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THE WHITE HOUSE
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July 30, 1999

Nancy Joselson
Executive Director
Pediatric Cancer Foundation
405 Tarrytown Road, #572
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Dear Ms. Joselson:

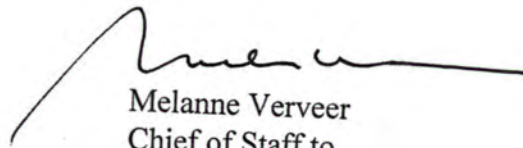
Thank you for your letter and the invitation for the First Lady to attend the Pediatric Cancer Foundation's 29th Annual Benefit as honorary chair on November 6 in New York.

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

You will also hear separately in response to your invitation for her to be Honorary Chairperson.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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June 30, 1999

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Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
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Dear Ms. Verveer:

"We are facing a critical juncture in the war on cancer -- a time when our nation's investment in research is beginning to pay off ..." Pediatric Cancer Foundation volunteers were excited to read these words spoken by Hillary Clinton. Another quotable person, my uncle, Newton Minow, spoke very highly of you and suggested that we write to you on behalf of our New York based Foundation. We want to honor the First Lady for her work, dedication and insistence on helping sick children by inviting her to be Honorary Chairperson at our upcoming 29th Annual Benefit. This event will be held on November 6, at Abigail Kirsch's Pier Sixty located in Chelsea Piers, Manhattan, New York.

We feel Ms. Clinton shares our mission to *hold the hand of a child*. In her own words, "It is not only the doctors and scientists who have brought us to this point, but also thousands of advocates and volunteers whose dedication and passion have helped to raise awareness and increased funding for ongoing research." This quote (9/29/98) epitomizes the goal of our over 200 volunteers.

Pediatric Cancer Foundation began in 1970 as a grassroots organization and supported one hospital. Today, we fund three major New York based hospitals: Babies and Children's Hospital, Columbia - Presbyterian, Memorial Sloan - Kettering Cancer, and NYU's Hassenfeld Children's Center. This past fiscal year, we provided close to half a million dollars to these institutions. In this final year of the millennium, we committed \$600,000 to these medical centers.

The First Lady's support at our Gala is a step in our common direction towards eradicating this devastating disease. On behalf of our Foundation, we look forward to the opportunity to work "hand in hand" with you and Ms. Clinton. Please contact me: phone: 914-777-3127 fax: 914-777-1328. Looking forward to your positive response.

With great appreciation,

Nancy Joselson, Executive Director

cc: Judith Elkins, President
Newton Minow

A copy of our latest annual report may be obtained upon your request.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 2, 1999

Lyla Johnson
Program Coordinator, Bright Beginnings
Friends of the Children's Hospital
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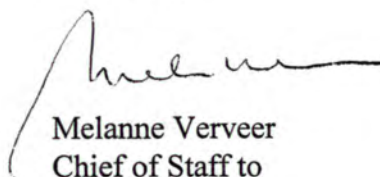
Dear Ms. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter and invitation for the First Lady to visit *Bright Beginnings* in New Haven, CT.

It is not clear when Mrs. Clinton's schedule will allow her to visit New Haven. But in the event that a future visit is possible, we will keep your request on file. Providing support for young mothers and their families is very important to Mrs. Clinton. I know she would want me to convey her appreciation for Bright Beginnings' vital work along with her best wishes.

Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House via Facsimile

Dear First Lady Clinton:

On behalf of the mentors, staff and supporters of **Bright Beginnings**, a New Haven, CT-based mentoring program for young mothers and their babies, we were thrilled to receive the announcement of your work to affirm and advocate mentoring programs which serve young people in our nation. Your support of this critical work has tremendous implications for increasing awareness of the existence of many wonderful mentoring programs and underscoring the enormous impact a dedicated mentor can make in the life of a young woman or young man.

Bright Beginnings has repeatedly had just such success. Established in 1995 and sponsored by the Friends of the Children's Hospital at Yale-New Haven in collaboration with the Yale-New Haven Hospital's Departments of Social Work, Volunteer Services and The Women's Center as well as the Ethel F. Donaghue Women's Health Program, **Bright Beginnings** matches well-trained, female volunteer mentors from many diverse backgrounds with young pregnant Women's Center clinic clients, ages 15 to 24, during their third trimesters. While many of these vulnerable, primarily low-income young women have some level of support systems in place within their communities, such as that offered by extended families and friends, **Bright Beginnings** mentors provide unique, goal-directed support that adds invaluable quality and tangible improvement to the lives of those mentored and their children. **Bright Beginnings** has been enormously successful in enhancing the lives of the young mothers who have participated in the program and their babies, significantly impacting prenatal care, infant immunization rates, well-baby care pediatric schedules and many other important issues such as maximized parenting skills, infant development, stable family housing, job training, employment and education.

As with any successful mentoring program, most **Bright Beginnings** mentors gain as much as the young women they have partnered with. Our mentors have often shared with the staff the feeling that their own horizons expanded during the course of these relationships. As our mentors embrace the cultural, racial, generational, religious, economic, geographic and personal differences between themselves and their mentees, they themselves are often transformed. The exhilarating process of mentoring a young mother can and does result in a firmer belief in the commonality and triumph of the human spirit.

Particularly given your interest in young children and in the complexities of the New Haven community, we would indeed be honored if, when again visiting the area, you would come to Yale-New Haven Hospital and witness the **Bright Beginnings** program firsthand. We are extremely proud of both our mentors and our mentees and of the unique and productive teams that have been created through **Bright Beginnings**. We would love to share our work with you.

Please have your staff contact me at 203/764-5936 or write me at the address printed on this letterhead should you require any additional information. Thank you for your support and acknowledgment of mentoring programs.

Sincerely,

Lyla Johnson
Program Coordinator, Bright Beginnings

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 28, 1999

Nino Japaridze
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Springfield, IL 62704

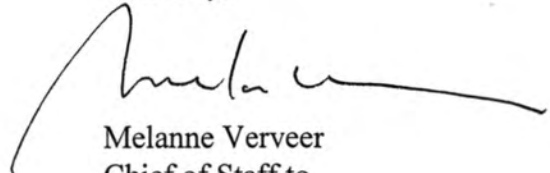
Dear Mr. Japaridze:

Thank you for your invitation for the First Lady to visit Georgia.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton's upcoming schedule is very full making it unlikely that she will be able travel to Georgia in the foreseeable future. I know the First Lady would want me to convey her appreciation to you for the important work the Georgia association does to strengthen US-Georgia ties, along with her best wishes.

All the best.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

May 27, 1999

Nino Japaridze
1224 Centre West, #200B
Springfield, IL 62704

Dear Mr. Japaridze:

Thank you for your invitation for the First Lady to visit Georgia.

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Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton's upcoming schedule is very full making it unlikely that she will be able to travel to Georgia in the immediate future. But we look forward for an opportunity to accept your thoughtful invitation. Mrs. Clinton recognizes Georgia's many important achievements. I know she would want me to convey her appreciation for you and your colleague's important work to strengthen US-Georgia ties, along with her best wishes.

*the First Lady
to you for
the important work you
Georgia Assn
does*

All the best.

Sincerely,

*Per my...
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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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May 24, 1999

To: Melanne Verveer

From: Nino Japaridze

Fax: (202) 456-6244

Dear Ms. Verveer,

I am faxing a copy of the letter sent to our President and Mrs. Clinton. I thank you in advance for your assistance in coordinating this event. I sincerely hope that Mrs. Clinton's visit to Georgia will be a reality. You could reach me at (202) 457-6962 or (301) 263-0808 to discuss this matter further.

Kind regards,

Nino Japaridze

Director of Government Affairs

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May 24, 1999

The President and Mrs. Clinton

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue

Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Clinton,

I want to take this opportunity to encourage you to visit the beautiful and ancient nation of Georgia, which is now recognized as a strategically vital county to the United States. Georgia continues to demonstrate that it is a dependable ally, and it is seeking to strengthen its ties with the U.S. Often cited as one of the most successful democracies among the newly independent states, Georgia has benefited from targeted U.S. foreign aid that has advanced the process of economic and political reform. Georgia is in many ways a role model for U.S. assistance, and it is a success story of which your administration should be justifiably proud.

