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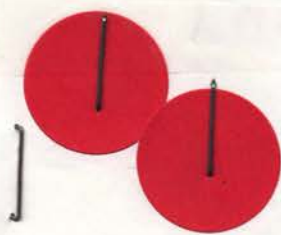
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FROM: SHANE

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I send greetings to those celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Peace Corps program in Jamaica.

During the last four decades, Peace Corps Jamaica has worked to build a foundation of friendship and understanding between Jamaica and the United States. From education to health and sanitation, agriculture to economic development, the Peace Corps has helped create prosperity, hope, and opportunity for the people of Jamaica.

I commend the Volunteers and staff who reflect the Peace Corps' spirit of service and cooperation. Your many contributions have helped to establish a strong bond that will last for countless generations.

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From: Misty Marshall
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08/20/2002 03:53

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To: Shane P. Chambers/WHO/EOP@EOP, Sarah Campbell/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: Hearing Found.

Jes Sharp in OPD said ok - no edits

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Special Instructions Call & ask for fax info →
Group wants faxed - see request

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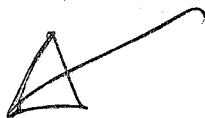
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Office of the Director of Appointments and Scheduling
Bradley A. Blakeman

DATE:

July 24, 2002

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COMMENTS DUE BY:

July 31, 2002

Note: Please return this form with your recommendations within 5 working days or else we will assume that this invitation should be regretted.

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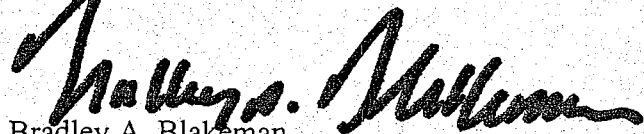
Dear Mr. Sage:

Thank you for your letter inviting the President to attend the 2nd Annual Great American Awards Gala hosted by the Hearing Foundation on August 25, 2002.

We appreciate the invitation and the valuable opportunity it represents. Although we have not made a decision about the President's participation, your comments will certainly be considered as the President's schedule develops. If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact the Presidential Scheduling Office at 202-456-5324.

Please be assured that as soon as a final decision has been made regarding your request, my office will contact you directly.

Sincerely,



Bradley A. Blakeman
Deputy Assistant to the President
and Director of Appointments and Scheduling

Mr. Kevin Sage
Producer
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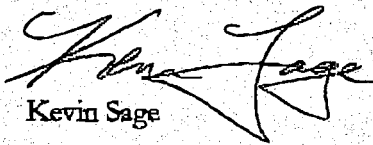
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I've included an abridged press kit. If you'd like more information, I'd be more than happy to provide it. We have a short highlight video of last year's event and several short documentaries about the charitable missions The Hearing Foundation conducts year-round which I can send as well.

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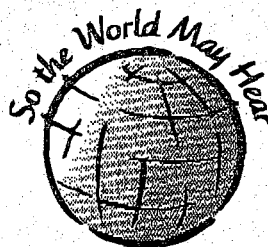
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The Hearing Foundation

July 19, 2002

In regards to: The 2nd Annual Great American Awards Gala

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The Office of Presidential Scheduling
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Dear Mr. Blakeman,

On behalf of The Hearing Foundation, I would like to express my utmost appreciation for the President's involvement in last year's Great American Awards Gala. It was an overwhelming success and because of that night, thousands of children throughout the world now have a new lease on life thanks to the gift of hearing. I would also like to thank you, Mr. Blakeman, and those who work around you as you were all extremely helpful and cooperative. The video greeting by the President was very special for all of our honorees and was a wonderful highlight to the evening.

The Hearing Foundation, also known as The Starkey Hearing Foundation, is now in preparation for The 2nd Annual Great American Awards Gala again in Minneapolis, MN. The event will take place on August 25, 2002 at the Minneapolis Hilton Downtown, and we are beyond ecstatic about this year's honorees. The Hearing Foundation is proud to be honoring the Reverend Billy Graham, Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, Miss America 1995 and member of the National Board for Hearing, Heather Whitestone, and Astronaut Buzz Aldrin.

An invitation has been extended to the First Lady through her scheduling office as well, as she is indirectly connected to us at the Hearing Foundation. We are currently preparing for a joint mission in El Paso, Texas/Juarez, Mexico and one in Mexico City in cooperation with the FEMAP Foundation, of which the First Lady is an Advisory Board Member. FEMAP Vice President Guadalupe Anizpe De La Vega will be attending this year's gala in Minneapolis, and providing her schedule allows, we hope the First Lady of Mexico Sra. Fox is able to attend as well. She is a strong support to one of our liaisons preparing the Mexico City Mission. These new relationships are exciting—especially the possibilities they hold for helping children in need.

