

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 11, 1999

Mimi Gardner Gates
Director, Seattle Art Museum
PO Box 22000
Seattle, WA 98122-9700

Dear Mrs. Gates:

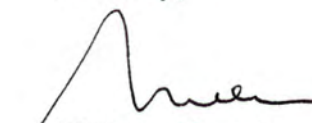
On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your letter and request for Mrs. Clinton to meet the Seattle Art Museum supporters at the White House next March.

It is not certain at this time whether Mrs. Clinton's schedule will allow her to meet with your group in March. If she is here, I know she will be delighted to meet you and the group. As her schedule for the Spring is completed, we will be in touch with you. Regardless, we will be more than happy to provide a tour of the White House arts collection by the curator.

Jay Gates has sung your praises to me when I've been with him at the Phillips Collection. It is amazing that one Gates succeeded another. Also, we were so pleased to have traveled with your husband to Haiti. I remember his telling us about your work at the Seattle Art Museum. I am confident that our former colleague Sara Grote Cerrell will keep us apprised of your schedule as the trip gets closer.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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September 23, 1999

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

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During our tour of Washington, we plan to attend the gala opening of the Ebsworth Collection at the National Gallery (Mrs. Ebsworth is a Seattle Art Museum Trustee), view art in various embassies and visit private art collections.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. Again, we appreciate all of your efforts to further the cultural heritage of our nation's communities.

Best regards,

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Director

cc: Melanne Verveer, Chief of Staff to the First Lady
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**TO: MELANNE VERVEER
PATTI SOLIS DOYLE
CAPRICIA MARSHALL**

FR: SARA GROTE CERRELL 

RE: SEATTLE ART MUSEUM VISIT TO THE WHITE HOUSE

DT: 9-22-99

**CC: KATY BUTTON
EVAN RYAN
SHARON KENNEDY GILL**

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest! It has been such a long time since I have seen all of you. You must come visit Joe and me in Seattle--we miss you and hope that you are doing well.

I realize that life is busy in the Hillaryland these days, however it must be extremely exciting. I hate to add to your workload, but I do have one very simple request...

A group of the Seattle Art Museum's highest donors are coming to your Washington from March 1-4, 2000, to view top quality art in the city. Seattle Art Museum Director Mimi Gates (wife of the elder Bill Gates, a delegate on Mrs. Clinton's trip to Haiti) has requested that Mrs. Clinton meet with her group and give them a tour of the White House art collection. Obviously, the White House curator could lead the tour and Mrs. Clinton could meet very briefly with the group.

There are a few reasons why this would be a good thing to do:

- > Many in this group have given millions of dollars to the Seattle Art Museum and also support political candidates.
- > Washington is an important state in the 2000 election, with a key Senate seat in play for the Democrats.
- > Mimi and Bill Gates will lead the Seattle Art Museum tour of Washington, DC. As you know, Bill Gates is the chairman of his son's \$17 billion foundation, which recently became the largest philanthropic organization in the country. It would be extremely gracious of Mrs. Clinton to host the Gateses, who are helping make significant advancements not only in the arts, but also in global health and education.

I have attached a formal letter of request from Mrs. Gates to Mrs. Clinton, along with a list of prospective trip attendees, a New York Times article on the elder Bill Gates, and a brochure on the Seattle Art Museum's Century Endowment Campaign. You should know that Mrs. Gates also has requested that Mrs. Gore host her group at the Naval Observatory. Mrs. Gates is very hopeful that both meetings can take place.

I hope that you will consider this request favorably. You can reach me at 206-526-0450 if you need more details.

I will be in DC at the end of October so I hope to see all of you then. Love, Sara



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Jane and David Davis
Bill and Melinda Gates
Bill and Mimi Gates
Carolyn and Gerald Grinstein
Dick and Betty Hedreen
Chiyo Ishikawa
Mary Ann and Henry James
Don and Dottie Johnson
Maryann Jordan
Janet Ketcham
Nancy Ketcham
Assen and Christine Nicolov
Ruth Nutt
Herman and Faye Sarkowsky
Ty and Doug Scheumann
Jon and Mary Shirley
Charles Simonyi
Kathryn Skinner
Bette Sprague
Harry and Joan Stonecipher
Dean and Mary Thornton
Virginia and Bagley Wright
Ann Wyckoff

Total Eligible: **40**

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Elder Bill Gates Takes On The Role of Philanthropist

By SAM HOWE VERHOVEK

When John D. Rockefeller turned his attention to philanthropic causes earlier this century, he relied in many ways on his son, John D. Jr., for help in deciding how to disburse his colossal oil fortune. Both father and son famously brooded, at times to the verge of mental exhaustion, over how hard it was to give away money in an intelligent and useful fashion.

But for **William H. Gates 3d**, the 43-year-old founder and chairman of the Microsoft Corporation and now the wealthiest person on the planet, it may be a while before he asks his children for help with his philanthropic endeavors. After all, Jennifer is only 3, and Rory John is shy of 4 months.

