

# Withdrawal/Redaction Marker

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001. letter	[Personally Identifiable Information] [partial] (2 pages)	02/22/1995	b(6)

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**COLLECTION:**

Clinton Presidential Records  
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Todd Stern  
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**FOLDER TITLE:**

Chron Files: Friday, January 3, 1997

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January 3, 1997

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MEMORANDUM FOR TODD STERN

FROM:

G. TIMOTHY SAUNDERS *TS*  
Executive Clerk

DAVID KALBAUGH *TK*  
Assistant to the Executive Clerk

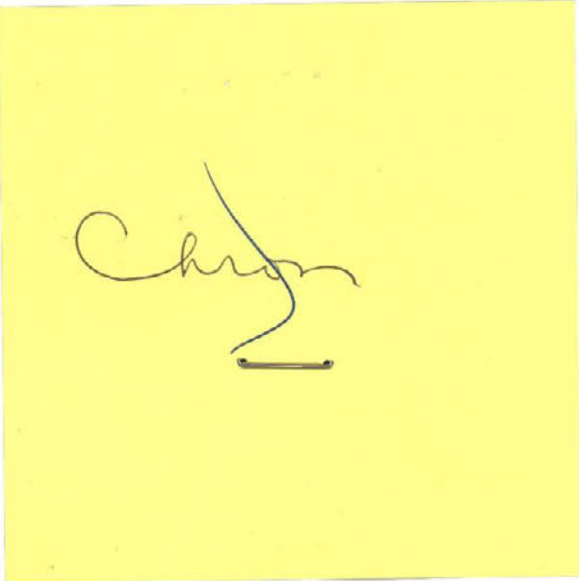
SUBJECT:

Request for President's Signature on Certificates  
of Appreciation - Pageant of Peace

We have received from Alison Bracewell, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, a letter from Pete Torres, Federal Relations Programs, Office of the Resident Representative, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), requesting that the President sign 19 Certificates of Appreciation for members of a sixth grade class who helped decorate the CNMI Christmas Tree on the ellipse.

According to Alison Bracewell, this request came to the White House without prior notification. We have no record of certificates of this nature being issued in the past. A search of the files in Records Management show further that nothing has been issued to any other individuals who helped decorate the other 50-plus trees on the ellipse this year.

As you know, the Pageant of Peace is primarily run by the Park Service, not the White House. I recommend against issuing these certificates.



*Chris*

*agree with you, 2/4/97*  
*LOS*  
1-3-97

*Office of the Resident Representative to the United States*  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

2121 R STREET, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20008



PHONE: (202) 673-5869  
FACSIMILE: (202) 673-5873

December 27, 1996

Ms. Allison Bracewell  
Executive Assistant  
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs  
1600 Pennsylvania, Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Bracewell:

Enclosed are certificate of appreciation requesting for President William J. Clinton's signature in appreciation to the San Antonio Elementary School 6th graders for contributing Christmas Tree Ornaments that decorated the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Christmas Tree in this year Christmas Pageant of Peace.

After signing the certificates, please be sure to send them back to us as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If this office can be of any assistance to you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete A. Torres".

Pete A. Torres  
CNMI/Federal Relations and Programs

Enclosure

# CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

*This Certificate Is Presented To*

***Doris Thompson***

*In Appreciation For Contributing Christmas Ornaments To*

***The 1996 Christmas Pageant of Peace***

*The White House Ellipse, Washington, D.C.*

*Presented this 5th day of December, 1996*

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JUAN NEKAI BABAUTA

Resident Representative

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WILLIAM J. CLINTON

President, United States of America

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

DATE: 1/3/97

TO: *Melanne*

FROM: Staff Secretary

10 of 13 AAs citations. Let us  
know by Monday morning if  
you have any comments.

*Phil Caplan*

**EDWARD ALBEE**

for his searing dramas that portray the complexities of human relationships

against the backdrop of turbulent social change. His gift for illuminating

universal truths through vivid contemporary language will be a lasting

legacy to the American theater.

(  
and drama

**SARAH CALDWELL**

for her pioneering work in spreading the joy of opera to audiences everywhere.

Renowned for her creative achievements as conductor, producer, and director, she has made lasting contributions to the development and appreciation of opera in America and around the world.

*Let's move  
5/21*

**HARRY M. CALLAHAN**

for an inspiring career as a distinguished photographer and influential teacher.

Marked by a uniquely personal vision, his award-winning photographs  
reveal beauty not only to the eye, but also to the heart and mind.

**ZELDA FICHANDLER**

for her enterprise and innovation in helping quality theatrical productions reach ever widening audiences. From founding the Arena Stage in Washington, D.C., to directing plays, managing theater groups, and teaching the craft of acting, she has contributed immensely to the success of <sup>the</sup> contemporary American theater.

**EDUARDO "LALO" GUERRERO**

for a distinguished musical career that spans 60 years, two cultures, and a wealth of different musical styles. With humor, passion, and profound insight, he has entertained and enlightened generations of audiences, giving powerful voice to the joys and sorrows of the Mexican American experience.

**LIONEL HAMPTON**

for a lifetime of contributions to music. An incomparable master of vibes and a gifted composer, he has dedicated his extraordinary talent to the growth and evolution of jazz. Lionel Hampton has made a lasting imprint on this truly original American art form.

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**BELLA LEWITZKY**

for her imaginative work in the field of modern dance, ~~for~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~(~~ more than 50 years, ~~)~~

*At home and abroad*  
~~Consistently breaking new ground,~~ she has broadened the art and appeal of choreography. Through the Dance Theater of Los Angeles and the Lewitzky Dance Company, she has inspired new generations of dancers and choreographers to challenge themselves by pushing the limits of their art.

VERA G. LIST

for more than a half-century of vital philanthropic support for the arts. She has employed her keen eye for quality and her unfettered artistic judgment to help establish and maintain world-class visual and musical arts centers such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, and the Metropolitan Opera.

*She has matched her dedication to the arts with financial rigor*

*Handwritten notes and scribbles on the right side of the page, including the word "rough" at the top and several illegible scribbles below.*

**ROBERT REDFORD**

for a distinguished career in film as actor, director, and producer and for his

thoughtful advocacy of the arts. His creative work has delighted millions

of filmgoers, and his founding and guidance of the Sundance Institute has

helped revitalize contemporary film as an art form.

5/21

**MAURICE SENDAK**

*theater productions*

*etc*

for creating books and shows that enrapture children while freeing adults to

remember and rediscover their own childhood. His illustrations, like his

characters, are so striking and mysterious, yet so familiar that we

recognize ourselves in them.

**STEPHEN SONDHEIM**

for his extraordinary contributions to American musical theater and film. With distinctive melodies and a mastery of language, he has put contemporary American life to music, eloquently expressing the hopes and heartaches of modern human experience.

THE WHITE HOUSE

(Sens) ✓  
Andy / Fred - 3 ✓ (Dohse)  
1 copy

only given to Send  
Dohse to  
Share

Our office won't take  
any further action on  
this request. We assume  
you will do what is  
appropriate.


Phil Caplan  
1-3-97

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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December 17, 1996

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Kathy Wallman  
Phil Caplan  
Fred Dohse

**FROM:** David Beaubaire   
Special Assistant to the Cabinet Secretary  
And Director of Surrogate Scheduling

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The following materials regarding Steven Roye were sent to me by an acquaintance of mine. I am forwarding it on to you for your review and appropriate action.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at extension 6-2572.

Thank you.

LAW OFFICES

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December 3, 1996

David Beaubaire  
Office of Cabinet Affairs  
Old Executive Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: **STEVE ROYE**

Dear David:

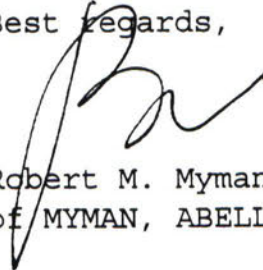
Steve Roye, a journalist with whom I went to high school is currently imprisoned under a life sentence in Thailand.

I would appreciate it if you would review the enclosed materials. If you believe it is appropriate, please forward them to the person best equipped to help Mr. Roye.

It was nice seeing you at breakfast recently. I assume I will see you in Washington in the coming weeks.

I hope all is well with you.

Best regards,



Robert M. Myman  
of MYMAN, ABELL, FINEMAN & GREENSPAN

RMM/ph  
Enclosures



Dear President Clinton;

My name is Michael Berk. I created and Executive Produce the TV series "Baywatch". But the drama I am writing you about is all too real.

An Emmy Award winning, fifty year old American journalist named Stephen Roye, who received a Civilian Gold Medal from President Reagan in a White House ceremony, was sentenced to death in Thailand. Stephen is now serving a commuted life sentence in a Thai prison. He has been there over two years and his health is failing.

I hope that after reading this letter you will find it appropriate to encourage the King of Thailand to approve a pardon request that is currently being prepared. The King is expected to review this request in December. We have been assured that many Thai officials believe Stephen Roye is innocent and would like to send him home. But they need to "save face." A mention from you, or a high-ranking member of your staff, on Stephen's behalf, would surely accomplish that.

Stephen went to Thailand to write a story about drug smuggling from Asia to the U.S. He documented this on his passport application. There is additional documentation that Stephen went undercover as a "mule" to get the story. But when he tried to back out, as was his plan, the drug smugglers threatened to harm his mother and son unless he agreed to carry a suitcase with 3 kilos of heroin. When they showed Stephen his mother and son's addresses, Stephen believed their violent threat was real and reluctantly agreed. Stephen intended to turn himself and the drugs over to U.S. Customs authorities once he reached New York, But Stephen never made it on the plane. He was arrested at the Bangkok airport. Stephen cooperated with the DEA, resulting in the arrest of the real drug smugglers in Amsterdam and New York.

It should be noted that Stephen Roye has had a long career as an anti-drug activist, including producing a powerful anti-drug documentary starring David Toma called "Taking the High Out of High School" for which he won several prestigious awards.

