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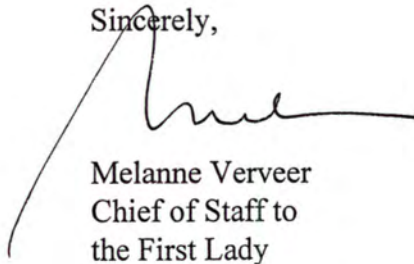
Lyn A. Hogan
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Dear Lyn:

Thank you for your letter and the information about Dalton Conley's Being Black, Living in the Red, which I look forward to reading. Having worked in the area of race relations and poverty policy for a longtime, I know I will agree with his thesis and I will value having his arguments.

It is wonderful to hear from you. It sounds like you are thriving. I shall pass your interest along to the First Lady and wish you all the best

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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Monday, April 12, 1999

Ms. Melanne Verveer
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Dear Melanne:

I hope all is well with you. I have been watching the First Lady's interest in a New York Senate race with great hope and anticipation. As you may know, I recently left The Welfare to Work Partnership where I had worked after leaving The White House Domestic Policy Council. I moved from Washington to join my husband in the New York area where I am writing and consulting. If the First Lady does decide to run and you need help with the campaign, I hope you will keep me in mind.

However, the purpose of this letter is not to discuss my career aspirations (though I thought I'd let you know what I'm now doing), but rather to introduce you to a friend of mine who has just published a very important social policy book I think you might find interesting.

Dalton Conley, an assistant professor of sociology and African-American studies at Yale University whom I know from studying with him at Columbia University, has just published a book, *Being Black, Living in the Red: Race, Wealth, and Social Policy in America*. I believe the arguments Dalton makes in his book are very relevant to the work you and the First Lady are doing.

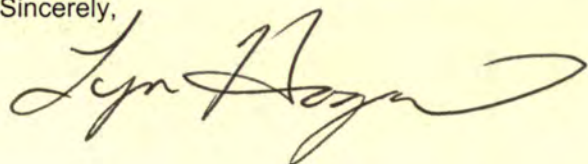
Dalton's argument--that current racial inequality resides in class and property relations, not in the labor market--was reached after extensive and meticulous analysis of existing asset, income and labor market data. When compared to Whites, African Americans complete less formal schooling, work fewer hours and at lower rates of pay, are more likely to give birth to a child out of wedlock, and to rely on welfare. Dalton's data and analysis attribute these results to differences in socioeconomic background--asset holdings such as home ownership and savings--not race.

Dalton's policy recommendations range from encouraging looser asset restrictions and new savings incentives for welfare recipients to re-conceptualized empowerment zones focused on capital building rather than job creation and a national effort to promote home ownership for low-income residents in central cities.

I believe this book will have a major impact on social policy, particularly in this coming election cycle. I urge you to read the book--I promise it will be a good use of your time.

I've asked Dalton to mail you a free copy of his book. If you would like additional copies of the book or are interested in talking with Dalton, please feel free to give him a call at Yale, or give me a ring. His number is 203-432-3241. My number is above. Again, I think you'll enjoy the book.

Sincerely,



THE FACULTY: RESEARCH

A Ghetto Childhood Inspires the Research of a Yale Sociologist

Dalton Conley says family assets, not income, explain continuing black-white inequalities

BY D. W. MILLER

NEW YORK

DALTON CONLEY may not be the first young man to rise from the ghetto and carve out a promising career as a scholar of race and poverty. Yet he attributes his escape less to brains and pluck than to an accident of birth: Despite his parents' low income, he says, he had the good fortune to grow up white and middle class.

After spending his early years in a crime-ridden public-housing project on Manhattan's Lower East Side, says Mr. Conley, he gradually learned how race and class shaped the life chances of those who grew up there. "My childhood was like a social-science experiment," he observes. "Find out what being middle class really means by raising a kid from a 'good' family in a 'bad' neighborhood." His parents may have had little money, he says, but their comfortable backgrounds had given them expectations, resources, and connections that opened doors for their two children.

VAST DISPARITIES

Now an assistant professor of sociology and African-American studies at Yale University, Mr. Conley is taking aim at some of the most vexing questions of racial and economic inequality. Just two years out of graduate school, he is already under contract with a leading university press to

write two very different books on the topic.

The first, due out next month from the University of California Press, tackles a critical issue in social science: If the black-white income gap is shrinking, and overt discrimination is fading, why do black people continue to fare worse than white people in many measures of education and economic security?

Being Black, Living in the Red: Race, Wealth, and Social Policy in America, which is based on his prize-winning dissertation, is the first book to show how vast disparities in household assets, rather than in income itself, account for various inequities between the races. "The causal starting point is differences in wealth and property," he says. "If you don't trace the problem back to wealth, you make the wrong diagnosis."

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DONNA BINDER FOR THE CHRONICLE

If his first book seems bold, the second is downright impertinent. *Honky*, due out next year, will be a memoir of Mr. Conley's childhood. In that work, he makes clear that his family was in no way typical of public-housing residents.

He is descended from Hungarian Jews on his mother's side and Mayflower bluebloods on his father's. Both his parents grew up solidly middle class and attended college, although his father dropped out when his family's fortunes sagged.

Mr. Conley's father, a struggling artist, and his mother, an aspiring writer, joined Manhattan's bohemian subculture in the late 1960s, living on food stamps and the wages from his father's part-time job in an art-supply store. In 1968, just before Mr. Conley was born, his parents moved into a low-income housing project just south of Avenue D, in a neighborhood bounded by tenements, a power plant, and the Williamsburg Bridge. Their new apartment, on the top floor of a pale-brick complex named Masryk Towers, was known locally as the "ghetto penthouse." Mr. Conley recalls that they had to put bars on the windows, 21 stories above the street, because burglars kept breaking in from the roof.

Despite its deprivations, however, his childhood "demonstrates the persistence of racial and class advantage," he says. "For my neighbors, it seemed natural not to go to college, but it seemed natural to me to go to college."

'I SMELLED BLOOD'

After graduating with a bachelor's degree from the University of California at Berkeley, he pursued graduate studies in sociology at Columbia University. He was casting about for a dissertation topic when inspiration struck.

"In 1994, I was sitting in a sociology class and looking at this table showing household income, race, and net worth," he says. "It was astonishing, the difference between blacks and whites, even in the same income bracket." Although the median income for black families is more

than half that of white families, the median white family holds assets worth seven times that of the median black family. Even compared with black families of the same income level, white families have far more wealth.

Scholars and policy makers have long focused on boosting black people's income relative to white people's. But as the income gap has shrunk, Mr. Conley says, "people could not explain the remaining gaps between blacks and whites on a number of indicators," such as educational attainment, job opportunities, welfare dependency, and illegitimacy.

He looked at 10 years of data on household assets to find correlations among wealth, race, and class. "Wealth inequality, more than any other statistic I know, demonstrated the gap between blacks and whites," he says. "I thought I had the key. Of course, it turns out not to be that simple. But I smelled blood—I thought I was on the right track."

CLASS, NOT RACE

"At all income, occupational, and education levels," he writes in *Being Black*, "black families on average have drastically lower levels of wealth than similar white families." His research seemed to confirm the controversial notion, famously articulated in *The Declining Significance of Race* (1978) by the sociologist William Julius Wilson, that economic status has become more important than race, *per se*, in predicting the life chances of black people. Mr. Conley concludes that black people are lagging because they have historically been deprived of the opportunity to accumulate wealth. Although current discrimination adds to the inequity, it is mostly the persistent legacy of past racism.

For example, social scientists are perplexed by the fact that black high-school graduates are far less likely to finish college than are white high-school graduates whose families have the same level of annual income. But when the yardstick is as

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DON HAMERMAN FOR THE CHRONICLE



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sets, not income, that gap disappears—and racial gaps in employment, illegitimacy, and welfare rates become easier to explain as well.

Without assets, says Mr. Conley, families with modest income will always find it more difficult to move to affluent neighborhoods with good schools, send their children to college, ride out temporary periods of unemployment, or escape the terror of living paycheck to paycheck. Black people have had little chance to create those financial cushions, because discrimination and racism historically have denied them opportunities to go to college, move up the job ladder, secure credit, start businesses, build up home equity, and live in integrated, middle-class neighborhoods. "Having parents with wealth is the best advantage you can have," Mr. Conley says. And wealth begets wealth, so the disparities widen with each generation.

"I thought, 'A million people must have looked at this before,'" he says. But it turned out that solid information about household wealth had not been around for very long. In fact, government agencies and academic surveys did not begin collecting data on wealth—as opposed to income and other standard measures of socio-economic status—until 1984.

A GROWING POLICY DEBATE

The recent interest in data on wealth reflects a growing debate over its importance to social science and government policy. "The vast majority of programs have been income-based," says Ed Wolff, an economist at New York University. Wealth accumulation "is a more permanent base with which to overcome poverty, and gives people a greater stake in society."

In 1995, Melvin L. Oliver and Thomas M. Shapiro, sociologists at the University of California at Los Angeles and Northeastern University, respectively, applied that argument specifically to the life chances of black people in *Black Wealth/White Wealth* (Routledge). But *Being Black*, says Mr. Oliver, "is the first book that systematically looks at the data we have available and draws some close-to-causal analyses."

Mr. Conley, 29, has made the most of his discovery. He was fiercely recruited by Yale, which is desperate to revive a sociology department decimated by budget cuts and retirements. And the University of California Press lobbied him hard for the right to publish his dissertation, which was named best graduate thesis of 1996 by the American Sociological Association.

"Usually, first-time authors come to us on bended knee," says Naomi Schneider, his editor at the press. "But we went to him." The press, which rarely publishes memoirs, then outbid Times Books, a trade publisher, for *Honky*.

The major contribution of Mr. Conley's first book "is to put the notion of wealth at the center of the policy debate," says David L. Kirp, a professor of public policy at Berkeley, who reviewed the manuscript for the press. "He pushed his evidence as far as it could go."

"To make it as an academic," says Neil Bennett, one of his advisers at Columbia, "you not only have to be smart, you have to be aggressive, you have to have a fertile mind with lots of ideas, and you have to be able to know how to answer the questions you propose. To boot, you have to write a lot. He has that."

As a scholar, Mr. Conley hasn't traded on his disadvantaged background. In fact, he rarely brings it up. Many of his colleagues, including David E. Apter, his department chairman at Yale, and Seymour Spilerman, his mentor at Columbia, say they know little or nothing about his upbringing. But that's likely to change next year, when his publisher plans to make *Honky* a lead title.

