

Withdrawal/Redaction Sheet

Clinton Library

DOCUMENT NO. AND TYPE	SUBJECT/TITLE	DATE	RESTRICTION
001a. letter	[Draft letter from Melanne Verveer] (1 page)	05/13/1999	P3/b(3)
001b. letter	From Melanne Verveer (1 page)	05/21/1999	P3/b(3)
001c. letter	To Melanie [sic] Verveer (1 page)	03/25/1999	P3/b(3)
001d. resume	Resume (2 pages)	n.d.	P3/b(3)
001e. envelope	[Addressed to Melanie [sic] Verveer (1 page)	03/24/1999	P3/b(3)

COLLECTION:

Clinton Presidential Records
First Lady's Office
Melanne Verveer
OA/Box Number: 23248

FOLDER TITLE:

[Letters 1999-2000: Last Names Starting With "M"] [2]

2013-0534-S
ry1633

RESTRICTION CODES

Presidential Records Act - [44 U.S.C. 2204(a)]

P1 National Security Classified Information [(a)(1) of the PRA]
P2 Relating to the appointment to Federal office [(a)(2) of the PRA]
P3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(a)(3) of the PRA]
P4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information [(a)(4) of the PRA]
P5 Release would disclose confidential advice between the President and his advisors, or between such advisors [(a)(5) of the PRA]
P6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(a)(6) of the PRA]

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

PRM. Personal record misfile defined in accordance with 44 U.S.C. 2201(3).

RR. Document will be reviewed upon request.

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

b(1) National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]
b(2) Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]
b(3) Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]
b(4) Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]
b(6) Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]
b(7) Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]
b(8) Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
b(9) Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 4, 1999

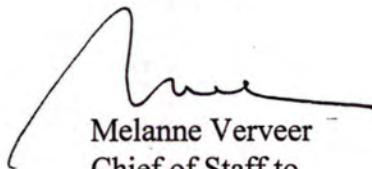
Suzanne Malveaux
3000 N. Sherridan Rd., Apt. 4-B
Chicago, IL 60657

Dear Suzanne:

Thank you for your thoughtful note and
congratulations on your new assignment in Chicago!

It was a real pleasure to meet you and work with
you during the First Lady's trip. I hope we'll get the chance
to get together on some future project. Enjoy Chicago -- it's
a fabulous city, and very best wishes for your new
assignment.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melanne Verveer', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Dear Melanne Verveer,

2/4/99

Thank you so much for all your help in making my job a little easier this past year. My trip with the First Lady to Russia was the most rewarding experience in covering the White House. One I particularly treasure. I have currently moved on to work for NBC News on the network level out of Chicago. I look forward to keeping in touch & plan to return to Washington in the near future. The very best to you,
Sincerely, Suzanne Malveaux

3000 N. Sheridan Rd.

Apt. 413

Chicago, IL 60657

circled P



Melanne Verveer
The First Lady's Office
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 7, 1999

John Mancini
Chairman
Italic Studies Institute
One Holland Avenue
Floral Park, NY 11001

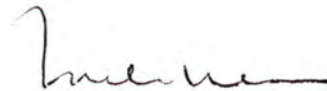
Dear Mr. Mancini:

Thank you for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to represent Mrs. Gandhi at the Italic Studies Institute awards ceremony at the Waldorf-Astoria on May 8.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton's demanding schedule will not allow her to attend the awards ceremony on May 8. Please convey her best wishes for a successful ceremony.

All the best.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



Regel

FAX COVER SHEET

Date: March 9, 1999To: Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
c/o Ms. Millanne VirveerFAX #: 202-456-6244From: John L. Mancini
Italic Studies InstituteFAX #: 516-488-4889Number of pages including cover sheet: 6

If any problems are experienced with this transmission, please call (516) 488-7400.

Comments: _____



Italic Studies Institute

Website
<http://www.italic.org>

Founded for the Cultural Enrichment of the General Public through Media Works, Education, Literature, and the Arts

Council of Governors
John L. Mancini, Chairman
Stefano Gristina
Carl A. Pascosolido

Executive Council - New York
Vincent J. Pizzulli, President
Frank Fellone, Vice Pres.
Steven Napolitano, Treas.
John L. Mancini, Sec. of Prog.
Rosario A. Iaconis, Dir., *Italic Way*
Tony De Nonno, Dir., *Aurora*

Financial Secretary
Patrick C. Cicala

Executive Council - Midwest
Donald Fiore, Dep. Sec. Prog./Admin.
William Dal Cetto, Financial Sec.

Political Liaison
Comm. Dir. Filo Grandi

U.K. Representative
Anturo Barone, Esq.

California Representative
Robert Masullo, (916) 321-1118

Plenary Council - NY
BOARD OF FIFTY for Development

Ronald T. Bellistri
Richard Cairns
Anthony Cardillo
Mick Carnovale
Pat Cicala, Jr.
Joseph Corso
Albert Crocco
Joseph Dan
Salvatore Di Lorenzo
William Esposito, Sr.
Frank Fellone
Frank Fortino
Danilo Gristina
Stefano Gristina
Charles Guigno
Thomas Iacozza
Ross Landerman
John L. Mancini
James Marrone
Robert Mario
Steven Napolitano
Barbara Nicholas
Nick Pizzone
Vincent Pizzulli
Charles Ruseo
Mary Sabatelli
Jay Shimon
Robert Speranza
Vincent Stramandinoli

Advisory Council
Mr. Alfred Cardone, Chairman
Prof. Philip Cannistraro
Mr. Anthony Cardillo
Mr. William Cerruti
Mr. Don Fiore
Mr. Rosario Iaconis
Dr. Sebastian Maffiorana
Mr. Robert Masullo
Hon. Dominic R. Messaro
Dr. Joseph Soles
Mr. Frank Vitale

Executive Office

130 West 30th St., 9th Fl.
New York, NY 10001
Tel. (212) 268 8085
Fax: (212) 268-8052

9 March 1999

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

Dear Mrs Clinton:

Our organization will be honoring Mrs Sonia Gandhi, born Sonia Maino in Italy, for her contributions to peace and multi-cultural understanding on May 8th at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Unfortunately, Mrs Gandhi cannot attend the ceremony. We would like to suggest to Mrs Gandhi that in keeping with her status as President of the Congress Party and the foremost woman in India, that perhaps our own First Lady would be the most appropriate person to represent her on May 8th. Of course, we would like to know your thoughts on the subject beforehand. The awards ceremony will take place during the cocktail hour (approximately 7:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.) in the Grand Ballroom.

I have enclosed a brochure of our past honorees and our mission statement as an Italian-American non-profit. You will note that last year we honored General Anthony Zinni and Italy's Chief of Staff Admiral Guido Venturoni. Moreover, we are non-partisan and do not support political candidates based on their ethnic background. For example, neither former Senator D'Amato nor Mayor Giuliani has ever attended any of our functions. In addition, we conduct the only Italian language program (*Aurora Youth*) offered free to all ethnic groups. Over 250 children of various backgrounds attended our newly expanded classes in six Metropolitan counties this winter.

Hopefully, we have piqued your interest in this event and in our Institute. Please let us know if we may proceed with the above-mentioned course of action.

Respectfully yours,

John Mancini
John Mancini
Chairman

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 818
Floral Park, NY 11001

National Production Center

One Holland Avenue, Floral Park, NY 11001
Tel (516) 488 7400 Fax: (516) 488-4889

Chicago Office

533 N. Wood St., Chicago, IL 60622
(312) 226-7055

Washington, DC Office

4626 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20006
(202) 363 4164

राजीव गांधी संस्थापन
RAJIV GANDHI FOUNDATION

O.P. Rehan
Coordinator

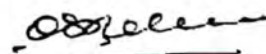
February 17, 1999

Dear Mr. Mancini,

I have received your fax message dated January 21, 1999 addressed to Mr. M. Rasgotra, Vice Chairman, Rajiv Gandhi Foundation.

As desired, I send herewith a photograph and profile of Mrs. Sonia Gandhi, containing also her maiden name.

Yours sincerely,


(O.P. Rehan)

Mr. John L. Mancini
President
Italic Studies Institute
One Holland Avenue
Floral Park
NY 11001

Fax # 001 516 488 4889

**PROFILE
OF
SHRIMATI SONIA GANDHI**

Mrs Sonia Gandhi nee Maino was born in Italy on December 9, 1946. After her early education, she went to an Interpreter's School where she studied English, French and Russian. This was followed by a 2-year English language course at Cambridge. It was there that she met Rajiv Gandhi.

Her interests include Indian handlooms and handicrafts, as well as Indian contemporary and classical art. She has a diploma from the National Museum of New Delhi in conservation of oil paintings.

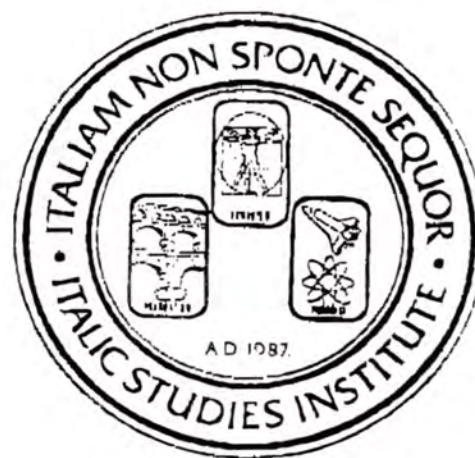
She is the Chairperson of the following institutions:

- Rajiv Gandhi Foundation
- Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies
- Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust
- Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts
- Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund
- Nehru Memorial Museum & Library
- Indian Council for Child Welfare
- Nehru Trust for Cambridge University

She is also a Patron of the Round Square (International Group of Schools based upon the educational principles of late Dr Kurt Hahn), U.K.

She has authored two books. "*Rajiv*" and "*Rajiv's World*" and edited two volumes of letters exchanged by Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi from 1922 to 1964, "*Freedom's Daughter*" and "*Two Alone, Two Together*".

She is also a member of the International Advisory Group for the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations.



The Italic Studies Institute



Italic Studies Institute, Inc.

P.O. Box 818

Floral Park, NY 11001

tel. 516-488-7400 • fax 516-488-4889

e-mail: ItalicOne@aol.com

Past Honorees and Friends Of The Institute



Prof. Luigi Broglio
Director, Italian Space
Agency



Dr. Rocco Petrone
Director, NASA Apollo
Moon Mission



Dr. Riccardo Giacconi
Director, Hubble Space
Telescope Program



Peter Falk
Actor, Lt. Columbo TV
Series (non-Italian)



Robert Mondavi
World-Class Vintner



Gen. Anthony Zinni
Commander-in-Chief,
U.S. Forces, Middle East



Admiral Guido Verturoni
Chief of Staff,
Italian Armed Forces



Ms. Geraldine Ferraro
First Woman Candidate for
Vice President of the U.S.



Senator Franco Zeffirelli
Noted Theater and Cinema
Director



Amb. Francesco Fulci
Italy's Ambassador to the
United Nations



Daniel Petrocelli
Winning Attorney,
O.J. Simpson Civil Trial

The Italic Studies Institute: Who We Are

The Italic Studies Institute is not yet a household name only because we are one of the younger Italian-American organizations, established in 1987. We are a recognized non-profit, educational institute which is tax-exempt.

We were founded to re-focus the attention of the American public from the traditional stereotypes of Italy and Italians to the reality of a nation and people that have been at the forefront of civilization for over 2,500 years.

We use the name Italic to set the new course. It is meant to convey a link with Classical Italy, the Italy of Etruscans and Romans. It is also intended to join together the spirit of Italians and their descendants in the United States and around the world, much as Slavic, Hispanic, and Gaelic denote universal ethnic communities.

Our Aurora Youth Program is a pre-packaged Italian language and culture course that has recently been recognized for funding by the Italian Republic and the National Italian American Foundation in Washington, DC. It is the only language program of its kind geared to 5th and 6th grade level students, designed to create a demand for Italian language instruction in the American public school system. We have currently launched ten language centers with 15 classes around Greater New York. With sufficient funding, we plan to double the number of centers each year and expand to other states.

The Italic Way, our 32-page national magazine, is in the forefront of political

action and mass education. The Italic Way features stories on current events and historical subjects. It is a magazine for the intellect rather than a glossy food and travel periodical. With a national distribution, our magazine is read by some thousands across the country, including the major leaders of the Italian-American community.

Our Project Italia Program produces educational videos for cable and broadcast television. One of our most popular productions features former Vice Presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro describing the role of Roman Law in American justice ("The Italian Legacy"). Project Italia also produces a one-of-a-kind catalog of educational gifts which has had tremendous success.

Finally, the spirit of the Institute resides in our Ara Pacis Program, named for classical Rome's artistic masterpiece, the Altar of Augustan Peace. This monument is considered by us to be the focal point of the first unification of the Italian nation and its appreciation of world peace. Each year the Institute awards its coveted Ara Pacis Award to an Italian or Italian-American who has demonstrated a commitment to world peace and understanding. This award has been given to Prof. Luigi Broglio of the Italian Space Agency, Dr. Riccardo Giacconi of the Hubble Telescope Project, Dr. Rocco Petrone, Director of NASA's Apollo Moon Mission, Senator Franco Zeffirelli of theater and film fame, Italy's U.N. Ambassador, Francesco Paolo Fulci, and many others. These awards are presented annually at our gala in New York City.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 7, 1999

Matthew E. Melmed
Executive Director
Zero to Three
734 15th St., NW
Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20005-1013

Dear Matt:

Thank you for your invitation for the First Lady to present the Zero to Three achievement awards at the Dozoretz home.