And since Mr. Gates remains at the helm of his company, he is not close to concentrating full time on the task himself.

Instead, Mr. Gates has looked in the other direction on the family tree and given much of the responsibility to a genial, 6-foot-6 retired lawyer by the name of **William H. Gates Jr.** -- a man candid enough to admit, if a touch sheepishly, that his techno-billionaire son harbors "a continuous frustration about the problems that people like his father have with their computer," and droll enough to enjoy the humor in going by the name Bill Gates.

"I get a big kick out of that," the 73-year-old Mr. Gates said, adding that it was especially true when he called people on the phone. "First, there's just a pause. They don't know what to say. Or it's, 'Are you kidding?' Or, 'Come on, now, are you really?' And to that I always say, 'Sure, I am Bill Gates.' "

As co-chairman of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the elder Mr. Gates sits atop a \$17 billion organization that recently became the largest philanthropic foundation in the country, one that is pledging to make huge donations in the fields

of education and global health.

With the David and Lucile Packard Foundation of Los Altos, Calif., in the No. 2 position, the Gates Foundation is a striking symbol of the rise of high technology and West Coast money in American philanthropy. And with more donations of Microsoft stock from the younger Mr. Gates and his wife expected, the foundation is virtually certain to soon surpass the Wellcome Trust in Britain as the largest philanthropic organization in the world.

The foundation remains highly unusual in having living benefactors, and relatively young ones at that.

"With the Fords, the Rockefellers, the Carnegies of the foundation world, you can only go back into history to figure out what their benefactors wanted," said Stacy Palmer, editor of *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*, a newspaper covering nonprofit organizations. "The difference here is that you actually have donors saying, 'This is what I care about, this is the big philanthropic bet I want to make.'"

In an inversion of the usual roles, it is the father who gets to help spend the son's money, soon to be a minimum of nearly \$1 billion annually.

The foundation's broad priorities, as set by the Microsoft chairman and his wife, include global health programs, especially those focused on developing and distributing vaccines for malaria, AIDS and other diseases; education, encompassing programs to provide computers, Internet access and technical training for libraries in lower-income areas across North America; and a variety of community, educational and cultural programs here in the Pacific Northwest.

But it is up to the elder Mr. Gates and the foundation's co-chairwoman, Patty Stonesifer, a former Microsoft executive and longtime friend of the younger Mr. Gates, to cull the possibilities and come up with specific grant recommendations. (The elder Mr. Gates had been in charge of the **William H. Gates** Foundation, which concentrated on health issues and the Pacific Northwest, since 1994, while Ms. Stonesifer headed the Gates Learning Foundation, created under a different name in 1997. Those two organizations recently merged to become the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.)

The requests and recommendations pour in, including what the elder Mr. Gates describes as an astounding number of letters from people down on their luck and desperately seeking cash; the foundation, however, by its charter, cannot make donations to private individuals.

But even as there is a huge amount of speculation over the impact of the Gates Foundation on the philanthropy world, the organization is clearly making an effort not to rock the boat. The senior Mr. Gates and Ms. Stonesifer, for instance, recently traveled to New York City to meet with leaders of the 40 other top foundations in the country to discuss ways to make their giving strategies complementary. The meeting was arranged by Vartan Gregorian, the president of the Carnegie Corporation and a member of the Gates foundation board.

"It was sort of a signal," Ms. Palmer said. "They're saying they're not trying to reinvent everything here and start from scratch."

If the two John D. Rockefellers found the task of philanthropy daunting, especially as they labored over the details of building brick-and-mortar institutions, like the University of Chicago, which were created with Rockefeller money, the two Bill Gateses, at least for now, seem less overwhelmed.

For one thing, the younger Mr. Gates has said that while philanthropy may one day become his obsession, he is simply more immersed now in his young family and his company, which, among other things, is embroiled in a huge antitrust battle with the United States Justice Department.

That means that, for now, he has left many of the details of his philanthropy to his father and others.

For another thing, the grant-making process at the Gates Foundation is simpler in one respect than that of the Rockefeller philanthropy, at least in the area of health, which the elder Mr. Gates has concentrated on: the money has generally been donated to existing groups or efforts, like the Malaria Vaccine Initiative and the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, rather than used to create institutions. And both the elder Mr. Gates and Ms. Stonesifer say that that is likely to remain the case for the foreseeable future.

And, finally, the man wading through all the possibilities for gifts said he found that the daunting nature of the process was far outweighed by the satisfaction of being able to do some good in the world.

"It is a pretty profound thing to have set out to be retired and wind up close to preoccupied with the work of the foundation," Mr. Gates said in an interview the other day. "But it's profoundly satisfying. There is, of course, incredible joy in frequently being able to say yes to something."

Philanthropy is not new to Mr. Gates. A prominent Seattle lawyer, he has long been involved in numerous charitable activities, including the United Way -- "and not just as chair of the fund-raising drive," said James R. Ellis, a longtime friend and partner in their law firm, Preston Gates & Ellis, which is one of the city's largest.