For a young, untenuated scholar, *Honky* represents a risk. "I don't look askance at what he's doing," Mr. Bennett says, "and I hope my colleagues don't, either. The possibility is that people will think he's out for fame, and not for simply pushing forward the knowledge in his field. I think that's not the case."

"One of the things I admire about Dalton," says Mr. Kirp, "is that he's fearless. This is not a good career move, and he knows it's not a good career move."

"I know I'm not going to get any points for this," Mr. Conley acknowledges. "I

just hope I don't get points taken away. It's something I felt a need to write, and I'm an impatient person. I do think it will have benefits for the sociological literature. It will give context to my other work."

A 'SOCIOLOGICAL MEMOIR'

Mr. Conley refers to *Honky* as a "sociological memoir," a "case study of myself and my neighborhood." He revisited that neighborhood on a recent February morning, strolling among the childhood landmarks that evoke the raw data of his "study."

A block from his family's old apartment, for example, lies Hamilton Fish Park. The last time he ever played a game of pickup baseball there, a boy who borrowed his glove refused to return it. Feeling a knife blade along the back of his neck, Mr. Conley recalls, he knew he had playmates but no defenders among the black and Hispanic faces around him.

With such material, he could have written a different kind of book, an inauthentic tale of triumph over adversity. But he says his purpose in writing it wasn't to stir sympathy for his vulnerability or admiration for his survival.

Looking up Columbia Street, he points to the nearby Con Edison electric plant, which marked no man's land at the northern edge of the neighborhood. For Mr. Conley, it stands as a symbol not only of the community's powerlessness—"There are no plants in Greenwich Village," he says—but also of the limited horizons of the kids with whom he grew up.

His ticket to upward mobility wasn't financial wealth; in fact, his father's largest nest egg, a set of Henry James first editions, was stolen shortly after the move to Masryk. But his parents had middle-class expectations and cross-town contacts. By using the address of a friend in an affluent neighborhood, they got their son into a challenging Greenwich Village grade school. From there, he advanced to a selective public high school, and then on to college and the world beyond.

Today, he lives in the Chelsea neighborhood with his wife, Natalie Jeremijenko—a conceptual artist and Ph.D. candidate in engineering—and their infant daughter,

who is named e. Their apartment is just two miles away from Masryk Towers.

Mr. Conley's research has stark implications for government policy toward the Masryks and Avenue D's all across the country. The safety net that merely seeks to keep income above the poverty level is valuable, he says, "but income programs miss half the story." And cash assistance to families with children, he adds, actually discourages the poor from saving by counting their assets against their benefits.

"Our affirmative-action policies are completely misplaced," he continues. "We should try either of two things: aggressive, race-based affirmative-action policies in the area of property accumulation, or a color-blind but class-based affirmative action measured the right way, defining class in a way that includes assets, not just income."

CLOSING THE WEALTH GAP

In *Being Black*, Mr. Conley discusses a number of ways to close the wealth gap. Some, such as an annual wealth tax on the rich, would redistribute assets—and would be controversial, to say the least.

Others would simply encourage the accumulation of wealth among those without it. Some cities have turned public-housing units over to their tenants. Government-subsidized savings accounts for the poor, an idea championed by Michael W. Sherraden, a professor of social work at Washington University, and included in President Clinton's latest budget, have already been enacted in at least 13 cities.

Unfortunately, writes Mr. Conley, "incentives to increase black homeownership will do little to narrow the racial gap in net worth if blacks cannot buy their homes in racially integrated neighborhoods." That's because homes in heavily black neighborhoods tend to be worth less and to grow in value more slowly than those in predominantly white areas. Mr. Conley acknowledges that a massive transfer of wealth to the poor is politically unpopular. But efforts to encourage the poor to accumulate assets, he says, should be popular on both sides of the political aisle. "People who have a stake in the American dream are better citizens."

Scientists Link S-Shaped Structures on the Sun to Damaging Solar Eruptions

WASHINGTON
PHYSICISTS have discovered unusual S-shaped structures on the sun's surface that appear to precede vast solar bursts known as coronal mass ejections.

The identification of the "sigmoid" structures is significant because they will allow scientists to predict, several days in advance, the development of coronal ejections, which can damage satellites, disrupt communications networks, and cause widespread power outages. Details of the discovery were announced last week at a news conference at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration here and provided in a paper in the March 15 issue of *Geophysical Research Letters*.

The scientists responsible for the dis-



This S-shaped feature on the sun's surface in January 1993 preceded an eruption known as a coronal mass ejection.

covery, at Montana State University and at the Institute of Space and Astronautical Science in Sagami-hara, Japan, said the sigmoid structures were probably the result of twisted solar magnetic fields that eventually developed into magnetic bursts with the force of billions of nuclear explosions. Other common disturbed regions have symmetri-

cal, butterfly shapes and rarely erupt. "We've found that the S-shaped regions are the dangerous ones," said Richard C. Canfield, a research professor of physics at Montana State who headed the team. "As soon as we can recognize that a region is S-shaped, we know that it is more likely to erupt."

Coronal mass ejections occur several

times daily, but only those that shoot electrically charged gas from the sun's corona toward the earth are dangerous. The connection between those violent discharges and the sigmoid shapes was first noticed by Hugh Hudson and Alphonse Sterling, solar physicists working at Japan's space institute. Their work led the Montana scientists to examine the statistical relationship between sigmoids and coronal mass ejections, using X-ray images of the sun from Japan's Yohkoh satellite.

Their findings showed that the sigmoids not only marked the locations of likely future eruptions, but also revealed connections between coronal mass ejections and cool, dark areas known as sunspots.

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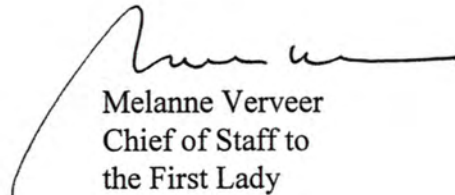
Dear Ms. Howe:

Thank you for your letter and invitation for the First Lady to attend the CEA-NY Annual Conference in New York, October 27-29.

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

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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June 21, 1999

Melanne Verveer
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Dear Ms. Verveer:

I am the conference chairperson for the CEA-NY Annual Conference. We will be hosting the conference this Fall at the Holiday Inn on Grand Island in New York State. The Hotel is located between Buffalo and Niagara Falls on the Niagara River. The dates for the conference are October 27 to 29, 1999. The conference attendees are from two and four year colleges across New York State both public and private. I estimate about 100 attendees and 20 presenters.

If Mrs. Clinton's schedule allows, we would love to have her come and speak to our group. Our theme is "Making the Pieces Fit," as it relates to Education, Training, Technology and Access.

If you need additional information, you may reach me at (716) 731-6222 Ext. 155.

Sincerely,

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cc: Congressman John LaFalce

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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September 7, 1999

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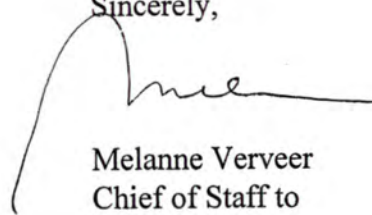
Dear Diane:

It's always heartwarming to hear from you. On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your many kind words and invitation for Mrs. Clinton to keynote the Columbia-Montour Annual Women's Conference on March 25. You know how much I wish she could do it!

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton's schedule will not permit her to accept the invitation, as she is already committed to be elsewhere on that date. But please accept her appreciation for all you do, along with her best wishes for a successful conference.

Thank you for your leadership and all you do.

Sincerely,

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

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August 19, 1999

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Dear Melanne,

Greetings from the coal region. I have been asked to contact you for direction on how to proceed with inviting the First lady as a keynote speaker. If you recall your visit back to our area, you will remember the dedicated and devoted Democratic women you addressed. As a co-coordinator of the Northumberland County Hillary Rodham Clinton Fan Club, I need not convince you of my admiration and respect for the First Lady. Many of the women you addressed that day are involved with planning an Annual women's conference at Bloomsburg University. This conference hosts 400-500 women from the surrounding counties and provides workshops on various topics.

The conference is now in it's 20th year and going stronger than ever! It may be the longest running women's conference in the country. It provides a day of informative sharing and issue education that the surrounding communities have come to admire and respect. Each year the Conference honors outstanding women in their fields and hosts a key note speaker. Last year's speaker was Anita Hill.

We realize the First lady may very well be busy with a possible New York Senate campaign and schedule may not permit. We would however, as sisterly supporters from Pennsylvania be willing to coordinate a fund raiser the evening before the conference. The date of the 2000 Columbia-Montour Annual Women's Conference will be March 25th. Once again, thank you for even considering this request. We here in Northumberland County think of you often and fondly and considered it an honor to have met you.

Democratically,

Diane M. Holleran
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 13, 1999

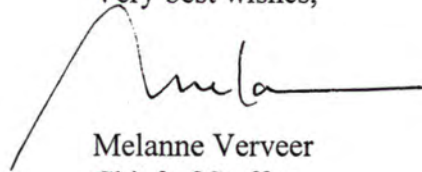
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Dear Yvonne:

Thank you for your note and many kind words. But most importantly thank you for your work and inspiration on behalf of Vital Voices.

Enclosed is a copy of her remarks and the President's at the NDI dinner.

Very best wishes,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

**National Democratic Institute's 13th Annual Awards
Acceptance Remarks by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
Washington, D.C.
September 23, 1999**

Thank you very much. Thank you, Paul, for standing in for my friend and a courageous woman. I know that we all join in wishing Monica a very speedy recovery. When I heard that she had had to go immediately to the hospital for an appendicitis attack and then eventually an operation, I was not surprised to hear in the same report that she intended to be here tonight. (Laughter.) But I assured the member of my staff who passed that on that even for Monica, coming out of a surgery and coming to the NDI dinner would be a little bit of a stretch. But I keep expecting her to walk in. (Laughter.)

I'm very grateful for this tremendous honor. And I'm very pleased to be here at the same time that NDI would honor a very brave and courageous leader, indeed. We just heard from the President (Shevardnadze of Georgia) about his own personal journey and the journey of his country. And I am very pleased that he would share with us such personal reflections. Because I think more than anything else he could have said, it demonstrated to those of us here in this ballroom who support NDI—who support the work of NDI—the extraordinary price and the very difficult obstacles that stand in the way of those who seek to implant democracy around the world.