It is difficult to commit Mrs. Clinton's schedule so far in advance. I have forwarded your request to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady. As plans for the fall are developed, her office will be in touch.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

P



ZERO TO THREESM

National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families

Board of Directors

Kathryn E. Barnard
T. Berry Brazelton
Maria D. Chavez
Robert N. Emde
Linda Gilkerson
Stanley I. Greenspan
Megan Gunnar
Robert J. Harmon
Irving B. Harris
Gloria Johnson-Powell
Sheila B. Kamerman
J. Ronald Lally
Bernard Levy
Alicia F. Lieberman
Samuel J. Meisels
Harriet Meyer
Dolores G. Norton
Joy D. Osolsky
Jeree H. Pawl
Kyle D. Pruett
Arnold J. Sameroff
Marilyn M. Segal
Rebecca Shahmoon-Sharok
Jack P. Shonkoff
Lynn G. Straus
Bernice Weissbourd
Serena Wieder
G. Gordon Williamson
Harry H. Wright
Barry S. Zuckerman

Life Members

Mary D. Salter Ainsworth
Peter Blos, Jr.
Peter B. Neubauer
Arthur H. Parmelee
Julius B. Richmond
Mary Robinson
Pearl L. Rosser
Albert J. Solnit
Edward Zigler

Founding Members

T. Berry Brazelton
Selma Fraiberg
Stanley I. Greenspan
J. Ronald Lally
Bernard Levy
Reginald S. Lourie
Peter B. Neubauer
Robert A. Nover
Sally Provence
Julius B. Richmond
Albert J. Solnit
Leon J. Yarrow

Executive Director

Matthew E. Melmed

Associate Directors

Carol P. Berman
Emily S. Fenichel
Haide S. McGovern

March 16, 1999

Melanne Verveer

Assistant to President and
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Melanne:

I am writing to request the participation of the First Lady at a special event hosted by Beth Dozoretz, for ZERO TO THREE, to be held at her home this fall. The event would be an opportunity to present four awards to individuals who have either made a great deal of difference for babies, toddlers and their families by being important to ZERO TO THREE, or by being loving parents, and instinctively incorporating ZERO TO THREE's principles of loving relationships with their very young children, into their lives.

We have tried to ensure that recipients represent diverse fields, and working with Beth, have developed the following potential list of awardees: Glenn Close, Senator George Mitchell, Carol Berman (who recently retired from ZERO TO THREE), and Mort Zuckerman. We hope that the First Lady would be willing to present the awards at the event, given at the home of Ron and Beth Dozoretz.

We have identified a stellar group who will be invited to serve as our Host Committee and we will keep you apprised of our progress. As mentioned earlier, we have not selected a date and would like to keep it flexible, until we hear from you regarding the First Lady's availability. Beth and I very much look forward to your response and hope it is a positive one.

Best,

Matthew E. Melmed
Executive Director

734 15th Street, N.W., Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20005-1013 • (202) 638-1144 • Fax: (202) 638-0851
For Orders Only: (800) 899-4301 • Internet Address: <http://www.zerotothree.org> • E-Mail Address: 0to3@zerotothree.org

Formerly the National Center for Clinical Infant Programs

April 14, 1999

Ambassador Tom McDonald
US Embassy, Harare
172 Herbert Chitepo Avenue
PO Box 3340 Harare, Zimbabwe

Dear Ambassador McDonald:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your many kind words and the article from *The Chronicle*. We are always interested to hear the viewpoint of the foreign press!

We have such fond memories of our visit. Mrs. Clinton greatly appreciates the vital work taking place in Zimbabwe and conveys her very best wishes to you and your staff. Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

1 already
sent him &
thanked him -
just file!

FAX COVER SHEET**AMERICAN EMBASSY HARARE****HARARE, ZIMBABWE**

TEL: (263) 4-794521

FAX: (263) 4-796487

DATE: February 25, 1999

TO: First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20515

PHONE 202-456-6266
FAX 202-456-6244

FROM: Ambassador Tom McDonald

PAGES INCLUDING COVER SHEET: 3

ATTN: Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to First Lady

SUBJECT: March visit

Embassy of the United States of America

February 24, 1999



First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Hillary:

Greetings from Zimbabwe! We continue to be extremely busy here, but thoroughly enjoying ourselves. Sandy Thurman recently visited with a delegation to take a close look at the enormous HIV/AIDS problem in the country. Her tour was very productive and it was great having Sandy here.

I recently spoke at a national trade fair to promote Zimbabwe's budding tourism industry. During that appearance and on several other occasions, various persons in the travel industry and from government have commented that following your visit to Victoria Falls the number of American visitors to the Falls area increased markedly. People still talk about your visit to the country.

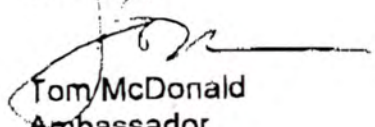
As a native of New York State, I have followed with interest the speculation about your potential run for the U.S. Senate. Let me add my opinion to those who believe you would be an outstanding United States Senator from New York.

I thought you would be interested to know that this potential development has captured the attention of Zimbabweans as reflected in the attached article that appeared in The Chronicle on February 18, 1999. The Chronicle is a daily newspaper in Bulawayo, which as you know is the second largest city in Zimbabwe. It is only unfortunate that you can not sign up voters in Bulawayo to support your potential candidacy!

FROM: AMERICAN EMBASSY.

FAX NO.: + 263 4 796488

25-02-99 16:39 P.03



Tom McDonald
Ambassador

THE CHRONICLE, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1999

FOREIGN NEWS

Mandela, Chiluba hold talks on DRC truce

CAPE TOWN — South African President Nelson Mandela and Zambian President Frederick Chiluba held talks yesterday aimed at securing a truce in the Democratic Republic of the Congo where officials reported fresh fighting.

President Chiluba, who is considered neutral in the war in the former Zaire, is mediating the conflict under the auspices of the Southern Africa Development Community which President Mandela heads.

"He came to brief me on the progress that has been made with regards to the issue of the Congo," President Mandela said of President Chiluba at a news conference at the end of the talks.

"We are making satisfactory progress on this matter," he added.

President Mandela said he would soon be sending deputy President Thabo Mbeki to the Zambian capital Lusaka to follow up the progress made by



Mandela

President Chiluba in trying to secure a ceasefire between Congolese President Laurent Kabila's troops and rebels backed by Uganda and Rwanda.

Efforts to clinch a ceasefire in Africa's third



Chiluba

largest country have failed since December largely because of President Kabila's refusal to hold direct talks with the rebels of the Congolese Rally for Democracy. He says they are puppets of

Rwanda and Uganda.

In return, the rebels led by Mr Ernest Wamba dia Wamba have poured cold water on any deal reached without their direct participation — a move supported by Rwanda and Uganda.

Regional military sources also said in Johannesburg that both Rwanda and Uganda had stepped up their troop strength in Congo and brought in sophisticated weapons to fight President Kabila and his allies from Angola, Chad, Namibia and Zimbabwe.

An official with Kabila's regional allies said rebels had attacked towns south-west of Kisangani, which is in rebel hands. — Ziana-Rtr.



FREETOWN — A fierce battle for the town of Kambia in western Sierra Leone has triggered an exodus of thousands of frightened civilians from the area, aid workers and witnesses said yesterday.

One aid worker said that the death toll could number hundreds in the battle between Guinean troops from a West African intervention force and rebels and former soldiers opposed to elected President Ahmad Tejan Kabbah.

Hillary Clinton eyes Senate

WASHINGTON — Mrs Hillary Rodham Clinton took a step closer to her own first political campaign on Tuesday, promising to give "careful thought" to a run for a New York Senate seat.

A brief written statement was the biggest sign

yet that Mrs Clinton might make the unprecedented decision to run for office in 2000 as a sitting first lady.

In her first words on the subject, the first lady said in a written statement, she was "deeply gratified" by the interest

a potential candidacy had generated. "Up until now, I have not been able to do so, but I will give careful thought to a potential candidacy in order to reach a decision later this year."

"In the meantime, I intend to continue to focus my attention on the issues central to the President's agenda and on which we have worked together for many years," she said.

Mrs Clinton's statement was intended to confirm to her supporters in New York that she would really take a look at running after leaving it to her aides to say she was thinking about it.

The seat is being vacated by Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan who is retiring next year. — Ziana-Rtr.

Gore meets Mandela

CAPE TOWN — Barely an hour after landing at Cape Town International Airport, US Vice-President Al Gore held talks with President Nelson Mandela and his deputy Thabo Mbeki at Tuynhuys yesterday morning.

The half hour meeting, described by President Mandela as "a courtesy visit", gave Mr Gore and Mr Mbeki an opportunity to brief President Mandela on what they hoped to achieve at the two-day gathering, the first full session of the commission since August 1997.

Mr Gore, who arrived in Cape Town accompanied by US Attorney-General Ms Janet Reno, told reporters he was looking forward to the binational commission. — Ziana-Sapa.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 13, 1999

Anne B. Mosle
Vice President for Women's
Policy & Programs
Center for Policy Alternatives
1875 Connecticut Ave, NW
Suite 710
Washington, DC 20009

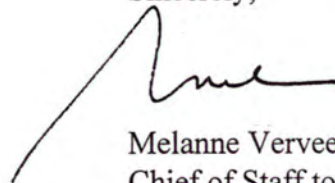
Dear Ms. Mosle 

Thank you for your letter and a copy of your proposal
"Increasing Women's Participation and Leadership in the
Political and Policy Sectors in Northern Ireland."

The follow up to the Vital Voices conference in
Northern Ireland has been most impressive.

All the best.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



②

March 1, 1999

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

Dear Ms. Verveer:

I was so pleased to hear about the meeting with Marylouise Oates and key leaders from the Administration. The Center for Policy Alternatives is honored to have an opportunity to be part of the extremely important follow-up work to the Vital Voices - Belfast conference. We are excited about the possibilities of the women's political leadership and participation training program in Northern Ireland and the opportunity to build on the January seminar and respond directly to the needs of the community leaders in Northern Ireland. The Vital Voices initiative has been critical to the peace process in Northern Ireland; it is essential that we take advantage of the momentum created in Belfast and in Washington to further the skills and leadership training for these emerging leaders at this historic moment in the development of the New Assembly.

At the suggestion of Marylouise Oates, I have sent a copy of the proposal to Judy Siegel in the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at USIA and hope to hear from her soon. I am enclosing a copy of the proposal for you as well as an evaluation document that will give you a sense of the energy of these community leaders. Please note that the evaluation comments are not public information.

Please feel free to contact me at (202) 956-5127 should you need any other materials or have any questions. On behalf of the Center for Policy Alternatives, I would like to emphasize how much we appreciate the leadership role of the President and the First Lady in Northern Ireland's transformation from a society of violence to one of political equality and opportunity. Thank you for your support of our ongoing work.

Sincerely,

Anne B. Mosle
Vice President for Women's Policy & Programs





***Increasing Women's Participation and Leadership
in the Political and Policy Sectors
in Northern Ireland:***

A Proposal from the Center for Policy Alternatives

Submitted to the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs,
U.S. Information Agency
March 2, 1999

Contact: Anne Mosle, Vice President
Women's Policy and Programs



Increasing Women's Participation and Leadership in the Political and Policy Sectors in Northern Ireland:

A Project of the Center for Policy Alternatives

Background:

Building on a Strong Foundation

In January 1999, twenty women leaders from Northern Ireland participated in a once-in-a-lifetime political and leadership development seminar, the *Northern Ireland Political Leadership Opportunity for Women*, conceived by Marylouise Oates and hosted by the Center for Policy Alternatives. These women spanned the community and political spectrum, from women's development and community organizations to members of the Ulster Unionist Party and Sinn Fein. Sparked by the *Vital Voices: Women in Democracy-Belfast* conference, chaired by the First Lady, Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton, the Northern Ireland seminar brought this diverse group of women together to give them hands-on skills training to enable them to advance their groundbreaking work for peace, stability and economic growth in their communities and political parties.

To maximize the time spent in Washington, the seminar tapped the resources and talents of top-level media, lobbying, polling, legislative, policy, and research and campaign experts for a highly intensive week-long training. This bi-partisan team of trainers offered the women leaders a menu of American models and "best practices", strategies and customized training to enhance their effectiveness in supporting and sustaining the peace process. Specific workshops included Campaign Management, Budgets and Polling; Fundraising; Media Panels; Building a Legislative Agenda; Advocacy Strategies from the Religious and Labor Communities; and Building a Policy Agenda.

Nationally-renowned leaders such as Andrea Mitchell, NBC; Adam Clymer, Bureau Chief of the New York Times; Bay Buchanan, Equal Time CNBC; Mary Beth Cahill, former Executive Director of EMILY's List; Peggy Taylor, Legislative Director of the AFL-CIO; and Senators Kennedy, Dodd, Mikulski, Landrieu and Hutchison all 'rolled up their sleeves' to lead discussions and interactive workshops on a pro bono basis. Key Republican media strategist Mike Murphy and Democratic strategist Bob Shrum conducted individualized media trainings, which provided invaluable media savvy and a boost in self-esteem. One Peace and Reconciliation group leader captured the excitement when she wrote, "Mike Murphy and Bob Shrum! Their expertise is endless, and I could have listened and learned from them all day. I will treasure my training video for life!" These workshops and trainings instilled skills and confidence not just for this week but for the many, many difficult weeks and months of work ahead.

