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# Coalition of Little Rock Neighborhoods

An Advocate of Quality City Neighborhoods  
Box 165451, Little Rock, Arkansas 72216

3 JANUARY 1998

PERSONAL ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The Honorable Bill Clinton  
President of the United States of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C.

*This is the  
President's Copy.*

RE: PRELIMINARY CONCEPT PAPER  
PRESIDENTIAL LEGACY  
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FROM: Bill Asti  
phone: 501 663-5003  
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fax: 501 666 asti  
email: whasti@msn.com

Dear Mr President,

Over the past twenty years, we here in the neighborhoods of the City of Little Rock have followed your career, and hopefully in some small way, we have participated in shaping your public life. As a result of our involvement in your life, we felt that it would serve us well to begin to analyze your public career from the perspective of the significant beliefs that you have held and how those beliefs have been expressed in programs and policies.

Our motives from the Little Rock neighborhoods are two fold.

First, and important to our neighborhoods and our community at large, we felt that it would be good for our neighborhoods to have a stronger link to your Presidency and eventually to your library. To establish that link, we began the process by asking some of our members to think about ways in which the community can participate in the long term development of the Library. We recognize that this may not be the way many libraries are created, however we felt that a grass root movement of involvement and life long learning on the part of the community could do nothing but good for our citizens.

Secondly, it was our hope that during our discovery period we would unveil the overriding precept which has permeated all facets of your public life which can be expressed in simple terms. It was hoped that such an overriding maxim could encapsulate your life into a significant doctrine which could shape our civilization for many generations into the future. This undertaking has been a tall order, yet extremely rewarding for those of us in our community who have been working on the task.

Some of our citizens have spent some time on this charge and have discovered that one of the most compelling parts of your public life has been your concern for the development of our civilization and most importantly our future generations - our kids. This concern for our children has historically been expressed, by you, through the process of educating and preparing them for the future.

We know that your concern for preparing our kids to compete in the world of the future and the desire you have for giving each person an equal opportunity for this preparation has consumed much of your time and effort. Giving our people the tools to compete in a more competitive global economy continues to surface as an overriding theme since your days here in Little Rock.

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THE HONORABLE BILL CLINTON

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PRELIMINARY CONCEPT PAPER

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During our period of discovery, we noted that there have only been a few instances in American History in which the times and the circumstances have been appropriate for significant doctrines to be developed. Significant doctrines that have the potential to direct our country for many generations. Without sounding presumptuous, we believe that your Presidency represents one of those significant times in world history, particularly in light of the far reaching ramifications of the most recent attacks on the Telecommunications Act.

As you have so eloquently expressed on many occasions, the link from education to our ability to sustain our environments, our neighborhoods and our economies in a more diversified and competitive global economy creates additional links to our competitive abilities and to our ability to be safe and secure, both in our homes and around the world.

As individuals and neighbors that live in a City that has individuals and corporations doing business all over the world, we have become acutely aware of the issues which you have helped us understand. We have found the links between education, technology and our domestic and national security to be only too real.

In our zeal to look at your public life, we have created the enclosed document which was modeled as a *working concept paper in the form of a speech* for the explicit purpose of developing concepts as they might be presented to the American Public. It is the intent of those who have worked on this document to do no more than develop a foundation for a doctrine which summarizes the educational initiatives developed by you and the comprehensive governing approach which you have utilized during your life in public office.

Those who have worked on the preliminary draft of this paper found that focussing on the form and content of the 1823 Monroe Doctrine and the 1947 Truman Doctrine gave them a greater sense of the dynamics of analyzing and eventually presenting such a significant policy. This is why it took the form that it did.

It is not our intent to create a doctrine for your Presidency or to put words in anyone's mouth. It is our intent as community leaders who are concerned with the development of the lives of our children, to merely point out the twenty years of events in which you have been involved that could alter the course of history.

Let me reiterate, it is not the intent of those who have worked on this preliminary draft to develop any policy, but to merely summarize your public statements into a foundation for a cohesive doctrine which could become the cornerstone of study and debate not only as a part of the Clinton Library in a global sense but more so for study and debate on the part of our kids here at home for many generations to come.