"I can recall seeing Bill handing out United Way literature at U.W. football games," Mr. Ellis said, referring to the University of Washington, where Mr. Gates got both his bachelor's and law degrees. "He is truly a hands-on guy."

Mr. Gates's philanthropic duties with the foundation, for which he receives an annual salary of \$90,000, grew out of a conversation a few years ago with his son and daughter-in-law during a night at the movies.

For a time he largely conducted his job from a basement office in the same unassuming home in Seattle's Laurelhurst neighborhood in which he and his wife

Mary raised their son, who sometimes declined entreaties to come to the table for family dinner by shouting from his room: "I can't right now! I'm thinking!"

This is also the same son, still called Trey by the elder Mr. Gates, who at the age of 12 simply announced that there was no logical reason for him to carry out some of the household chores.

"It wasn't an emotional reaction or resistance to the imposition of somebody else's will," recalled the father, who can afford to laugh about it now. "With Trey, it was an intellectual thing. It was, 'I really don't need to clean up my room, Mother. I do not need to do it.' "

Mary Gates, who was active in Seattle charities, died of cancer five years ago, and Mr. Gates has since married Mimi Gardner Gates, who is the director of the Seattle Art Museum.

At the night at the movies, Mr. Gates recalled, "My son was expressing a lot of frustration about his ability to deal properly with requests for charitable gifts. He was concerned that people were complaining that he didn't answer their letters, which he didn't have time to do. And I just said, 'Well, look, son, my time isn't all that fully occupied. Why don't I help you with that?' So that's how it all got started."

Over its first few years, and under the elder Mr. Gates's direction, the foundation has given gifts that include \$100 million to reduce delays in the delivery of new vaccines to children around the world; \$50 million to the Maternal Mortality Reduction program at Columbia University; \$50 million for research on the malaria vaccine, and \$25 million to the AIDS vaccine initiative.

The learning foundation has given about \$200 million to the library project, which has so far installed computers and Internet connections in 1,745 libraries in 32 states, with a five-year goal of reaching 10,000 libraries in the United States and 3,000 in Canada.

But as significant as these gifts are, they may well pale in comparison to coming grants, because under Federal regulations, the foundation will have to give away roughly 5 percent of its assets a year -- close to \$1 billion with the current endowment, and more as the assets grow.

Critics, who for years have faulted the younger Mr. Gates for not giving away more of his holdings, have suggested that his philanthropic contributions do not stem from purely altruistic motives: the huge gifts come at a time when both he and his company are trying to bolster a public image damaged by the antitrust fight, and the library-wiring objectives of the learning foundation are hardly incompatible with the goals of his software company.

Still, it is a huge amount of new money coming into the philanthropic pipeline, and many of those in the health field say that Mr. Gates's willingness to spend on vaccines could help bring about major medical breakthroughs.

"Gates understands that vaccines are like investing in software," said Dr. Seth Berkley, president of the International Aids Vaccine Initiative in Manhattan. "You spend a fortune getting it together, getting it right. Once you've got the technology, and you know it works, then you can produce it cheaply and use it globally."

The younger Mr. Gates has made much the same point, and also said that vaccines should be such a high priority because they carry with them the promise of staving off tens of billions of dollars in health-care costs.

Dr. Berkley said of the Microsoft chairman, "It's clear he's delegated a lot of authority to his father."

The responsibility is obviously a deeply serious one for the elder Mr. Gates, who is soon off on a trip to Nepal, Bangladesh and Indonesia to study health programs.

While the elder Mr. Gates does not seem consumed with the mental anguish that periodically visited the Rockefellers, he has concluded that the problems the foundation hopes to alleviate are immensely complicated, and not solvable only with money.

"The health problems of the underdeveloped world are horrendous," he said, "and there isn't enough money being devoted to it to raise the slightest possibility of seriously affecting it except over a long period of time.

"Now, the world is more humane than that sounds, because, in fact, it's not exactly clear, if you had 10 times as much money, what you would do with it," Mr. Gates said. "Because there are environmental conditions that have to come along, infrastructure, public attitude, political problems -- all of those things have to play a role."

While Mr. Gates meets and exchanges E-mail frequently with his son and daughter-in-law about foundation matters, he said he tried to bother his son as little as possible when he had computer problems, even with Microsoft programs.

"You know, the language of some of those messages that come up," he said, shaking his head with a laugh. "It just absolutely drives me crazy. They are flat-out incomprehensible."

"But I have an internal ambiguity about talking to my son," he continued. "In part I'm so angry at something that's happened that I want to tell him about it. And in part I know he feels bad about all that stuff, and I sort of hesitate to lay another problem on him."

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Miles M. Goggans
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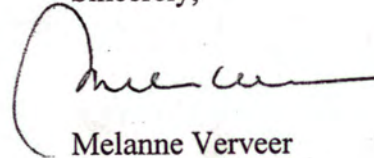
Dear Mr. Goggans:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your letter and request for Mrs. Clinton to meet with members of the pork industry. Your letter raises an important issue.

