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November 3, 1999

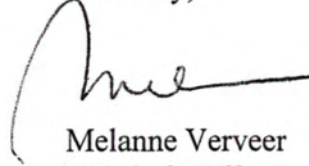
Carrie Wofford  
118 6<sup>th</sup> Street, SE  
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Carrie:

Thank you for your thoughtful note. It is wonderful to hear how well you did at Georgetown and how well you are now doing at Yale. Congratulations on all your many achievements.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer  
Chief of Staff to  
the First Lady

Dear Melanne —

10.23.99

I wanted to thank you again — a year plus later — for your recommendation for me for law school. As you may recall, Yale Law offered me a conditional acceptance as a transfer if I was successful in my first year elsewhere. I believe that conditional offer was largely due to letters from you and others I had worked for.

I ended up absolutely loving my first year of law school (I may be the only one!) and had a lot of luck on exams and wound up 2nd in my class. So Yale has taken me in, and I'm enjoying it very much! Such an interesting student body. (many hold PhD's in other fields and make the

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class discussions so interesting!) And the professors are great and so much more accessible than at a large school like Georgetown. Although I liked Georgetown quite a bit, I am happy at Yale and wanted to write to thank you again for your letter.

I've been thinking a lot about all of you working hard in New York. I'm a little overwhelmed this semester but would like to make time to help you all next semester. I'll be in touch.

All my best to your terrific crew!

Yours,

Carrie Wofford

118 6th St SE  
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Office of The First Lady  
The White House  
Washington, DC  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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November 30, 1999

Margareta Winberg  
Ministry of Industry, Employment and Communications  
SE-103 33 Stockholm  
Sweden

Dear Minister Winberg:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your many kind words about the Vital Voices Conference in Iceland and the importance of the issues that were discussed. With respect to your kind invitation to Mrs. Clinton, it is unlikely that she will be able to visit Sweden early next year, as her schedule is already very full. However, should there be an opportunity for Mrs. Clinton to accept your kind invitation, we will be in touch with you.

Please accept the First Lady's appreciation for your important contribution to the conference, and all your vital work as Minister for Gender Equity. Very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer  
Chief of Staff to  
the First Lady



REGERINGSKANSLIET

25 October 1999

Ministry of Industry, Employment and  
Communications  
Stockholm, Sweden

*Minister for Gender Equality Affairs*

The First Lady  
Mrs Hillary Rodham Clinton  
The White House  
WASHINGTON DC 20500  
USA

Dear Mrs Clinton,

With reference to our meeting in Reykjavik at the Conference on Women and Democracy at the Dawn of the New Millennium, I would like to begin by saying that I found the Conference most rewarding. The themes taken up during the Conference were all very important and these initiatives and meetings to discuss and share experiences on how to strengthen the role of women in society and within the family are crucial for enhancing equality between women and men.

Your commitment to these questions – and that of all the others participating in the conference – is very important for women around the world. It gives hope to all those who have not come as far in this area as some of the developed countries.

But as I said at the conference, even if we have come far, we still have a long way to go before we can say that women and men in our societies are equal. In this respect we can learn from each other how to deal with different questions such as how to promote equal opportunities in the private sector, how social security systems either encourage women's participation in the labour market or hinder it, or how to encourage men to participate in the struggle for equal opportunities between women and men.

Referring to my invitation to you at our meeting in Reykjavik I would like to formally invite you to Sweden some time in the spring or autumn next year, or at a time convenient to you.

I would like to put forward the suggestion for our meeting that we arrange a bilateral seminar on equality between women and men. An emphasis could perhaps be put on how to reconcile work and family, and that a prerequisite for this is a well-functioning social security system

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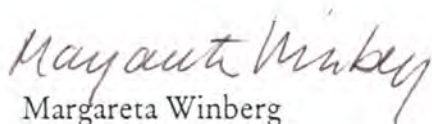
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and a good child-care system. In Sweden we have some experience in these fields which could be of interest to you. At the same time we would be very interested to hear how the private business sector in your country deals with the question of reconciling work and family. I am also convinced that the involvement of men in the work to achieve equality, which in my opinion is of the utmost importance, is another topic for discussion.

I look forward to meeting you again in Sweden.

Sincerely yours,

  
Margareta Winberg

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WASHINGTON

December 10, 1999

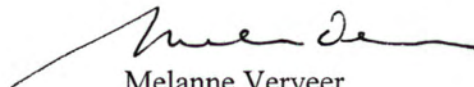
Robert Dale Wilson  
Wilson & Wilson  
1155 15<sup>th</sup> Street, NW #815  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Thank you for your letter and recommending Jack Huttner's appointment to the President's Advisory Committee on Biomass. I have forwarded your recommendation to the appropriate office and know they will give Mr. Huttner every consideration.

Best wishes.

Very best wishes,

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

Melanne Verveer  
Chief of Staff to  
the First Lady

## WILSON &amp; WILSON

## TRANSMITTAL VIA FACSIMILE

DATE: November 30, 1999

TO: Ms. Melanne Verveer, Chief of Staff, Office of Ms. Clinton

FROM: Robert Dale Wilson, Counselor At Law

I provide counsel on Washington matters to Genencor, Inc., the sixth largest biotechnology firm in the United States, and in that regard work closely with its Vice President, Mr. Jack Huttner who is based in Rochester, New York.

