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WASHINGTON

January 4, 2000

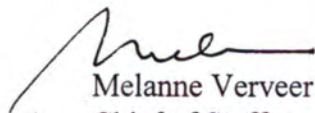
Ms. Tania Vitvitsky
Project Director, Scientific Assistance Project
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Dear Tania:

Thank you for the update from *American Libraries* about the shipment of books to Mongolia. It is heartening to know Sabre's book-donation program continues to be of such great assistance to the people of Mongolia.

Very best wishes to you and your colleagues at Sabre for the New Year. Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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attorney's fees to settle a resultant lawsuit. Another suit filed by the firm's owner is still awaiting a decision in U.S. federal court (AL, Apr., p. 28).

Books Stolen from Poland

The Reiss and Son auction house in Germany has confirmed that a 15th-century atlas and 10 other rare books due to be sold at auction in October were stolen from the Jagiellonian Library in Krakow, Poland. The books were confiscated by German authorities to allow Polish officials to examine them.

The Associated Press reported October 13 that Polish and German officials concurred with what Polish experts, working with German prosecutors, had suspected all along, despite the auction house's belief that

the books were obtained legitimately. Library records, descriptions, microfilm, and copies were used to identify the works, said Zbigniew Pietrzyk, director of the library's historical collection.

Among the stolen treasures is a copy of Ptolemy's *Cosmografia*, published in 1483 and valued at nearly \$670,000. AP said it was unclear how the books had left the library, but they are among 51 reported missing last April. Prosecutors said they do not plan to file charges against the auction house.

U.K. Library Offers Free Internet

The British Library became a free Internet service provider when it launched British Library Net September 13, offering e-mail, Web space,

and direct access to the library's online catalog of more than 9 million items.

It is believed to be the first Internet access service provided by a public-sector body in the United Kingdom, according to a library press release. It will provide customers with local-call access from anywhere in the UK; 24-hour, seven-days-a-week technical support by phone; ISDN and V90 56K PSTN access; and a free CD-ROM with software for a Web browser and e-mail facilities.

In addition to the library's online catalog, British Library Net will also offer links to all British Library Web services, including its Web site, Blaise, and document supply services; downloadable images from the picture library; and links to other research libraries throughout the world. ♦

CANADA

The Canadian Library Association is one of several education organizations that have teamed up with the Science Alberta Foundation to help protect children who use the Internet with a cyber-proofing program called Missing. To be offered free to schools and libraries, it consists of an educational computer game, a guide to Internet safety, posters and brochures, and a video that tells how a family almost lost their child to an Internet kidnapper.

MEXICO

After water seeped into the basement, librarians at the Jose Maria Pino Suarez Library in Villahermosa moved books to higher ground during the late October flooding that ravaged the Tabasco state. The library holds one of the country's largest collections of vintage books.

UGANDA

Robert Ssebunya, state minister for agriculture in charge of the crop sector, encouraged the nation's librarians to take the lead in making essential information available to policy makers, as he launched the Inter-governmental Authority on Development's \$2.4-million project on strengthening libraries and documentation services by 2002.

SOUTH AFRICA

The Greater Johannesburg Library is suffering a financial crisis that has curtailed book buying. Library budgets have been slashed countrywide, the *Johannesburg Mail and Guardian* reported October 29, and those most affected are in the disadvantaged areas.

UNITED KINGDOM

Kept by her family since her death in 1817, the desk of author Jane Austen has been given to the British Library. Never before seen in public, the desk will be at the center of the library's millennium exhibition, "1000 Years of English Literature," which opens in March.

AUSTRIA

Ambassador to Ethiopia Thomas Michael Baier presented a donation of books valued at \$30,000 to the director of the Ethiopian International Institute for Peace and Development, Kinfe Abraham. The collection will be integrated into the EIIPD library; it matches the core of the library of the European University Center for Peace Studies in Standstschlaing.

