

THE WHITE HOUSE
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August 9, 1999

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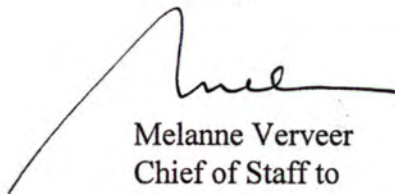
Dear Laurie:

It was great to hear from you and learn about your exciting project! Thank you for your letter and thoughtful invitation to visit Voyager's Smithsonian T-Rex program, July 19-August 6.

I regret that I won't be able to come, but it is heartening to know that so many children are having the opportunity to learn in such a fun and interesting way. You have the great satisfaction of knowing your work truly makes a difference.

All the best.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



to Laurie

July 16, 1999

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

MELANNE

Dear Chief of Staff Verveer:

Would you like to accompany a group of Washington, D.C. public school students on a tour through the Jurassic Age? We invite you to join students, leaders of the District of Columbia public schools, the Smithsonian Institution and Voyager Expanded Learning to explore this program in action. Twice each week, from July 19 through August 6, 1999, we will guide guests through Voyager's Smithsonian T-Rex summer program™ in Washington, D.C. Public Schools. Schedule your expedition with us today.

This summer, approximately 1200 students in grades 1-6 will attend Voyager's Smithsonian T-Rex summer program in Washington D.C. Voyager is one component of DCPS Superintendent Arlene Ackerman's Summer S.T.A.R.S. program, whose goal is to provide a rich learning experience to meet the unique needs of all students. In Voyager's Smithsonian T-Rex program, students develop skills as junior paleontologists as they go on an imaginary journey through the age of dinosaurs. Completing tasks such as restructuring a dinosaur skeleton and developing their own theories on extinction, students will learn the concepts of time, extinction, adaptation, and food chains. Particularly exciting aspects of this adventure include receiving a daily fax from Dr. Michael K. Brett-Surman, a Smithsonian paleontologist on-site at a fictional dig, as well as journeying to the Smithsonian Institution for two guided tours through the Paleontology Hall at the Natural History Museum.

Arising from the need for quality extended learning, Voyager Expanded Learning is a national education initiative that helps students improve their academic performance. In conjunction with our partners Smithsonian, NASA, and the Discovery Channel, Voyager develops highly engaging, theme-based curricula and joins with public school districts to implement them. Through programs such as Smithsonian T-Rex, NASA Space Program, and Discovery Channel Pre+Med, Voyager takes core subjects and transforms them into challenging adventures in which each child is an active participant. In every Voyager classroom, students are at the center of the adventure, conducting investigations and developing confidence in their own problem-solving skills. Teachers act as guides and coaches, giving students both the freedom and support to make exciting discoveries about the material and themselves.

We hope you will join us as we journey with Smithsonian through the Age of Dinosaurs in the Voyager Expanded Learning component of the Washington, D.C. Summer S.T.A.R.S. Program. If you are interested in visiting a Voyager program in Washington, D.C. or would like more information, please contact Adam Kleinman, Policy Coordinator at Voyager Expanded Learning, at (202) 857-1894. We look forward to scheduling a visit with you soon. Thank you for your continued commitment to our nation's youth.

Sincerely,

Laurie

Laurie A. Westley
Senior Vice President
National Policy Office
Voyager Expanded Learning

THIS WOULD MAKE A
GREAT EDUCATION
EVENT, BUT THE
TIME IS SHORT.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 9, 1999

J. Daniel White
Department of Religious Studies
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9201 University City Boulevard
Charlotte, NC 28223-0001

Dear Professor White:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your article about politics and religion in India and the copy of the book The Art and Architecture of the Indian Subcontinent. I've passed the article and the book on to the First Lady and know she will be happy to have them. She has been privileged to travel in the region and is much interested in its people, culture and future.

Please accept Mrs. Clinton's appreciation for your scholarship and interest in this very important region, along with her best wishes. Thank you for sharing your expertise.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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The University of North Carolina at Charlotte
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July 1, 1999

Department of
Religious Studies
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FAX 704/547-3002

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

As a South Asia specialist who for thirty years has concentrated on analyzing India, I am aware that you and the President may be planning to visit the region this fall following the monsoons and the September elections in India. I am also aware that both of you read voraciously as you prepare to visit an area. Therefore, through our mutual good and trusted friend, James Dunn of the Baptist Joint Committee, I would like to give you a copy of a new scholarly article I have written on the use of religion by the BJP to enhance their populist image and support among the voters in India. And, because of your interest in Indian art, I am also sending along a book I use in my course on Indian art and architecture, The Art and Architecture of the Indian Subcontinent. As my article tends to use much technical Sanskrit vocabulary, I have included a glossary at the end of the article to assist you in "wading" through the text. At the same time, I am sending the President a copy of the same article along with a copy of a recent study of the BJP's rise to power, The BJP and the Compulsions of Politics in India edited by Thomas B. Hansen and Christophe Jaffrelot. I hope that you both will share these books and enjoy them as you consider your South Asia trip.

Though I periodically send India analyses to the Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs, I shall not burden you with those. However, if I can be of further assistance to you or the President as you prepare for your South Asia visit, please do not hesitate calling on me.

Sincerely yours,

J. Daniel White, Professor

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Thanks
on her
behalf

THE WHITE HOUSE
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January 4, 1999

Ms. Jane Wales
President and CEO
World Affairs Council
World Affairs Center
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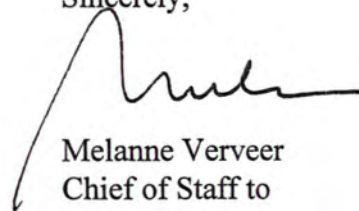
Dear Jane:

Thank you for the reiteration of your invitation to the First Lady to speak before the World Affairs Council.

We have forwarded your request to the Director of Scheduling for the First Lady, and she will be in contact with you if Mrs. Clinton will be able to accept your kind invitation.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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January 4, 1999

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Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

December 21, 1998

Ms. Jane Wales
President and CEO
World Affairs Council
World Affairs Center
312 Sutter Street
Suite 200
San Francisco, CA 94108

Dear Ms. Wales:

Jane
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Thank you for your letter and invitation to the First
Lady to speak at an event in San Francisco.

before the World Affairs Council
We have forwarded your request to Patti Solis-Doyle, ~~the~~ *she*
Director of Scheduling for the First Lady, and she will be in
contact with you. *if and when Mrs Clinton*

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Kindly visit



World Affairs
Council
of Northern California

Jane Wales
President and CEO

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repeatedly
to address
World Affairs
Council. (R)

Dear Melanne -

I've heard that the first lady's address
at the Foreign Policy Association was a *tour
de force*, as usual. This is just a reminder
that we would love to host a similar event
for the first lady, and to perhaps bring her
into a secondary school classroom as well.
We provide the international studies curriculum
for high schools throughout the Bay Area.

Many thanks for keeping us in mind -

All the best

Jane

THE WHITE HOUSE
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January 4, 1999

Anne Wertheim
Stichting John Adams Instituut
West-Indisch Huis
Herenmarkt 97
1013 EC Amsterdam
Nederland

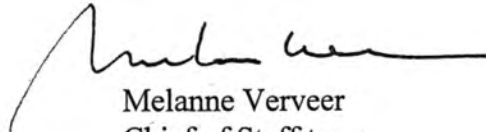
Dear Ms. Wertheim:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to speak at the John Adams Institute in the lecture series American Focus in February.

It is not clear whether Mrs. Clinton's visit to the Hague will allow time for a trip to Amsterdam. We will let you know when her itinerary is confirmed whether she will be able to accept.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

December 29, 1998

Anne Wertheim
Stichting John Adams Instituut
West-Indisch Huis
Herenmarkt 97
1013 EC Amsterdam
Nederland

Dear Ms. Wertheim:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to speak in the lecture series American Focus in February.

~~We have forwarded your request to Patti Solis-Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady, and she will be in touch with you.~~

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

at the John Adams
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"American culture, alive and well in Amsterdam.." Cynthia P. Schneider, Ambassador of the United States to the Netherlands.

Amsterdam, 16 November 1998

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington D.C.
USA

Our ref: 98.310 Invitation to speak in the lecture series American Focus

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

To celebrate your work in health care for women and children, as well as the planned U.N. world population conference in February next year, the John Adams Institute would like to invite you to speak in its lecture series American Focus. Our audience is of course familiar with your book *It Takes a Village and other Lessons Children teach*, published in 1995. We have in mind a date in February 1999, and sincerely hope you may be able to fit a visit to Amsterdam into your schedule at that time for that month.

The John Adams Institute promotes cultural exchange between the Netherlands and America. Through its two lecture series, **American Literature Today** (fiction) and **American Focus** (non-fiction), it has distinguished itself over the past ten years as the organization for American culture in Europe. As the Gateway to Europe and a city of bookshops and publishers, Amsterdam offers an internationally diverse, young, and sophisticated audience.