I'm sending this brief note in hope that Ms. Clinton or you may be of help to Mr. Huttner in securing a position of leadership on the new Advisory Committee on Biomass. The group is being formed now by OSTP and Department of Energy officials and is scheduled to meet in January, 2000.

Jack Huttner and his wife Nora Bredes have been active supporters of President and Ms. Clinton for quite some time. As a result, when Nora ran for Congress from the NY first district two years ago, Ms. Clinton appeared at a fund raiser with her at the University of Stony Brook. More recently, earlier this month, Jack met Ms. Clinton at the NY Biotechnology Association meeting in New York City.

Jack has been quite active in supporting and organizing industrial support for the President's Executive Order on Biomass, primarily with work with the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and the BOP Council for Environmental Quality.

Jack has served on a number of boards and commissions including those of the New York Academy of Medicine, New York Academy of Sciences, Columbia University's Audubon Science and Technology Park, and the Councils for Biotechnology at Stony Brook University and Cornell University. He is also Chairman of the Industrial and Environmental Section of BIO (Biotechnology Industry Organization) and represents US industry to the OECD Task Force on Biotechnology for Sustainable Industrial Development. He is also a trustee of the New York Hall of Science.

Any assistance from Ms. Clinton or you in securing Chair or Vice Chair of this new advisory committee would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to call me for any additional information you might need.

Regards -

Robt Wilson

THE WHITE HOUSE  
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November 13, 1999

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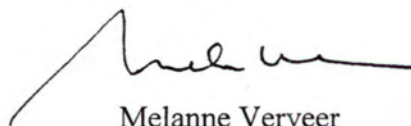
Dear Bill:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you for your letter and the information about Project HOPE's program to assist earthquake victims in Turkey.

When they visited Turkey recently, President and Mrs. Clinton saw first-hand some of the vital relief work on behalf of those in need. Please accept our appreciation for your leadership and all Project HOPE's important work around the globe.

Very best wishes and thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer  
Chief of Staff to  
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WILLIAM B. WALSH  
President and Chief Executive Officer

November 12, 1999

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton  
First Lady of the United States

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

Congratulations on your visit to Israel. We were happy to hear that you visited the Schneider Children's Medical Center. They cooperate with Project HOPE in various international programs.

In view of the tragic August earthquake in Turkey and the continuing aftershocks I wanted you and the President to be aware of a program that we will begin soon on behalf of the people suffering mental and physical handicaps. I know that you will be briefed on American efforts and hope that you will find this background information helpful.

Attached is a letter I have forwarded to Ambassador Parris explaining the unique partnership that the United States, Israel, and Turkey are about to begin together.

Best wishes,



William B. Walsh

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Enclosure



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Via Fax - 011 90 312 468 4775

November 12, 1999

The Honorable  
Mark Parris  
U. S. Ambassador to Turkey  
American Embassy Ankara  
PSC 93  
Box 5000  
APO AE 09823

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

I am writing to introduce Project HOPE as well as a rehabilitation project serving the earthquake victims that will soon be underway. I know that our good friend Israeli Ambassador to Turkey, Uri Bar-Ner, has mentioned it to you.

Given both the President's visit and the recent unrelenting aftershocks, I wanted to tell you about Project HOPE's strong commitment. We are excited because of the importance of the goals and the unusual international collaboration that is making this program possible. After you have had the opportunity to learn more about the program, we hope that you will consider endorsing our efforts.

Project HOPE is a global international health foundation dedicated to the improvement of health care. Founded in 1958 in the United States, HOPE's philosophy is one of helping people to help themselves. We assist nations and communities in the development of their health care services emphasizing the education of health professionals and technical staff and the development of sustainable improvements in the health care infrastructure. HOPE has capabilities in virtually all health disciplines maintaining a permanent staff of health professionals as well as linkages with leading medical centers throughout the world. We have worked in 70 nations during our 42-year history. Current efforts include a broad range of initiatives serving 25 nations including communities in Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Russia, China, southern Africa, Latin America, and the United States. We look forward to Turkey becoming a part of HOPE's worldwide efforts.



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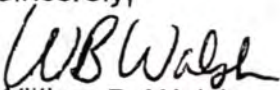
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The program goal is to address the needs of people suffering physical and mental handicaps. This will be accomplished by the development of an outpatient rehabilitation treatment and training center in the earthquake zone, staffed by Turkish rehabilitation professionals as well as advisors from the USA and Israel. Also, Project HOPE and our partners will provide Turkish health professionals opportunities for fellowships at rehabilitation centers in Israel and the United States. It is upon the shoulders of these social and health professionals as well as the Government of Turkey where the responsibility for the handicapped resides for the long term.

A HOPE team came to Turkey soon after the August 17<sup>th</sup> earthquake at the invitation of Turkish health authorities as well as a member of our European Board, Mr. Hüsnü M. Özyegin, Chairman of Finansbank. Their assignment was to identify appropriate short-term and long-term measures and to work out a collaborative relationship with the Israeli teams. Project HOPE has worked with the Israeli government (MASHAV) in the past in certain programs. We thought that a long-term program bolstered by resources from the United States, Israel, and Turkey had a maximum chance of not only reaching people, but also developing sustainable improvements in Turkish capabilities to meet the needs of disabled peoples in general.