MONGOLIA

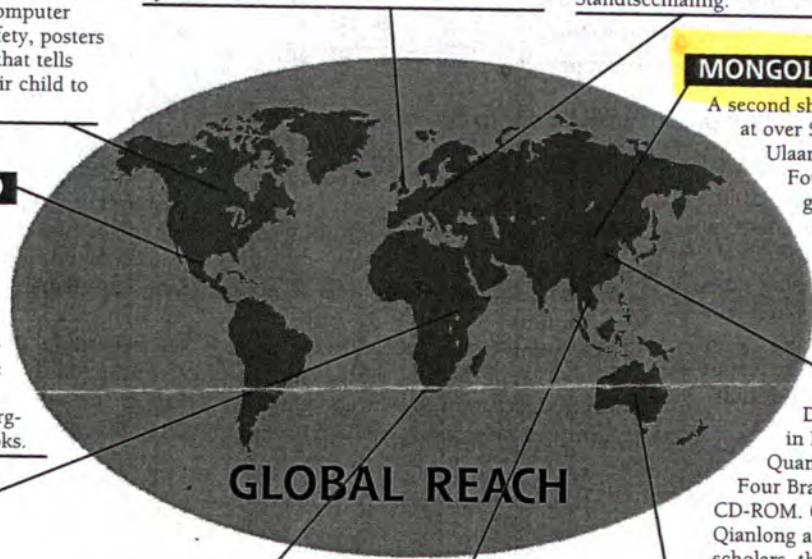
A second shipment of 27,367 books valued at over \$500,000 left the U.S. for Ulaanbaatar in September in a Sabre Foundation book-donation program initiated by Hillary Rodham Clinton. The first shipment of 19,978 books in 1997 was distributed by the Mongolian Universities Consortium and Peace Corps volunteers.

CHINA

Digital Heritage Publishing, based in Hong Kong, has made Siku Quanshu, or the Complete Library in Four Branches of Literature, available on CD-ROM. Ordered in 1772 by Emperor Qianlong and organized by an army of scholars, the library represented an attempt to bring together under one roof all written human knowledge. The company has invested about \$8 million in the project.

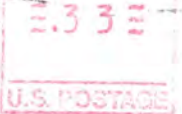
AUSTRALIA

Tom Delsey of the National Library of Canada keynoted an October 13-15 cataloging conference in Brisbane attended by 250 delegates from Australia and New Zealand, plus a few stray North Americans. He emphasized that librarians are in the knowledge business (as opposed to the information business) and have an obligation to provide a "layer of contextualization" to information access.



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Melanne Verrier
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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December 17, 1999

His Excellency Knut Vollebaek
Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs
P.O. Box 8114 DEP
0032 Oslo, Norway

Dear Minister Vollebaek:

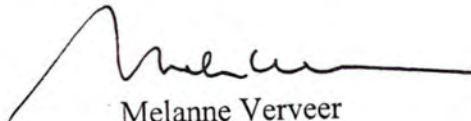
On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your letter and invitation for Mrs. Clinton to attend the International Seminar on the Anatomy of Fanaticism, May 22-23 in Oslo.

Regrettably Mrs. Clinton cannot accept your kind invitation because of previous scheduling commitments for that time. International dialogue is essential for the prevention of ethnic and religious strife and you are gathering a distinguished group of participants to further this agenda. Please accept Mrs. Clinton's appreciation for your work to organize this vitally important forum, along with her best wishes for a successful conference.

It was a pleasure to meet you in Istanbul. Thank you again for your leadership in the OSCE, particularly for your support of the anti-trafficking initiative, which will meet critical needs. We are looking forward to the results of the OSCE conference on trafficking that Norway has proposed. If we can assist in any way, please let us know.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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PRIORITY:

DATE: 19 NOVEMBER 1999

**TO: NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
OFFICE FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS
ATT: DICK NORLAND
FAX: 456-9150**

RESPONSIBLE DIV.: ODD MAGNE RUUD, TELEPHONE 944 8962
OUR REF.:
YOUR REF.:

**SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON THE ANATOMY OF
FANATICISM IN OSLO, 22 – 23 MAY 2000.
INVITING MRS. HILLARY CLINTON**

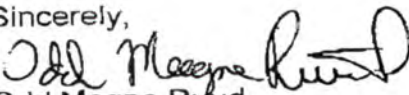
Dear Mr. Norland,

Please see attached invitation from the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Knut Vollebæk, to Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton inviting her to the International Seminar on the Anatomy of Fanaticism to be held in Oslo on 22 – 23 May 2000. The seminar is a follow-up to a conference held in Oslo in 1990 entitled "The Anatomy of Hate".

Attached is also a list of invited guests and a letter from Elie Wiesel.