Georgia will be holding Parliamentary elections in the Fall of 1999 and Presidential elections in the Spring of 2000. I would ask you to consider a visit to Georgia sometime in the next six months to see the progress that the country has made and most importantly to reinforce the transition to democracy and a free market economy at this particular time. It would be my great pleasure to assist you with your visit and to accompany you to this magnificent and ancient country.

With best regards,

Nino Japaridze

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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June 8, 1999

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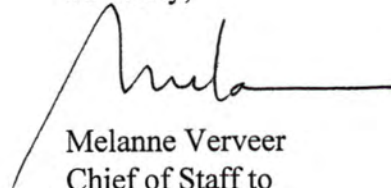
Dear Irene:

Thank you for your articles on the First Lady's participation in the Children of Chernobyl Relief Fund event at the Ukrainian Institute.

Mrs. Clinton was very honored to receive the award and to have the opportunity to speak about the good works of CCRF. Addressing the health needs of children and families effected by Chernobyl is so critical.

Very best wishes to your colleagues. I enjoy reading my weekly copy of your newspaper and always find it informative. Thank you again for all you do.

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

June 7, 1999

Irene Jarosewich
The Ukrainian Weekly
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Dear Irene:

Thank you for your articles ^{on} about the First Lady and the
Children of Chornobyl Relief Fund event at the Ukrainian
Institute of America.

Mrs. Clinton was very honored to receive the award and
to have the opportunity to speak at the Institute. Strengthening
the health of children and families effected by Chornobyl is so
important. It is heartening to see that the effort continues to
receive so much attention and support.

Very best wishes and hope all is well at the Ukrainian
Weekly.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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good works
of CCRF.

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Thanks

Dear Mrs. Vermeer:

Enclosed please find several
copies of a recent issue
that included an article
and editorial about the
First Lady's appearance at
the Ukrainian Institute of
America.

Sincerely -

Ilona Seresiek

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Balkan crisis in forefront on eve of NATO summit

by Roman Woronowycz
Kyiv Press Bureau

KYIV - Viktor Chernomyrdin, Russia's newly appointed special envoy on the Balkan crisis, met with Ukraine's President Leonid Kuchma on April 20, part of a flurry of political activity in Kyiv regarding the Balkan crisis on the eve of the NATO's 50th anniversary summit to be held in Washington.

Unlike Russia, which did not plan to attend the Washington summit as a protest against the bombing of rump Yugoslavia by NATO (at the last minute it was reported that Russia would attend), Ukraine will attend and has indicated it is taking steps to build consensus on a peace initiative.

Mr. Chernomyrdin was appointed by Russian President Boris Yeltsin last week to work toward a resolution to the escalating situation in Yugoslavia. After meeting with President Kuchma, he said the two sides had agreed on all substantive matters.

"I believe and insist that we should be well-informed about the positions of our partners, and I am glad to say that these positions are absolutely identical regarding what we should do," said Mr. Chernomyrdin the day after his meeting with Mr. Kuchma, which lasted until 2 a.m.

President Kuchma was slightly less exuberant about the outcome of his discussions with Mr. Chernomyrdin, although he did call them "highly fruitful."

"I fully understand the position of the Russian side," said Mr. Kuchma, explaining that he agreed any peace proposal must guarantee the territorial integrity of Yugoslavia, as well as grant broad autonomy to the Kosovo region and provide for the withdrawal of Serbian forces from the region.

President Kuchma was to have left for the NATO summit in Washington on April 22 along with an extensive official contingent, including Foreign Affairs Minister Borys Tarasyuk, Defense Minister Oleksander Kuzmuk and National Bank of Ukraine Chairman Viktor Yushchenko.

At a press conference a day before his departure, President Kuchma made it clear that he was not going to celebrate NATO's accomplishments of the last 50 years.

"I am going to work on serious matters that concern Ukraine," said President Kuchma. In addition to attending several official ceremonies in conjunction with the NATO anniversary, the president is scheduled to meet with International Monetary Fund and World Bank officials, as well as with U.S. President Bill Clinton.

President Kuchma indicated that Ukraine's mediation efforts and its peace proposal would be part of the NATO agenda.

The Ukrainian leader also said that, although Ukraine condemns the use of

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Hillary Rodham Clinton honored with CCRF achievement award

by Irene Jarosewich

NEW YORK - America's First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton was honored with the Children of Chernobyl's Relief Fund Lifetime Humanitarian Achievement Award on April 19 at The Ukrainian Institute of America for her commitment to improving the health of women and children in Ukraine, as well as around the world.

Referring to a poem by American poet Maya Angelou, titled "A Phenomenal Woman," CCRF's Executive Director Nadia Matkiwsky, introduced the first lady as "a woman who stands on her own achievements, a woman of vision and compassion and intellectual strength - indeed a phenomenal woman." Noting that "a nation without healthy children is a nation without a future," Mrs. Matkiwsky thanked Mrs. Clinton for reaching out to help the stricken children of Ukraine.

Joining Mrs. Matkiwsky to present the award to Mrs. Clinton was Tanya Vena, financial director for the foundation. The first lady was given a 14-inch bronze sculpture of the Berehynia (protectress). The abstract sculpture of a mother holding a child with outstretched arms was designed and cast by an artist in Ukraine.

In his message of thanks to the founda-

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First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton accepts the Lifetime Humanitarian Achievement Award from Children of Chernobyl Relief Fund Executive Director Nadia Matkiwsky (center) and the foundation's financial director, Tanya Vena (right).

Chornobyl 13 years after: money is the major problem

by Roman Woronowycz
Kyiv Press Bureau

KYIV - Although the situation around the Chornobyl nuclear power plant is stable and the radioactive fallout that contaminated an extensive portion of Ukrainian territory and its population has somewhat dissipated, experts are not prepared to say that the threat posed by the incapacitated reactor No. 4 and the radiation it released has gone away.

Thirteen years after the largest nuclear accident in history, the main reason Chornobyl remains a problem for Ukraine and the world is money - more precisely the lack of it.

It is money that is needed to finally shut down the Chornobyl nuclear facility and construct a shelter on the reactor that sent huge radioactive plumes over Ukraine and much of Europe when it exploded on April 26, 1986; to build alternative energy-generating sources for Ukraine, which is heavily dependent on Russian oil; and to finance the treatment and care of thousands of children and adults affected by the tragedy.

While the world awaits the closing of the Chornobyl nuclear complex and the capping of the damaged reactor with a new sarcophagus, Ukraine's officials continue to await additional international financing, even as they maintain that

Ukraine will fulfill all its commitments to the G-7.

They explain, however, that without further financing for the completion of two new nuclear facilities at Rivne and Khmelnytskyi, the remaining nuclear reactor at Chornobyl will not be coming off line anytime soon.

"The Chornobyl nuclear power plant will continue to operate until the G-7 countries meet their commitments to Ukraine," said President Leonid Kuchma on April 21.

He noted that, in addition to providing funding for the completion of a total of six reactors near the cities of Rivne and Khmelnytskyi, the West had also agreed to provide a nuclear waste storage facility in Ukraine.

At a summit in Denver in 1997 the Group of Seven industrialized nations had agreed to provide Ukraine the financing needed to be able to take the Chornobyl nuclear facility off line, and Ukraine had agreed to do so by the year 2000. Today only one of the four nuclear reactors at Chornobyl is still functioning, although Ukraine has threatened to bring a second reactor back on line should no support for Ukraine's precarious energy problems come quickly.

The financing programs, which have come under the auspices of the European Bank for Reconstruction and

Development, have been bogged down by 74 demands put on Ukraine, which include a requirement that Ukraine revamp its energy sector, still heavily government-dominated, and provide evidence that the two new reactors would generate sufficient cash flow to repay the loans.