It is my hope that you find time to briefly read through the enclosed information. Please remember these are just some of our thoughts in the form of a CONCEPT PAPER along with some background information that you might find quite interesting.

Sincerely,



William H. Asti

President Elect / Coalition of Little Rock Neighborhoods

attachments: Preliminary Concept Paper  
for Clinton Doctrine - 14 pages

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your staff members are still considering the possibility of you attending  
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The Honorable Bill Clinton  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

We are the student co-chairs for the National Diversity Conference for Youth which will take place February 18-21, 1998 in Denver, Colorado. We represent students from thirty-five high schools and a number of adults who have volunteered to serve on the executive planning committee for this conference. Ms. Carlotta LaNier, your good friend of the Little Rock 9 and a member of our planning committee, has personally delivered two previous invitations asking you to give the keynote address at our conference on Thursday, February 19, 1998. We understand that you and your staff members are still considering the possibility of you attending our conference, and we wanted to write one more letter urging you to come. Listed below are some of the reasons why we feel you should attend the National Diversity Conference for Youth:

1. For the past four years, we have held a one day conference for high school students in the state of Colorado. This conference grew from fourteen high schools attending the first year to sixty-three last year. The success of these conferences gave us the idea to expand this year to a national diversity conference instead. When we began planning this conference last January, we took an informal survey of several hundred students in Colorado and around the country. They were asked "If you could have anyone in the United States speak to the National Diversity Conference for Youth, who would you choose?" When the responses were tabulated, your name was ranked as the top person they would most like to speak to them (Mrs. Clinton was ranked second)! As President of the United States, your presentation would give special recognition to the importance of our efforts to come together from across the country and discuss important diversity issues facing our country today.
2. We know that the announcement of your "One America" race initiative last June shows your commitment to reduce prejudice, racism, and cultural misunderstandings in this country. The series of "town meetings" and the White House Conference on Hate Crimes have encouraged people to communicate openly. In addition, we were very pleased to see that you have included other forms of harassment in your discussions. We see hate and harassment about color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, and socio-economic lines in our schools and communities much too much.

\*Student Co-Chairs

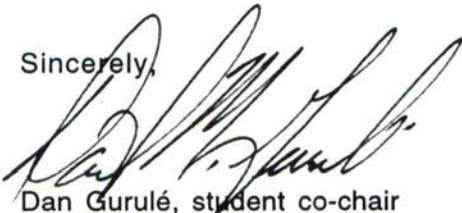
The National Conference 2323 South Wadsworth Blvd. Suite 102 Denver, CO 80227  
Office (303) 763-8464 Fax (303) 697-7761

We hear that there might be a "town meeting" here in March. However, we think you should give the keynote address at our national conference on Thursday, February 19, and follow it with a special "teen town meeting." Students will be attending from all over the country. Your participation will show that you know we are important to solve these problems as we prepare for the 21st century.

3. While we know you feel strongly about these issues today, it was exciting to read of your earlier activities on these issues. We're enclosing a *U.S. News & World Report* article from June 23, 1997, which stated that at the age of 22 you marched with other young people to get the Hot Springs, Arkansas swimming pool integrated, formed an interracial band called the "New Banana," and organized rap sessions with your friend Glenn Mahone in Hot Springs to discuss racial problems and social change. Our conference with its rap sessions will promote social activism and, we hope, inspire many of us of the younger generation to continue the work started by you and many others to create a better America.

We're enclosing our latest brochure about the National Diversity Conference for Youth. In addition to the other conference speakers listed in the brochure, we have also confirmed Miss Cheri Becerra, a Native American from Nebraska who recently took third in the world in the Paralympics in Atlanta. We're excited about our presenters, the workshops and other activities, but to make this a perfect event, we need your presence at our conference! Thank you for your consideration of our request. We'll be anxiously waiting for your reply.

Sincerely,



Dan Gurulé, student co-chair  
Skyview High School



Kelley Baca, student co-chair  
Highlands Ranch High School

## HOW DO I REGISTER?

Complete the attached form and mail it with your check or money order to: The National Diversity Conference for Youth c/o Cherry Creek High School, 9300 E. Union Avenue, Englewood, CO 80111.

