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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

DATE: 9-19

TO: Evelyn (Chickerman)
Jack Quinn

FROM: Staff Secretary

Any problem with this?
Sounds good to me as
long as there's no problem
with Jones asking the
Stamp Committee to do
this. *Roll*

SEPTEMBER 18, 1996

96 SEP 18 P5:10

MEMORANDUM FOR: TODD STERN
FROM: BETSY MYERS
CC: JIM DORSKIND
RE: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE STAMP

In February when the President announced the National Domestic Violence Hotline, he and Senator Kennedy discussed the idea of a postage stamp printed with the hotline number. Since that time, Senator Kennedy's office has been in close contact with my office to pursue this.

The Hotline is a national toll-free number, and has helped more than 55,000 women receive help since February through referrals and counseling. A postage stamp circulates to millions of people, including victims and friends of domestic violence and people who may not know about the Hotline number. Every time the President mentions the Hotline number in a speech, the Hotline office becomes flooded with calls, demonstrating both the demand for such a service and a need for greater exposure.

The Treasury Department and Postal Stamp Commission has advised my office that we need to send a letter from the President to the Citizen Stamp Advisory Committee detailing why the President wants this stamp made and how the Hotline would benefit. I have enclosed a draft letter. This committee will be meeting in early October and would need a letter from us within the next few weeks.

The Postal Stamp Commission has also informed me that on three separate occasions a President has requested a stamp. In 1993, President George Bush requested two stamps, one of which was for missing and abducted children. In 1994, former President Carter requested a stamp for the fiftieth anniversary of CARE (Cooperative Assistance Relief Everywhere), the largest private non-profit international relief organization.

Senator Kennedy's office is also sending a letter to the Citizen Stamp Advisory Committee, which I have enclosed. As you can see, it will be co-signed with several Senators.

Post Master General Marvin Runyon
475 L'Enfant Plaza S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20260-0010

Dear Mr. Runyon,

On February 21, 1996, I announced the opening of a National Domestic Violence Hotline phone number. This Hotline number, 1-800-799-SAFE, provides information -- a vital tool -- for victims of domestic violence and concerned loved ones. Victims of domestic violence are referred to local resources and provided with immediate crisis intervention at the Hotline. The Hotline, 1-800-799-SAFE, is a life-saving source of help, enabling victims to escape their harmful situations.

Workers and volunteers quickly discovered how greatly the need for such a resource is; within twenty four hours, the hotline was flooded with calls, totaling 1,242. Since February 21, the hotline has received more than 44,000 calls and the number grows everyday.

Unfortunately, for every woman, man or child who knows about the number, there are countless who do not. Through the publication of a United States postal stamp with the Hotline's number, we can educate thousands of people and perhaps save many lives.

The issue of domestic violence has gained momentum -- not as a partisan issue but as an issue that touches hearts and lives. I have heard stories from countless women and have myself experienced the horror of an abusive situation and I recognize one thread that all of these stories have in common: women never know where to turn for help. As a result they may be forced to remain in the abusive household. One woman I met told me that her life as a rural farmwife meant that she had no access to local help. For her, a National Hotline could have made the difference between 10 years of violence and a life of freedom and calm.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline, available seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day to all fifty states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands, provides an invaluable service. This service is dependent upon getting the word out.

I ask you now to please help me to educate battered women and their families by printing the phone number of the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 1-800-799-SAFE, as well as the TDD number, on a postage stamp for all to see.

I have attached one design presented to us by the National Domestic Violence Hotline. However, the design is not what is important to us -- what matters to women is knowing the phone number and getting access to help.

I thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
William Jefferson Clinton

September 16, 1996

Marvin T. Runyon
Postmaster General
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20260

Dear Mr. Runyon,

We are writing to urge that the United States Postal Service issue a postal stamp featuring the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

In January 1996, the United States Postal Service's Stamp Advisory Committee rejected a proposal for a postal stamp featuring the recently opened Hotline. We understand that the Stamp Advisory Committee had some concerns about highlighting one specific type of violence to the exclusion of other important violence issues. It is our hope that the stamp's unique ability to increase public awareness about the Hotline would encourage a satisfactory resolution of those concerns and reconsideration of the Stamp Advisory Committee decision.