I am constantly amazed at the sacrifices that people make—men and women—who believe what we say here in our country, who are committed to giving the gift of freedom to their people. We have lost some wonderful champions of freedom and democracy this past year. Paul read their names out and reflected on each. Of course, we all know the extraordinary contributions that Wayne Kirkland (ph.) made here in our country and around the world. The other two names that Paul mentioned may not be as well known, but I knew them both.

The last time I saw Galeena was in Sophia, Bulgaria, where we were having a conference about women and were attempting to bring together representatives of the public and private sectors of South Eastern Europe. She was there with that same energy and spirit that she brought to her path-breaking work in Russia, where she was literally one of the first people to create a new democratic party for her country. She intended to continue her work in politics, and she paid for her commitment to democracy and her fight against corruption with her life when she was gunned down in St. Petersburg.

Similarly, I had the great privilege of meeting in Sri Lanka, Neelan, who was an advocate on behalf of victims of violence. He himself was (inaudible) that he stood against the extraordinary violence that has plagued his country for so many decades. My meeting with him when I was in Columbo was one of the most vivid memories I have of all of my travels around the world. Because of his commitment to peace and democracy and reconciliation, he went to where others feared to go. And he too paid the ultimate price.

I'm very grateful for this honor, and I'm very moved by the kind words that Monica wrote and Paul delivered. But it is very hard for me to place myself in the same ranks as people like those we honor tonight and those we lost this year.

I often wish, as I travel around the world, that I could take every American with me. And if not that, at least every American teenager, so that they could see firsthand what is happening in this great movement toward democracy that has swept the globe at the end of this century. So many have contributed to that movement, many of them honored previously by NDI. But there are many others who are laboring as we speak tonight—often without much recognition, without drawing any headlines—who put themselves and their families at risk because they are willing to speak out and stand up for democracy.

Like many of you who have been part of NDI for many years—who have worked with Paul and worked with Ken and gone on missions and supervised elections—you've shaken the hands and looked into the eyes of people whose husbands or brothers or fathers or sisters or friends have paid that price for democracy. You've sat and talked, as I have, with people who've been imprisoned and tortured and been exiled and driven from the homes they love because they spoke for democracy. And it's imperative that the work of NDI and the work of all of you who support this work continue, because the work of peace and the work of democracy is as important now as it's ever been. Because we have made so much progress, but often the fruits of democracy are not so easily grasped and enjoyed. There is so much risk and danger still to those who pursue this work.

Because Monica was going to introduce me tonight, I want to say a special word on behalf of those women who not only labor for democracy, but sometimes do it against the most extraordinary odds because their voices are not respected and no one wants to hear their opinions. And yet in place after place—Latin America and Africa and Asia—I have met women who have made the decision to open their hearts and their minds to the idea that they could become citizens and full participants, and then they have acted on that conviction. Women like Monica, who did endure a lot of abuse as she sat with her comrade and colleague, Pearl, during all of those long negotiations in Northern Ireland. And they would come to Washington or they would call me or my staff. They'd come to the White House, and we'd sit and we'd talk, and they'd relate how difficult it was every day to go and assume the place they had been voted to hold—women in the former Soviet Union, in places like Georgia, who have struggled to make this transition and not give up hope. In Vienna, at the Vital Voices conference that we held there, woman after woman told us how challenging it was because their standard of living was dropping, the health care that they and their families could access was deteriorating, the move toward a free market economy was very difficult, and they needed more support and encouragement to stay on the path of democracy.

In Latin America, where we held a conference—a Vital Voices conference in Montevideo—we heard story after story of women who had struggled against military dictatorships; who had stood up for freedom and watched as their relatives and their

friends disappeared; who lost loved ones to military coups; who knew that they wanted to stay the course for democracy, but weren't sure that they had the strength to do so. And yet they prevailed. And today they are being elected to the legislatures, they are serving as mayors, they are starting businesses, they are finding their voices—and it is making a difference. (Applause.) Time and time again, the vital voices of women all over this world are making a difference.

In a few weeks I will be in Iceland, where women from Russia and the Baltic States will be meeting for another Vital Voices conference, this one hosted by the governors of Iceland and co-sponsored by the Nordic Council and by the United States government. It will be another extraordinary opportunity for the women of the Baltic region to work together and to increase their own economic and political power, and thereby contribute to the stability and prosperity of their nations. It will be particularly important for the women coming from Russia to know that they must persevere and there are those who will help them to do so.

Now NDI has played, I believe, a critical role in furthering the work of democracy. And I'm very grateful to NDI, and I'm grateful to the members of Congress, and I'm grateful to the members of this administration who have supported NDI. And I'm also very pleased that this president and administration have made democracy one of the centerpieces of our foreign policy—(applause)—and have provided financial and technical and political support to those who seek to further democracy abroad. This is not the time to cut back on our support for the National Endowment for Democracy. (Applause.) This is not the time to undermine the work we are doing that I have seen around the world to support those who are the democrats in their countries. And it is the time—it is long past the time—to pay our dues to the United Nations. (Applause.)

The work that is occurring around the world and is supported by our government and is supported by NDI means so much. There are hundreds and hundreds of stories that we could be trading back and forth all evening long, because so many of you have been for so long on the front lines of democracy. But I like to think about that conference that Monica referred to toward the end of her remarks—the Vital Voices Conference in Belfast, and then the follow-up conference a year later, also in Belfast, but with satellite link-ups around Northern Ireland and into the Republic. At those conferences we brought together Protestant and Catholic women who had never been in the same room together, who had never worked on any common project, who did not believe they had anything in common. And through the work of Vital Voices, with the support of our government and with the support of corporations that understand the importance of democracy to economic stability and growth, we came out of that conference with new friendships forged, new commitments made, and with all kinds of promise for the future.

When I came back for the follow-up conference, I went to the meeting of the women Parliamentarians, and I was pleased to see that they had also forged a consensus about some of the issues they would work on jointly despite their political differences. It's that building of democracy, piece by piece, that will stand the test of time.

The other story I would mention is what occurred in Senegal. The first time I went to Senegal, I went out into a village where there was a project that was funded by USAID, as well as private NGOs from America, to teach democracy. And in this village people were practicing democracy; they put on a skit for me as to how they learned how to be citizens of a democracy. And the women were very proud because they now understood that democracy meant that they could be in the skit too, that they could stand up and speak about issues that were important to them. And because of this practice at democracy, they learned that they could make decisions and they could bring ideas for discussion to the general village meetings. After thinking about what was most important to them, they decided that the health care of their daughters and themselves was the most important item on their agenda. And in particular, they decided they wanted to end the traditional, conventional practice in that part of Africa of female circumcision.

Now this was unheard of, and at first the men in the village did not want to hear the women speak of this. And even some of the women were very upset about it. But the women who had come with that idea said, "But this is a democracy—we get to speak; our voices are important." And they kept talking. Even when they were told to sit down and be quiet, they kept talking. And eventually they created a consensus and they had a vote. And their vote was to end the practice. (Applause.)

And once they voted, they decided they wanted to go to other villages to teach other villages about democracy. So two of the older men who were elders in the village were appointed to walk to the next village, because unaccompanied women could not do that. So the two older men walked to the next village and began explaining about this thing called democracy and what they had just voted for in their village. And pretty soon that village voted the same way. And then another village voted the same way. And by the time I came back a year later with the President, we were able to meet with a group of people from that original village and hear their report about how now dozens of villages were practicing democracy. And they had done it not only for themselves, but they were going to the president of Senegal where they'd request that legislation be passed to ban the practice throughout the country. (Applause.) And in just a short period of time, they did that. And after it went through the Parliament, the legislation was passed and the president signed it. And I thanked President Diouf when I saw him at the funeral of King Hassan of Morocco. And he said, well, you know, it started with the women in the village.

Now there are many stories like that, where it's not just abstract talk; it's not just lofty ideals, as important as they are; it's not just asking people to be part of democracy when that means so little to them based on their own experience. But it is giving them the tools to understand what that means, and the assistance to implement their own ideas, and the support that is required to make the transition.

So for me, I am honored by this recognition, but I really accept it on behalf of those hundreds and thousands of women and men whom I have seen in countries throughout the world—in villages and in barrios and in ghettos and in every kind of setting you could imagine. Because it is they who are doing the work of democracy, and

it is we who owe it to them to do all we can to make sure that their journey to democracy is a successful one.

Thank you very much.

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you in an
envelope

Eric, can
you pls send a
copy of HRC's
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or draft

P.S. Melanne - I'd still love a
copy of the First Lady's speech
when you have a chance - it was
excellent & really captured the spirit of VVGP!

September 24, 1999

Melanne and Katy,

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I just wanted to write and thank you for inviting
us to the dinner last night. It was really a special
opportunity for us - and it was just fantastic to see
how much The First Lady and President both care about
Vital Voices. And, of course, as I told you, we've met lots
of CEOs, but it all pales next to meeting the First Lady.

We definitely have a lot of work still ahead of us, but
when I look back, it's amazing how far we've already come -
but I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciated
and enjoyed last night. Thank you again, Yvonne

Thank you



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Washington, DC



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7th Floor
Washington, DC
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 29, 1999

R. Philip Hanes, Jr.
PO Box 1704
Winston-Salem, NC 27102-1704

Dear Mr. Hanes:

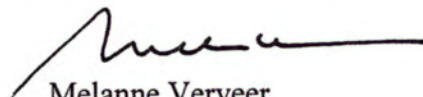
Thank you for your letter and bringing attention to Dr. James and Mary Semans' many contributions to the arts, which Doug Sosnik forwarded to us.

Nominations for the National Medal of Art are made to the President every year by the National Endowment for the Arts. The President makes his selections from the recommendations submitted to him. For next year's awards, I suggest you convey your recommendation to the Endowment, which has an established nominations process for this purpose. Their address is:

National Endowment for the Arts
1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20506

Thank you for your own many contributions to our nation's culture. Very best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTONDate 9/17

To: MELANNE

From: The Staff Secretary

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R. PHILIP HANES, JR.

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E-mail: RPHanes@msn.com

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May 20, 1999

Mr. Doug Sosnik
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Re: National Medal of Art - Dr. James and Mary Semans of Durham

Dear Doug:

I can think of no family in North Carolina that can even come close to doing as many things for the arts in the State as Jim and May Semans. They were critically important in building the North Carolina School of the Arts; and one of the other of them was Chairman of the Board for many, many years, putting up virtually all of the money to carry our kids to Italy, Germany and France each summer, ever since 1965.