Our podium has been graced in recent years by men and women who have shaped American history, including Saul Bellow, Susan Sontag, Derek Walcott, Gore Vidal, John Irving, and Stephen Jay Gould, as well as former Federal Reserve chairman, Paul Volcker, and architect Richard Meier. Malcolm Bradbury and Seamus Heaney have appeared as *special guests from other countries*.

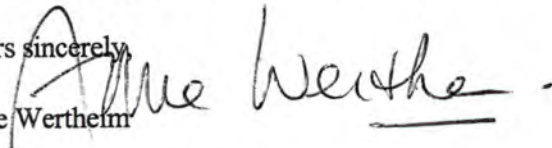
In September our program opened with Bill Viola and Peter Sellars. On February 4, 1999, the Honorable Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg will speak about the American constitution. In spring 1999, our guests include Dorothy Allison, Paul Auster, John Walsh, and Philip Glass.

We would like to ask you to give a lecture on a subject of your own choice, lasting about 45 minutes. Our evenings open with a brief introductory talk by a Dutch moderator, who will also hold an open interview with you and lead a question and answer session. The evenings are held in historical venues in the center of Amsterdam, and usually last two hours (including a 20 minutes intermission).

We will be delighted if you can accept our invitation, and eagerly await your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Wertheim
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The John Adams Institute is sustained by the generous donations of friends and benefactors, and is the 1998 recipient of the Canadian Cultural Merit Award.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 26, 1999

S. Kathleen Wegman, Carleen Reck,
S. Lee Anne Farrel and S. Kathleen Koenen
School Sisters of Notre Dame in St. Louis
320 East Ripa Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63125-2897

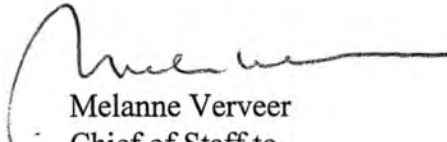
Dear School Sisters of Notre Dame,

Thank you for your letter to the First Lady about the need for debt relief for Central America in the wake of Hurricane Mitch.

In November, Mrs. Clinton visited Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador. She was able to see some of the efforts the US is taking to bring relief to areas devastated by the storm first hand. She also discussed debt relief in her meetings with the regional leaders. Next month, Mrs. Clinton will return to Central America with the President in order to reaffirm our nation's commitment. Debt relief is an issue that will continue to get the attention of the world's leaders.

You have the great satisfaction of knowing that your vital work on behalf of the people of Central America truly matters. Very best wishes and thank you for all you do. God Bless you.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

November 18, 1978

Dear Mylanne Verveer,

We have a common friend in
Fr. Jim Heg, S.J. of the Center of
Concern. He thought you may
be able to move our concern
about debt cancellation for Central
America to the First Lady.

It is our hope that you will
help us in this most serious
matter.

Thank you -

School Sisters of Notre Dame
in M. Louis

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ENRICHED BY
THE PAST,
CHALLENGED
BY THE FUTURE

November 18, 1998

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
c/o Melanne Verveer
Office of the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

For over 40 years, School Sisters of Notre Dame serving in Honduras are well acquainted with the suffering and oppressive poverty endured by the Honduran people long before Hurricane Mitch. Eight out of every ten Hondurans confront serious problems of survival. The only thing growing as rapidly as the surrounding poverty, is the external debt. Each year Honduras has paid 500 million dollars for the total service of the debt, at cost to the wellbeing of all Hondurans and their environment.

I am writing to ask your help in securing cancellation of the public external debt for Central America. As you have seen for yourself, recent devastation of Honduras and parts of Nicaragua, and in less hard hit Guatemala and El Salvador makes this a pressing issue equal to the humanitarian assistance already being given. The debt is an unjust burden placed on people already unspeakably poor. Along with the humanitarian aid the U.S. has given in charity and compassion is the much needed debt cancellation given in justice. With their economies ruined, there is no possible way Honduras and Nicaragua can begin reconstruction without massive forgiveness of their combined \$10 billion international debt.

Honduras. The name means "land of deep water." Ironically now the name becomes the reality. Now that you have seen for yourself first hand what the needs are in Honduras, I hope you will do all you can to persuade the President to provided leadership at this moment in history when we stand poised on the threshold of the new millennium, a time to extend hope to people living in poverty.

We School Sisters of Notre Dame, committed ourselves a year ago to do all we could to provide a debt free start for people who have shouldered the weight of the external debt for far too long. Please join us by your efforts to influence those who make decisions in this regard. We would like to hear from you about this serious matter.

Sincerely,

S. Kathleen Wegman, SSND
School Sisters of Notre Dame Provincial Council of St. Louis
S. Kathleen Wegman, SSND
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S. Lee Anne Farrell, SSND
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February 12, 1999

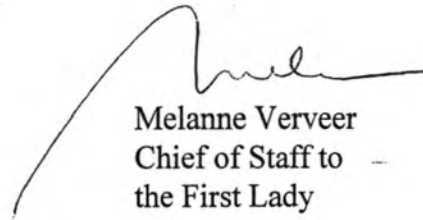
Valora Washington
Universalist Service Committee in Cambridge
130 Prospect
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Valora:

Congratulations on your new job with the Unitarian
Universalist Service Committee! They are lucky to have
you and it is heartening to know that you are continuing to
do great things. It is wonderful to hear from you.

Very best wishes and please stay in touch.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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January 24, 1999

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

I am writing to let you know that I am leaving my position at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. During my eight and one-half years here, it has been a great privilege to work with you - to create and manage a variety of initiatives in excess of \$80,000,000 around the theme of expanding community engagement in supporting children, youth, and families. My heart is full with gratitude for the impact our work has had on children.

With great pleasure I will join the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee in Cambridge, Massachusetts as Executive Director. UUSC is an international organization working to advance human rights and social justice since 1939. At UUSC there will be many opportunities to continue the mission of improving the lives of children and families, as well as to realize social change.

Effective February 1, 1999, you may contact me as follows:

Home

11 Viking Road
Winchester, MA 01890
781/721-5551

Office

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130 Prospect
Cambridge, MA 02139
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World Wide Web:
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Thank you so much for your dedicated and talented work with me over the years.

Sincerely,

Valora Washington

*To help people
help themselves
through the practical
application of knowledge
and resources to improve
their quality of life and
that of future generations*

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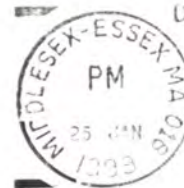
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 1, 1999

Hon. Wellington E. Webb
Mayor, City & County of Denver
City & County Building
Denver, CO 80202

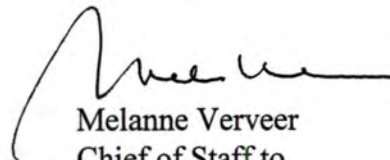
Dear Mayor Webb:

Thank you for your invitation for the First Lady to keynote the Opening Session of the 25th Annual National Conference of Black Mayors Convention in Denver on April 22.

Since our phone conversation, we have carefully reviewed the First Lady's commitments in hopes that she could join you. We regret, however, that it will not be possible. She deeply regrets not being able to join you and your fellow Black mayors. Please convey her appreciation for the mayors' vital work along with her best wishes for a successful and productive meeting.

The First Lady was pleased you could join her for the State of the Union. Thank you for your leadership and all you do.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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CC: Melanne: Fys

Wellington E. Webb
MAYOR



City and County of Denver

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From Missy via
Phil Lader

February 13, 1999

The Honorable Philip Lader
Ambassador of the United States
to the United Kingdom
24 Grosvenor Square
London, W1A 1AE
United Kingdom

Dear Mr. Ambassador Lader:

I appreciate your assistance in helping with confirmation of the First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's visit to Denver on Thursday, April 22, 1999 to keynote the Opening Plenary Session of the 25th Annual National Conference of Black Mayors Convention at the Adam's Mark Hotel.

The schedule should be approximately two and one-half hours. We would like the First Lady to address the membership relative to the topic of her White House Millennium Council's Millennium Communities Program or any other topic the First Lady feels may be of interest to our organization.

In addition to the First Lady's keynote, we have also invited the Honorable Roy Romer, Democratic National Committee Chair; the Honorable Jim Nicholson, Republican National Committee Chair and the Honorable Andrew Cuomo, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, to participate in the opening session.

In the enclosed background and information kit, you will find our most current detailed schedule of events, sponsorship information packet, and information regarding the National Conference of Black Mayor's purpose.

Ambassador, thank you, your assistance is greatly appreciated. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact myself or my assistant, Denice Edwards, who is the host city conference Director at 303-640-2035.

Yours truly,

Yours truly,

Wellington E. Webb
Mayor

Wellington F. Webb
Mayor

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 4, 1999

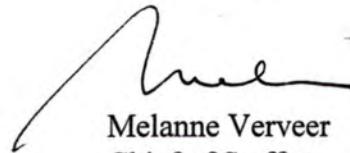
William J. Cox
President & CEO
The Alliance of Catholic Health Care Systems/CACH
1700 Montgomery Street, #300
San Francisco, CA 94111-1024

Dear Bill:

Congratulations on your new position with the consolidated Alliance of Catholic Health Care Systems and the California Association of Catholic Hospitals. It is heartening to know you continuing make a difference!