Ukraine insists that it can still close Chornobyl by the year 2000, but that the onus is on the West to make sure that happens.

At a meeting with President Kuchma, Christian Poncelet, the head of the French Senate, agreed that construction of the Rivne and Khmelnytskyi reactors must be completed. Interfax-Ukraine reported that he promised to discuss the matter with the head of EBRD, Horst Koehler, upon his return to France.

An even more immediate problem for the world and Ukraine is to build a cap onto the protective concrete shelter in which the fourth nuclear reactor is encased. The current sarcophagus, hastily erected by Soviet authorities in the weeks after the explosion, is quickly deteriorating and already showing signs of radioactive leakage.

A donors conference, held in 1997 in New York under the auspices of the United Nations and with U.S. Vice-

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Hillary Rodham Clinton...

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tion's supporters, CCRF President Dr. Zenon Matkiwsky stated that "there is no gift more precious, yet more difficult to bestow than hope," and that the evening was dedicated to all those who have "given the gift of hope to so many infants, children and parents in Ukraine" — most notably the first lady.

Mrs. Clinton, who has lent considerable support to procure funds and contributions for hospitals and programs focused on healing the consequences of Chornobyl, has visited Ukraine several times and in 1996, during the 10th anniversary of the Chornobyl disaster, hosted an event at the White House to commemorate the tragedy.

CCRF Director of Development Alex Kuzma also noted the hope instilled by Mrs. Clinton during her visits to Ukraine:

"According to doctors in Ukraine, the neonatal respirators and the equipment that the first lady helped provide through her initiative to Kyiv Maternity Hospital No. 2, which was delivered during her visit to Ukraine in May 1995, literally gave new life to medical programs in Ukraine. Furthermore, her direct contact with patients during her visits with the children and the mothers in the hospitals during both her 1995 visit, as well as during her trip in November 1997 had a dramatic effect on the patients and on hospital personnel. Never before had a public figure of international stature taken the time to sit down next to these sick children and their mothers and speak with them directly, with compassion and sincerity.

"In a medical system that functions in a hierarchical method, Mrs. Clinton's direct and simple approach, her willingness to listen to the mothers and her compassion for the sick children had a profound impact. Her visits virtually shifted the paradigm of treatment and set a new model for doctor/patient relations in the hospitals she visited."

Mrs. Clinton, who had agreed many months ago to be in New York for the awards ceremony specifically to coincide with the 13th anniversary of the Chornobyl tragedy, noted that the "CCRF exemplifies the characteristic of Americans — the commitment to help ... the willingness to use our blessings to help others is a reflection of us as Americans and our values." She praised the dedication and commitment of the foundation's staff and volunteers, and the incredible work that has gone into leveraging a

large amount of aid on a relatively small budget. The CCRF serves as an inspiration, noted the first lady, for its Ukrainian partners, who, seeing the commitment of the CCRF, gather new resolve to find creative solutions to difficult problems before them.

Earlier in the evening, guest speakers at the event included film star Alec Baldwin and U.S. Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.).

Mr. Baldwin, a dedicated anti-nuclear activist, stated that the explosion at Chornobyl proved that the dangerous consequences of nuclear energy are not the stuff of myth. He somberly cited ever-worsening statistics: rates of thyroid cancer are more than 80 times higher than pre-Chornobyl [in Ukraine and Belarus]; thousands of children now wear the "Chornobyl necklace" — a scar around the base of the neck that indicates surgery to remove damaged thyroid gland; 35,000 clean-up workers, out of approximately 500,000, have died in the past 12 years — most of them men who were between the age of 18 and their mid-30s when they were sent to Chornobyl.

A 30-kilometer "dead zone" has been created around the reactor. More than 160,000 people were permanently resettled. More than 5 million people continue to live in an area that was beneath a heavy cloud of contamination. Radioactive isotopes will continue to contaminate arable soil and drinking water for centuries.

As predicted by specialists in 1986, most of the long-term consequences of nuclear contamination are only now beginning to appear. New studies show high rates of abnormal births to women who were adolescents at the time of the Chornobyl accident, as well as increased rates of miscarriage and hormonal abnormalities. Infant mortality in Ukraine keeps rising and is now three times the European average at 21 per 1,000, with higher rates reported in the areas of contamination.

Hollywood producer Fred Caruso, noted for such films as "The Godfather" and "Casualties of War" was master of ceremonies. He recalled for the audience the first meeting 10 years ago in 1989 between Dr. and Mrs. Matkiwsky and Volodymyr Yavorivsky, head of Rukh's Chornobyl fund. Mr. Yavorivsky had come to the U.S. to seek aid for children suffering from the consequences of Chornobyl's nuclear fallout. Near the end of his visit, not having met with much success, Mr. Yavorivsky was introduced to the Matkiwskys. Immediately the family organized a ship-

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Olenka Olesnycky of Florham Park, N.J., leads the first lady up the stairs at the Ukrainian Institute of America.



Hillary Rodham Clinton and Nadia Matkiwsky.

A letter to the first lady from Natalka of Lviv

A letter written to Hillary Rodham Clinton by a then-10-year-old-girl, Natalka, not long after Mrs. Clinton's visit to Lviv in November 1997. Natalka has thyroid cancer. This letter was read aloud at the award ceremony.

Dear First Lady, Mrs. Clinton:

Thank you, gentle lady. Your kind eyes have spoken to our hearts. Your smile has enriched our souls. Your warm words have given us hope. We thank you for helping us. Sometimes I think that nobody cares about us. But when you visited my hospital, you gave me hope and to all the children. I want to thank you on behalf of all the children of Ukraine. And we will pray for you and for your American children that they will never have to experience the black cloud of Chornobyl. God bless you, Mrs. Clinton, God bless America.

— Natalka



Listening to the first lady's acceptance speech (from left) are: CCRF President Dr. Zenon Matkiwsky, Nadia Matkiwsky, Alec Baldwin, Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.), Tanya Vena and Fred Caruso.

Chornobyl...

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President Al Gore and Ukraine's President Leonid Kuchma acting as co-chairmen, raised some \$390 million for the shelter facility. Ukraine said at least \$2 billion is needed to properly fix and close the Chornobyl facility, and to resolve many of the social problems associated with the disaster.

Approximately \$150 million already has been spent on the shelter in the form of consultative work and preparation for the construction of the permanent dome around reactor No. 4, according to Oleksander Slavis, press secretary of the Chornobyl Shelter Fund in Ukraine.

The initial phase of construction of the shelter facility is scheduled to begin this summer with work on reinforcement of the major girders that support the roof of the current sarcophagus.

Even though the concerns for a new shelter remain acute and immediate, the most chronic problem for Ukraine is to deal almost singlehandedly with the aftereffects of the Chornobyl explosion, which has forced upon it huge expenditures to clean up the regions that were contaminated and to provide medical care for the thousands of liquidators and residents who today suffer the results of radiation exposure.

According to Volodymyr Kolosha, first vice minister for emergency situations and Chornobyl matters, about 90 percent of the financial burden is borne by Ukraine, which amounts to approximately \$120 million annually from Ukraine's meager coffers.

Today only 600 people — mostly elderly longtime residents — have permission to live in the 30-kilometer Chornobyl zone, which is off limits to the general population. But millions still live on the many thousands of other acres contaminated to a lesser degree in all the northern oblasts of Ukraine.

The people who live in the northern regions suffer twice as many ailments and illnesses as does the rest of Ukraine's population, according to Ukrainian government statistics.