I very much hope that Mrs. Clinton will be able to participate, and I'm looking forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,


Odd Magne Ruud
Second Secretary

*Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs
The Minister of Foreign Affairs*

Oslo, 8 November 1999

Dear Ms. Clinton,

I take pleasure in inviting you to the International Seminar on the Anatomy of Fanaticism to be held in Oslo on 22-23 May 2000.

Ten years ago, the Norwegian government in co-operation with Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Elie Wiesel, organised a much acclaimed international conference entitled "The Anatomy of Hate". This time we intend to address a related but more complex phenomenon - fanaticism.

Addressing fanaticism is not as simple as finding the means to eliminate it. Is fanaticism always to be condemned? Certainly the evidence of the destructive power of fanatical policies, attitudes and acts are all around us in the modern world. But how do we distinguish fanaticism from strongly held convictions and the right to defend and live by those convictions? Is it possible for absolute beliefs which are in conflict to co-exist peacefully? A cross-cultural and interdisciplinary debate to foster new insight is needed.

In his attached letter, Elie Wiesel urges you now again to join us in Oslo, where we will analyse fanaticism and discuss how democracies might best respond to this threat.

We are inviting about 35 eminent figures from around the world, including statesmen and stateswomen, academics, intellectuals, humanists, writers and Nobel laureates, for consultation and discussion on the Anatomy of Fanaticism. As they were ten years ago, editors and journalists from some of the world's most influential print and broadcast media have been invited to participate in the seminar.

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington DC

A paper prepared by Professor Kevin Boyle, Director of Human Rights Centre, University of Essex, will be sent to all participants in February 2000. The paper will analyse the concept of fanaticism and will provide a framework for discussion. At the seminar, working groups will consider four dimensions of fanaticism:

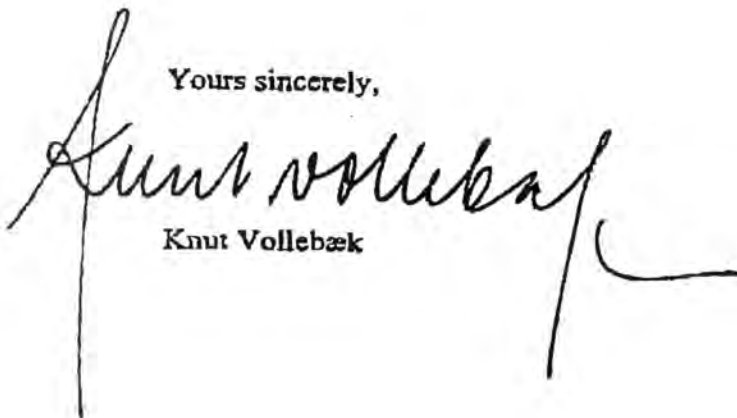
- a) political, national, cultural fanaticism,
- b) religious fanaticism,
- c) moral, ethical fanaticism,
- d) scientific fanaticism.

In order that the seminar can benefit from your expertise, we would ask you to prepare a brief introductory statement on one the four dimensions. This statement may be on a different theme than the one discussed in the working group in which you intend to participate. Your paper will be enclosed in a report from the seminar. The concept paper and a brief summary of the seminar will later be internationally distributed.

This invitation is personal and The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs will arrange for accommodation, cf the annexed information sheet.

I am very much looking forward to an open and stimulating discussion on this very important subject, and sincerely hope that you will be able to join us.

Yours sincerely,



Handwritten signature of Knut Vollebæk, consisting of a stylized cursive script.

Knut Vollebæk



THE ELIE WIESEL FOUNDATION FOR HUMANITY

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September, 1999

Dear Colleague and Friend,

It is with a great sense of urgency that I join Foreign Minister Mr. Knut Vollebeck in inviting you to the "International Seminar on Fanaticism" to be held next May in Oslo.

All of us must realize the need to confront the phenomenon of ethnic hate which we are now witnessing in its ugliest and deadliest form, the kind that has already cost an appalling number of lives and jeopardized society's hope for the next century.

The tragedy of Kosovo is only one case in point. There are others, less publicized. Though fanaticism wears many masks, the causes are everywhere the same -- as are the consequences. What they have in common is the intent to make us see the other as a stranger, an enemy who deserves disdain, and invites suspicion.

What can be done to disarm and defeat fanaticism? This question, and related ones, will be debated at our seminar.