**The Baywatch Production Company**  
5433 Beethoven Street • Los Angeles, CA 90066  
310-302-9135 • Fax 310-302-9189

I have known Stephen Roye my entire life. He does not fit the profile of a "mule". He's not the kind of man who would willingly smuggle drugs. Many people in the United States agree with that assessment and support Stephen, including Congressman Howard Berman. His letter of support is included, as is a DEA Agent's letter, and other documents demonstrating Stephen Roye's character.

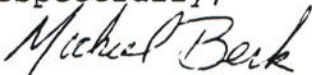
There is precedent for this request we humbly ask of you. Several years ago Prime Minister John Majors wrote a letter to the King of Thailand on behalf of two women who were being held in a Thai Prison for drug smuggling. It was a personal note, not through official government channels. The King granted Mr. Majors request and set the women free.

Stephen Roye's family is desperate to get their son home. His parents are elderly and infirm. Stephen has been their sole means of support. I have offered Stephen a well-paying job when he is released.

I have included a short video which will personalize Stephen's plight. I pray you, or someone you designate, will take five minutes to view it. I am convinced you will agree with George Terwilliger (former Assistant Attorney General under President Bush) who believes Stephen is innocent and has fought for his release.

Mr. President, Stephen Roye is one of the good guys and should not spend the rest of his life in a foreign prison. One word from you could bring him home. Thank you for considering this request.

Respectfully;



Michael Berk



To Steve Roye  
With best wishes,

Ronald Reagan



*The President of the United States of America*

*Awards this  
Private Sector Initiative Commendation  
to*

*Steve Royo*

*In Recognition of Exemplary Community Service  
in the Finest American Tradition*

*The White House  
Washington, D. C.*

*Ronald Reagan*

*1984*

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U.S. Department of Justice

Drug Enforcement Administration  
American Embassy  
95 Wireless Road  
Bangkok 10330 Thailand

February 22, 1995

Thomas P. Furey  
Consul General  
American Embassy  
Bangkok, Thailand

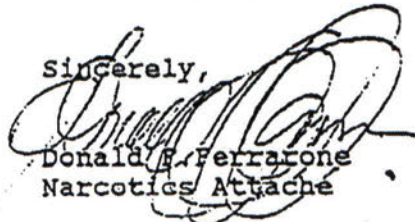
Dear Mr. Furey:

On October 14, 1994, Royal Thai Customs Officers arrested U.S. Citizen Stephen C. Roye (DOB: (b)(6)) at the Don Muang International Airport. Mr. Roye was in possession of 3,300 grams gross heroin when arrested. The seized heroin was secreted in a false (removable) side of Mr. Roye's suitcase. At the time of his arrest, Mr. Roye held U.S. passport #035164738 as he attempted to board KLM Flight # 878 to Amsterdam.

On October 20, 1994, Mr. Roye agreed to be interviewed by Special Agents of the DEA. At the outset, Mr. Roye asserted he was concerned about the safety of his family due to possible reprisals from those involved. Despite his initial reluctance, Mr. Roye eventually provided a very detailed account of his involvement in this smuggling venture. During this and subsequent debriefings, Mr. Roye identified the individual who "recruited" him as a courier while in the Los Angeles, Ca. area. In addition, Mr. Roye provided the DEA with the names and descriptions of two other couriers who accompanied him to Bangkok. It should be noted that both couriers were subsequently arrested attempting to smuggle significant quantities of heroin. One courier was arrested in Amsterdam, by Dutch authorities while the second was arrested by U.S. authorities at JFK International Airport in New York.

Based upon the preceding information, as well as Mr. Roye's willingness to further assist in this investigation, it is the opinion of the DEA that Mr. Roye has made every effort to assist both the DEA and Thai counterparts. If there are any additional questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Donald B. Ferrarone  
Narcotics Attache

10. 19. 94 08143 AM \*CA/PPT/LA  
APPLICATION FOR PASSPORT OR REGISTRATION  
SEE DISTRIBUTION IN BOX IN WHITE AREAS

FOR

1. NAME FIRST NAME **STEPHEN** MIDDLE NAME **CARL**  
LAST NAME **ROYE**  
2. MAILING ADDRESS  
**630 S. MASSELIN**  
**LOS ANGELES, CA 90036**  
USA IN CARE OF



3. SEX  M  F  OTHER  
4. DATE OF BIRTH **9-30**  
5. FEDERAL TAX SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER  
**(b)(6)**  
LAW NOTICE ON REVERSE SIDE

6. PLACE OF BIRTH City, State or Province, Country  
**NEW YORK NY**  
7. HEIGHT **511** INCHES  
8. COLOR OF HAIR **BROWN**  
9. COLOR OF EYES **BROWN**  
10. (Area Code) HOME PHONE **21139333488**  
11. (Area Code) BUSINESS PHONE  
12. OCCUPATION  
**JOURNALIST**

13. FATHER'S NAME **B. M. ROYE** BIRTHPLACE **BOSTON, MA** BIRTH DATE **9/7/20** U.S. CITIZEN  YES  NO  
MOTHER'S NAME **GERTRUDE W. ROYE** BIRTHPLACE **NEW YORK, NY** BIRTH DATE **12/10/30** U.S. CITIZEN  YES  NO

14. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ISSUED A U.S. PASSPORT?  YES  NO  
IF UNABLE TO SUBMIT MOST RECENT PASSPORT, STATE ITS DISPOSITION: COMPLETE NEXT LINE  
NAME IN WHICH ISSUED **SAME** PASSPORT NUMBER **K5705081** ISSUE DATE (Mo., Day, Yr.) **07 24 88**



15. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN MARRIED?  YES  NO  
WIDOWED/DIVORCED?  YES  NO  
SPOUSE'S FULL BIRTH NAME **STEPHANIE IRIS CHERNOVE** BIRTHPLACE **NEW YORK**

16. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, NOTIFY Person for Traveling With You  
FULL NAME **GERTRUDE ROYE** RELATIONSHIP **MOTHER**  
ADDRESS **1032 N. SWEETZER AVE #207 LA** (Area Code) PHONE NUMBER **2113650197**

17. TO BE COMPLETED BY AN APPLICANT WHO BECAME A CITIZEN THROUGH NATURALIZATION  
I MIGRATED TO THE U.S. | RESIDED CONTINUOUSLY IN THE U.S. DATE NATURALIZED (Mo., Day, Yr.)  
(Month, Year) (From (Mo., Yr.) To (Mo., Yr.))

18. DO NOT SIGN APPLICATION UNTIL REQUESTED BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.  
I have not, since acquiring United States citizenship, performed any of the acts listed under "Acts to be avoided" on the reverse of this application form (unless explanatory statement is attached). I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the statements made on this application are true and the photograph attached is a true likeness of me.  
Subscribed and sworn to (affirmed) before me  
**EILEEN WILFZYANG**  
SEP 29 1994  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
Signature of person authorized to accept application)  (Must Cover USA, A)  
Signature of applicant: **Stephen C. Roye**  
(Sign in presence of person authorized to accept application)

19. APPLICANT'S IDENTIFYING DOCUMENTS  PASSPORT  DRIVER'S LICENSE  OTHER (Specify)  
ISSUE DATE **07 24 88** EXPIRATION DATE **07 24 92** PLACE OF ISSUE **CA**  
ISSUED IN THE NAME OF **STEPHEN CARL ROYE**

20. FOR ISSUING OFFICE USE ONLY (Applicant's evidence of citizenship)  
BPR Cert. BR CR City Residence:  
Passport Issuer's Name:  
Report of Birth  
Naturalization/Citizenship Cert. No.:  
Other:

APPLICATION APPROVAL  
Signature Name  
Class. Code

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I AM A FREELANCE JOURNALIST WORKING ON A STORY THAT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN PLAYBOY, ESQUIRE OR ANOTHER MAJOR MAGAZINE. THE SUBJECT MATTER CONCERNS THE DRUG TRADE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THAILAND. I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE STORY IN THE U.S. FOR THE PAST SIX WEEKS AND NEED TO SEE CONTACTS IN BANGKOK TO COMPLETE THE STORY. I'VE BEEN TOLD TO BE READY TO LEAVE AS EARLY AS SATURDAY 10/1/94 OR ONE DAY IN THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

Stephen C. Ray

# New Jersey General Assembly



STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N. J.

## ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

By Assemblymen LITTELL, GENOVA and HAYTAIAN

WHEREAS, WOR, the highly respected and widely viewed television Channel 9, which broadcasts from the Town of Secaucus, Hudson County, and is the only commercial television station in the State of New Jersey, is to be commended for airing "MIA: We Can Keep You Forever," a noteworthy program on the host of soldiers who are still unaccounted for, taken as prisoners or listed as missing in action during the Vietnam War; and,

WHEREAS, This exemplary documentary, which originated in the United Kingdom and which was produced by Lion Heart Television, a division of BBC, chronicled the plight of the Americans, Australians and Koreans who, since the cessation of the War in 1973, have become "nonpersons," their very existence denied by the Vietnamese, Cambodians and Laotians, confirmed only by their anguished families' memories and their mention on the innumerable MIA listings of their governments; and,

WHEREAS, A special mention must be made of WOR staff members Peter A. Leone, WOR vice president and general manager, Allan Levine, producer, Marc Rosenweig and Steven Roye, co-executive producers of the panel discussion with American officials that followed the broadcast, program host Tom Dunn, news director Tom Petreer, production assistant Kevin Schwab, and newscasters Sara Lee Kessler, Jennifer Valoppi and Reg Wells for their informative and incisive participation in the January 31, 1987 broadcast; and,

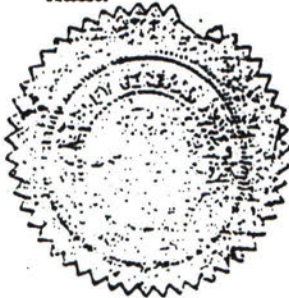
WHEREAS, It is both proper and fitting that the members of this House pause in their deliberations to remember and honor those courageous and unfortunate persons who have yet to return to their homes, and to extend empathy to those families who cannot resolve the fate of their loved ones; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

That this House hereby congratulates television station WOR, and its staff for the scheduling and airing of "MIA: We Can Keep You Forever" and other fine examples of its commitment to quality programming and extends best wishes for the continued success of WOR; and,

*Be It Further Resolved,* That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Speaker and attested by the Clerk, be transmitted to television station WOR, Channel 9.