The *Northern Ireland Political Leadership Opportunity for Women* was a first step in a long-term commitment to support the implementation of the Good Friday Agreement, increase women's role in society and follow through with the incredible energy and hope that was ignited at the August *Vital Voices* conference. Building on this January 1999 seminar, the Center for Policy Alternatives is

committed to providing on-going technical assistance and support tailored to the specific requests and priorities expressed by the women leaders.

Historic – and Strategic -- Window of Opportunity

After centuries of conflict and 30 years of extreme violence, it is essential that Northern Ireland and the New Assembly address the priorities of growing a strong economy and a healthy, peaceful society. Yet meeting that need and building a strong democracy requires the full and equal participation of women in society. Throughout the years of conflict, women have worked consistently across party, religious and community lines to create relationships and strategies for peace. It is imperative that women's unique role in the quest for peace is recognized in order to support and maximize their future work. It is time to make what has been invisible - visible.

As First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton declared at the *Vital Voices* conference in Belfast, “the hopes for peace must be translated into the hard work of practical action and political compromise not only in the Assembly, but in every corner of society.”

Women, Protestant and Catholic, have borne the brunt of the violence – while their voices have been severely restricted in the political process.” Amplifying women’s voices and leadership in the policy and political process is critical and long overdue.

Women account for 51% of the population and 45% of those in employment. They have made critical and lasting contributions to the peace process on the local, regional and national level. Yet there are no women Members of Parliament, and women make up only 13% of the new Northern Ireland Assembly and hold only 12% of the Councillor offices. As Northern Ireland works to establish its political infrastructure, women must be involved from the ground floor. Their voices must be heard and their priorities incorporated into the decisions determining the future of their nation and their families.

Participants in the Washington, DC seminar fervently echoed this sentiment. An Ulster Unionist emphasized the need for a proactive, positive policy agenda to influence the new Assembly. A Sinn Fein leader agreed, adding that a policy agenda to address women's priorities was critical. With women holding only 14 seats in the new Assembly (out of 108) and only 12% of Councillor offices, women must work even harder across sectarian and political lines to advance a policy agenda that invests in women, families and communities. The women who came to Washington, DC were willing and anxious to do just that -- but we must support their steps forward to ensure long-term peace, economic development and healthy communities.

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton concluded, “it is up to...the women of Northern Ireland, speaking out whenever injustices arises, to point out opportunities, to face challenges, and to speak for those who are voiceless. At the Center for Policy Alternatives, we are committed to supporting the women leaders in Northern Ireland with an intensive follow-up training in policy, legislation, message and leadership development as well as to assist them in laying the groundwork for a commission on the status of women. In addition to CPA's in-house and board members' expertise in policy building and leadership development, trainers will include leaders in fundraising and message development as well

as state-elected and grassroots leaders to provide peer-to-peer training. Our goal is to capitalize on the momentum first sparked in Belfast in August and continued in Washington, DC in February.

Target Audience - Broadening Our Impact

In its over two decades of policy and leadership development, CPA has learned that building and advancing a policy agenda begins at the local and regional levels. A solid base provides strength, energy and talent for moving policies and increasing political participation at all levels. Implementing a women-led agenda that addresses the issues critical to women in Northern Ireland, their families and their communities requires cross-party and cross-sector partnerships both within the Assembly and in the communities and Councils.

To that end, CPA will expand the core of elected and community leaders from the Washington seminar to include a larger group of women leaders from the various parties and most effective community organizations. It is essential that the full spectrum of women's needs, priorities and affiliations are represented.

To provide an opportunity for discussion with the women Assembly members, we will hold a special issue forum. The forum will be followed by a dinner for the Assembly members, tentatively hosted by Daphne Trimble, with a keynote address by Ambassador Linda Tarr-Whelan, U.S. Representative to the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women.

Next Steps:

Increasing Women's Leadership in the Political and Policy Arena

Our goal for the second phase of CPA's Northern Ireland is two-fold: 1) increase women's participation in the political and policy arena and 2) support women leaders in their effort to build a women-led economic agenda for Northern Ireland. We will provide strategies and workshops to address five core areas of need as identified by participants.

The five themes include:

- Strategies for building a cross-party, community-based policy agenda – specifically a proactive, inclusive economic agenda that recognizes the critical contributions of women and invests in their potential.
- Connect women leaders in elected office with women working in non-governmental organizations, an 'inside/outside' strategy to maximize impact.

- Provide peer-to peer (legislator-to-legislator and activist-to-activist) training through “off the record” discussions between U.S. elected women and Northern Ireland Assembly members as well as a forum for grassroots activists.
- Communications & Message Development: Opportunities and challenges for breaking through to the media and your community with your policy agenda and priorities.
- Resource Development and Fundraising

Workshop Strategies and Themes

I. “Building A Policy Agenda”

Building on the Center for Policy Alternatives' proven ability to work with state-elected leaders and grassroots activists across party, race, class and age to build and move a women-led economic agenda, this workshop will focus on developing a multi-party policy agenda that invests in women and communities. Working across party affiliation to address issues ranging from economic development to child care to job training is a critical challenge facing communities in Northern Ireland and the United States.

Trainers: Anne Mosle, Vice President, Center for Policy Alternatives, Nora O’Connell, Program Coordinator, Center for Policy Alternatives and Representative for Republic of Ireland Women’s Commission, Georgia State Representative Nan Orrock

Women’s Voices – Northern Ireland

“I would specifically benefit from additional work around policy formulation, budgeting, actual speaking training.”

“I believe that an organization like the Center for Policy Alternatives could help women from all communities and political parties to shift “women’s issues” onto the Assembly’s policy-making bodies’ agenda so that we could develop a bi-partisan, women-led blueprint for action for economic development.”

“Right now is the time when we need to shape and build the women’s agenda in N. Ireland, while the new structures are getting established. Ideally the Center for Policy Alternatives’ involvement would be viewed by Northern Irish women as “neutral” women coming into facilitate women from all backgrounds to draw up an agenda.”

“Training in CPA’s women’s economic agenda – this policy framework and inter-linking of issues is potentially very exciting for women in N. Ireland – it opens up possibilities previously unheard of coalitions and addresses a real “on the ground need.”

II. “Developing Inside-Outside Relationships to Move Policy”

Relationships between elected and non-elected leaders is an essential strategy is fundamental to building support for a policy agenda that invests in women as well as to ensure that women’s voices are leveraged, amplified and heard in the policy debates. Women must fight the risk of being set against each other. As Andrea Mitchell shared “ I am not saying it is easy, but it is worth it. Those that have made it need to help others.” It is time to build relationships across sector, own each others issues and share a common agenda.”

As in the United States, where bitter partisan politics have dramatically undercut our democracy, women in state legislatures across the United States still work to find common ground and priorities – such as child care and entrepreneurship. The Women's Coalition in Northern Ireland as well as the participants from the Washington seminar are off to an exciting start. Yet it is critical that they continue to build their partnerships to fully leverage the voices and participation of the 14 women in the Assembly. As one participant stated the days of being told to “sit down and shut up – and stick to knitting” are over and never to return.

Trainers: Laura Fortman, Executive Director, Maine Women’s Lobby & Research and Development Institute, Maine State Senator Chellie Pingree, and State Representative Nan Orrock, and Anne Mosle, Vice President, Center for Policy Alternatives

Women’s Voices – Northern Ireland

"I would have liked to have heard from an on-the-ground community activist trying to make changes now."

"The Center for Policy Alternatives could very usefully offer training to the community-based groups in N. Ireland, in order to help them draw out the strategic aspects of their work."

"We need training to help us focus on clear, viable strategies for electoral politics and to continue to maintain our inclusive ethos and build further coalitions...Politics in N. Ireland is still predominantly a male preserve - we need long-term strategies and support to change the culture of politics in Ireland."

"It would have been great if we could have had an open session on how we apply the coalition model of CPA to our context...perhaps a post-conference evaluation/action session could be planned for February. Women Into Politics would be happy to assist in this."

III “Understanding the Legislative Process”, “Opportunities in an Era of Devolution” and “Legislator to Legislator Roundtable”

By providing peer-to-peer training, this session will allow the newly emerging leaders in Northern Ireland the opportunity to learn more about the nuts and bolts of creating and moving legislation. As state-elected leaders in the U.S. have been facing the challenges and the possibilities offered by devolution, so do the newly elected leaders in Northern Ireland face the challenges of building political infrastructure and programs as governance moves from Westminster to Belfast.

Bi-partisan Trainers: Maine State Senator Chellie Pingree, State Representative Nan Orrock, Laura Fortman, Executive Director, Maine Women’s Lobby, Representative from Southern Ireland Women’s Commission, Ryan Alexander, Senior program Officer, Rockefeller Family Fund

Legislator Roundtable Moderator and Rappateur: Linda Tarr-Whelan, President and CEO, Center for Policy Alternatives & U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women

Women’s Voices – Northern Ireland

"I would have liked to spend more time with the female senators and hear how they ran their campaigns."

"After getting issues onto the agenda, how to you keep them there? How do you ensure legislation...reflects what is required?"

"Developing networks and coalitions with women from other political parties and community organizations without other party colleagues seeing it as a threat to party loyalty (particularly if we get successes) - finding new models of working politics for the good of our electorate and not the ego of the politicians. Getting women candidates elected."

"More direct experiences from women representatives."

IV. “Communication Strategies for Breaking Through to the Media”

Women know the priorities for themselves, their families and their communities. The future of Northern Ireland' democracy and economy depends on them making their voices heard. This workshop will focus on developing a message that clearly states their policy priorities and strategies for getting that message out to the media, community and legislators. Building confidence in women's abilities both in making policy and in dealing with the press is as important as building skills. Women's economic and political potential is enormous; the key is in realizing that potential.

Trainers: Marylouise Oates, Journalist, Author and Activist, Anne Mosle, Vice President, Center for Policy Alternatives and Nora O’Connell, Program Coordinator, Center for Policy Alternatives

Women’s Voices – Northern Ireland

"...how to get your message across clearly and more information and training on building a policy agenda."

"more in-depth training on all aspects, particularly...women's experiences in getting into politics and media skills training would be excellent"

V. "Building for the Future: Sustainability Strategies"

Resource development is an eternal challenge for all activists, both in human resources and fundraising. Although some U.K. and E.U. government monies have been available for conflict resolution, youth and women's centers and other community and public organizations, that funding is drying up. Yet the need is still there and will continue to grow as Northern Ireland faces the opportunities and difficulties inherent in this era of change. This session will focus on sustainable resource development and equipping these leaders with an array of fundraising strategies and models for public-private partnerships to ensure their long-term effectiveness and impact.

Trainers: Scott Gale, FMG Consulting, Ryan Alexander, Senior Program Officer, Rockefeller Family Fund, Avila Kilmurray, Executive Director, N. Ireland Voluntary Trust

Women's Voices – Northern Ireland

"Managing human resources effectively; mobilizing and motivating people."

"Fundraising is always one of the biggest challenges."

Outcomes:

- NGO Network of community leaders and organizations that are committed and prepared to participate in and amplify women's voices in the new Northern Ireland Assembly. Possible launch of a NGO infrastructure, Women's Commission, to help connect, leverage and document individual grassroots efforts.
- Framework for building a women-led, community-based economic agenda that crosses sectarian lines.
- Core group of thirty-five women leaders that have been trained to fully maximize their positions of leadership from the community to the Assembly. Concrete skills that will have been covered include: communications strategies, policy and coalition building, fundraising and resource development
- Enhanced understanding of peace process, democratic and economic reality in Northern Ireland by U.S. elected representatives and community leaders. At the National Conference of State

Legislators in July, the state-elected leaders who participated in the Northern Ireland program will share their experiences with their colleagues, broadening their understanding of the current political and economic situation in Northern Ireland.

- Establishment of “neutral” forum/network based on trust, open dialogue and shared training for women leaders from diverse political and religious affiliations to sustain and strengthen the peace process.
- Open lines of communication and commitment of support created between elected women and grassroots leaders to ensure that community, especially women's and children's priorities, are heard and addressed in the new Assembly.
- Partnerships between grassroots and elected leaders from the United States, Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland that are committed to the implementation of the Good Friday Agreement and women's full participation in the new Assembly.

Long-Term Commitment and Sustainability:

As the First Lady stated at the *Vital Voices* conference “You will only move forward and, as you do, please know that America will stand by you.” The Center for Policy Alternatives shares this commitment. Responsive and focused follow-up to these trainings will be critical to the ongoing development and effectiveness of these community and elected leaders.

Strategies for Sustaining the Momentum:

- By creating user-friendly training and resource materials that can be used for “training the trainer”, we significantly multiply the effect of the conference.
- Through technology, CPA will be able to maintain regular communications with these leaders. We will ensure that resource materials are available on our website (www.cfpa.org) and will initiate a group e-mail to provide quarterly updates on policy models and strategies. We will also encourage participants to solidify one-on-one relationships with trainers for individualized questions or support.
- In July of 1999, CPA will conduct its annual Grassroots Leadership Retreat which brings together the lead policy and grassroots advocacy organizations operating at the state level to participate in legislative and policy “strategy “ discussions, share “best practices” and have the opportunity to openly discuss what worked and what didn't in each of their respective state capitals. We will extend an invitation to representatives from the Belfast conference to participate in the 1999 Grassroots Leadership Retreat in Seattle, Washington. As there are many similarities in size, scope and nature of the policy challenges for women at the state level in the U.S. and N. Ireland, this would be a powerful exchange of ideas and experience.