We hope you will attend.

Elie Wiesel

Elie Wiesel

Invited dignitaries :
(in alphabetical order)

His Serene Highness
Prince Hans-Adam II
von und zu
Liechtenstein

His Excellency
Mr. Martti Ahtisaari
President of the Republic of Finland

Her Excellency
Sheikh Hasina
Prime Minister of the People's Republic of
Bangladesh

His Excellency
Mr. Václav Havel
President of the Czech Republic,

His Excellency
Mr. Hosni Mubarak
President of the Republic of Egypt

His Excellency
Mr. Raman Kocheril Narayanan
President of the Republic of India

His Excellency
Mr. Eduard Shevardnadze
President of the Republic of Georgia

First Vice President
Elisabeth Odio Benito
Costa Rica

Mr. Jack Lang
President of the Foreign Affairs Committee
of the National Assembly
France

Mr. Michael Melchior
Minister of Israeli Society and World Jewish
Community
Israel

Dr. Ruth Cardoso
First Lady
Brazil

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
USA

The Honorable Jimmy Carter
Former President of the United States of
America
The Carter Center
USA

Ms. Vigdis Finnbogadóttir
Former President of Iceland
Denmark

Ms. Ruth Perry
Former Head of Interim Government Liberia
USA

His Excellency Mr. Kofi Annan
Secretary-General of the United Nations
Organization
USA

His Excellency
Ambassador Richard Holbrook
Permanent Representative of the United States
to the United Nations
USA

Mr. Bertram Ramsharan
Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights
UN Centre for Human Rights
Switzerland

His Eminence
Cardinal Francis A. Arinze
Pontifical Council for Inter-Religious
Dialogue,
Vatican City
Italy

His Holiness
Dalai Lama
United Kingdom

His Eminence
Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger
Paris
France

Sheik-ul-Islam
Dr. Allakhshukiyur Pashazade
Baku
Azerbaijan

Professor Abdullahi An-Naim
Emory University
Georgia
USA

Dr. Hanan Ashrawi
Secretary General
Jerusalem

Professor Alexander Boraine
New York University School of Law
USA

Professor Kevin Boyle
Director Human Rights Centre
University of Essex
United Kingdom

Mr. Robert Martin Coles
Harvard Health Services,
Harvard University
USA

Mr. Ted Cottle
ABC News
New York
USA

Ms. Edwidge Danticat
Soho Press
New York
USA

Professor Allan Morton Dershowitz
Harvard University Law School
Massachusetts
USA

Mr. Vojin Dimitrijevic
Belgrade Centre for Human Rights
Yugoslavia

Ms. Dewi Fortuna
Jakarta
Indonesia

Mr. Franz Olivier Giesbert
Publisher, Le Figaro
Paris
France

Mr. Konrad György
Budapest
Hungary

Mr. Günter Grass
Berlin
Germany

Dr. Saad Eddin Ibrahim
The American University in Cairo
Egypt

Mr. Michael Ignatieff
London
United Kingdom

Ms. Asma Jahangir
Islamabad
Pakistan

Dr. Joshua Lederberg
Rockefeller University
New York
USA

Dr. Wolf Lepenies
Institute for Advanced Study
Berlin
Germany

Professor David Little
Harvard University
Massachusetts
USA

Professor Martin E. Marty
Chicago
USA

Ms. Toni Morrison
Department of Creative Writing,
Princeton University
New Jersey
USA

Dr. Farish A. Noor
Secretary General of the International
Movement for a Just World
Malaysia

Reverend Chung Ok-Lee
Won Buddhist Temple
New York
USA

Professor Amos Oz
Ben Gurion University of the Negev
Israel

Mr. Adolfo Esquivel Pérez
University for Peace
Costa Rica

Ms. Padma Prakash
Editor Economical and Political Weekly
Bombay
India

Mr. John Morris Roberts
Oxford University
United Kingdom

Ms. Martha Santos Pais
Director, Division of Evaluation, Policy and
Planning
UNICEF
USA

Dr. Vandana Shiva
Research Institute for Science, Technology and
Ecology New Delhi
India

Mr. George Soros
Open Society Institute
New York
USA

Professor Wole Soyinka
Ogun State
Nigeria

Mr. Steven Spielberg
Miami
USA

Mr. Veton Surroi
Pristina
Kosovo

SEMINAR ON FANATICISM

DATE : 22-23 May, 2000

VENUE : Holmenkollen Park Hotel Rica, Oslo

ACCOMMODATION & TRAVEL EXPENSES : The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs will cover accommodation costs, and is prepared to cover travel expenses upon request.