They are all over the state helping the *Lost Colony* and *The Horn in the West* and all the museums and symphonies, etc. in the Raleigh/Durham area. They have supported any number of young people in the arts on a personal basis. It would be highly significant for North Carolina if this wonderful couple in their late eighties could get this kind of recognition.

I, as a former winner of the National Medal of Art, am their sponsor for this. Any good word you can put in with the President, when the time comes this summer, would be appreciated.

With kind regards and much admiration for your obvious abilities and numerous successes, I am

Thanks!
Best -
Phil

THE WHITE HOUSE
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November 3, 1999

Gemma Hussey
29 Temple Road
Dublin 6, Ireland

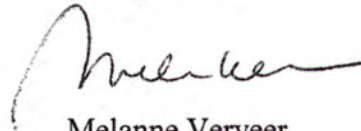
Dear Ms. Hussey:

Thank you for your letter and conveying the invitation for the First Lady to visit the International Women's Forum of Ireland. You will be happy to learn that we also heard from Elizabeth Shannon.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton has no plans to visit Ireland again in the immediate future and it is difficult for us to commit to a future date. Should her plans change and there is an opportunity for her to accept the IWF's kind invitation, we will be in touch.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 28, 2000

Ellen Hume
c/o Ambassador John Shattuck
American Embassy Prague

Dear Ellen:

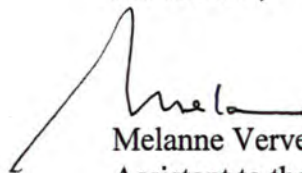
I am back from my sojourn through Russia and Ukraine. The women everywhere are doing extraordinary work against difficult odds. It was good to touch base with the grassroots and try to determine what more we ought to be doing. The anti-trafficking conference in Ukraine went very well – unprecedented participation. Now we need to hope that the action plan that was adopted will get realized.

I can't tell you how personally wonderful it was for me to be with you and John, and to see first hand the great work you are doing. My spirits were buoyed by the possibilities for progress that Forum Zhen represents. Enclosed is a copy of my remarks. It was also e-mailed to Lucie per her request.

I couldn't believe Klaus' recent remarks attacking feminism, etc.

Stay in touch. Let me know how your plans progress, and a million thanks for all you did to make the visit so productive.

All the best,

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

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 6, 2000

Ms. Jeanette W. Hyde
2405 Glenwood Ave.
Raleigh, NC 27608

Dear Jeanette:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your letter and information about Young Americas Business Trust. It is good to hear that YABT will be participating in the upcoming First Spouses of the Americas Conference in Lima. Since this year's meeting is targeting adolescents, YABT has much to offer. I have also shared your material with staff involved in preparing for the meeting.

Providing young people, especially those in developing nations, with the skills and information to take advantage of every opportunity is very critical. Please accept Mrs. Clinton's appreciation for you and your colleagues' vital work, along with her best wishes.

Thank you for all you do. I so well remember your hospitality in Barbados during the President's visit.

All the best,


Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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Raleigh, North Carolina 27608
Tel: 919/783-7422 • Fax: 919/784-0560

June 22, 2000

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

It was a great pleasure to serve my country as President Clinton's representative to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean. As US Ambassador, I witnessed the contributions that enterprising young business people make to their community and country. I learned how important it is for our government to contribute meaningfully to developing their talents so that, as the President has said, our Hemisphere is not divided north and south into 'haves' and 'have-nots'.

Upon returning to the United States, it has been my great privilege to Chair the Board of Directors of the newly created Young Americas Business Trust (YABT), a new public/private partnership with the Organization of American States for the development of young entrepreneurs in the 34 Member States of the OAS.

One of the major priorities of the YABT is the further development of a pilot School Business Labs program begun in Trinidad and Tobago under the OAS. The program enhances secondary students entrepreneurial skills through practical experience within the curriculum. Between 1995 and 1998, over 24,000 students participated in the program at all levels in Trinidad and Tobago. Private sector leaders, students, and educators speak of its success in giving young people a start in understanding business.

Recently we were extremely pleased to be invited to present the YABT, and the School Business Labs, in particular, to the Conference of First Ladies of the Americas (Conference of Spouses of Heads of State and Government of the Americas) in Lima, Peru. As an example of a poverty eradication program targeting teenagers, we hope to present it at the full Conference of First Ladies in October. We hope to receive their strong endorsement and active support to assist the YABT in raising funds for the expansion of the unique and successful effort to other interested countries in the Americas.

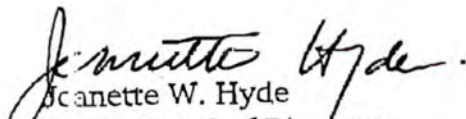
We believe that other OAS Member States can easily adopt the School Business Labs methodology and that this dynamic program will prove extremely beneficial to thousands of young people throughout the Hemisphere.

I have included some of the information the YABT has prepared for presentation to the preparatory meeting to the Conference of First Ladies. We would be grateful for any support your office can give to this worthwhile initiative, both within US development efforts and at the Conference in Lima.

You know you will always have my highest respect and friendship, as well as appreciation for all you have done for young people throughout your career.

With my best personal regards,

Yours truly,
Young Americas Business Trust


Jeanette W. Hyde
Chair, Board of Directors

Melanne Verveer

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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May 4, 2000

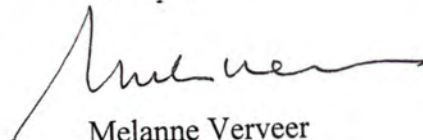
First Lady Keiko Sofia Fujimori Higuchi
Palacio de Gobierno
Residencia Presidencial
Plaza Mayor S/N
Lima #1, Peru

Dear Miss Higuchi:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your letter and invitation for Mrs. Clinton to attend the Tenth Conference of Spouses of Head of States and Government of the Americas in Lima, October 4-6.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton's schedule will not permit her to attend the conference this year. However, our office will work to coordinate U.S. representation at this year's conference. In the near future, we shall provide you with more information.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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PALACIO DE GOBIERNO
RESIDENCIA PRESIDENCIAL

Lima, March 15th, 2000

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Her Excellency,

I have the honor to address you in order to inform you that Peru will be the host country for the X Conference of Spouses of Head of States and Government of the Americas to be held in Lima from 4th to 6th October, 2000. A Preliminary Technical Meeting, to likewise be held in Lima from 26th to 29th June of the current year, shall precede the Conference.

The X Conference is conceived as a part of the process initiated 10 years ago. It aimed to foster the exchange of ideas, build hemispheric cooperation and combine our countries' efforts in order to achieve development and improve the quality of life of our people, especially of those from the most vulnerable segments of society.

It will be a great honor both, for my country and especially for me, to have you here during the X Conference. I hope you can make the necessary arrangements to secure your presence in this important event.

I would like to bring to your attention that Peru is currently undergoing a full electoral process and in this sense express that my country's commitment to the Conference shall remain unaltered, notwithstanding the results.

Furthermore, I would like to inform you that I have appointed Doctor Miriam Schenone as General Coordinator to the X Conference. Doc. Schenone will be at your entire disposal for any consultation you or your office may have regarding the preparation of the Conference or the Preparatory Technical Meeting.

To contact Dr. Schenone:

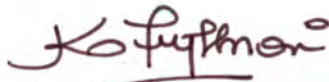
Address: Palacio de Gobierno, Despacho de la Primera Dama, Calle Pescadería s/n, Lima 1 - Peru

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E-mail: apena@tsi.com.pe; mschenon@tsi.com.pe; ppdn1@tsi.com.pe

I look forward to seeing you in Lima.



Keiko Sofía Fujimori Higuchi

Your Excellency
Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady of The United States of America

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Gemma Hussey, 29 Temple Road, Dublin 6,
Ireland

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21 October 1999

Ms. Melanne Verveer,
Office of the First Lady,
Room 100, Old Executive Office Building,
Washington, DC 20500.

Dear Ms. Verveer,

You will have had by now a letter from Elizabeth Shannon of Boston, and contact from Mr. Jim Fitzpatrick of Washington DC, about the International Women's Forum - Ireland and their strong wish to invite the First Lady to Ireland.

This Ireland Forum was established this year by Ms. Mary Harney T.D., Deputy Prime Minister (Tánaiste) and Minister for Enterprise and Employment, in conjunction with Mrs. Barbara Barrett, International President of the International Women's Forum.

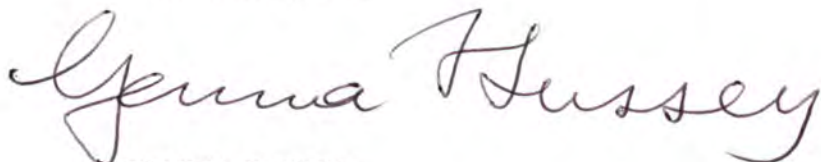
The Irish Forum has at its disposal both contacts and influence to ensure a superbly well organised and smooth-running function to mark its inauguration. It goes without saying that we would deem it a great honour to have Hillary Rodham Clinton as the Guest of Honour.

The establishment of the Irish Women's Forum marks a coming-of-age of Irish women as it is made up of women leaders in the fields of business, politics, the voluntary sector, arts and literature.

Naturally we are acutely aware of the demands facing Mrs. Clinton in the coming year, therefore we would liaise closely with your office to pick a time and date which might fit in with her schedule as well as designing with you the kind of event in Dublin which would be most suited to her current goals.

The Ireland Forum, of which I have the honour to be Founding President, awaits with hope your response to this request.

With kind regards,


GEMMA HUSSEY.

Gemma Hussey, 29 Temple Road, Dublin 6
Tel: 4971169 Fax: 4979450 Email: husseyg@indigo.ie

Gemma Hussey has held the most senior positions in the parliament of the Republic of Ireland, including leadership of the Irish Senate, Chairperson of the Parliament's EU legislation committee, and Minister for Education. Since leaving politics, she has pursued an international career in strengthening democracy in post-Communist central and eastern Europe, contributes extensively to current affairs debate in Ireland and abroad, and carries out a leadership role in Irish social and cultural organisations. She writes extensively, and is the author of two books on Ireland and its institutions, as well as being a literary critic and education commentator.

Current activities

Director, European Women's Foundation, Luxembourg, administered from Dublin. . Specialising in organising and directing civic and political education for former Communist eastern and central Europe.