- Opening the doors of economic opportunity to women is essential to the economic, democratic and social prosperity and stability of N. Ireland. For more than two decades, CPA has closely monitored women's increasing role and contributions to the U.S. economy through a series of polling projects and forums, culminating in the 1997 White House Women's Economic Leadership Summit. Interestingly many of the keys-- access to credit, training and markets as well as increasing women's leadership in the economic sector -- are the keys to peace and prosperity in Northern Ireland as well. Increasing and supporting women's participation in the economy is critical for community economic development and the stability that it brings to communities and economies. As we look at future strategies for following through on our commitment to the women of Northern Ireland, we will explore partnerships with the Ms. Foundation and Fannie Mae. Both of these organizations have a long history of supporting CPA's work to increase women's participation in the economic and political spheres and believe in the critical role that women play in the development of sustainable, prosperous communities.

Why CPA?

The Center for Policy Alternatives has over 20 years experience in translating the dialogue on women's equality from individual rights to economic and political potential. CPA has demonstrated expertise in helping women build agendas from the bottom up and is committed to strengthening women's leadership and links at grassroots, regional and national levels. In addition to its annual grassroots leadership training to advance a women-led economic agenda, CPA has convened three economic summits, culminating in the first Women's Economic Leadership Summit, cosponsored by the White House and chaired by Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton, in 1997.

In the international arena, CPA played a key role in the economic negotiations at the UN Fourth World Conference on Women, and CPA's CEO and President, Ambassador Linda Tarr-Whelan, gave an address on Women's Enterprise and the Global Economy at the OECD conference in 1997. Further CPA participated in the Vital Voices Conferences in both Vienna and Belfast, led sessions at the Women in Governance Conference in India and was the lead sponsor of a series of three international think tank meetings (in the United Kingdom, United States and Belgium) for groups from North America, Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

CPA Board and Staff Team:

Marylouise Oates, CPA Board Member, Journalist, Author and Activist

Donna Callejon, CPA Board Member, Senior Vice President, Corporate Development, Fannie Mae

Linda Tarr-Whelan, CPA President and CEO, Center for Policy Alternatives and U.S. Representative to the u.N. Commission on the Status on Women

Anne Mosle, Vice President for Women's Policy and Programs, Center for Policy Alternatives and Co-President, Washington Area Women's Foundation Board of Directors

Nora O'Connell, Program Coordinator, Center for Policy Alternatives

Lori Broglio, Program Consultant

Training/Resource Team

All members of the training team bring extensive and in-depth experience as well as a profound commitment to the peace process and increasing women's role in the political and policy arenas. They have front-line experience that is highly applicable. All trainers have proven ability to conduct formal presentations as well as "roll-up-your sleeves", interactive sessions, both of which will be utilized in this conference to ensure that as many participants can attend without jeopardizing quality or opportunity for specific, tailored technical assistance. All trainers will waive any honorarium and donate their time for preparation, training and travel time.

State Senate Majority Leader Chellie Pingree (Maine)

State Representative Nan Orrock (Georgia)

State Senator Sandy Praeger (Kansas)

Laura Fortman, Executive Director, Maine Women's Lobby and Research and education Institute

Representative, Women's Commission, Republic of Ireland

Ryan Alexander, Senior Program Officer, Rockefeller Family Fund

Scott Gale, FMG Consulting

CPA BOARD AND STAFF TEAM:

MARYLOUISE OATES

CPA Board Member, Journalist, Author and Activist

The co-author, with Senator Barbara Mikulski, of the critically well-received Washington thriller, *Capitol Offense*, and the author of *Making Peace*, a 1991 novel about the anti-war movement, Oates was a columnist and writer for the *Los Angeles Times*. She also served as Deputy National Press Secretary for McCarthy for President and as National Press Secretary for the Vietnam Moratorium. Oates serves on the Human Rights Campaign Board of Directors and on the Whitman Walker Clinic Board of Directors. An advisor to the Campaign for Military Service in 1993, Oates received the 1987 MECLA Communications Award for her journalist efforts to educate about AIDS. In 1995, she served as a consultant to the Feminist Majority Foundation. She attended the University of Pennsylvania and has a Masters in Divinity from Yale University.

DONNA CALLEJON

CPA Board Member, Senior Vice President for Corporate Development, Fannie Mae

Donna Callejon is Fannie Mae's Senior Vice President for corporate development responsible for leading the company's efforts in strategic planning, industry analysis, new business development and economics. Prior to joining Fannie Mae, Callejon held several positions in mortgage sales and trading at Farmers Savings Bank in Davis, California. In addition to her business responsibilities, Callejon has participated in Fannie Mae's Help the Homeless Campaign in various capacities, including chairing the effort in 1992. She is a member of the board of Community Council for the Homeless and a key contributor to the Run for Research. She is also a member of the board of director of Business for Social Responsibility. She received her B.S. in agricultural and managerial economics from the University of California at Davis.

LINDA TARR-WHELAN

President and CEO, Center for Policy Alternatives and U.S. Representative to the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women

President and CEO of the Center for Policy Alternatives, Linda Tarr-Whelan has 25 years of experience in public policy, including service as deputy assistant to President Carter in the White House, administrative director of the New York Department of Labor, public policy director for the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, and as government relations director for the National Education Association. Ms. Tarr-Whelan has held her position with CPA since 1985. She served as a member of the U.S. Delegation to the UN Fourth World Conference on Women and was appointed by President Clinton to serve as the U.S. Ambassador to the UN Commission on the Status on women, which is a part-time position. Ms. Tarr-Whelan holds a MS from the University of Maryland and a B.S.N. from Johns Hopkins University.

ANNE MOSLE

Vice President for Women's Policy & Programs, Center for Policy Alternatives

Ms. Mosle serves as Vice President for Women's Policy and Programs, where she is responsible for all aspects of program policy research and leadership development and training for elected and community leaders. In her work at CPA, she was also the primary organizer of the Women's Economic Leadership Summit, which CPA co-sponsored with the White House. Prior to CPA, she served as the Community Outreach Director for the Women's Foundation of Colorado, where she oversaw all communications and program work. In this capacity, she worked extensively with grassroots organizations to enhance women's economic self-sufficiency throughout the state of Colorado. Her other experiences include serving as the director of tribal program development services for the Council of Energy Resource Tribes and director of programs for the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). Ms. Mosle currently serves on several local and national boards, including Co-Chair of the Board of the Washington Area Women's Foundation, on the Leadership Council of the National Women's Business Council and on the Institute for Women's Policy Research's State Advisory Committee. She also served on the Washington Advisory Committee of the Harvard Divinity School Women's Program. Ms. Mosle has completed graduate course work at Johns Hopkins (SAIS) and School of Business and earned her BA from the University of Richmond.

NORA O'CONNELL

Coordinator for Women's Policy & Programs, Center for Policy Alternatives

Ms. O'Connell is Coordinator of Women's Policy and Programs at the Center for Policy Alternatives. At CPA, she coordinated the 1998 Grassroots Leadership Retreat, which brought together the top grassroots women leaders who advocate in state policy for policies that strengthen women, families and communities to develop strategies for moving a women-led economic agenda. She was also assistant editor of *State of the States: Women and Entrepreneurship* and *America's Economic Agenda: Women's Voices for Solutions*. Prior to CPA, Ms. O'Connell worked at a non-profit strategic communications consulting firm based in Washington, DC, providing media strategy and technical assistance to nonprofit leaders to move policy issues on the public agenda, including adoption and foster care reform, health, and economic self-sufficiency. She also has several years of experience in community-based organizations on issues ranging from homelessness to disability rights.

LORI BROGLIO

Program Consultant, Center for Policy Alternatives

Ms. Broglio is a consultant for Women's Policy & Programs, working on international issues. At CPA, she has co-authored *State of the States: Women and Entrepreneurship* and *Women's Voices for Solutions '96*, a polling report. Prior to joining CPA, Ms. Broglio served as the manager of international programs for the International Child Art Foundation (ICAF), where she worked with Ministries of Education, embassies, media organizations and NGOs to establish children's art programs in 25 countries. At ICAF, she also acted as managing editor of a children's quarterly art magazine. Her other experiences include assisting CPA in the organization of the 1997 Women's Economic Leadership Summit and serving as an advisor for education and work exchanges for the Fulbright Commission in the Czech Republic. Ms. Broglio holds an MA in International Relations and Economics from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and a BA from Mary Baldwin College.

TRAINING AND RESOURCE TEAM:

(upon acceptance of proposal, trainers will be carefully selected from among the following to ensure diverse, bipartisan participation)

CHELLIE PINGREE

State Senate Majority Leader, Maine (D)

Senator Pingree was first elected to the Maine Senate in 1992 at the age of 37. She was elected Maine's second female Senate Majority Leader in December of 1996 and serves on the Legislative Council. As a freshman Legislator, Pingree was appointed Chair of the Joint Standing Legislative Committee on Housing and Economic Development and served on the Marine Resources and Agriculture Committees. During the 117th Legislature, she served on the Human Resources and Marine Resources Committee. In 1981, Ms. Pingree started North Island Yarn, a cottage industry of hand knitters with a retail store on the island of North Haven. Ms. Pingree has received such awards as Legislator of the Year Award (1994) from the Eastern Maine Development Corporation and Maine Times Newspaper's Poll as Maine's Favorite Legislator (1995).

NAN GROGAN ORROCK

State Representative, Georgia (D)

Representative Orrock was elected to the Georgia State House of Representatives in 1986 and represents Fulton County, Georgia. Currently she serves on the Appropriations and Industrial Relations Committees and is the Vice-Chair of the Health and Ecology Committee. She is the Executive Director of the Fund for Southern Communities and has two children. She also serves as the President of the Women's Legislators Lobby.

SANDY PRAEGER

State Senator, Kansas (R)

Senator Praeger has served in the Kansas legislature since 1990. Prior to that, she was the Mayor of Lawrence from 1986-87 and on the Lawrence City Commission from 1985-1989. She is the Chair of the Public Health and Welfare Committee, the Vice Chair of the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee, and a member of the Assessment and Taxation and Elections and Local Government Committees. In addition to her legislative work, she is active in the Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence and is on the Boards of the Brandon Woods Retirement Community, Haskell Indian Junior College Foundation and Leadership Kansas. She also serves on the Douglas County Republic Central Committee and as the Vice-Chair of the Douglas County Development Corporation. She is particularly concerned with health care reform and with children and family issues.

LAURA FORTMAN**Executive Director, Maine Women's Lobby and Research and Education Institute**

Executive Director of Maine Women's Lobby, Ms. Fortman has joined forces with other advocates and progressive legislators to frame the debate over welfare reform in terms of building a workforce to meet the long-term economic needs of the state. Thanks to her work and the powerful coalition of religious, research, women's labor and social services organizations, Maine developed the cutting-edge Parents as Scholars program, becoming one of only a few states to include higher education in its welfare reform plan. Through this innovative program, Fortman demonstrated that *real* welfare reform had to provide women and men with the education and skills to *compete*--not just survive--in the labor market.

RYAN ALEXANDER**Program Officer, Rockefeller Family Fund**

Ms. Alexander directs the Fund's Economic Justice for Women program and shares responsibility for grant making in the Environment, Citizen Education and Participation, Institutional Responsiveness, and Self-Sufficiency programs. Prior to joining the Family Fund, Ms. Alexander was a Staff Attorney for the National Association of Public Interest Law (NAPIL) and Fellow for Equal Justice at the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund (Appalred). At Appalred, she represented low-income clients in environmental, health, and public benefits matters before trial and appellate courts. Ms. Alexander is also a past president of the National Association for Public Interest Law.

SCOTT GALE**President, Fundraising Management Group, Inc.**

Mr. Gale founded the Fundraising Management Group in 1989 and serves as its President. Prior to founding FMG, he served as Deputy Political Director and Southwest Regional Director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee from 1985 to 1989.

Increasing Women's Participation and Leadership In the Political and Policy Sector in Northern Ireland

Budget

Travel for 8-10 trainers and staff (including hotel for 6 days)	\$14,000
Conference costs (av, meals, travel scholarships and on-site copying)	\$15,000
Printing and materials	\$1,000
Shipping	\$750
Telecommunications	\$1,500
Staff	
Linda Tarr-Whelan, CEO (5 days - \$450/day)	\$2,250
Anne Mosle, Vice-President (15 days - \$425/day)	\$6,375
Nora O'Connell, Coordinator (20 days - \$375/day)	\$7,500
Program support (10 days - \$325/day)	\$3,250
Overhead	\$3,375
Total	\$55,000

1999 Northern Ireland Political Leadership Opportunity for Women

Results and Needs

Which of the topics covered would you like more information or resources on?

Building a policy agenda will be important in the new Assembly - more training please by Anne Mosle and Nora O'Connell. (Jill Martin, Ulster Unionist Party)

Building a policy agenda, specifically as it relates to women. (Tina Tully, Sinn Fein)

I would particularly benefit from additional work around policy formulation, budgeting, actual public speaking training, e.g. how to effectively write and deliver a speech. (Geraldine McAteer, Upper Springfield Development Trust)

More direct experiences from women representatives. (Annie Campbell, Chair, N. Ireland Women's Coalition)

Understanding and designing legislation. (Dawn Purvis, Progressive Unionist Party)

I would have liked to have spent more time with the female senators and heard how they ran their campaigns. (Sarah Cummings, Ulster Unionist Party)

I would be keen to promote such an organization [Center for Policy Alternatives] for Northern Ireland. I believe they could help women from all communities and political parties to shift "women's issues" onto the new Assembly's policy-making bodies' agenda, so that we could develop a bipartisan economic women-led blueprint for action for economic development. (Dolores Kelly, Social Democratic and Labour Party Councillor, Craigavon Borough Council)

Planning a policy framework. (Joanne Vance, Women into Politics Project, Belfast)

Were there any topics that were not discussed that would have been helpful?