Thanks to Ambassador Bar-Ner's efforts, we have developed the interest of the Turkish government at a very high level. Mr. Özyegin is mobilizing support and participation from the private and non-government organization sectors. HOPE is currently coordinating the effort of both Israel and USA health professional teams finalizing program plans together. It is our collective goal to have a signed agreement in the next few weeks. I plan to be in Ankara on November 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and hope that we can meet at that time.

Sincerely,

  
William B. Walsh

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Cc: Uri Bar-Ner  
Hüsnü M. Özyegin

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 31, 2000

Hon. Anthony Williams  
Office of the Mayor  
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Washington, DC 20001

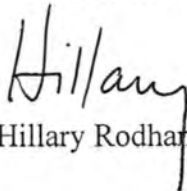
Dear Mr. Mayor:

Over the past year, I have met several times with the leaders of our national cultural institutions, representatives of the Federal City Council, and others who are supporting the creation of a National Music Museum in Washington, DC.

I believe that the proposed project would be a tremendous asset to our Nation's Capital and contribute significantly to the ongoing revitalization of downtown Washington. I am pleased the Library of Congress and the Smithsonian have agreed to share their considerable collections with this endeavor, and that the Kennedy Center would assist on the performing arts component. Moreover, when I and others participated in a press conference to inaugurate the concept of a National Music Museum, Nancy Sinatra joined us to announce that the Sinatra collection would come to the Nation's Capital when this idea became a reality. I am confident that her announcement is but one indication of the wonderful possibilities that a National Music Museum could afford.

The Administration has supported federal funds for study and design in order to develop this proposal. It is my hope that working closely with you, Mr. Mayor, we might be able to advance this historic project in the coming months. I am happy to assist in any way that I can.

With best wishes,

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Hillary Rodham Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 7, 2000

Ambassador Joseph C. Wilson IV  
JC Wilson International Ventures Corp.  
1717 Pennsylvania Ave., NW #300  
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Joe:

Congratulations on your two new arrivals! I've passed your note on to the President and First Lady and know they'll be elated to hear your work continues to be so productive.

We all miss you here. Our very best wishes to you and Valerie. We hope we'll see you sometime.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer  
Chief of Staff to  
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AMBASSADOR JOSEPH C. WILSON, IV

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Dear Melanne,

The enclosed will  
bring you up to  
date on what I  
have been doing  
since we got back  
from Africa.

I would appreciate  
your passing the  
note to the Potus  
and Flofus. Many  
Thanks. Joe

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 8, 2000

Ms. Betsey Wright  
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Rogers, AR 72756

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Dear Betsey:

It was terrific to see you at the World Bank and I feel much more secure having your address and phone numbers.

Vital Voices anticipates some training in political leadership for women from the Baltics next month and it's possible we will have several additional sessions before the end of the year. Either I or Theresa Loar (et al) at the State Department will be in touch to see what's possible for you.

In the meantime, all the best.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer  
Chief of Staff to  
the First Lady

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## Betsey Wright

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February 22, 2000

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

Dear Melanne:

I was so glad you had time to come to the luncheon Jan hosted for the Vital Voices women. It was a treat to get to see you there. In fact, the entire event was a treat for me. I am so grateful that Jan never forgets that my first priority is the empowerment of women, and that she included me.

You mentioned that there might be a way for me to be involved in political training/motivation. This is both my favorite activity and something I do very well.

I don't know if you had anything in mind in particular, but I would be so grateful if you could advise me on ways to plug in or people you would suggest I see.

I'll be back on the east coast around March 10<sup>th</sup> (I get to be a judge this year for Good Housekeeping's Award for Women in Government, and we meet in New York then,) so that would be a really good time for me to do follow-up.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Yours truly,





CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE FIRST LADY

Dear General

The attached invitation was sent  
to our office in hopes that we could  
get it to you for your consideration. The  
First Lady led an event with Child Line  
last year. It's a fine endeavor.

Sincerely,

Michael Deane



ChildLine

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The Hon. Melanne Verveer,  
Assistant to the President & Chief of Staff to the First Lady,  
Office of the First Lady,  
The White House,  
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Washington DC,  
20500,  
U.S.A.

14<sup>th</sup> March 2000

*Dear Melanne*

Last summer we held a remarkable Conference in London about children and the law, entitled "Hearing Children's Voices". We were extremely fortunate that Cherie Booth QC agreed to chair the Conference, and the First Lady, Mrs Hillary Clinton, was our Keynote Speaker. As a consequence of attracting such distinguished guests, the Conference was immensely influential. It has resulted in a real change in attitude towards children, which may well mean changes in the law so that they are adequately protected from criminal abuse. At the time of the Conference, Mrs Clinton was immensely kind and generous about ChildLine and about ChildLine's work for children. It is for this reason that I am writing to ask if she would be prepared to do us another enormous favour.

This autumn we are hoping to hold a conference about bullying, and once again we are delighted that Cherie Booth has agreed to chair it for us. We know, of course, that Mrs Clinton will be far too involved in her political work to be able to join us. However, Ms Booth has suggested to us that we might invite Oprah Winfrey, who is a tremendous advocate for abused children. I have no way of contacting Ms Winfrey, and am nervous that we may not be able to find a way through what must be a huge daily postbag. I enclose a letter of invitation to her. I wondered whether it might be at all possible for Mrs Clinton to send it on, perhaps with a few words endorsing ChildLine's role in this country? Otherwise I am afraid Ms Winfrey may never have heard of us, and I have no other way of establishing our credentials with her.