We would like this evening to be as special as possible for our honorees. We would also like to personally express The Hearing Foundation's gratitude to the President for his support for such a worthy cause; therefore, we want to extend an invitation to the President, the First Lady, and their guests to attend this year's Great American Awards Gala. If the President would like to personally present the award to Rev. Billy Graham or Gen. Schwarzkopf, that would be wonderful, but his presence would be more than enough.

Bill and Tami Austin, founders of the Foundation, have been strong supporters of the Republican Party, recently as major donors to Norm Coleman's campaign, and plan to continue. We look forward to hearing from you regarding the possibility of the President's participation in The 2nd Annual Great American Awards Gala. Should his schedule not allow for his attendance, we would love to present a video message from the President or a joint message with the First Lady congratulating our honorees.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions at (818) 335-6080 or via email: Kevin_Sage@starkey.com or via fax: 877-813-5299.

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I send greetings to those gathered in Washington, D.C., for Deaf Way II.

America's diversity has always been our strength. As vital members of our communities, people who are deaf or hard of hearing have long demonstrated many of the values central to our Nation. From advancing access for everyone in the mainstream of society to making countless contributions to our language and culture, you provide us with perspective and inspiration to encourage all of us to reach our goals in life.

All Americans must have the opportunity to live independently, work productively, and participate fully in society. Our Nation can take great pride in the positive changes the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) has brought, enabling millions of people with disabilities to pursue their dreams.

My New Freedom Initiative builds on the progress of the ADA. Over the past year, through the New Freedom Initiative, we have worked to improve access to community living, to fully implement the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act, and to increase employment and access to technology. By continuing to work together to improve the quality of life for all people, we point the way to a brighter future.

I commend participants for celebrating and promoting understanding of the importance of creating a barrier free society, including a society that fully integrates accessibility for every individual who is deaf or hard of hearing. I also applaud your efforts to ensure that new technologies and advances are effectively utilized for the benefit of all people.

Best wishes for a memorable event.

GWB/MWL/BRC/HKM/jej (Corres. #2436774)(6.deafway2)

cc: Misty Marshall, Presidential Messages, 9th Floor 1800 G Street

cc: Heidi Marquez, Presidential Correspondence, 9th Floor, 1800 G Street

cc: Matt Lindley, Presidential Writers, 9th Floor, 1800 G Street

SENT TO:

Mr. Harvey Goodstein

Chair, Deaf Way II

Gallaudet University

EMG, Room 106

800 Florida Avenue, N.E.

Washington, D.C. 20002-3695

June 10, 2002

I send greetings to members of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. (RID) as you host the first RID World Symposium for Sign Language Interpreters.

I commend RID for your commitment to ensure that people who are deaf or hard of hearing have access to quality interpretation and transliteration services. I also applaud your efforts to maintain high standards in your profession through training, certification, and self-regulation.

All Americans must have the opportunity to live independently, work productively, and participate in our society. Our Nation can take great pride in the positive changes the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) has brought, enabling millions of citizens to pursue their dreams.

My New Freedom Initiative builds on the progress of the ADA. Over the past year, through the New Freedom Initiative, we have worked to improve access to community living, to fully implement the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act, and to increase employment and access to technology. But even today, barriers for people still exist.

As long as they remain, our work is unfinished. The Fiscal Year 2003 Budget I sent to Congress proposes funding for improvements in areas of critical importance to people with disabilities, including adequate housing, accessible transportation, and meaningful employment.

By working together to improve the quality of life for all people with disabilities, we point the way to a brighter future. Best wishes for a memorable event.

GWB/MWL/BRC/HKM/jej (Corres. #2418410)
(6.deafinterpreters.mwl)

cc: Misty Marshall, Pres. Msgs., 9th Floor, 1800 G Street

cc: Heidi Marquez, Pres. Corr., 9th Floor, 1800 G Street

cc: Matt Lindley, Pres. Ltrs., 9th Floor, 1800 G Street

SENT TO:

Mr. Jayson Scirratt

Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc.

333 Commerce Street

Alexandria, Virginia 22314

August 6, 2002

I send greetings to those celebrating the 10th anniversary of Deaf Expo.

As vital members of our communities, people who are deaf or hard of hearing have long demonstrated the values central to our Nation. Your countless accomplishments provide us with perspective and motivation to succeed.

Over the past year, my New Freedom Initiative for People with Disabilities, has built on the Americans with Disabilities Act to ensure the full participation of people with disabilities in all areas of society, to increase access to technology, and to enhance community integration for citizens with disabilities.