However, it is not certain when Mrs. Clinton's demanding schedule will allow for a meeting. I have forwarded your request to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady. If there is an opportunity in the near future for Mrs. Clinton to meet with the industry leaders, we will be in touch.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

- 10/13/99 from **Miles M. Goggans** in LR, with concern about the domestic pork industry. Knowing of your strong interest in the populations of developing nations as well as victims of natural disasters around the world, he'd like to discuss with you a proposal of targeting our excess supplies of food to those most in need, providing multiple benefits at home and abroad. He and several members of the National Pork Producers Council would like to meet with you.

✓ To Melanne for review/followup

Goggans, Inc.

October 13, 1999

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

As you are well aware, U.S. agriculture has suffered through a frustrating and dangerous cycle of low prices for an extended period of time, while much of the rest of the American economy has been prosperous. The domestic pork industry has been perhaps hardest hit of all, losing over \$4 billion in equity over the past two years.

There is no single solution to the crisis that has befallen our pork producers, but there are some important policy initiatives that can be enacted which would provide great benefit to thousands of families and businesses. Knowing of your strong and personal interest in the populations of developing nations as well as the victims of recent natural disasters around the world, I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss with you a proposal that can bring benefit to the U.S. pork industry and to the millions who suffer from hunger overseas. The idea of targeting our excess supplies of food to those most in need would provide multiple benefits at home and abroad.

Recently the National Pork Producers Council retained my firm to represent them in an attempt to move more of their product overseas through humanitarian efforts. It would be a tremendous honor if you would be able to meet with several members of the industry and myself at a time of your convenience. I believe you will find their proposal intriguing and filled with promise, and certainly they will benefit greatly if they are afforded an audience with you on this subject.

Thank you in advance for any consideration of this request. Names and additional information of those wishing to attend can be provided once your office notifies us of the possibility of meeting. Naturally, I would not make this request if I did not believe there to be genuine potential for benefit to all parties.

I hope all continues well for you – I'll be rooting for the Yankees along with you this fall.

Sincerely,



Miles M. Goggans

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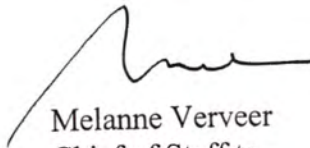
Moshe Gaon
GCS
Century Tower, 124 Ibn Gvirol St.
Tel-Aviv 62038 Israel

Dear Moshe:

Thank you for your kind letter and the brochures on GCS. I very much enjoyed meeting you and I enjoyed our conversation during the Barak's beautiful dinner for Mrs. Clinton. I've reported back to Bob Strum and Stan about their rave reviews!

All the best to you and much success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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To: Ms. Milan Veer, Chief of Staff for First Lady Mrs. Hillary Clinton

From: Moshe Gaon, GCS

Date: 11 November, 1999

Re: GCS Brochures

Dear Ms. Veer,

Following our lovely dinner last night, enclosed please find two copies of the GCS corporate brochure. I took the initiative to forward you the brochures and I hope you will find it interesting.

Again, I very much enjoyed meeting and talking with you yesterday. Have a safe flight back home and I wish you all the best.

Sincerely Yours,

Moshe Gaon

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December 20, 1999

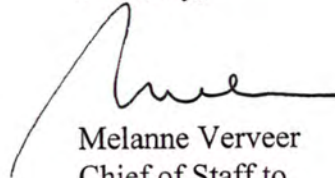
Micheal J. Gerhardt
Professor of Law
School of Law, College of William and Mary
PO Box 8795
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Dear Michael:

Thank you for your many kind words and your many fine articles, which I've read with interest. You are so perceptive and knowledgeable. The only good thing that may have come out of last year's events was your role as a national legal commentator!

A happy new year to you and your family.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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October 14, 1999

Melanne Verveer, Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, 2nd Floor
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Dear Melanne:

With this letter, I enclose several of the pieces that I have written over the last year that might interest you. Though I have written a great deal of late regarding impeachment, the enclosed pieces are about constitutional and legal issues in other areas. (In a separate mailing, I will take the liberty of sharing with you some of my writing over the last year regarding impeachment.) The enclosures include an article sketching the components of a comprehensive theory of the federal appointments process (in the Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy); a review of Jack Balkin's **Cultural Software** (in Green Bag); a review essay on Akhil Amar's **The Bill of Rights: Creation and Reconstruction** (in Georgetown Law Journal); and a review essay on Bruce Ackerman's theory of constitutional change (in the William & Mary Law Review).

I welcome any comments that you have about any of these.

Very truly yours,

M.J.G.

Michael J. Gerhardt
Professor of Law

MJG

enclosures

Melanne -
Hope all is well. If I can ever
be of assistance, please let me know.
We will be doing all we can to help you
and the First Lady! Best wishes,
M.J.G.

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January 4, 2000

Ambassador Gordon Giffin
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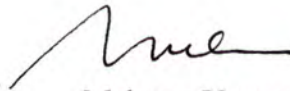
Dear Gordon:

Enclosed are photos of the First Lady during her visit to Ottawa in September. We would be grateful if you or your staff would distribute the photos to the right people, with Mrs. Clinton's compliments.