Over 44,000 women, men, and children have called the Hotline since it opened in February 1996, to request crisis intervention information, referrals to local shelters, and counseling services. Many are first time callers, thus confirming the widely-held belief that the Hotline is an invaluable resource for those aware of its existence. It is our goal to help increase public awareness, and the Hotline stamp is an important step toward meeting that goal.

A stamp portraying the Hotline telephone numbers would provide potentially lifesaving information to the millions of people who buy stamps and receive letters every year. Many of those people will be victims of domestic violence, or the friend or relative of someone living in an abusive relationship. Although the United States Postal Service has issued many commemorative stamps, the Hotline stamp would be unique in its ability to educate and assist those living in fear.

We believe that the original proposal considered by the Stamp Advisory Committee is a starting point for the final Hotline stamp, but we are not asking you to commit to that or any other specific design. We do believe that it is important for the United States Postal Service, operating within its standards and procedures, to commit to the issuance of a Hotline stamp that includes the standard and TDD telephone numbers.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline is an invaluable resource to thousands of women, men, and children, and it has the potential to help many more. The Hotline's success, however, depends upon everyone knowing of its existence. In that regard, we hope the United States Postal Service will lend its assistance.

Sincerely,

SIGNATURES ON STAMP LETTER

Senator

Kennedy
Biden
Pryor
Murray
Mikulski
Stevens
Domenici
Cohen
Roth
[Hatch

Contact Person

Michael Mershon
Leecia Eve
Rich Goodman
Rick or Greg
Roberta or Corey
Carol White
Kay Davies
Kim Corthell said OK
Joan Woodward
Kris Iverson

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131 Russell]

DATE: 9/19

TO: Gene Sperling
Mike Cohen

FROM: Staff Secretary

Is this response from
Secretary Riley OK re:
use of SAT/ACT scores in
college education tax credit
proposal? Let me know Phil



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

96 AUG 16 P7:37

August 16, 1996

Memorandum

To Kris Balderston

From Frank Holleman *FH*Re: Letter from Chancellor of the University of Arkansas
at Monticello

The President received a letter from Chancellor Taylor suggesting that a minimum ACT or SAT score be added as a qualification for a \$1000 Presidential Scholarship. The President responded briefly to the letter and referred it to Secretary Riley for his thoughts. The cover memo indicates that it was referred for the Secretary's "action." This correspondence is attached.

We have prepared a draft response, which is also attached. The response rejects the Chancellor's suggestion, in a tactful way. Please let me know (1) whether the White House wants us to respond; and (2) if so, whether this response is acceptable. I would add that, when the scholarships were designed, the Administration consciously made the top 5% of every high school graduating class eligible; adopting the Chancellor's suggestion would be a significant change in the original design.

cc: Mike Smith
David Longanecker
Phil Link



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
THE SECRETARY

Mr. Fred J. Taylor
University of Arkansas at Monticello
Office of the Chancellor
Post Office Box 3596
Monticello, Arkansas 71655

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for your letter to President Clinton with the suggestion that we require a minimum ACT or SAT score as a factor in our proposed Presidential Honors Scholarship program.

While the President and I certainly share your encouragement to pursue high standards through the new Presidential Honors Scholarship program, we have pursued a slightly different strategy from the one you propose. We are quite sensitive to the issue you raised about standards differing so much from school to school. On the other hand, we want this program to encourage all students in all schools to achieve to higher standards. We understand that, initially, this may lead to students of varying achievement receiving the awards, but over time we believe that the encouragement to achieve at high standards will raise levels of achievement for all.

ACT and SAT scores have been shown over the years to be quite valid measures of achievement, but they are not the only legitimate measures. Therefore, we believe it is most appropriate to grant local high schools discretion in determining which students are the highest academic performers in each graduating class. Many schools will, no doubt, take ACT and SAT scores into consideration. Others will rely on class rank. Others may consider successful completion of Advanced Placement courses. And some will probably use less quantifiable measures.