Space is limited. To hold your space, send the Conference non-refundable registration fee of \$35 and the remainder after you receive our confirmation.



## ? QUESTIONS ?

Call 1-303-221-1827 or 1-303-486-2207 between 10am - 8pm MST or visit the NDCY on the World Wide Web at [www.hbbe.com/ndc4youth](http://www.hbbe.com/ndc4youth)

## EARLY BIRD

December 15, 1997  
Because of brochure printing delays, the Early Bird payment deadline will be extended to January 21 PROVIDED this form and the \$35 non-refundable registration fee per person have been received by January 12, 1998.



## SPONSORS\*

### PLATINUM

Allstate Insurance Company  
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## ENDORSEMENTS\*

Anti-Defamation League  
Colorado Council of Churches  
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\* At time of printing

The National Diversity Conference for Youth,  
February 18-21, 1998  
Adam's Mark Hotel  
Denver, Colorado



## THE CONFERENCE-AT-A-GLANCE

The Cherry Creek Schools, Denver Public Schools, and The National Conference, a human relations agency dedicated to fighting bias, bigotry, and racism, present The National Diversity Conference for Youth on February 18-21, 1998, in Denver, Colorado. Join high school youth from throughout the United States at this dynamic program to build a future where diversity is valued and respected. On each day of the Conference, you'll have the opportunity to come together in small discussion groups, interact in workshops, hear dynamic keynote speakers, and share in social activities.

### Wednesday, February 18

Registration / Check-in  
12:00 Noon - 4:00 PM

Opening Activities  
6:00 PM

### Thursday, February 19

Keynote Address; Workshops  
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
Workshops  
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

### Friday, February 20

Keynote Address; Workshops  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Conference Banquet & Diversity Dance  
6:00 PM

### Saturday, February 21

Closing Activities

## HOSTS

The National Diversity Conference for Youth (NDCY) Planning Committee is made up of youth from Metro Denver high schools, educators, parents, and community representatives.



Denver  
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## CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

President Bill Clinton has been invited to present the keynote address on Thursday.

Ayinde Jean-Baptiste is a fifteen-year old orator and motivational speaker who has appeared with President Clinton, NAACP President Kwesi Mfume, and Rosa Parks. His television appearances include The Oprah Winfrey Show, Today Show and more.



Edward James Olmos is among the most versatile and talented Latino actors, producers and directors in America today. An Academy Award nominee for Stand and Deliver, Olmos has starred in television, stage, and film. He is deeply committed to youth and on the average, speaks at 150 schools and juvenile institutions a year.

**Diversity is being Yourself and accepting Others as Themselves,**

**celebrating each other's Uniqueness as a BINDING TIE**

Richard Santana is a captivating speaker who credits education and teachers for paving his way out of gangs, drugs, and crime. A graduate of Harvard's Graduate School of Education, Santana is the chairperson of the Chicano Youth Conference. He also was the subject of the television profile, "Basic Colors."



Sanford Cloud, Jr., President and CEO of The National Conference, is a distinguished lawyer, highly respected two-term member of the Connecticut State Senate, and nationally recognized for his vision, passion and integrity in leading NCCJ to be the predominant human relations agency addressing bias, bigotry and racism in America.

And, other nationally prominent speakers  
(To Be Announced)



Courtesy Denver Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau

## DIVERSITY FAIR

Each day of the conference you can experience all the latest and greatest in diversity resources, books, and meet one-on-one with people who motivate, train, and could be the next speakers at your school. And don't forget to buy t-shirts, mugs, and all the extras to remember The National Diversity Conference for Youth.

## WORKSHOP SESSIONS & TOPICS

On each day of the conference, sessions will be held for two conference tracks:

- ◆ Student Track - Will focus on students addressing issues of diversity, examining their own identity and feelings toward others, and teach leadership skills that they can use to build bridges of understanding and solve problems productively in their schools and communities.
- ◆ Sponsor Track - Will offer practical strategies for teaching in a multicultural classroom and dealing with harassment in schools. Sessions will address cross-cultural communication, conflict resolution and other diversity concerns faced by adults who work with youth.