Attest:



BARBARA A. MARROW  
Clerk of the General Assembly

*Chuck Hardwick*

CHUCK HARDWICK  
Speaker of the General Assembly

Academy of Television Arts & Sciences



LOS ANGELES AREA EMMY AWARDS  
1981

*Honors*

TEN O'CLOCK NEWS

STEVE ROYE, Producer

STEPHANIE BRADY, Executive Producer

KHJ-TV

*Nominated for*

REGULARLY SCHEDULED DAILY NEWS

*John H. Mitchell*  
President



28th Annual  
**INTERNATIONAL FILM & TV  
FESTIVAL OF NEW YORK**

*1985 Bronze Medal*

presented to

**WOR-TV**

for

**The Changing Family:  
Taking The High Out Of High School**  
Steve Roye, Producer

The 28th annual International Film & TV Festival of New York received 5,313 remarkable productions from 44 countries. This certificate is awarded in recognition of an outstanding creative achievement in an audio-visual medium.

*Gerald M. Goldberg*  
Gerald M. Goldberg  
President

THE WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER OF  
THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS AND SCIENCES



WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA TELEVISION ACADEMY AWARDS

*Honors*

**STEVE ROYE**

WRITER

*for contributing to the winning of an Area Television Academy Award*

THE NEWSCENTER

WRC-TV, NBC 6:00 PM News

*Chosen as*

OUTSTANDING NEWSCAST

*Robert J. Adams*  
President

Academy of Television Arts & Sciences



LOS ANGELES AREA EMMY AWARDS

1977

*Honors*

THE 10 O'CLOCK NEWS

STEVE ROYE

PRODUCER

KHJ-TV

*Nominated for*

NEWS — Small Staff — SERIES

*Hank Liger*  
President

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*Hank Reger*  
President

April 30, 1995

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I am a longtime television journalist currently working as a News Anchorman at Newschannel 8 in Washington DC. I have been with my current station since 1991. Before that I worked for several organizations, including Fox Television and CBS.

I have known Steven Roye since 1977. We worked together at KHJ television in Los Angeles, California from that year until 1983, when I left the station. Steve was the Producer and I was a News Anchorman on the station's Ten O'Clock News. In that time, Steve was not only a trusted colleague, but he became a valued friend. That friendship has continued through the many years since.

I know Steve Roye to be a devoted family man- a good father to his son Adam and a responsible and loving son to his parents. I know him to be a most responsible citizen, incapable in my judgment to be guilty of the crime of which he is accused. I also know him to be a first class journalist, and I have no doubt he fully intended his trip to Thailand to become part of an effort to help rid the streets of his hometown of the pervasive drugs that have made life so dangerous. I know for a fact he repeatedly outlined the purpose of his trip to several people, including law enforcement officials, before beginning the journey. Those were not, I feel, the actions of a man intent on smuggling drugs.

I urge leniency and understanding on the part of the court for a man who is dearly missed by his family and friends, and who is clearly a victim and not a criminal.

  
NATHAN ROBERTS

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MARYLAND  
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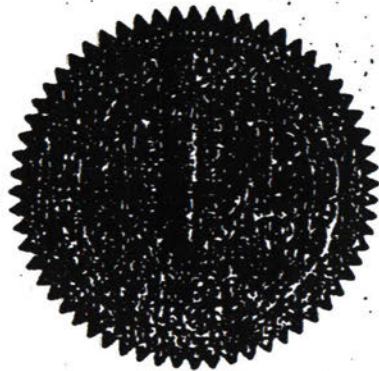
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July 21, 1995

By Airborne Express

Kittiporn Aroonrat, Esq.  
Kamnuan Chalopathump Law Office  
61 Buranasars Rd.  
Bangkok, Thailand 10200

Dear Mr. Aroonrat:

I was asked by Ms. Miriam Moorman, and Ms. Marianne Merrill to provide you with verification of Mr. Stephen Roye's employment with RKO General, Inc. as a News Reporter and Executive Producer from 1977 to 1987. I have reviewed the records of the Corporation, and they confirm that Mr. Roye did work in that capacity. Specifically Mr. Roye worked from February 28, 1977 until July 29, 1983 as News Writer and Producer for KHJ-TV our Los Angeles television station. On August 1, 1983 Mr. Roye was promoted to Executive Producer and transferred to WOR-TV, the company's television station in New York City. Mr. Roye continued to work as an Executive Producer at WOR-TV until March 23, 1987 when the station was sold to another company.

Enclosed herewith is a Notarized Corporate Secretary Certificate verifying the authenticity of the employment records attached thereto including Mr. Roye's Employment card, and Pension card. In light of the circumstances, I am willing to do whatever is necessary to have the documents authenticated and verified through the Apostilliary process, or otherwise as necessary so that they are admissible under the rules of your court system. I regret to say that I am woefully unfamiliar with the laws and procedures of your country, however, I would be happy to help in anyway that I can from this side of the globe. I hope that the enclosed will suffice, however. It is very important that you notify me immediately if further verification our authentication is required. My fax machine is on 24 hours a day, everyday.

While I do not know Mr. Roye personally, his employment records give every indication that he was a fine and dedicated employee. Please contact me at your earliest convenience either by fax or phone if you need further or additional information. Good luck, and please extend our best wishes to Mr. Roye.

Sincerely,

Derek Kaesgen  
Counsel

cc: M. Merrill  
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RKO General, Inc.  
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I, Edward R. Dye, hereby certify that I am the duly elected Corporate Secretary of RKO General, Inc., a Delaware, U.S.A., Corporation, and that the attached photocopies, affixed with the Corporate Seal represent true and accurate copies of the Corporation's employment records. I further certify the attached records accurately reflect the Company's employment of Stephen C. Roye from February of 1977 until March of 1987 as a News Writer and Executive Producer working for the Corporations Broadcasting Division.

Edward R. Dye 7/21/95  
Edward R. Dye (Date)  
Corporate Secretary - RKO General, Inc.

I, Julie W. Cook, Notary Public, hereby certify that Edward R. Dye this 21st Day of July, 1995 signed this certificate in my presence at Fairlawn, Ohio (Summit County), U.S.A. and that Edward R. Dye produced evidence of his identity to me and of his positions as Corporate Secretary of RKO General, Inc..

Julie W. Cook 7/21/95  
Julie W. Cook (Date)  
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abetting the ex-monk, and procuring girls for him. The women might be denied bail when they surrender to police, police said.

Crime Suppression Division chief Khamnueng Thammakasem said there was enough evidence to press charges against the eight nuns, and that police were collecting evidence against others suspected of involvement in the case.

Pawana, or Chamlong Konsue, has been charged with raping several hilltribe girl under his supervision.

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He is believed to have been in Thailand for a week.

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# US journalist pleads for leniency in drug trial

Associated Press

AN American television journalist charged with trying to smuggle heroin out of Thailand testified yesterday that he was forced into carrying it when a story he was working on went badly awry.

Steven Roye, 49, already had pleaded guilty to trying to carry about three kilogrammes of heroin on to a flight to Amsterdam at Bangkok International Airport last Oct 14.

But he said he carried the drugs only because the trafficker whom he was investigating threatened to kill his mother and 20-year-old son if he didn't.

Yesterday's hearing was held in a formal setting to allow a police investigator to present the state's case and Roye to explain any mitigating circumstances. His lawyer asked for leniency.

He will be sentenced on Oct 17.

The maximum penalty for drug smuggling in Thailand is death, but it is almost never meted out. Life imprisonment is the usual penalty.

Although there is no such thing as a plea bargain in Thailand's criminal justice system, pleading guilty allows a judge the discretion to reduce a defendant's sentence. Life sentences, defined as 50 years, are usually halved in such cases.

"I don't deserve any sentence if they realize the truth," Roye said.

before testifying yesterday. "I only came to Thailand to help fight drugs but I became a victim of these drug traffickers."

Roye, who was once a reporter for WWOR-TV in Secaucus, New Jersey, told the court he was working as an investigative reporter on stories involving drugs and prostitution in Hollywood when he decided to infiltrate a drug gang.

"During that period I met a man who recruited couriers for an international drug trafficking organization," he wrote in notes prepared for his testimony, which were handed out by his lawyer. "He didn't know I was a journalist. I became friendly with him so I could learn more about his drug business. A few weeks later he offered me US\$10,000 to come to Thailand as a courier."

Roye testified and offered evidence intended to show that he had enough income that US\$10,000 would not induce him to smuggle drugs.

"I had no interest in the money of in becoming a drug criminal. I only said yes so I could investigate the drug operation for the stories I was writing. My plan was to refuse carrying the drugs before leaving Bangkok."

Roye said he had informed friends, family members and colleagues of his intention before coming to Thailand.