- Consultant and Course Leader with Project Parity, London, on leadership and democracy training courses across the region, including: Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Slovakia, Moldova, Croatia.
- **Founder/first President, International Women's Forum - Ireland Forum**
- Member of Advisory Board, Boston University Semester Abroad.
- Chair of the Board of Guardians and Directors, Coombe Women's Hospital
- Member of its House & Finance Committee, Ethics Committee, Development Committee
- Chair, Advisory Committee on Irish Studies Modules in Eastern European Universities.
- Member of Board of Governors of St. Patrick's Psychiatric Hospital (Founded by Jonathan Swift)

Current Media:

Member of the Editorial Board of the magazine "Education Matters" and monthly contributor on education issues

Writer and Broadcaster (Irish and British radio and TV) on current Irish and international political, social and cultural affairs.

Publications: Author: "Ireland Today, Anatomy of a Changing State" Viking Penguin 1995, and "At the Cutting Edge" Cabinet Diaries, Gill & McMillan, 1991)

Literary Critic for Irish Independent, Evening Herald and Examiner.

Previous:

- Government Director of the National Theatre Society of Ireland, (The Abbey Theatre)
- Chair and Deputy Chair, Opera Theatre Company
- Worked with Project Liberty, Harvard, on democracy training for post-Communist Europe.
- Consultant to the United Nations Development Programme, Romania
- First Chair of the Board of the Dublin Rape Crisis Centre

1977 to 1989: Five times elected Member of the Irish Parliament, first to the Irish Senate and then to the Dail (House of Commons)

1989-91: Member of the President's Council of State (appointed by Dr. Hillery)

1987-89: *Chair of the Joint Irish Parliamentary Committee on EU Legislation*
Opposition Spokesperson on Education and on Arts, Broadcasting and
Founder-member Oireachtas Ad-Hoc Committee on the Arts

1982-87: Minister for Education of the Government of the Irish Republic, (to 1986) then Minister for Social Welfare

1977-82 Member of Seanad Eireann, representing the National University of Ireland.

Government Leader of the Senate 1981-82, and Opposition Spokesperson on Women's Affairs (first Fine Gael spokesperson on this area)

1972-76 Director, the Abbey Theatre

1974 Founder (with Joe Dowling,) Team Educational Theatre

1970-75: Founder, Chair, and Vice-Chair of the Women's Political Association

Business: 1962-74: Founder and Director, English Language Institute (largest school of English for foreign students in Ireland)

Education: Loreto Convent Bray, Sacred Heart Convent, Mt. Anville, Dundrum, and University College Dublin (B.A. degree in Economics and Political Science)

Married to Derry Hussey, three children. Speaks French and Spanish fluently.

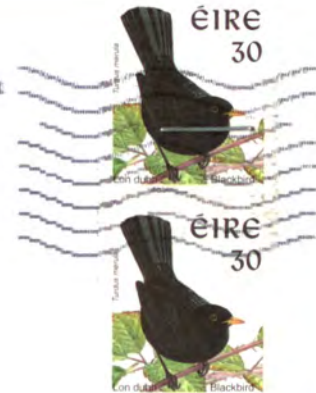
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Office of the First Lady
Room 100, Old Executive Office Building
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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December 8, 1999

Patrick Haren
Viridian Group FLC
Danesfort House, 120 Malone Road
Belfast, BT9 5HT Northern Ireland

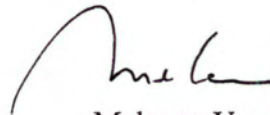
Dear Patrick:

It was a pleasure to meet you during my all-too-short visit to Belfast. Thank you again for your kind words during the lecture at Queens. It was a privilege for us to be in Northern Ireland during such a historic and hopeful time.

I hope we'll be able to work with you on Vital Voices in the future, as we believe it can continue to play an important role in the new Northern Ireland.

Wishing you a blessed holiday season,

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
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November 13, 1999

Edythe M. Holbrook
Executive Director
American Russian Young Artists Orchestra
850 Seventh Ave., Suite 506
New York, NY 10019

Dear Edie:

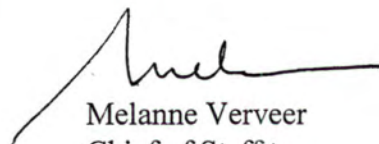
Thank you for the information about the upcoming ARYO visit to Washington and invitation for the First Lady to attend one of the concerts in February.

It is not clear that Mrs. Clinton will be able to accept your kind invitation, as her schedule in February is already very full and she is not expected to be in Washington then. However in the event her schedule should change, I have forwarded your request to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady. If there is an opportunity for Mrs. Clinton to attend one of the events, her office will be in touch with you.

Very best wishes and hope all is well with you.

*It looks like
an exciting upcoming
schedule!*

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



American Russian Young Artists Orchestra

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17 November 1999

Ms. Melanne Verveer

Chief of Staff to the First Lady

The White House

Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melanne:

The American Russian Young Artists Orchestra is on its way to Washington! On February 8, 16 of our best and brightest, a group of chamber musicians, will start a week-long residency at The Kennedy Center that includes 10 school performances and three public performances. ARYO will be piloting The Kennedy Center's first educational outreach program devoted solely to classical music! Alexander Mickelthwate, 29, newly appointed assistant conductor of the Eos Orchestra, will be on the ARYO podium.

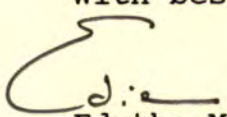
Ambassador Joris Vos of the Royal Netherlands will also host a private reception and musicale at the Embassy residence on Tuesday, February 8.

My hope is that Mrs. Clinton will consider attending and introducing one of our school concerts at The Kennedy Center. We would also love to have you attend our concert at Ambassador Vos's on February 8, if your schedule permits. I suddenly realized that you haven't heard these youngsters for over four years now!

Our press release is enclosed, along with a schedule for our Washington program.

I do hope that we can work something out. This is such a critical year for ARYO. Keeping this idea alive in Russia has been an ongoing fight to the finish line. But we have done it, again and again, and don't intend to give up. ARYO is currently the only jointly produced cultural exchange with Russia.

With best wishes,


Edythe M. Holbrook
Executive Director



Official Airline of ARYO



American Russian Young Artists Orchestra

HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON and NAINA YELTSIN, *Honorary Chairwomen*

Contact:

Edythe M. Holbrook (212) 956-3727
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

17 November 1999

AMERICAN RUSSIAN YOUNG ARTISTS ORCHESTRA CHAMBER PLAYERS TOUR

to usher in the new millennium with
MUSIKA 2000
January 19 through February 13

On January 19, after two weeks in residence at Bard College, 16 crackerjack chamber musicians, ages 22-30, from Russia and the United States will kick off "Musika 2000", a tour of 7 US cities, as the American Russian Young Artists Orchestra's (ARYO) tribute to the new millennium.

"These youngsters are among our best and brightest," says Founder and Executive Director Edythe M. Holbrook, "selected from ARYO's roster of over 500 alumni musicians. They were chosen not only for their artistic excellence, but also for their expertise as community ambassadors. We will be working with thousands of school children on this tour."

Highlights of the tour include a sold-out opening at West Palm Beach's Kravis Center, two concerts in the highly prestigious Bermuda Festival, ten school performances at The Kennedy Center and a concert to honor Judy Drucker, President of the Concert Association of Florida, for her championing of Russian musicians and young people.

ARYO will also perform in Los Angeles at The Colburn School for the Performing Arts and in Atlanta over Super Bowl weekend in partnership with Youth Art Connection, Young Audiences of Atlanta and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. In Miami, the American Russian Chamber of Commerce will host a benefit concert for ARYO.

REPERTOIRE

"This program is a tribute to the 20th Century", says Music Director Leon Botstein, who is also President of Bard College and Music Director of the American Symphony Orchestra. "It presents works that involve unusual combinations of instruments. The program has also been shaped so that each musician performing in Igor Stravinsky's "Dumbarton Oaks", which is our only conducted piece, will also perform in one of the smaller ensembles." Coaching will be provided by members of the American Symphony Orchestra and the Bard faculty.

CONDUCTOR

ARYO specializes in discovering and championing new young conducting talent. New on the roster this year is the bright and energetic 29-year-old Alexander Mickelthwate, Music Director of the Scarsdale Youth Symphony and recently appointed Assistant Conductor of the Eos Orchestra in Manhattan.

MUSICIANS

Musicians participating in "Musika 2000" reflect an eclectic range of interests, experience and training. Russia is represented by musicians from Moscow, Saint Petersburg, Voronezh, Yekaterinburg and Novosibirsk. Cellist Boris Lifanovsky is currently with the Mariinsky Orchestra and was given special permission by Artistic Director Valery Gergiev to participate in ARYO's tour. Pianist Nikolai Tolkokonnikov made his debut as a conductor in 1998 with Stravinsky's "Histoire du Soldat" in Moscow. And violist Gennady Val hails from Yuri Bashmet's Orchestra of Soloists in Moscow.

Seven US cities are also represented. Rick Basehore has performed as ARYO's principal oboist on two world tours of its symphonic orchestra, including its participation in Moscow's Orchestra of the World. Based on his ARYO performance, Rick was also retained by the Moscow Chamber Orchestra as soloist during its 1998 tour of the USA. Bassoonist Kenneth Todd Moses an alumnus of ARYO '93, '95 and '97, is a two-time fellowship winner of the Tanglewood Music Festival and holds the prestigious C.D. Jackson Award for Outstanding Performance in Winds. Joshua Friedman, a graduate of the Peabody Institute of Music, has also toured with the Pacific Music Festival and will be joining ARYO this year after a stint with the Jerusalem Festival in which ARYO violinists Inna Kriplovich and Elina Yanovitskaya, Russia, both from Novosibirsk, are also participating.

SPONSORS

Principal sponsors of the American Russian Young Artists Orchestra "Musika 2000" tour include The Henry Luce Foundation, The Starr Foundation, the Trust for Mutual Understanding, Finnair, Jean Taylor Jackson, James H. Ottaway, Jr. Richard M. Hunt, The Roy A. Hunt Foundation, John H. Bell, Jr. the Forbes Foundation, and two anonymous donors.

In-kind contributions have been received from Bard College; ARYO's presenters, including RosInterfest, the Bermuda Festival, the Concert Association of Florida, Young Audiences of Atlanta; Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Colburn; and Ambassador Joris M. Vos of the Royal Netherlands.