...visit a few locally-based community organizations and see how they are doing it and under what circumstances. (Catherine Cooke, Peace and Reconciliation Group)

Pay gap in N. Ireland is a major issue for women. Anti-racism work in U.S. and the linkage with anti-sectarianism work in N. Ireland. We need heart-based reconciliation - lessons from the U.S., e.g. civil rights movement would be helpful. (Annie Campbell, Chair, N. Ireland Women's Coalition)

Small business development strategies, particularly for rural areas. Establishing women's networks - particularly in business and finance. (Marietta Farrell, Social Democratic and Labour Party)

...how to get your message across clearly and more information and training on building a policy agenda. (Geraldine Rice, Alliance Party)

After getting issues onto the agenda, how to you keep them there? How do you ensure legislation...reflects what is required? (Dawn Purvis, Progressive Unionist Party)

Ensuring economic opportunity for women. Information and training towards helping women to establish themselves in the business world. (Pat Mallon, Social Democratic and Labour Party)

I would have like to have heard from an on-the-ground community activist trying to make changes now. (Dale Harrison, Greater Shankill Partnership)

It would have been great if we could have had an open session on how we apply the coalition model of CPA to our context...perhaps a post-conference evaluation/action session could be planned for February. Women into Politics would be happy to assist in this. (Joanne Vance, Women into Politics Project)

What resources and support can the Center for Policy Alternatives and other organizations provide for you in the future?

It would be very helpful if Nora O'Connell and Anne Mosle could deliver training on policy formulation, etc. in N. Ireland as soon as possible. Right now is the time when we need to shape and build the women's agenda, while the new structures are getting established. Ideally the CPA involvement would be viewed by Northern Irish women as "neutral" women coming in to facilitate women from all parties and backgrounds to draw up an agenda. (Geraldine McAteer, Upper Springfield Development Trust)

Training in CPA's women's economic agenda - this policy framework and inter-linking of issues is potentially very exciting for women in N. Ireland - it opens up possibilities of previously unheard-of coalitions and addresses a real on-the-ground need...EMILY's List - again more training and network contacts to help us educate women to prioritise their needs and to work out ways to win! (Annie Campbell, Chair, N. Ireland Women's Coalition)

I would like to see organizations like EMILY's List and others, specifically Mary Beth Cahill, Nora O'Connell and Anne Mosle, come to Northern Ireland and provide training and documentation that relate to women's position and power in our country. (Dawn Purvis, Progressive Unionist Party)

It would be very helpful to have follow-up meetings so that we do not lose the bond that we have created between such a diverse group of female political and community activists. (Sarah Cummings, Ulster Unionist Party)

The Center for Policy Alternatives could very usefully offer training to the community-based groups in N. Ireland, in order to help them draw out the strategic aspects of their work? (Avila Kilmurray, N. Ireland Voluntary Trust)

Organize a 'working party' with a view to setting up a similar (CPA) in N. Ireland - also investigating the possibility of working with the Policy Unit in the South. (Theresa Kelly, Women's Centre, Derry)

I am very excited about [the Center for Policy Alternative]'s work because it affirms our own.
(Joanne Vance, Women into Politics Project)

In your work, what are the greatest challenges and needs you face?

Managing human resources effectively; mobilising and motivating people. (Tina Tully, Sinn Fein)

We need training to help us focus on clear, viable strategies for electoral politics and to continue to maintain our inclusive ethos and build further coalitions...Politics in N. Ireland is still predominantly a male preserve - we need long-term strategies and support to change the culture of politics in Ireland. (Annie Campbell, Chair, N. Ireland Women's Coalition)

Ensuring that the women's agenda is effectively mainstreamed into the "male" trade union agenda and prioritized within the negotiating agenda. (Ann Hope, Irish Congress of Trade Unions)

Developing networks and coalitions with women from other political parties and community organisations without other party colleagues seeing it as a threat to party loyalty (particularly if we get successes) - finding new models of working politics for the good of our electorate and not the ego of the politicians. Getting women candidates elected...(Marietta Farrell, Social Democratic and Labour Party)

Bringing the training I have received to other women in my party. And mostly using the information and training to get myself elected in the next election. (Geraldine Rice, Alliance Party)

I need the sort of information on N. Ireland as contained in Women's Voices for Solutions, A Blueprint for Action. (Dolores Kelly, Socially Democratic and Labour Party Councillor)

On a personal note, one of my 'big' challenges will be to go out there and meet more women from other traditions and see how I can help to make their lives more meaningful - I am on my way. (Pat Mallon, Social Democratic and Labour Party)

Additional Comments?

I will be going home with a suitcase full of documentation and a head full of new knowledge and challenges. I feel my work has just begun. I'll have to start briefing other key players in my party and begin to implement what I have learned. (Jill Martin, Ulster Unionist Party)

Thank you for a wonderful week. I will never forget it. (Daphne Trimble, Ulster Unionist Party)

Basically, repeats of these sessions for other women and more in-depth training on all aspects, particularly policy-setting, women's experiences in getting into politics and media skills training would be excellent! I would stress the need for across-the-board participation.

Meeting the women senators with Barbara Mikulski was personally very inspiring - they all have an open invitation to Ireland. (Annie Campbell, Chair, N. Ireland Women's Coalition)

It was a truly amazing week and has given me a lot more confidence in myself. (Geraldine Rice, Alliance Party)

The course was both invigorating and inspiring. Sometimes we need as individuals to get out of the situation, to recognize the opportunities and potential we have at home. We need support in being risk-takers. You have given us that. (Avila Kilmurray, N. Ireland Voluntary Trust)

It is up to us now to build on the seeds you have planted. Thank you all again for a once-in-a-lifetime experience. (Pat Mallon, Social Democratic and Labour Party)

Also, this is to progress, not just a good time shared for a week, but where to next, and how - we know the why. (Theresa Kelly, Women's Centre, Derry)

I have built a relationship with everyone from unionist to nationalist. I would really like to meet you all again and hope when we get home we keep our relationships. (Martina McIlkenny, Sinn Fein)

Other Training and Info. Requests:

- Info. and resources on persuasion mail
- More fundraising and polling for campaigns
- Media training and speech writing and delivery (public speaking)
- Conflict resolution skills
- Bringing principles of community development and cooperation into politics
- Dealing with personal abuse from opposition parties
- Getting political support and funding for your programs
- Overview of U.S. political structure
- Art of lobbying
- More in-depth info. from AFL-CIO work to support candidates
- Interaction between foreign and domestic policies and our policy priorities, ex. investment in Ireland
- Building a successful campaign
- Targeting and Getting Out the Vote
- Help in drawing up a comprehensive development plan
- Info. on how to contact sympathetic funding organizations in the U.S.
- Developing civic governance, especially in marginalized groups
- Youth issues
- Virginia Manuel to train and facilitate on women and entrepreneurship
- Updates and new materials on topics discussed to keep on track with new solutions
- Networking

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 14, 1999

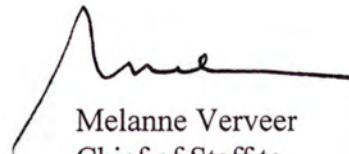
Margaret A. McKenna
President
Lesley College
29 Everett Street
Cambridge, MA 02138-2790

Dear Margaret:

We still don't know about November, but I have sent the request for honorary chair forward for consideration. You should hear shortly.

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

January 4, 1999

Margaret A. McKenna
President
Lesley College
29 Everett St.
Cambridge, MA 02138-2790

Dear Margaret:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your invitation to attend the Literacy Conference on November 8, 1999 in Boston. It does sound like a spectacular convergence. And, of course, it would be great to get to Lesley at long last.

It is much too early to know if Mrs. Clinton will be able to accept the invitation. I have forwarded your request to Patti Solis-Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady, and she will be in touch with you at some point in the future.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

MV-

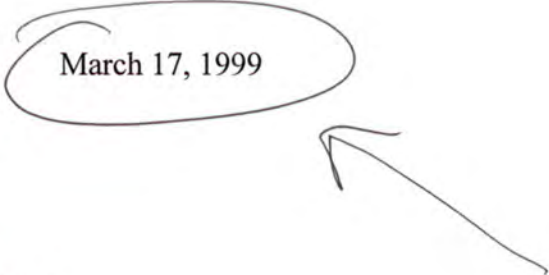
This is the letter
we sent w/ her
1st letter.

The 2nd ^{draft} response is
underneath. You
might want wording
changed. Just wanted
to make you aware.

-Kim

We still don't know about
November, but I have ^{sent} ~~sent~~ ~~forwarded~~
the request for ~~hand~~ chair forward
for consideration. You should hear
shortly.

March 17, 1999



Margaret A. McKenna
President
Lesley College
29 Everett Street
Cambridge, MA 02138-2790

Dear Ms. McKenna:

Thank you for your renewing your invitation to the First Lady to attend the Literacy Conference on November 8, 1999 in Boston.

It is not yet certain whether she will be able to attend the Conference. I have forwarded your request to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady. As plans for winter are completed her office will be in touch with you.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

MV-
most recent draft
response
-Kian

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 14, 1999

Robert Kinloch Massie
Executive Director
Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economies
11 Arlington Street, 6th Floor
Boston, MA 02116-3411

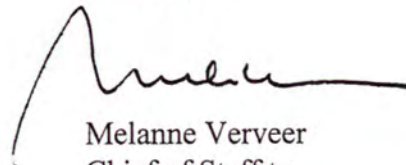
Dear Mr. Massie:

Thank you for your letter and invitation for the First Lady to attend the CERES conference in New York City, April 8-9.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton's April schedule made it impossible for her to attend the event, but we trust it was a success. Promoting environmentally responsible development is so important and we salute your vital work.

Best wishes and thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melanne Verveer', with a stylized, flowing script.

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Co-Chair
Joan Bowers

Co-Chair
Doris Hayes

Executive Director
Robert Kinloch Massie



Coalition for Environmentally
Responsible Economies

11 Arlington Street • Sixth Floor • Boston, MA 02116-3411 • TEL 617-247-0700 • FAX 617-267-5400 • www.ceres.org

March 17, 1999

Ms. Katy Button
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Robert

Dear Katy:

Thank you for our conversation earlier today.

Attached is the conference agenda for the April anniversary conference in New York City. As I mentioned to you on the phone, there will be between 200-300 national environmental, business, and investment leaders who have come to celebrate ten years of hard work and to explore the challenges that lie ahead.

I thought that this might be an opportunity and venue that might be of interest to the First Lady. It would, of course, be an extraordinary honor for CERES to have her in attendance.

Also, as I mentioned on the phone, Mrs. Clinton and I met several times in 1994 when I was the Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor of Massachusetts. She was kind enough to have read and commented in our conversations on my parents' book, Journey.

If you need more information about CERES, I would urge you to explore our website at www.ceres.org or contact me directly. And again, thank you for our conversation.

Faithfully yours,

Robert Kinloch Massie
Executive Director

**Environmental
Members**

Partial Listing

Bullitt Foundation
Communities for
a Better Environment
Earth Island Institute
Environmental League
of Massachusetts
Fair Trade Foundation
Friends of the Earth
Humane Society
of the United States
International Alliance
for Sustainable Agriculture
LightHawk
National Wildlife Federation
Natural Resources
Defense Council
Noyes Foundation
Rainforest Action Network
Renew America
Rocky Mountain Institute
Sierra Club
Southwest
Organizing Project
U.S. PIRG
Valdez Society of Japan
Washington Office on
Environmental Justice
World Wildlife Fund

**Social Investment
Members**

Partial Listing

California Public Employees'
Retirement System
Calvert Social Investment
Fund & Foundation
Co-op America
Council on
Economic Priorities
First Nations
Development Institute
Franklin Research &
Development Corporation
Green Century Funds
Harrington Investments
Interfaith Center on
Corporate Responsibility
Industrial Union
Department, AFL-CIO
National Ministries,
American Baptist Churches,
USA
New York City
Commissioner of Finance
New York City Comptroller
Parnassus Fund
Presbyterian Church, USA
Progressive
Asset Management
Social Investment Forum
Social Responsibility
Investment Group
South Shore
Bank of Chicago
United States Trust
Company of Boston

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 20, 1999

Patricia Mossel
Executive Director
The Washington Opera
2600 Virginia Avenue, NW #104
Washington, DC 20037

Dear Pat:

Enclosed are a few photos from the First Lady's visit to the Kennedy Center for the opera. She was delighted to see Placido and Marta again and enjoyed the performance very much. Please distribute the photos with her compliments.

We received Jane DeGraff Sloat's invitation for the First Lady to attend the Opera Ball on June 4. Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton will be in Boston for events to which she committed some time ago. But please convey her appreciation for the invitation, along with her best wishes for a wonderful evening. We are all great fans of the Washington Opera!

All the best to you.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Opera Ball

PLÁCIDO DOMINGO
Artistic Director

HE THE AMBASSADOR OF FRANCE
AND MRS. BUJON DE L'ESTANG
Honorary Patrons

HON. JANE DEGRAFF SLOAT
Opera Ball Chairman

MRS. E. EDWARD BRUCE
Women's Committee Chairman

PATRICIA L. MOSSEL
Executive Director
The Washington Opera

President and Mrs. Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President and Mrs. Clinton,

As Chairman of the 1999 Washington Opera Ball and on behalf of the Board of Trustees and Artistic Director Plácido Domingo, I respectfully invite you to serve once again as Honorary Patrons of the Opera Ball on Friday, June 4, 1999.