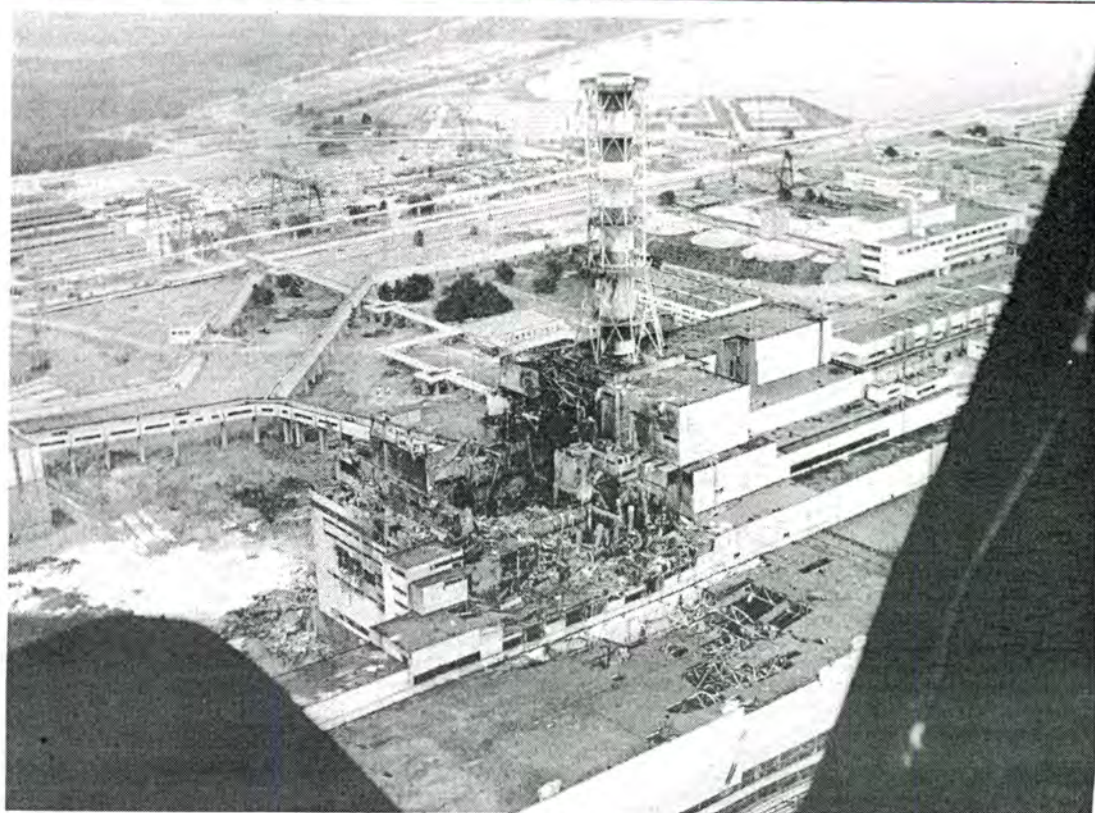
At a press conference marking the 13th anniversary of the Chornobyl tragedy, Mr. Kolosha said that 95 percent of new contamination of citizens comes from food products grown or found in the five oblasts most affected by the radioactive fallout of Chornobyl: Rivne, Volyn, Zhytomyr, Kyiv and Chernihiv.

First Vice Minister of Health Olha Babylova estimated that in the contaminated regions 12 to 18 percent of the dairy products, 20 percent of meat products, 30 percent of wild berries and 50 to 60 percent of mushrooms contain unacceptable levels of radiation.

Most of the contaminated products, if they are processed through government institutions or private firms, are filtered out before they hit the market, according to Ms. Babylova. But, unfortunately for Ukraine, its people still rely heavily on food bazaars, which are much more difficult to regulate.

"What we have a problem controlling is the food consumed or brought to market from private gardens," said Mr. Kolosha. He identified mushrooms, considered a staple in many family diets, as a major problem — especially because a favorite Ukrainian pastime is the picking of wild fungi.

To treat those who ail from Chornobyl-related diseases, Ukraine, as ever, needs money. In 1998, in order to better utilize the financing available, the Ukrainian government initiated reforms of its Chornobyl programs in a three-step process. First, it reorganized the Chornobyl Fund, which had long been considered a den of corruption, and rechanneled value-added taxes to help finance the organization. Then it implemented changes to more effectively allocate and utilize the money available. Finally, it conducted an audit of the list of citizens who receive Chornobyl-related subsidies.



A rare photograph from May 1986 from the personal files of Viacheslav Skvortsov, a film director at Ukrtefilm in 1986, who led the team filming the Chornobyl disaster.

More than 12,500 people were deemed ineligible for subsidies and thrown off the Chornobyl rolls.

But with more than 3.2 million Ukrainians claiming that their health has been affected by Chornobyl, the costs remain astronomical.

The Ministry for Emergency Situations and Chornobyl Matters estimates that more than 4.5 billion hryvnia are needed for Chornobyl-related aid. The Verkhovna Rada approved just 1.3 billion hryvnia, or merely 29 percent, in its 1999 budget. In 1998 it could afford to appropriate only 31 percent.

Much of that money goes for the various subsidies that officially recognized Chornobyl victims receive, including free use of public transportation. But the medical health aspect costs even more.

Ms. Babylova said that 526,209 children have been identified as having a high risk of thyroid cancer, while 1,217 of those between birth and 18 years of age at the time of the disaster have been identified as having the cancer. She called the figures alarming in view of the fact that in the pre-Chornobyl time period of 1981-1985 not a single case of thyroid cancer was registered in Ukraine. She also noted that only 11 cases of thyroid cancer have been identified in children born after 1988, after most of the original Chornobyl-related radioactivity had dispersed.

Many Western doctors refuse to recognize much of what Ukraine deems Chornobyl-related illnesses. They say that bad diets and a poor ecology, including much chemical pollution, must also be considered when assessing the reason for the poor state of health of many Ukrainians.

Istvan Turai of the International Atomic Energy Agency said at a press conference on April 22 that the fact remains that only two children have died as a result of Chornobyl-related thyroid cancer and only 12 deaths were caused by radioactive poisoning.

Interfax-Ukraine quoted him as saying the effects of the Chornobyl disaster should no longer be considered life threatening. He added that current research still had not proved that a danger exists from long-term low-level radiation exposure, even though he did admit that new research might one day more conclusively show the dangerous affects.

Research, like that being conducted by

the IAEA, and an extensive 30-year U.S. investigation into the effects of Chornobyl on children and the effects of long-term low-level radiation exposure, as well as a host of other investigations into the affects of the Chornobyl disaster have turned the Chornobyl zone into a huge international laboratory. And that, according to Mr. Kolosha, is probably what the area will be for thousands of years to come.

"The Chornobyl zone will, for the most part, remain an area of scientific research," said Mr. Kolosha.

In its ongoing effort to take care of its affected children and adults, Ukraine has established 11 specialized centers throughout Ukraine to identify and treat the various maladies and diseases that affect Chornobyl victims, which in addition to thyroid cancer include leukemia and disorders of the lungs.

The latest center, a Ukrainian-American effort financed by the U.S. Agency for International Development, will open in Lutsk, Volyn region, on April 26.

Perhaps the biggest blessing for Ukraine,

if such can exist for this country of 50 million beleaguered by its tragic history and unsettled future, is that the Chornobyl zone has not produced any aftershocks in the form of uncontrolled forest fires or extensive flooding, which could produce another major radiation release from irradiated soil and vegetation.

"There truly must be a God, because we have not had any serious natural disasters in the region in 13 years," said Dmytro Mykhailovych, a physician with the Ministry of Health.

But that is not much solace for a government that has to find the money to pay for the programs and research needed to help its Chornobyl-afflicted citizens.

"You can only talk about a serious financial commitment to the aftereffects of the Chornobyl tragedy in terms of funding to close the Chornobyl nuclear site and cap the No. 4 reactor," said Mr. Kolosha.

"To the largest extent, we will have to take care of the social, medical and psychological aftereffects on our own," he said.

Hillary Rodham Clinton...

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ment of medicines and medical supplies, which inadvertently became the beginning of the Children of Chornobyl Relief Fund.

The foundation has since sent 1,200 tons of aid — valued at more the \$40 million — delivered via 22 airlifts and eight sea shipments. Two airlifts are planned for the 13th anniversary — departing April 25 for Kyiv and May 4 for Lviv.