Best wishes for all good things in your challenging new job.

All the best,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

*Congrat R**A joint public policy program of Catholic Healthcare West and St. Joseph Health System***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Catholic Advocacy Organizations to Unite
New CEO Appointed**

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 8, 1999 – The Alliance of Catholic Health Care Systems (Alliance) and the California Association of Catholic Hospitals (CACH) announced that their boards have signed a letter of intent to consolidate the two Sacramento-based advocacy organizations.

William J. Cox will serve as president and CEO of the new organization. Cox will assume his new role Feb. 15.

“We are delighted that Bill has accepted our offer to lead the new organization,” said Paul Viviano, chair of the Alliance of Catholic Health Care Systems and executive vice president/COO of St. Joseph Health System of Orange. “Bill has more than thirty years of experience successfully representing Catholic health care and other Catholic organizations before state and federal governments. We are pleased that he will continue to employ his considerable governmental and public policy skills on behalf of our health care ministries.”

The Alliance of Catholic Health Care Systems was formed two years ago by Orange, California-based St. Joseph Health System, San Francisco-based Catholic Healthcare West (CHW) and the Holy Cross Health System, represented in California by Saint Agnes Medical Center, Fresno. The purpose of the Alliance was to substantially enhance Catholic health care systems' government relations and advocacy efforts at the state and federal level.

MORE . . .

CACH has represented California Catholic health care organizations for 35 years. “Our decision to combine CACH and the Alliance, and employ Bill Cox to lead the new organization, represents a clear commitment on the part of California Catholic health systems, hospitals and other health-related ministries to collaborate on a common advocacy agenda in California and nationally,” said Michael J. Madden, chair of CACH and president/CEO of Providence St. Joseph Medical Center, Burbank, CA.

Bud Lee, current CACH president and Thomas McCaffery, director of Government Affairs and Advocacy for the Alliance, will both report to Cox. “I am very excited about the planned consolidation of CACH and the Alliance, and the advocacy opportunities it will create for the Catholic health ministry,” noted Lee. “I have known, worked with and respected Bill Cox for more than 15 years, and look forward to working with him in his new capacity as president of the combined organization.”

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March 10, 1999

Congressman David Wu
Canon Congressional Building #510
Washington, DC 20515-2701

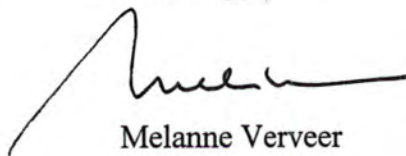
Dear Congressman Wu:

Thank you for your letter and the invitation from Young Audiences for the First Lady to speak in Portland on April 23.

Ensuring children learn about the arts is very important to Mrs. Clinton and she appreciates your kind invitation. Regrettably, however, Mrs. Clinton cannot accept Young Audience's kind invitation as she is scheduled to be in Washington at that time for the NATO Summit, which the President is hosting. Please convey the First Lady's appreciation for Young Audience's important work, along with her best wishes for a successful and productive conference.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Congressman David Wu
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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3701

February 24, 1999

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Summit

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I understand Young Audiences has invited you to be the headline speaker at their national conference to be held in Portland in April. I am writing to encourage you to accept this invitation.

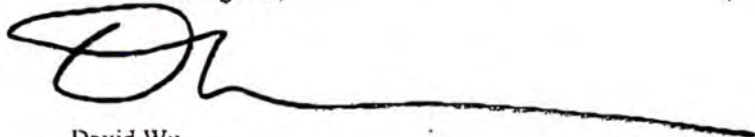
Among the causes you most care about are education and children's issues. Young Audiences has a mission to enhance young people's education through creative resources from the arts community. They help make the arts affordable by subsidizing artists' work in schools.

Last fall, you launched a new initiative to promote arts education in the schools. Young Audiences was founded in 1958 to do just that. In fact, you may recall that Young Audiences was recognized by the White House for its work in this area by being awarded the Medal for the Arts a few years ago.

During the conference, with its theme of "Preparing for the 21st Century," the Oregon chapter of Young Audiences will launch its *Arts for Learning* project, which promises to have a far-reaching impact on Oregon's First Congressional District. The pilot project, using web-based technology, CD ROM and internet capabilities, is an innovative program to address student achievement and fundamentally change the way arts are integrated into schools. It is funded by a generous grant from US Bank in Portland.

Mrs. Clinton, your presence during the conference will help focus people in the First District, the State of Oregon, as well as the entire country on the benefits of this forward-looking project, as well as the important work of this fine organization. I strongly encourage you to come to Portland to speak on April 23. Your interest in children, education and the arts make this opportunity the perfect fit.

With warm regards,



David Wu
Member of Congress

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 2, 1999

Elaine Weiss
Associate Executive Director
American Bar Association
750 North Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Ms. Weiss:

Thank you for your letter and the application of Elisia Frazier for the White House Fellowship program. Her application is quite impressive and I have sent it on with a note.

Best wishes.

to you and the guys.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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February 26, 1999

Melanne Verveer
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White House – West Wing
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Washington, DC 20036

Dear Melanne:

I am passing along for your information the application of Elisia Frazier for the White House Fellowship program. Elisia is a current member of the ABA Board of Governors and has asked me to assist her in this application process. I know this program is outside of your jurisdiction but I wanted to flag this candidate for you, in the event you are asked for input on candidates for the Fellowship program.

Sincerely,

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Elaine Weiss

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 7, 1999

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to send greetings to all of you -- from the academy, government and civil society -- as you convene in Quimper for the first of two international colloquia to explore issues of democracy. These two "forums on democracy," the first in Brittany and a second in October at the Walt Whitman Center at Rutgers University will offer a special opportunity for our two nations. Scholars from both countries, along with colleagues from throughout the world, will be able to focus in depth on the important issues relative to the future of democracy and on the unique democratic relationship between France and America. These two forums, with the participation of the Mission 2000 Committee in France and the White House Commission on the Millennium in the United States, will celebrate the Millennium by reflecting in this important way on the challenges ahead.

The historical ties that have linked France and have made us "sister republics" and given our relationship special responsibilities. Today we are once again partners in an alliance against aggression and tyranny, even as we seek new forms of civic cooperation among the regional economic associations to which we belong. This convening could not come at a more important time.

Many of us have worked hard to find new forms of partnership between government and civil society, between the public and private sectors, between policy-makers and businesspeople. We are continuing to work to translate those partnerships into new forms of international cooperation. At the World Economic Forum in Davos last year, I spoke about the need to provide structures that empower our civic aspirations as effectively as global trade and the new transnational markets empower our economic aspirations.

I hope in your work here in Quimper, and in the continuing inquiry that will be undertaken at the Whitman Center in the fall, that you can continue to explore opportunities to collaborate in support of global democracy; and at the same time explore the challenges as well.

Although we bring our own unique perspectives to our common challenges, France and America are bound together by a spirit of democracy and mutual discourse richly manifested in these forums. May our work together nurture this spirit into the new Millennium.

Sincerely,



Hillary Rodham Clinton



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**Hillary Clinton: Draft Statement for the Opening of the Quimper
Millennial Conference of the "Two Forums on Democracy" (May 7, 1999)**

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At this moment right before the century's turning, as Europe struggles into a new era of cooperation as the historical demons of war and fratricide again threaten its progress, there is a special need for intellectual and cultural discourse between our two countries. The historical ties that have linked France and America in revolution and in culture, in wartime alliances and peacetime rivalries, have made us "sister republics" and given our relationship special responsibilities. Today we are once again partners in an alliance against aggression and tyranny, even as we seek new forms of civic cooperation among the regional economic associations to which we belong. *This convening could not come at a more important time.*

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Although we may from time to time have different interests and different points of view, France and America are bound together by a spirit of democracy and mutual discourse richly manifested in these forums. May our work together nurture this spirit into the new Millennium.

(Draft by Benjamin Barber - 732-932-6861; or home 732-463-0232)

THE WHITE HOUSE
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May 21, 1999

Peggy Wilhide
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Dear Peggy:

Thank you for your letter and the copy of Administrator Goldin's remarks to the Women in Aviation International Conference. I read the transcript with interest and have shared it with my colleagues. Thank you for thinking of us.

Very best wishes and hope all is well with you.

Sincerely,

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Reply to Attn of:

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March 25, 1999

Ms. Melanne Verveer
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Chief of Staff to the First Lady
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Dear Melanne:

I thought you might be interested in seeing Administrator Goldin's remarks to the Women in Aviation, International convention, which was held in Orlando last week. He mentioned Mrs. Clinton's Millennium project and announced the beginning of our outreach effort to encourage young women to pursue careers in math, science, and technology. He was very well received, and we've already been approached by some of the members who want to get more involved in our outreach initiative.

Sincerely,

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Peggy Wilhide
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Enclosure

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**Remarks of the Honorable Daniel S. Goldin
NASA Administrator
Before the Women in Aviation International Conference
Orlando, FL
March 19, 1999**

Good morning and thank you all. I'm grateful for the opportunity to talk about a topic that is the very reason for NASA's existence – our future.

