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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 18, 1999

Dr. Anna Kohen
President
AAWO "Motrat Qirazi"
130 East 63rd Street, Suite 1A
New York, NY 10021

Dear Dr. Kohen:

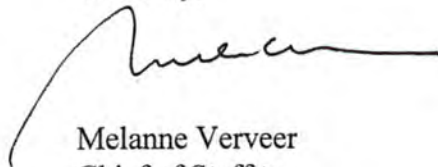
On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your letter and the information about AAWO "Motrat Qirazi's" vital work in Kosovo.

The US is committed to ensuring the participation of Kosovar Albanians in determining their own priorities and helping to guide our assistance efforts. We are also working with NGOs who are partnering with local NGOs, such as the Mother Theresa Society. In addition we are working closely with UNHCR, which has been given the lead for international humanitarian assistance in Kosovo.

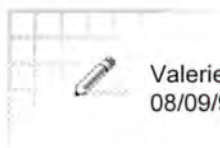
Our efforts, and our funding for relief, is being determined within Kosovo through a USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team and through community councils that USAID has helped to establish and support in each of the administrative districts. If "Motrat Qirazi" is operating on the ground, we suggest that you contact the DART to discuss the organization's capabilities. If you prefer to speak to someone in Washington, you can contact Hugh Parmer, Assistant Administrator of the USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Response at (202) 712-0770.

Please accept Mrs. Clinton's appreciation for all you and your colleagues are doing to bring relief to those in need, along with her best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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You asked for comments on a response to Dr. Anna Kohen from the Albanian/American Women's Organization "Motrat Qiriazhi".

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If they want to speak to someone in Washington, *you can contact:* you can refer them to Hugh Parmer, the Assistant Administrator of the USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Response. 202-712-0770.

Let me know if you need more info.

"Motrat Qiriazhi"

Albanian/American Women's Organization "Motrat Qiriazhi"
130 East 63rd Street Suite 1A
New York, NY 10021

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respond

August 02, 1999

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

President Clinton has pledged \$500 million towards Kosova Relief. Since our organization is the only Albanian American organization that supports the women and children we would like to help facilitate distribution of this relief funds to the women and children to Kosova.

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Sincerely yours,

Anna Kohen

Dr. Anna Kohen
President AAWO
"Motrat Qiriazhi"

Albanian/American Women's Organization "Motrat Qiriazhi" (AAWO) Fact Sheet

What is the AAWO?

AAWO "Motrat Qiriazhi" is a nonprofit group committed to the advancement of Albanian Women within their families, communities and the society. With a membership encompassing the tri-state area (New York, New Jersey, Connecticut) and branches in Massachusetts, Michigan and Illinois, AAWO promotes the integration of Albanian American women and their families into the social, economic and cultural life of the U.S., while at the same time, strengthening the bonds between Albanian American women and their sisters in Kosova, Albania, Macedonia, Montenegro and the Diaspora, by providing them financial and emotional support.

Who are we?

AAWO, a non-partisan, education, advocacy and support organization is the only group in the U.S. that seeks to address the needs of Albanian women. Founded by a small contingent of Albanian immigrants in New York City, this organization recognized the necessity of creating a safe place where women could combat the isolation they experienced living in a foreign culture and become more empowered through the sharing of their experiences. Through extensive grass-roots organizing efforts, AAWO volunteers brought women together to receive and provide emotional support,

learn about and access needed resources, and develop a collective strength and identity in the community.

Why was the AAWO founded?

AAWO "Motrat Qiriazhi" was founded in 1993. The organization is named after the sisters Qiriazhi, the first Albanian women educators. The sisters Qiriazhi dedicated their lives to the education and empowerment of Albanian women. More than 100 years ago, they opened the first school for girls in Albania. The sisters remain an inspiration in the struggle to achieve full and equal rights for women. In order to change and make a difference in our community, AAWO was founded to inspire, give hope and support to all the Albanian women who wish to make better lives for themselves.

What do we do?

Since its inception, AAWO has been run entirely by volunteers, in terms of both leadership and project implementation. In 1998 for example, more than 1200, volunteer hours were committed to AAWO activities. The organization is governed by a board of directors consisting of 17 active and dedicated women who encompass a broad range of professional affiliations, ages, and regional and religious segments of the Albanian American community. Board

members serve on four committees: Executive, Special Events/ Fund-Raising, Program and Educational and Communications. AAWO is in the process of getting its legal status as a non-profit 501-© (3) organization. Between 1993-1997, AAWO operated under the umbrella of the Albanian American Cultural Foundation, a 501-© (3) organizations in New York.

• Promoting the rights of women and children

When the situation in Kosova deteriorated, AAWO began to focus more of its attention and resources on its sisters and brothers in crisis. Linkages to the people of Albania are historical, emotional and familiar For the women of AAWO. The group established close ties with its sister organization, also named "Motrat Qiriazhi" in Kosova. AAWO is also in contact with the Center for Protection of Women, Children headed by Dr. Vjosa Dobruna, a prominent human, and women's rights activist in Kosova. In Tirana, Albania, AAWO collaborates with many of the most effective women's NGOs, including Tirana Women's Center, the Counseling Center for Women and Girls, the Women's Association "Refleksione", the Legal Aid Studio for Women, Albanian Women Journalists Forum and Paskali Foundation.

In addition to providing financial support to the people of Kosova, AAWO has helped maintain critical threads of communication between Albanian Americans and their loved ones in Diaspora. AAWO has also undertaken efforts to provide technical assistance to individuals and organizations seeking to respond to the struggle in the Balkans. Among these institutions are the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children, IRC, UNIFEM, UNICEF USA, Human Rights Watch and the Ford Foundation.

***Promoting protection of refugee women and children**

In the first months of 1999, AAWO shifted its focus to address the emergent needs of the Albanian community, both in the U.S. and abroad. AAWO worked extensively to:

*Inform the public about the tragedy of the Albanian refugees from Kosova through media efforts and educational workshops/panel discussions at the universities.

* Advance-sharing information between local and international women's NGOs who work with the refugees in Albania and Macedonia.

*Help Albanian American families who have relatives in Kosova by relaying news and facilitating communication efforts.

*Raise additional funds to support local women's NGOs that work with refugees in Albania and Macedonia.

*A large number of AAWO members hosted Kosovar refugee families who were brought to the U.S.

In the last few months.

* AAWO sent its delegate to Albania to assist the Kosovar refugees in the camps during the period of crisis.

Ongoing Activities?

These current and ongoing AAWO program activities rely on volunteer participation. They will continue to function normally, albeit with staff coordination in the future:

- The identification of host families to provide support for refugees from Kosova.
- The identification of jobs and housing for new Albanian immigrants.
- The provision of technical assistance to U. S. based and international organizations on Albanian culture and Albanian NGOs in Albania, Kosova, Macedonia.
- The provision of information to U.S. media and academic institutions on the conflict in Kosova and Albanian institutions and organizations.
- The provision of assistance to Albanian American women and their families in the U.S. attempting to connect with relatives in Kosova.
- The provision of information to Albanian immigrants on educational opportunities in the U.S. (e.g. English language courses, job training, educational

scholarship opportunities).

Is the AAWO effective?

*The AAWO is a catalyst in the Albanian American community.

*AAWO leadership was invited to meet Hillary Clinton at the White House on August 2, 1999

* Women's Day Magazine elected AAWO executive Shqipe Malushi "An Angel of Peace" for 1999

*In 1999 AAWO raised \$54,000 and helped Kosovar refugees in Albania.

* During the Kosova crisis AAWO created strong ties with International Rescue Committee, Women's Commission for the Refugee Women and Children, MADRE, and Albanian Women's Organizations.

*In 1998 AAWO held 22 fundraising events and sent to Kosova women's organizations \$40,000

* AAWO publishes two newsletters: Shpresa and Kidsplanet.

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SHIPRESA

Volume 1

May 1999

NEVER AGAIN

By Dr. Anna Kohen

Ladies and Gentlemen and Honored Guests,

Few weeks ago, during the holocaust remembrance week, we remembered six million Jews who were murdered at the hands of a terrible oppressor more than 50 years ago. We commemorated the most unspeakable tragedy in the history of Jewish People.

The pictures from over 50 years ago are images that we see today in our daily papers & newscasts. Another tragedy-the tragedy of the Albanian people that are being murdered & dispersed only because they are Albanians.

"NEVER AGAIN," said my husband a holocaust survivor. "NEVER AGAIN," said my parents whose families vanished while they sought refuge in Albania and were saved by the Albanian people.