We will continue to work hard to raise the standards in our elementary and secondary schools. We will continue to urge colleges to raise their entrance standards and to convey these standards to middle and high school students.

Thank you, again, for taking the time to share your perspective. Though we have slightly different ideas on the "how," we certainly share the desired goal of promoting higher academic achievement.

Yours sincerely,

Richard W. Riley

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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TO: Honorable Richard W. Riley

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: July 17, 1996

NOTE FOR: Honorable Richard W. Riley

The President has reviewed the attached, and it is forwarded to you
for your:

Information ☐

Action ☒

Thank you.

Staff Secretary
(x6-2702)

cc:

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cc.
Chris.
S. J. Riley
What do you
think?

WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Please Encl.
6/4 Princeton Univ.
Remarks

cc. W/ Mr. Gene Spring

July 16, 1996

Fred J. Taylor
University of Arkansas
at Monticello
Office of the Chancellor
Post Office Box 3596
Monticello, Arkansas 71655

Dear Fred:

Thanks for your letter of July 3 and for your suggestion that we require a minimum ACT or SAT score as a factor in our proposed college education tax credit. You make a good case for it, and I'll certainly look into your recommendation.

Hillary and I hope you're doing well and that you'll give our best to Janice.

Sincerely,

Bill

Blair



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT MONTICELLO

July 3, 1996

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
(501) 460-1000
(501) 460-1021

Handwritten notes:
See letter to
look into
recommendation
"R.R."

President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500-2000

Dear President Clinton:

I apologize for bringing such a small matter to your attention at a time when you are so busy with national and world affairs, but I thought you would want to know.

When I came to the University of Arkansas at Monticello, I made the same decision regionally that you are now recommending nationally; namely, that the top five percent of all graduates receive a \$1,000. scholarship. What I discovered was that the top five percent of graduates in southeast Arkansas were so poorly prepared academically that they had ACT scores which placed them in remediation classes.

Unfortunately, this situation still exists in southeast Arkansas. I have just finished surveying the top five percent of this year's high school graduates in three school districts, and 50 percent will have to be remediated in college. As chair of the four-year public and private *College Presidents and Chancellors Consortia* in Arkansas, I discussed this issue with them, and we urge you to add a minimum ACT or comparable SAT score as an additional requirement to having graduated in the top five percent; otherwise, some students with ACT scores as low as 14 will qualify. As presidents and chancellors we are moving toward requiring a minimum ACT of 25 for any academic scholarship awarded in Arkansas.

I hope this information is helpful.

Good luck to you and Hillary. Janice and I think of you often.

Sincerely,

Fred J. Taylor
Chancellor

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

DATE: 9-19

TO: *Jim Donkand*

FROM: Staff Secretary

*Pls prepare a
response.*

cc: George S.



HUMAN
RIGHTS
CAMPAIGN

Handwritten: 96 SEP 19 4:50
Handwritten: Howard Gay

September 13, 1996

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Human Rights Campaign and the vast majority of gay Americans want nothing more than to re-elect you and your Administration to a second term. I believe we have consistently demonstrated our loyalty since our early endorsement in February of this year. We appreciate all you have done and most recently for including us once again on your bridge to the 21st Century.

From time to time in American history, moments come which require the highest order of moral leadership. You will face such a moment next week. Despite Herculean efforts, we have been unable to keep the so-called Defense of Marriage Act from your desk. Besides being a clear instrument of hate and division, DOMA will institute apartheid for gay and lesbian Americans for the first time in history. It is wrong. And more than the fact that you have a healthy lead in the polls, more than the fact that you have already done more than any other leader for gay Americans in the history of this country and more than for us, we want you to veto DOMA for yourself. You should be able to look back when you are 90 years old, sitting on a rocker in Little Rock and when asked whether you acted with integrity when you faced your Plessy v. Ferguson -- you will be able to say to yourself and to history a resounding "yes."

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Birch
Executive Director

WORKING FOR LESBIAN AND GAY EQUAL RIGHTS.

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want to show them to the
press. Thank you with
love.

Richard

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