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Please pass on my very best wishes to the First Lady, and say we all remember her contribution to our Conference with pleasure and gratitude.

Thank you so much for your help  
With best wishes

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The White House,  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue,  
Washington DC,  
20500,  
U.S.A.

14<sup>th</sup> March 2000

*Dear Oprah Winfrey*

I hope you will forgive me writing to you on behalf of one of Britain's major children's charities. ChildLine is a free national telephone helpline for children in trouble or danger. We were launched in 1986, and have counselled more than one million children. We have bases all over the United Kingdom, and train our volunteer counsellors to listen, comfort and protect the children who ring us, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. From the beginning, the biggest single problem children have rung us about has been abuse, sexual, physical and emotional. They tell us their problems when they dare not ask for help anywhere else. We have saved lives, we have broken paedophile rings, we have rescued children from danger and made them safe.

Another very common problem children ring us about is bullying. Some of it is racial, but children are bullied for a wide variety of reasons, or no reason at all. Bullying can cause the most intense suffering, even drive a child to suicide. For this reason, Cherie Booth QC, the Prime Minister's wife, has agreed to chair a Conference on Bullying for us in London this autumn. We intend to invite experts from countries round the world who can describe new strategies to combat bullying. We wondered whether you might agree to join us as our Keynote Speaker? It would be the most effective possible way of putting the Conference onto the national agenda, and encouraging the public to recognise the importance of protecting children from this scourge. Would you consider it? We would, of course, arrange flights and accommodation. Our possible dates are Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

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At our last Conference last summer on children and the law, the First Lady, Mrs Hillary Clinton, graciously agreed to be our Keynote Speaker. I have therefore asked whether it would be possible for her to endorse this invitation, because she knows our work, she is immensely kind and generous about it, and her presence at our Conference was hugely effective.

*With very best wishes*

*Yours sincerely*

*Esther Rantzen*

Esther Rantzen OBE  
Chairman

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 26, 2000

Marie C. Wilson  
President  
The White House Project  
110 Wall Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10005

Dear Marie,

Thank you so much for "President Barbie" who, has taken up in a prominent place in our office for all to see. Let's hope she's a reminder of future success for women at the higher levels.

Very best wishes to the Project and all it does to inspire the nation.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer  
Chief of Staff to  
the First Lady

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May 4, 2000

Mr. Timothy E. Wirth  
President  
United Nations Foundation  
1301 Connecticut Ave., NW #700  
Washington, DC 20036

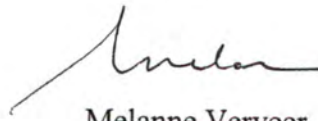
Dear Tim,

Thank you for your thoughtful note and many kind words. I was delighted that you and Wren were able to join us for the family planning event. Of course, it was made to order for you!

You should take great satisfaction in knowing that your leadership continues to mean so much to so many.

Very best wishes and thanks for all you do.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer  
Chief of Staff to  
the First Lady

UNITED NATIONS FOUNDATION

TIMOTHY E. WIRTH  
PRESIDENT

Melanne -

When Wuth is the ultimate test:

"But White House event I have ever  
been to."

Well done & thank you - it  
was a 12 on a 10 scale.

See you soon

Tim

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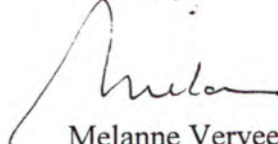
Mr. Charles C. Bergman  
Chairman of the Board  
The Pollock-Krasner Foundation  
863 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Charlie:

Thank you so much for the copy of the Foundation's Millennium Report, which I read with interest and have shared with my colleagues. You should take great satisfaction in knowing the Foundation is making such an important contribution to the arts. Thank you for your leadership and all you do.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer  
Chief of Staff to  
the First Lady

  
THE POLLOCK-KRASNER FOUNDATION, INC.

We invite you to share this Millennium  
Report with your colleagues and with  
others who might be interested in  
helping artists.

To Melanne -  
For your interest. I  
welcome your comments  
on this report.

Compliments of

Charles C. Bergman

Regards,  
Charlie

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NEW YORK, NY 10021

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May 10, 2000

Ms. Joan D. Winship  
Senior Program Officer, The Stanley Foundation  
209 Iowa Avenue  
Muscatine, IA 52761

Dear Joan:

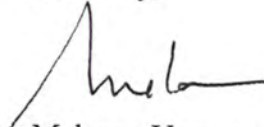
Thank you for your letter and many kind words. You have been such a leader on issues relating to women's progress around the world. We are grateful to you in more ways than I can count for bringing the Stanley Foundation to all the activities surrounding the Beijing process and Vital Voices.

Enclosed are some photos from the reception here at the White House. Please accept them with our best wishes.

Thank you for your leadership and all you have done and for all you will do in your new position.

*Melanne*

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer  
Chief of Staff to  
the First Lady



February 25, 2000

Ms. Melanne Verveer  
Assistant to the President  
Chief of Staff to the First Lady  
Office of the First Lady  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Melanne:

Let me thank you again for your participation in the *Vital Voices: Analyzing the Process, Building for the Future* conference. I know that it was difficult for many of you to take time out of busy schedules to be with us. But I believe we were successful in sharing our thoughts and experiences, and in helping develop strategies to move the Vital Voices process forward in the future.