"NOT AGAIN, DO WHAT IT TAKES TO STOP THE ETHNIC CLEANSING!"

"NOT AGAIN!" I say.

I, being an Albanian and a Jew cannot see and observe silently what is happening today to my Albanian brothers and sisters.

I like to share with you the memories of a child of survivors, my memories in Albania.

When I was six years-old, I was walking with my mother on the street, and all of a sudden we heard a voice shouting:

"Bule, Bule" and we saw a lady running towards us. My mother and I turned our heads and recognized the lady.

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BARBARI MESJETARE NE PRAK TE SHEKULLIT XXI !

Nga Dr. Lumnije Boriçi

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KOSOVA: THE GHOST TOWNS

By: Shqipe Malushi

Another day of work in New York City, and my boss has placed yellow flowers on my desk. I was surprised it felt soothing for a moment, as his words came from his office, "FOR PEACE." Then he handed me an envelope from his two boys 9 and 3 years old. "Here they send all their savings," he said. "For your children in Kosova." I took the envelope with gratitude and sadness. My children of Kosova, I whispered, who never were beggars.

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KOSOVA E LIRË

ALBANIAN-AMERICAN WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION
"MOTRAT QIRIAZI"

August 1, 1999

Hon. Hillary Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Ms. Clinton:

Because we have met to discuss the Kosova situation, and because we know of your long history of involvement to insure the best possible future for children, we know of your anxiety about the wretchedness of the former refugees, and particularly of your concern for the condition of the women and children, our special affair.

Apart from anything governments may do in this regard, we are doing our best to organize a long-term people-to-people effort, with the first goal being to raise enough money to help the former refugee women and children get through this coming winter and spring in a safe and healthy way. We are asking religious and civic organizations to join us in the "Kosova Lifeline" by agreeing to make a contribution of at least \$250 each month for the next twelve months. The funds will be sent to us and we will administer them in direct relief efforts in behalf of women and children. At the end of the period we will sponsor an inspection trip by contributors to the "Kosova Lifeline" so they may investigate and report on our joint effort.

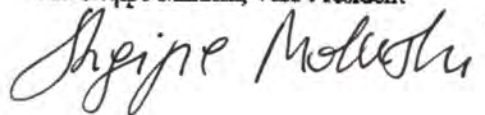
Our appeal is initiated by ourselves, by the International Rescue Committee and by the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children. On our behalf, and in the interest of the best possible future for the new Kosovar generation, we invite you to join us as the Honorary Chairperson of the "Kosova Lifeline." We believe your support, in the Eleanor Roosevelt tradition, will prove to be a significant element in helping arouse a sometimes dormant national morality, and making our appeal successful.

Sincerely,

Dr. Anna Kohen, President



Ms. Shqipe Malushi, Vice President



ALBANIAN-AMERICAN WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION
"MOTRAT QIRIAZI"

Dear Mrs. Clinton

We are writing you about Kosova.

NATO reports that social life there has been destroyed. Two-thirds of the homes have to be rebuilt. In this agricultural region there are no crops growing. Social institutions, infrastructure, industrial and agricultural production - everything must be restored. And winter is fast approaching.

Meanwhile, over half the refugees have already returned, and more return every day. They are destitute and they are confronting desolation.

Aid has been pledged by various governments, but the UN reports the European governments are quibbling about their commitments. Little has arrived and little is in the pipeline to make good on these pledges.

In this situation a real catastrophe will occur this winter if we do not take steps now to avert it. This is why we are writing you.

For the last eighteen months - before Kosova was the media's favorite story - the *Albanian American Women's Organization Motrat Qiriazi* has been raising the alarm, organizing support and developing programs to aid the people of Kosova, and especially mothers and children. When the refugee flood erupted, AAWO extended its programs and aid to the refugees in Albania, Macedonia and the USA. AAWO leadership was on site in Macedonia and Albania with the refugee families and is now in Kosova, and knows the details of the actual situation.

Now we are appealing to you and your organization to join with AAWO to help the Kosovars get through this winter. Here, concretely, is what we propose:

1. AAWO is forming the *Kosova Lifeline*, to be composed of groups who agree to donate at least \$250 a month each month for the next twelve months. (These donations are completely tax deductible, since AAWO is a federally registered 501(c)(3) tax exempt charity.) The money will be administered by AAWO for Kosova relief.
2. Each month, for every \$250 donated, AAWO will give you \$250 worth of "Kosova e Lire" phone cards in your choice of \$12 or \$25 denominations, for you to distribute to your members. These are regular phone cards that can be used to call from any phone to any location in the USA or abroad. They have been issued by AAWO in \$12 and \$25 denominations for this campaign in conjunction with Econocall, Inc. (When you use the "Kosova e Lire" card to make a long distance call within the USA, the cost is only 7.9¢ a minute.) If you donate more than \$250 a month, AAWO will give you an additional phone card for every \$12 or \$25 donated above \$250.
3. In April, 2000 AAWO will organize an inspection tour of Kosova for one representative from each of the two largest contributors to the *Kosova Lifeline*. This delegation will then report back to the contributors at specially organized functions on conditions and needs in Kosova as they have seen them. Transportation for the inspection tour will be furnished by Econocall, Inc.

I urge you to ask your organization to participate in the *Kosova Lifeline*. Please agree to donate \$250 a month for the next 12 months.

Please appoint a volunteer *Kosova Lifeline* Coordinator. And call us with his or her name, address and contact phone number. We will immediately send your Coordinator the record keeping, mailing and educational material.

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August 1, 1999

The Coordinator will mail us the donations monthly, and we will send the phone cards and tax exempt contribution receipts to your Coordinator by return mail for the Coordinator to distribute.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us.

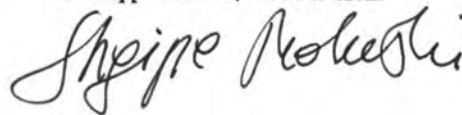
Thanks in advance for your help, and the help of all of your members, in preventing an impending, but wholly avoidable, disaster.

Sincerely,

Dr. Anna Kohen, President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anna Kohen".

Ms. Shupie Malushi, Vice President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Shupie Malushi".

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You can help the Kosovars rebuild their lives!

It is a humanitarian duty, but at the same time an honor, for every one of us to help the Kosovar Families during these tough times.

At this moment they have many needs - food, shelter, health care, education, to name a few. But getting in touch with their close relatives is the most urgent need. They desperately need to communicate with their loved ones here and abroad. There are many cases where a mother searches for her children, a child for his parents, a brother for his sister.

This is our special project. With the cooperation of Econocall, Inc., the Albanian-American Women's Organization: "Motrat Qiriaz" is issuing phone cards free to refugee and former refugee families which will allow them to contact their loved ones. Help our sisters and brothers to have these Free Kosova phone cards.

Here is how you can help.

Each time you make a tax-deductible donation of \$12, or \$25, (this is for calls to be made from the USA) or \$28 (this is for calls to be made from outside the USA) to the "Motrat Qiriaz Kosova Freedom Phone Card Campaign" you will receive a \$12 or \$25 or \$28 "AAWO: Kosova Freedom Pre-Paid Phone Card."

You may use these cards yourself.

You may give them to families you are helping.

You may tell AAWO to give the cards in your name to the Kosovars wherever they may be. These cards will allow those families to make much needed calls free from here or from Macedonia or Turkey or Germany or Sweden or from anywhere.

Will you agree to make a monthly donation of a phone card for a refugee family?

100% of your tax-deductible donation goes directly to support AAWO's vital relief efforts. This is made possible through the cooperation of Econocall, Inc. - Uncle Sam's Telecom, a proud sponsor of AAWO.

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Phone: 212-742-4800

KOSOVA E LIRË

KARTE TELEFONIKE



Ju Mund Të Ndhmoni Kosovarët për të Rindërtuar Jetën e Tyre!

Për cilindo nga ne është detyrë humanitare dhe në të njëjtën kohë nder, që të ndihmojë Familjet Kosovare në këto kohë kaq të vështira për ta.

Në këtë kohë ata kanë nevojë për shumë gjëra ushqim, strehim, kujdes shëndetësor, shkollim, e të tjera, por lidhja me më të afërmit e tyre është kërkesa më urgjente për ta. Ata të brengosur e kanë të domosdoshme të komunikojnë me më të dashurit e tyre këtu dhe jashtë Amerike. Janë të panumërt rastet kur nëna kërkon fëmijët e saj, fëmija prindin, vëllai motrën.