Let me first say that it's great to be in Florida. I grew up in the Bronx and, as most of you know, just like my mom, sooner or later all New Yorkers become Floridians. It's also a special pleasure for me to address this group during Women's History Month, when we honor the barriers you have broken...both on the ground and in the air.

When First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton announced the theme for our nation's millennium celebration at Seneca Falls, she talked about "honoring our past and imagining our future." At NASA, as we begin designing the blueprints to build that future, women play an increasingly important role in our efforts.

This summer, Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Eileen Collins becomes the first woman to command a space shuttle mission -- taking Columbia into orbit to launch a telescope that will peer into the deepest reaches of outer space. I'm extremely proud of our female astronauts – who now make up 25 percent of our astronaut corps – but I'm equally as proud of the women behind the scenes who have equally important roles. A third of Col. Collins mission control team will be women. Many of you don't know this, but when the now famous Mars Pathfinder bounced across the Red Planet, the lead flight director in mission control was 28-year-old Jennifer Harris, an MIT graduate and NASA engineer.

Yet, there's still room to improve, and that's our plan.

Many of you here today no doubt remember when there were far fewer women in these positions. In Tom Brokaw's recent book, *The Greatest Generation*, he looks back to the days when women very often faced barriers simply because they were women. The book is about Americans who came of age during the Great Depression and the Second World War, answered the call to duty, and after the war, went on to help build modern America.

There are well-known personalities like Julia Child who had trouble finding meaningful work after college and went to India to work for the OSS, the predecessor of the CIA. You also learn about people like Margaret Ray Ringenberg, an original Women's Air Force Service Pilot, who wanted to do more, but settled for flying training aircraft and bombers.

We've come a long way since then, but still there are far too few women and minorities in the ranks of command pilots, and senior engineers and scientists.

You undoubtedly are familiar with the statistics in your own field. Only 1.2 percent of civilian and commercial airline pilots are women. Less than 3 percent of aircraft engine mechanics are women. Seven percent of NASA's astronaut/pilots are women, which is heartening considering women make up only 2 percent of military pilots, NASA's source for astronaut/pilots.

Why are the number of women and minorities in science and tech fields so thin? Only 15 percent of engineering graduates in the U.S. are women. Worse yet, only half of those go on to engineering careers. That's not all. Hispanics make up just three percent of working engineers today and African Americans barely 2.5 percent.

Women make up only 20 percent of graduates in the physical sciences – such as chemists, earth scientists, and computer scientists. The percentages for African Americans and Hispanics are even lower.

The results are predictable. Right now, 350,000 high-paying computer-related information technology, or IT, jobs are vacant, leaving 1 in 10 positions unfilled. There are just not enough skilled people to go around. If current trends continue, the shortfall in IT talent will grow to 1.6 million within seven years.

This is discouraging.

Now, when you add demographic trends to the picture, it gets downright depressing. In about thirty years, women and minorities will comprise upwards of **80 percent** of our nation's work force.

If engineering, computer science, and the physical sciences remain largely the domain of white males, what then becomes of the potential of technology? Where then, do we find the skills to turn promise into practical, useful reality? And what happens to the job market?

After all, when people talk about improving their standard of living, having a cleaner environment, a safer place to work and live, and staying healthy longer, they usually mean the products or conditions brought about by science and engineering.

In universities, the issue is enrollment or, more precisely, the lack of enrollment. At the elementary and secondary school level, it's achievement or, more precisely, the lack of it.

In recent national-level testing, only 21 percent of our 8th graders – boys and girls alike -- scored "proficient" in math. Less than one in four grade school students

take algebra. Fewer than half of all high school students take upper level math or physics courses. "Phys ed" has taken the place of physics, and intermediate dance seems to be more popular than intermediate algebra.

Yes, we have some very important issues to deal with.

Think about health. Your primary doctor used to be the team captain of your family's health care program. She or he called in specialists when needed, directed laboratory tests when appropriate and guided you in decision making.

Today and more so in the future, that's no longer the case.

With the growth of managed health care, coupled with breakthroughs in biotech, biomed, genetic engineering, drug therapies, and medical devices; with drugs available on line, and with the resources of the nation's medical libraries at your fingertips through the internet, we often have to be – and we certainly need to be -- our own health care captain.

But only if we know how to be. If we don't understand what the specialists are telling us, if we don't know how to measure the effectiveness of alternative high tech therapies, or can't decipher the meaning of sophisticated test results, then how can we expect to make smart health care decisions for our family?

Next, think about environmental issues. Americans will soon be faced with important decisions regarding clean air and water, noise pollution, sustainable development, the use of pesticides, and natural resource management. The remedies are often explained in technological terms and the consequences couched in scientific jargon.

Well, if we're to make rational decisions regarding these issues, and help guide the political process in a useful way, we need to have at least some understanding of complex technologies that are typically based in physics, chemistry and biology. Will we understand? As citizens, will our votes be rational or emotional? Will we be shaping the landscape of our children and grandchildren based on knowledge or guesswork?

Third, think about our national economy, which seems to become more dependent on technology every passing day. Look at the stock market and those high tech stocks. What's fad and what's not? How can you make intelligent investment decisions without understanding how technology is used and what will be needed in the years to come?

Of course, how do new high tech companies grow unless they can find enough people who understand how technology is used and know how to use it? This issue is not limited to Silicon Valley. Did you know that the average family sedan today has more computer power than Apollo 11 did when it went to the moon?

It is comparisons like these that remind me of the well-worn -- but still accurate observation -- that we sometimes get all the information, but refuse to get the message.

Virtual companies are doing business in which neither real estate nor national borders matter -- just technology. It seems that nearly every business with a storefront is trying to figure how to have a branch on the Internet. "www dot com" is becoming as common as our phone number. How can this revolution in global business and the internet be sustained without a highly proficient, technologically savvy work force?

It can't. It simply, can't.

The revolution is just beginning. Now, it's up to us.

Finally, a few words about opportunity. As I see it, we're rapidly approaching the day when the primary discriminator between the "have's" and the "have not's" will be between those who understand technology and those who don't. It won't be age or sex or color or culture. No, it will be technology -- the ability to understand it and use it -- as an engineer or scientist, or as a medical technician or sales clerk or just about any other profession in the world.

Well, where do we go from here?

As I see it, there are three choices. First, find a remote location and deal with no unit of time shorter than a season. In other words, stick our collective heads in the sand, ignore the problem and pass on the consequences to the next generation.

Or, we can lower our sights, give up the technological high ground, and hope that a low-tech service economy can somehow sustain a vibrant America. As I see it, that has a lot in common with believing in the tooth fairy, and would be doomsday for those of us who want to keep on exploring and discovering.

Or, we can summon up the qualities that have always been natural to us; qualities like pitching in, teaming up and reaching out. By caring and doing something about it.

By recognizing that our best target of opportunity to change the situation is to get young girls and minorities excited about science and math and technology, the opportunities that these fields hold for them, and then to get down, get busy and get on with the job of bringing them into those fields.

We need to drive up graduation numbers for our young women, from 16 percent in engineering, 20 percent in the physical sciences and 25 percent in computer

science to at least 50 percent across the board – and we should set a goal to achieve those percentages by the time this year's junior high students graduate from college. That gives us just about 10 years. We can do it.

With the same intensity and on the same time line, we should set a target to triple the number of African-American and Hispanic engineers and science graduates. We can do that too.

It's the only right answer. We must encourage every segment of our population – girls and boys alike -- from every walk of life, of every color and creed, to reach out and prepare for the opportunities of the 21st century. And breath-taking opportunities there will be – provided we are ready.

I believe young girls all across America can take inspiration from Colonel Collins and countless thousands of other women engineers and scientists and information technology leaders. Many of us here this morning probably know of eBay.com, one of the hottest companies on the internet – an auction house that has been rocking the stock market. But far fewer know that eBay's CEO is Meg Whitman.

At a Congressional hearing on skill shortages in the IT industry, one CEO suggested that high-tech workers are simply viewed as not "cool" enough for image-conscious American kids, particularly girls. He presented a series of drawings by children who were asked to show what someone in a high tech industry looked like. The drawings were not flattering – pocket protectors, crooked glasses, rumpled clothing, and 100 percent men.

Well, high tech is cool and is for everybody.

It's not too late to remedy the situation, but it is late. There's still time, but not that much.

So here's the challenge:

First, commitment. Every woman in this organization should go out and encourage our young students to get motivated about math and science – starting in grade school -- and keep them excited from then on. Target girls and minorities, and don't be bashful about it. Go to schools, and youth groups everywhere.

Each of us, at some time or other as we were growing up and in school, was inspired by an insight someone gave us, or by encouragement from somebody.

We need to remember how that felt, and what effect it had on us. And then we need to recapture it and pass it on to today's youth. Most of them are just waiting

for that kind of excitement, the excitement that brought each of you into your careers today.

Tell them about yourself and other women in the aviation industry who are doing very "cool" things. Tell them about the women in your hometown who have stepped into technology fields and are blazing new trails. By the way, in doing this you'll change the way boys look at girls. They will understand what you've achieved in aviation – and that aviation is not a "guy thing."