Breaking down stereotypes • Racism and racial tension  
Socioeconomic concerns • Intercultural communication  
Coping with cliques & peer pressure • Community activism  
Creating safe schools • Student's rights in and out of school  
Diversity in the workplace • Respecting different religious views  
Sexism & sexual harassment issues  
Understanding issues of students with disabilities  
Understanding gay, lesbian, and bisexual student issues

## TRAVEL INFORMATION



UNITED AIRLINES

### Airline Discounts:

- \* Specially priced air transportation for The National Diversity Conference for Youth is provided by United Airlines, the official air carrier. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-521-4041. Please refer to the conference meeting ID#: 517WO. Discounts include: 5% off any United published fares and an additional 5% discount if tickets are purchased at least 60 days in advance.



### Hotel Accommodations:

- \* The conference site and host hotel is the Adam's Mark Hotel, located at 1550 Court Place in downtown Denver. The hotel boasts newly remodeled rooms, three on-site restaurants, numerous amenities, and is disability accessible. Hotel reservations will be made through the Conference phone line (303-221-1827).

### Getting to the Conference:

- \* Getting to the conference is easy. Ground travel to and from the airport is available by taxi, RTD bus system, shuttle service, or rental car. (please ask the United Meeting Desk for rental car discounts).



## FAST EASY REGISTRATION

The National Diversity Conference for Youth  
c/o Cherry Creek High School  
9300 E. Union Avenue • Englewood, CO 80111

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Conference activities include opening dinner, general sessions, interactive workshops, small-group discussions, exhibit fair, and social activities.

### REGISTRATION FEE:

\$35.00 per person, non-refundable. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment of registration fee must accompany registration form.

### CONFERENCE FEE: BASED ON 4 STUDENTS PER ROOM

Includes 3 nights lodging, 3 continental breakfasts,  
1 lunch, 2 dinners, and applicable taxes

EARLY BIRD (by Dec. 15) \$150/person

REGULAR (From Dec. 15 - Jan. 21) \$165

LATE & ON-SITE (based on space availability & prevailing rate @ hotel) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### CONFERENCE FEE: BASED ON SINGLE OR DOUBLE FOR SPONSOR

| SINGLE/DOUBLE<br>(BY DEC. 1) | SINGLE/DOUBLE<br>(FROM DEC. 1-JAN. 21) |
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| \$385/\$227.50               | \$400/\$242.50                         |

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TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* Optional: Sponsors may room with students/sponsors for lower fee.



STATE OF ARKANSAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

State Capitol  
Little Rock 72201

2:40pm

Mike Huckabee  
Governor

FAX TRANSMITTAL  
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DATE: 1-9-98TO: Mac McLartyFROM: Governor Huckabee

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We are sending a 5 page transmission (including this page). If you do not receive all pages, call 501 682-8051 / Dawn Cook at \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you so much for taking care of this for me. ~~This~~ This is a very time sensitive issue

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STATE OF ARKANSAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

State Capitol  
Little Rock 72201

Mike Huckabee  
Governor

January 9, 1998

The Honorable Bill Clinton  
President of the United States  
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

A situation has come to my attention that will require your assistance in resolving. The deadline is imminent, so I hope you will act with all due haste.

Yan Luxi, or Lucy Yan, is a Chinese foreign exchange student who graduated from Cabot High School here in Arkansas in May of 1996. She then returned home after graduation, as her Visa required. Lucy would like to return to the U.S. to pursue a degree in photojournalism at Ouachita Baptist University. She has been accepted for admission, and her financial status has been assured by both OBU and her church here in Arkansas, Mt. Carmel of Cabot. Lucy has an impressive support base in Arkansas, and she is extremely close to her family in China, as well.