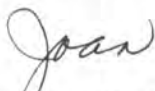
We are enclosing a contact list of all participants, bios for those for whom we received information, and an evaluation form which we would like to receive back from you. It is always helpful for us at the foundation to have input on our conferences and the facilities we use in order to plan for future events that we convene. Elaine Schilling and I thank you for your input.

As soon as possible we will send you the report from the conference as well as other follow up information, including any photographs we are able to share. If you would like additional copies of any Stanley Foundation publications provided at the conference, please let Elaine know either by email ([eschilling@stanleyfdn.org](mailto:eschilling@stanleyfdn.org)) or by fax (319-264-0864).

I hope you enjoyed your participation in all the meetings and activities of last week. It was energizing and inspiring to hear about the work everyone is doing and to share our strategies for the future. It was a true privilege to work with you and to get to know you.

Best wishes in your work and do keep in touch.

Sincerely yours,

  
Joan D. Winship  
Senior Program Officer

Enclosures

*Thank you for all your  
help & support!*

*Eric -  
Can you call &  
see if we  
should write  
to her in  
Iowa?*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
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November 14, 2000

Mr. Larry Wilker  
President  
The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts  
2700 F Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20566-0001

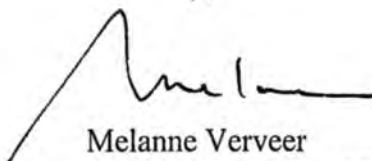
Dear Larry:

I regret that I will not be able to join your many friends and admirers to toast your years of distinguished leadership of the Kennedy Center.

The President and the First Lady have been extremely supportive of the Kennedy Center, and it has been a pleasure for me to work with you to further their commitment. During your tenure, you have had the satisfaction of seeing the Kennedy Center achieve new levels of distinction.

As I wing my way to Vietnam for the President's historic visit, I join with the Kennedy Center family in saying thanks and wishing you all the best.

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Sincerely,

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

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 5, 2000

Todd Weiler  
Vice President of Communications and Technology  
Communities in Schools  
277 South Washington St., #210  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Todd:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you belatedly for your letter and kind invitation for Mrs. Clinton to visit the CIS/Cisco Networking Academy in Harlem.

It is not certain whether Mrs. Clinton will be able to accept your invitation. But I have forwarded your request both to our scheduling office and to the staff overseeing Mrs. Clinton's Senate transition office. As she assumes her duties as Senator and sets a schedule for the coming year, I know the invitation will be given every consideration.

Making sure everyone has an opportunity to bridge the digital divide is important for so many reasons. Thank you for all you do.

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

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September 25, 2000

Hillary Rodham Clinton  
First Lady of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

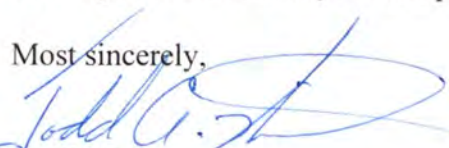
As you know, Communities In Schools now has a nationwide impact in helping young people prepare for life. More than 240 school districts have embraced the support offered by CIS. It is a long road from CIS' early days in Arkansas, and I know that Bill Milliken remains thankful for all the assistance you and your husband gave him as he started up the program there.

Recently, our efforts in New York City have really borne fruit. We are serving more than 60,000 students and their families throughout the five boroughs. CIS of New York works closely with one of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's "community builders," Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement. This partnership addresses job training and works to bridge the digital divide for Harlem youth and families. You certainly know that Harlem suffers from an alarming economic crisis, with unemployment rates for those 18-25 ranging as high as 40 percent.

I invite you to visit one of our CIS programs in Harlem – the CIS/Cisco Networking Academy. We have partnered with Cisco Systems for the last two years to create Networking Academies in CIS sites across the country. These programs provide a 280-hour web-based curriculum that teaches high school and community college students how to design, build and maintain computer networks. This addresses the current shortage of information technology workers in the United States, and at the same time assists schools in the installation and maintenance of their own networks.

A visit from you would represent a terrific vote of confidence for our CIS Networking Academy students in Harlem. I hope you can find time in your busy schedule to see the wonderful work that these young people are doing. I will be in touch with your scheduler next week to see if the visit can be arranged. Thank you again for all you have done for CIS, and I wish you the very best success in your campaign.

Most sincerely,



Todd Weiler

Vice President of Communications and Technology



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### The Five CIS Basics

Every child **needs** and **deserves**:

- a **one-on-one relationship** with a caring adult;
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- a **healthy start** in life;
- a **marketable skill** to use upon graduation; and
- a **chance to give back** to peers and community.



**Todd Weiler**

Chief Information Officer

**COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS, INC.**

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## Who We Are

### The Communities In Schools Network

*The mission of CIS is to champion the connection of needed community resources with schools to help young people successfully learn, stay in school, and prepare for life.*

Millions of young people have lost the traditional safety nets that previously provided love and security even when the nuclear family was in trouble. Extended families, close-knit neighborhoods, a church, a synagogue or mosque – all could be counted on to respond when these kids cried out for help. But now, the safety net is too often stretched to the breaking point.