A PARTNERSHIP FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY?

ARYO first burst on the scene in 1987 as the American Soviet Youth Orchestra, a child of Glasnost and the first jointly produced performing arts exchange. "That we are moving ARYO into the next century is no small miracle", says Edythe Holbrook. "We have been through it all -- the Soviet Union, the blowup, the transition -- and are now struggling to stay alive in the New Russia."

"This is a critical year for us," Holbrook stresses. "Along with everyone else, we lost all of our Russian funding in August, 1998, but the US side stepped in, a demonstration of our long-term commitment to Russia, funding World Tour 1999 in its entirety, a \$1.2 million undertaking, as well as this chamber tour, which cost roughly \$220,000. Historically, the Soviet then the Russian side brought in 30-40% of the budget, which was unprecedented for nonprofits operating in Russia. A recent session in Moscow confirmed that, contrary to Western perceptions, private sector sponsorship of the arts, albeit modest, is in fact in the cards again; further, that after the elections, it may increase substantially."

"To get through the next year, however, ARYO will still need US funding" concludes Holbrook, "and we hope it is forthcoming. Despite the economy, Russia is bursting with cultural energy and opportunities. ARYO has consistently seized those opportunities, and thus kept alive and flourishing a productive partnership between our two countries."





American Russian Young Artists Orchestra

HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON and NAINA YELTSIN, *Honorary Chairwomen*

Y2K Chamber Players Tour **January 9 - February 14, 2000**

Musika 2000

In January, 16 American Russian Young Artists Orchestra's Chamber Players, selected from conservatories across Russia and the United States, will ring in the New Millennium. This program is designed to offer ARYO alumni the artistic challenge of performing in chamber ensembles, professional mentoring, and active participation in audience development and community outreach programs. In celebration of the new millennium, repertoire has been selected to include twentieth century composers from countries outside of Russia and the United States, and to offer musicians an opportunity to perform in different configurations that involve unusual combinations of instruments.

January 9-18	Bard College, New York • Residency/Rehearsal
January 18-19	West Palm Beach, Florida • Young Artists Concert Series, Kravis Center (1/19)
January 20-25	Miami, Florida • Private Concert for the American Russian Chamber of Commerce (1/22) • Private Concert for the Concert Association of Florida (1/23) • Community Outreach Programs produced by the Concert Association of Florida and the New World Symphony
January 25-28	Hamilton, Bermuda • Bermuda Music Festival (1/26 and 1/27)
January 28-Feb. 1	Atlanta, Georgia • Community Outreach Programs with Youth Art Connection and Young Audiences of Atlanta
February 1-6	Los Angeles, California • Garden Grove High School Family Concert (2/2) • Community Outreach Programs (2/3) • Colburn School for the Performing Arts Concert (2/4) • Private Concert hosted by Richard and Gigi Colburn (2/5)
February 7-13	Washington, DC: • Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Residency and Concerts • Private Concert and Reception hosted by Joris M. Vos, Ambassador of Royal Netherlands to the US (2/8)

Community Outreach Workshops

ARYO will design and administer a community outreach program for local schools, hospitals and museums. This program will center on interactive workshops which engage participants in a dialogue with ARYO musicians concerning their music, instruments and lives as musicians in both cultures. These programs will include live performances with audience participation.

Repertoire

Samuel Barber, *Summer Music*, 1956
Charles Loeffler, "L'Etang" from *Two Rhapsodies for oboe, viola, and piano*, 1901
Francis Poulenc, *Sextet for piano, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, and horn*, 1932/39
Dmitri Shostakovich, from *Piano Trio No. 2, Op. 67*, 1944
William Grant Still, *Folk Suite No. 1 for flute, string quartet, and piano*,
Igor Stravinsky, *Dumbarton Oaks*, 1937/38

Conductor

Alexander Mickelthwate, 29, Music Director, Scarsdale Youth Orchestra and Assistant Conductor, Eos Orchestra

February 6 - 13: Washington, DC
Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Residency

Contacts/Kennedy Center:	Derek Gordon	202-416-8804
	Kim Kovac (Derek's asst.)	202-416-8837
	Kate Scorza	202-416-8832

Sunday, February 6

11:40 PM	Depart Los Angeles for Washington DC American Airlines Flight No. 1576
5:45 PM	Arrive Chicago
6:20 PM	Depart Chicago, Flight No. 1832
9:05 PM	Arrive Washington DC

Musician and Staff Lodging - The River Inn
924 25th Street, N.W.
Tel: 202-337-7600 and 800-424-2741
Fax: 202-337-6520
Contact Claudia Hills, Director of Sales

Monday, February 7

Free Day

Mark Loftin arrives DC

Tuesday, February 8

11:30 AM	School Performance/Kennedy Center Theatre Lab
Evening	Concert and Reception hosted by Joris M. Vos, Netherlands Ambassador to US/ The Royal Netherlands Embassy @ 4200 Linnean Avenue N.W. was-pcz@was.minbuza.nl Contact: Marion C.T. Derckx/Cultural Attaché 202-274-2632 fax: 202-537-5124 Contact: Bitsey Folger 202-338-3860

Wednesday, February 9

10:30 AM	School Performance/Kennedy Center Theatre Lab
12:30 PM	School Performance/ Kennedy Center Theatre Lab

Mark Loftin leaves DC for NYC (TBC)

Thursday, February 10

10:30 AM School Performance/ Kennedy Center Theatre Lab

12:30 PM School Performance/ Kennedy Center Theatre Lab

Friday, February 11

11:30 AM School Performance/ Kennedy Center Theatre Lab

7:00 PM Public Performance/ Kennedy Center Theatre Lab

Saturday, February 12

1:00 PM Public Performance/ Kennedy Center Theatre Lab

3:00 PM Public Performance/ Kennedy Center Theatre Lab

Sunday, February 13

1:00 PM Public Performance/ Kennedy Center Theatre Lab

6:00 PM Farewell Party hosted by Charles and Marion
Guggenheim, 4343 Cathedral Avenue, N.W.

February 14: End of Tour

Monday, February 14

11:00 AM Depart DC for NYC (Metroliner)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 3, 2000

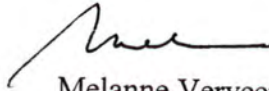
Mr. Val J. Halamandaris
Caring Institute
228 Seventh Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Val:

Thank you for your many kind words and the copy of *Caring* magazine, which is as moving a reading experience as previous copies.

Very best wishes for the coming year in the important work you do and the model of service and caring you personally exemplify.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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December 9, 1999

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Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady
Office of the First Lady
OEOB, Room 100
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melanne:

The purpose of this letter is to wish you all the best during this holiday season and throughout the new year.

You know that you have my very great respect and admiration. I admire your commitment to caring and to service. The world is certainly much better because of your efforts.

In the spirit of the season, I am enclosing a recent issue of our *Caring* magazine that includes the Caring Institute's choices for this year's most caring adults and young people in America.

I invite you to nominate someone for consideration for a National Caring Award. Please drop me a note with a few lines about the special person or persons you think deserves recognition.

The National Caring Awards Ceremony will be held in the Senate Office Building in Washington, DC, on Friday, November 17, 2000, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend if possible.

My fondest wish is for your health and happiness. I hope that 2000 is your best year ever and that together we can help create a better and more caring America.

Sincerely,

Val J. Halamandaris
Founder and Executive Director

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Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 3, 2000

Michael Henderson
10605 SW Terwilliger Place
Portland, OR 97219

Dear Michael:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for the copy of your new book, which I have given to her. Your work always provides a much-needed perspective.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and very best wishes in your important endeavors.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

***10605 SW Terwilliger Place
Portland, OR 97219
Tel: (503) 636-5454
Fax: (503) 636-0446
michaeldhenderson@compuserve.com***

November 22, 1999

Dear Melanne,

I quite understand that it was not possible for the First Lady to do an endorsement for my book.

But I thought that she might like to have a copy.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Michael

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 11, 2000

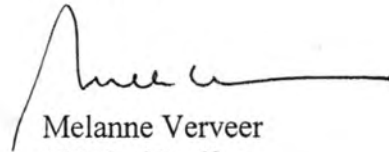
His Excellency Alfredo Hardy
Embassy of Venezuela
1099 30th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Ambassador Hardy:

Enclosed is a photo of Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Chavez in Ottawa this past September at the Summit of the Spouses of Heads of State of the Americas. We would be grateful if you would forward the photo to Mrs. Chavez, with Mrs. Clinton's compliments.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,

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December 17, 1999

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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February 23, 2000

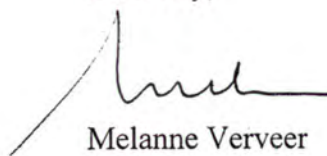
Ms. Lyn Hogan
Senior Program Officer
Smith Richardson Foundation, Inc.
60 Jesup Road
Westport, CT 06880

Dear Lyn,

Thank you for your good wishes and congratulations on your new position at the Smith Richardson Foundation! It is wonderful to hear that your talents are well recognized.

Very best wishes as you start your new job. I'll be sure to pass on your kind offer to solicit recommendations in your and the Foundation's areas of interest.

Sincerely,

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January 28, 2000

Ms. Melanne Verveer
The White House
Office of the First Lady
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Melanne:

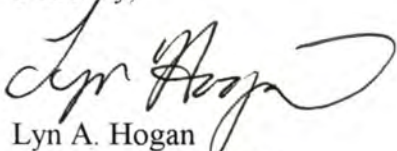
I am writing to let you know that, prior to the holidays, I accepted a job as a senior program officer for the Smith Richardson Foundation in Westport, Connecticut.

As you may remember, last Spring I left the Washington, D.C.-based Welfare to Work Partnership (where I had worked following my stint at the White House Domestic Policy Council) to join my husband in Connecticut. Upon arriving in Connecticut, I spent several months consulting for a variety of nonprofit groups in Washington and New York before accepting this position.

I am thrilled to have joined the foundation world and am excited about the challenges ahead of me. The Smith Richardson Foundation is a national foundation run by the Richardson family—founders of Richardson-Vicks, Inc. The foundation funds domestic and international programs with a particular focus on impacting the national policy process. My responsibilities include seeking out new projects for funding primarily around children and families policy and governance issues, and secondarily around politics and public discourse, media, and the legal system. I am also tasked with discovering and funding “big idea” books by journalists and academics. If you have any project ideas for me that fall within these categories, please don’t hesitate to call me!