The U.S. Consulate in Chengdu, China refused to issue Lucy a Student Visa in the fall of 1997, when she originally tried to attend OBU, saying her paperwork was not in order. Lucy, her family, and her support group in Arkansas maintain that it was in order. Still, she worked throughout the fall semester to provide every detail and presented her request again. Unfortunately, Lucy was informed on December 29, 1997, that she would again be refused a Student Visa by the U.S. Consulate staff, because they felt she would "not return to China when (her) course of study in the U.S. is complete." All of Lucy's supporters find this charge totally unfounded and cite her history of strict compliance with the terms of her Student Visa as proof. Lucy states in her letter of objection, which I have enclosed, that the best place for her to reach her goals is in her mother country, where she can play a part in China's developing history by working as a photojournalist. She is very articulate and answered each of the objections to her Visa with honesty, but it was to no avail.

I am requesting that you review the enclosed material and, if you deem it appropriate, intervene on Lucy's behalf. You will note that it is not the Chinese government that objects to Lucy's visit to our country, but the U.S. Consulate General to Chengdu, China, Mr. Cornelius Keur. I appreciate anything you might do to help. In the meantime, I hope all is well with you and your family and wish you the best.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature of Mike Huckabee in dark ink, written in a cursive style.  
Mike Huckabee

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# CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CHENGDU, CHINA

This office regrets to inform you that it is unable to issue a nonimmigrant visa to you because you have been found ineligible under section(s) checked below of the Immigration and Nationality Act as amended:

Reason #1

You have not shown that you have strong family, social and economic ties to your place of residence to insure your projected stay in the United States will be temporary.

In the case of persons going to conduct business in the U. S., the applicant must show clearly that his/her business objectives are commensurate with his/her company's present commercial activity and financial position as well as with his/her own position within the company. Implausible business plans cast doubt upon the applicant's intention to return.

Reason #2

In the case of students, the applicant must show that there is a reasonable explanation that he or she can successfully complete a course of study at an English speaking school, and that such study fits into a viable plan of return to China.

-Section 212(e)(4)

Prohibits the issuance of a visa to anyone likely to become a public charge. You have not shown that you have sufficient money available to support your projected stay in the United States.

-Section 221 (g)

Prohibits the issuance of a visa to anyone whose application does not comply with the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act and regulations issued pursuant thereto. You have not presented all of the documentation needed to consider your application.

When you reapply, please bring this sheet and your application receipt. If you bring this sheet without application receipt, you will not have to pay an additional application fee.

Please present the following additional documentation:

Mrs. Pichay  
How are you?

I am so sorry about last time I sent that fax to you was unclear. I send it to you today, hope it will clear. Thank you for your efforts have done for me! Hope we could see each other soon.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Love,  
Lina Yeo

Returning to Consulate on Monday, 24 DEC 97.

December 29, 1997

Mr. Cornelius Keur, Consulate General  
c/o Ms. Stephanie Kronenburger  
United States Consulate, Chengdu  
PSC 461, Box 85  
Chengdu, China

Dear Mr. Keur:

Please consider the following information as you accept my re-application for a nonimmigrant visa to attend college in the United States.

First, I want to assure you that I DO have "strong family ties" to my home here in Chengdu, and I have every intention of returning here upon completion of my studies in the United States. In fact, I have already proven my loyalty to my family and love for my mother country China by returning home in June of 1996 after a one-year stay in the U.S. as a high school exchange student.

In addition to my very close relationship with my parents, I also love my grandparents very much, and want to be with them during the latter years of their lives. I guarantee you that my "stay in the U.S. will be temporary," and I will return just as I did before.

Second, your law requires that I "must show that there is a reasonable explanation" that I "can successfully complete a course of study at an English speaking school." Please note that I am including a copy of my high school diploma which I received at the completion of my one-year exchange student program in 1995-1996. Very few high school exchange students are able to earn the U.S. high school diploma, and this was a very important accomplishment on my part. Certainly, this meets your "reasonable explanation" requirements.

Finally, I want to tell you why my projected "study fits into a viable plan of return to China." My career goal is to work as a photojournalist for newspapers here in China. As my country emerges as a world power, and diplomatic channels allow for more information to be shared, I want to play a part in these exciting days of history.