We, of course, would be enormously pleased if you could attend the Opera Ball which will begin at ten o'clock at the residence of the French Ambassador on Kalorama Road.

The Opera, now in its 43rd season, has been an important part of the cultural life of our National's Capital. Not only does the Opera present excellent productions under the artistic direction of Maestro Domingo, but also it delivers extensive educational outreach programs throughout the metropolitan Washington area. His Excellency the Ambassador of France and Mrs. Bujon de l'Estang have graciously agreed to host the Ball at their residence for this very special occasion.

Specifically, we would like to request permission to list you on the invitation and on the dinner program using the language, "Under the Honorary Patronage of the President of the United States and Mrs. Clinton." It also has become a tradition to include a letter and photograph from you welcoming our guests to the Ball in the commemorative program. Our first printing deadline would be March 1st. Kindly have your staff contact the Opera's Special Events Director Patti Humphrey at 202/295-2485 regarding these details.

Our sincerest thanks for your past support.

Very truly yours,



Honorable Jane DeGraff Sloat

bcc: Mr. James Dorskind

January 27, 1999

Tim -

F&I

we will mostly
likely accept

NS

2/5

(R)
will be
one
from

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 27, 1999

Jerome T. Murphy
Dean
Harvard University Graduate School of Education
Longfellow Hall, Appian Way
Cambridge, MA 02138-3752

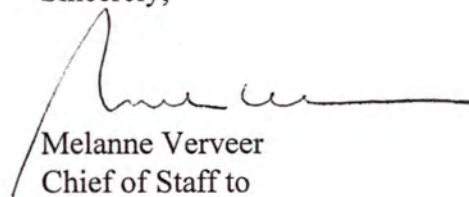
Dear Professor Murphy:

On behalf of Mrs. Clinton, thank you for your letter and invitation for her to inaugurate the Askwith Education Forum this Spring or next Fall.

Regrettably, the First Lady's busy schedule over the next several months makes it difficult to commit to a date in the near future. I have given your invitation to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady. She will be in contact with you should Mrs. Clinton be able to accept your invitation. It would obviously please the First Lady to be able to honor Patti and her family.

All the best.

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

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

*Can't commit
at this time*

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

LONGFELLOW HALL, APPIAN WAY
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02138-3752
617-495-3401 FAX 617-495-8510

Mrs. Hillary Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500-2000

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

One of your friends and supporters, Patti Askwith Kenner, is also a great friend of ours. We would like to invite you to be the keynote speaker for the celebration to inaugurate the Askwith Education Forum, formerly known as the Harvard Education Forum.

This forum, under the auspices of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, brings to Harvard and the Boston community the best and most interesting people from around the country to share their wisdom and experiences. These free and public lectures number 30-40 a year, and past guests have ranged from Sesame Street's Elmo to Robert Coles to the playwright, actress, educator Anna Deavere Smith to the middle school children from the Broadmeadow Public School who raised money to build a school in Pakistan to honor Iqbal Masih, a 12 year-old laborer and activist.

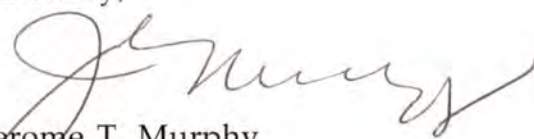
You have spent many years deeply involved in education and committed to the well-being of children and families. We have followed you in your travels around the globe and throughout the United States and have been impressed with your ability to influence policy makers, educators and citizens in their thinking about these issues.

We would very much like for this to be an occasion when you could discuss education issues important to you and of significance for our country and the world. We would also hope that you might serve as an advisor of sorts and guide us in the selection of future speakers. And, of course, we would be eager to have you return whenever you are able to lend your passion for education to these lectures.

We have not set a date for our celebration because we hope to find a convenient time for you, preferably before May 15, or next fall, if necessary. Dottie Engler, our Director of External Relations, will be in touch with your schedulers to follow through on this request.

It would be the greatest honor for Harvard and Patti and her family if you would be our inaugural speaker for the Askwith Education Forum.

Sincerely,


Jerome T. Murphy
Professor and Dean

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 5, 1999

John McKinney
Chief Executive
Omagh District Council
The Grange, Mountjoy Road
Omagh, Co. Tyrone, BT79 7BL Northern Ireland

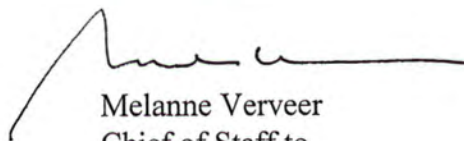
Dear Mr. McKinney:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your letter and invitation to visit Omagh this May.

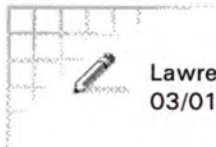
Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton upcoming visit to Northern Ireland will be very brief and will not permit her to make a stop in Omagh. President and Mrs. Clinton will never forget their visit last fall to Omagh and the inspiring example of the people. Mrs. Clinton conveys her appreciation for you and your colleagues' leadership along with her best wishes. Thank you for all you do.

All the best.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



Lawrence E. Butler
03/01/99 03:56:25 PM

*Kathy have
PIS
Eric Draft*

Record Type: Record

To: Katharine Button/WHO/EOP

cc:

Subject: Re: Vital Voices

Melanne/KB

How did this meeting go?

Re: Omagh invite for FLOTUS. Could it be a coincidence that this group picked May? On one hand, this is going to be pretty hard to turn down. On the other, I do not think this is a forward looking use of the First Lady's time depending on what else is available should she go. She risks becoming the patron saint of Omagh (one of the reasons we resisted initially having POTUS go there last year.) Ki Fort is under constant pressure to do things out there.

I'd recommend a nice reply thanking the three signers for thinking of the First Lady, ducking any commitment one way or the other for the time being.

OK



Your Ref:

Our Ref: MISC/13/1

Date: 22 February 1999

Being dealt with by:

For the Attention of: Melanne Verveer

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
Office of the First Lady
Old Executive Office Building
Room 1000
Washington
DC2500 USA

(R)
acknowledge
not
clear

Dear First Lady

We are writing to you as representatives of the Omagh Fund and Omagh Renewal and Beyond. The Fund was formed to help with the dispersal of monies received for victims and Omagh Renewal and Beyond to pull together all our energies to carry the town forward.

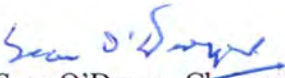
The Presidential Visit to Omagh in the wake of the awful events of the Fifteenth August last year when our town was so cruelly devastated by a bomb brought enormous comfort to the bereaved and injured and we believe it gave many the incentive to move on to create a new beginning which could mirror the progress in the rest of Northern Ireland. We trust it will be the last such event to occur and that this is due in no small measure to the strong interest shown by the USA led by the President and yourself.

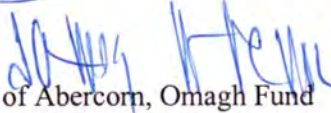
Against this background we propose to celebrate the future of Omagh and by our example show our fellow citizens that, despite awful adversities, a community can not only survive but also carry our optimism into the new Millennium. Part of our plan is to hold a lunch/dinner sometime in May and use it to let people know how far we have come since that terrible day and that Omagh is looking to the future without forgetting the past.

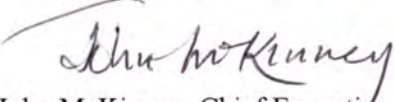
We would be honoured if you could attend this event as our Guest of Honour and allow our community to once again show you how much we appreciated your visit at the very worse time for the town.

Incidentally, we would expect that many of the bereaved and injured you met would be there to express to you their gratitude for helping to point the way forward towards challenging the future.

Yours respectfully


Sean O'Dwyer, Chairman, Omagh Fund


Duke of Abercorn, Omagh Fund


John McKinney, Chief Executive, Omagh District Council
Chairman, Omagh Renewal and Beyond

Maria Becket
Walton House
Walton Street
London SW3 2J4
U.K.

Ms Pamela Cicetti
Executive Assistant
Office of the First Lady
West wing
2nd floor of the White House
Washington, DC 20502

USA

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 21, 1999

Hope S. Miller
President
United States Committee for UNIFEM
777 United Nations Plaza, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10017

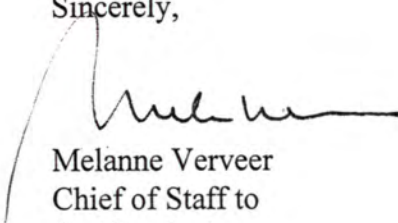
Dear Hope:

Thank you for your letter and invitation for the First Lady to attend the benefit dinner to raise money for Kosovo refugees.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton will be unable to attend the event as her schedule this summer is very full. However, she conveys her appreciation for you and your colleagues' dedication to rebuilding families and communities in Kosovo, along with her best wishes for a successful event.

All the best.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

June 7, 1999

Hope S. Miller
President
United States Committee for UNIFEM
777 United Nations Plaza, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10017

Dear Hope:

Thank you for your letter and invitation for the First Lady to attend the ~~B~~enefit dinner to raise money for Kosovo refugees.

Regrettably,
Mrs. Clinton Unfortunately her schedule this summer is very full, ~~and~~
However, she she will be unable to attend the event. Mrs. Clinton conveys
and your help her appreciation for your work to improve the lives of women
~~in developing countries as well as your dedication to rebuilding~~ and your colleagues'
families and communities in Kosovo, *along with her best wishes*
for a successful event.

~~Thank you for your devotion and I am sure that the event will be quite a success.~~

All the best.

Sincerely,
Best wishes,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

Previous editions usable

TO:

☒ YOU WERE CALLED BY— ☐ YOU WERE VISITED BY—

OF (Organization)

☒ PLEASE PHONE (Enter area code, if necessary) ☐ DSN

☐ WILL CALL AGAIN ☐ IS WAITING TO SEE YOU
☐ RETURNED YOUR CALL ☐ WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

FAX of FRIDAY
WHAT REACTION TO
REQUEST?

RECEIVED BY

DATE

TIME

NSN 7540-00-634-4818
50363-111
UNICOR FPI-SST

OPTIONAL FORM 363 (Rev. 7-94)
General Services Administration

MV —
Did you get
this? Are you
regretting or did
you send it to
Patti? She can't do it



United States Committee for UNIFEM
United Nations Development Fund for Women

777 United Nations Plaza • 7th Floor • New York, New York 10017 • Tel: 212-808-4988 • Fax: 212-972-0164

HONORARY CO-CHAIRS

The Hon. Lindy Boggs
 Sharon Capeling-Alakija
 The Hon. Nancy Kassebaum Baker
 The Hon. Barbara A. Mikulski
 The Hon. Charles H. Percy
 Margaret C. Snyder
 Alvin and Heidi Toffler
 Paul C. Warnke

UNIFEM GOODWILL AMBASSADORS

Julio Andrews
 Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Bint Talal

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Committee

Hope S. Miller
President
 Moll Johnson
 Susan Rubin
 Catherine D. White
Vice Presidents
 Eileen S. Clark
Secretary
 Mary V. O'Connor
Treasurer

Carol Capps
 Mary P. Haney
 Carl M. Harris
 Brenda J. Kagle
 Mildred Robbins Leet
 Nancy B. Leidenfrost
 Carol Poleat-Buchanan
Members-at-Large

Patricia Hutar
Charter President
 Virginia R. Allan
Honorary President

The Hon. Karen R. Keesting
General Counsel

DIRECTORS

Ada Adler
 Elizabeth Athanassakos
 Gwendolyn C. Baker
 Lidia Bestianich
 Margaret L. Bates
 Annic A. Blackwell
 Ellen S. Blalock
 Kay B. Clanton
 A. Martin Clark
 Dorina Cormier
 Joel Epstein
 Gloria Gaston-Shapiro
 Nestle S. Godfrey
 Nancy Griffin
 Mary Alice Hedge-Mohr
 Billie Heller
 Anne Heiberg
 Evelyn C. Hurd
 Jane S. Jaquette
 Ethel D. Kahn
 Mary T. Keane
 Norma U. Levitt
 Edward C. Luck
 Janice H. McElroy
 Minnie McNeal-Kenny
 Barbara Miller
 Joyce C. Morrissey
 Florence Z. Perman
 Jean G. Russell
 Mary W. Small
 Vangy Smith
 Marie C. Stark
 Sheryl J. Swed
 The Hon. Mae Sue Talley
 Leila Topik
 Wendy A. Trager
 Abigail Waggoner
 Carolina Wilkins
 Catherine A. Wood
 Ruth E. Zeller
Chapter Presidents

To: MELANNE VERVEER
From: HOPE S. MILLER
FAX: 202-456-6244

3P.

UNIFEM supports the self-help initiative of women in developing countries, thus making their lives more productive. By increasing their economic power, UNIFEM helps to improve the lives of women, their families, and their communities. When UNIFEM helps 250,000 women, 1,000,000 children benefit.