Projekti ynë është posaçërisht për këtë qëllim. *Shoqata Shqiptaro-Amerikane e Grave "Motrat Qiriazi"* (AAWO) në bashkëpunim me *Econocall, Inc.*, është duke emetuar karta telefonike për t'ju shpërndarë falas familjeve të dëbuara kosovare, që të lidhen me më të afërmit e tyre. Ndhmoni motrat dhe vëllezërit tanë të pajisen me karta telefonike Kosova e Lirë.

Ja si mund të ndihmoni.

Për çdo rast që ju bëni dhurim, të zbritshëm nga taksat, prej 12\$, 25\$, (ky është për të telefonuar nga USA) ose 28\$ (ky është për të telefonuar nga jashtë USA-së) për "FUSHATEN E KARTAVE TELEFONIKE, KOSOVA E LIRË, TE "MOTRAVE QIRIAZI" ju do të pajiseni me një "AAWO: Kartë Telefonike të Parapaguar, Kosova e Lirë". me vlerë 12\$, 25\$ ose 28\$.

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Ju mund të ja jepni familjeve, që po ndihmoni.

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August 18, 1999

Dr. Dorothy S. Klein
LIFT Foundation
251 Bretton Woods Drive
Coram, NY 11727

Dear Dr. Klein:

Thank you for your letter and the information about the LIFT Foundation. I read the materials with great interest and have shared them with my colleagues.

Providing educational opportunities for children in the US and abroad is very important to the First Lady and we applaud your leadership and initiative. Please accept her appreciation for you and your colleagues' work for children in Indonesia, along with her best wishes.

You have the great satisfaction of knowing your work truly matters, thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

251 Bretton Woods Drive
Coram, New York 11727

LIFT Foundation

To: Melanne Verveer

Fax: 202-456-6244

From: Dr. Dorothy S. Klein

Date: 08/09/99

Re: NY Times Coverage of LIFT Program Pages: 12

CC:

☐ Urgent

☐ For Review

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I called your office this afternoon, because I felt that Hillary Clinton would be most interested in the work I am doing to help the children of newly democratic nation of Indonesia. You will note on page 4, that *Newsday* covered a fundraising event for my foundation. On Thursday, August 12, 1999, at approximately 12 noon, a *New York Times* reporter, Marcelle Fischler will bring photographers to do a follow-up story. They are coming to the basement of the Saxton Middle School in the Patchogue-Medford School District (the 6th largest on Long Island) where the thousands of books, computers, software and other learning materials are being packed for shipment to Indonesia. They will see many volunteers from all segments of the Patchogue-Medford community donating their time and effort to this worthwhile endeavor, including students, custodial workers, teachers, parents, school officials and community members. IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD!

For further information, please call me at the Saxton bookroom (516) 447-3192. My home phone number is (516) 732-5490. If there is no answer, please leave a message. I am a great fan of the First Lady, and I would very much like to see her win the Senatorial election.

PROJECT LIFT

Lifting

Indonesia's

Future through Education & Tourism

Introduction

Hillary Clinton, wife of U.S. President Bill Clinton, often quotes the African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child." Not only parents, but the local community, and even the world community, share the responsibility for ensuring that children everywhere have the opportunity, knowledge and skills to enable them to achieve their full potential and become productive members of society.

It is well known that tourism can help the children of Indonesia by giving additional income to families engaged in providing goods and services to tourists. There is no doubt that tourism stimulates the economy of a nation, and, thus, is most beneficial to children and their families. However, as much as the infusion of capital can improve the lives of children, we have seen that this improvement may be short-lived and impermanent, depending upon the conditions that encourage or discourage tourism. What the children really need is the wherewithal to generate their own income. It is far better to teach children to fish than to give them fish.

Mission Statement

It is our mission to enable children of Indonesia to acquire knowledge and skills that will help them gain a higher standard of living and, thus, ultimately aid Indonesia to achieve its economic potential.

Goals

1. To establish a USA-based foundation that would work, in cooperation with the Indonesian Ministry of Tourism and Peter A. Semone, to channel books and teaching materials to Indonesian schools in order to help the children learn English and broaden their educational horizons.
2. To send used books, crayons and other teaching materials and equipment from the Patchogue-Medford School District, New York, USA, to Bau Bau, Larantuka, and Karang Bayan in Southeast Indonesia in order to establish a pilot program to determine the efficacy of this endeavor. Having personally seen the need and eagerness to learn of the children in these

villages, we wish to conduct the demonstration project in the schools of these areas.

3. To determine a method of evaluating the impact of the donated materials on the teaching and learning process.
4. To give American tourists a vehicle for providing lasting and productive aid to the children of Indonesia.
5. To establish a mutual understanding and respect for Indonesian and American cultures by increasing tourism and encouraging contact between Indonesian and American schoolchildren.

For additional information concerning Project LIFT, contact:

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Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 25, 1989
CONTACT: Dr. Dorothy S. Klein
(516)732-5490

LOCAL COMMUNITIES JOIN IN FUNDRAISER TO SEND LEARNING MATERIALS TO INDONESIAN SCHOOLS TO HELP A FLEDGLING DEMOCRACY SURVIVE

PATCHOGUE, New York, June 25, 1989. In a cooperative fundraising effort with the LIFT Foundation, Oliver's Hair Studio is offering complimentary haircuts on Monday, June 26th.

The purpose of this event is to raise money to defray the costs of shipping, to Indonesia, used textbooks donated by the Patchogue-Medford Schools, used library books contributed by the Patchogue-Medford Library and Friends of the Library, and computer hardware and software donated by Imperial Software System. In attendance will be Dr. Dorothy Klein, founder and president of the LIFT Foundation, Patchogue-Medford school and community officials, and many members of the Patchogue-Medford school community. Flying in from Indonesia to attend this event is a special guest, Peter Semone, owner and operator of the Bali Candra Triloka Tour Company. Mr. Semone, an American, serves as the liaison between the LIFT Foundation and the newly democratic government of Indonesia. Members of the media are invited to participate.

Oliver's Hair Studio will open its doors at 2:30 p.m. Twenty-one hair stylists will donate their time on their day off to provide free hairstyling services to Patchogue-Medford school personnel and invited residents. More than 1000 copies of the attached flyer have been distributed to each and every employee and school official. It is expected that most of the invitees will be present between 4 and 4:30 p.m. The fundion will end at 8 p.m. Wine and gourmet refreshments will be provided, courtesy of a number of Sayville and Patchogue store and restaurant owners.

Project LIFT (Lifting Indonesia's Future through Education plus Tourism) was initiated when Dr. Dorothy S. Klein, veteran educator and retired Patchogue-Medford Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, visited the country and discovered that Indonesian teachers are trying to teach English to the schoolchildren, but lack the necessary tools. After returning from her vacation trip in March of this year, Dr. Klein developed LIFT, a public charitable foundation, by enlisting the support of various educators, residents and community leaders who joined forces to gather the needed supplies and resources. Students from the Barton Elementary School and Dr. Klein have been corresponding with a prominent Indonesian government official, Director General of Tourism I Gede Ardika, to further the goals of the project.

In commenting about the significance of the project, Dr. Klein quoted President James Madison who wrote, "Education is the true foundation of civil liberty." She added, "The books and materials we send will enable Indonesian schoolchildren to acquire the knowledge and skills that will help them gain a higher standard of living, and, thus, lay the foundation for a true and lasting democratic society."

A BETTER WORLD CAN BE BUILT BY COMMUNITIES OF CARING PEOPLE

IN BROOKHAVEN

It's Hair Today, Help Tomorrow

Stylists cut a deal to raise cash for Indonesian kids

BY J. JIONI PALMER
STAFF WRITER

MOST MONDAYS mean a day off for stylists at Oliveri's Hair Studio in Sayville. Monday is a day for accounting and inventory.

But one recent Monday afternoon more than 21 hair and beauty stylists from Oliveri's and three other local salons gathered to volunteer their services to raise money to send more than 10,000 textbooks and 300 computers to Indonesia.

"It's just such a wonderful cause — how can anybody not want to help?" said Gina Jaklitsch, 27, a nail stylist at Oliveri's. "When I saw the pictures, I had to do something," said the Bohemia resident.

The pictures are of former Patchogue-Medford Assistant Superintendent Dorothy Klein's two-week trip to Indonesia in March. Originally meant to be a relaxing vacation, it turned into a humanitarian mission to help the struggling new democracy still reeling from more than 50 years of military dictators and the Asian economic crisis.