Mrs. Clinton enjoyed her visit to Ottawa very much and was honored to participate in the unveiling of the magnificent new sculpture. While the visit was much too short, we were grateful for the chance to see you and especially pleased we could do so while you are Ambassador. You have our appreciation for everything you did to make the visit such a success.

Very best wishes to you and your family in the New Year.

Sincerely,

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January 10, 2000

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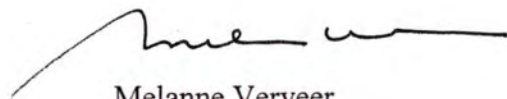
Dear Ms. Georgieva:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your letter and many kind words.

During her visits to Macedonia, Mrs. Clinton was so pleased to meet you and then to return with the good news that Liz Claiborne would not end its contract. She often speaks about her visit to Macedonia and the work you are doing. Please accept Mrs. Clinton's appreciation for your thoughtful gifts. I have sent your letter to Mr. Charron at Liz Claiborne about a visit to his headquarters.

All the best.

Sincerely,

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the First Lady



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Dear Mrs. Clinton ,

I am writing this letter to You because I'd like to express my sincere gratityude for Your help and for everything you have done in progressing textile industry in Macedonia.

As You already know, I work for " Liz Claiborne " and I myself wold like to visit this world's famous fashion house , only if You feel like meeting us again.

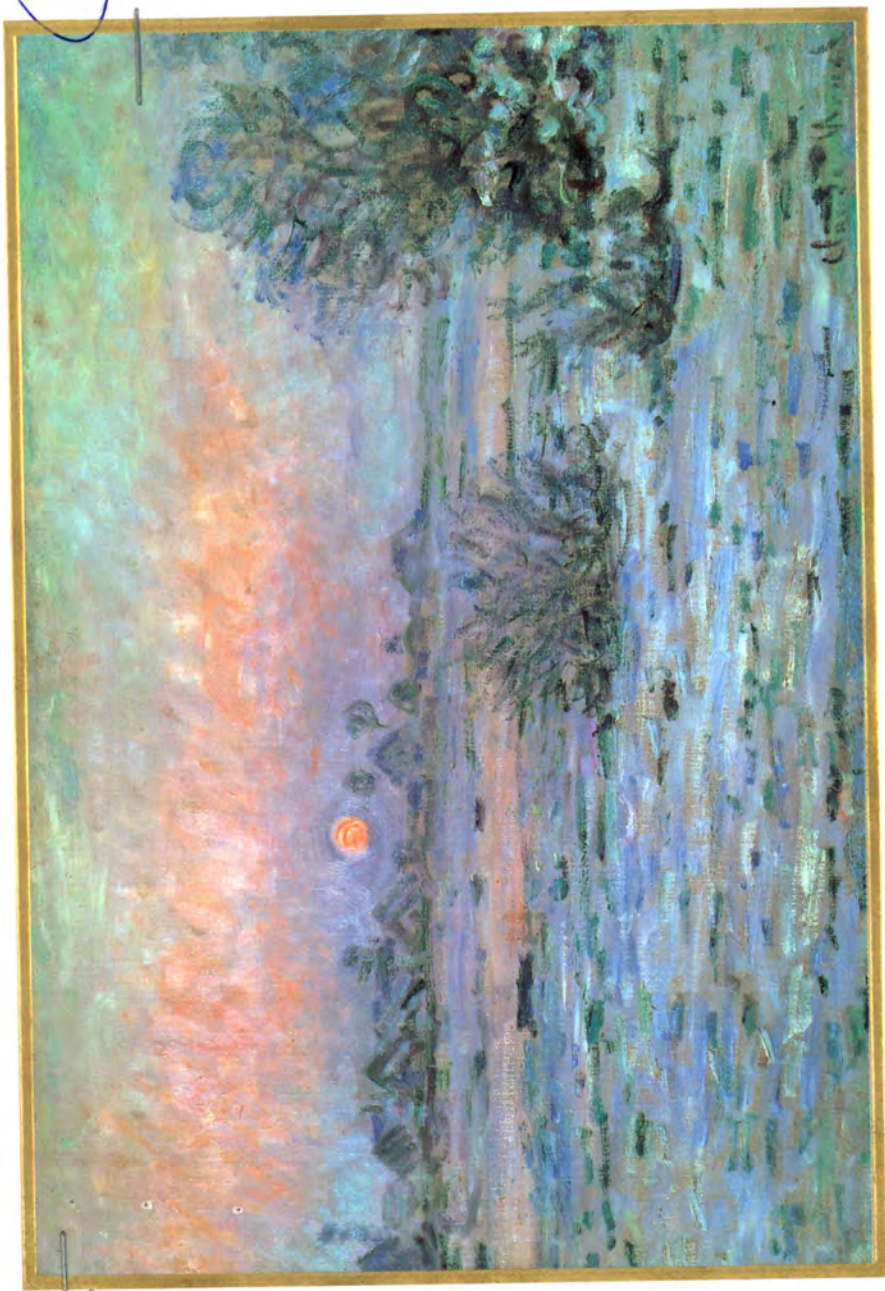
I would also like to wish You , Mrs. Clinton, a successful election compaing and ,at this matter . I must say that my family and I are sure You 'll succeed because nothing succeeds like success.