There are 3,500 women in your organization. If each one of you visited one classroom of thirty students just once a month; one hour a month – and spread the message – by this time next year, you will have reached a million and a quarter young people. Then do it all over again – one hour a month. And keep doing it. In a few short years, our engineering schools and science departments will start to fill up with young women.

We'll get those graduation numbers to 50 percent. Enlist a friend to do the same and we'll get there even faster.

Second, we must work hard, very hard, to enfranchise our minority youth. We need their talent, vision, and capabilities; they need the empowerment that math and science and technology will bring to them.

Find role models, like yourself. Reach out. Tell them about NASA scientist Aprille Ericsson-Jackson.

Aprille grew up in the Roosevelt projects in Bedford Stuyvesant, one of the toughest neighborhoods in Brooklyn. Aprille was tougher. She became a high school honors student in math and science, earned an aeronautical and astronautical engineering degree from MIT, and a masters and doctorate in Mechanical Engineering from Howard University. She builds space hardware at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland.

For two years in a row, Dr. Ericsson-Jackson has been honored for being one of the top 50 minority women in science and engineering in the United States.

Tell our young people about all the "Aprilles" out there.

Finally, we must create new partnerships between the public and private sector, education, industry, and non-profits. At NASA, we are working with the Air Force to develop a program that will give minority men and women at historically black colleges and universities more opportunity to get flying time, pilot training and their pilot's license.

NASA has been forging partnerships for its entire forty-year history.

We conduct more than 300 education programs across the nation. Our National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program provides tuition assistance in science, engineering and related fields of study. Now in its 11th year, the grant program has awarded more than 12,000 scholarships and fellowships, 43 percent to women. Fifty-three percent of our summer high school research program participants are girls.

Well, today I want to add one more partnership to our list. I am here to challenge the women in this organization – Women in Aviation International -- to sign a new cooperative agreement with NASA.

For our part, NASA will be your partner. We will open up a communications channel for sharing materials and ideas – and keep it open. We will provide the educational and support materials you will need to do this work – and keep providing it.

I must tell you – I spend a lot of my time talking to young people – tens of thousands a year. I try to get them excited about technology, about space exploration and about how they can find success if they're willing to put in the effort.

But even though you were kind enough to make this gray-haired, middle-aged man a member of your organization, I am still...only...a man. The young women of America need to hear your voice more than they need to hear mine.

You have the power to really make a difference.

And we can't make do by reaching out to tens of thousands of young people a year. We must reach millions.

This initiative begins with you. You are our first partner in this journey. But I must also tell you that in the months to come, I'm going to reach out to other organizations and ask that they get involved the same way. There's no other choice....to build the kind of future I know you want for the next generation and the one after that.

But you can be the trailblazer – and I know you will.

This takes me back to Tom Brokaw's book and a woman named Trudy Elion. At the start of the war, with a graduate degree in chemistry in her pocket, and the recent death of her grandfather on her mind, she was determined to find a cure for cancer. Well, the best first job she could find was with the A&P – testing the acidity of pickles and the color of egg yolks going into mayonnaise.

Dr. Gertrude "Trudy" Elion died last week. She was 81. What a remarkable woman and what a distinguished career. In 1988, she won the Nobel Prize for

Medicine. Over the years, you see, Dr. Elion was instrumental in developing drugs that effectively treated childhood leukemia, rheumatoid arthritis, gout, and kidney stones. She also had the lead in developing the drug AZT to treat AIDS.

Let me add a brief footnote. Several years back, Dr. Elion said that if men weren't off to war, she might not have found work in a research lab. We are very lucky she did.

Well, today, the men don't have to go off to anywhere to give women opportunity. But we do need to give them that spark that will produce the Trudy Elions of the next generation. That's our job.

If we can get enough young women interested in technology, and nurture their naturally inquisitive minds, then the wings of invention and the winds of progress that have so often been led by American pioneers, will still be led by American pioneers – only this time many more will be women. That would delight me, and I think you as well.

Thank you very much.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 21, 1999

James Weill
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Dear Jim:

Thank you for your letter and invitation for the First Lady to keynote the dedication of the new amphitheater at the Usdan Center in New York on August 4. We appreciate your input.

It is still not yet certain whether Mrs. Clinton will be able to accept the invitation. We will be in touch with the Center as plans for the summer are completed.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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March 23, 1999

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Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
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Dear Melanne:

I am writing to enthusiastically support a request that you received from Caroline Stoessinger, and that I understand is an open possibility for the First Lady: keynoting the August 4, 1999 dedication of the new amphitheater at the Usdan Center for the Creative and Performing Arts in New York.

My interest in The First Lady participating in this event is twofold. First, I know by its reputation and my own visits that Usdan is a wonderful place -- perhaps the most outstanding American arts camp -- drawing a diverse body of 1,500 children and youth each summer into an extraordinary program. The August 4th dedication promises to be an exciting event in the life of this important institution.

Second, my father is on the board of Usdan and was chair of the board when Usdan was created and built. He is one of the parents of Usdan, and he has all the pride of a parent for this wonderful camp.

If the First Lady could participate in this event in August, it would be a terrific boost for Usdan, and help build her important message about giving children the best supervision and the most meaningful opportunities to learn and succeed both in school and out of school hours.

Please give The First Lady my best.

Sincerely yours,

James D. Weill
President

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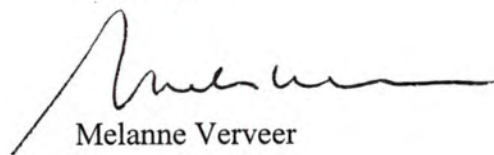
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AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

May 7, 1999

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
C/o Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

In January 2000, the Women and Science Committee of the South Florida Region of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science (ACWIS) will hold its fifth annual Women of Vision Luncheon. As an ardent supporter of women throughout the world, it would be a great honor if you would join us as our keynote speaker and our Most Distinguished Woman of Vision as we celebrate the fifth year of this prestigious community event. We have secured January 4, 10, 13, 17 and 20 at the Sheraton Bal Harbour as possible dates for your consideration.

Each year we honor six women in our local community who have distinguished themselves in the areas of medicine, education, philanthropy, law, business and government. Their accomplishments are showcased to over 500 women from Broward and Dade Counties here in South Florida. In the past we have had notable speakers such as Dr. Susan Blumenthal and NASA Astronaut, Dr. Ellen Baker.

The Weizmann Institute of Science, located in Rehovot Israel, is one of the foremost scientific research institutes in the world. Its commitment to science research has led to major breakthroughs in a number of areas including cancer, autoimmune diseases as well as environment and technology. Presently, clinical trials in progress in Chicago, are a result of groundbreaking research in non-invasive methods of determining cancerous tumors in breasts. Women's health has taken an exciting turn at the Weizmann Institute of Science with the development of the Women's Health Center. This center of cutting edge research will be devoted to fertility, osteoporosis and cancers that effect women.

The Women and Science Committee in South Florida serves as a vehicle for educating women on health issues that directly effect themselves and their families. In addition, we advocate for the education of young women in the sciences by visiting schools and promoting the scholarship programs at the Institute. The Women of Vision Luncheon serves as the cornerstone of our efforts in South Florida to support young women scientists through the funding of a master's degree scholarship in breast and ovarian cancer research.

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The work of the Weizmann Institute of Science touches the lives of people worldwide. It is our belief that if women are literate, healthy and educated then they will prosper, their families will thrive and as global community we will remain strong. Your presence with us would be extremely important in highlighting the achievements of women in our community and the work of women scientists.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding the above listed dates in the hope that you will join us for this special occasion. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Claudia Brooks Welsh
Regional Director
South Florida

Cc: Patti Solis-Doyle
Director of Scheduling and Advance

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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July 12, 1999

Elinor Walker
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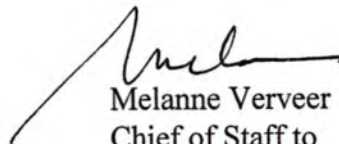
Dear Elinor:

Thank you for your beautiful letter and many kind words. It is truly one of the most wonderful letters I have ever received and I thank you for writing.

Your personal story is a tribute to you, Americorps and the opportunities it provides. We are so very proud of you. Elaina is in Paris and I'll be sure to give her your regards. She too found her work at the Corporation and in service personally transforming. I have shared your letter with Shirley. We are all so very happy for you.

Very best wishes to you and your family. Please stay in touch with us.

All the best,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

6/14/99
Monday

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Thanks

Dear Mrs. Verwer;

I owe you, your boss, and Shirley Sagawa a huge debt of gratitude. You saw to it that even very poor women like me could perform a year of National Service. In so doing, you have helped give my kids a foothold into the middle class, and you've touched my heart.

I had kids, but lacked a husband, an education, money, and the sense that we were wanted in this world. Somehow, I cobbled together the half of an undergraduate degree that I'd lacked, but couldn't justify striving for my family until I'd done some giving back to help shake the stigma of being a "welfare mother." National service seemed just the ticket.