Klein, 34-year education veteran, took every opportunity to get away from the scheduled stops in her tour of Indonesia's many islands. She sought out schools and other places where children gathered.

Her pictures tell a mixed story of poverty, hope and promise: Children dressed in school uniforms — some tattered, others neatly pressed. Many classrooms devoid of blackboards, desks and other educational equipment. School-age children weaving baskets to sell instead of attending school, because they are too poor to buy the mandatory school uniforms.

"They are in desperate need of things we take for granted," said Klein, a grandmother of three who lives in Coram. "Many of them have



Dorothy Klein, president of Lifting Indonesia's Future Through Education Plus Tourism, holds a box of crayons that was donated to the foundation, along with books and computers.

never seen a crayon. If I had known these children had nothing, then I would have brought a suitcase full of pens and pencils to give them."

Motivated by a desire to help and by the belief that education will "lay the foundation for a true and lasting democratic society," Klein conceived Project LIFT (Lifting Indonesia's Future Through Education and Tourism), which plans to ship textbooks and other educational equipment to Indonesia.

To get Project LIFT off the ground, Klein turned to her former employer, the Patchogue-Medford School District, while she was still in Indonesia. School districts routinely discard textbooks, Klein recalled as she thought of ways to help the Indonesian children she encountered. According to school officials, textbooks are frequently changed because of wear and tear, or a change in the school curriculum.

Besides getting textbooks from the

school district, she got used library books donated by the Patchogue-Medford Library and Friends of the Library. Computer equipment was donated by Imperial Software System in Medford.

Klein's passion and dedication have drawn others to rally around the cause, turning the effort into a community endeavor. The recent fund raiser netted \$1,000 from people who had their hair cut or styled or just donated money. Food was donated by several local businesses. Professionals in a variety of fields are lending their expertise to help Project LIFT navigate delicate issues such as United States tax laws and international relations.

"I just love her energy and enthusiasm," said Norman Wheeler, a tax specialist who is preparing Project LIFT's tax-exempt paperwork.

Virginia Ryan, principal of Barton Elementary School in Patchogue, wanted to do her part as well and got her hair styled. "Anything that can teach the children respect of other cultures is the underpinning of it all," Ryan said.

What began as an exchange of educational materials has turned into an exchange of cultures. Since returning from Indonesia, Klein has given presentations about her trip and Project LIFT at several Patchogue-Medford schools. Children at Barton have begun pen-pal relationships with Indonesian children and government officials. And information about the country has been integrated into third-grade social studies.

American Peter Semone, a tour organizer in Indonesia, came to the Staten for the event, he said. He is serving as the liaison between Project LIFT and the Indonesian government. Semone, who met Klein while she vacationed in Indonesia, sees his participation as an opportunity to promote a transfer of knowledge between the two countries.

"America is the leader in the movement toward a global economy," said Semone, fresh out of the stylist's chair where he had his sandy brown locks trimmed. "There is a lot that can be learned by both sides. I just want to do my part."

POSTINGS

BY THE LIGHT OF THE MOON

The Group for the South Fork is sponsoring a naturalist-led canoe and kayak tour of Georgica Pond on July 28 from 7 to 10 p.m. Bring your own picnic dinner. Canoes seat 2-3 people and cost \$35. Single kayak rentals are \$20 per person. Call 537-1400 for reservations.

ADULT DAY CARE

The Town of Brookhaven program specializes in the care, treatment and special activities for the elderly.

erly afflicted by impairments such as Alzheimer's, post stroke, vision and hearing impaired and varying degrees of dementia. The program is offered at five sites on different weekdays. Daily fees are \$33 and \$42 with transportation. Call 331-7309.

SUMMER FUN

The Sunshine Prevention Center in Port Jefferson Station is offering a variety of summer workshops for teens. The workshops, for ages 12 and up, are scheduled for Aug. 16-20 and 23-27, and cost \$80 per week. There are payment plans, scholarships, Social Services eligibility and sliding-scale fees available. Call 476-3099.

SHOTS FOR TOTS

The Suffolk County Immunization Program offers

free vaccine to children ages 5 and under. Immunizations will be given on Tuesday at Longwood Public Library, 800 Middle Country Rd., Middle Island, and on Thursday at the Middle Country Library-Cultural Center, 575 Middle Country Rd., Selden. Both sessions are from 3 to 6:30 p.m. Appointments are not necessary. Please bring record of past immunizations. For more information, call 853-3140.

FOOD PROGRAM

If you are age 60 or older, a New York State resident and earn less than \$10,712 annually, you qualify for a free food package each month. Catholic Charities Food & Nutrition (FAN) program has immediate openings for seniors at all FAN sites. Call 491-4166.

COMPILED BY ALICE NORRITT

A hair raising experience

Local fund-raiser to benefit Indonesian children

More than two-dozen faculty from the Sayville and Patchogue-Medford school districts attended a fund-raiser at Oliveri's Hair Studio in Sayville this past Monday, to help raise money for the shipping of educational materials to Indonesian school children.

The event, which raised more than \$1,500, was organized by retired Patchogue-Medford Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Dorothy Kline, who now serves as president of Lifting Indonesia's Future through Education and Tourism (LIFT), a non-profit organization focused on developing under-privileged areas in Indonesia.

"I had no idea of these children's condition or I would have brought a ton of books and pens," said Kline after visiting Indonesia on a pleasure cruise this past February. "I gave this girl a crayon and she started to eat it because she didn't know what it was."

After returning from her trip to Indonesia, Kline immediately organized LIFT and contacted the Patchogue-Medford School District and the Patchogue-Medford Public Library in order to collect materials such as textbooks and computers to send to Indonesia.

An Indonesian tourist organization, Bali Triloka Candra, is working in conjunction with LIFT to act as

the liaison between Kline's donations and recipients in the Southeast Asian country. Although this country of 210 million people has been one of the wealthiest countries in Asia in the past decade, many citizens who live outside major urban areas are poverty stricken.

"Maybe now people in Indonesia are able to function, but the more tools they have the better they are able to advance," said Peter A. Semone, owner and operator of Bali Triloka Candra. Semone will be cooperating with Indonesia's Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture in order to channel the educational resources to those in need.

In addition to gathering educational materials, Kline has also initiated a correspondence program between Barton Elementary students in Patchogue and the Indonesian government. Kline also hopes to use the computers as a medium for communication between Barton students and Indonesian children through the Internet.

"The young people at Barton Elementary that are learning about Indonesia are the future tourists of Indonesia," said Semone, who added that the three goals of this cooperation between LIFT and the Indonesian government are to establish an avenue for

donations, improve cross-cultural communication between young people in America and Indonesia and to use technology as a means of communication between both countries.

While most of the educational materials have already been collected, Kline is now working to ship them over to Indonesia this summer. Kline plans to return to Indonesia and spend several weeks there in order to help train educators how to use the materials and computer equipment.

More than 20 hair stylists and nail artists gathered at Oliveri's Hair Studio to give free hair cuts and manicures to teachers from the Sayville and Patchogue-Medford school districts. Money raised will cover shipping expenses.

"It's a great cause to raise money for children," said Saxton Middle School teacher Lynn Marchiano, who praised Kline's efforts to help others in need. "Whatever cause she's involved in, it's worthwhile."

"Anytime that you can help other people, it's a goal. It's a lesson for other children," said Patchogue-Medford Superintendent of Schools Raymond Fell. "It helps them to appreciate what they have here."

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April 16, 1999

Mr. I Gede Ardika, Directorate General
of Tourism
Ministry of Tourism, Art and Culture
Republic of Indonesia
JL. Medan Merdeka Barat No. 17
Jakarta 10110, Indonesia

Dear Directorate General Ardika:

Re: Project LIFT

Please accept this letter with my very best wishes as we embark upon our educational and cultural partnership with you and the citizens of Indonesia. Our Board of Education, teachers, administrators, students and community members are most enthusiastic about the mutual benefits that will surely derive from our collaboration.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Sincerely,



Raymond F. Fell
Superintendent of Schools

cc: D. Klein, Ph.D.
P. Semone

**DEPARTEMEN PARIWISATA, SENI DAN BUDAYA
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Jakarta, 12 April 1999

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To : Mrs. Dorothy S. Klein

Dear Mrs. S. Klein,

These : For ~~SCHEDULE~~
PRESENTATION LIFT PROJECT

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Kepada Yth.