The best place for me to reach my life goals is here in my mother country, China. After completing a one-year program in intensive English language courses in the United States, I will be better equipped to show my value and worth to my future employers here in China.

Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to read this letter. I hope this additional information will provide you with the necessary facts to approve my application.

Sincerely,

Yan Luxi

Jack Rosen

910 Sylvan Avenue  
Englewood Cliff, NJ 07632  
201-567-4662

2.48 p.m.

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December 26, 1997

The Honorable William J. Clinton  
President of The United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500-2000

Dear Mr. President:

I enjoyed having dinner with you and your friends from Arkansas last week -- as always. Thank you for your kind words about Phyllis and myself.

When you referred in your after dinner remarks to dealing with political problems by swatting them away like mosquitoes at an Arkansas picnic, something clicked, and I left the dinner reflecting on whether the problems Israelis are facing can be swatted away so easily.

I'm in favor of the land-for-peace concept and am grateful for all you've done to support Israel and assist the peace process. I certainly appreciate the enormous challenges you confront in dealing with the complicated personalities on both sides of these issues.

But it's occurred to me that the more we publicly pressure Israel and its government, at a time when Israelis feel threatened not with mosquitoes but with the equivalent of killer bees, may not have any beneficial effect. It may make Israelis feel that America understands a national security threat only when it appears on our own doorstep. Israel's killer bees -- often suicidal terrorists waiting just on the other side of a border crossing -- are far more dangerous than mosquitos.

We know how Americans felt in 1962 when they discovered nuclear missiles in Cuba. President Kennedy and his advisors struggled to choose between avoiding war and leaving in place a dagger aimed at America. At that critical time, I doubt if Americans would have thanked anyone for urging the United States to accustom itself to living with fear just over the horizon.

I would suggest that the idea of nuclear missiles in Cuba is akin to the idea of living uneasily, as the Israelis do, with neighboring fundamentalist governments and mad bombers. Under the circumstances, perhaps there's a subtler alternative to more public pressure on the Israelis and a way we can achieve the goal while allowing Israel to feel less endangered and more emboldened making these decisions.

Over the years, you and I have debated a number of issues. I remember during the health care battle with Congress, I communicated some of my ideas in a letter that you acknowledged with a handwritten comment I cherish: "You might be right yet."

It's just possible, I might be right about the wisdom of finessing this issue.

Best regards and holiday wishes,

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Dear President Clinton,

We know that Luciano Pavarotti would be thrilled to read a letter from you in the souvenir journal in honor of him receiving **MusiCares' 1998 Person of the Year Tribute Award** on February 23, 1998. A few weeks ago we sent you the attached letter.

Our tribute to Luciano is fast approaching. Could you please fax or call our office and let us know if we can count on receiving a letter from you honoring Luciano Pavarotti's celebrated career.

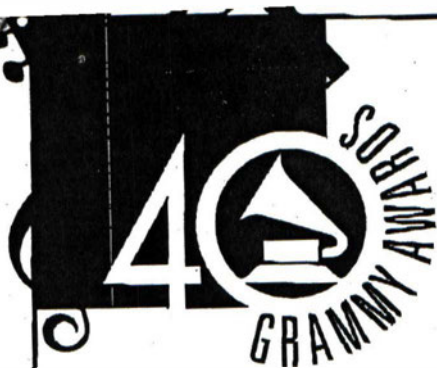
Please note the following specifications to reproduce a letter in the evening's souvenir journal:

- *Do not fold letter*
- *Please forward to MusiCares in a full letter size envelope*
- *No facsimiles will be accepted*
- *Original copies must be forwarded*

We look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible. Please send your letter in time to be received in our office no later than January 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you have any additional questions, please contact me at the numbers listed above.