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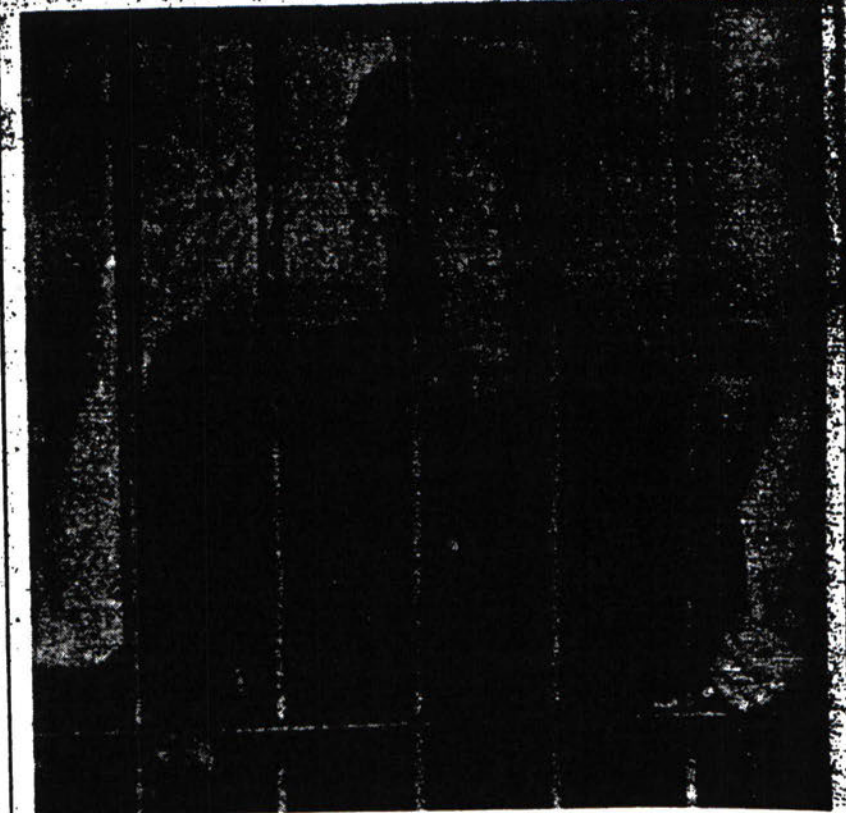
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THE UN Charter came into force on October 24, 1945. UN Day is celebrated each year on that date. This year's UN Day will be a special one. It will mark the United Nations 50th anniversary. The UN, an organization of sovereign states, not a world government, is made up of 160 member countries. These countries work together under the UN's flag to find solutions to problems and disputes, and to deal with matters of concern to humanity.

The main purpose of the UN is to preserve world peace. Thus, the UN has been active in resolving disputes between nations, reducing tensions, preventing conflicts and putting an end to fighting. Ending the arms race and eventually eliminating all weapons of war are also major concerns of the UN.

The UN has also formulated the Universal Declaration of



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THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE  
Washington, D.C. 20230

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*Kantor*

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Section 8(a) of the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967, as amended (Pelly Amendment) (22 U.S.C. 1978), requires me to certify to you when I determine that nationals of a foreign country, directly or indirectly, are conducting fishing operations in a manner or under circumstances which diminish the effectiveness of an international fishery conservation program. By this letter, I am certifying to you that Canadian nationals are engaged in whaling activities that diminish the effectiveness of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) conservation program.

This summer, Canada authorized its native people to hunt two endangered bowhead whales. One whale was taken on August 17 in the eastern Canadian arctic from a population of uncertain stock structure that may number as few as 450 animals. Another whale was taken from the western Canadian arctic on July 24. Canada is not a member of the IWC. It withdrew from that organization in 1982, stating that it no longer had "any direct interest in the whaling industry or in the related activities of the IWC." Furthermore, the hunts were conducted contrary to the IWC's advice. The IWC expressed particular concern about the prospect of whaling in the eastern Canadian arctic, where bowhead stocks are still highly endangered and are not known to be recovering.

The Pelly Amendment authorizes you to restrict imports of products from certified nations to the extent such restrictions are consistent with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. My recommendations concerning import restrictions will be provided to you in time to meet the Pelly Amendment's 60-day Congressional report requirement.

I have notified the Secretaries of State and of the Treasury and the Chairmen of the Council on Environmental Quality and the Marine Mammal Commission of this certification. I have asked the Secretary of State to advise the Government of Canada of this action.

Sincerely,

  
Michael Kantor

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December 18, 1996

JAMES B. HUNT, JR.  
GOVERNOR

The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing you today to enlist your support for a major single most important opportunity I know to make high standards for teachers a reality in every school in this nation in the next four years. I speak, of course, of the work of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards to create a national, voluntary certification and assessment and professional development system for accomplished teachers.

The nation knows how important education issues are to you. Your support for national standards for students and teachers, for improving the technological capabilities of America's schools, for helping America's students achieve access to the best education we can offer, for helping America's parents and grandparents place faith, once again, in the safety and quality of our schools - all this is so vitally important for the future well-being and competitive edge of our nation and her ability to achieve a just society for her citizens.

But we also know, Mr. President, that these goals are simply not achievable if our teachers do not meet the challenges that world-class standards impose. You put this to the nation straightforwardly when you endorsed the report of the National Commission on Teaching and issued a Directive to the Secretary of Education to implement many of the teacher reforms called for in that report. Your Directive also recognized the important contribution National Board Certification will make in meeting our national education goals and the standards we governors set in our states.

Your support for the work of the National Board has been a linchpin of our success thus far. As Governor of Arkansas, you led the National Governors' Association to support the Board's creation and on more than one occasion you personally wrote all members of the US Congress urging federal funding for the NBPTS. As President, your administration, particularly

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Secretary Riley, has supported the work of the National Board and has taken steps to incorporate the work of the Board with relevant federal education programs and initiatives so that the Board's work is not in isolation, but augments your goals for education of America's children. In October of 1995, you welcomed the nation's first National Board Certified Teachers in a White House ceremony.

Your education campaign for this second term, as you described recently in the speech before the Democratic Leadership Council, is grounded in the belief that as a nation we must have national standards, and high standards, for teachers.

Now is the time to make these high and rigorous standards a reality for our teaching force to work toward and achieve. National Board Certification, with its critical professional development components, offers the single most important comprehensive opportunity to make these high standards for teachers a reality in every school in this nation. No other single reform has such potential systemic reform.

I ask you today to commit your leadership for a campaign of renewed and enhanced support to help complete the nation-wide system of National Board Certification for America's teachers during the next four years. Your leadership would be comprised of two elements:

- \* A commitment to increased federal funding for the development, implementation and access for teachers to the National Board Certification system.

Secretary Riley has submitted a request to the Office of Management and Budget to provide such assistance to the National Board. His request would provide \$21 million to the National Board in FY 1998 - \$16 million above the current federal support level of \$5 million. We ask that you support this request.

This increased support level for the five-year budget period would guarantee completion of the full system - with more than 80 percent of the system's completion occurring by the school year 2000-2001, bringing high teaching standards within the reach of every school in America.

Besides funding the basic development and implementation activities, this request also would provide federal matching funds to encourage states and

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localities to provide fee supports for teachers to stand for National Board Certification.

- \* Your commitment to asking America's corporate and foundation leaders to undertake an expanded campaign to provide private support for the all important development and marketing of standards-based professional development materials as well as candidate support, outreach and mobilization efforts with the states and localities necessary to bring National Board Certification within reach of all of America's teachers.

We ask that you launch this campaign in a White House event early in the year. The fundraising goal of the private sector campaign would be \$60 million - roughly matching the increased federal support level.

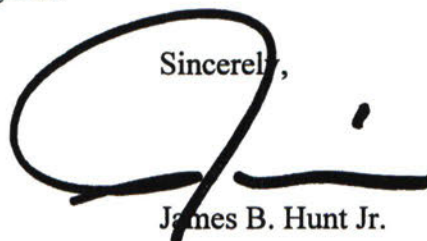
America's teachers are beginning to taste the benefits of National Board Certification. Almost 2000 teachers have already gone through early offerings of National Board Certification. This school year, more than 800 teachers are seeking National Board Certification in six certification fields which reach close to 45 percent of the country's teaching force. Thirty states and localities have now taken action to provide some incentives and rewards for teachers to seek National Certification.

The National Board has enjoyed strong support from the foundation and corporate communities and from the federal government, but at the present rate of development, it will take many years to complete the National Board system. We believe America's teachers do not want to wait, and America's school children can not afford to wait. The time is now to bring this reform into every classroom in the nation. With this comparatively small commitment of increased federal funds, and with your "bully pulpit" to open the coffers of the private sector for one final push, we can achieve this goal.

I look forward to your reply on this.

My warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

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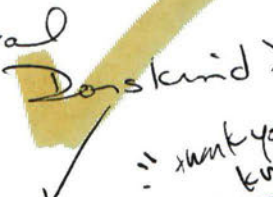
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Dear Mr. President,

Congratulations on your reelection. I am very pleased that we will have the benefit of your leadership for another four years and look forward to continuing to work with you and your Administration on problems of mutual concern.

In particular, I look forward to helping to devise implementation strategies to achieve your stated goals regarding the AIDS epidemic. At our meeting this past weekend, your Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS Comm. AD.

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believe that it moves governmental policy in the right direction. However, we also noted that in several areas we do not believe the strategy goes far enough. Bold leadership and political courage will be necessary to end this epidemic, particularly in the face of a Congress that has, to be charitable, been less than supportive.

We are concerned that the departure of some of the champions of AIDS issues within your office could deter the effort to end this disease which you have vowed to do. I believe one way to ensure continued progress is to appoint a strong, high profile Director for your Office of National AIDS policy and to make sure that person reports directly to you in much the same way as General McCaffrey does.

Last week, while in Washington, I discussed my concerns with Marsha Scott. I suggested Congressman Gerry Studds as the individual I believe could best fill the job of AIDS Policy Director. Obviously, I do not need to tell you of Congressman Studds' brilliance, experience and fortitude.

I hope you will give him serious consideration for the job and if, for some reason, his appointment is not your decision, I hope you will look to someone of such stature. Former Oregon Governor Barbara Roberts has also been mentioned as a good choice.