601-
send report
letter

United States Committee for UNIFEM

United Nations Development Fund for Women

777 United Nations Plaza • 7th Floor • New York, New York 10017 • Tel: 212-808-4988 • Fax: 212-972-0164

HONORARY CO-CHAIRS

The Hon. Lindy Boggs
Sharon Capeling-Alakija
The Hon. Nancy Kassebaum Baker
The Hon. Barbara A. Mikulski
The Hon. Charles H. Percy
Margaret C. Snyder
Alvin and Heidi Toffler
Paul C. Warnke

UNIFEM GOODWILL AMBASSADORS

Julie Andrews
Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Bint Talal

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Committee

Hope S. Miller
President

Mal Johnson
Susan Rubin
Catherine D. White
Vice Presidents

Eileen S. Clark
Secretary

Mary V. O'Connor
Treasurer

Carol Capps
Mary P. Haney
Cari M. Harris

*Brenda J. Kagle
Mildred Robbins Loei
Nancy B. Leidentrost
Carol Poteat-Buchanan
Members-at-Large

Patricia Hutar
Charter President

Virginia R. Allan
Honorary President

The Hon. Karen R. Keesling
General Counsel

DIRECTORS

Ada Adler
Elizabeth Athanasakos
Gwendolyn C. Baker
Lidia Bastianich
Margaret L. Bales
Annie A. Blackwell
Ellen S. Blalock
Kay B. Clanton
A. Martin Clark
*Donna Cormier
Joel Epstein
Gloria Gaston-Shapiro
Neale S. Godfrey
Nancy Gritner
Mary Alice Hedge-Mohr
*Billie Heller
Anne Holberg
Evelyn C. Hurd
Jane S. Jaquette
Ethel D. Kahn
Mary T. Krone
Norma U. Levitt
Edward C. Luck
Janice H. McElroy
Minnie McNeal-Kenny
Barbara Miller
Joyce C. Morrissey
Florence Z. Pernah
*Jean G. Russell
*Mary W. Small
*Vandy Smith
Marie C. Stark
*Sheryl J. Swed
The Hon. Mae Sue Talley
*Lella Toplic
*Wendy A. Trager
*Abigail Waggoner
*Caroline Wilkins
Catherine A. Wood
*Ruth E. Zeller

*Chapter Presidents

April 30, 1999
Ms. Melanne Kerner
Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
Room 100
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Ms. Kerner:

A group of outstanding New York restaurateurs, led by Lidia Bastianich of Felidia and Angelo Vivolo of Vivolo's, has decided to do a spectacular Benefit at a hotel in New York to raise money for the refugees of Kosovo. The dates they have in mind are Monday, the 14th of June, Tuesday, the 15th, or Friday, the 11th. The funds from this dinner will go to UNIFEM through the United States Committee for UNIFEM. Our goal is to have 1000 New Yorkers

UNIFEM supports the self-help initiative of women in developing countries, thus making their lives more productive. By increasing their economic power, UNIFEM helps to improve the lives of women, their families, and their communities. When UNIFEM helps 250,000 women, 1,000,000 children benefit.

join us to raise a minimum of
\$100,000.

I feel strongly that the key
to our success is the presence of
Hillary Rodham Clinton, our First
Lady. Of course, I realize that this
is very last minute, but this
wonderful idea just came up this
week and we are determined to
make it work.

The refugees of Kosovo need a
ray of hope and the means to
rebuild their future, and UNIFEM
feels strongly that its efforts can
bear fruit.

My warmest thanks to you,
Ms. Verrier, for your consideration
of this urgent request.

Sincerely,
Anne S. Miller
PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 12, 1999

Hope S. Miller
President
United States Committee for UNIFEM
777 United Nations Plaza, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10017

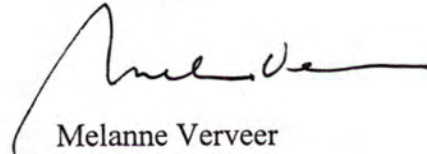
Dear Mrs. Miller:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your letter and invitation for Mrs. Clinton to attend UNIFEM's benefit for the refugees of Kosovo, October 7 in New York.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton's schedule will not permit her to attend, as she is committed to be elsewhere on that date. But please accept her appreciation for all UNIFEM in doing to bring relief to those in need, along with her best wishes for a successful event. Thank you for your leadership and everything you do.

Best wishes and hope all is well with you.

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



Regel

United States Committee for UNIFEM

United Nations Development Fund for Women

777 United Nations Plaza • 7th Floor • New York, New York 10017 • Tel: 212-808-4988 • Fax: 212-972-0164

HONORARY CO-CHAIRS

The Hon. Lindy Boggs
Sharon Capeling-Alakija
The Hon. Nancy Kassebaum Baker
The Hon. Barbara A. Mikulski
The Hon. Charles H. Percy
Margaret C. Snyder
Alvin and Heidi Toffler
Paul C. Warnke

UNIFEM GOODWILL AMBASSADORS

Julie Andrews
Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Bint Talal

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Committee

Hope S. Miller
President

Mal Johnson
Susan Rubin
Catherine D. White
Vice Presidents

Eileen S. Clark
Secretary

Mary V. O'Connor
Treasurer

Carol Capps
Mary P. Haney
Carl M. Harris
*Brenda J. Kagle
Mildred Robbins Leet
Nancy B. Leidenfrost
Carol Poteat-Buchanan
Members-at-Large

Patricia Hutar
Charter President

Virginia R. Allan
Honorary President

The Hon. Karen R. Keesling
General Counsel

DIRECTORS

Ada Adler
Elizabeth Athanasakos
Gwendolyn C. Baker
Lidia Bastianich
Margaret L. Bates
Annie A. Blackwell
Ellen S. Blalock
Kay B. Clanton
A. Martin Clark
*Donna Cormier
Joel Epstein
Gloria Gaston-Shapiro
Neale S. Godfrey
Nancy Gritner
Mary Alice Hedge-Mohrnet
*Billie Heller
Anne Hoiberg
Evelyn C. Hurd
Jane S. Jaquette
Ethel D. Kahn
Mary T. Keane
Norma U. Levitt
Edward C. Luck
Janice H. McElroy
Minnie McNeal-Kenny
Barbara Miller
Joyce C. Morrissey
Florence Z. Perman
*Jean G. Russell
*Mary W. Small
*Vangy Smith
Marie C. Stark
*Sheryl J. Swed
The Hon. Mae Sue Talley
*Leila Topik
*Wendy A. Trager
*Abigail Waggoner
*Caroline Wilkins
Catherine A. Wood
*Ruth E. Zeller
*Chapter Presidents

June 23, 1999
First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

A group of outstanding New York restaurateurs led by Lidia Bastianich of Felidia and Angelo Virrolo of Virrolo's is putting on a spectacular Gourmet Chef Benefit at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York on Thursday, October 7th in the evening, to raise funds for the refugees of Kosovo.

UNIFEM is seeking to empower the Kosovo women refugees by supporting them to organize themselves to define their own needs and concerns, and to actively

UNIFEM supports the self-help initiative of women in developing countries, thus making their lives more productive. By increasing their economic power, UNIFEM helps to improve the lives of women, their families, and their communities. When UNIFEM helps 250,000 women, 1,000,000 children benefit.

ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS

Adventist Development and Relief Agency International
American Association of University Women
Connecticut Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs
The Crafts Center
Esperanto League for North America, Inc.
Girl Scouts of the USA
Magee Womancare International
National Council of Catholic Women
Santa Monica Community College, CA
Save the Children
The Sister Fund
Trickle Up Program
United Methodist Women - FUMC, Sarasota
United Nations Association of the USA
Women of Reform Judaism
Women's Association, First Congregational Church of Darien, CT
YWCA of the USA

CORPORATIONS AND FOUNDATIONS

Avon Products, Inc.
Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation, Inc.
The Chase Manhattan Corp.
Europarfums, Inc.
The Fragrance Foundation
The Joselow Foundation
People's Bank
Marcal Paper Mill, Inc.
Pfizer Inc.

FRIENDS

Hawaii Baha'i Community
Pennsylvania Peace Links
Seton Hill College, PA
Sisters of Loretto - United Nations
Soroptimist International of Oakland County, MI
World Federalist Association of Pittsburgh, PA
Zonta Club of Oil City - Franklin
Zonta Club of Pittsburgh
Zonta Club of Slippery Rock - New Wilmington, Grove City, PA
Zonta Club of Three Rivers, Pittsburgh North

participate in the decisions that
affect their lives and their future.

We feel very strongly that the
key to our success on October 7th
is the presence of "our" First Lady.
If you are able to join us on this
occasion, we are certain to have
present a large number of active,
caring New Yorkers, very interested
in Hillary Rodham Clinton, as
well as in this most worthwhile cause.

Harmest thanks for your
consideration of this request!

Sincerely,
Joan S. Miller
PRESIDENT

C.C. Patti Solis-Boyle
Katie Burton
Christy Mary

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 19, 1999

Kathleen Millar
WV State Coordinator
Sister Cities International
1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW #250
Washington, DC 20004-3002

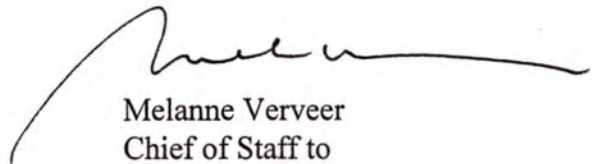
Dear Mrs. Millar:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your very thoughtful letter which contained the good news about Joanie Davis.

It is heartening to know the situation has been resolved. Please accept Mrs. Clinton's appreciation for the vital role you played. Your leadership has truly made a difference.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
USCS - Ste. 6.3D
Washington, DC 20229
June 29, 1999

The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Recently I wrote to you -- to the attention of Ms. Melanne Verveer -- about a situation in which it appeared a young girl in West Virginia had been denied an educational opportunity because her family could not afford health insurance. I attach that letter for your review.

Happily, that situation has been resolved in a way that reflects positively on everyone involved. The Jefferson County Board of Education in Charles Town, West Virginia has taken steps to correct the original problem and to ensure that this young and talented 9th grader -- Joanie Davis -- will indeed be admitted to the summer Science Camp at Potomac State College in Keyser, West Virginia.

The credit for this speedy resolution of the problem belongs to Mr. David Markoe, Superintendent of Schools for Jefferson County, West Virginia, to Mr. Larry Togans, President of the Jefferson County Board of Education and to Mr. Douglas Perks, also a member of the Board of Education and the selecting official for the federally funded program to which Joanie had applied and to which she had originally been denied admission. These officials worked aggressively to right the situation and demonstrated great sensitivity to the issues involved.

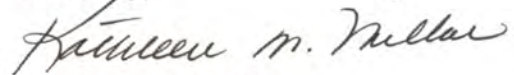
Mr. Larry Schultz, Esq. -- an attorney in Martinsburg, West Virginia -- also deserves tremendous credit. A civil rights attorney who has dealt with school officials in regard to similar problems, Mr. Schultz acted as an advocate for Joanie Davis in this situation and made it absolutely clear from the start that he would not accept or expect compensation for his efforts.

Honorary Chairman - President of the United States

Suite 250 ~ 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW ~ Washington, DC 20004-3002 ~ 202 . 312.1200 ~ Fax 202 . 312.1201 ~ www.sister-cities.org

Thank you for your attention to this matter. It is your support for the rights of women and children and your interest in the health insurance issue that continues to influence and to set an example for leaders in communities across America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathleen M. Millar".

Kathleen M. Millar
WV State Coordinator
Sister Cities International

1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Ste. 6.3D
Washington, DC 20229
June 4, 1999

The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Last December you and your staff were kind enough to invite me to Georgetown University where you delivered a very compelling speech about the rights of women and children. Because I work as a speechwriter for the Treasury Department in Washington, DC and have also been involved in efforts to support the rights of women and children in the United States and in my state of West Virginia, I contacted your office to request a copy of that speech. Ms. Melanne Verveer, your Chief of Staff, was kind enough to send me the speech with a very gracious note.

I am writing to you today about a situation that could have served as an anecdote in the speech you made at Georgetown that day -- a story that, unfortunately, is a perfect example of how children, and particularly young girls, can suffer in a system which does not provide health insurance for all its citizens and which frequently fails to support girls and women whose talents lie in non-traditional areas such as math and science.

It is the true story of a fourteen year old girl named Joanie Davis, who is extraordinarily gifted in the areas of math and science, but whose economic circumstances and lack of health insurance may be making it impossible for her to access opportunities she might otherwise have.

Joanie Davis is a ninth grade student at Charles Town Junior High School in Charles Town, West Virginia, which is located only 70 miles northwest of Washington, D.C. She lives with her legal guardian and grandmother, Mrs. Mae Davis, who is almost sixty years old and cleans houses for a living. Mrs. Davis, Joanie's grandmother, grew up with very few educational opportunities. She has worked hard all of her life to earn a very small amount of money. Nevertheless, Joanie's grandmother believes she is blessed, because her granddaughter is an such an exceptional young woman -- a straight A student from kindergarten through the 9th grade, with a ten year record of perfect school attendance and an extraordinary commitment to and ability in the fields of math and science.

Consistently, Joanie May Davis -- now a 9th grader at Charles Town Junior High School -- has scored in the 99th and 98th percentiles on standardized math tests. She has been the recipient of several special math and science awards from Johns Hopkins University. Her talents in these areas, in fact, are so remarkable that, in the 7th Grade, she was chosen to take the SATs administered by the Educational Testing Service -- and her SAT math score at that point, when she was only 12 years old -- was above the median for college-bound candidates nationwide.

A few weeks ago, in late April, Joanie was told by Mr. Alvin Rose, her science teacher at Charles Town Junior High School, that she was one of four students chosen to submit applications to attend a summer science camp for gifted students to be held July 11-18th at Potomac State

College in Keyser, West Virginia. Federal and state funding would pay the tuition of qualified applicants. Joanie May Davis completed the application, gave it back to her science teacher, Alvin Rose, but was told a few days later that her application had not been approved.

When Joanie asked her ninth grade science teacher why she had not been selected, Alvin Rose's answer was blunt and to the point.

