Mrs. Barak

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 23, 2000

Frank Foundation
Child Assistance International
1030 Fifteenth Street, NW #1020
Washington, DC 20005

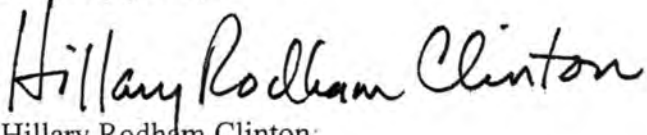
Dear Friends:

I am writing to extend my warmest welcome to the children from Georgia who will be in the United States for a program sponsored in conjunction with the National Sports Center for the Disabled, which will be held in Windham, New York. Although I cannot be on hand to greet the children, I am pleased that they will be able to visit the White House as part of their visit to our country.

All children deserve the chance to succeed and to nurture their abilities, whatever challenges they may face. I commend the Frank Foundation and the National Sports Center for the Disabled for your leadership on behalf of the world's children. Thank you again for all you do. I shall always remember my visit to the Bonum Center in Yekaterinburg where I saw firsthand the miracles you work.

I wish the youngsters from Georgia a safe and memorable journey. The President joins me in welcoming them to America and we hope that their trip will provide new opportunities for each of them. All the best.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 17, 2000

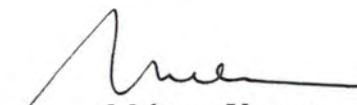
Mr. Harley Frankel
1460 4th Street, #300
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Dear Harley:

Congratulations on your new position at the Inner-City Games Foundation! I'm so sorry I missed you when you were in Washington, but I had dinner with Decker and some of our other mutual friends- all of whom told me about your great news. I know you'll be terrific in this position.

All the best.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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March 15, 2000



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff, The White House
Room 100, 0E0B
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Melanne:

I want you to know that I have recently taken a position as the Executive Director of the Inner-City Games Foundation (ICGF). ICGF is the brainchild of Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny Hernandez. Arnold is our very impressive inspirational leader and dedicated Chairman. Danny has devoted his life to youth services and is the Director of the Hollenbeck Youth Center in Los Angeles. The Foundation has licensees in twelve major cities throughout the country and provides after-school, weekend and summer programs for inner-city youth.

These services include a variety of sports activities, arts, computer camps, chess, leadership conferences and mentoring. The mission of these programs is to help young people build confidence and self-esteem; to encourage youth to say "no" to gangs, drugs, and violence and "yes" to hope, learning and life. As you can see, this job is a superb blend of my commitment to inner-city children with my interests in sports.

ICG cities include Atlanta, Chicago, Houston, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, New York, Orlando, Philadelphia, San Antonio, San Diego, San Jose and South Florida. Arnold Schwarzenegger is an extraordinary Chairman who loves to visit our cities, spend time with these wonderful kids and inspire them to achieve great things in their lives. I am fortunate to have Paul Wachter as President of the Foundation. Paul is an extremely creative fundraiser and is very committed to this cause. We also have a great board including Maria Shriver, who has devoted her life to important causes.

The Cendant Corporation is our national sponsor and they have been responsible for the provision of vital services to hundreds of thousands of inner-city youth. I have never met a more committed group of corporate executives to a great cause than the top officials at Cendant. In addition, we are privileged to have the support of Knowledge Adventure, our very generous educational software sponsor. And last but certainly not least, I am fortunate to be able to succeed (not replace) Bonnie Reiss who has done an unbelievably outstanding job of laying the foundation for the Inner-City Games.

If you have any interest in getting involved either at the national level or in any of our cities, please give me a call at (310) 458-4411. I look forward to this important endeavor and to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Harley Frankel

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 24, 2000

Ms. Keiko Fujimori
Palacio De Gobierno
Plaza De Armas
Lima, 1 Peru

Dear Keiko:

I remember fondly our conversations at previous Conferences of Spouses of Heads of State and Government of the Americas. Today, I write to ask you for your help in resolving an issue that matters a great deal to me personally – the case of Lori Berenson. As you know, this young American woman has been imprisoned in Peru under difficult conditions for nearly five years. Her incarceration at high altitudes and in virtual isolation have taken their toll on her health and well-being. Her family has suffered greatly from being separated from their daughter, and from the strain of watching her health deteriorate. As a mother of a daughter not so much younger than Lori, I can only imagine their pain.

I know you do not have direct control over these matters, but I appeal to you as a personal matter to intervene so that she can be released on humanitarian grounds. As First Ladies, it is often our role to encourage humane and compassionate solutions to difficult problems. I care deeply about this situation and want to help bring about its humane solution. I ask you to appeal to your father to end Lori's suffering after these many years and reunite her with her father and mother.