Dear Mrs. Clinton , Have a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR and I wish You and Your family the best of everything.

Yours sincerely ,

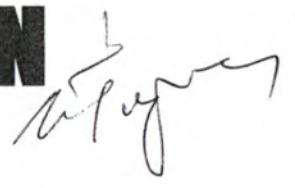
Danica Georgieva and her family

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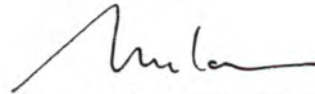
Ms. Maureen Greenwood
Advocacy Director for Europe and the Middle East
Amnesty International USA
600 Pennsylvania Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Maureen:

Thank you so much for the inspirational Amnesty International calendar. It is a compelling reminder of Amnesty's vital work in so many areas.

Very best wishes to you and your colleagues.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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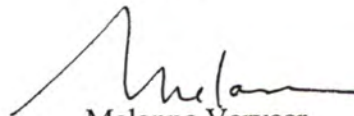
Mr. Jay Gates
Director
The Phillips Collection
1600 Twenty First Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009-1090

Dear Jay:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending the video, *Renoir to Rothko*, which I greatly enjoyed and will delight in keeping. We are all thrilled by all the good news from the Phillips. You have accomplished much in only a short time at the helm.

Again, thank you and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

THE PHILLIPS COLLECTION

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Dear Melanne

The Phillips Collection has produced a new documentary with WETA in conjunction with the Renoir to Rothko exhibition. I send it to you with my thanks for all your help and goodwill.

Jay

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March 6, 2000

Ekaterina Yu. Genieva
President
Open Society Institute Russia
13/17 B.Kozlovsky Per.,
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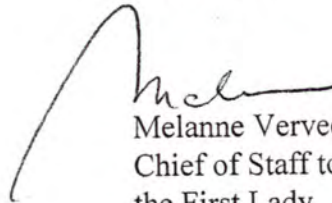
Dear Ekaterina *Katya*

It was such a wonderful experience to have your participation in the Vital Voices Global Exchange. Your comments were compelling and your perspective is always most helpful.

We were thrilled that you could participate in the announcement at the White House and bring the good news about the Open Society's support. Theresa Loar and I are planning to come to Russia sometime in the Spring. We will send you more precise information as our plans develop. We look forward to meeting with you then to chart future directions for our Vital Voices collaboration.

Thank you for all you do to advance women's progress and democratic values.

Sincerely, *Melanne Verveer*


Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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March 6, 2000

Ms. Sandra Gogel
Member of the Board
WICE 20, bd du Montparnasse
Paris, 75015 France

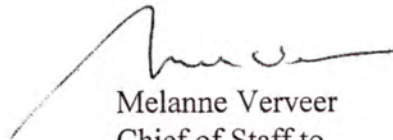
Dear Ms. Gogel,

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your letter and invitation for Mrs. Clinton to keynote WICE's 21st Anniversary Gala on May 25 in Paris.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton cannot accept your kind invitation, as her schedule will not permit her to make a trip at that time. But please accept Mrs. Clinton's appreciation for all WICE does to enrich the lives of so many, along with her best wishes for the anniversary celebration.

All the best.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

January 24, 2000

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

This year, WICE celebrates 21 years as a non-profit American cultural and educational association for the international community of Paris. This event will be marked by a Gala at the Cercle de l'Union Interalliée on May 25, 2000. The United States Ambassador and Mrs. Rohatyn are the honorary chairpersons for the event.

We would be most pleased and honored to extend an invitation to you to be the keynote speaker at this Gala. We feel that you would be the ideal speaker because of your involvement in many international activities and organizations. During your last visit to Paris, I had the chance to listen to your speech on globalization at the Sorbonne. It would be a real honor for us to have you again visit Paris for this exciting event.

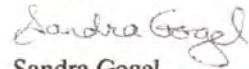
WICE was founded by a group of accompanying American corporate spouses who envisioned the need in Paris for educational and cultural courses and other services primarily for women. The organization originally focused on the personal and professional development needs of women in the English-speaking community. WICE's mission was and continues to be to provide cultural and educational programs to our members, helping Americans to integrate into their new "French" lives.

Over the past 21 years, WICE has evolved into a diverse cultural and educational center that now serves Paris-based women, men and children of all ages. Staffed by over 100 volunteers, WICE has approximately 1000 members and offers courses in History and Culture, Art History, Creative Writing, Studio Arts, Living in France, Languages, and Personal and Professional Development. We organize writing workshops and seminars on finance, foreign affairs, international politics, economics, parenting, bringing up children in a bi-cultural environment and career development, and have published a book on Health Care in Paris. Our programs bring in University speakers, well-known authors and political analysts, leading business people and specialists in various fields of education and research.