Our society has tried to respond to this crisis with fragmented solutions. We deal with symptoms – poverty, drugs, illiteracy – as if each could be cured on its own. But only one thing will cure the symptoms of disconnection. That is *community*. We need to build a new community around kids, a new safety net.

Communities In Schools creates that community. By bringing existing resources, services, parents and volunteers into a school, we meet children's needs so that they can concentrate on learning. Founded in 1977, Communities In Schools (formerly known as Cities In Schools) is today the nation's largest stay-in-school network. CIS relocates community service providers to work as a personalized team serving alongside teachers, principals, volunteers and mentors – connecting the schools with the resources that students need most.

**Local CIS operations** are independently incorporated, nonprofit community-, city- or county-wide public/private partnership organizations. They address the stay-in-school

problem within their communities (and related problems affecting youth and their families) by adapting the CIS process to the needs and resources of the community.

**Local CIS projects** are the individual education sites that make up a local CIS operation. The project's team of assigned and relocated staff connects the community's existing resources with students and their families.

**State CIS organizations** replicate the CIS stay-in-school strategy as widely as possible within a state, and secure state-level resources and networking for the individual CIS communities within the state.

**CIS affiliates** are pre-existing organizations or movements, developed independently from CIS. They are partnering with CIS because their missions meet the intent and spirit of CIS and are compatible in philosophy, principle and operations.

The **national office** of Communities In Schools, Inc. in Alexandria, VA, helps create and support local and state CIS organizations. CIS, Inc. offers training and technical assistance through its **field support centers in Chicago, Houston, and Alexandria, VA**. A training curriculum for communities interested in replicating the CIS model is offered at selected training locations nationwide and through CIS, Inc.'s multi-track training events.

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# CIS at a Glance

## *The CIS Basics*

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- < a **chance to give back** to peers and community.

## *Some Facts about the CIS Network*

- < **More than 1 million** students and their families will have access to CIS services during the 1999-2000 school year
- < **154** local CIS programs in **32** states and the District of Columbia
- < An additional **84** communities developing new CIS programs
- < **More than 1,500** school sites in **243** school districts served by CIS

## **Here's What Our Partners Are Saying About CIS:**

"You've got the right people, you've got the right partners, and you're in the right place – the schools."

*Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith, Professor, Harvard University*

"Not one of my students dropped out of my school this year. I credit that totally to Communities In Schools."

*Hector Beltram, Principal, Meacham Middle School, Fort Worth, TX*

"There's nothing more basic than children's futures. CIS is doing a terrific job of helping kids stay in school and graduate with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills."

*John Morgridge, Chair of Cisco Systems, Inc.*

"Students need marketable skills and a safe place to learn and grow. The HUD-Communities In Schools Partnership ensures that thousands of children will be able to stay in school and graduate with the skills needed for the jobs of tomorrow. It is a partnership that ensures that no child will be left behind."

*Andrew Cuomo, Secretary of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development*

For more information, contact **Communities In Schools, Inc.**, at 703/519-8999 or 800/CIS-4KIDS; or at our website, [www.cisnet.org](http://www.cisnet.org).



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## Creating a Workforce of the Future: The HUD/CIS Partnership

Communities In Schools, Inc. has a long-standing history of partnerships with the federal government that support, enhance and expand the nationwide network of local and state CIS programs. This is in keeping with the CIS philosophy of public/private partnership, which CIS, Inc. strives to maintain at the national level, just as it urges CIS practitioners to do at the local and state levels.

**Creating a Workforce of the Future: The National CIS Community Development Program** is a partnership between Communities In Schools, Inc. and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Community Planning and Development.

The partnership, which began in October 1998, enables CIS to increase the number of students reached, and help these young people join the workforce of the future through the innovative use of technology, training and outreach efforts. This \$5 million cooperative agreement with HUD, using CIS' partnership with the Cisco Foundation and Cisco Systems, enables CIS to target and expand training opportunities for CIS students and their families, especially those living in public housing, Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities.

A national **Workforce of the Future Conference** was held in Houston, TX, July 9-12, 1999. Participants included technology corporations and representatives, CIS local and state program representatives, students, Cisco Systems representatives, HUD representatives, EZ/EC representatives and residents and officials of public housing.

CIS is using mapped data showing the locations of other HUD initiatives and partners to expand existing CIS operations and create new CIS sites. The goal is for the number of schools directly served by the CIS network to increase to 1,400 by September 1999, with particular attention paid to the creation of sites in and near public housing.

HUD-CIS-Cisco funding is being leveraged to obtain additional public and private funds. These funds support local programs and efforts aimed at helping CIS reach its goal of providing a marketable skill to every student upon graduation. The CIS network is being expanded to allow more youth and their families to take advantage of technology training. A critical element of reaching that goal is to use the CIS-Cisco Networking Academy curriculum to train students for network-engineering positions and other careers in technology.

By May 1999, more than 5,000 CIS-Cisco Networking Academies were training students, and CIS is targeting EZ/EC and public housing sites for replication. As a result, it is anticipated that 170 local operational CIS programs in over 1,500 schools will be reaching 750,000 young people by the end of 1999.

CIS, Inc. continues to encourage local collaboration among CIS programs and specific HUD-sponsored initiatives, identifying new opportunities for local growth consistent with the strategic plan of the local CIS operation. There are currently CIS programs in nine Empowerment Zones. An additional 38 EZ/EC communities have been targeted by CIS Field Support Centers for replication efforts.