I commend the Communication Services for the Deaf for organizing this event to promote awareness of the capabilities and potential of people who are deaf and hard of hearing. By ensuring public accessibility, professional growth, and independence for those who are deaf and hard of hearing, you point the way to a brighter future for all Americans.

Best wishes for a memorable celebration.

GWB/DC/BRC/HKM/jej (Corres. #2473744)

(7.deaf.expo.02)

cc: Misty Marshall, Pres. Msgs., 9th Floor, 1800 G Street

cc: Heidi Marquez, Pres. Corr., 9th Floor, 1800 G Street

cc: Denise Cardamone, Pres. Corr., 9th Floor, 1800 G Street

SENT TO:

Mr. David Rosenbaum

Expo Manager

CSD Headquarters

102 North Krohn Place

Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57103

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 26, 2002

Dear Mr. Sage:

Thank you for your letter inviting the President and Mrs. Bush to attend the 2nd Annual Great American Awards Gala hosted by the Hearing Foundation and to participate in a videotaped message to be played during the Gala.

Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate your requests. Due to the heavy commitments of the President and First Lady's schedules, we must unfortunately regret their attendance. Additionally, while each invitation we receive is special, tight schedules and limited time allow us to approve only a very small number of requests for videotaped messages.

I know this is a disappointing response to your letter. However, the President asked me to convey his sincere appreciation for your invitation. He sends his very best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,



Bradley A. Blakeman
Deputy Assistant to the President
and Director of Appointments and Scheduling

Mr. Kevin Sage
Producer
The Great American Awards Gala
The Hearing Foundation
6700 Washington Avenue South
Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55344-3405

INVITATION TRACKING SHEET

Office of the Director of Appointments and Scheduling
Bradley A. Blakeman

DATE: July 24, 2002

TO:

☐ Andi Ball	☐ Joseph Hagin	☐ Harriet Miers
☐ Ruben Barrales	☐ Albert Hawkins	☐ Condoleezza Rice
☐ Dan Bartlett	☐ Chris Hennick	☐ Governor Ridge
☐ Joshua Bolten	☐ Clay Johnson	☐ General Rosenker
☐ John Bridgeland	☐ Elizabeth Kleppe	☒ Karl Rove / Israel
☐ Nick Calio	☐ Jay Lefkowitz	☐ Margaret Spellings
☐ Secretary Card	☐ Lewis Libby	☐ James Towey
☐ Ari Fleischer	☐ Larry Lindsey	☐ Lezlee Westine
☐ Justice Gonzales	☐ Kenneth Mehlman	

COMMENTS DUE BY: July 31, 2002

Note: Please return this form with your recommendations within 5 working days or else we will assume that this invitation should be regretted.

ACTION REQUIRED

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Accept Invitation/Meeting Request (Schedule Proposal Attached)
Comments: _____



Regret Invitation/Meeting Request

Comments: We did a video last year. Our hope is to reach other organizations this year. We will not be able to record another video this year.
Israel

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Recommend Surrogate
Name(s): _____

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 24, 2002

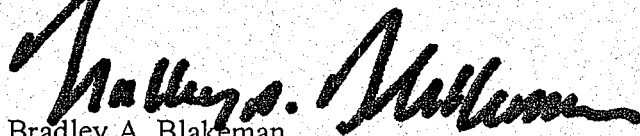
Dear Mr. Sage:

Thank you for your letter inviting the President to attend the 2nd Annual Great American Awards Gala hosted by the Hearing Foundation on August 25, 2002.

We appreciate the invitation and the valuable opportunity it represents. Although we have not made a decision about the President's participation, your comments will certainly be considered as the President's schedule develops. If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact the Presidential Scheduling Office at 202-456-5324.

Please be assured that as soon as a final decision has been made regarding your request, my office will contact you directly.

Sincerely,



Bradley A. Blakeman
Deputy Assistant to the President
and Director of Appointments and Scheduling

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FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

TO:	Mr. Brad Blakeman	FROM:	Kevin Sage
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FAX NUMBER:	(202) 456-2215	TOTAL NO. OF PAGES INCLUDING COVER:	(7) Seven
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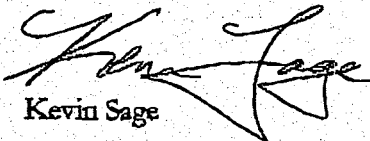
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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Mr. Blakeman,

I've included an abridged press kit. If you'd like more information, I'd be more than happy to provide it. We have a short highlight video of last year's event and several short documentaries about the charitable missions The Hearing Foundation conducts year-round which I can send as well.

Sincerely,


Kevin Sage

Producer

818-335-6080

Office of Appointments & Scheduling

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