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TO: Attention: Analee Sanchez for Nancy Henreich
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FROM: Ambassador Swanee Hunt *SH*

Please deliver the attached letters for the President to Nancy Henreich as soon as possible. Many thanks for your assistance this morning.

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The President
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Dear Mr. President,

Bravo!

I'll be in D.C. (to speak at Georgetown), arriving Saturday mid-day. If I can be of any help to you, for a perspective from the other side of the Atlantic or in any other way, please give a call.

My very best,

Swanee

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Dear Mr. President,

Congratulations on your stunning victory. What an accomplishment!

Strobe called a few days ago to ask about my future plans, saying conversations are now underway about foreign service posts. I now feel compelled to write you directly, even though you are in the midst of a flood of competing concerns.

The most important message I have for you is my immense gratitude for the opportunity to represent you these past three years in Vienna. I have taken great satisfaction in applying values you and I share to bilateral situations that have arisen in Austria, giving special attention to the role of intelligence and law enforcement in stemming the epidemic of international crime. In addition, I have nurtured a very close and effective relationship with Austrian political and economic leaders. And I've particularly enjoyed developing a public affairs strategy that has resulted in a high and positive public profile for our activities. Management also has been a significant part of my job; Vienna is a regional support base, with 500 employees and twelve government agencies represented.

I've made about 25 trips throughout the post communist states, addressing groups (including a full session of the Ukrainian Parliament) about the role of women in democracy. In addition, I've personally sponsored a series of intense four-day leadership development and conflict resolution seminars in our Viennese residence -- for women leaders from Eastern Europe and the war-torn Balkans.

Finally, as you know, a significant portion of my time has been spent on the stabilization of Bosnia since hosting the negotiations between the Croats and Bosnian government in our embassy in March of 1994. As a result, I have close relationships with a number of Balkan leaders, and report regularly on our conversations.

But the bulk of my work in the former Yugoslavia has been encouraging women to cross ethnic and political lines to secure the peace. Those philanthropic efforts have been political, humanitarian, and economic. On July 11th, I organized a commemoration of the fall of Srebrenica with 6,000 mourning widows, now refugees in Tuzla. Queen Noor of Jordan, E.U. Commissioner Bonino,

and I conveyed both moral support and concrete help to the refugees, joined by another 400 world leaders (presidents, prime ministers, etc.). Around this time, you announced the Bosnian Women's Initiative (which I helped design) with \$5 million for economic development.

I mention all this to give you some sense of my range of activities. If I were offered the chance to continue this work from Vienna, I would be grateful.

However, with three years experience managing a mid-sized embassy, I'm convinced I could serve you successfully in a post with greater responsibility. Specifically, I would welcome the opportunity to represent you as ambassador to London.

In addition to reinforcing all elements of the political and economic work inherent in that "special relationship," I would commit myself to helping end the conflict in Northern Ireland, working alongside your ambassador in Dublin. My work in Bosnia has convinced me that our embassies need to play an assertive role supporting forces for peace. From Vienna, we have launched half a dozen initiatives -- some quietly, some publicly -- that have strengthened the hand of peacemakers in the Balkans. That same model could be replicated from London, finding the voices of peace and in various ways undergirding their work.

Mr. President, your confidence in women to succeed in key positions has set a new tone globally; your appointing me to London would augment that message. Many aspects of the work I've done up until now could continue -- particularly increasing the East-West dialogue among women leaders (including the vital trans-Atlantic link).

In the event you nominate me for this new assignment, I am confident I would have strong support in Congress on both sides of the aisle.

As I write, I am filled with excitement and pride about the accomplishments of your first term. You have steered our country well. I feel deeply privileged to be a part of your team.

As always, Mr. President, I send my warmest affection.

Sincerely,



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