I have been on the new combination drug therapy since May with excellent results. My viral load is now undetectable and I have my old energy back. I am spending a great deal of my time working on natural gas issues for

Darry. My most ambitious project is converting the taxi fleet in New York City to natural gas. I am happy to report that we now have 40 natural gas taxis on the streets of New York and are working closely with Ford to place several hundred more this coming year.

Mr. President, I see great opportunity for greatly reducing the suffering and loss caused by AIDS. You can ensure that happens. I can't think of a more important legacy to an awful lot of people.

Warmest wishes for a very happy holiday season to you, Hillary and Chelsea. I'm looking forward to a great next four years.

Sincerely,  
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CHAVALIT: Subject of conjecture

husband had not travelled 200,000 miles but several million miles. She is referring to his media-given nickname, "long voyager".

He has made several trips and has been elected in three elections," she said in a recent interview.

Chavalit's ambition to be prime minister was no secret, but he remains an enigma as far as being a national leader is concerned. There is much talk about his skill as a strategist at national and regional levels - a reputation built during his younger days in the army and his tenure as Army commander-in-chief.

But there is also talk about the man's habit of creating confusion by his ambiguity of mind. Some people are concerned more about the people surrounding him than about the man himself.

What is certain about Chavalit is that he likes to say "yes" to everyone. He is a kind man. He might agree to go to different weddings being held at the same time, but obviously he cannot attend them all and ends up saying to none of them," said Amnuay Rajavan, a close associate who is tipped to become the new finance minister.

His supporters claim Chavalit is also a hard-earner and adapter. They argue that his oratory skills have improved over the years. Once he was asked in an interview with this newspaper how he could work with so many advisers. He was then interior minister. He replied he had learned from being overloaded with people and that none of them are around any more.

# Clinton to cement US-Thai relations

## First lady given warm welcome in Chiang Rai

YINDEE LERTCHAROENCHOK  
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The Nation

US President Bill Clinton arrives in Bangkok tonight for an historic visit during which he will see a different Thailand from the one which greeted former presidents Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon when they visited in the 1960s.

The visits by the two previous American presidents, in 1966 and 1969 respectively, were aimed at strengthening relations crucial to the US' involvement in the Vietnam War.

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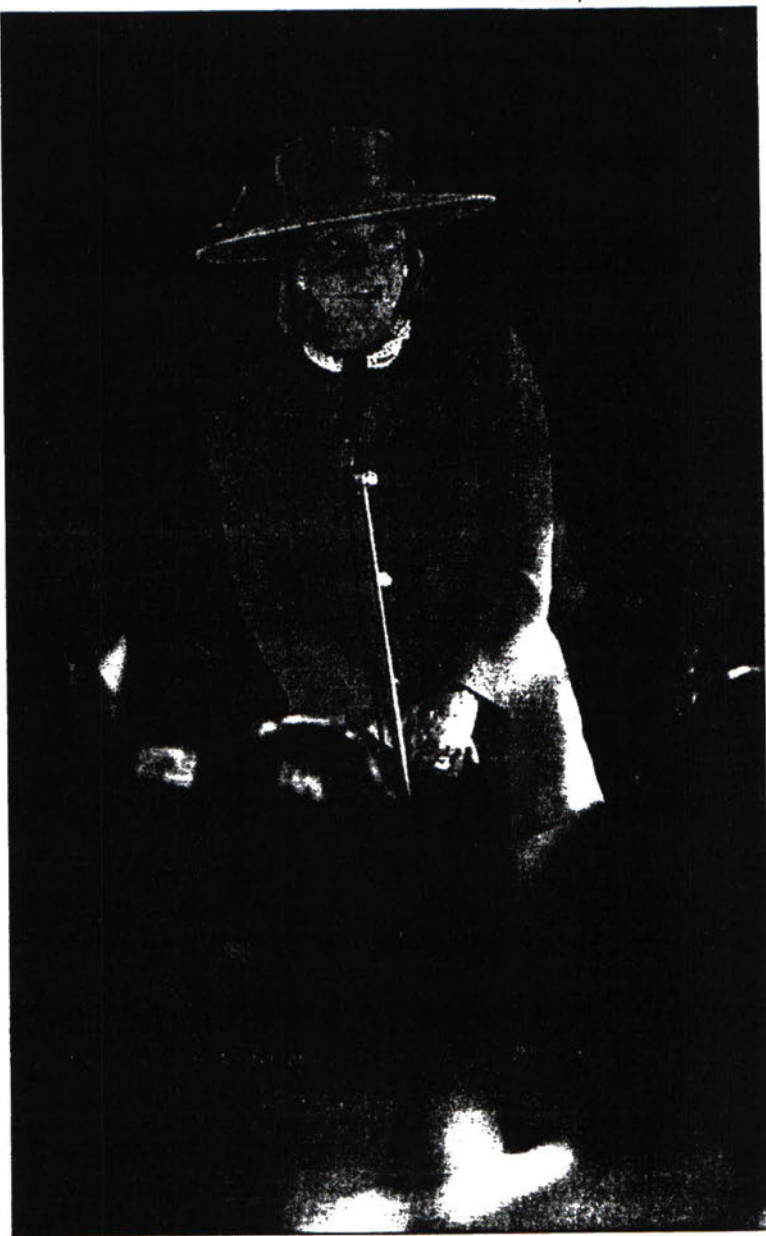
Clinton's visit is, to the contrary, intended to reassure Thailand and other Southeast Asian countries of America's commitment to Asia and the Pacific, where peace now largely prevails and political ties have become more intertwined with business relations.

Thai and US diplomats said the brief visit to Bangkok is an opportunity for him to show America's interest in Asia and boost trade with Thailand. During his stay, Clinton will be made aware that the occasional economic friction between the two countries has not soured bilateral ties.

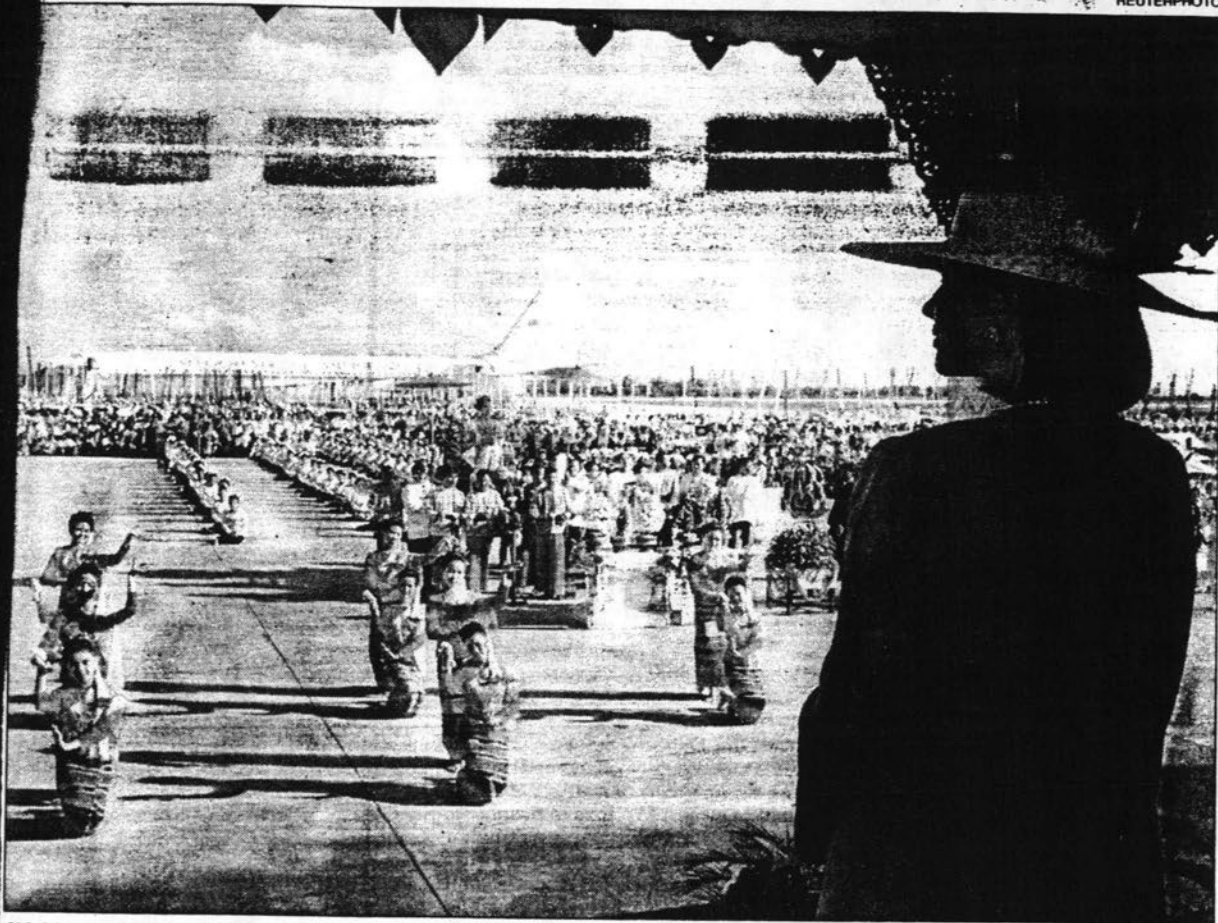
Thailand and the US remain trusted and reliable friends and can work towards mutual prosperity, global peace and stability.

Clinton will outline his administration's policies towards Asia, especially Southeast Asia. The statement will touch on the long history of bilateral relations and cooperation in political, economic, security and social interests.

It will also reiterate the US commitment to Asia and the Pacific and comment on transnational issues of bilateral and global concern, including drugs, international crime and terrorism, and the universality and principles of democracy and human



Hillary Clinton speaks to students at the Maechan Wittayakhom School in Chiang Rai after her arrival in Thailand. The school is a participant in the Thai Women of Tomorrow project.