Particularly due to you and Shirley, I had that opportunity, for without childcare money, AmeriCorps service would not have been an option for me. Without the service year, I'd never have gone to toil in the vineyard at the Corporation. I'd have lacked that numerable experience of having helped secure the future viability of national service, which seemed all but lost during the recession battles of 1995 (although my "chop wood/carry water" contribution could not have been more mundane....)

At any rate, you all saved a piece of the world because I just got my law degree. Although I'll always be the "mommy-track" type, I'm now a (prospective) member of the bar, where once I was a bartender. You can only imagine what a powerful experience my legal education has been for this family. I'm pretty sure my children think Mommy can do nearly anything, so it follows that they can do even more.

We could not have been more abstract to you, and yet you provided the chance for service, which proved a pivotal experience, and made all the rest possible. Those are the most American of ideas. Bless you, bless you, bless you.

6/14/99

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Would you kindly pass along my fond regards to your daughter, Elena, whom I worked with at the Corporation? It was my acquaintance with her that emboldered me to write to you directly.

Please count me among those whom you call upon for any purpose you see fit. Although I mean to contact Shirley as well, it's possible that my note will be misdirected or delayed, so if you speak to her, please tell her that she is still a hero in this house.

By the way, I'm thrilled that the first Xpdy may get run for Senate. I'll volunteer when the time comes.

Thanks again for keeping people like my family in mind. My children's children will benefit from your wisdom and compassion.

Sincerely,

Clinton Walker

FRANCE WALKER

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Mrs. MELANNE VERVEER
THE WHITE HOUSE,
OFFICE OF THE FIRST LADY
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 12, 1999

Raisa Wallace
4811 W St., NW
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Raisa:

I just learned about Bob's illness and hospitalization. Please know that he is in my thoughts and prayers. I hope and pray that his recovery will go well.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 20, 1999

Laura Winter
Program Manager – NDI Step by Step
National Dance Institute
594 Broadway, Room 805
New York, NY 10012

Dear Laura:

Thank you for your letter and the video highlighting Jacques' journey through the Appalachian Trail, which I have passed on to the First Lady.

We are all fans of Jacques and his vital work to promote dance. Please accept Mrs. Clinton's appreciation for NDI's many important initiatives, along with her best wishes to you and your colleagues.

I do remember meeting you at the Brown's and talking to you and Jacques about all your exciting plans. Best wishes and hope all is well with you.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

September 16, 1999

Laura Winter
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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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exciting
plans.



September 10, 1999

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

Attn: Ms. Melanne Veveer
Chief of Staff

Dear Melanne,

Jacques d'Amboise asked that I send this note and video to your attention for the First Lady. We understand how hectic her schedule must be and figured you would decide how best to handle this correspondence.

The video enclosed is a 12 minute highlight, prepared by Cronkite Productions Inc. who is developing a full-featured documentary of Jacques' journey through the Appalachian Trail. There is a clip of the First Lady in the video (comments from The Boathouse, Central Park NYC) along with footage from the AT and Off-Trail Events where Jacques and others are dancing the "Trail Dance".

Hopefully in your busy schedule, you can view the enclosed and determine whether to pass it on.

For your information, Jacques will be in the DC area in the upcoming weeks:

- Wednesday, September 22nd from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm at the Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage
- Thursday, September 23rd from 10:00 am – 11:00 am at The Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts in Annapolis, MD

In closing, Jacques wanted me to send you his warm regards.

Sincerely,

Laura A. Winter
Program Manager – NDI Step by Step

P.S. I don't think you would remember, but we briefly met at Ann & Donald Brown's house for a gathering when Jacques was in town earlier this year.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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October 13, 1999

Richard Weissbourd
Harvard Children's Initiative
126 Mount Auburn Street
Cambridge, MA 02138-5701

Dear Rick:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your many kind words and invitation for Mrs. Clinton to keynote the literacy event at Harvard in February or March of next year.

Mrs. Clinton's schedule is very full next year and it is not certain whether she might be able to accept your kind invitation. But I have forwarded your letter to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady. Please do keep us informed as plans for the event take shape.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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*Pls make
a copy
for scheduling*

ATTN: Melanne Verveer

From: Rick Weissbourd

-- Bernice Weissbourd(my mother!) suggested that I send this inquiry to you. Thank you
for your assistance.

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HARVARD
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First Lady Hilary Rodham Clinton
The White House

Dear Ms. Clinton,

I am writing to invite you to be our keynote speaker for a major literacy event at Harvard University in February or March of 2000. The purpose of the conference is to bring the most current knowledge about exciting, proven interventions and practices to a diverse array of school and community practitioners committed to promoting children and adult literacy. Speakers will include both researchers and leaders of innovative, effective interventions around the country. Both Boston and Cambridge are embarking on major literacy campaigns, and participants in these campaigns will be a primary audience for this conference. We expect about 300 attendees as well as a strong media presence. The conference will be jointly sponsored by the Harvard Children's Initiative and ReadBoston. We know of your great commitment to literacy and thought you would be an ideal person to launch this conference.

On an entirely different note, I wanted to thank you again for your kind words about my book a couple of years back and cheer for your great work as the First Lady of our country,

All best,

Richard Weissbourd
Kennedy School of Government
Graduate School of Education
Harvard University

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 18, 1999

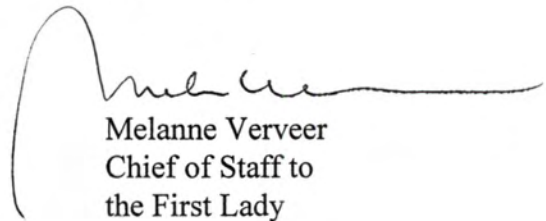
Bernice Williams
5551 South Kimbark Ave., Number 15
Chicago, IL 60637

Dear Bernice:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your letter and the beautiful framed photograph of Luxor Temple.

Mrs. Clinton is so grateful for the privilege of seeing Luxor and was especially pleased to visit Chicago House and to benefit from the expertise of you and your colleagues. Your work to protect and preserve Luxor's treasures matters for all people – present and future. Please accept Mrs. Clinton's appreciation for your thoughtful gift, along with her best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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I am writing to you on the recommendation of Kelly Crawford, a co-worker in the marketing department of a Chicago bank. The photograph in this package is a gift for Mrs. Clinton.

This photograph was taken in the Sun Court at night. It should be considered a personal gift, with a value not to exceed \$250.

Sincerely,

Lernaei Williams

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 20, 1999

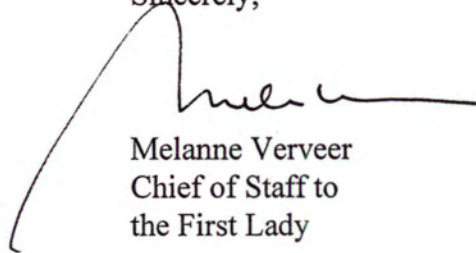
Cora Weiss
President
Hague Appeal for Peace
WFM 777 Plaza
New York, NY 10017

Dear Ms. Weiss:

Thank you for your letter and copy of your reflections about Eleanor Roosevelt were she confronting today's challenges. I know the First Lady will be pleased to have it and be inspired by it.

Very best wishes and thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Melanne', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right. A long, thin, curved line starts from the left, under the signature, and extends downwards and to the left, ending near the bottom left of the signature block.

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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Thanks



October 11, 1999

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Verveer,

On February 18 you kindly sent me remarks by the First Lady at the Eleanor Roosevelt Lectures at Georgetown University. Perhaps the First Lady would like to read my remarks about Eleanor Roosevelt and the 21st Century.

Yours sincerely,

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Hofstra Univ.
Eleanor Roosevelt

Sept 30, 1999
Cora Weiss

Wouldn't ER make Peace a Human Right

I remember Mrs. Roosevelt falling asleep on our living room couch, and awakening to re enter the conversation without skipping a beat. My mother was the chair of Westchester for Roosevelt, my father headed Business men for Roosevelt, and I licked stamps, stuffed envelopes and learned to use a mimeograph machine. That was my basic political training. I recall that for young women like myself, Eleanor Roosevelt was the only role model around.

The beautiful poster of Mrs Roosevelt holding up the Declaration of Human Rights followed us from classroom to classroom. I re read it thoroughly this week. Pretty revolutionary! Everyone has rights. Elementary education is compulsory. The development of friendly relations among nations is essential. Slavery is prohibited. Full consent to marry...everyone can own property, everyone includes women... I doubt that the Taliban have read it, or the Indonesian government, or Mr. Milosevic, or Mr. Saddam Hussein, or the various fundamentalist extremists who daily deny rights to women and girls. I wonder if Senators and Members of Congress are familiar with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights?

Here, today, we are awash in Eleanor experts. I do not pretend to be one of them. Since we could soon be represented in the Senate by a woman who sees herself as a new Eleanor for the new Century, I thought it would be interesting to discuss the 21st Century Eleanor and Human Rights. While one must never second guess the departed, I think it's safe to try to project, based on the passion she held for the United Nations, which is the principle instrument for peace, "...to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war..."; based on the passion with which she lived her beliefs, her passion for justice; her refusal to let hatred play a role in her life, and her motivation from the horrors she saw, it's safe to project what the 21st century Eleanor might be doing today.