Sen. Lautenberg, a staunch supporter of the CCRF since he was first introduced to the organization in 1996, praised the efforts of Mrs. Matkiwsky and the foundation's volunteers, as well as the efforts of Mrs. Clinton, to secure decent health care for children in need. Sen. Lautenberg continues to fight to obtain permanent resident status for Vova Malofienko, a 14-year-old Ukrainian boy who arrived in the United States for leukemia treatment in 1990.

Among the approximately 275 guests were Ukraine's representative to the U.N., Ambassador Volodymyr Yelchenko, and his wife, Iryna; Ukraine's Consul General in New York, Yuri Bohaievsky with his wife,

Olya; Ukrainian World Congress President Askold Lozynskyj; Dr. Lina Buteiko, wife of Ukraine's ambassador to the United States; National Council Chair Roma Dyhdalo of the Ukrainian American Coordinating Council; Myron Holubiak, president of Roche Laboratories; members of the board of directors of the CCRF, chaired by Orest Dubno; and representatives from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and St. Barnabas Medical System.

Archbishop Antony of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A. offered the benediction and the girls choir Prolisok from the New York City branch of the Ukrainian American Youth Association (SUM) offered several vocal selections, including a deeply touching final selection, "The Children's Prayer."

Among the principal sponsors of the event honoring Mrs. Clinton's achievements in helping the children of Chornobyl were Roche Laboratories, BBDO Advertising, Goldenbarr, Adia and Orest Fedash, as well as many Ukrainian American credit unions, and dozens of small businesses, corporations and individuals.



THE UKRAINIAN WEEKLY

Compassion and commitment

Compassion and leadership, commitment and courage, hope and resolve, unflagging dedication – these were all words of praise heard at the recent ceremony honoring First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton with the Children of Chernobyl Relief Fund's Lifetime Humanitarian Achievement Award. These words of praise, however, were offered both ways. While the foundation thanked the first lady for her commitment and support, she in turn recognized the tremendous effort of the foundation – of its dedicated staff and remarkable volunteers.

"I've seen with my own eyes and heard with my own ears the difference that CCRF's work has made," noted the first lady who has traveled to Ukraine several times. "There has always been a picture of courage and endurance connected with the Ukrainian people," she added, "but what you have achieved through CCRF is absolutely remarkable. You've not only helped to heal bodies, but to lift spirits, and to increase resolve. You are doing an extraordinary job to heal the lingering wounds of Chernobyl – and to persuade, cajole the Ukrainian people that they can withstand this catastrophe and go into the future."

Mrs. Clinton also made another strong point – one that is frequently not understood – that only through humanitarian aid did we in the West begin to understand the consequences of Chernobyl. It is from French and German and Canadian and American doctors and relief workers that the tragic dimensions of the Chernobyl disaster began to be known – and not because governments were forthcoming with information, and not from international atomic regulatory agencies, or from industry experts, or from scientists, all sources from which we should expect information and clarity.

In all the tragedies of the 20th century, young and defenseless children truly are the greatest victims. And of all of this century's tragedies, noted Mrs. Clinton, there is hardly one that posed a greater challenge than the one still posed by Chernobyl. It is a tragedy that will continue for decades. Experts predicted that long-term consequences will only begin to appear 10 years after the tragedy, and most only after 15 to 20 years after the explosion. At 13 years, we are only in the nascent stage of the long-term consequences. Yet, new studies have begun to show the shift away from the short-term health consequences of radiation exposure, such as leukemia and thyroid disorders, to the long-term consequences, such as an increase in cancers, tumors, hormonal and hematological disorders.

"People do not want to think about it. They just want to go on with their lives. They try to block it out, deny it – otherwise they would give in to despair," says Svitlana Kushchenko of Kyiv whose 14-year-old son has a bone tumor on his left knee. "However, how can I not think about it? A young boy with tumors, is this normal? I don't think so. Is it caused by Chernobyl? I don't know. But he was a small boy, playing outside with his grandmother in the days when Chernobyl happened. How do I know?" she asks angrily.

"I've looked into the eyes of young children who knew they were stricken," said the first lady, "and when we see our children and know how fortunate they are to be growing up in America, it strengthens our resolve to help other children less fortunate ... so let us resolve to support those who are in the front lines – like CCRF – in their battle to help the children and to do everything we can to build a caring society, and show the victims of Chernobyl and the people of Ukraine that the world will not forget, that we will stand with them as they continue to fight and struggle against the horror that is Chernobyl."

April
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Turning the pages back...

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Chernobyl catastrophe, a conference titled "Chernobyl: Ten Years After" examined the multifaceted consequences of the world's worst nuclear accident, its effects on public health and the environment, its social and political impact, energy alternatives for Ukraine, and the response from the international community. Sponsored by the Chernobyl Challenge '96 coalition, the commemorative conference was hosted at Yale University by the Council on Russian and East European Studies and the Chopivsky Family Foundation, and at Columbia by The Harriman Institute.

The April 21, 1996, issue of The Ukrainian Weekly reported on the conference's major revelations:

- Dr. Vladislav Torbin of the Ministry of Chernobyl and the Medical Department of Ukraine's Cabinet of Ministers provided an updated official figure on the number of deaths in Ukraine directly attributable to the Chernobyl accident. Since the meltdown at the nuclear power plant through the end of 1995, 148,000 persons, among them 2,800 liquidators, had died in Ukraine alone.

- Dr. Alexander Sich, a nuclear engineer who lived and worked at the Chernobyl complex for 18 months, reported that the accident management actions taken in the first days after the nuclear disaster were ineffective or were not accomplished as reported by the Soviets. In particular, the helicopters dumping boron, lead, sand and other materials into the reactor core had largely missed their target and the core remained mostly uncovered. In the end, the reaction in the stricken reactor simply ran its course within 10 days, and the active phase of the accident came to an end. Dr. Sich also reported that the amount of radioisotopes released as a result of the accident was at least three times, and possibly four times, the 50 million curies originally reported by Soviet authorities.

- Crusading journalist Alla Yaroshinska of Moscow, who in 1992 uncovered secret protocols of the Kremlin that proved the Soviet leadership knew much more about the severity of the Chernobyl accident than it admitted, said there is no doubt that a "global deception was under way" as the Politburo had made a political decision to take steps to make the consequences of the Chernobyl accident seem less severe. For example, the government made great efforts to get hospitalized people released. The

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FOR THE RECORD

Ukrainian women's federation speaks out on Chernobyl's effects

Statement submitted on March 1 by the World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations, a non-governmental organization in special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, to the Commission on the Status of Women regarding the agenda item "Women and Health – Chernobyl's Disastrous Effect on Women's Health."

Thirteen years after the greatest technologically induced human disaster of the 20th century, the aftereffects of Chernobyl's nuclear meltdown continue to multiply for millions of children, women and men in Ukraine, Belarus and Russia. The ruthless enemy in this case is nuclear radiation – it is invisible, unpredictable and deadly.

The destructive influence of exposure to radiation on the health of women of reproductive age and children has been well-documented by scientists, showing that there is a serious threat of irreversible and continuous deterioration of the genetic pool in this region. Female adolescents and women of reproductive age who reside within areas with long-term exposure to even small doses of radiation have significant shifts in structure of gynecological morbidity. Especially noteworthy is an increased number of internal genital inflammatory diseases, which could be connected with immune system disorders followed by significant changes in menstrual cycles. The rates of sterility and benign tumors have significantly increased in the last years. Of great concern is the health of infants and their mothers: more than 70 percent of pregnant women have obstetric and extra-genital pathology, almost 65 percent of the deliveries are complicated, especially with bleeding, with 70 percent of the infants being born with various disorders.

Birth rates have dropped significantly, leading to a negative population growth in this region. Also, the continuous unfavorable ecological environment in these countries will result in an increase in genetic disorders and cause accumulation of pathologic mutations. There is a statistically significant increase in chromosome aberrations of various types observed in examined groups of children who live in contaminated areas and there is a tendency to continual growth of cytogenetic effect with time. This demonstrates a continuation of the mutagenetic effect of long-term exposure to low intensity radiation. This fact, along with other ecological and economic concerns, has a negative influence on family planning, since many young people now fear having children and facing unspeakable tragedy in the case of biological aberrations. The radiation factor and its consequences hang over them like a "black cloud," producing not only physical, but also severe psychological stress and depression.

