

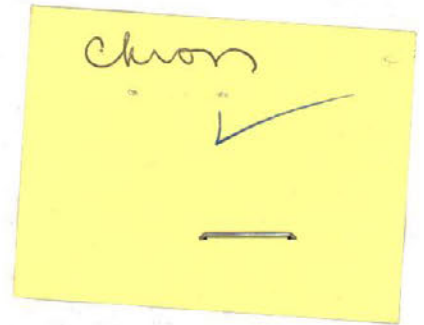
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 27, 1997

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Phil Caplan



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Date 3/27

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From: The Staff Secretary

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cc:
~~Frank~~
Keating

For
Kelly
(DC)
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 25, 1997

Ms. Kelly Keating
3438 Milton
Dallas, Texas 75205

Dear Kelly:

I enjoyed reading your thoughtful article in The Daily Campus, which your father kindly passed along to me. I think you eloquently captured the difficulties facing virtually all children of political figures, and I am grateful for your kind words about Chelsea. Your call for more tolerance and understanding is right on the mark, and I hope your words are taken to heart.

Keep up the good work at school. Chelsea, Mrs. Clinton, and I send our best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,

¹
Bill Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Honorable Frank Keating
Governor of the State of Oklahoma
State Capitol Building
Oklahoma City
Oklahoma 73105



Frank Keating
Governor

3/13/97
Kelly
Keating
to see



Dear Mr. President —

My daughter, Kelly, wrote this piece
for the Southern Methodist University news-
paper about the travails of being a child
of a political parent.

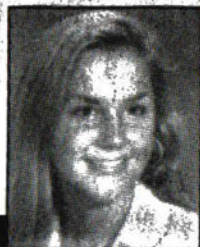
She is complimentary and sympathetic
to Chelsea which suggests that goodwill
should not be restrained by political party!

Regards,

Frank Keating

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Give political children a break



Kelly
Keating

VIEWPOINT

Do you ever feel as if you are constantly being watched? As if your every move is being critiqued? Your lifestyle constantly criticized? Even your appearance being judged? In this day and age, the children of political figures are being reprov'd more than ever before. I am the daughter of a politician, the governor of Oklahoma, and though I am not publicly criticized like more infamous political children such as Chelsea Clinton, I know exactly how hard it is to play that role.

The expectations are extremely high of my sister, brother and me when we are all at home in Oklahoma.

We are expected to be the role models for all of the other children in our state. It is hard when you want to run a simple, quick errand yet you have to shower and get all dressed up first. Or when my siblings and I can't fight or be in a bad mood just because "we are in public." Or when going to a bar is almost completely unheard of — and I am a 21-year-old college student.

These are the reasons children of politicians feel as if they are constantly being observed. This is what makes our jobs so difficult.

Every politician has a love-hate relationship with their constituents. Some people love what they stand for while others hate it. Yet when did the children of these men and women become the object of criticism as well? We are being placed in the limelight with our political mothers and fathers and being watched and ridiculed for the smallest of things.

Take Chelsea Clinton, for example. At the young age of 13, when privacy is the most important thing, she followed her parents to the White House. To add on to this, she was forced to deal with constant attention from the media. People loved to talk about Chelsea Clinton.

Chelsea was beginning to blossom into a young adult, most likely insecure about who she was and how she looked. Weren't we all at 13? But she had to go through the gruesome, public scrutiny of how ugly she was and how her parents were married for political reasons only, so she was not really loved.

What a terrible welcoming present we gave her. Many children of politicians have to go through these same critical observations. At times in their lives when they are just coming about as individuals, they are forced to quickly take on the role of a very responsible, mature adult.

They must accept the fact that they always have to act a certain way, dress a certain way, believe a certain way ... period. There are no ifs, ands or buts about it. In other words, children of political figures are expected to be the "perfect kids." But what the entire population must realize is that there is no such thing as the perfect kid.

Growing up is all about trial and error. You make some good decisions and some bad ones. And during this whole entire period of growing up, your parents try their hardest to guide you in the right direction.

Can you imagine what it would be like if you made one bad mistake and everyone knew about it and talked about it? Not only will you be punished by your parents but by everyone else as well.