We would be most honored if you would join us as speaker for this event. We very much admire your exemplary faith and optimism. Your presence will help enable us to provide even more worthwhile services to the community and ensure the evening's success. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about this event, or about WICE itself.

We hope to hear from you at your earliest convenience. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sandra Gogel
Gala Chairman and Board Member
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e-mail: sangogel@aol.com

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 20, 2000

Loretta Glucksman
President
American Ireland Fund
1345 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10105

Dear Loretta,

On behalf of all of us who are engaged in Vital Voices Northern Ireland, I want to extend my thanks to you and the American Ireland Fund. It was especially fitting that AIF's support could be conveyed at the White House on St. Patrick's Day in the presence of your board members, the First Lady and our friends from Northern Ireland.

Thank you for your leadership and all you do. It was delightful to be with you, and congratulations again on the wonderful American Ireland Fund gala.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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April 5, 2000

Ms. Anne-Aymone Giscard d'Estaing
Founder-President
Foundation Pour L'enfance
17, rue Castagnary
Paris 75015 France

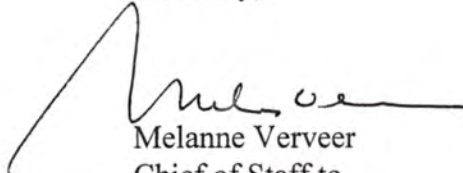
Dear Ms. Giscard d'Estaing:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your letter and invitation to Mrs. Clinton to take part in the Foundation Pour L'Enfance event at the upcoming Cannes Film Festival.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton cannot accept your kind invitation as her schedule is very full and she will not be able to travel to France in May. Please accept her appreciation for the Foundation's vital work to help children, along with her best wishes to you and your colleagues.

Thank you for your leadership and all you do.

Sincerely,

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As discussed —
Thanks a lot.

THE WHITE HOUSE MILLENNIUM COUNCIL
708 JACKSON PLACE, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20503

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FONDATION
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March 29, 2000

Director of Communications

Dear Ms Donovan,

Further to our telephone call, please find the letter sent out to Ms. Clinton on February 18.

Can you please check on this matter and get back to me in order to inform Ms. Giscard d'Estaing.

Thank you so much for your kind support on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

René-Julien Praz

Enclosed : 1

17, rue Castagnary - 75015 PARIS - Tél. : 01.53.68.16.50 - Fax : 01.53.68.16.59
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FONDATION POUR L'ENFANCE

February 18, 2000

The Founder-President

Ms. Hillary RODHAM CLINTON
The White House
WASHINGTON D.C.
U. S. A.

Dear Ms. Clinton,

I had the privilege of acquainting you with the "Fondation pour l'Enfance" in an exchange of letters in 1998, when inviting you to our annual gala at the Palace of Versailles. At the time Madame Jacques Chirac was my ambassador, having volunteered to convey the invitation to you.

At present we are organizing an event to coincide with the Cannes Film Festival and designed to focus attention on problems affecting the younger generation. The President of the Festival, Mr. Pierre Viot, has offered to set aside one evening for the Fondation pour l'Enfance to hold a special charity event. This would include a film preview at the Palais des Festivals de Cannes, and a gala dinner, to be attended by many prominent figures from both France and the United States. All proceeds from the evening will go to the Fondation pour l'Enfance.

I am also proud to announce that we have opened an American branch, known as the "Fondation pour l'Enfance of America Inc." The proceeds from the Cannes evening will be divided equally between our Foundation in the United States and the original Foundation in France, for the greater benefit of children in need.

An event of such prestige, with the opportunity of renewing contacts with major figures from the American film industry and with the following the Festival attracts, plus, most importantly in my opinion, the issue of child welfare are all arguments that speak for themselves and may persuade you to accept our invitation to be our guest of honor.

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I know only too well how precious your time is, but I would be delighted to welcome you to France, on behalf of the Fondation pour l'Enfance, as First Lady of the United States of America and as a committed champion of the cause of child welfare.

It goes without saying that the Festival President, Pierre Viot, and the Fondation pour l'Enfance will do everything to ensure that you have the choice of the six most important dates of the Festival (May 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 20).

I sincerely hope that your timetable may allow you to accept the invitation and that we shall have the honor and pleasure of welcoming you to the French Riviera, if only for the very briefest of stays.

I shall, of course, contact my friend, Bernadette Chirac, so that she too will join us for the gala event.

I look forward to hearing from you, dear Ms. Clinton, and remain,

Sincerely yours,

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MRS CLINTON.

Thanks so much

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Ann - Agnès Sicaud d'Estaing

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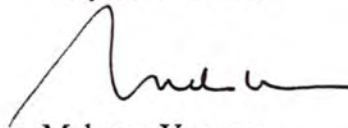
Ms. Gasby Greely
Executive Vice President of Strategic Resource Development
The Washington Opera
2600 Virginia Ave., NW #104
Washington, DC 20037

Dear Ms. Greely,

Thank you for your kind letter and the news about Ann Hand's upcoming feature on the "Today Show." As you know by now, the First Lady taped a segment on Ann's work.