The men, women and children of this region reside in what the world regards as a living laboratory, but in fact is a living hell that needs more attention from the world's scientists and medical communities. A great deal of study and research into the effects and consequences of this disaster is still necessary today, just as the surviving population remains in need of immediate help and relief from its suffering.

The [United Nations] General Assembly has called for strengthening international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster.

The legacy of Chernobyl will remain with us for many generations and continues to deserve serious attention from the global community. Not only must we examine the aftereffects of this disaster, not only must we rally to the aid of the individuals who are most directly harmed by it, but we must also look to the future and see how we can prevent the recurrence of yet another Chernobyl.

The world we live in today requires power for its very existence. Nuclear power may for some appear to be a safe and efficient source of energy, but efficiency at the expense of human lives is too high a price to pay. When governments ignore the cost of "progress" with respect to their population, when there is an almost criminal disregard for human life as in the case of the victims of Chernobyl, then we must search for new solutions and re-examine our responsibility to humanity.

We recognize that women who are the foundation of future generations suffer the greatest long-term effects of radiation poisoning, as well as chemical and industrial waste pollution and, therefore, we respectfully request that the Commission on the Status of Women take specific action to urge governments to place a heavy emphasis on safety when any new technology is developed or old technology is used. Because this is a global threat and not just a local problem, we also request that the governments of the world allocate adequate resources to safeguard the Chernobyl nuclear facility and continue to decontaminate the air, soil and water in that area as much as possible.

The consequences of the Chernobyl disaster must be regarded as a signal to the world that greater consideration must be given to the health effects of the use of nuclear power, feasibility of a repetition of the disaster, and preparedness and responsiveness of governments should the world again witness such a terrible event.

Chernobyl victims are owed money

Eastern Economist

KYIV – During the Verkhovna Rada's weekly session on April 13 dedicated to the work of the government, Emergency Minister Vasyl Durdynets attacked funding for Chernobyl victims. He announced that the direct cost to Ukraine of overcoming the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster have exceeded \$1.1 billion (U.S.) in the past 13 years.

Mr. Durdynets complained that funds were so scarce that what did become available was immediately allocated to high priority categories such as children's homes and medical care for those struck down with illness following the disaster.

He added that while 821 million hryv were required in 1998 to meet the needs of those recuperating from the disaster, only 181 million hryv were provided by the state budget.

National deputies passed a resolution in which the Cabinet's work towards carrying out the program of social assistance for Chernobyl victims was described as unsatisfactory. Deputies called on the Cabinet of Ministers to draw up a monthly schedule of payments on the debt owed Chernobyl victims, which currently totals 763.2 million hryv.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 8, 1999

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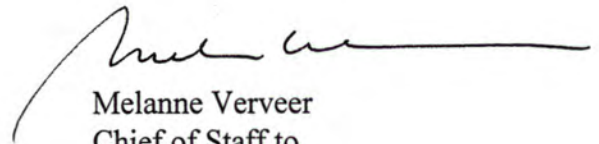
Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for your resume and for expressing interest
in the Office of the First Lady.

There are no positions open in our office at this time.
However we will keep a copy of your resume on file in our
office, in the event that an opportunity becomes available.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

June 7, 1999

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27 May 1999

Office of the First Lady
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Dear Sir/Madame:

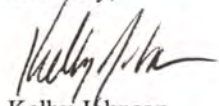
I am a strong supporter of the Clinton Agenda and would appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the initiatives set forth by the First Lady. I have a strong background in a variety of issues ranging from international relations to antitrust and high-tech. Ideally, I would like to be considered for a position that would enable me to advance my knowledge of the policy making process and effectively contribute to the objectives of the Democratic Party.

I believe I would be a strong addition to the staff because I am dependable and self-motivated. My educational experience in international and public policy has provided me with a solid foundation in governmental affairs, and my professional experience in the area of public affairs and government relations has strengthened my knowledge of the workings of Congress and executive agencies. My previous and current experience with AFLAC, Burson-Marsteller, Andersen Consulting and Sun Microsystems has given me effective communication and interpersonal skills.

Through my previous involvement with Black, Kelly, Scruggs & Healey, a government relations firm, and my current position with Burson-Marsteller, I have developed better understanding of the importance of bi-partisan, bi-cameral coalition building necessary for successful legislative measures. Working with individuals like Scott Pastrick and Charlie Black has given me the opportunity to better understand what constitutes sound public policy and the most effective methods in which to implement those policy initiatives. I also have extensive research and issue analysis abilities.

I appreciate your offer to consider me for a position on your staff. I look forward to meeting with you at your convenience to discuss this further.

Sincerely,



Kelby Johnson

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Objective: To obtain a position that will afford me the opportunity to contribute to the advancement of the public policy initiatives proposed by our elected representatives.

Employment Experience

5/99 to Present

Client Executive

Burson-Marsteller, Washington, DC – Technology Practice

Responsibilities: Strategic planning for new business projects; conduct extensive research on the e-business market as it relates to our key clients; provide clients with bi-monthly updates on the competitive landscape of their respective markets; contribute to the logistical preparation of press releases and conferences regarding the announcement of new online services.

12/98 to 5/99

Client Executive

Burson-Marsteller, Washington, DC – Public Affairs Practice

Responsibilities: Monitor ongoing government antitrust cases relevant to the high-tech industry; daily media monitoring and analysis of various issues relating to Sun Microsystems; monitor and analyze media coverage pertaining to the legal, liability and legislative aspects of the year 2000 computer bug and how it will affect Andersen Consulting and other BM clients; research and develop informative tools regarding the consequences of greenhouse gas emissions and how various companies in the fuel and utility industries are addressing the global warming issue; monitor and analyze issues relating to the adverse health effects associated with mobile phone use for Motorola; contribute to various new business projects ranging from the launching of an online bookstore to energy sector mergers.

9/97 to 12/98

Staff Assistant

Black, Kelly, Scruggs & Healey – a Burson-Marsteller Company, Washington, DC

Responsibilities: Research and monitor current international and domestic legislative issues; create and manage firm's website; monitor ongoing antitrust lawsuits affecting the high-tech industry; write weekly press report for clients detailing the antitrust issues facing the computer industry; attend hearings on Capitol Hill and write detailed analysis of the proceedings; develop and update firm's Year 2000 Computer Bug bi-weekly report; created and manage firm's Y2K legislative tracking database; interaction with Congressional Members and Federal Government agencies; manage daily schedules and administrative projects for four senior BKS&H lobbyists.

8/96 to 9/97

District Sales Manager

AFLAC Insurance Company of Columbus Georgia

Responsibilities: Various public relations activities; recruited new AFLAC members; trained new AFLAC sales representatives; worked with company executives in implementing AFLAC's programs; sales.

1/97 to 9/97

Account Executive

Total Business Solutions, Muncie, Indiana

Responsibilities: Devised and planned marketing techniques to expand company client base; wrote and updated company news letters; developed and coordinated various public relation activities; sales.

Campaign Experience

5/98 to 1/99

Volunteer for Indiana Senatorial Candidate Evan Bayh, Washington, DC

9/96 to 11/96

Volunteer for US Representative candidate Marc Carmichael and State Representative candidate Sue Errington, Muncie, Indiana

9/94 to 11/94

Grassroots campaigning for Delaware County Prosecutor, Muncie, Indiana

Political Activities

6/98 to present

Atlantic Association of Young Political Leaders

Program Assistant to the Secretary General

Coordinate communication between Secretary General and other elected members; plan meetings between member countries [mostly NATO members]; devise materials used to brief departing elected officials; create and manage organization's newsletter.