US First Lady Hillary Clinton watches as a northern Thai classical dance is performed on her behalf during a welcoming ceremony at Chaeng Rai Airport yesterday. She arrived for a brief visit and headed for Chiang Mai later in the day.

## Clinton to stress US-Thai security ties

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rights. Yesterday in Manila, Clinton and Chinese President Jiang Zemin opened a new chapter in Sino-US relations by agreeing on a framework for summitry over the next two years (See A9).

Clinton and his wife Hillary, who flew in yesterday for a tour of northern Thailand, will have a busy schedule during their brief stay as guests of Their Majesties the King and Queen on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the King's Accession to the Throne.

In addition to an audience tonight with Their Majesties, who will host a state banquet for the American couple tomorrow evening, the US president has a tight schedule during his one-day stopover.

After meeting the prime minister in the morning, during which an agreement on the avoidance of double taxation will be signed, Clinton will receive an honorary doctorate in political science from Chulalongkorn University.

Hillary Clinton's arrival was hailed with the performance of a traditional dance and greetings from students, their parents, America's Ambassador to Thailand William Itoh, and Thailand's Ambassador to the United States.

The First Lady expressed her delight with the beauty and grace of the dancers who greeted her at Chiang Rai international airport.

Her brief visit to the northern city was full.

Her first stop was Maechan Wittayakhom School. The school is a participant in the Thai Women of Tomorrow project.

The TWT programme is aimed at combatting child prostitution by providing education beyond the sixth grade for girls and teaching them ways to make a living other than the sex trade. The TWT offers training in vocational areas such as gem cutting and sewing.

The president's wife is an avid supporter of children and women's rights and has singled out poverty, lack of education, and prostitution as major examples of the exploitation of women and children.

She told the students how impressed she was with Chiang Rai, especially the beauty and warmth of the people. She also declared the students were "examples and pioneers in Thailand and throughout the world" for making decisions for themselves about their futures.

"When a young woman is educated, a family prospers. When a young woman has a good and decent job, a family prospers. When a family prospers, a country prospers," she said.

The first lady visited three young women who participated in TWT, and their families. She met them at Jaw Pa Kha village, a predominately Ahka village, where one of the young women lives.

She said she was impressed by the women's achievements and also by the support their families and villages gave them in education. She said she applauded their

far-sightedness in educating girls and turning away short-term benefits that could have been gained through exploitative means.

Although the US president's wife is regarded as an international voice for women, one of the mothers in Jaw Pa Kha village raised the question of establishing a similar programme for boys. The mother cited the high unemployment rate in the region.

The first lady's final stop on her whirlwind tour of Chiang Rai was Dhamajarik village, located down the hill from Jaw Pa Kha. There she was greeted by the village head and presented with a hand-crafted silver bracelet, a Yao style purse, pillow cases, a key chain, and a table cloth.

She then walked along the dirt road, met villagers and looked at their wares.

The mostly Yao village was advised of her pending arrival a week-and-a-half earlier.

Although they were excited about the visit, some were shy and tried to hide in the shadows of their stalls. But one inhabitant was easily spied. A little boy had donned a pair of Groucho Marx glasses, was spotted by Hillary Clinton and had his photo taken with her.

She complimented the people of Dhamajarik on their jewellery and craft skills. But members of her entourage were more taken by this than she was: they bought souvenirs, including many lacquered boxes and a Yao style hat.

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US First Lady Hillary Clinton sees an exhibition at a Mae Chan school during her visit to Chiang Rai province. The exhibition features a US-supported project to eliminate child exploitation and prostitution. — PHOTO: TAWATCHAI KEMGUMNERD

POLITICS

## Six illegal businesses big threat to stability

Researchers: politics is corrupted by trade

The trade in drugs, arms, contraband, smuggled oil, cheap labour and sex threaten the long-term economic stability of Thailand. Chulalongkorn University researchers have warned.

They say the illegal businesses are together worth 600-800 billion baht a year — 15-18 percent of the country's gross national product.

And they corrupt the political process and lead to such ills as vote-buying.

The findings were made by researchers working with the university's Economics Faculty's Political Economy Research Centre under the sponsorship of the Asia Foundation and the Thailand Research Fund.

Twelve research papers outlining the findings will be presented at a seminar entitled "The Illegal Economy and Thailand's Public Policy" in Bangkok next month.

Academics carried out their research between October 1995 and October 1996.

They estimated the annual value of the six illegal businesses between 1993 and 1995 was 600-800 billion baht.

"The discovery not only revealed the monstrous size of the illegal businesses but also helped unlock the mystery of how some influential people had been able to become political leaders at local and national level over the past two decades," said research team leader Sangsit Piriyarangsarn.

He said it also explained why there was so much political corruption.

### STATE VISIT

## Security blanket thrown over Bangkok for Clinton's visit

### Commanders hold meet to review plan

Post reporters

Police and military authorities have thrown a security blanket over the city for United States' President Bill Clinton who is due tonight for a 27-hour state visit.

Army bomb disposal squads yesterday conducted a final round of inspection of Ratchadamnoen Avenue and police dogs were mobilised for random checks of areas through which the presidential motorcade will pass during his brief but busy visit.

First Lady Hillary Clinton arrived yesterday for a visit to the northern capital of Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai. She will return to Bangkok tonight and join her husband at Don Muang airport where Air Force One, the presidential jet carrying Mr Clinton and his entourage from Manila, is

expected to touch down at 9.30 p.m.

Top Metropolitan Police commanders met for three hours yesterday to review their plan. At the end of the meeting Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sophon Varatchanont said all city police units have been put on alert in what is seen as the biggest security mobilisation since the Asia-Europe Meeting in Bangkok last March.

Meanwhile, city officials are working round the clock to ensure all decorations are in place along the route Mr Clinton's motorcade will pass on the way to the Grand Palace.

Thousands of American and Thai flags have been planted along the route, while flyovers along the path have been decorated with lights and flowers to welcome the US leader, City Clerk Prasert Samalabha said.

From the airport Mr Clinton's motorcade will head for the Don Muang tollway, Yommarat, Phitsanulok Road, Ratchadamnoen Avenue and on to the Grand Palace.

Three huge platforms — at the airport's cargo terminal, Mission Hospital in Yommarat and Phra Nakorn Vocational School — have been erected draped in the Stars and Stripes and Thailand's red, white and blue banners, each 13.50 metres long and five metres wide.

The city clerk, who inspected the preparations yesterday, said the task was almost complete with the exception of a few finishing touches here and there, and pleaded with city residents not to steal the flags as happened during last month's visit of Queen Elizabeth II of Britain.

At the airport Mr Clinton and his wife will be received by Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn and Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn who will escort the presidential couple to Chitralada Palace for an audience with Their Majesties the King and Queen.

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## CLINTON'S VISIT

# Hillary hails anti-sex trade efforts

## US First Lady visits girls at risk in North

Tassanee Vejpongsa

On her first official visit to Thailand the United States' First Lady Hillary Clinton has shown a keen interest in how the kingdom's private and government sectors deal with the problem of child prostitution in the northern region.

Mrs Clinton was greeted by the provincial governor and US officials on her arrival at Chiang Rai International Airport in the afternoon.

She then travelled directly to the Maechan Wittayakhom school in the province's Maechan District for a first hand view of a project the school has implemented to eliminate child exploitation and prostitution.

The project, set up two years ago and titled "Thai Woman of Tomorrow", was made possible by initial funding from USAID (Thailand).

Later, the project also received funding from both the government and private sectors. An estimated 1,000 educational scholarships were

awarded to girls in risk groups in the four provinces of Chiang Rai, Chiang Mai, Lampang and Payao.

After being briefed on the programme by one of its founders, Dr Chakrapand Wongburanavart, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University, Mrs Clinton expressed her high regard for the help given by all parties involved in the programme and its subsequent success.

"The programme, which the US is pleased to have assisted in the beginning, is an example of how to prevent young girls and women from suffering exploitation and abuse," said the US first lady.

The project aims to give young women with no opportunity to further their education the opportunity to gain skills and knowledge. This then puts them in a good position to find an acceptable and rewarding job, instead of being forced into prostitution because of poverty.

Mrs Clinton also had a message for those young women who have already been given the chance.

"You who are students, are examples and pioneers for young women in Thailand and the rest of the world

who are looking for an opportunity to decide what is best for them and their future," she said.

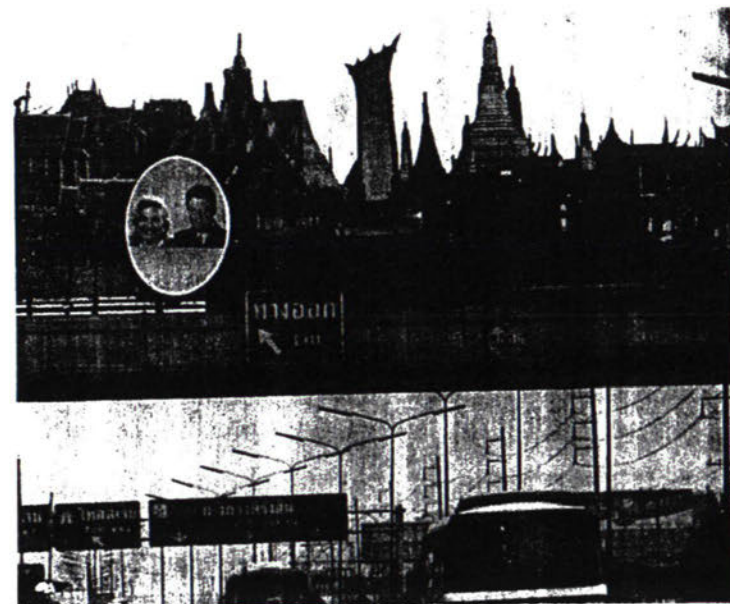
After her speech, the school staff presented Mrs Clinton with a gift. The US first lady then viewed an exhibition on the school's various activities before leaving to visit a scholarship student at her home in Jor Pa Kha village.