Unfortunately, this happens regularly. And though the media seem to love to publish bad stories on you, they often have no desire to publish anything positive that you have done. These children, though, must take their roles as politicians' sons and daughters and make them

positive. They must try to ignore the bad press and enjoy all of the advantages they do have.

Not only do these children have to deal with personal harmful publicity, they also have to deal with their political mothers or fathers getting criticized as well. In a free society the media are not obligated to write all positives, so it is natural for political figures to be criticized a lot. This is something I have to deal with a lot. My father has his share of people who do not agree with what he stands for and their constant attacks and harmful words are taken to heart by me. When mean words are written about Frank Keating, in my eyes, the media are not attacking the governor, they are attacking MY father — the man I look up to. You all know how bad it hurts when someone is mean to YOUR parents. Why should it be any different for us?

But with every bad there is always good. Though children of political figures are constantly and unfairly being judged and though they must objectively learn to deal with their parents being attacked by the press, they definitely have many incredible opportunities that most other people do not have. These children get to meet many famous and brilliant people. They also get to travel within the country and outside of it. We, the children of politicians, are individuals trying our hardest to successfully make it through our early years.

No kids need more parenting than their own parents. And so for the sake of Chelsea Clinton, my 17-year-old brother who lives at home and for all of the other children who are affected by this in their day to day lives, I ask you: Don't be too critical, too judgmental or too harsh. We are all normal kids going through the same things. Growing up is hard enough without everybody "watching you." So next time *Saturday Night Live* makes fun of Chelsea Clinton or any other political child, take a step back and think of how YOU would feel if you were in their shoes!

Kelly Keating is a sophomore.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

DATE: 3-27

TO:

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FROM: Staff Secretary

I'm afraid this
isn't good news - but
there it is. I'm
pushing on the Canadian
front, but have no
answer yet. *Indel*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 27, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR TODD STERN

FROM: G. TIMOTHY SAUNDERS 
Executive Clerk

SUBJECT: Ira Shapiro

Ira S. Shapiro was nominated to the Senate on April 24, 1995, for **"the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service** as Senior Counsel and Negotiator in the Office of the United States Trade Representative." He was subsequently confirmed by the Senate on June 30, 1995, and **accorded** the rank of Ambassador by letter (azure) signed by the President dated June 30, 1995.

Traditionally, those persons receiving the "rank of Ambassador" are accorded such rank by a letter (azure) signed by the President. As the President is not directly appointing them in the position to which they serve -- he is **according** them the rank of Ambassador "during their tenure of service" in such position -- they are not commissioned by the President. Some 15 persons have been accorded the rank of Ambassador in this manner -- by letter -- by President Clinton; dozens have been done in this manner in previous administrations.

Thus, Ira Shapiro was not "commissioned" by the President.

(Historical note for you to be aware of: those persons nominated for the **"personal Rank of Career Ambassador"** -- the **highest** position in the U.S. Senior Foreign Service -- do receive a commission signed by the President following confirmation by the Senate, e.g. Frank Wisner, Stapleton Roy. Such ranks are **exceedingly rare.**)

Book entitled
"Spirit of Cardinal
Bernardin" from
John Sprague

3-26-97

To Dorskind for reply
after you have seen?

Yes ☒

No ☐

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN 3-26-97
WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed is a copy of our title
The Spirit of Cardinal Bernardin.

We were pleased to be able to
include your statement at
the beginning.

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John C. Sprague

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March 27, 1997

Erskine --

This is in response to your question about the letter from Cong. Chris Shays recommending David Rockefeller and Sol Linowitz for the Medal of Freedom.

My office coordinates the Medal of Freedom process. All recommendations go in the first instance to Dorskind, who logs them into a large running list and prepares responses to the recommenders.

During the course of the next month, I'll be pulling together a more serious list of around 20 names for the President, in consultation with a number of people in the White House and elsewhere. From this list, he'll pick between 10 and 12 names.

I'd be happy to have the Shays letter answered, unless you prefer to have an answer done for your signature. If you want to do it, you can just say that you've forwarded the names to me, according to our usual process, and that the names will be given serious consideration.


Todd