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Another major priority of the CIS-HUD partnership is to **enhance the capacity of CIS state offices** to meet local community needs. CIS, Inc. is developing and supporting 18 CIS state offices and planning further state office development. By supporting a strong network of CIS state offices, the CIS national infrastructure is both broadened and deepened to better provide community support.

The growing network of CIS state and local programs requires a high-quality supportive infrastructure at the national level. Through the CIS-HUD

partnership, CIS, Inc. continues to provide **training and technical assistance services** to supplement the capacity of CIS state and local CIS offices and programs. CIS, Inc. also provides **evaluation and reporting mechanisms, electronic connectivity, and public relations support** to this expanding CIS network.

*For more information on the CIS-HUD partnership, visit the CIS, Inc. Web site at [www.cisnet.org](http://www.cisnet.org) or call 800/CIS-4KIDS.*

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# Network Report: 1999

## CIS Operational Programs

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## **Communities In Schools, New York**

*Dr. Roy J. Blash  
Executive Director*

Communities In Schools, New York (C.I.S.N.Y.) is a not-for-profit corporation that connects students at risk of dropping out of school with community resources. C.I.S.N.Y. is a member of the Communities In Schools network, a national organization operating in 32 states and providing access to services for more than 1 million students and their families each year.

Communities In Schools, New York draws upon a vast network of service providers, charities, faith-based organizations and corporate partnerships. C.I.S.N.Y. works in more than 60 schools to provide services to more than 50,000 students. More than 20 major partnerships in the city help to create a caring environment for New York City public school students from kindergarten through college. C.I.S.N.Y. believes that personal relationships between young people and adults are key to lifting them to success.

Communities In Schools, New York articulates "Five Basics" for children:

- A one-on-one relationship with a caring adult;
- A safe place to learn and grow;
- A healthy start;
- A marketable skill to use upon graduation;
- A chance to give back to peers and community.

C.I.S.N.Y., through its relationship with The Mentoring Partnership of New York, brings tutors and mentors to public high school students in need of these services. In addition, through a partnership with the Cisco Learning Institute and Cisco Systems, C.I.S.N.Y. prepares New York City public high school students for an increasingly technology-dependent workforce and encourages them to pursue technology careers. This partnership has developed 17 New York City public school Networking Academies and plans to add an additional 13 high schools for the Fall 2000 term. The CIS/Cisco partnership, in collaboration with the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the City University of New York, has developed an "out of school" Networking Academy scheduled to open in October 2000, with an additional 15 planned over the next two years. In addition to partnering with many other organizations and support programs, C.I.S.N.Y. works with New York City graduate social work schools to provide services.

Communities In Schools, New York is committed to the development of social capital to assist communities at risk to alter their own destinies.

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## THE BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Spring 2000

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### The British Airways Mentoring Program Takes Off!

British Airways North America has just made an enormous gesture towards involving their North American employees in the world of mentoring and tutoring. Through a comprehensive partnership, British Airways (BA) and Communities in Schools offices around the country are designing programs to involve all of the British Airways employees in school-based community service initiatives.

Following a mentoring commitment that British Airways made to America's Promise, BA was introduced to Communities in Schools as the local organization capable of involving BA employees in the inner cities. Subsequently, a BA "Promise" has been sent to every employee in North America notifying them of the commitments that the airline company has dedicated itself to.

Colin Powell, the front man for America's Promise approached British Airways last year to obtain from them a



*Dan Brewin, Exec. VP of Marketing and Sales for BA Introduces BA employees to the mentoring program. At right, Roy Blash, Exec. Dir. CISNY, looks on as the next speaker.*

commitment to help the nation's young people. As a result, Dan Brewin, the Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing for BA North America made the following commitments.

Each employee of British Airways will be given 4 working days, or 32 hours per year to volunteer in a school. This time away from work will be paid

for by the airline. Each city in which BA has a "gateway" will be responsible for forming a team. These teams will be responsible for working with local CIS offices in developing mentoring and tutoring programs for children. Monthly meeting and evaluations will be held along with award based incentives to ensure success.

BA will also participate in national Groundhog Job Shadow Day. This will occur on February 2, 2000 when tens of thousands of employees around the country will allow a child to follow them throughout the day in an effort to

educate them about the daily routines in the workplace. Groundhog Day is a valuable way for children to understand what connections their schoolwork has with the work place.

Then, at the end of the year, British Airways will sponsor a "Promise of Tomorrow" essay contest. Each local

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### Wally "Famous" Amos Returns Home to District 4 named principal



By, Jerome Parker, CIS Public Relations Director

Last year more than ever was cause to celebrate as America went back to school. More

students than ever were returning to our classrooms, and a special friend to East Harlem children was Wally "Famous" Amos who helped usher in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

It was an exciting "Homecoming" for the John S. Roberts High school when National CIS board member Horatiou Alger in his own right Wally "Famous" Amos was welcomed by the newly

Ms. Maria Aviles and a host of young ambassadors and school leaders. This was to be a special visit by a very special American role model.

A whole new school redesigned with the newest of programs displayed a red carpet welcome amidst a schoolroom filled with banners and signs for the man who is world famous, and exempli-

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## Special Edition: Bill Milliken—40 Years of Service

### Political Rivals Come Together as CIS Leaders

One of the highlights of the CIS National Leadership Gathering (April 11-13) was a luncheon sponsored by CIS, Inc. and CIS of Virginia. It was a chance to shine a spotlight on the Virginia state office and its accomplishments, particularly the impressive gains it has made since it was launched a year and a half ago—largely due to an unusual partnership at the board level.