5/96 to 8/96

Democratic National Committee, Washington, DC

Intergovernmental Affairs Department

Addressed election issues with state and local elected officials; monitored state and local legislation; updated files on Democratic elected officials; planned outreach programs; and planned for the 1996 National Democratic Convention, Chicago, Illinois.

Education

Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana

Major: Political Science and Criminal Justice

Minor: Psychological Science

Georgetown University, Washington, DC

Currently enrolled in Economics as a non-degree student

Computer Skills

Microsoft Word/Works/Excel/Power Point/Access/Front Page, Word Perfect, DOS systems, HTML, extensive Internet experience

Current member of Young Democrats of Montgomery County, Maryland and United Nations Association of the United States of America, National Capitol Area; Member of Ball State University Democrats, Indiana 1995-96

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June 15, 1999

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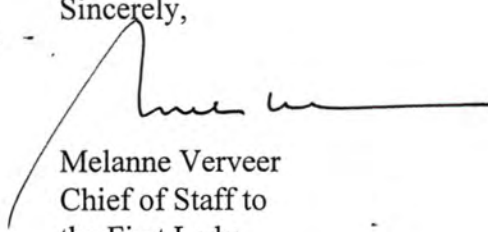
Dear Dr. Jacobson:

On behalf of the President and First Lady, thank you for your letter and the video about family centered care at Vanderbilt Medical Center.

Keeping children and families healthy is so important and we applaud Vanderbilt Medical Center's vital work. I know President and Mrs. Clinton would want me to convey their appreciation for your enthusiastic leadership, along with their best wishes to you and your colleagues.

Very best wishes and thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Melanne
thought the first
lady might appreciate
this tape.
Hope you are doing
well. Marilyn



Vanderbilt University
Medical Center

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April 13, 1999

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

Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Clinton:

I am enclosing for your review a video which illustrates the "family centered care" that we strive to give at the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. Knowing of Mrs. Clinton's focus on children's health issues, and the priority you have placed on family centered care, we hoped you would find this tape of value.

We were so pleased last June to participate in the Family Reunion Conference focusing on "family centered care", and we have spent a great deal of time in recent months planning for what we hope will be the most family centered Children's Hospital in the Nation as we prepare to break ground on a new facility. This tape represents the story we are trying to tell about the mission of caring for children and their families.

Let me reiterate our desire to work with you on healthcare issues of importance to children and their families, and I hope you won't hesitate to contact me if we can provide additional information or serve as a resource in this area.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to seeing you in June for Family Reunion Conference VIII.

Sincerely,

Harry R. Jacobson, M.D.

September 15, 1999

Ambassador Craig Johnstone
US Chamber of Commerce
1615 H Street, NW
Washington, DC 20062-2000

Dear Craig:

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She has been awarded a Fulbright and will continue her studies at SAIS a year from now in September 2000. She is interested in a paid internship from now until next Fall. If there are any opportunities at the Chamber, I am confident she would make a wonderful contribution.

I would appreciate any consideration you can lend her.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 7, 1999

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- June-September 1999 **International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Paris, France**
Assistant in the Office of the Policy Manager of the Department of Policy and Business Practices.
- Research and write documents for the World Trade Organization's Millennium Round.
- Second Semester 1998 **Università degli Studi di Palermo, Faculty of Political Science, Palermo, Italy**
Assistant in the Office of the Faculty Director.
- Managed administrative files for 6000 students, coordinated departmental meetings, and drafted office reports.
- August 1997 **University Games '97, Sicily, Italy**
Volunteer guide/interpreter for the Australian water-polo team.
- Assisted a 20-member team with translation, and coordinated logistic.
- April 1995 & June 1996 **Tour of Sicily of Vintage Cars (Targa Florio), Sicily, Italy**
Interpreter.
- Provided interpreter services in English and French.
 - Wrote race summaries and reports in English and French.
- August 1994 **World Cycling Championship, Sicily, Italy**
Public Relations Assistant.
- Promoted, organized, and coordinated logistic for the event.
- June-September 1993 **Eurodisney Company, Paris, France**
Tourist Information Assistant
- Assisted tourists at the main tourist information desk using English, French, German, and Italian.

EDUCATION

- September 1998-present **Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Italy/U.S.**
- Degree in International Relations.
 - Concentration in International Economics.
 - Scholarship for the Academic Year 1998-99 from the Bologna Center.
 - First Year in Bologna, Italy; second year in Washington, D.C.
 - Fulbright recipient.

- Degree (laurea) *cum laude* in International Political Science.
- Coursework: International Economics, International Relations, International and Italian Law, European Integration, History, and Political and Social Science.
- Thesis in International Economics: *Economic Integration, the Case of Mercosur*.

February 1998

Latin American Institute of Stockholm University, Sweden

- Master's thesis research.
- Scholarship from the Faculty of Political Science of Palermo.

December 1997

Seminars at the European Parliament and NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium

- Scholarship from the Faculty of Political Science of Palermo.

September 1996-
March 1997

ERASMUS Program at Stockholm University, Sweden

- Coursework: Theory and Practice of Human Rights, Theory and Practice of European Union, Political Geography, International Relations.

August 1996

Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany

- Intensive German language course.
- Scholarship from the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst.

1992-1996

Goethe Institut of Palermo, Italy

- Extensive study in German.
- Zertifikat Deutsche als Fremdsprache (Certificate of German as Foreign Language).

July 1990

Personal English Tutor, Oxford, England.

- Intensive English course.

June 1995

Institut d'Etudes Françaises pour les Etudiants Etrangers in Aix-en-Provence, France

- Intensive course in French language, politics, and civilization.
- Scholarship from the Faculty of Political Science of the University of Palermo.

SKILLS

Languages:

Italian (native); English (fluent- 617 TOEFL); French (fluent); German (fair).

Computers:

Knowledge of Mac and PC environments, including experience in Windows 97, Word 97, Excel, Access, and Internet.

Other:

Very strong organization and communication skills.

Tutored elementary- and middle-school students, 1993-1997.

References:

Available upon request.

HOBBIES AND SPORTS

- Water-polo (led a team in the second division for five years).
- Swimming.
- Travel and cinema.



International Chamber of Commerce

The world business organization

Department of Policy and Business Practices

10 September 1999

To whom it may concern,

Maria Luisa Panzica La Manna worked at the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) during the period 14 July – 14 September 1999. ICC is the world business organization. It is the representative body that speaks with authority and credibility on behalf of enterprises of all sizes from all sectors in every part of the world. ICC groups nearly 8000 member companies and business associations (themselves representing thousands of companies) from 137 countries. Its main goal is to promote an open international trade and investment system, sound business practices, business self-regulation, and the market economy worldwide. ICC write standards, codes and rules that govern the conduct of business across borders and put business views to national governments and intergovernmental organizations on issues which affect business worldwide.

Maria Luisa was selected from an international pool of highly talented students to work in the Department of Policy and Business Practices. Her time was spent working within the Commission on Financial Services and Insurance, most specifically contributing to its work on the WTO negotiations on liberalization of trade in financial services and preparations for ICC input into the 2000 set of negotiations. She demonstrated an eagerness to explore these issues, and to develop an in-depth understanding on topics with which she was less familiar.

This project required an ability to work autonomously and to a high standard. One of Maria Luisa's key responsibilities was to research and interpret information for presentation to and for the reference of her colleagues. In performing these tasks, Maria Luisa demonstrated a high level of communication skills, both written and oral. She successfully developed contacts within other international organizations as well as the organizing bodies of the Seattle Ministerial conference to obtain any necessary information and relevant documentation for our project. Further, under her own initiative, she successfully identified and made good use of a wide variety of information sources.

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Maria Luisa's language abilities also proved valuable in our multi-lingual office. Language was never an obstacle to Maria Luisa in gathering the information she needed. She worked successfully to a high level in both English and French during her work here.

In summary, Maria Luisa is an intelligent, creative, enthusiastic worker capable of juggling many tasks. I and all her colleagues at ICC have enjoyed working with a professional, cooperative and approachable individual.