Replies to this invitation may be given to the nearest Norwegian diplomatic or consular mission, or directly to:

Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
P.O. Box 8114 DEP.
Section for Human Rights
0032 Oslo
NORWAY

+ 47-22 24 95 80 (fax)

THE WHITE HOUSE
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June 27, 2000

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very pleased to write a letter of recommendation for **Jamie Vavonese**.

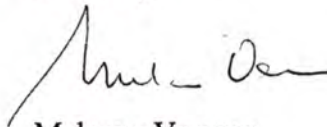
Jamie interned in the Office of the First Lady this past spring. As an intern, Jamie assisted the First Lady's staff in a number of areas including research, speechwriting, press, administration, correspondence, and scheduling. She regularly handled inquiries to our office from the public and on several occasions helped the First Lady's staff coordinate large conferences and other events at the White House.

Jamie excelled in her responsibilities. She needed minimal supervision, and she executed her duties quickly and skillfully. Our staff readily entrusted Jamie with their more important, time-sensitive projects. At several points during her internship, Jamie was asked to fill-in for staff members who were away. She made herself indispensable.

I was particularly impressed by the way Jamie approached her work. While Jamie always seemed able to complete multiple, complex tasks under pressure, she was equally willing to take on more tedious, time-consuming projects. I noticed that other interns looked to Jamie as a leader and her influence increased the overall effectiveness of the interns in our office. It was no surprise that Jamie was hired by the White House Counsel's Office shortly after completing her internship.

I know Jamie will excel in whatever she chooses to do. We are accustomed to working with highly motivated, extremely well qualified candidates. I recommend Jamie to you as one of the best.

Sincerely,

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

THE WHITE HOUSE
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June 26, 2000

Sue. I Voorhees
Co-Chairman
Women's Justice Awards
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St. Louis, MO 63124

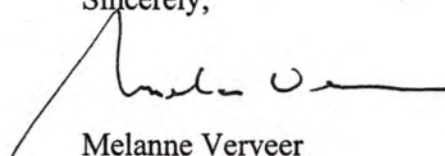
Dear Ms. Voorhees:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to speak at the 3rd Annual Women's Justice Awards Banquet in March 2001. Recognizing the many important contributions of women to our nation's justice system is so important.

This invitation is for a time when Mrs. Clinton will no longer be First Lady and it is not possible to make a commitment at this time. I will make sure her Director of Scheduling, however, keeps it on file.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



Women's Justice Awards

"The Best of the Best"

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a commit-
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[Signature]*

Melanne Verveer
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania ave NW
Washington, D.C 20500

May 19, 2000

Dear Ms. Verveer:

I am writing at the suggestion of my friend and yours, Bill McCalpin, who said you could probably help me with my question.

My name is Sue Voorhees and I recently wrote to the First Lady asking her to be a guest speaker at our 3rd Annual Women's Justice Awards Banquet scheduled for March of 2001. This award is sponsored by Legal Communications Corp. of St. Louis and the Dolan Media group of Minnesota, to honor women lawyers and women judges in the State of Missouri who have made a significant contribution to Missouri's Justice system. I asked Mrs. Clinton to be our guest speaker because she is not only a wonderful speaker, but because I thought this type of event might be right up her alley and a fun thing for her to do. Bill McCalpin said she probably wouldn't come and I said to Bill, "She's either going to like the idea or not, so why go through other channels to make it more complicated. I asked him to get in touch with her and he gave me your name. I know she would not commit herself to much of anything until after November, but I wrote to her anyway. Now I have put myself in a dilemma. I feel I cannot invite another speaker until I hear a yes, no or maybe. Would it be possible for you to check this out for me. You could e-mail me at PhonV@aol.com, call me collect at 314-993-1983 or send me a note at the address below. I would be in your debt.

A little more about the event which was launched three years ago when a number of women lawyers in the State complained that their male counterparts won all the prestigious awards. They felt to it was important to have a forum where deserving women would receive recognition. We honor three women in the state each year for being outstanding citizens and for their contributions to the justice system.