Joanie Davis was told that the most likely reason she had not been selected to attend the Science Camp at Potomac State College was because she did not have health insurance.

Joanie's grandmother, Mae Davis, was not able to afford health insurance and was not aware that opportunities to acquire it are offered through the state or federal governments.

Joanie Davis was the only student out of the four applicants from Jefferson County, West Virginia, who was denied admission to the Science Camp at Potomac State College. The question, of course, is whether she was also the only applicant without health insurance.

A few days ago, I contacted the Program Director at Potomac State College, Dr. Gerald Wilcox, to talk about this situation and to get some sense of how much weight is assigned to a student's ability to subscribe to health insurance. Dr. Wilcox told me that while he did not know who made the ultimate selection of students to be included in the program, the health insurance issue should play no role whatsoever in influencing the process. I asked him then why the student is asked to indicate whether he or she has health insurance on the application for the science camp. It seemed to me that question would be more appropriately placed on the enrollment form, once a student had already been accepted into the program. Dr. Wilcox had no answer.

I have taken the liberty of enclosing copies of test scores and awards that clearly attest to this young woman's ability and commitment. Given her high level of achievement and obvious commitment to excellence, I find it difficult to believe that Joanie's qualifications do not match or exceed those of the applicants ultimately chosen to attend Potomac State College's science camp this summer.

Instead, I believe, as Joanie's science teacher indicated, that there is indeed a strong probability that the inability of this child's family to afford health insurance is the factor that resulted in her disqualification -- and that discrimination based on economic circumstance, as this appears to be, constitutes a clear violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights of 1964 and Title IX of the Educational Amendment of 1972 -- legislation that prohibits discrimination on the basis of economic circumstances, particularly by federally funded educational institutions.

While a violation of this kind poses a serious challenge to our civil rights laws, the destruction done to this young girl's self-esteem and confidence is more than commensurate with the legal damage. Like you, I was fortunate enough to grow up in an environment where there was significant emotional and financial support for my intellectual and emotional growth. As a result, I was able to offer my own daughter similar advantages, to seek out special educational opportunities and to send her to a private school in Washington, DC where I knew her gifts would be nurtured and valued. Today my daughter, who had these advantages, is preparing to enter a graduate program in pediatric speech communication disorders at the University of Virginia.

Joanie May Davis of Charles Town, West Virginia, does not have these support systems.

She has achieved in spite of the obstacles, without special guidance and little assurance that her gifts, as considerable as they are, will be recognized or rewarded.

It has been suggested to me that I should forward a copy of this letter to Norma Cantu, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education, and I am certainly going to do that. I also intend to followup with the West Virginia Board of Education in Jefferson County -- the body responsible for making the final selections for admission to the Potomac State Science Camp and with the West Virginia State Department of Education.

Mrs. Clinton, I know your schedule is a very busy one, but I believe that those who champion the rights of women and girls deserve to know when abuses of this kind occur, especially when they occur, not in some country a thousand miles away, but in a city only an hour's drive from our nation's capital. I also believe that a situation like the one I've described is a sad but apt illustration of how the lack of health insurance can jeopardize not merely the physical health of a child, but other long-term opportunities as well -- opportunities for emotional and intellectual growth.

Clearly, any support your office could offer would be of tremendous service both to Joanie Davis and to other children who may be similarly penalized for economic circumstances over which they have no control. I am sure that this situation is not an isolated one -- it is frightening to consider how many times uninformed officials may already have used the absence of health insurance and their concern about liability to limit the advancement of students throughout the state of West Virginia. For several years, I have represented the state of West Virginia as its Sister City Coordinator and have also met with many of its public officials regarding the Millennium Project, which I believe originated in your office. I know that the people of West Virginia are committed to enhancing opportunities in that state and I am confident that if this situation is brought to the attention of Senator Byrd (D-WV) and Congressman Robert Wise (D-WV), who serves Joanie Davis' District -- as well as West Virginia's State Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Henry Marockie, it will be resolved in a way that benefits both this young girl and the state of West Virginia.

If you or your office could offer Joanie some support in this matter, by directing us to people and offices who might help or by forwarding copies of this letter to agencies and individuals you think might be able to assist, it would be greatly appreciated. I am attaching the names and telephone numbers of individuals I think may have some interest in this situation. If there is any additional information that I can provide, please do not hesitate to contact me, either at Treasury-USCS, 202-927-1770 or at the Vice President's Partnership for Reinventing Government 202-694-0063. I can also be reached at 304-728-3051 x255 or at k.millar@jctc.org -- my email address. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Millar

cc: Norma Cantu, Asst. Secretary for Civil Rights
U.S. Department of Education
Washington, DC

Rep. Bob Wise (D-WV)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

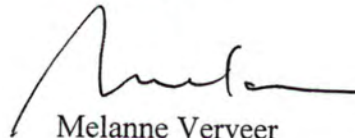
May 10, 1999

Richard Meagher
Assistant Principal
Bethesda Chevy Chase High School
4307 East-West Highway
Bethesda, MD 20814

Dear Rich:

The First Lady is looking forward to delivering the BCC Commencement address on June 3. For my part, I'm looking forward to seeing you after all these years.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Withdrawal/Redaction Marker

Clinton Library

DOCUMENT NO. AND TYPE	SUBJECT/TITLE	DATE	RESTRICTION
001a. letter	[Draft letter from Melanne Verveer] (1 page)	05/13/1999	P3/b(3)

COLLECTION:

Clinton Presidential Records
First Lady's Office
Melanne Verveer
OA/Box Number: 23248

FOLDER TITLE:

[Letters 1999-2000: Last Names Starting With "M"] [2]

2013-0534-S
ry1633

RESTRICTION CODES

Presidential Records Act - [44 U.S.C. 2204(a)]

- P1 National Security Classified Information [(a)(1) of the PRA]
- P2 Relating to the appointment to Federal office [(a)(2) of the PRA]
- P3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(a)(3) of the PRA]
- P4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information [(a)(4) of the PRA]
- P5 Release would disclose confidential advice between the President and his advisors, or between such advisors [(a)(5) of the PRA]
- P6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(a)(6) of the PRA]

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

PRM. Personal record misfile defined in accordance with 44 U.S.C. 2201(3).

RR. Document will be reviewed upon request.

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

- b(1) National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]
- b(2) Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]
- b(3) Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]
- b(4) Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]
- b(6) Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]
- b(7) Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]
- b(8) Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
- b(9) Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

Withdrawal/Redaction Marker

Clinton Library

DOCUMENT NO. AND TYPE	SUBJECT/TITLE	DATE	RESTRICTION
001b. letter	From Melanne Verveer (1 page)	05/21/1999	P3/b(3)

COLLECTION:

Clinton Presidential Records
First Lady's Office
Melanne Verveer
OA/Box Number: 23248

FOLDER TITLE:

[Letters 1999-2000: Last Names Starting With "M"] [2]

2013-0534-S
ry1633

RESTRICTION CODES

Presidential Records Act - [44 U.S.C. 2204(a)]

- P1 National Security Classified Information [(a)(1) of the PRA]
- P2 Relating to the appointment to Federal office [(a)(2) of the PRA]
- P3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(a)(3) of the PRA]
- P4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information [(a)(4) of the PRA]
- P5 Release would disclose confidential advice between the President and his advisors, or between such advisors [(a)(5) of the PRA]
- P6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(a)(6) of the PRA]

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

PRM. Personal record misfile defined in accordance with 44 U.S.C. 2201(3).

RR. Document will be reviewed upon request.

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

- b(1) National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]
- b(2) Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]
- b(3) Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]
- b(4) Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]
- b(6) Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]
- b(7) Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]
- b(8) Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
- b(9) Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

Withdrawal/Redaction Marker

Clinton Library

DOCUMENT NO. AND TYPE	SUBJECT/TITLE	DATE	RESTRICTION
001c. letter	To Melanie [sic] Verveer (1 page)	03/25/1999	P3/b(3)

COLLECTION:

Clinton Presidential Records
First Lady's Office
Melanne Verveer
OA/Box Number: 23248

FOLDER TITLE:

[Letters 1999-2000: Last Names Starting With "M"] [2]

2013-0534-S
ry1633

RESTRICTION CODES

Presidential Records Act - [44 U.S.C. 2204(a)]

- P1 National Security Classified Information [(a)(1) of the PRA]
- P2 Relating to the appointment to Federal office [(a)(2) of the PRA]
- P3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(a)(3) of the PRA]
- P4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information [(a)(4) of the PRA]
- P5 Release would disclose confidential advice between the President and his advisors, or between such advisors [(a)(5) of the PRA]
- P6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(a)(6) of the PRA]

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

PRM. Personal record misfile defined in accordance with 44 U.S.C. 2201(3).

RR. Document will be reviewed upon request.

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

- b(1) National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]
- b(2) Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]
- b(3) Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]
- b(4) Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]
- b(6) Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]
- b(7) Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]
- b(8) Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
- b(9) Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

Withdrawal/Redaction Marker

Clinton Library

DOCUMENT NO. AND TYPE	SUBJECT/TITLE	DATE	RESTRICTION
001d. resume	Resume (2 pages)	n.d.	P3/b(3)

COLLECTION:

Clinton Presidential Records
First Lady's Office
Melanne Verveer
OA/Box Number: 23248

FOLDER TITLE:

[Letters 1999-2000: Last Names Starting With "M"] [2]

2013-0534-S
ry1633

RESTRICTION CODES

Presidential Records Act - [44 U.S.C. 2204(a)]

P1 National Security Classified Information [(a)(1) of the PRA]
P2 Relating to the appointment to Federal office [(a)(2) of the PRA]
P3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(a)(3) of the PRA]
P4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information [(a)(4) of the PRA]
P5 Release would disclose confidential advice between the President and his advisors, or between such advisors [(a)(5) of the PRA]
P6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(a)(6) of the PRA]

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

PRM. Personal record misfile defined in accordance with 44 U.S.C. 2201(3).

RR. Document will be reviewed upon request.

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

b(1) National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]
b(2) Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]
b(3) Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]
b(4) Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]
b(6) Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]
b(7) Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]
b(8) Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
b(9) Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

Withdrawal/Redaction Marker

Clinton Library

DOCUMENT NO. AND TYPE	SUBJECT/TITLE	DATE	RESTRICTION
001e. envelope	[Addressed to Melanie [sic] Verveer (1 page)	03/24/1999	P3/b(3)

COLLECTION:

Clinton Presidential Records
First Lady's Office
Melanne Verveer
OA/Box Number: 23248

FOLDER TITLE:

[Letters 1999-2000: Last Names Starting With "M"] [2]

2013-0534-S
ry1633

RESTRICTION CODES

Presidential Records Act - [44 U.S.C. 2204(a)]

- P1 National Security Classified Information [(a)(1) of the PRA]
- P2 Relating to the appointment to Federal office [(a)(2) of the PRA]
- P3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(a)(3) of the PRA]
- P4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information [(a)(4) of the PRA]
- P5 Release would disclose confidential advice between the President and his advisors, or between such advisors [(a)(5) of the PRA]
- P6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(a)(6) of the PRA]

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

PRM. Personal record misfile defined in accordance with 44 U.S.C. 2201(3).

RR. Document will be reviewed upon request.

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

- b(1) National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]
- b(2) Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]
- b(3) Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]
- b(4) Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]
- b(6) Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]
- b(7) Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]
- b(8) Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
- b(9) Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 12, 1999

His Excellency Nouredine Mejdoub
Embassy of Tunisia
1515 Massachusetts Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20005

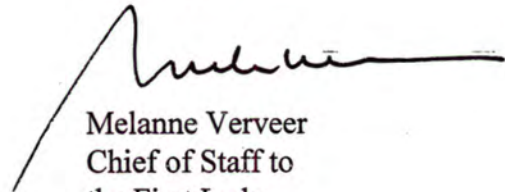
Dear Ambassador Mejdoub:

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

Mrs. Clinton values the friendship between our nations and greatly admires the accomplishments in women's progress in Tunisia. We hope that a visit to your country will be possible in the near future.

Very 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

C

THE AMBASSADOR OF TUNISIA
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 11, 1999

Dear Mrs Verveer,

- 0 0 0 4

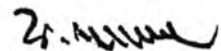
At the beginning of 1999, please accept my renewed best wishes for a very happy New Year, for you and for the members of your staff. Would you please also convey to the First Lady the wishes of President and Mrs Ben Ali to her, to President Clinton, and to all those in the White House whose courage and optimism -inspired every day by the immense confidence of the majority of the American people- have drawn the admiration of the Tunisian people in its entirety.

Today, no one can ignore the fantastic role of the United States in the world, all the more so Tunisia who has two-hundred years of diplomatic and friendly relations with America and who has lived beside you during all the period of the Cold War sharing the ideals of freedom and democracy.

Among the achievements realized since the independence of my country is women's emancipation. Women's rights are, as I have already told you during our meeting of April 10th, 1998, an almost unique example not only in the Middle East but also in the Muslim World. It is this very experience that we would like to be honored by a world personality embodied by Mrs Hillary Clinton to whom Mrs Ben Ali sent an invitation to visit Tunisia a few months ago.

We believe that among her numerous activities, the First Lady might wish, perhaps even before President Ben Ali's visit to Washington, to honor us by discovering first hand this revolution, the social repercussions of which are so great. The Tunisian women who have realized such progress and the Arab and Muslim ones who also aspire to a better status will consider this trip an encouraging message from America.

While hoping to hear from you as soon as possible, please accept, Dear Mrs Verveer, the expression of my sincere and highest consideration.



Noureddine Mejdoub

Mrs Melanie Verveer
The White House
Chief of Staff for the First Lady