ICC would highly recommend her for any position that requires a dedicated, capable and responsible employee.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'J. Christopher Lewis'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

J. Christopher Lewis
Policy Manager,
Financial Services & Insurance

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 14, 1999

Nino Japaridze
Director of Government Affairs
Georgian Association in the USA, Inc.
5302 Marilyn Drive
Bethesda, MD 20816

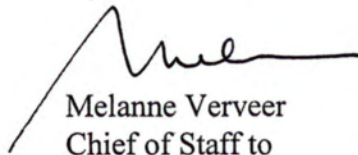
Dear Nino:

Thank you for your letter and the Kartuli Ensemble CD.
I know it will provide much enjoyment.

If there is an opportunity for Mrs. Clinton to accept
your kind invitation to Georgia, we will be in touch with you.
However, at this time I have no news to add.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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Dear Nino:

Thank you for your letter and the Kartuli Ensemble CD, *I know*
~~which I have passed on to the First Lady. I know she will enjoy~~
~~the beautiful Georgian folk songs very much.~~ *it will provide much*
enjoyment.

~~It was a pleasure to meet with you.~~ If there is an
opportunity for Mrs. Clinton to accept your kind invitation to
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6 September, 1999

Dear Melanne,

Please allow me to thank you for a wonderful meeting last Thursday. Once again I would like to reiterate our standing invitation to the First Lady to visit Georgia, as extended by Elizabeth and me during our meeting with you, as well as by our letters dated 14 and 24 May 1999. I firmly believe that a visit from the First Lady would serve as a strong symbol of solidarity between the American and Georgian people as Georgia continues to strive to develop a prosperous and liberal democratic state.

Please accept this Kartuli Ensemble audio CD as a gift from the Georgian-American community to the First Lady. This is a selection of traditional Georgia folk songs performed by an American ensemble from New York. These American singers have won the hearts of many, both here in America and in Georgia. I hope that this music will also touch the heart of the First Lady.

Kind regards,

Nino Japaridze

Director of Government Affairs

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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December 8, 1999

Helen Jackson
House of Commons
London SW1A 0AA United Kingdom

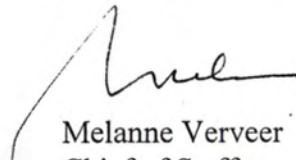
Dear Helen:

Thank you so much for your generous interventions on behalf of Vital Voices in the era of devolution. You have been a real friend of the project and a visionary for what it can become. We hope we can continue to count on you.

Theresa and I had a glorious two hours with Mo at her home before we headed back to Washington. Your ears should have been ringing as your "fan club" talked about you. We told Mo about our impressions of the last couple days and thanked her for her efforts which brought us to this day.

All the best.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 3, 2000

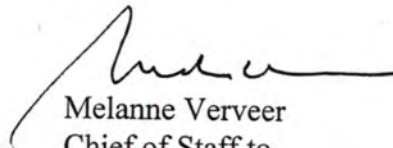
His Excellency Tedo Japaridze
Embassy of Georgia
1615 New Hampshire Ave., #300
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Ambassador Japaridze:

Enclosed are photos from the National Democratic
Institute Dinner in September. We would be grateful if you
would forward the photos to President and Mrs. Shevardnadze,
with President and Mrs. Clinton's compliments.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 10, 2000

Ms. Nettie Jones
After-School Program Director
J.O. Wilson Elementary School
660 K Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Ms. Jones:

Thank you the copy of the *Wilson Post*, which I enjoyed reading very much. It's wonderful to know the students are being given the chance to learn and have fun in so many different ways.

Best wishes and thank you for all you and your colleagues are doing to make Wilson's after-school program such a success.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



J. O. Wilson Elementary School
660 K Street, N.E. * Washington, D.C. 20002
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April 25, 2000

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

Dear Ms. Verveer:

We have enclosed the most recent newsletter from our After-School Program. We are so grateful for your support and want to say "thank you" by sharing a few highlights from our activities.

A year-end event will be scheduled in early June, and we will be in touch as soon as the date is set. We hope you will be able to join us for a first-hand look at all you're making possible.

Sincerely,

Erma Fields
Principal

Nettie B. Jones
Nettie Jones
After-School Program Director



Erma B. Fields, Principal
Jean Somerville, Assistant Principal



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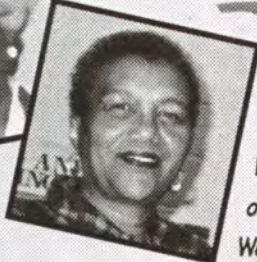
A Village Making a Difference . . . Linking Parents and Students for Success

J.O. Wilson/WIN After-School Program

660 K Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002

202.698.4733

Editor: Abbey Blake



Greetings:

Another semester has passed, and we have been able to continue to expand the offerings to our children and community. We have watched with great joy the glee and exuberance on our little ones' faces and in their

eyes as they participate in the after-school experiences on a daily basis.

While we have continued our academic thrust this year, there has been an increased focus on cultural arts. Our students have attended many activities at the Kennedy Center, museums and theaters away from the school. They even have traveled to Baltimore, Maryland to visit the Aquarium.

Yes, we are using the city and community as a forum for learning, but we are also bringing many cultural activities to J.O. Wilson. Some of those activities include projects with City at Peace, the Washington Ballet, the African Heritage Dancers, and the Therrell Smith School of Dance.

We are indeed thankful to our partners and supporters who are continuing to provide financial support to our after-school program. They include the following:

- Mayor Anthony Williams
- The Washington Interfaith Network (WIN)
- The Cafritz Foundation
- The Arcana Foundation
- The Ledecky Foundation
- Dumbarton United Methodist Church

We are also thankful to the many individuals who have supported us. Your commitment and dedication to our program has made a "World of Difference." You have provided a "World of Choices" to our most precious resource - our children. And you are making it possible for us to serve their parents as well. They are receiving instruction in GED preparation, reading, computer training, and parenting skills. Again, thanks to you for all that you do for our children and community.

We are a school on the move, preparing today's students for tomorrow's world.

Sincerely,

Erma B. Fields
Erma B. Fields, Principal

Nettie Jones
Nettie Jones, Director



Photo 1: Happy smiles abound at J.O. Wilson's After-School program.

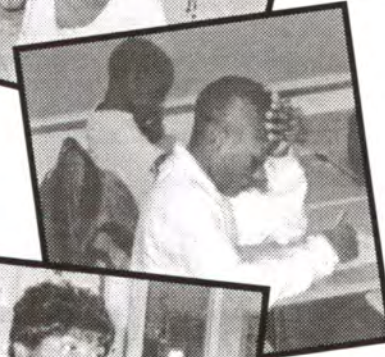


Photo 2: One sixth-grader takes a practice test to prepare for the "real thing."

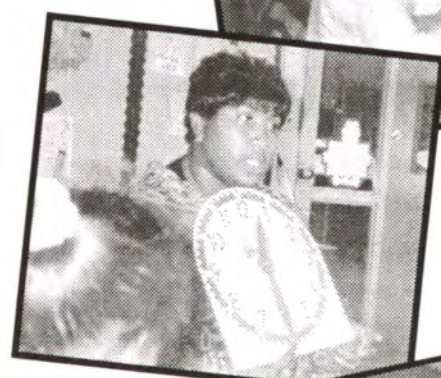


Photo 3: Miss Coker works with 2nd-graders learning to tell time.

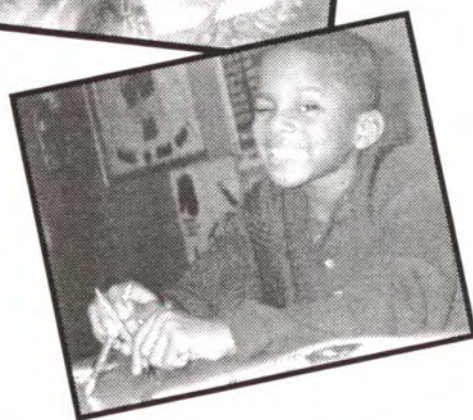


Photo 4: Jerry Greene (3rd grade) smiles for the camera after finishing his work.