Sdr. Rudi Widjaya
Ass. Koordinator Proyek AMRI
Di Denpasar

Berkenaan dengan surat dari AMRI No. 101-LIFT/PBW-CGK/V/1999 tertanggal 6 April 1999 perihal permohonan jadwal presentasi LIFT Project dengan ini disampaikan bahwa Direktur Jenderal Pariwisata menyatakan kesediaannya untuk acara dimaksud dengan waktu dan tempat sebagai berikut:

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Demikian kami sampaikan, atas perhatian Saudara diucapkan terima kasih,

Kadit. Bina Pemasaran Pariwisata
Pelaksana Tugas,



Drs. Hamdan Rivai
P. 120050982

Tembusan :
Direktur Jenderal Pariwisata.

PS. : If you are needed More Information
Please Fax us Immediately, to :
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Subj: **Project LIFT Update**
Date: 3/31/99 3:31:00 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: DKlein10
To: ardika@dnnet.net.id
BCC: Amrica1

Dear Director General Ardika:

It was a great honor and privilege to meet you at the press conference in Pulau Pelangi. It is not often that one meets such a compassionate and wise government official. The people of Indonesia are most fortunate to have you as Director General of Tourism.

I am very happy to report that I have made much progress in implementing Project LIFT since returning to the US on March 1. Project LIFT is now **The LIFT Foundation**, a US nonprofit organization. The IRS Identification number is **11-3479409**. On Thursday, I will establish a LIFT foundation bank account to collect tax-deductible contributions for costs related to shipping the books and computers, teacher training, and publicizing the project in the US for continued expansion.

The Patchogue-Medford School District has stored thousands of books and other teaching materials for me to be shipped to Indonesia. As the result of several presentations I have made and publicity in local publications, members of the boards of two, large public libraries have offered to donate hundred of children's books, sets of encyclopedias, atlases, National Geographic Magazines, teacher's materials, science books, etc., all in excellent condition. I can take my pick!

On Friday, I am meeting with a good friend of mine who is now a chief executive in a large computer consulting and software firm. She is so excited about the project, that the firm is donating many computers to send to Indonesia. Expert Patchogue-Medford high school students, who are taking a high-level computer programming course, will update the computers and load them with excellent software for the Indonesian children. The Indonesian students and their teachers will be able to communicate with students and teachers in the US to develop a mutual understanding of US and Indonesian cultures and encourage tourism to Indonesia.

As a result of the few presentations I have made so far, a number of people have expressed interest in traveling to Indonesia, despite the terrible and exaggerated reports that have recently appeared in the US press and on TV about ethnic rioting. Just imagine how tourism can increase with the continued expansion of this project!

I have been in contact with Peter Semone who has informed me that he is expecting to meet with Indonesian government officials, at the end of April, to discuss Project LIFT. I am now preparing a box of sample books and material for his meetings. I so strongly believe in the value of this project, that I have offered to travel to Jakarta to participate in these presentations. I have also offered to volunteer my services to train Indonesian teachers in the classroom use of the books and computers.

I am now going to send you a typewritten copy of my proposal via telefax. I welcome any suggestions that you may have for changes that would improve the proposal.

With best regards from my husband Gerald, I remain,

Yours sincerely,
Dr. Dorothy S. Klein

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Jakarta, 19 May 1999

Ms. DOROTHY S. KLEIN, Ph.D.
President of LIFT Foundation
Patchogue - Medford Schools
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Patchogue, New York 11772

Dear Ms. Dorothy S. Klein, Ph.D.

I note with pleasure and appreciation from your letter to Mr. Peter A. Semone as of 17 April 1999, your serious attention to and full support for the LIFT Project. Unfortunately I had been forced to cancel the project presentation planned to be held on last 28 April 1999, since I had to represent the Minister to attend a WTO meeting in New York.

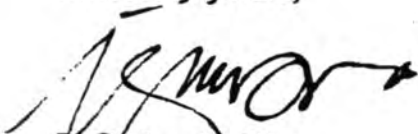
However, rescheduling is being made and presentation of this interesting project will be held in the near future.

In the meantime, please convey my warmest regards to Patchogue - Medford elementary school children and their teachers : Ms. Donny Eddy, Ms. Keri Meyer and Mr. Timothy Miller, and my thanks for their lovely post cards. Enclosed are my personal letters to each of them and I must therefore ask a favour of you as to pass them on to the children.

I also hope the project presentation will justify the mutual benefits that will be generated from our collaboration.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,



Gede Ardika
Director General of Tourism.

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Jakarta, 19 May 1999

To my brilliant little friend,
LEANNA GREENBERG

Dear Leanna Greenberg,

Thanks so much for your interesting story you have so kindly sent to me. It makes me feel young again and it reminds me of the times when I was your age. Those are memories that I cannot forget and will not come back again. So, as you are now still very young, enjoy your childhood and fill it with a spirit of creativity. Really, I am very much impressed by your enthusiasm for writing a story about your favourite animal. Go ahead ! Reach your bright future.!

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



Gede Ardika
Director General of Tourism.

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August 20, 1999

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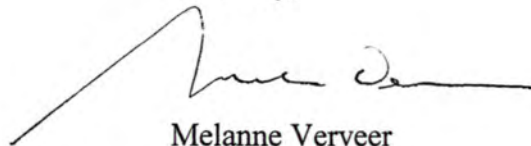
Dear Professor Kayat,

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your letter and invitation for Mrs. Clinton to co-chair the World Summit on Cancer in Paris next February.

Regrettably Mrs. Clinton will not be able to attend the Summit, as her schedule in February will not permit a visit to Paris. Encouraging international cooperation in the fight against cancer is so important and we applaud the leadership of the organizing committee. Please accept Mrs. Clinton's appreciation for you and your colleagues' vital work, along with her best wishes for a successful conference.

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

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



Château de Versailles
Friday February 4th 2000

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ADMINISTRATION
Dr C.Ferrari
E. Ben Brahimi

Dear Madame,

I take the liberty of writing to you at the suggestion of Judith Pizar, whose son, Antony Blinken, has already mentioned the matter to your staff.

With the « Cancer Act », solemnly signed at the White House in 1971, the American nation declared all-out war on cancer. We feel that the oncological community of a unifying Europe, indeed the world, should now join The United States in a common commitment to eradicate cancer everywhere. For this reason we are organizing, in February 2000, the World Summit on Cancer, which will culminate in the signature of the Treaty of Paris, committing the international scientific community to the decisive battle against this terrible scourge of mankind.

The summit, to begin on February 4, will bring together a hundred leading figures in the field of cancer from America, Europe and other continents, to debate the dominant challenges of research, treatment and prevention as we enter the third millennium. It will, of course, be covered by extensive world wide media, both specialized and general.

The event has the patronage of the President of the French Republic, Jacques Chirac, who will receive the participants at a formal function at the Elysée Palace.

While the scientific presentations will be made at the Hotel de Ville, the Treaty of Paris will be signed in the magnificent setting of the Royal Opera House of the Château de Versailles, where Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel and other leading personalities will address those in attendance. This ceremony will be followed by a gala dinner in the Galerie des Batailles.

Sous le Haut Patronage du Président de la République, Monsieur Jacques Chirac

Treaty of Paris against Cancer

Friday February 4th 2000

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The entire undertaking represents a joint initiative of the Hôpital Pitié-Salpêtrière and the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center of Houston. Our organizing committee includes prominent figures from important American and European Institutions, notably the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center of New York. Indeed during this ceremony Sloan Kettering's Dr. Larry Norton will receive the Claude Jacquillat award for his contribution to clinical research. We are scheduling a simultaneous video transmission of the ceremony worldwide, including New York, Houston, etc...

Dear Madame Clinton, it is my ardent hope that you will agree to co-chair and address this historic gathering. We feel that such a gesture on your part would enhance the world significance of this noble endeavor.

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Respectfully yours,
Professor David Khayat.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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September 3, 1999

Marie-Louise Kerr
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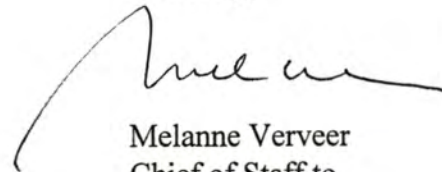
Dear Marie-Louise:

Thank you for your letter and for conveying the request for an interview with the First Lady from "Straight Up."