Also, if I can be of any help to you in the future, please contact me. I hope all is well with you and I hope our paths cross again soon.

Sincerely,



Lyn A. Hogan
Senior Program Officer

p.s. I'm rooting for the First Lady!
I only wish I could vote in
NYC. But if you need any volunteers
with good policy skills, I'm only 45 min.
away!

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 8, 2000

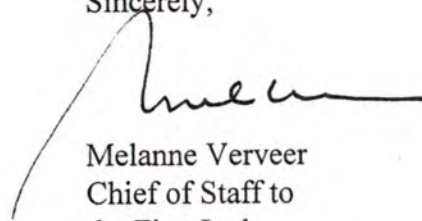
Ms. Geraldine B. Heilman
108 St. Louis Street, #5
Lewisburg, PA 17837-1940

Dear Geraldine:

Thank you for the book and your many kind words. I will enjoy your thoughtful gift very much, most especially since I know and admire Jim Wallis. It is truly wonderful for me to hear from Central Pennsylvania! I have been blessed to have grown up there and learned many of the values that stay with me today.

Very best wishes and God bless you.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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108 St. Louis St. #5
Lewisburg, PA 17837-1940
February 4, 2000

Ms Melanne Verveer
c/o Hilary Rodham Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20000

Dear Ms Verveer:

That was a great write-up about you in the December 8, 1999 issue of "The Daily Item" of Sunbury. I had just finished reading the enclosed book at about that time.

I have been an admirer of Hilary Clinton for some time. I even had the privilege of being a speaker, as she was, to an Assembly of United Methodist Women in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1994.

I think that it is great for a woman from Central Pennsylvania to hold a key position on Ms Clinton's staff.

Jim Wallis is someone I have admired for some time as well. If I could I would send a copy of this book Who Speaks for God to every member of Congress with an earnest request that he or she read it. Actually I think that he speaks to every American.

May God go with you.

Sincerely,

Geraldine B. Heilman

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 13, 2000

Mr. Val J. Halamandaris
President
National Association for Home Care
228 Seventh Street, SE
Washington, DC 2003

Dear Val:

Thank you for your letter supporting former Senator Moss as a nominee for the Presidential Medal of Freedom. I have shared the information with my colleagues who are involved in making recommendations to the President and I know Sen. Moss will be given every consideration.

Very best wishes and thanks for all you do.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

April 13, 2000

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Thanks for all you
Sincerely, *do*

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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Honorable Frank E. Moss
Senior Counsel
Stanley M. Brand
General Counsel

March 30, 2000

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady
Office of the First Lady
OEOB, Room 100
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melanne:

The purpose of this note is to ask for your help on behalf of an extremely deserving person.

I have recently nominated former US Senator Frank E. (Ted) Moss to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest award. I have spoken directly to the President about this, and I know he holds the Senator in high esteem.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing herewith a copy of the letter I wrote to the President and a brief profile from my book, *Heroes of the US Congress: A Search for the 100 Greatest Members of Congress*.

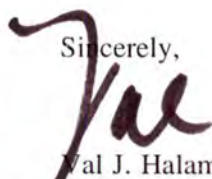
It would mean a great deal to me (and to the Senator) if you would write a brief couple of lines to the President encouraging him to award the Medal of Freedom to Senator Moss. Please send a brief letter to:

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Room 56
Washington, DC 20500.

Obviously, the more letters that are received on his behalf, the greater the Senator's chances. I think you will agree he is certainly deserving of such recognition based on his career of service to others.

With best wishes,

With great
affection
VJH:amw
Enclosures

Sincerely,

Val J. Halamandaris
President



Mary Suther
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Val J. Halamandaris
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Honorable Frank E. Moss
Senior Counsel
Stanley M. Brand
General Counsel

February 15, 2000

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The purpose of this letter is to nominate Senator Frank E. Moss for a Presidential Medal of Freedom.

I have been privileged, as few people ever are, to meet the great people of the world from every walk of life. As you know, I have studied and written about them. For example, I treasure the kind words you had to say about my book, *Heroes of the Congress: A Search for the 100 Most Important Members of Congress*. Some may think me biased because I love him, but I am wearing my scholar's hat when I recommend him to you knowing he will honor the award as much as it honors him. Here are a few of the reasons why:

1. He was the nation's foremost champion of seniors. Congressman Claude Pepper and Senator David Pryor have both praised Senator Moss as the one person who has done the most for America's seniors. I agree. He helped create the Senate Aging Committee(1961) and the House Committee (1976). He played a pivotal role in the enactment of Medicare. He chaired more hearings and introduced and pushed through more legislation benefiting seniors than anyone. Among his legacies are federal minimum standards for nursing homes, the Medicare and Medicaid home care benefits, and the Medicare hospice benefit (he first introduced it with Frank Church, and Pepper completed the work in 1983).

He also did more to protect the integrity of the Medicare and Medicaid programs than anyone. He personally posed as a Medicaid patient to see what was going on. His work, including numerous hard-biting Congressional Reports, was heralded in editorials and front-page stories around the world (*New York Times* editorial enclosed). His colleagues gave him a standing ovation on the floor of the Senate for his work. It led to the enactment of his legislation creating the Office of Inspector General in HHS (which was a first, a move that was copied in all the other

departments). His legislation created State Medicaid fraud units and made Medicare/Medicaid fraud a felony.

As chairman of the Subcommittee on Long-term Care, he laid out a policy for the nation that included adult day health care, congregate and assisted living, tax credits for those who care for disabled seniors, and federal-state programs to aid those who need help in performing the essential activities of daily living.

2. He was the nation's foremost champion of the consumer. He was for many years the chairman of the Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs. Much of the consumer rights legislation on the books today bears his name: truth in advertising, toy safety, poison prevention packaging, standardized warranty protections, and numerous measures connected to automobile safety such as standardized minimum bumper standards, emission standards, fuel efficiency and the installation of airbags all had their roots in his legislation. Especially noteworthy was his fight to require nursing homes to comply with federal minimum standards and his crusades against smoking. With respect to the latter, he took on the powerful interests of tobacco and television and won. His legislation barred cigarette advertising from television and required the Surgeon General to place warnings on cigarette packages.

3. He was the nation's foremost champion of the environment. His legislation created more national parks, preserving this heritage for future generations than any man before him or since. He authored a book in 1967 warning about the coming water crisis and proposed solutions. With his great friend, Edmund S. Muskie, he worked hard to control air and water pollution. Among other things, he fought for automobile emission standards. He is the father of the Utah ski industry. He obtained an area redevelopment loan from President Kennedy that built the first ski lift in Park City, Utah, and turned that from a burned out silver mining town into the heart of one of the best skiing areas in the world.

4. He helped create the Senate Budget Committee and was one of its first members. He could see that Congress was at a disadvantage in dealing with the executive department when it came to money matters. He proposed the creation of the Senate Budget Committee and the Congressional Budget Office in the Senate Democratic Conference. He won the day, and he was asked to head the committee but deferred to his friend, Senator Muskie. He did serve as a member of the first Senate Budget Committee that began to take control of and bring order to government expenditures.

5. He helped save the US Space Program as chairman of the Senate Aeronautics and Space Program. In the mid 1970s, the US Space Program was being criticized as an unnecessary expenditure. There was an effort in the Senate Democratic Caucus to recommend its elimination. He spoke so eloquently against this that the committee was saved and he was named chairman. Working with his friend, Senator Barry

Goldwater, the committee laid the ground work for joint US-USSR missions, the space station, the space shuttle, the Hubble Space Telescope and a myriad of other initiatives.

6. He was elected to the Senate three times from rock-ribbed conservative Utah and rose in the Senate to the number three leadership post. Through the force of his personality, his extraordinary integrity, his visionary creative thinking and his very hard work, he was elected once and reelected to the US Senate twice. He served from 1959-1977. In an historic photograph, *Look* magazine selected the best of the class of 1959 for its cover. They picked the brightest stars: Senators Phillip Hart, Edmund S. Muskie, Gayle McGee, Eugene McCarthy, and Frank E. Moss. As you can tell, their prophecy came true. Known for his integrity, vision and sober good judgment, Senator Moss was elected and served as secretary to the Democratic Conference—the number three leadership post behind the majority leader.

7. Before he was elected to the Senate, he had devoted his life to public service. He was elected a judge in Salt Lake City; however, his service was interrupted by World War II where he served with distinction as a member of the Judge Advocates Corp. He was in England during the blitz and in Paris to celebrate VE Day. After the war, he was elected district attorney in Utah. He was twice elected president of the National District Attorneys' Association and received their Furtherance of Justice Award. He first came to Washington, DC, with Franklin Roosevelt during the New Deal and worked his way through law school. In another of his profiles in courage, while district attorney he prosecuted a group of polygamists who were openly flaunting the law. You know that this has always been a sensitive subject in Utah. He was advised it was political suicide to press the case but as always he did what he thought was right. Obviously, history proved him right and the naysayers wrong.

8. His accomplishments after US Senate service are almost as impressive as what he did in the Senate. He became a member and soon the president of the US Association of Former Members of Congress. He reinvigorated the group and gave them a mission: inspiring young people by speaking before high schools and colleges and helping people around the world understand the benefits of democracy. He is still a member of that board.

He was chairman of the board of the Smithsonian Museum of African Art. In this capacity, his leadership led to the creation of a new museum of African Art on the Mall. Senator Hubert H. Humphrey introduced the legislation. He was instrumental in saving the first Washington, DC, home of the great abolitionist Frederick Douglass and converting it into a museum to honor Douglass and those of his spirit.

He served as chairman of the board of the Foundation for Hospice and Homecare and helped increase public awareness of the importance of these services both in the present and in the future.

He was and is the founding chairman of The Caring Institute, which promotes the values of caring and public service. The Institute recognizes the achievements of adults and young people who have devoted their lives in service to others holding them up as role models for others.

9. He is the personification of goodness. He and Mother Teresa are the two best people that I have ever met. He is what young men dream of being while young and wish they had been when they grow old. He has received much public acclaim. Through an Act of Congress, a federal courthouse in Salt Lake City was named after him. *The Salt Lake City Tribune* recently named him one of the 20 most important Utahns of the 20th century.

10. He will be 89 on September 23, 2000, and is a great role model for seniors. Although he has slowed down a little, he still goes to work at his law practice every day. He spends most of his time helping people pro bono. He tells seniors, "Retirement means simply finding a new way to serve; get busy giving back especially to our young people." He and his wife Phyllis have four children, 23 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. His philosophy of life is summed up in his best known quote, "Whether for the individual or for the nation, self is best served by transcending self."

