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Carole Rasco
Assistant to the President
The White House

May 11, 1995

Fax: (202) 456 28878

Dear Ms. Rasco,

I was advised by Carol Sasaki to write to you on a matter of some urgency. Ms. Sasaki assured me that if you were not the most appropriate person at the White House you would know who that person was and would pass the matter on.

It has come to our attention that an Appropriation Bill introduced into the House of Representative by Rep. Gilman specifically forbids an official U.S. delegation to participate in the 4th World Conference in Beijing. The text of the Bill states that:

"The authorization of appropriations under subparagraph (A) shall take effect only after the Secretary of State certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that -

(i) no funds of the Department of State were expended for travel to the 4th World Conference on Women"

Although a later clause does offer a way for the U.S. to participate in the conference based on P. R. China coming to a resolution of its conflict with Taiwan and Tibet. As there is no chance that China will agree, this effectively forbids U.S. participation in the Conference.

In the past international conferences have witnessed great shifts in the global understanding of global problems. The "Earth Summit" in 1992 created the agenda for environmental protection leading into the next century. The recent International Conference on Population and Development marked a watershed in global understanding of population issues and ways in which to diffuse the population explosion. In today's world people must understand that global problems can only be solved by countries acting together.

Observers predict that the 4th World Conference in Beijing will be the largest conference of its kind ever. It is thought that over 40,000 individuals will join the proceeding from 185 countries. It would be inconsciable if the one country without an official delegation was the U.S. As the world's greatest power the U.S. has certain responsibilities in international affairs. Other countries look to the U.S. for leadership. What kind of message would this send? That the U.S. is not interested in women's right? As a matter of fact, what kind of message would this send to the American voters? Half of the U.S. electorate are women.

I would greatly appreciate your input on the White House's possition on this matter. Please feel free to call me at (818) 449-1795 or I can be reached by fax at (818) 449-1927. Thank you for your time in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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

Dylan Presman
Executive Director

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

18-May-1995 04:37pm

TO: Carol H. Rasco

FROM: Karen R. Guss
Office of the First Lady

SUBJECT: Dylan Pressman letter re: Beijing conference

You asked me to look into an issue raised by Dylan Pressman of the United Nations Association of the United States of America in a letter he wrote to you.

In his letter, Mr. Pressman expresses concern that the United States will not be sending a delegation to the 4th World Conference on Women in Beijing. The source of Mr. Pressman's concern is a bill recently introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Gilman. The bill provides that certain funds appropriated to the State Department cannot be released to the Department unless the Department certifies that it did not spend any money to send a delegation to Beijing. The Department need not make this certification if China reconciles with Tibet and Taiwan, but because this is an unlikely prospect, the Department would not be able to meet the condition.

I spoke to Meg Donovan at the State Department about this situation. She explained that the Gilman bill pertains to FY 1996 appropriations. However, the Beijing delegation has been paid for through FY 1995 funds, and the United States absolutely will be sending a delegation to Beijing.

Furthermore, when the Gilman bill was taken up in committee, the State Department was able to enlist Rep. Meyers to introduce an amendment that modified the Gilman bill. The Meyers amendment decreased the amount of the funds at issue and moderated the conditions the State Department must meet so that they are conditions that the State Department actually can -- and will-- meet. The Meyers amendment was adopted by the committee.

A similar situation played out in the Senate, where Sen. Helms introduced a bill similar to the Gilman bill. In committee, Sen. Feinstein introduced an amendment that mirrored the Meyers amendment introduced in the House. The Feinstein amendment was adopted by the committee.

Meg Donovan stated that this issue may come up again when the bills reach the floor, but that regardless of what happens then,

the United States will send a delegation to Beijing.

I believe that this should put Mr. Pressman's mind at ease.
Should I give him a call? Also, please let me know if you have
any further questions.

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FAX COVER SHEET

Date: 5/12/95 Receiving FAX #: 202-4562878

To: Carol Rocco Agency/Co.: _____

From: Gwen O. Briscoe *AB* Sending FAX #: (314) 256-9798

Number of pages sent (including cover sheet): 1

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COMMENTS: Carol, I hope all is going well for you. I  
see you occasionally in the local paper (St. Louis  
Post Dispatch) or on the news and E-span and  
Janice Cheate fills me in when we visit. I am  
contacting you to see if your office has any  
information on managed care and public  
health issues or managed care and  
prevention. If you have anything you could  
send, I'd appreciate hearing from you at the  
address below. Thanks so very much - Gwen

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File

From: Karen Guss

Date: August 1, 1995

Re: Gwen Briscoe fax

Gwen Briscoe sent a fax to Carol asking for some information about managed care and prevention. Neither Chris, Jen nor I had anything useful, so I made some calls to organizations such as GHAA and the Washington Business Group on Health. None of the organizations had any material fitting Ms. Briscoe's description. I called Ms. Briscoe to talk to her about her needs. She said that we shouldn't worry about trying to find information for her but requested that we send her relevant information if we come across it. I told her I would keep my eye out for her and I will send her material about managed care and prevention if I find it.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

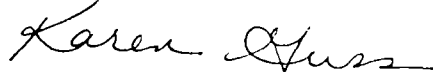
August 15, 1995

Ms. Gwen Briscoe  
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Dear Ms. Briscoe:

As we discussed in our recent phone conversation, I have been keeping my eyes open for material about managed care and public health and prevention efforts. I hope the enclosed material, published by the Group Health Association of America, is useful to you.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Karen Guss".

Karen Guss  
Domestic Policy Council

cc: Carol Rasco  
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy



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August 21, 1995

Karen Guss  
Domestic Policy Council  
The White House  
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Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Ms. Guss,

Thank you so much for sending the material about managed care and public health and prevention efforts. I look forward to studying the material and feel certain it will be helpful to me in my work.

I appreciate your taking the time to follow through and sending it to me. Please give my best to Carol Rasco.

Yours Truly,

Gwen O. Briscoe, Ph.D.  
Director

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