It's unlikely that Mrs. Clinton's schedule will permit her to accept your kind invitation in the near future. But as you know, Mrs. Clinton is very interested in Northern Ireland's young people. We will keep the request on file and, if there is an opportunity for an interview later on, we will be in touch with you.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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BBC Northern Ireland

For the attention of Melanie Verveer
Office of the First Lady
Hillary Rodham Clinton

11/8/99

Dear Melanie

I am writing to you on behalf of a new BBC Northern Ireland series called "*Straight Up*" to request an interview with the First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton. As you can see from the enclosed programme proposal sheet "*Straight Up*" is made up of a panel of 4/5 young people from Northern Ireland who will be debating and discussing issues with leading people, from politicians to popstars.

The purpose of the programme is to give access to "*powerpoints*", people who will influence and shape the future of these young people. The First Lady's involvement and continued interest in Northern Ireland has prompted young people here to put her name forward as someone they would very much like to meet.

I appreciate that there must be a lot of media demands on the First Lady's time but we really hope that you can give this request serious consideration. We are also willing to travel to where the First Lady is to fit in with her schedule.

I can be contacted directly by phone on 00 44 1232 338311, fax 00 44 1232 338284 or by e-mail on Marie-Louise.Kerr@bbc.co.uk

I look forward to hearing from you soon and thank you for giving this letter your attention.

Yours sincerely

Marie-Louise Kerr

Marie-Louise Kerr

FEDELMA HARKIN
Chief Producer Light Entertainment

PROPOSAL
11 August 1999

'STRAIGHT UP..'

An access series for BBC 1
6 x 40 minutes
Wednesday 22.20

STRAIGHT UP.. is a series of programmes where the generation of the new millennium tackle the people who hold the power to shape the world they will inherit.

STRAIGHT UP.. allows 4 members of the public, and their advocate, Jim McDowell, access to the 'power points' of decision-making. If it's Tony Blair they wish to talk to, they will be in Downing Street - if it's David Trimble the First Minister they're after, they will be in Stormont - Prince Charles at Balmoral. The members of the public will be drawn from a pool of 50 young people between 17 -23 years old. This pool will be representative of the demographics of the young Northern Ireland populace.

This will be a refreshing series of programmes driven by attitude, passion and naivety, and supported by the advocate when needed.

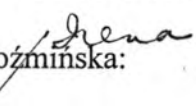
With the constantly changing world of policy-making, be it Church, Industry, Government or even entertainment, each programme will be recorded on the day of transmission, and turned around immediately for transmission.

"Straight Up"
BBC 1 Northern Ireland

THE WHITE HOUSE
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October 18, 1999

Mrs. Irena Koźmińska
Chairperson
ABCXXI Child Awareness Program for Poland
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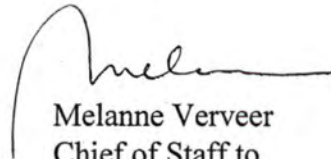
Dear Mrs. Koźmińska: 

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for updating us on the success of the conference last May and for sending the copy of Dr. Friedlander's book, Emotionally Intelligent Parenting.

The topic of the conference is relevant to all of our societies, for we have no more precious resources than our children. Congratulations to you on your continuing leadership and commitment. We just returned from a wonderful, but all-too-brief visit to Warsaw. Enclosed is a copy of Mrs. Clinton's speech to the Democracy Conference.

Mrs. Clinton is frequently on the road, so it's difficult to schedule a meeting with her. I shall be happy to convey any information. All the best.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



CHILD AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR POLAND

*Supporting Emotional Health and Rights of Children
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Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Thank you once again for your generous support of our ABC XXI- Child Awareness Program for Poland and for your very thoughtful letter to the participants of the First Ball "To Love a Child" we organized last May in Grand Hyatt Washington. Your words encouraging our efforts to raise awareness and education about emotional health of children were very much appreciated. I hope you have received our thank you letter together with the Ball's program.

I am writing now to share with you the success of the international conference "How to Love a Child - New Insights of Contemporary Psychology", which we organized in Warsaw, Poland on May 22-23, 1999. Alice Miller and many prominent American specialists like Dr. Mary Pipher, Dr. Ross Campbell, Dr. Nathaniel Branden and Dr. James Gilligan, all of them best-selling authors, were among guest speakers. Over 400 people participated including representatives from eight post communist countries. We received enormous response to the issues of emotional health, roots of violence, importance of teaching values as well as mass culture and media impact on children.

One of the conference's guest speakers, Dr. Brian Friedlander, asked me to send you a book "Emotionally Intelligent Parenting", which he co-authored. I am delighted to do so. The book might be considered as the follow-up of Dr. Daniel Goleman's "Emotional Intelligence". It gives parents and caretakers most needed hope and tools in their efforts to raise happy, kind, responsible and well adjusted children.

Currently in Poland, we are working to make Toruń, the city of Copernicus, become a first child-oriented city in Poland. We want to bring emotional, moral and parenting education to parents, teachers, medical staff, local government and media. We are also working on the nation-wide child abuse and violence prevention programs. Our plans encompass expanding these activities to other post-communist countries.

Poland and other Central and Eastern European countries currently face many problems which were long observed in highly developed democratic societies. Emotional health of children and young people is endangered not only because of a difficult economic situation of many families, but also by violence and sex saturated media. I would be more than happy to meet and talk with you about these issues in the near future, if your schedule permits, or with a person you would kindly suggest. I will contact Mrs. Melanne Verveer to check whether such a meeting would be possible.

With my deepest regards,

Irena Kozmińska

Irena Koźmińska
Wife, Polish Ambassador to the U.S.
Chairperson, ABC XXI

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 29, 1999

Leo J. van der Kant
Director
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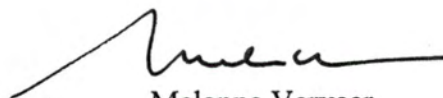
Dear Mr. van der Kant:

Thank you for your letter and invitation for the First Lady to speak about health care during a future visit to the Netherlands.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton has no plans to visit the Netherlands at this time. However, if there is an opportunity for Mrs. Clinton to accept your kind invitation, we will be in touch with you.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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Melanne

The White House
Director of Scheduling for the First Lady
Mrs. Patti Solis Doyle
Pennsylvania Avenue 1600
20500 DC Washington
U.S.A.

Maastricht, 19 August 1999

Dear Mrs. Doyle,

Please let me know at what time are the next U.S. SENAT-elections?

Would it be possible for the First Lady to come to the Netherlands and to adress a speech about health care **after** these elections?

Would it be possible to meet Hillary Clinton in Washington? I would like to come with my friend prof. dr. Wil Albeda former Minister in the Dutch Cabinet - Social Affairs. I am sure he will have some good tips off to her campaign.

If possible please send me a fax message.
faxnumber + 31 43 343 01 28

Thank you so much.

Best regards,

Leo J. van der Kant
director



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 23, 1999

Mr. Thom Kleiner
Supervisor
Town of Orangetown
26 Orangeburg Road
Orangeburg, NY 10962

Dear Mr. Kleiner,

Thank you for your fax of October 29 concerning Brian Pearson's interest in visiting his elderly mother in Ireland and then returning to the United States.

The Attorney General, under her parole authority, may grant advance parole under certain circumstances to persons so that they may leave the United States for humanitarian reasons. However, I understand the Department of Justice has not received a request for Mr. Pearson. If Mr. Pearson wishes to explore the possibility of advance parole, I would encourage him to discuss this matter with the Justice Department.

Again, thank you for writing on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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I understand

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer

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Dick, pls advise
as how to
handle this.

Melanne - Thanks
suggest reply along line of attached
draft.
Mr. Dick.

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Thom Kleiner
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October 29, 1999

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC

BY FAX

Dear Ms. Verveer:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to Eric Woodard of your staff regarding Brian Pearson, the Orangetown resident who is seeking permanent residency status in the United States. I have enclosed a copy of the letter I gave to the First Lady on her recent trip to Rockland County. The letter, written by the Brian Pearson Support Committee, outlines Brian's situation and the compelling reasons why he should be granted permanent residency status.

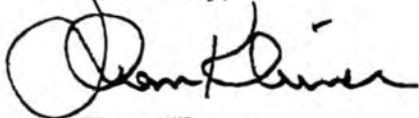
Brian's case has attracted a great deal of attention in the region. Many of us in Rockland County feel sympathy for what the Pearson family has endured, and share a sense that the United States should not be fighting to deport a husband and father who has contributed much to our community. While the Attorney General has suspended the removal proceedings, this solution is only temporary. Brian and his family need to permanently resolve this problem so that they can live without the threat of deportation hanging over their head.