The CIS Board of Virginia is co-chaired by former Governor George Allen, a Republican who is seeking a U.S. Senate seat this year, and Mark Warner, the leading Democratic candidate for governor in 2001. Both were featured speakers at the luncheon, and both sounded the theme of a nonpartisan approach to children's issues. Welcoming remarks were made by CIS, Inc. Board Chair James M. Allwin, CIS of Virginia State Director Mark Emblidge, and former Texas State Director Jill Binder. Binder, who is now CIS, Inc. Director of the Office of the States, pointed out that CIS in Texas grew to its current size—22 local programs serving students at 403 schools—thanks to support from both Democratic and Republican governors.

Gov. Allen began his talk by stressing the importance of education in the new century. "Standards for students will be vital," he said, and "state CIS programs set standards leading to success." Virginia's high academic goals require that some students receive help to meet them, and "CIS recognizes that ... the schools can't do it all alone. We're working as a bipartisan team because the concept that every child has the ability to learn and to succeed and have an equal opportunity is not, and never should be, a partisan issue. Mark [Warner] and I working together prove that to be true," Allen emphasized.

Warner followed Allen to the podium, and immediately echoed the same nonpartisan theme. "When Mark Emblidge first approached me and said, 'Will you co-chair [the state board] with George Allen, I said, 'Absolutely!' There are things that Gov. Allen and I disagree on, but what we don't disagree on is our absolute commitment to education."

According to Warner, Bill Milliken helped motivate him to accept the co-chairmanship, but Warner was already sold on the basic CIS idea. He also praised the forward-thinking "CIS Academy" approach, which creates education sites in non-traditional settings such as shopping malls. "Not all kids are going to learn in

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Left to right: former VA Governor George Allen; CIS, Inc. President Bill Milliken; Mark Warner, VA gubernatorial candidate; and Mark Emblidge, CIS of VA State Director

### A Past that Speaks to the Present



Bill Milliken

On June 17, 1960, Bill Milliken and two trusted colleagues went to New York City's Harlem to begin their "streetwork" outreach to young school dropouts, many of whom were homeless, drug-addicted and in despair. It was the beginning of a lifetime journey for Bill, founder and President of Communities In Schools, Inc. This issue of *Network News* recognizes and celebrates the 40th anniversary of Bill's first commitment to youth.

When, at the age of 20, Bill arrived in New York City from Pittsburgh, he wanted to work with the homeless and forgotten teens of Harlem and the Lower East Side. His motivation was simple: He had found a new direction thanks to Young Life, an ecumenical religious organization with a commitment to teenagers. Bill believed that his newfound spiritual strength had prepared him to give to others what had been given to him.

Bill "hung out" at basketball courts and in the streets. He opened his home to many. During these initial years, Bill developed the mainstay of his philosophy: Each child had to be viewed holistically. Piecemeal "Band-aid" solutions did not work. How could he help a young person off drugs, but then leave that youth to sleep on the sidewalk, read at the fourth-grade level and stay unemployed?

Bill and his colleagues' response to the needs of the young people they encountered was to create the New York City "Street Academies," often cited as "one of the most imitated social programs of the 1960s." Operating as storefront schools serving high school dropouts, the Academies were delivery points for a variety of services designed to keep students

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### A YEAR OF RECOGNITION: CIS, INC. PRESIDENT BILL MILLIKEN HONORED BY TWO PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS



The 40th anniversary of Bill Milliken's commitment to youth is also the year in which Bill has received unprecedented national recognition of his leadership and vision. He accepted two major awards in the space of two days: The Edward A. Smith Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Leadership and the "Champion of Children" Award.

The announcement came on March 3 from the Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership. Its Edward A. Smith Award honors an individual who exemplifies extraordinary leadership over a lifetime of service: "The kind of leader whose effectiveness is demonstrated through the growth and renewal of institutions and organizations in order to provide the highest level of service to their communities ... A person who is motivated by a sense of community over a sense of

self, who often works behind the scenes rather than in the limelight ... The type of leader who successfully takes on the roles of teacher, innovator and servant. And finally, a leader who has chosen this course for the long term, not in a single endeavor."

Shortly after, Bill received the coveted "Champion of Children" award from the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) during its National Conference on Education in San Francisco. The award, co-sponsored by A. T. Cross Company, honors a nationally known non-educator whose contributions have significantly and positively influenced the lives of children.

In connection with the "Champion of Children" award, Paul D. Houston, AASA's Executive Director and CIS, Inc. Board

Member, spoke of Bill as "a guiding force ... AASA is proud to honor Bill Milliken's contribution to the youth of America through its most prestigious 'Champion of Children award,'" he said. "Bill has opened the doors to success and growth to countless youngsters across the nation. AASA salutes Bill and his dedication to building a brighter future."

Six years ago, Bill was honored with the National Caring Award as one of the "10 most caring people in America." In 1992, he received the Temple Award for Creative Altruism, given by the Institute of Noetic Sciences, which honors individuals "whose lives and work demonstrate the transformative power of caring coupled with imagination and enterprise."

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