This year's Opera Ball was very special and enjoyable. Best wishes to you in your new position. You take up very important responsibilities on behalf of the Washington Opera. All of us who are thrilled at the Opera's progress wish you well.

Very best wishes,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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June 1, 2000

The Honorable Melanne Verveer
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Verveer,

I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know about a wonderful and exciting opportunity that is about to happen at the Opera Ball thanks to our remarkably talented Opera Ball Co-Chair Ann Hand. The "Today Show" television crew will be shooting footage at the Opera Ball on June 9 for an upcoming segment featuring Ann's creative jewelry. They will also visit her factory in Rhode Island and her cottage in DC. The piece is scheduled to air on July 3rd in the second segment of the show on NBC.

We are thrilled for Ann. We wanted you to have some advance notice since I am sure that the "Today Show" cameras will be looking for some of our glamorous guests who may be wearing jewelry from The Ann Hand Collection. I have heard that everyone always looks fabulous at this exciting event!

Having just arrived in Washington myself to take on the post of Executive Vice President of Strategic Resource Development for The Washington Opera, I look forward to this lovely evening as an occasion to meet you and spend some quality time with you and your friends.

Sincerely,

M. Gasby Greely
Executive Vice President
of Strategic Resource Development

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July 14, 2000

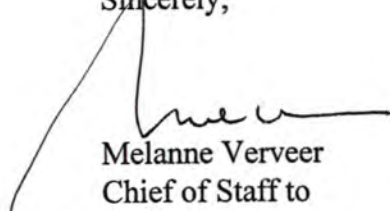
Ms. Lola Geiger
President
Harrison Children's Center, Inc.
Underhill Avenue
West Harrison, NY 10604

Dear Lola:

Thank you for the copy of the Harrison Children's Center's 25th Anniversary Journal. The First Lady was honored to convey her congratulations to the center and to share in celebrating this important milestone. We are grateful for your kindness to Mrs. Clinton.

Thank you for your leadership and all you do for children.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff

Dear Ms. Verveer:

Enclosed is the Silver Journal
of the 25th Anniversary of the Harrison
Children's Center. The Letter from Mrs.
Clinton is on the inside cover and
all enjoyed its inclusion.

I have included my own
small personal contribution to
her campaign.

Thank you, Ms. Verveer, for
your kind cooperation.

Our Pre-School Centers are
always available for any site visits

Sincerely,
Lola Geiger

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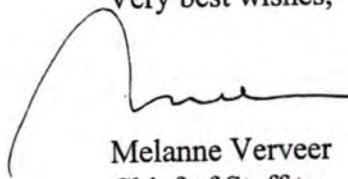
Ambassador Edward M. Gabriel
U.S. Embassy, Rabat
PSC 74, Box 003
APO AE 09718 Morocco

Dear Ambassador Gabriel:

Thank you for your thoughtful note and many kind words. I was with all of you in spirit. I was sad to miss the long awaited event and "reunion." I heard so much about it when I returned from Russia and Ukraine.

You should take great satisfaction in knowing that your leadership, hard work, and dedicated service have contributed so much to U.S.-Moroccan ties. Thank you for all you do.

Very best wishes,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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Edward M. Gabriel
Ambassador
Embassy of the United States of America

June 27, 2000

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Assistant to the President and
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
Old Executive Office Building
17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Melanne:

Although our paths did not cross last week, you were very much on my mind and in our hearts. You were also remembered to the King. What your office - and the First Lady - has been able to do to improve the bilateral relations between our two countries is nothing short of remarkable.

Congratulations and thank you for caring for our needs out here.

Sincerely,

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Edward M. Gabriel

AMEMBASSY - RABAT
PSC 70 Box 17
APO AE 09418



Mrs. Melanne Verveer
Assistant to the President
and Chief of Staff to the
First Lady
Old Executive Office Bldg.
17th Street and Pennsylvania Av.
Washington DC 20500

*Embassy of the United States of America
2, Avenue de Marrakech
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November 30, 2000

Jean Gilson
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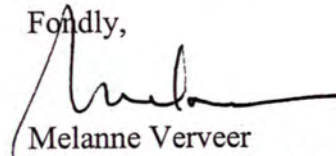
Dear Jean,

Words cannot convey our gratitude to you for your leadership, hard work, counsel and helpfulness during the First Lady's trip to Vietnam. From the weeks of planning to the implementation of an exciting program, you were outstanding and we are grateful for all you did under difficult circumstances.

We hope that we have set in motion an ongoing initiative for women's progress. Hopefully, in the months ahead, you, Vi, and others at the embassy will be able to follow up in tangible ways. For our part, we hope to continue to work to support Vietnam's "Vital Voices".

We look forward to continuing our collaboration. On behalf of Mrs. Clinton and her team, we extend our sincere thanks,

Fondly,

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

November 28, 2000

Jean Gilson
United States Embassy, Hanoi
PSC 461, Box 400
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