The lucky student in question was Pornpimon Merlae, 18, who received a scholarship from the programme to further her study after graduating from elementary school.

Later, Mrs Clinton briefly visited Thammajarik village where she spent 30 minutes shopping for hilltribe products in the local market. She bought a wooden box for herself and was also presented with a handmade silver bracelet by a group of villagers dressed in traditional Yao clothes.

One 4-year-old Thammajarik villager wearing fake eyeglasses and a plastic nose covering his face got a close photo opportunity with Mrs Clinton after he walked past and caused her to laugh.

After the visit, she went directly to the airport from where she was to travel to Chiang Mai.



A painting of Bangkok's historical landmarks has been put up on a pedestrian flyover in front of Don Muang airport to welcome US President Bill Clinton, who is due to arrive tonight on a state visit.

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The draft regulation forcing tobacco companies to reveal the ingredients of cigarettes and cigars to the Public Health Ministry has yet to be brought into force despite being approved by the cabinet early this month.

The regulation will come into effect 180 days after it receives the signature of the health minister.

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ket by introducing advertising and  
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The articles placed pressure on the  
Clinton administration to address the  
problem, said Dr Prakrit Vathisathoj-  
kit of Moh Chao Baan Foundation's  
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"My concern is that Mr Clinton  
will be more conservative in his poli-  
cies during this next administration  
and in all likelihood may not wish to  
hinder US industries' expansion  
abroad," said Dr Prakrit, also a spe-  
cialist in chest and lung diseases at  
Ramathibodi Hospital.

Dr Hathai urged the US president  
to invite Asian health officials and  
children to the White House on World  
No Smoking Day, May 31.

## Mrs Clinton earns praise, scorn in RP

### *Feminists call her a 'PR girl' for US*

Manila, AFP

US First Lady Hillary Clinton  
called here yesterday for greater  
efforts to improve women's rights  
worldwide but got scathing treatment  
from radical feminists who called her  
a "public relations girl" for US in-  
terests.

Mrs Clinton, one of the most visible  
international campaigners for  
women's rights, spoke to more than 5,000  
members of Philippine women's  
groups on the sidelines of an Asia-  
Pacific economic meeting attended by  
her husband, US President Bill  
Clinton.

She said there had been "a remark-  
able and unprecedented effort to cre-  
ate more balance within our global  
society and more balance in people's  
individual lives" in countries across  
the world.

But Mrs Clinton stressed more  
needed to be done as the world moves  
into a new century and spoke up for  
the millions of women from develop-  
ing countries suffering from abuses as  
migrant workers.

"Women deserve to be respected  
and compensated for the work they  
do, wherever they do it," she said.

Mrs Clinton, who was introduced  
as a "spectacular role model," ad-  
dressed her speech to "the women of  
Asia" and was interrupted several  
times by applause inside Manila's

newly opened World Trade Center ex-  
hibition complex.

But a small group of radical femi-  
nists scoffed at Mrs Clinton and wives  
of other leaders of the 18-member  
Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation  
(Apec) forum, which has been op-  
posed by various anti-US groups here.

Radio reports said several dozen  
demonstrators belonging to Manila's  
Gabriela feminist group staged a brief  
rally outside the heavily guarded con-  
vention complex, where APEC-relat-  
ed meetings were being held.

A statement from Gabriela dis-  
missed the women's meeting attended  
by Mrs Clinton and other wives of  
APEC leaders as "one big Tupper-  
ware party" and described her as "the  
foremost PR girl for US economic and  
political dominance in the world."

But at the meeting Mrs Clinton,  
dressed in an aqua suit, basked in  
praise from mainstream, middle-aged  
Philippine campaigners for women's  
rights and praised the former US colo-  
ny's contributions to promoting de-  
mocracy and women's rights.

She lauded President Fidel Ramos  
for addressing "the difficult and sen-  
sitive issue of family planning,"  
which has earned him the ire of bish-  
ops in the largely Roman Catholic  
Philippines.

"Your president and your govern-  
ment also deserve praise for their ur-  
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cruitment of Filipinas for overseas  
jobs, jobs in which the rights of wom-  
en and girls are routinely violated in  
other countries," she said.

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## Getting a new lease on life

**WE CARE:** Unicef joins hands with Bangkok hotels to give poor young northern girls a second chance in life by giving them marketable work skills and a prospect of job security

BUSSARAWAN TEERAWICHITCHAINAN

**E**arly this year, Kongtib Sandiew, a 20-year-old Shan girl from Chiang Rai, felt completely lost after finishing high school.

As she could not further her studies because her family was too poor, she seemed destined to a life of low-paid, unskilled work.

Although born and bred in Chiang Rai, as a Shan, Kongtib is regarded as a non-citizen resident and cannot claim Thai nationality. And without a Thai identification card, Kongtib can never find job security.

Not willing to give up, Kongtib kept asking herself how she could achieve financial security so she could support her ageing parents?

"I didn't want to end up in the sex trade like many of my neighbours. Nor did I want to be an underpaid labourer in Bangkok's suburban factories," Kongtib murmured. "I was facing a dead end in my life."

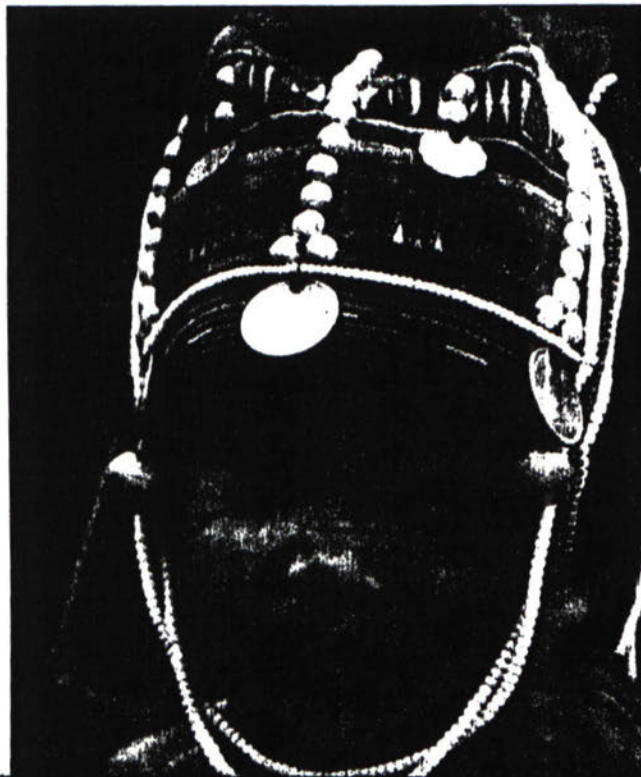
A few months later, however, a piece of good news came to her. She was introduced to the Youth Career Development Programme organised by Unicef and six leading Bangkok hotels to train underprivileged girls from northern Thailand in the hospitality industry.

Kongtib's hope rose when together with 34 other young women between 17 and 20, she was accepted into the programme in July. Last week, the proud Shan girl and her friends were awarded certificates upon completing the 20-week training course.

More important than the certificate is the inner security and self-confidence Kongtib feels as reflected in her plans for the future.

"I want to stay in Bangkok to find a job in the hotel business and study for a degree in accountancy at Ramkhamhaeng University. After getting the degree, I will return to my hometown to work as an accountant," she says with enthusiasm.

Building such confidence was one of the main aims of the course according to key organiser, Dr Kitiya Phornsadja, who is the project officer for Unicef's Programme for Children in Especially Dif-



Left: While the prospects for many children in the North are bleak, some are getting a second chance at building a confident and secure future. Above: Four of the northern trainees in their chef's uniforms. Below: A trainee shows her flower arranging skill. — Photos by SOMKID CHALITVANIT



fruitful circumstances.

When young people feel positive about their future, they develop self-esteem and pride, Dr Kitiya believes.

"Self-esteem is necessary for one to make a rational choice. But the problem is how to empower them and make them see that there are job opportunities apart from the dangerous path young women often take," Dr Kitiya adds.

Giving these girls education is one answer. Providing them with marketable vocational skills is another equally, if not more, important solution.

In 1995, in cooperation with the Pan Pacific Hotel, Unicef initiated the Youth Career Development Programme and recruited ten girls from northern Thailand as trainees. The aim was to improve their career prospects and long-term financial security by giving them basic vocational skills.

"Young women in the North are at the greatest risk of being sexually exploited," says Dr Kitiya. "That is why we consider them a priority."

All ten trainees in the programme's first year were offered jobs with the hotel prompting five more hotels - the Grand Hyatt Erawan, the Fortune Blue Wave Hotel, the Regent, the Shangri-La and the Sheraton Grand Sukhumvit - to join the programme this year.

Most of the 35 trainees came from Chiang Rai which is notorious as a source of girls for the sex trade. While some are Thai, other are from minority hilltribes such as the Akha and Shan. Despite their different backgrounds, they all share a common legacy of entrenched poverty and the risk it brings of being exploited.

"My family is poor. My parents grow corn but it's not our land. They are just poorly-paid workers," says Aree Chuenwanarat, 20, from an Akha hilltribe in Chiang Rai. "I'm the fifth of nine children, but the first to get an education."

Aree was only able to finish Matayom Three earlier this year with a scholarship from the Development and Education Programme for Daughters and Communities Centre non-government organisation. Despite her secondary education, Aree still felt uncertain about her future.

"My older sister wanted me to go south," she says, using the euphemism for entering the sex trade. "But I wasn't ready. I was too young."

"I was always confused about my future; about what I wanted to be. Now I know. I'm happy that I'm going to have a profession ... to be a cook."

The 35 girls were divided into small groups that went to each hotel where they were taught various hospitality skills and basic English.

Although they trained separately, they lived together at the Girl Guide's Association near Victory Monument and soon forged a strong sisterhood.