Some of the members who have served on the selection committee and steering committee for this event include the Honorable Ann Covington of the Missouri Supreme Court, the Honorable Jean Hamilton of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, the Hon. Richard B. Teitelman of the Missouri Court of Appeals, the Honorable Nannette Baker of the 21st Judicial Circuit and the Honorable Sue Block of the 22nd Judicial Circuit. They have been on the committee since its inception along with the rest of us..

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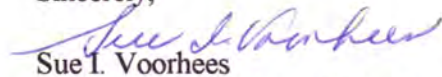
The Hon Nannette Baker
The Hon. Susan E. Block
Mary Butts Bruntrager
The Hon. Ann Covington
Doreen D. Dodson
Michael P. Gunn
The Hon. Jean C. Hamilton
Sally I. Heller
Carolyn W. Losos
Sara Sue Tedesco
The Hon. Richard B. Teitelman
Sue I. Voorhees

The date in March for the banquet will depend on our speaker's availability. We of course would pay for travel expenses and provide an honorarium.

If this speaking engagement appeals to Mrs. Clinton, please let us know.

I look forward to hearing from you.

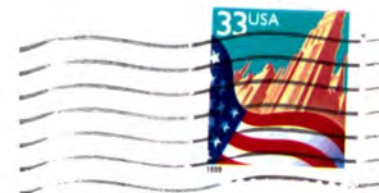
Sincerely,



Sue I. Voorhees

Co-Chairman: Women's Justice Awards
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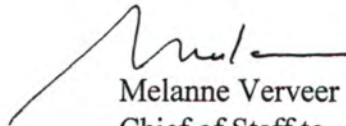
Sister Dorothy A. Vidulich
901 6th Street, SW Apt. 210A
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Dorothy,

Thank you for your card and many kind words. You are always so thoughtful. Hearing from you brings back many warm memories. I so admire your continuing commitment to social justice.

Wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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August 30, 2000

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August 29, 2000

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Washington, DC 20024

Dear Dorothy,

Thank you for your card and my kind words. You are
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~~Very best wishes and hope to see you sometime soon!~~

With you

All the best,

Sincerely
Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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August 7, 00

Dear Melanne,

You are in my
thoughts especially
during these weeks of
stress & hope!

Be assured of my
prayer-filled support
and fond concern -
Dorothy



Sister Dorothy A. Vidulich
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Melanie Vermeer
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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October 23, 2000

Alene Valkanas
Executive Director
Illinois Arts Alliance Foundation
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Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Alene:

Thank you for your letter, the phone call, and many kind words. I feel so honored by your thoughtful invitation to speak at IAA's conference next May.

As I don't know what I'll be doing next year, I can't yet make a firm commitment to attend the conference in May. However, as the time for the convening draws nearer, I'll be back in touch.

Thank you for your leadership and all you continue to do to promote and protect the arts. What a success story you are, and an inspiration too! Thanks for thinking of me.

Very best wishes,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

October 20, 2000

Alene Valkanas
Executive Director
Illinois Arts Alliance Foundation
200 North Michigan, Suite 404
Chicago, IL 60601

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Very best wishes,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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illinois arts alliance foundation



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www.artsalliance.org

October 4, 2000

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melanne:

It has been quite some time since we have spoken. I've kept track of you, however. Like the rest of the country, I've watched the first lady and prayed for her success, knowing she was in great hands with you as chief of staff.

I am writing now with a very special request. Twice before you came to Chicago to speak at arts conferences. Your remarks at the onset of the battle for the NEA, mesmerized the audience. You laid out the seriousness of the Far Right threat—invisible to most at that time.

Since then, we have continued advocating for NEA, and celebrate, finally, this new victory. The good economy is swelling the coffers of the state and making arts funding easier to achieve. It's even providing funds to organize conferences for arts professionals. We hosted the first statewide conference in 13 years in 1999 and are planning the next for May 18-20, 2001, at a resort in central Illinois.

It would be absolutely terrific if you would be a keynote speaker on advocacy at our second statewide conference. Your advice to us after years at the frontlines would be invaluable. I realize that there are a million things on your agenda right now, but appreciate your considering this request. I think you know that we would do everything we can to arrange comfortable logistics for your appearance. I would be happy to talk with you further and can be reached at (312) 855-3105 ext. 14.

Wishing you well. And wishing your candidate success in November.

Best wishes,

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