Thank you,

Jennifer Kirchner  
Administrative Assistant



December 18, 1997

**February 25, 1998**

President Bill Clinton  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
c/o Karen Skelton  
Deputy Director of Political Affairs  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton,

On Monday, February 23, 1998 the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences will pay tribute to **Maestro Luciano Pavarotti** as MusiCares 1998 *Person of the Year*. The gala event will take place during GRAMMY® Week in New York at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

MusiCares is the charitable foundation established by The Recording Academy to provide health and human service opportunities for people in the music industry and each year we pay tribute to an artist who has made an impact on the world of music and the betterment of mankind. Since its inception in 1989, MusiCares has helped a great number of music people with emergency financial assistance as they suffer from HIV/AIDS and other critical illnesses, substance abuse, expenses from medical, hospital and prescription bills and low income when they are unable to maintain themselves and members of their families.

I am writing to invite you to join us as we honor five-time GRAMMY winner, legendary artist and dedicated humanitarian...Luciano Pavarotti on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. *It is our hope that you will write a letter of commendation in honor of Pavarotti that will be included in the evening's tribute journal.* There is no doubt that your participation in our salute to Pavarotti will have significant meaning to him.

For your convenience, I have enclosed a brochure on the efforts of MusiCares and a press release on the GRAMMY organization's tribute to Luciano Pavarotti. If you have any questions regarding this request, please don't hesitate to call Dana Tomarken, Managing Director of MusiCares at (310) 392-3777. It would be most helpful to receive your letter no later than Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Michael Greene'.  
Michael Greene  
President/CEO

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Cordially invite you to celebrate 1998 GRAMMY® Week

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**MusiCares**

*Person of the Year*

Tribute Dinner (Black Tie Preferred)  
Monday, February 23, 1998  
The Waldorf-Astoria Hotel  
301 Park Avenue  
New York City

6:00 pm Silent Auction & Reception  
7:30 pm Dinner & Tribute Presentation  
9:00 pm Special Guest Performances by some of Luciano Pavarotti's Friends

Please confirm your reservations by February 16th

For information, please contact Dana Tomarken 310.392.3777



**Legendary** classical artist and five-time GRAMMY® winner Luciano Pavarotti is an inspiration to all of us and captures the spirit and purpose of MusiCares. His humanitarian efforts, philanthropic leadership and generosity of spirit have been demonstrated many times over throughout his celebrated career.

His "Pavarotti & Friends" War Child concerts and albums have raised over \$6 million to build The Pavarotti Music Centre which recently opened in Bosnia's war torn city of Mostar. The 33,000 square foot Pavarotti Centre offers international music therapists, teachers, music workshops, a first class recording studio, audio-visual equipment, musical instruments and dance classes to help bring relief to the traumatized children of Bosnia. The "Pavarotti & Friends" War Child concerts and albums have also raised over \$2 million for Italy's Berloni Foundation for the treatment and research of Leukemia affecting young children. In addition, Maestro Pavarotti recently contributed a track from one of the "Pavarotti & Friends" albums to the newly released Princess Diana tribute album to benefit the Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.

Maestro Pavarotti's next humanitarian endeavor will be the building of the Pavarotti Children's Village in war-ravaged Liberia. This village will offer housing, a hospital, foster family services, residential care, a school, day care and nutrition for children of Liberia.

Through these charitable efforts, Maestro Pavarotti continues to unite the worlds of opera, pop and rock by teaming up with artists including Bryan Adams, Michael Bolton, Bono and the Edge of U2, Eric Clapton, Sheryl Crow, Celine Dion, Brian Eno, Elton John, Michael Kamen, Duran Duran's Simon LeBon, Queen's Brian May, Meat Loaf, Liza Minnelli, The Neville Brothers, Joan Osborne, Jon Secada, Sting, Suzanne Vega and Zucchero.

Luciano Pavarotti's impact on the world of music has been enormous, broadening the horizons of classical music and bringing huge numbers of new fans to his art. His thrilling tenor voice and unique personality have reached and touched millions of people throughout the world. His recordings are all best sellers, his live performances continue to draw sold-out audiences, and the special "Three Tenor" concerts, with his colleagues José Carreras and Plácido Domingo, have toured the USA, Japan and Europe to immense acclaim.

Past MusiCares Persons of the Year include Phil Collins, Quincy Jones, Tony Bennett, Gloria Estefan, Natalie Cole, Bonnie Raitt and David Crosby.