I had a wonderful opportunity to spend a morning with Trude Lash, Mrs. Roosevelt's good friend and sometimes travelling companion, and who reminisced about Mrs. Roosevelt's silent opposition to the atomic bomb, saying she saw it as a moral, not a legal issue, saying it was a grave decision which she wished hadn't been made. Mrs R. had been called by Lisa Meitner, a nuclear physicist, warning that Germany would make the bomb. It was a time of secrets, and a heated atmosphere. She felt hampered, says Mrs Lash, because in time of war one does not come out against national policy. Eleanor spoke of the establishment of the United Nations as a bulwark against war. Her greatest satisfaction came from working with the UN which she said would "...bring countries together for a peaceful atmosphere..."and was clairvoyant sensing that one day various boundaries would disappear and the whole world would know of the wealth we in America live in, how we would become the envy of some, and of the need to share that wealth to live in peace.

Like Warren Beatty who is tired of timid Democrats, Mrs Roosevelt would probably be horrified that 35 million Americans live below the level of poverty, with no universal health care. What would she say about building another B 2 bomber when for the same amount of money we could pay our debt to the United Nations, keep our seat which is threatened in the General Assembly, and remain one of the now 188 members of the community of nations. What would she say about the sub critical nuclear test that went off yesterday in an underground nuclear laboratory . What for?

What would Eleanor say about the 20 million children displaced by war; of the 300,000 children under the age of 18 who are child soldiers, and the refusal of the United States to sign the Treaty on the Rights of Children which needs to be amended to raise the age for children to be eligible for military service from 15 to 18 (or not at all!). Child soldiers can be argued to be a violation of Article 4 prohibiting slavery and servitude. What would she say looking at the hacked off hands of kids in Sierra Leone who remain without physical, occupational or emotional therapy. Is it for lack of money? Three of the world's richest people, at least one is American, have more money than the combined Gross National Products of 48 of the world's poorest countries. And 1.3 billion of our soon to be 6 billion world population have incomes of less than \$1 a day. That sounds like a violation of a pretty basic human right and a cause for conflict.

Tomorrow, in the Inter American Commission for Human Rights in Washington DC, poor people - the Kensington Welfare Rights Union will file a complaint against the United States for failure to provide poor people in this country with an adequate standard of living. Under international law this is similar to a breach of Article 25 of the UDHR. This is what economic rights are about.

What would, or should the 21st Century Eleanor do about poverty, about land mines, about child soldiers, about peace? "It isn't enough to talk about peace, one must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it, one must work at it.", said Eleanor Roosevelt.

The 20th century is ending with wars on every continent. Military budgets are bigger than the combined budgets for health and education in far too many countries. While President Clinton claims that the biggest threats to peace in the next century are likely to be ethnic rivalries, terrorist groups and the spread of nuclear and biological weapons, he has approved a \$288 billion dollar so called defense budget with programs for a new generation of nuclear weapons and no sign of any compliance with Article 6 of the Nuclear non Proliferation Treaty which calls for negotiations to start for a convention on the elimination of nuclear weapons. And such a draft convention exists. Civil society has done that work.

Where should the candidate for Senate who is inspired by Eleanor Roosevelt stand on these issues?

The Declaration outlaws slavery. Humanity has delegitimized colonialism and basically, with a few egregious exceptions outlawed it as well. Apartheid is part of history, following years of

tragic but successful struggle. Why not war? Archbishop Desmond Tutu calls for the abolition of war as an institution, as does HM Queen Noor of Jordan. The abolition of war was the call of the Hague Appeal for Peace conference and continues to be the call for the Hague Appeal for Peace campaign. It is based on the theory that peace is a human right. Peace is not mentioned in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights although it recognizes in the Preamble that "... dignity and... inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace..." and states that it is "...essential to promote the development of friendly relations between nations." It also assures everyone the right to "the security of person." (Art 3).

On Nov. 12, 1984, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted a resolution, with abstentions, but no objections, (Res 39/11) on the Right of Peoples to Peace. This declaration, that the peoples of the world possess an unconditional "right to peace", is considered the "crowning achievement of the United Nations' work on human rights, and could be one of the great liberating documents of human kind," writes Special Legal Consultant to the Judges at Nuremberg, Prof. John H.E.Fried. (Toward a Right to Peace, Selected Papers of John H E Fried, Aletheia Press, 1994) The UN resolution notes that life without war is the primary prerequisite for the full implementation of all other rights.... We can not enjoy human rights in the absence of peace. We can not enjoy peace without the implementation of human rights.

The idea of a universal right to peace is based, at least in part, on the fact that weapons have become so lethal as to threaten the human race with extinction. The very act of war, first taking resources to prepare for war, to buy weapons, to support an army and its armada, denies resources for basic needs, for human security; secondly, removing people from their homes and lands, recruiting people for armed force, including young children, today's use of women as targets, rape as a weapon, bombing homes...all acts of armed aggression deny human rights. The use of force means the failure of diplomacy. The Hague Appeal for Peace asserts that diplomacy must henceforth be the work of governments, of inter governmental organizations and of civil society. Governments alone can no longer succeed at conflict prevention or conflict resolution, indeed they never have.

In a subsequent General Assembly Resolution of October 28, 1987, again without a single negative vote, member states affirmed that "... peace is a fundamental element of human existence; its promotion is one of the primary purposes of the United Nations...."

These resolutions reject the idea that war is normal. They reflect a sense of urgency that everyone has got to stop preparing and paying for war. Now that raises immediately the question of so called humanitarian intervention, which most decent people in the world have called for in East Timor, which was hotly debated in Kosovo and which was too little too late in Rwanda. And other people still reject the notion no matter how grave the violation of human rights. Of course it should always be with the approval of the United Nations.

What should the new Eleanor of the 21st Century think when her own country refuses to sign the treaty to ban land mines now, while every 22 minutes someone somewhere is killed or maimed by an unexploded mine? What should Eleanor 2K do when her husband signs a \$288 Billion

military budget into law? What should she do when it is clear that children's grades go up dramatically when they are free of the fear of violence and learn to work out their conflicts, and yet New York schools are not required to include the 4th R, Reading wRiting, aRithmetic and Reconciliation, or peace education, into the curriculum. Mediating differences, managing emotions, and courting non violence saves time, energy and creates an atmosphere conducive to learning. Wouldn't the 2K Eleanor introduce peace education as a required course from prek-12? When can we expect our Senate to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women which would go a long way to prevent conflict.

There is too much at stake to be casual about this. Our Eleanor listened, but she also spoke out and let us know where she stood. The new Eleanor owes us that much. Will she continue to be guided by visionless forces who don't see opportunities for peace when she could suggest that Jews, Arabs, Palestinians, Christians and Muslims, men and women and youth, should all be at the table to determine the future of Jerusalem to which many religions have a right, instead of jumping to an uninspired misguided judgement. Will our new Eleanor think about negotiating tables where the fate of humanity is at stake, and be sure that no longer will only the two "sides" be represented, which has usually meant two men, but everyone concerned be present. The negotiating tables of tomorrow must have women, youth, victims, the religious community as well as the "sides". We must not forget Bella's admonition that women have been setting tables all our lives but rarely get to sit at them when decisions are made.

Jenny Shipley, Minister of Women's Affairs of New Zealand, at the Beijing 1995 women's conference, said that equality and development would not be achieved if peace was not understood from a women's point of view. Peace includes being free from domestic violence, free from economic deprivation, free from threat of rape as a weapon of war, free from violent conflict, free "from fear of children being killed because the peace process was not understood or wanting."

This has been the most violent and war filled century in history. If this continues, if leaders get away with impunity after sending in militias to drive out or murder tens of thousands of people; if nations use precious resources to build or buy weapons of mass destruction; if hand guns aren't banned, and states continue to impose no or few restrictions at gun shows, if so called small arms and light weapons are continued to be traded across borders providing the fuel for fighting; if nuclear weapons continue to be redesigned, tested and retained by the few powerful states, when they should be eliminated by everyone... if women are not treated with equal rights and dignity and left out of decisions, we will be a threat to the democracy, decency and peace of the next century.

No one here, no matter how old you think you may be, has ever crossed into a new century before. It could be a bonding experience. What baggage we take with us will define the future of humanity. Our Eleanor told us, "you must do the thing you think you can not do."

We have an extraordinary opportunity. For the sake of our children and our children's children, let's not blow it.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 20, 1999

William S. White
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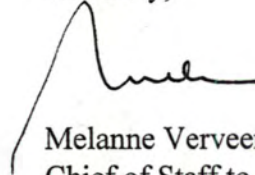
Dear Bill:

It is so wonderful to hear from you! Thank you for your thoughtful letter and the Center for Citizen Initiatives' report about private enterprise in Russia. I have shared the report with my colleagues and know they will value this excellent resource. I talk to so many people about the Foundation's important work in Central Europe and the former Soviet Union.

Thank you too for your support for the Conference on Philanthropy. We hope it will help engage the public on important issues affecting giving into the next century.