There is great urgency to resolve this matter as quickly as possible. Brian's mother is in ill health and Brian can not travel to see her unless he is granted permanent residency status. In my conversation with Mrs. Clinton, I urged her to assist us in any way possible.

Melanne Verveer, page 2

A great deal has been accomplished in Ireland since the President took office in 1993. I urge you to allow us to build on this progress and assist in granting Brian Pearson permanent residency status.

Yours truly,

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Thom Kleiner
Supervisor

TK/bjs

cc: Brian Pearson Support Committee
Eric Woodard



Brian Pearson Support Committee
Rockland Irish American Cultural Club
284 Convent Road
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October 18, 1999

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
c/o Orangetown Supervisor Thom Kleiner
Orangetown, N.Y. 10962.

Re: Brian Desmond Pearson - INS File #A72 472 870

Dear First Lady,

On behalf of the Brian Pearson Support Committee I am begging for your help to intercede with the President to help Brian Pearson.

Brian spent twelve years as a political prisoner in Long Kesh Camp, a political category prison established by the British government in northeast Ireland. On entering the United States in 1988, while filling out a visa waiver form, Mr. Pearson truthfully answered that he did not have a criminal record as he and the British government had defined his activities as political.

Brian married Doris Collins in 1990 and their daughter, Siobhan, was born in 1991. In 1992, Doris applied for an adjustment of status for Brian as the spouse of an American born citizen, it was denied. On a routine interview with INS, Brian was arrested and threatened with immediate deportation. His attorney immediately filed for political asylum. His trial was presided over by Hon. Phillip Williams, Federal Immigration Judge who found by written decision that Brian was not a terrorist, as alleged, and did not pose a threat to the security or safety of the United States. Accordingly he granted Brian Political Asylum and Permanent Residency Status permitting him to remain in this country with his family, INS appealed. On September 09, 1997 acting on a formal request from the Secretary of State, the Attorney General suspended the removal proceedings.

Brian's brother, Phillip, aged 51 has cancer throughout his body, presently receiving pain management care by Hospice of Rockland County, his mother, Mary, aged 85 was admitted to a nursing home in Tyrone, Northeast Ireland on Monday, October 11, 1999 in a very weak and ill condition.

Sadly Phillip's death is imminent and Dear First Lady, as a mother and grandmother, I beg you to ask the President to order the Department of Justice and or INS to grant Brian permanent residency to enable him to travel with his American born wife and daughter to see, hold and hug his mother before she departs this life too. One of the greatest joys my children had was visiting their grandmother in Ireland for many years. Siobhan Pearson (eight years old) must be able to meet her grandmother for the first time with her "Daddy".

Many thanks for your anticipated help and I will look forward to helping with your campaign.

Respectfully yours,

THE BRIAN PEARSON SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Rena B. Kiernan, Secretary

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Thom Kleiner
Supervisor

December 27, 1999

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

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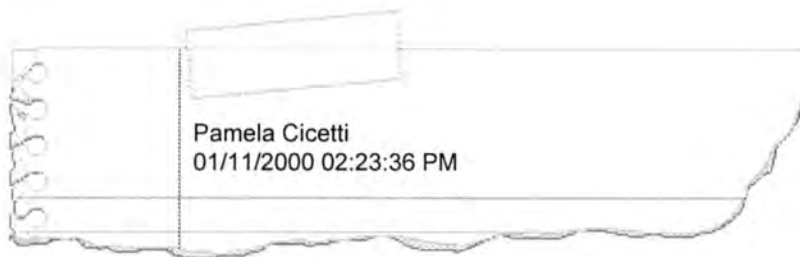
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Yours truly,

Thom Kleiner
Supervisor

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cc: Brian Pearson Support Committee
Melanne Verveer



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To: Katharine Button/WHO/EOP@EOP

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Katy, I have two letters about Brian Pearson that I need to respond to for HRC. What can I say in a letter?
Melanne has been working on this. Thanks

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cc Melanne ✓
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cc: Brian Pearson Support Committee
Melanne Verveer

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 28, 2000

Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer
US Embassy, Cairo
Unit 64900
APO AE 09839-4900

Dear Ambassador Kurtzer:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for the update about Tellal Zeinhom and for delivering the video equipment to them.

Mrs. Clinton was inspired by her visit to Tellal Zeinhom and was very pleased to have a chance to hear firsthand about the transforming impact the program has in improving people's lives. Please convey Mrs. Clinton's appreciation for the vital contributions being made by CEDPA, CEOSS, USAID and so many others, along with her best wishes to the Tellal Zeinhom community.

Thank you for all you do and please extend my best to Sheila.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

P.S. Enclosed are some photos from the First Lady's visit in March. Please pass them on to the right people, with Mrs. Clinton's compliments.

cc: Melanne
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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

December 28, 1999
Cairo, Egypt

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Your visit to Egypt and, in particular, to Tellal Zeinhom remains vivid in the hearts and minds of the girls and young women with whom you shared your time. As you could see, Tellal Zeinhom is a settlement in the heart of Cairo and has been a challenging site for the Center for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA). At first, facilitators were shy and hesitated carrying a video camera around the streets. The community was also unsure and suspicious of the girls' interviews. Slowly the confidence of the community increased. Your words of recognition, support and the personal attention you showed to the participants were very encouraging.

We are pleased to report that last month we were able to present your gift of a full set of video equipment to the Tellal Zeinhom team. We also viewed their latest production, a very timely video on child labor. This film demonstrates a growing sophistication of the video team, who show great promise and will undoubtedly improve as a result of your gift.

I am enclosing some pictures of the presentation ceremony attended by CEDPA, Coptic Evangelical Organization

The First Lady,
The White House.

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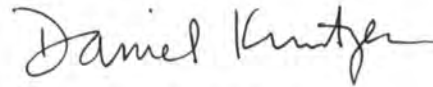
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for Social Services (CEOSS), Tellal Zeinhom community members, the video team and USAID staff members.

Warm regards.

and best wishes
for the holiday season
and the new year,
from Sheila and me.

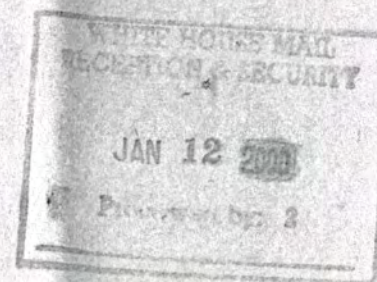
Sincerely,



Daniel C. Kurtzer
Ambassador

Enclosures: As stated.

Ambassador Daniel C. Kurtzer
American Embassy, Cairo
Unit 64900, Box 1
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Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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February 4, 2000

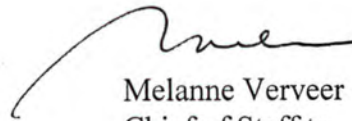
Mati Kochavi
Bridging the Rift
625 Madison Avenue, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10022

Dear Mati:

Thank you for your very kind words and the update about all the wonderful developments that are taking place through "Bridging the Rift" since we were together in Jordan.

You and your supporters should take great satisfaction in knowing your work truly matters to so many. Please accept Mrs. Clinton's appreciation for the opportunity to have been with you for the inaugural ceremony. We wish you continued success.

All the best,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

February 3, 2000

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Bridging the Rift
625 Madison Avenue, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10022

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~~Thank you for your leadership and all you do. Please~~
~~keep us informed about your progress.~~

All the best,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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AN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC FUND FOR THE
JORDAN-ISRAELI RIFT VALLEY, INC.

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January 18, 2000

Melanne Verveer
Assistant to the President
Chief of Staff of The First Lady
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Verveer,

I'm sorry that I haven't written sooner, however developments surrounding the Foundation have been occurring at such a rapid pace that this is my first opportunity to sit down and write. I wanted to update you and The First Lady on some of significant progress the Foundation has already made.

Last week the "Good Neighbor Program", the first component of the development work the Foundation is undertaking in the region, began operation:

- A vivid recreation park, which will serve as a garden and recreational hub for the area, is being built. The park, the first project of its kind in the region, is sponsored by private American donors, and is being constructed on the Jordan/Israel border. It will take advantage of the dramatic desert vista to create an environment welcoming to children and adults alike.
- Under the Foundation's auspices on February 1, 2000, a woman physician is to begin to service the health and medical needs of the area Bedouin women from the Dead Sea to the red Sea on the Jordanian side.
- We are supplying electricity and computers to local rural village schools
- We are opening a training course in basic arid agriculture for future joint agricultural projects.