"We usually got up at five in the morning. When we finished our daily routine, we hurried to catch the bus to our hotels," says Wanlee Chuenwanarat, a 17-year-old Akha girl, adding that this is her first time in Bangkok.

Each training day began with either an English lesson or a hospitality skill training class with the afternoon devoted to practising what they learnt. Every Saturday a guest speaker would give a lecture about their particular area of expertise.

"The programme is not about creating employment in the hotel industry. It's about empowerment and giving an opportunity. With the completion of this programme, these young girls have the choice about how to live their lives," emphasises programme organiser and Pan Pacific general manager, Douglas Loudon.

Each month, the trainees attended a workshop on social topics such as Aids and family planning.

"We also informed them about child rights, child exploitation and the problems and situations of their communities," adds Dr Kitiya.

Some people were concerned the girls would not want to return home after they were exposed to the luxurious life they saw in the plush hotels they worked in.

"Before beginning the programme, we talked about this concern seriously. We decided that if we didn't bring these girls here to train them, it is highly likely that they would come by themselves and end up in much more dangerous places," says Dr Kitiya. "But if we can ensure them a better future, it is worth doing so."

After the course, the girls can follow their will. They can return home or accept any job that might be offered by the hotels.

Whatever they choose, the programme is a sign that the private sector is aware of the problems of child exploitation and prostitution and is willing to help with youth development.

"Though we and our NGO (non-government organisation) allies work closely with poor communities, there is a limit to what we can achieve on our own. With expertise and financial support from the private sector, more young people can be helped," explains Dr Kitiya.

"With a little help from each company, the private sector can effectively introduce these underprivileged young people into the world of work," Dr Kitiya goes on.

Reflecting their new opportunities, Wanlee Chuenwanarat, a 17-year-old Akha hilltribe girl,

recalls her bitter past.

"I used to dream about being an astronaut so that I could come close to the stars high above," Wanlee says. "I knew, though, that the dream was too high for me."

Disappointed, she turned her attention to more earthly matters and set her sights on getting a teaching degree and being a *khru doy* - a teacher on the hill.

"I want to help my younger peers in my hilltribe to get a higher education. In our village, we have only a primary school. Very few can afford to further their studies down the hill," she explains.

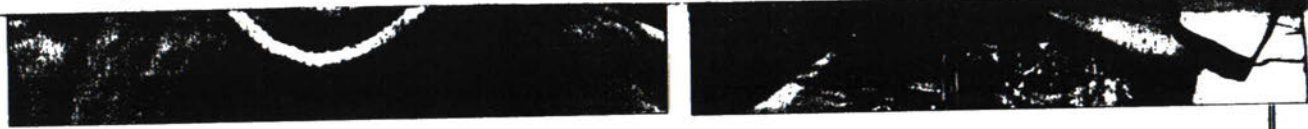
But Wanlee has little hope of achieving her dream as she only finished secondary school. However, after completing the hotel hospitality training course, the Akha girl has set her sights high once more.

"I will get a job in a hotel in Chiang Mai or Chiang Rai so I can afford my own education and get a teaching degree."

With the Youth Career Development Programme, Wanlee got her second chance.

Note: Anyone interested in the Youth Career Development Programme can call Dr Kitiya Phornsadja at Unicef on 280-5931 ext 912 or the Pan Pacific Hotel on 632-9000 (fax 632-9011).

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First Lady Hillary Clinton among hilltribe women and girls at New Life Centre yesterday.

# Hillary decries trafficking of girls for sex

## Shows compassion for Aids victim at shelter for prostitutes

US First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton confronted Thailand's tragedy of child prostitution, giving comfort to a girl dying of Aids and despairing at the plight of thousands of youngsters sold into flesh trade.

Visiting a shelter for prostitutes from the poor ethnic hilltribes, Mrs Clinton said that the girls had few options.

"I don't know if I could have done as well as you if I had never held a pencil before I was 25 years old," she said.

On her second day of visit to Thailand, the first lady toured the New

Life Centre, a shelter for 151 hilltribe girls at risk of being sold into prostitution or already rescued from brothels. It was founded in 1987 by two US Baptist missionaries with 40 years' experience in Thailand, Paul and Elaine Lewis.

Mrs Clinton was told of one case where an HIV-positive girl was kept working in a brothel until she was too sick.

As the US first lady left, she walked to a wheelchair-bound girl from the shelter's hospice for Aids patients, touched her wrist and spoke some words of encouragement. The girl pressed her hands together in a *wai*.

The girl, Mi Cha Ach Mae, 18, has an estimated two weeks to live. Sold by her family as a maid when she was 10, she eventually was forced into prostitution. Police raided the brothel where she worked a year ago. Medical tests revealed she was HIV-pos-

itive.

The first lady mentioned the cooperation between Thailand and the US to fight Aids, citing the vaccine tests in Thailand and joint research on Aids.

Mrs Clinton later visited Doi Suthep and Chiang Mai University.

At the university, the first lady gave a 30-minute speech which touched on democracy, market economy, women's and children's issues.

She said investment in human resources, especially women and children, is key to sustaining social and economic development. "No country can move forward into the 21st century if half its population is left on the margin," she noted.

She called for investment in education for girls, saying it was doubly beneficial. "It will enable young women to plan for their future, seek and hold jobs that will earn them increas-

Minister Chavalit Yongchaiyudh will meet visiting US President Bill Clinton today.

According to outgoing Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Amnuay Viravan, Mr Banharn will represent the government at the "formal" reception for Mr Clinton due to be held this morning at the Barom Bhimarn Palace.

Gen Chavalit will have a "private" meeting with the US leader this afternoon, Mr Amnuay added.

Speaking to reporters separately, Gen Chavalit said he expected the meeting with Mr Clinton to be mainly an occasion for introductions, as only about 10-15 minutes had been allotted for it.

Otherwise, there might be general discussion about cooperation in this part of the world, and ways of achieving it, Gen Chavalit added.

Asked if he would raise the question of Thailand suffering a trade deficit with the US for the first time in many years, Gen Chavalit said he thought this would be unlikely as such a discussion would require time and preparation at the level of officials.

According to the Thai Farmers Bank's research unit, Thailand during the first six months this year suffered a deficit of 2.9 billion baht, the first time in 12 years with what is one of the country's oldest trading partners.

ing income."

She said Thailand was well represented at the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing last year.

"Today, the National Commission on Women's Affairs, working with a growing NGO movement in Thailand, is taking steps in various ways to improve the status of women through community action to help battered women and spare them from enslavement of forced prostitution, to name a few," said Mrs Clinton. She praised the Thai government and NGOs for their impressive accomplishments on women's issues.

The first lady also praised Thailand for providing shelter to refugees from Burma. She however said the refugees would not be able to return home unless there is a dialogue between the Burmese junta and pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

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# TWO OF MANY THINGS

TWO DISTANT but pleasant memories of the great Lena Horne: As a boy of seven, I returned from the movies and told my mother, who was cooking dinner, that I had just seen "the most beautiful lady I ever saw." Intrigued by my enthusiasm, my mother figured out whom I meant from my convoluted descriptions of scene and plot, and she said with a smile (it turned out she was a big fan) that "the lady" was Lena Horne and that I had excellent taste.

Exactly 23 years later, I was driving through the crowded Yale-gownie section of New Haven in heavy traffic, when the radio offered Lena's electric version of the Jerome Kern/Dorothy Field song "A Fine Romance." I grew so attentive and anxious not to miss the hint of a beat that I pulled over and double-parked in mid-street to luxuriate, thereby avoiding countless collisions but prompting countless curses.

Lena Horne has that effect on people. We Jesuits at America House can gladly testify to it, after being graced by her visits here in recent years. In person, Lena is very different from her public persona. She is soft-spoken, completely un-theatrical, highly intelligent and articulate (unlike most stars), and gifted with a warm sense of humor and a potent grasp of human folly. Like most singers, she has an exceptionally pleasant speaking voice, rhythmic and flexible, and an ease with emphasis the rest of us simply envy. No other star—her career began in 1933!—knew well so many artists in the entertainment world. With some coaxing, she will recount (usually funny) stories about Fats Waller, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Billy Holliday, Tony Bennett, Billy Strayhorn, Louis B. Mayer ("Im-possible"), Ava Gardner (her closest friend at M-G-M), Artie Shaw—and the effect on the listener is much like following W. B. Yeats in his poem "The Municipal Gallery Revisited" and appreciating his



closing lines: "Think where man's glory most begins and ends, / And say my glory was I had such friends."

At long last the public will be able to see the "true" Lena Horne and appreciate what we at America House already know. On Monday night, Nov. 25, at 9 P.M. (ET), PBS stations will be presenting an hour-long documentary entitled "Lena Horne: In Her Own Voice." It is an excel-

lent production, the latest in the outstanding biography series, "American Masters."

The title is accurate in that the narrative is provided by Lena Horne herself through well-selected snippets of interviews throughout her life. Her story is a gripping one, recounted with honesty and occasional passion. It is also immensely educative (especially for our younger generations), because it reminds us of sad chapters (within

living memory, to boot) of our country's history of bigotry. The presentation, like Lena herself, is never hokey or sentimental, however; the events speak for themselves and need no embellishment.

Other "voices" complement Lena's own narrative. The best by far (and here is a prejudice of mine showing) is the voice of her daughter, Gail Lumet Buckley, who is a columnist for AMERICA. Other commentators are the singers Bobby Short and Joe Williams, the journalist Liz Smith, the comedian Alan King, the actor Ossie Davis. All offer insight but are mere spear-carriers in the drama.

My only minor complaint is that we don't hear enough of Lena singing. For some unfathomable reason, she is self-deprecating about her talent, when in truth she is a terrific singer. We are treated to snatches of her singing performances in M-G-M movies and in TV duets with Frank Sinatra and Judy Garland, but this is like offering one peanut to the munchy-starved. Thank the Lord for CD's and, of course, for Lena Horne. G.W.H.

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