I'm taking the liberty of enclosing the First Lady's speech to the Democracy Conference in Warsaw. Thanks 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

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CHARLES STEWART
MOTT FOUNDATION

WILLIAM S. WHITE
PRESIDENT

September 2, 1999

The Honorable Melanne Verveer
Assistant to the President and
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melanne:

Let me cover three items:

1. Attached to this letter is a report from Sharon Tennison, President of the Center for Citizen Initiatives in San Francisco. Perhaps you know Sharon. She has been to Russia over 70 times and has been the brainchild behind quite a few of the microenterprise programs the U.S. government has funded and which I believe the First Lady may have visited. She is one of the most enthusiastic go-getters I have ever met in my life and, more importantly, she is ordinary folk. Her report provides a little glimmer of light amongst all the dark clouds regarding Russia. It is easy to scan and, in dealing with Russia, at times you need encouragement.
2. Elan Garonzik, our Mott program officer in the Civil Society area, and Marilyn LeFeber, our Vice President-Communications, are working with Malcolm Richardson, of the White House Millennium Council, on providing some telelink services for the October 2nd White House Conference on Philanthropy.

The Honorable Melanne Verveer

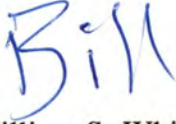
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3. I am looking at my schedule to see whether I can make it over to Warsaw to hear about the last ten years of transition. I know the First Lady is scheduled to be there.

All in all, I hope you had a good summer.

Sincerely,



William S. White

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 25, 1999

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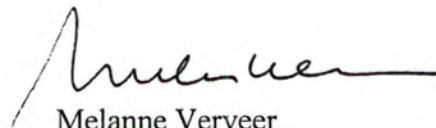
Dear Mr. Wilder and Mr. Chettle:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your letter and kind invitation for Mrs. Clinton to accept the 1999 Nelson Mandela Award for Outstanding Leadership, which Esther Coopersmith extended. She is deeply honored by your invitation.

I have forwarded the request to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady. As plans for the coming year are completed, she will be in a better position to know Mrs. Clinton's upcoming schedule commitments and whether she will be able to accept your invitation in a timely period. Please let us know about possible dates for the event.

Very best wishes.

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
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September 7, 1999

TRANSMITTED BY COURIER

Mrs. Hilary Rodham Clinton
c/o The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

It is with great pride and pleasure that we write on behalf of the Medical University of Southern Africa, the premier black health institution in South Africa and indeed on the African continent, to ask you to accept our 1999 Award of the Nelson Mandela Award for Outstanding Leadership at a dinner to be held later this year in your honor. We are most appreciative of the help of Mrs. Esther Coopersmith, a member of the Medunsa Board, in communicating this invitation to you.

This Award may be the most distinguished given by any South African institution. It was made for the first time in 1995, to Mr. Thabo Mbeki, then Deputy President of South Africa, and now President of the country, with the Award being presented by the Secretary of Commerce, the late Ron Brown. In the following year Mr. Mbeki personally presented the Award to Vice-President Al Gore, at a dinner attended by five South African Cabinet Ministers and three U.S. Cabinet Secretaries.

In 1998, former Secretary of Health and Human Services Louis Sullivan made the presentation to then Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, and last year Surgeon-General David Satcher presented the Award to Mr. Jacob Zuma, now Deputy President of South Africa.

We would be honored if you were prepared to add further distinction to this University by accepting the Award.

Mrs. Hilary Rodham Clinton
September 7, 1999
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This Award has also been discussed with Ambassador Sisulu who has expressed the great pleasure of the South African Embassy, and her willingness to participate in the dinner. Ambassador Sisulu regards the Award as a singularly appropriate example of the deepening relationship between the two countries, and of the special interest and concern you have shown for Africa, for health issues, and for those in our societies who are less fortunate.

It is a concern shared by the Medical University of Southern Africa. In the twenty-one years since it first admitted students, it has graduated more than 60 percent of all the African doctors who have ever graduated in South Africa, and more than 60 percent of all the black allied health personnel.

These include not only doctors and dentists, but physiotherapists, nurses, radiographers, laboratory technicians, and the full range of health professionals. The Medical University, known universally as Medunsa, is represented in the United States by the Medunsa Trust, Inc., a 501(c)(3) foundation supported by many distinguished Americans, including African-Americans who have made an almost legendary contribution to medical knowledge.

It is the site of the new National School of Public Health in South Africa, the only such institution on the African continent, and a demonstration of the government's determination to bring better primary health care to the poor, the rural and the disadvantaged.

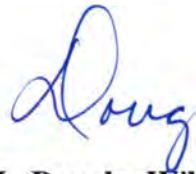
It has also achieved excellence, and was also the site last year of the most successful cranial separation yet attempted of two Siamese twins joined at the head, a very rare operation performed by a Medunsa team assisted by Dr. Ben Carson of Johns Hopkins University.

It has very significant ties to major U.S. universities, including the four historically African-American medical schools, and last year it was awarded a grant by the National Institute of Mental Health, in conjunction with Harvard and the University of Michigan, to use the resources of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission to investigate the impact of torture.

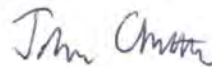
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Medunsa is, in short, a great African success story. It is a wonderful example – perhaps one of the best we have -- of meaningful and profound cooperation between the United States and Africa. It would be singularly appropriate if we were able to honor you with the Nelson Mandela Award, and you us by accepting it.

Sincerely yours,



L. Douglas Wilder
Chairman of the Board



John H. Chettle
Secretary and General Counsel

cc: Ambassador Sheila Sisulu
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 2, 1999

William S. White
President
Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
1200 Mott Foundation Building
Flint, MI 48502-1851

Dear Bill:

Always good to see you! Thanks for participating in our philanthropy conference. Thank you too for your letter and the information about the Mott Foundation's involvement with YouthBuild.

It is a program with which we are very familiar and for which we wish resources could be greater. The Mott Foundation's support is vital.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Melanne'.

Melanne Vermeer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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From: Jean Simi

Sent by: Jean Simi

Date: October 21, 1999

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Ms. Veveer:

Because of the many critical decisions being made in Washington every day, I thought it might be prudent to fax you the attached copy of William S. White's letter supportive of YouthBuild. The original copy will be coming to you via U.S. mail.

Jean Simi, Assistant
to William S. White
(jsimi@mott.org)

Please call (810) 238-5651, if you do not receive the complete transmittal.

CHARLES STEWART
MOTT FOUNDATION

WILLIAM S. WHITE
PRESIDENT

October 21, 1999

The Honorable Melanne Verveer
Assistant to the President and
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melanne:

I hope all is well with you. Hopefully our paths will cross again soon. I am writing just to let you and Mrs. Clinton know about a truly inspiring event I was able to attend the other day. I'm referring to the 20th anniversary celebration in New York City for YouthBuild. The event reminded me of what a treasure the YouthBuild program is for our young people and our communities. YouthBuild is reaching thousands of kids every year through more than 130 local affiliates that make up the YouthBuild USA network. I'm proud to say that Mott was one of the funders that helped YouthBuild, which began as a local program, go nationwide. Since YouthBuild USA never could have achieved its success without the support of those in Washington who believe in this effort, I wanted to make sure you were aware of the milestone YouthBuild has reached.

Dorothy Stoneman, the founder and guiding spirit of YouthBuild, asked me to say a few words during the anniversary celebration. I decided to start where I often end my speeches, with a quote from a 17th century English church:

"A vision, without a task is a dream.
A task without a vision is drudgery,
but a vision with a task is the hope of the world."

If I had to sum up that saying in one word, it would be YouthBuild. The YouthBuild slogan says it all — "Young people want real jobs rebuilding their communities." That's it in a nutshell. Vision. Task. Hope. Frankly, in all my years in the foundation world — and I must admit I've been at it even longer than YouthBuild has — I've never witnessed a more focused and effective youth development program.

The Honorable Melanne Verveer

October 21, 1999

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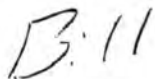
YouthBuild views young people positively. It views them as producers and contributors to society, and realizes that they have tremendous talent that, given the right opportunity, can be unleashed to help build community. YouthBuild gives a kid a hammer and a saw and a new set of educational opportunities and skills, and lots of love. Given those resources, a young person who some may have viewed as a threat to society turns out to be the most precious resource any society can have: a motivated young man or woman with the skills to do a job and the vision to be a caring, engaged citizen. That's YouthBuild, and it's an amazing thing to behold.

For that reason, on October 18, I announced a new \$4 million Mott Foundation grant to YouthBuild. We hope this support will help YouthBuild continue its critical work as a catalyst for hope and for the future. I was very happy to be joined on the podium that evening by Senator Kerry of Massachusetts, representing the public sector, and major corporate supporters of YouthBuild as well. It's those kinds of cross-sector partnerships can will keep YouthBuild strong in the next century.

I think we all — the philanthropic sector, the business world, and government — share a responsibility for ensuring that this work goes on and continues to grow. Our young people need it, our communities need it, and this nation needs it. My guess is that in saying this to you, I'm preaching to the choir. But nonetheless, the event in New York filled me with the YouthBuild spirit, so I thought I ought to pass it on.

All the best.

Sincerely,



William S. White

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