We are now finalizing the details of a joint farm between Israelis and Jordanians that will extend over 600 acres (approximately 1 square mile). For the first time in the middle East the produce will marketed throughout the world under one joint brand.

Quietly and without fanfare, Israelis and Jordanians are evolving a protocol of cooperation and trust. They are meeting on an ongoing basis elaborating strategies and putting together projects that will have an immediate impact on the lives of residents of both countries. This model of joint effort and development is one, which if nurtured, will give rise to a new pattern for implementing peace in the Middle East.

It goes without saying that we would not have arrived at this point without your active assistance. The First Lady's decision to participate in the launching event on November 13 in

January 18, 2000

Amman was pivotal in our staking out a position in this volatile region of the world. Her comments left all of us directly associated with the Foundation as well as Jordanians and Israelis with a strong and unforgettable impression. It was clear to all that we were incorporating the vision expressed in her very kind and supportive words.

We are most grateful for your support -- it is not very often to have someone like you as a friend. The friendship you have shown presents us with a challenge, and we are delighted to report to you that the Foundation is working, monies are being directed to field operations, and projects are progressing from the stage of proposal to that of being a reality. On a personal note, I am pleased to be able to convey this to you because of your involvement and assistance in this venture.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Mati Kochavi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mati Kochavi

Cc: Board of Directors and Friends of Bridging The Rift

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Kelleher

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 10, 2000

Maureen T. Kelleher
1003 Madison Ave.
Immokalee, Florida 34142

Dear Ms. Kelleher:

Thank you very much for your letter to Melanne Verveer of December 15, 1999, regarding executive clemency for Cheryl Little.

I have been informed by the Department of Justice that Ms. Little's application for clemency remains pending. As you may be aware, the Department of Justice conducts an extensive review of all applications for clemency before forwarding them, along with the Department's recommendation as to whether clemency should be granted, to the President.

I will forward a copy of your letter to the Office of the Pardon Attorney at the Department of Justice so it will be included in their review of Ms. Little's application. We will also keep your letter in our office to ensure it is available to the President when the matter comes before him.

Thank you again for communicating with the White House about this important matter.

Sincerely,



Meredith E. Cabe
Associate Counsel to the President

cc: Melanne Verveer
Roger C. Adams

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 13, 2000

Ms. Irena Koźmińska
Embassy of Poland
2640 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

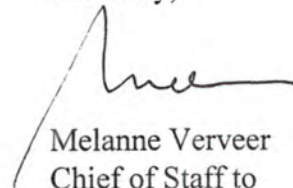
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All the best and see you soon.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

April 12, 2000

Ms. Irena Koźmińska
3101 Albemarle Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

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Irena Koźmińska
3101 Albemarle St. NW, Washington DC 20008
tel. (202) 362-2189 fax. (202) 362 - 8894

March 3, 2000

Mrs. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
Old Executive Building
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melanne:

Thank you very much for graciously agreeing to serve on the Honorary Committee of the ABCXXI Second Annual Ball to be held on May 12, 2000 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC. We hope that you and your husband will be able to attend as our guests.

I would also like to express our gratitude for your kind assistance in obtaining Mrs. Clinton's agreement to serve as the Honorary Chairman of our Ball. We understand that Mrs. Clinton will not be able to participate due to her busy schedule, however, we would be delighted to have her letter and photo included in the Ball program. The person who will contact you about this request will be Mrs. Barbara Kapusto, the Ball Co-chairman. Her phone and address are: (202)986 0246; 1831 23rd Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008.

As you know, we are returning to Poland very soon. My husband, Jerzy, will assume a new position as the President and CEO of the newly created Polish American Freedom Foundation.

I will continue to lead ABCXXI foundations both in Poland and in the U.S. Raising awareness about children's emotional health, consequences of child abuse and neglect, the importance of teaching values and the media impact on children will be my primary focus.

We have enjoyed our almost six year tenure in the U.S. tremendously and will take back with us many wonderful ideas about voluntarism, charitable efforts, advocacy and other civic responsibilities, which make your country so inspiring and fascinating.

Thank you for your warmth, friendship and help. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Ball in May.

Irena Koźmińska

Irena Koźmińska
Wife, Polish Ambassador to the U.S.

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3101 Albemarle St. NW, Washington DC 20008
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August 31, 2000

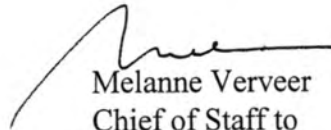
Ms. Heather Klinkhamer
EDK Associates
101 Fifth Ave., Sixth Floor
New York, NY 10003

Dear Heather:

How wonderful to hear from you and to learn of your new job at EDK. Congratulations! They are so lucky to have you!

All the best to you in all you do.

Best wishes,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 30, 2000

Ms. Heather Klinhamer^k
EDK Associates[^]
101 Fifth Ave., Sixth Floor
New York, NY 10003

Dear Heather:

How wonderful to hear from you and to learn of your new job at EDK. Congratulations! They are so lucky to have you!

All the best to you in all you do.

Best wishes,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

August 29, 2000

Ms. Heather Klinhamer
EDK Associates
101 Fifth Ave., Sixth Floor
New York, NY 10003

Dear Heather:

How wonderful to hear from you and to learn of
~~Congratulations on~~ your new job at EDK. They are so
lucky to have you! *Congratulations!*

~~It is wonderful to hear you are thriving. Please stay in~~
~~touch and hope to see you sometime soon!~~ *See the best to you in all*
you do.

Best wishes,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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EDK ASSOCIATES

is pleased to announce that

HEATHER KLINKHAMER

has joined its staff as

PROJECT DIRECTOR

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
Old Executive Office Building
17th Street & Pennsylvania Ave., NW
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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November 1, 2000

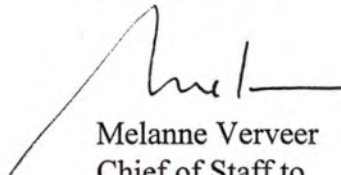
Mr. Alex Kuzma
Greater Hartford Committee for Aid to Ukraine
961 Wethersfield Ave.
Hartford, CT 06114

Dear Alex:

Thank you for your very thoughtful letter and for sharing your ideas and reflections on so many important topics. You always offer so much.

I hope your trip to Ukraine was a success – your work continues to make a difference for so many. I look forward to talking to you soon.

Best wishes,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

October 25, 2000

Mr. Alex Kuzma
Greater Hartford Committee for Aid to Ukraine
961 Wethersfield Ave.
Hartford, CT 06114

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Best wishes,

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the First Lady

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A. B. Kuzma
127 Treadwell St
Hamden, CT 06517



Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
Room 100 OE0B
Washington, DC 20501



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 9, 2001

Alexander Kuzma and Nadia Matkiwsky
Children of Chornobyl Relief Fund
272 Old Short Hills Road
Short Hills, NJ 07078

Dear Alex and Nadia:

Thank you for your letter and invitation to speak at the conference in New York on April 26th. I don't yet know what I'll be doing this spring, but very much anticipate being able to accept your invitation.

In the meantime, as the administration is coming to a close, please accept our thanks for everything you've done and will continue to do. It has been such a pleasure to work with you. Please stay in touch!

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Very best wishes,



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

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January 7, 2000

Alexander Kuzma and Nadia Matkiwsky
Children of Chernobyl Relief Fund
272 Old Short Hills Road
Short Hills, NJ 07078

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Very best wishes,

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

*[Eric, enclose my
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Children of Chernobyl Relief Fund

November 21, 2000

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
100 Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20050

FAX: (202) 456-6244

Dear Melanne:

Once again, it brings us great honor and pleasure to invite you to participate in our next major Children of Chernobyl Relief Fund event. The year 2001 marks the 10th anniversary of our foundation as well as the 15th Anniversary of the Chernobyl Disaster.

A conference on Chernobyl will take place at the United Nations on April 26th, 2001. This conference will be co-sponsored by the Children of Chernobyl Relief Fund, other NGOs, and a coalition of Ambassadors and Permanent Missions to the United Nations. The Chernobyl conference is part of the 10th International Conference on Health and Environment: Global Partners for Global Solutions on the theme of "Economics of Health an Environment." We invite you to address the plenary session of this conference on Thursday, April 26th as an advocate of Ukraine and CCRF.

All of us at the Children of Chernobyl Relief Fund would like to thank you for your support in promoting our mission. We sincerely hope that you will able to join us for this historic conference.

Respectfully yours,

Alexander B. Kuzma
Executive Director

Nadia Matkiwsky
Co-Founder, Liaison to the Board of Directors

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