In closing, let me wish you much success in hosting the next Conference of Spouses of Heads of State and Government of the Americas in Lima this fall. Given my schedule, I am still trying to determine whether I might be able to attend this important international gathering. I am grateful for our shared commitment to helping children and young people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hillary Rodham Clinton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Hillary Rodham Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 30, 2000

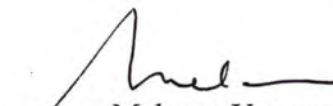
Dr. Patrick F. Fottrell
President
National University of Ireland, Galway
Galway, Republic of Ireland

Dear Patrick:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your many kind words and the video, which is such a wonderful reminder of our special time in Galway. Mrs. Clinton has such fond memories her visit, and your colleagues' gracious hospitality.

Congratulations on completing your tenure as President at Galway. Your contribution to the leadership of the university has been most laudatory. It is heartening to know you are proceeding to Harvard where you will, no doubt, continue to prosper in your work. Do stay in touch with us.

Very best wishes,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

August 29, 2000

Dr. Patrick F. Fottrell
President
National University of Ireland, Galway
Galway, Republic of Ireland

Dear Patrick:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your many kind words and the video, which is such a wonderful reminder of ~~her~~ time in Galway. Mrs. Clinton has such fond memories her visit, and you and your colleagues' gracious hospitality.

Congratulations on completing your tenure at Galway, ~~where I am sure you will be missed. But~~ it is heartening to know you are proceeding to Harvard where you will ~~do~~ doubt, continue to ~~do many great things. Please~~ stay in touch with us, and hope to see you sometime soon! [↑]

Very best wishes,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh
National University of Ireland, Galway

Oifig an Uachtaráin
Office of the President

14th July, 2000

Ms Melanne Verveer,
Chief of Staff to the First Lady,
The White House,
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Washington D.C.,
U.S.A.

Dear Melanne,

As the First Lady's New York Campaign gathers momentum, perhaps something from the enclosed video of her visit here last year might be of interest to her campaign organisers. Please convey our very best wishes for a successful election outcome to Mrs Clinton.

I vacate the Presidency of National University of Ireland, Galway on July 31st, 2000 after which I go to Harvard in the Fall to continue my research. The visit of the First Lady was one of the great highlights of my Presidency and will remain one of the great events in the history of this University.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick F. Fottrell
President

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 29, 2000

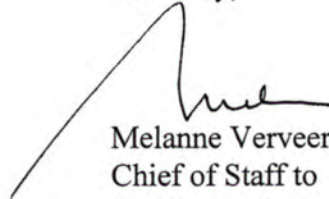
Arlene Fairfield
DDB
1008 Western Ave., Suite 601
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Arlene:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter and the photos from the Washington World Health Day events, which are such wonderful reminders of the event. We were all so pleased to have the chance to work together and put a strong focus on the importance of international family planning. Your hard work in continuing to inform the public and our representatives is critical.

Very best wishes and thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

August 25, 2000

Arlene Fairfield
DDB
1008 Western Ave., Suite 601
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Arlene:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter and the photos from World Health Day, which are such wonderful reminders of the event. We were all so pleased to have the chance to help mark this very important occasion!

Very best wishes and thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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June 12, 2000

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Ms. Melanne Verveer
Assistant to the President
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melanne,

Thanks again for helping make the World Health Day events in Washington, DC so successful. We appreciate your many contributions to such an important time for the international family planning community.

As a token of our appreciation, we have included these photos that we hope you enjoy. Thanks for everything, and we look forward to working with you again soon.

Sincerely,

Arlene Fairfield
DDB



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 10, 2000

TO: Dan Fried
FROM: Melanne Verveer
RE: Lycia Sibilla
Tel. (703) 435-5760

Attached is a Federal Employment form for Lycia Sibilla about whom I spoke with you regarding potential employment in ES/NIS.

Lycia has extensive experience – both through contract employment and regular slots – working at State, with Ambassador Collins at Embassy/Moscow, for the President's Interagency Council which was charged with follow-up to the U.N. Women's Conference, and for ES/NIS assigned to the Vice President's US/Russia bi-national commission.

Her experience and qualifications would be so useful to maintain and enhance the successful linkages we have made, particularly on women's democracy building in the region. She knows the key players on the issues both in Washington and Russia. Lycia is the wife of a Foreign Service official Chris Sibilla who is assigned to State.

I know Ambassador Jim Collins and DCM John Ordway would speak to the invaluable role she could continue to play.

Thank you for your assistance.

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