I am including, herewith, a few enclosures in support of the points that I have made above. I could write much more, especially about his extraordinary contribution to seniors. As you know, I authored the chapters on this subject in *The Encyclopedia of Congress*. There is no doubt in my mind that you will agree that he is deserving of the nation's highest recognition. I know you know the Senator going back for many years, but you may not have known the detail that I have provided. If I can answer any questions or provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to call or write.

As always, you have my very great respect and admiration.

Sincerely,



Val J. Halamandaris
President

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FRANK E. MOSS *OF UTAH*

Frank Edward Moss was a distinguished lawyer, judge, military officer, prosecuting attorney, and one of the most able men ever to serve in the Congress. He was widely respected for his integrity, compassion, intelligence, and judicial temperament. He ranked with Phillip A. Hart as the "conscience of the Senate" and with Hubert H. Humphrey in terms of his vision and in the prodigious legacy of legislation he left behind.

Born in Holladay, Utah, on September 23, 1911, Moss graduated from the University of Utah in 1933 and married Phyllis Hart; together they had four children. He received his law degree from George Washington University in Washington, DC, in 1937; was admitted to the bar; and began to work in the General Counsel's Office at the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In 1940 he was elected city judge in Salt Lake City. His terms in this office were interrupted by service as a judge advocate in the US Army during World War II. In 1950 he was elected Salt Lake County attorney, and he held that position until his election to the US Senate in 1958 as a Democrat from this traditionally Republican state. During the 1950s Moss was twice elected as president of the National District Attorneys' Association.

As a senator, Moss was one of the Senate's principal champions of a clean environment, leading the fight against air and water pollution. He was its foremost conservationist—his legislation created more national parks and monuments than anyone before him: Canyonlands, Capitol Reef and Arches national parks, Golden Spike National Monument in Utah, Padre Islands in Texas, the Indiana Dunes in Indiana, Sleeping Bear Dunes in Michigan, the Apostle Islands in Wisconsin, the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal in Virginia, the Cape Cod National Seashore in Massachusetts, Point Reyes National Seashore in California, and the Cape Hatteras National Seashore in North Carolina.

Moss was the nation's premier consumer advocate. Among the measures that bear his name are: Truth in Advertising, Truth in Lending, Truth in Packaging, and Truth in Labeling Laws. He also pushed through the Toy Safety Act, the Poison Prevention Packaging Law and the Cigarette Labeling Law. His bills barred the advertisement of cigarettes on television, established federal minimum standards for nursing homes, and standardized warranty protections that must be offered to consumers by manufacturers. His bills required open dating and standard pricing of products. He required automobile manufacturers to install seat belts, to standardize the height of bumpers, and meet minimum collision impact standards. He introduced the first legislation to require automobiles to have air bags and required the minimum fuel economy standards. His legislation also created the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

In the same way, Moss was a fierce champion of civil rights, women's rights, and the rights of vulnerable children and the disabled. He worked hard for nuclear disarmament. He won national acclaim for his fight to bring greater dignity and justice to the nation's senior citizens. He helped create the Senate Aging Committee in 1961 and he conducted more hearings, issued more reports, and enacted more laws to benefit seniors than anyone. He played a central role in the enactment of Medicare and Medicaid, and created the home health care benefit. He introduced the first hospice bill, pushed housing for the elderly, exposed frauds perpetrated against the elderly, and increased the powers of federal agencies to end them.

Senator Moss also spent a great deal of his time concerned with oversight. He made national headlines for his firsthand investigation posing as a Medicaid patient in the "Medicaid Mills." These were welfare clinics that sprang up in the ghettos of major US cities. He found massive fraud and authored legislation creating the Office of Inspector General in the Department of Health and Human Services to deal with it.

He helped to create the Senate Budget Committee in an effort to bring federal spending under control. He also saved the US space program and gave it renewed energy as chairman of the Senate Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences.

After his retirement from the Senate in 1977, Moss continued to serve the nation with vigor. He was chairman of the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of African Art. He served as president of the US Association of Former Members of Congress, and chairman of the Foundation for Hospice and Homecare. He also helped found the Caring Institute, dedicated to the promotion of caring, integrity, and public service.

Moss believed government service to be both a high privilege and a public trust. He realized his lifelong dream to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Utah and the nation, and in so doing proved himself to be among the greatest ever to serve in the US Congress.



Whether for the individual or for the nation, self is best served by transcending self.

FRANK E. MOSS (UT) 1911–

SENATE: 1959–77

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 4, 2000

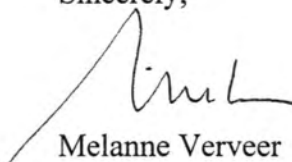
The Honorable Lee H. Hamilton
Director, Woodrow Wilson Center
One Woodrow Wilson Plaza, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20004-3027

Dear Lee:

Thank you for your letter about a possible future symposium on the role of First Ladies. I'd be honored to participate when your plans are set.

In the meantime, I wish you all the best at the Wilson Center. You're getting rave reviews. I will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



LEE H. HAMILTON
DIRECTOR

April 11, 2000

Melanne Verveer
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melanne:

I wanted to get back to you regarding the conversation we had the other day. It was good to have a chance to chat briefly with you.

I am delighted that you are interested in speaking at the Woodrow Wilson Center, and I want to work toward such an opportunity later this year or in early 2001. The Center has been interested in some time in hosting a meeting or two on the role of First Ladies. Dr. Robert Watson of the University of Hawaii has devoted an exceedingly productive academic career to researching and writing on First Ladies, and we would like to host an event at some point that would include his participation. I have been trying to gauge with him and with some interested Congressional spouses the most opportune time to have this event.

Thank you for your interest. I look forward to having you here and want to stay in touch with you on this exciting possibility. Any thoughts you have on other potential participants in such an event would be appreciated.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Lee H. Hamilton

*All the best!
Lee -*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 14, 2000

Rep. Lee Hamilton
Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars
1 Woodrow Wilson Plaza, NW
Washington, DC 20523-0001

Dear Lee,

Here are some participant ideas for a discussion on the Office of the First Lady. I'm not sure what backgrounds would be most relevant for your discussion.

Carl Anthony
Published widely on First Ladies, frequent TV commentator, very knowledgeable
(202) 667-3270

Academics:

Professor Robert Watson
University of Hawaii – (808) 974-7375
Don't know much about him – organizing a transition book.

Professor Anthony Eksterowicz
James Madison University – Home: (540) 949-6185, Office: (540) 568-6149

Edith Mayo
Curator Emeritus of the Smithsonian, American Women's History Expert – (202) 357-2008

Former Staff:

Jim Rosebush
Chief of Staff to Nancy Reagan, wrote a book on his experience (202) 835-1695

Sheila Weidenfeld
Worked with Betty Ford – I don't have her number. I'm sure you can get it through the Ford Library

Bradley Patterson
Served in the White House under Eisenhower, Nixon and Ford. Has a new book out *The White House Staff – Inside the West Wing and Beyond*. – (301) 320-5840

Reporters who might be interesting:

Donnie Radcliffe

Retired from the *Washington Post*, covered many former First Ladies, wrote a best selling book on Mrs. Clinton, very insightful – (410) 326-1577

Eleanor Clift

Newsweek – (202) 626-2000

Alexis Simendinger

National Journal – (202) 347-2710

Biographers

Blanche Cooke

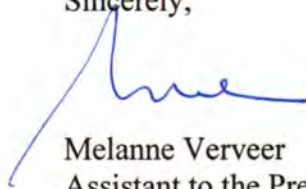
Biographer of Eleanor Roosevelt – (212) 662-4609, (516) 324-7499

Jan Jarboe Russell

Lady Bird biographer, doing an article for the NYT Magazine on the Office of the First Lady
(210) 930-7880

Call me if I can help in any other way.

Sincerely,



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

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 30, 2000

Dr. Karen Hein
President
William T. Grant Foundation
570 Lexington Ave., 18th Floor
New York, NY 10022-6837

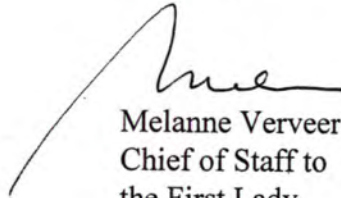
Dear Karen:

Thank you for your thoughtful note and the photo from the Conference on Teenagers, which I will enjoy a great deal.

Enclosed are a couple of official photos from the conference. Please accept them with Mrs. Clinton's very best wishes and appreciation for all you and your colleagues at the Grant Foundation did for the conference and do everyday on so many important issues.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

August 29, 2000

Dr. Karen Hein
President, *W.T. Grant Foundation*
570 Lexington Ave., 18th Floor
New York, NY 10022-6837

Dear Karen:

Thank you for your thoughtful note and the photo from the Conference on Teenagers, ~~which I will enjoy a great deal.~~

Enclosed are a couple of official photos from the conference. Please accept them with Mrs. Clinton's very best wishes and appreciation for all you and your colleagues at the Grant Foundation ~~did to make the day such a success!~~

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

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

*did for the conference &
do every day to
on so many
light. issues.*

@ Thanks



WILLIAM T. GRANT FOUNDATION

Valuing youth in the new millennium...

Dear Melanne

I hoped you might enjoy
having this unofficial photo of
you & Sam H., as we await
the official photos from the
spectacular Ray and White
House Conference on Teenagers.
We were delighted to co-sponsor
this special day and look forward
to staying in touch.

Best regards,
Loren

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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August 31, 2000

Mrs. Veronica Hearst
4 East 66th Street
New York, NY 10021

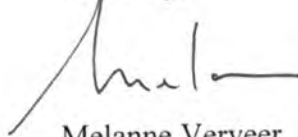
Dear Veronica,

Thank you so much for your gracious response. I received the message that you would see us for lunch on Wednesday, September 6 at 1 PM at your residence.

Ambassador Donna Hrinak is the new U.S. ambassador to Venezuela. She is a dynamo and I know you will like her very much. I told her about you and she'd like to get your advice and give you her perceptions about what we might be able to do, especially to advance women's progress. Also coming with me is Theresa Loar who heads up the State Department's Vital Voices program with which Hillary has been very involved and you and I have discussed previously.

Thank you so much for agreeing to this meeting. As always, I look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melanne', followed by a horizontal line.

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady