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June 10-18, 2000
(as of 5/15/00)

Saturday, June 10, 2000
(Washington – Cape Verde - Abuja)

5:00pm Depart Andrews AFB
En route: Sal, Cape Verde
Flight time: 7hrs, 5 minutes [+ 3 hrs change]

RON In-Flight

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Sunday, June 11, 2000 – Nigeria
(Cape Verde - Abuja)

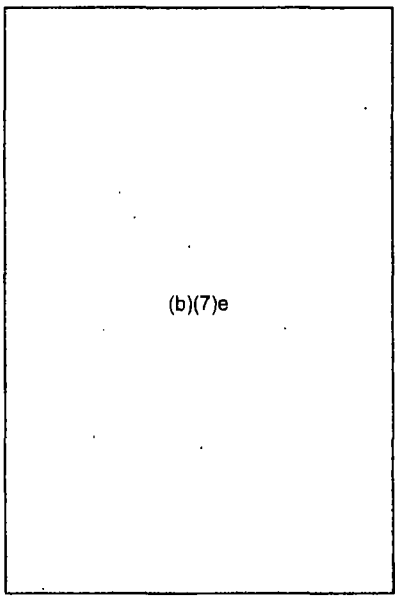
Arrive Sal, Cape Verde
Re-Fuel

Depart Sal, Cape Verde
En route: Abuja, Nigeria
Flight time: 4 hrs, 25 min [+2 hrs change, *(+5 hrs from EST)*]

12:00pm Arrive Abuja, Nigeria *(Day only airport – Sunrise 5:13am; Sunset 5:51pm)*
[7:00 am EDT] Greeters:

Depart Airport
En route Abuja Nicon Hotel

[Drive time:]



Arrive Abuja Nicon Hotel

3:00pm Meeting w/ President Obasanjo

7:00 pm Dinner with Parliamentarians

RON Abuja Nicon Hilton
Abuja, Nigeria

Monday, June 12, 2000 – Nigeria
(Abuja)

9:00 am Meeting w/ Central Bank Governor
Abuja Nicon Hotel

10:15 am Meet w/ Vice President Abubakar and Privatization Director General El-Ruffai

11:30 am Depart for airport

12:30 pm Depart Abuja, Nigeria
[7:30 am EDT] En route: Lagos, Nigeria
Flight time: 1 hour [no time change]

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1:30 pm *[8:30 am EDT]* Arrive Lagos, Nigeria *(Day only airport – Sunrise 5:34am; Sunset 6:04pm)*
Greeters:

1:40 pm Depart airport for site visit

2:30 pm Site visit (microcredit) – Country Women Association of Nigeria (COWAN)

4:00 pm Depart site visit for Eko Meridien Hotel

5:00-7:00 pm Downtime

7:30 pm Dinner w/ opinion leaders
DCM's Residence

RON Eko Meridien Hotel
Lagos, Nigeria

Tuesday, June 13, 2000 – Nigeria, Tanzania

8:30 am Breakfast with Bankers
Eko Meridien Hotel
Participants: Citibank, Nigerian-American Merchant Bank, Diamond Bank, FSB Intl, United Bank for Africa, First Bank of Nigeria, and Guaranty Trust Bank

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10:00am Speech
Nigeria Institute of International Affairs
Hosted by Lagos Business School

11:00 am Roundtable with Lagos Business School Alumni/Young Entrepreneurs
Nigeria Institute of International Affairs

12:00 pm Press Roundtable

2:00 pm Depart Lagos, Nigeria
[9:00 am EDT] En route: Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
Flight time: 5 hrs, 30 min [+ 2 hrs, *(+7 hrs from EST)*]

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9:30 pm Arrive Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
[2:30 pm EDT]

9:40 pm Depart Airport
En route: Sheraton Dar es Salaam Hotel

Arrive Sheraton Dar es Salaam

RON Sheraton Dar es Salaam
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

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Wednesday, June 14, 2000 – Tanzania, South Africa

Morning	Meeting with President Mkapa
	Meeting with Finance Minister Yona and Central Bank Governor Ballali
	Roundtable on Economic Policy W/ Public and Private Sector Economists Institute of Financial Management * Econ Faculty/Student audience w/ Q&A
Lunch	Roundtable w/ NGO's umbrella group on HIPC
Afternoon	Site Visit (HIPC) -- Wamata HIV/AIDS program
6:00 pm *[11:00 am EDT]*	Depart Dar es Salaam En route: Johannesburg, South Africa Flight time: 3 hrs, 25 minutes [- 1 hr, *(+6 hrs from EST)*]

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8:30 pm *[2:30 pm EDT]*	Arrive Johannesburg, South Africa Greeters:
8:40 pm	Depart Airport En route: Sheraton Pretoria Hotel Drive time: 1 hour
9:40 pm	Arrive Sheraton Pretoria Hotel

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RON Sheraton Pretoria Hotel
Pretoria, South Africa

Thursday, June 15, 2000 – South Africa

Morning: Meeting with President Mbeki

Speech at National Conference of Provinces OR a Technical College OR University of Pretoria

Bilat w/ Finance Minister Trevor Manuel

Lunch SADC Finance Ministers Meeting

Afternoon Site visit – Orphanage to announce $5 million grant to Nelson Mandela's Children Fund, with Grace Michel (T)

Dinner w/ Black Business Leaders

Friday, June 16, 2000 – South Africa, Mozambique

Morning Breakfast/Bilat w/ Central Bank Governor Mboweni (T)

10:00 am Depart Johannesburg, South Africa
[4:00 am EDT] En route: Maputo, Mozambique
Flight time: 50 minutes [no time change]

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11:00 am Arrive Maputo, Mozambique *(Day only airport – Sunrise 6:33am; Sunset*

[5:00 am EDT] *5:13pm)*
Greeters: Ambassador Curran

Late morning:
Meet w/ President Chissano
(Meet w/ Prime Minister Mocumbi if Pres. unavailable)

Meeting with Finance Minister Louisa Diogo

Afternoon: Site visit (education) – School in Maputo, supported by USAID
W/ Minister of Commerce and Industry Murgado

Roundtable on Private Sector Development
Eduardo Mondliane University

Evening: Reception with business people
(hosted by Ambassador)

RON Hotel Polana
Maputo, Mozambique

Saturday, June 17, 2000, Mozambique

Morning: Flood Visits – Manhica
World Bank financing of National Route 1 Reconstruction
[Drive time: 2½ hours]

En route Manhica:

Mabor Tire Factory – USAID site (T)

Visit US-sponsored anti-malarial activities

Accommodation Center for those displaced by floods

12:30 pm Depart Manhica en route Maputo
[Drive time: 2½ hours]

3:00pm Depart Maputo, Mozambique
[10:00 am EDT] En route Cairo, Egypt
[Flight time ~ 8 hours]

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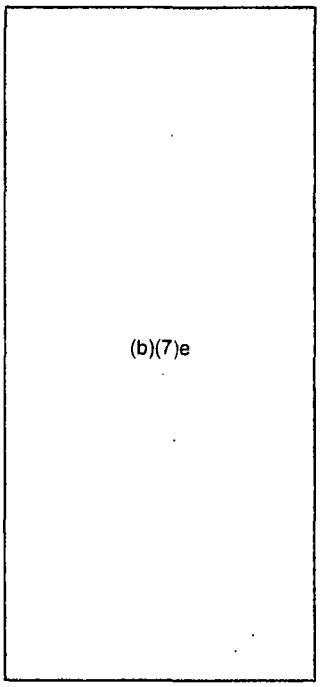

11:00pm *[5:00 pm EDT]* Arrive Cairo, Egypt

RON Conrad Hotel
Cairo, Egypt

Sunday, June 18, 2000

Meeting w/ President Mubarak

Meeting w/ Finance Minister

Meeting w/ YBG

Lunch Press Lunch

Afternoon Visit to Pyramids

Dinner Hosted by Ambassador

10:00pm Depart Cairo, Egypt
En route Shannon, Ireland
[Flight time 5 hours, 5 minutes]

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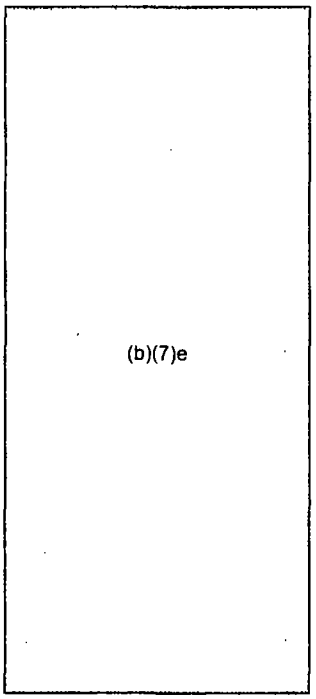

Monday, June 19, 2000

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	Re-Fuel [1 hour 30 minutes]
am	Depart Shannon, Ireland En route Andrews Air Force Base [Flight time 6 hours 30 minutes]
7:30am	Arrive Andrews Air Force Base

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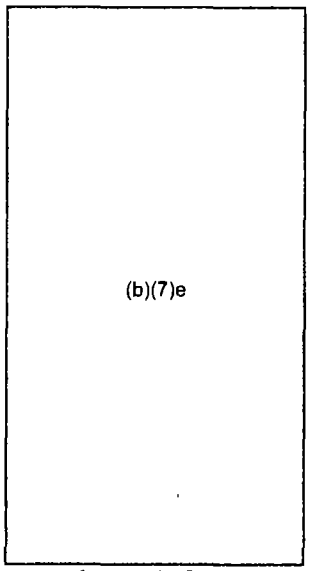
If returning directly from Mozambique:

Saturday, June 17, 2000, Mozambique

6:00pm Depart Maputo, Mozambique
[12:00 pm EDT] En route: Cape Verde
Flight time: 9 hrs, 45 min [- 3 hrs]



Arrive Sal, Cape Verde
Re-Fuel

Depart Sal, Cape Verde
En route: Andrews AFB
Flight time: 7 hrs, 40 min [- 3 hrs]

Sunday, June 18, 2000

6:00am Arrive Andrews Air Force Base

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Greeters:

Depart Airport
En route hotel
[Drive time:]

Arrive Hotel

evening — Possible JEPC reception, hosted by Nigerian Government

RON — Abuja, Nigeria

Monday, June 12, 2000 – Nigeria
(Abuja)

Morning — Meeting w/ President Obasanjo and Mr. Asiodo (Econ Adviser)

JEPC: Opening working session on Growth Strategy
** side meeting w/ Finance Minister Martins-Kuye

Lunch — Parliament Leaders and Economic Committee Members

Afternoon Meet w/ Privatization Director General El-Ruffai and the Vice President

Site Visit – Enforcement (T)

Late Afternoon

Depart Abuja, Nigeria
En route: Lagos, Nigeria
Flight time: 1 hour [no time change]

Arrive Lagos, Nigeria *(Day only airport – Sunrise 5:34am; Sunset 6:04pm)*
Greeters:

Depart Airport
En route: Hotel
[Drive time:]

Arrive Hotel

RON Lagos, Nigeria

Tuesday, June 13, 2000 – Nigeria, Tanzania

Morning Breakfast with bankers

Speech on Nigeria
University Lagos OR Lagos Business School
Meet w/ Students/Faculty/Young Entrepreneurs

Afternoon Site Visit
Africare Income Generation Project w/ Women
Roundtable w/ women

Depart Lagos, Nigeria
En route: Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
Flight time: 5 hrs, 30 min [+ 2 hrs, *(+7 hrs from EST)*]

Arrive Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
Greeters:

Depart Airport
En route: Hotel

Arrive Hotel

RON Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Wednesday, June 14, 2000 – Tanzania, South Africa

Morning — Meeting with President Mkapa

Meeting with Finance Minister and Central Bank Governor

Roundtable on Economic Policy
W/ Public and Private Sector Economists
University of Dar es Salam
* Econ Faculty/Student audience w/ Q&A

Afternoon — Lunch w/ members of the East African Community

HIPC-related site visit – Wamata HIV/AIDS program
Health Professionals roundtable

Roundtable w/ regional NGO's on HIPC

Depart Dar es Salaam
En route: Jo'burg or Capetown
Flight time: 3 hrs, 25 minutes [- 1 hr, *(+6 hrs from EST)*]

Arrive Johannesburg/Capetown, South Africa
Greeters:

Depart Airport
En route: Hotel
Drive time:

Arrive Hotel

RON — Johannesburg/Capetown, South Africa

Thursday, June 15, 2000 – South Africa

Note: Most likely to fly to Capetown for meeting with Manuel

If Jo'Burg: Meeting with President Mbeki

Meeting with Central Bank Governor Mboweni

Possible roundtables:
*Roundtable on economic policy/private sector development
*Public and Private sector economics and Black Chamber of Commerce, business/banking leaders

*Public sector role in development w/ civil society (themes: rule of law, anti-corruption, Health, women's issues, education)

Speech: Economic Development in Africa w/ black business groups and South African Chamber of Commerce

Site visits: Housing Project
READ Literacy Program

If Capetown: *Meeting with Finance Minister Manuel
*Address to Parliament
*Meetings w/ key Parliamentarians

Site visits: TBD

Roundtable: South African business

Reception/dinner

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Meeting with Finance Minister Louisa Diogo

Lunch: HIPC-related site visit:
*girl's education
*microcredit
*women's economic empowerment
*agriculture site

Depart Site Visit
En route: Eduardo Mondliane University

Afternoon: Roundtable on Private Sector Development
W/ faculty and students at Eduardo Mondliane University
W/ Minister of Commerce and Industry Murgado

Evening: Reception with business people/ambassador

Saturday, June 17, 2000, Mozambique

Morning: Flood Visits

Lunch: South Africa Development Committee (Regional)
(Could happen on Friday instead, dispensing w/ one of the site visits)

Depart Maputo, Mozambique
En route: Cape Verde
Flight time: 9 hrs, 45 min [- 3 hrs]

Arrive Sal, Cape Verde
Re-Fuel

Depart Sal, Cape Verde
En route: Andrews AFB
Flight time: 7 hrs, 40 min [- 3 hrs]

Sunday, June 18, 2000

Arrive Andrews AFB

Russian Cultural Centre
Friends of the Russian Cultural Centre
1825 Phelps Place NW
Washington, D.C. 20008
(202) 265-3840 RCC (202) 265-8227 FRCC
(202) 265-6040 Facsimile

February 18, 2000

Dear Ms. Marcom:

Thank you for your letter. We will be glad to meet your request and assist you with this noble project to help the Russian kids through Maria's Children Art Exhibit in July.

With this letter we confirm that July 8 – 21 the Cultural Centre will have your exhibit open to the public. The rental fee will be waived for your exhibit and the July 8 reception. That will be our contribution and effort of supports the US partners of Maria's Children. You will be responsible for funding the reception, valet parking and mailing. Our mailing list of supporters is confidential, but if you will provide us with the invitations, envelopes and stamps we will send to our list of supporters (currently 422). Please show us a draft of the invitation before printing as we have to approve references to the RCC and FRCC to comply with various U.S., Russian and international laws—particularly when there is fundraising involved.

We are very much looking forward to this wonderful event and to meeting with you in the future to discuss further details.

Sincerely,

Natalie Batova
Director

Lloyd Costley
Chairman, FRCC

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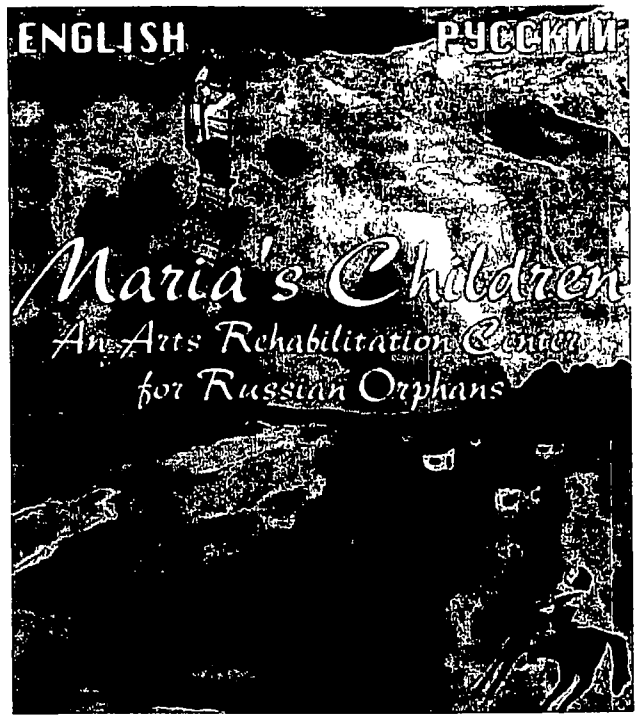

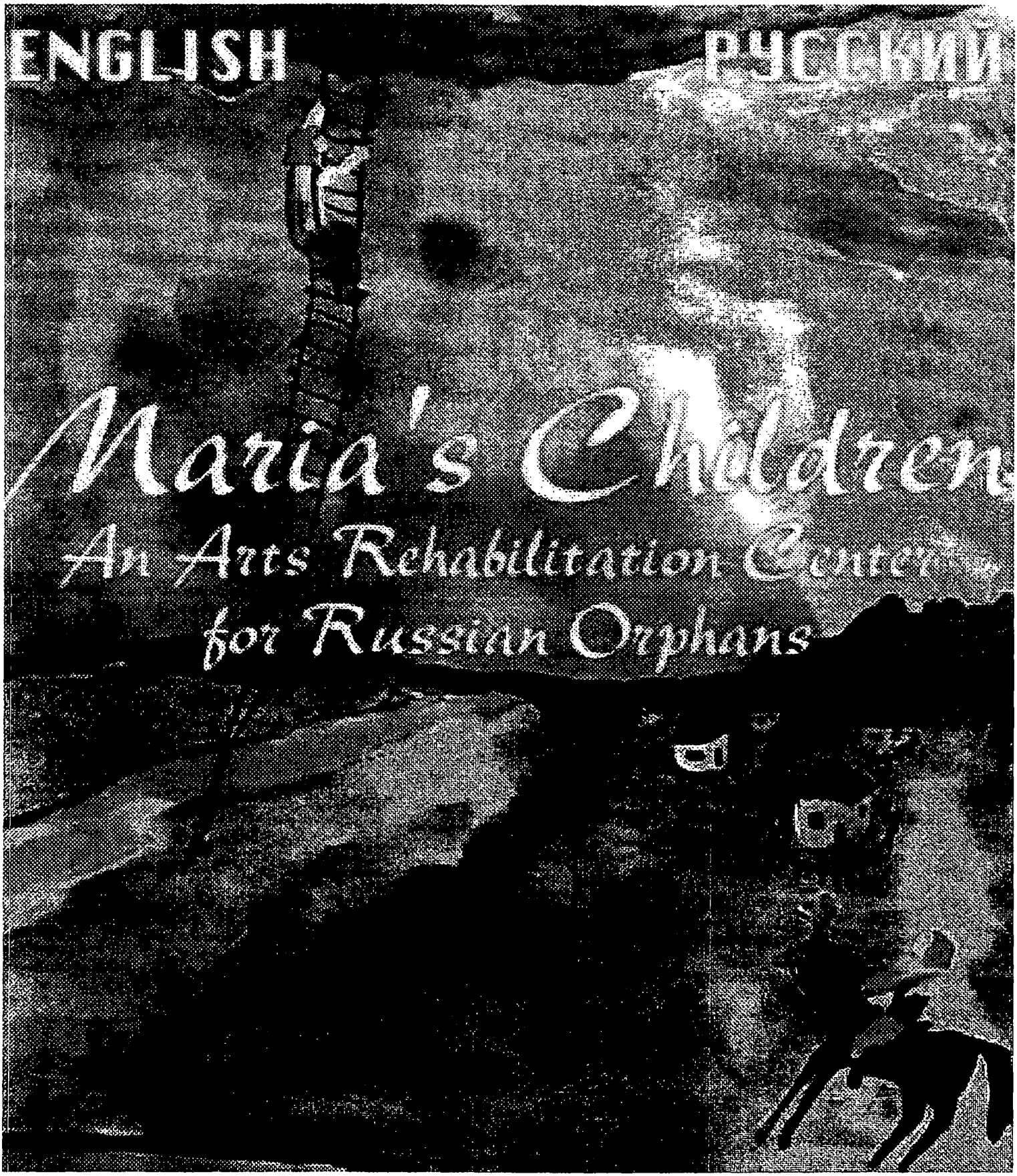
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Maria's Children
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for Russian Orphans

Maria's Children - An Arts Rehabilitation Center for Russian Orphans

Our Moscow-based organization provides arts therapy and training for Russian orphans. We offer an atmosphere in which children can recognize their creative potential, developing talents and self-esteem that will serve them in later life. By inviting these children into our homes, teaching them life skills, and exposing them to safe, loving family environments, we hope to improve their chances of successful integration into society.

Background

There are now at least 600,000 orphans living in Russia. 95% of them have parents, somewhere, that are unable or unwilling to care for them. These "social orphans" are wards of the state, and most live in orphanages, suffering from a lingering belief that a state institution is a better place to raise a child than a family home. Foster care is a new, fragile program here, and is not supported by most orphanage directors. At the age of four, the children - most of whom have been starved of intimate contact and stimulation - are given one chance to pass a grossly inappropriate evaluation of their mental ability. Those who perform poorly are diagnosed as mentally handicapped, as "debil;" this is the case of the children we work with.

However, we and other childcare professionals have found that many orphans have been systematically misdiagnosed; they certainly suffer from educational neglect, but are essentially bright, eager children, handicapped only by circumstance. For the children that do demonstrate mental handicaps, it seems that years of deprivation in the orphanages are as much to blame as any innate defect. The debil label is near-permanent, and severely limits their rights as individuals. For example, such orphans are typically not allowed to obtain a driver's license, attend higher education, or train for non-menial work. They will only be able to find legitimate work in a poverty level occupation, if they find work at all.

The educational curriculum at most orphanages does not reach minimum international requirements, nor does it accommodate the special needs of these children.The orphanage staff and government overseers are often part of the problem: poor training and pay, rampant corruption, and attitudes ranging from willful ignorance, to apathy, to sadism. Much of the staff is just on hand to administer disciplinary action. Physical and emotional abuse are commonplace - these children can be severely beaten, stripped in front of their peers, tortured by the older children, injected with banned psychiatric medications, and, ultimately, "sent down" to neuro-psychiatric orphanages as punishment.

Thus, the education most of these children receive is in the form of street smarts - learning how to survive in this prison-like environment. At age 16, the orphans are asked to leave the orphanage and fend for themselves in a country where they are widely believed to be "defective." How can we expect these children to be successful or even responsible members of society? With inadequate education and social skills, most of these orphans are ill prepared to execute the simplest everyday functions. Many turn to theft or prostitution to support themselves, and seek escape in alcohol and drugs. Even the Russian government statistics are dismal, reporting that 15,000 children leave state orphanages each year, and within several years, 5,000 will be unemployed; 6,000 will be homeless; 3,000 will have criminal records; and 1,500 will commit suicide.

Our Project

The lives of a few orphans did change, however, after meeting Maria Yeliseyeva, a local artist, and her friends. In 1993, they began to visit a Moscow orphanage and introduce some children to painting. It was here that the children created their first mural. After five months of regular visitation, permission was granted to take some 15-20 interested pupils to continue art classes at a studio, and into volunteers' homes. For the first time, the children were part of a positive and loving environment.

After one year of working together, children who didn't know they possessed creative ability were able to express themselves through art. The combination of art therapy and participation in normal family life has had quite a positive effect in the lives of these children. Their social and psychological development has improved immensely, as has their vision of the future. At present, the children have produced over 30 different murals that bring life to the rooms they adorn in hospitals, offices, and homes internationally. Their work has been featured in several Moscow exhibitions, and is changing Russian attitudes about what orphans are capable of achieving.

Currently, we have over 80 regular pupils from 7 orphanages; we also work with children with cystic fibrosis and cerebral palsy. This year, we've started a summer arts camp for orphans on the River Volga - with painting, theater, dance, and clowning. Orphanage "graduates" are now living in our studio/group home, and are training in professions of their choice through our new transitional program. These children also volunteer weekly at a local baby orphanage, lead special arts events, and are participants in Dr. Patch Adams' annual clown tours of Moscow; thus, the original students are able to teach other children, and experience the joy of service themselves.

An arts rehabilitation center like "Maria's Children" is a rare organization in Moscow, where our firm belief in the orphans' capacity for growth and achievement is not yet widely shared. We also prefer individualized, supportive teaching methods to the strict regimentation prevalent here. Finally, we are a low-overhead, non-government organization where contributions benefit children, not staff - Maria herself is a volunteer.

Our Dream

With the generous aid of some of our business donors, we have reproduced many of the murals on greeting cards, posters, and calendars. The sales from these items directly fund our artistic endeavors, showing the children that their art is so valued that it supports itself. Our dream is to create a dedicated, full-time art studio to serve more orphans, as well as other children with special needs. We also wish to place these children in homes, not institutions. Three of our pupils have been adopted, and we are working to create an artistic group home, with room for our extended foster family. Help us realize our dream.

We gladly accept donations of time, services, supplies, or money. Please ask how you can help us sell our greeting cards and calendars. For more information, see our How to Help page, or contact:

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113054 Moscow, Russia
7-095-236-7267 (studio/fax)
mariaschildren@mail.ru

USA: Jan Thatcher Adams, M.D.
Board President, USA
521 West 130th St.
Shakopee, MN 55379
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Our Summer Arts Camp for Russian Orphans: 1999 - The Summer of "Our School"

Our summer arts camp for Russian orphans just concluded a successful "shakedown cruise," weathering first-year happenstance and navigating the hazards of business in Russia. With the help of our all-volunteer staff, and our generous private and business sponsors, we took twelve children on a riverboat and to a countryside retreat for two weeks of painting, theater, clowning, music, and dance. What follows is a detailed report of our pilot season, which the kids have dubbed the summer of "Nasha Shkola" - "Our School". If you work with kids, you won't want to miss Lorrie Kubicek's camp activities playbook. And don't miss our teaser for next year's trip!!!

Our Goals

Our camp is a project of Maria's Children, an arts rehabilitation center for Russian orphans. We offer an atmosphere in which children can recognize their creative potential, developing talents and self-esteem that will serve them in later life. By inviting these children into our homes, teaching them life skills, and exposing them to safe, loving family environments, we also hope to improve their chances of successful integration into society. We've been creating beautiful art and promoting foster care since 1993, and currently serve over 70 orphans from six Moscow orphanages.

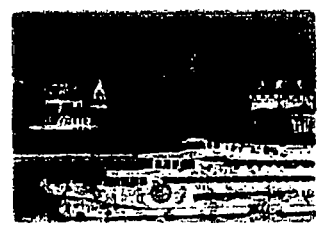
With this camp, we hoped to provide two weeks of intensive arts classes and fun, creating an atmosphere of love and community where our children would feel safe to push their boundaries. It is difficult to provide such a concentrated experience in our studio afternoons. Our orphans, who have been starved of affection since birth, would also benefit from the friendships they make with kids and staff. An important part of our camp would involve clowning together in local hospitals and orphanages. Essentially, we wanted our campers to escape their grim environments for two weeks, blossom in a supportive and creative environment, and experience the joy of community service.

Our Crew

Our campers were from the oldest group of studio participants - orphans who've been coming to the studio for six years. They are 15-17 years old, and some of them have "graduated" from their orphanage, living now at our studio with two American volunteers, in our new transitional program. Their names are Inna, Janna, Nadya, Pasha, Oksana, Sasha, and Sveta. We also had Maria's four biological children; our Russian volunteers contributed a few more kids along the way.

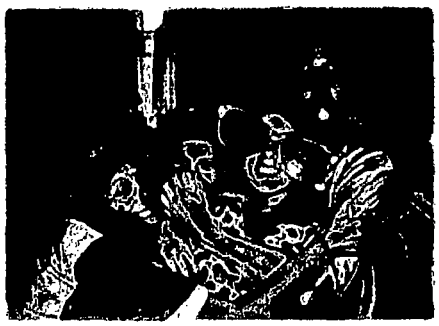
Our all-volunteer staff hailed from Russia, America, and Germany. The Russian camp director was Maria Yeliseyeva, who was greatly assisted by her Russian staff (and husband, Ilya) in making all of the arrangements; she was our artistic guru and spiritual "mamochka" (Mom). The American camp director was Julian Davies, who recruited staff, fund-raised, planned camp activities, and taught theater/clowning. Lorrie Kubicek served as assistant director, and performing arts teacher. Julie Pedersen was our staff coordinator. Our staff included several Patch Adams clown tour veterans - Kathy Hoffman, Janice and Steve Marcom, Judy Ratliff, and Lucy Sheffield; each of them raised funds for at least one orphan, brought art supplies, and helped with our clowning and art classes. Lara Eggerling, a resident studio volunteer, brought her family (Mary and Kari) over and assisted with planning and leading activities. Wolfgang and Sonya came from Germany, and Alexei, Liola Zimlinsky, and Mikhail Losiev were our Russian volunteers.

Our Itinerary



The two weeks were spent as follows: one day together in Moscow, four days on a riverboat traveling up the Volga River to Tver, Uglich, and back, three days in Moscow for clowning in hospitals and orphanages, and six days at a countryside retreat for more arts sessions. While we originally hoped to spend ten days on a riverboat, the fact that our reservations were swiped by a bigger tour operator, with our desire to try both river and countryside versions of a summer camp, led to the combined schedule.

Our four days on the Felix Dzerzhinsky riverboat were fabulous. Playing theater and drawing games on the top deck as we glided past monasteries and through dramatic locks was amazing, if a bit surreal. The other passengers warmed up to us quickly, and many parents ended up entrusting their kids to us. This made for a boisterous beginning to our camp, but did make progressing from games to more challenging art activities difficult.



In Tver, we toured the city and visited a monastery, but the unanimous favorite was the local ice cream. The Uglich stop was more successful, as we spirited the kids away to paint the beautiful monasteries that are behind our fantasy riverboat in our camp proposal. One of my favorite evenings on the boat was spent hanging out on the top deck, with nothing special planned, when we ended up teaching each other "stupid human tricks," playing the kids' Russian kissing game, and making an all-camp pyramid - all as the beautiful Russian countryside slid by. On the last day, we all released balloons off the stern, which Masha said would ensure that we return next year.

In Moscow, we clowned. The first day we walked over to the largest children's hospital/clinic campus in Moscow - this was the first time that clowns had visited, and we weren't allowed onto the hospital floors. Luckily, many of the kids were outside in special playgrounds (a good thing, since hospital stays in Russia are measured in weeks and months, not days), and we had a riotous time outdoors. We also bum-rushed the Director's office, serenaded him, and paved the way for a clown tour visit in November.

The next day we visited a baby orphanage; Maria has been taking our oldest orphans there every week - bringing supplies, feeding and changing the babies, and giving the babies the affection and stimulation they desperately need. Since clowns seem to be universally frightening to really young kids (not that we're really about traditional clowning), we toned down our costumes, and had a beautiful and moving afternoon. The children live in rooms where 15-20 cribs are crammed together, each room tended to by 1-2 more or less engaged adults; the lack of individual love and attention, not to mention inadequate nutrition, was readily apparent in the children's distressing physical and social development. We're now starting a volunteer program so that these babies will receive daily visits and love.

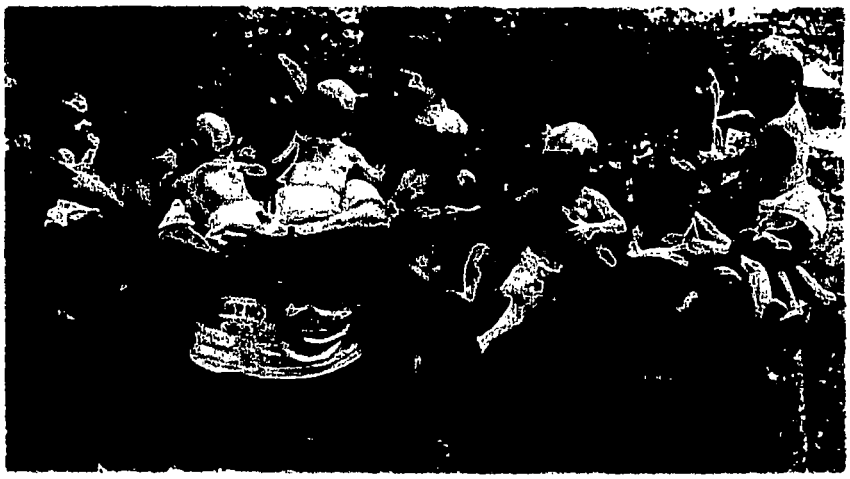
That night we celebrated at Mama Zoya's restaurant, with lengthy Georgian toasts, singalongs to Russian traditional songs, and dancing in the aisles. On the third day, we went to a children's cancer rehabilitation center outside of Moscow. It is housed in Stalin's old dacha, and is staffed by a wonderful group of therapists who use the arts and the beautiful surroundings to help their patients recover from surgeries and chemotherapy. It was hard to tell who were the clowns and who were the clownees - the kids were active, talented, and so much fun.

The last week was spent at Lipky, a countryside retreat. At $10/day, including all three meals, I was expecting rusticity, but it turned out to be a fairly swanky

Soviet-era resort. But no one complained (in our group, that is), and we had a great week, which included some real artistic breakthroughs, a campfire (actually, a 10-foot tall inferno), a shashlik barbecue, horseback riding, "Marco Polo" in the pool, late-night disco, and a clown sauna featuring all 25 of us in one steam-room!

On our last day together in Moscow, we had a "banquet night," with 20 feather boas, top hats, flashing visors, sequins, zydeco music ... and pizza. Then we tramped around our apartment building trying to give away a gallon of left-over ice cream before it melted - some neighbors were afraid to open their doors, but we also met some fellow artists and "mothers-of-many-children." Now that some of the neighbors know who we are, we've received permission to paint a large mural in the entrance to our building!

More to follow ... click here to read part II of the wrap-up: our arts activities, plans for next year, and more



Our Baby Orphanage at Malakhovka

After years of trying, Maria finally found a *dom rebyonka* (baby house) that would allow outsiders to visit. For the past year, we have spent every Sunday afternoon with the babies of Group 7. These babies need people to hold them, to play with them, to know them by name instead of crib number. We do this as best we can, and it has been a wonderful opportunity for our oldest orphans to help and learn from these infants. But our babies need love, stimulation, and a dry *popa* (bottom) much more often than once a week.

For seven years, we have worked with school-age children that struggle against the lingering effects of early deprivation and neglect. We now understand that it is vital to try to intervene earlier, before institutionalization permanently cripples these unfortunate children.

You can help. Let our favorite social worker explain how the baby orphanage works. See what our children have to say about the baby house, and reflections on their own lives in institutions. Read a superb overview of the effects of institutionalization on children from Eastern European and Russian orphanages. Support our new baby house volunteer program. Help us find homes for these children, in Russia or abroad. Send us pampers. Their *popas* will thank you for it.

- Julie Pedersen - Our Baby House
- Nadya - Life and the Baby Orphanage
- Janna - Journey to the *Dom Rebyonka*
- Sveta - Me and Sveta
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"Maria's Babies" - Our Baby House Project

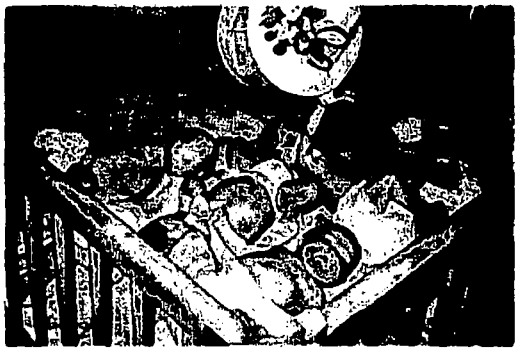
by Julie Pedersen

Tucked away in the corner of Malakhovka, a tiny village about 50-km southeast of Moscow, stands the home of Maria's smallest children. This "Dom Rebyonka" or literally translated "baby home" is where Maria, her family, friends, and older program participants have been volunteering their time once weekly for the past year. Maria had been attempting to get involved with several Moscow baby houses over the past few years without success when the opportunity to get involved at Malakhovka came about.

Some experts report that almost all children who leave the baby home leave it with some degree of developmental delay. Although some of these delays are due to preexisting pathology, many of them are due to the sensory deprivation they were exposed to while at the baby home. The goal of Maria's Children is to develop a network of volunteers who could go there daily and provide the babies with some much-needed stimulation and love to help combat this deprivation.

Upon entrance to this baby house, the first noticeable impression is its dark, gray, gloomy interior. Maria, of course, had an answer to this. We'll paint the walls! So Maria's Children went to work painting murals on a three-story stairwell. Walls that were formerly dark and gloomy now had color and life. Vibrant beauty took the form of flowers, trees, butterflies, fish, clouds and rainbows. Now even a four year old orphan can walk by these walls and dare to dream of a brighter world that can exist outside of this orphanage.

Because of the large number of children residing in this baby house (about 150), Maria's Children decided to devote their weekly visits to one group - group 7. When walking through the entrance to group 7, a large playpen is seen in the corner, a small table is placed in the center of the room, a bigger table and a changing table are against the wall and toys are neatly lined up on the shelves but are seldom played with. In an adjoining room the babies' cribs, where they spend much of their time, are lined up in rows.



The schedules of these babies are very regimented. They are to wake up, eat, have their diapers changed, take naps, and go to bed at the same time every day. Maria's Children volunteers often find fitting their visits within this rigid schedule a challenge since many staff members are generally very resistant to deviate from this schedule. One reason for such a schedule may be the lack of staff present during the day. One to two people are charged with the care of these babies at any given time making the possibility of caring for individual needs almost impossible.

Although some of the staff are very good and appear to care about the babies very much, others adhere to the old Soviet mentality that the babies/orphans shouldn't be touched or treated like they are special. A few believe that orphans aren't really human. One staff member told us upon the arrival of one of our weekly visits, "You shouldn't come. The babies cry when you come." Our perception of the situation, of course, is that the babies don't cry when we come - they cry when we leave. As evidenced by their smiles, laughter and the arms that reach out to us, the babies enjoy our presence.

Most of the 16 babies in group seven appear far below their chronological age. This is largely due to sensory deprivation through lack of stimulation and individual nurture. Babies who should be walking are not. Babies that should be talking look at us with blank stares. Babies that should know their own names show no recognition when their names are called. One staff member, when asked the name of a particular baby, would have us point to the crib we took the baby out of and looked up the name on a chart. HmmmÉare these babies or crib numbers? The babies do not have individual clothes or possessions - only collective possessions. The babies have nothing to call their own - not a teddy bear, a doll, a familiar face, or a hand that reaches out for only them. They need people in their lives daily who will play with, touch, hold, hug, teach, and love them.

In the Russian orphanage structure, all orphaned children aged 0-4 are placed in these baby homes. Between the ages of four and six, they are tested and given a label that will most likely stick with them the rest of their lives. Once given, the label becomes a part of their identity and is difficult if not impossible to remove or change. This label is in effect a "diagnosis" based on a one-time visit with each child

that may only last an hour or less. A part of their diagnosis may be what is known about the family rather than a reflection of what was actually observed in the child. Depending on how the child reacts to this test, it could mean the difference between a life of limited opportunities and a life of total institutionalization. In other words, a child who is particularly shy and has limited exposure to life outside the baby house may be given a far worse diagnosis than is accurate, just because this child wouldn't talk or was afraid of a panel of strange adults he/she didn't know.

The label or diagnosis will also determine where these children go after they leave the baby house. If the child is lucky enough to be diagnosed as "normal", they will most likely be assigned to an orphanage where they may leave during the day to attend a regular school. This is a very beneficial thing for the kids who live in the orphanage because it allows them to learn important socialization skills that they may not have the opportunity to learn anywhere else. This does not mean, however, that this is an easy road. Because of the stigma attached to orphans by many people in Russian society, teachers or other children may be cruel or condescending to the orphans because they live in an orphanage. It is rare for a child who has spent their entire life at a baby house to come out with this diagnosis mainly because of the lack of sensory stimulation and limited opportunities for social interaction outside of the institution.

A common diagnosis given to children who have spent their first four years inside the walls of a baby house is that of "debil" or lightly retarded. Most of the kids Maria's Children work with have this diagnosis. If the children are given this label, they will live in an orphanage where some schooling is done within the walls of that institution. However, this is inconsistent and doesn't meet even minimum educational standards. The kids in our transitional program all come from this type of orphanage and lack not only adequate education but also the ability to carry out everyday life skills such as budgeting and cooking. Skills that Maria's Children is working toward helping them learn.

A Psychoneurological orphanage also exists for the children who are labeled "disabled" and deemed unable to function in society. This may be a physical or a mental disability. Very few, if any, opportunities to go beyond this orphanage exist. Once these children are of age, they will most likely be transferred to an adult institution where they will probably remain until they die. Maria's Children currently does not work with any children from this type of orphanage.

It is apparent to those who work with Maria's Children that intervention needs to start at the baby houses. This is where much of the harm to these children, some irreversible, is done. This is also where love, affection, and healing touch can make an integral difference in the lives of these children. Our visits are also advantageous to Maria's older participants. Here they can not only have the opportunity to share themselves with the babies but they can also develop their own nurturing skills. Maybe they can even learn a little more about themselves in the process.

Unfortunately, it will take time to recruit our volunteers and raise the money needed to buy diapers and other things for our Baby House visits. But, in the meantime, Maria's Children volunteers will be at Malakhovka every week to nurture and love our group of babies. At least once a week the babies will hear their own names, have a dry diaper, and be given the special individual attention they deserve. And in their halls the mark of Maria's Children will long stand, a rich, vivid reminder that dreams can come true.

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Our New Transitional Program

This year is a milestone for Maria's Children - it is our seventh year teaching art and life skills to Russian orphans, and now our oldest children are leaving the orphanage. The government expects them to be able to live on their own at the age of sixteen, with no experience of life outside the orphanage. It also uses them to fill jobs that no one else would want, contracting them out as cheap labor in shoe and sewing factories in the name of "job training." This assumes that they want to work a menial labor job, and that there will be such jobs to be had.

Our children, of course, have their own ideas. Pasha wants to be a driver and mechanic; Nadya wants to teach art; Sasha wants to be a cook; Sveta dreams of being a professional artist and painting her own lacquer boxes; Oksana wants to be a massage therapist; Janna wants to work with children. The *"debil"* (mentally handicapped) label that these children carry will keep them out of most schools, and many firms are afraid to hire orphans. We are working to overcome these obstacles, but in fact, they all want to work for Maria's Children.

Fair enough. We are applying for grants to pay salaries for these young adults to work for us - as driver, cook, art teacher, babysitter. It will be nice to keep these jobs "in the family," and since they already wear these hats as volunteers (well, not driver ... yet), we want to show them that what they do is valued, and deserves a salary.

In the meantime, we have turned our studio into a transitional home, where 3-5 recent orphanage graduates live with our "adult" volunteers. These teenagers are learning to shop for themselves, cook, and on rare occasions, clean the toilet. We do eat a lot of spaghetti and cheese, but are working to expand their culinary horizons, or at least prevent them from burning down the house. Typically we awaken to dueling boomboxes, where Russian pop (Ruki Vyer) and Michael Jackson duke it out to serve as our alarm clock. Then off to school, or making preparations for the afternoon studio sessions - Sasha cooks, Sveta teaches art and spins tunes, Denis and Lena help with the cleaning, and Vova eats. Sasha definitely has the makings of a master chef - he already has a group of the younger kids eager to do the shopping for his meals.

This exposure to a slightly chaotic, but essentially positive and loving environment is a natural extension of our studio experience; they have an opportunity to live the values that we hope they will carry with them as they leave our home, and begin their lives as independent adults.

The government does guarantee them their own apartment, and we're using this time to find decent ones, and repair them as necessary. Also, our kids are starting to enroll in evening cooking and arts classes. The following letter is an appeal for you to help our kids realize their dreams ...

NEWS! Sasha, Sveta, and Inna just completed a six-week cooking course, and passed a written and practical exam with flying colors; Oksana and Valya start next month. Six weeks does not a master chef make, but they're a lot more comfortable around a kitchen now - and smiles like these are worth the tuition alone. Oksana is currently enrolled in massage school, and Pasha and Sasha will begin driving/mechanics school next month. Sveta has begun a year-long intensive arts school, studying how to paint lacquer boxes and tableware - she loves it, and has brought home some beautiful border designs. Please read on ... this program cannot continue without your help.

November 1,1999

Dear Friends of Maria's Children,

Hello and greetings from all of Maria's Children. As many of you know, the original children who have been involved with Maria's Children are reaching a crossroads in their lives. The children: Sasha, Sveta, Oksana, Pasha, Vova, and Valya need your help to provide choices in their lives and help them realize their dreams. These children need your financial assistance to make this happen.

We already know how bright and gifted these kids are either from meeting the kids or from the stories that go with the beautiful cards, murals, and calendars created from their artwork. Some of us have watched them grow up. We've watched as Maria has taught them to paint beautiful murals. We've also watched as she has demonstrated by her own example, love, trust, and self-esteem. She has welcomed them into her own family where they learned about relationships. She has given them something they can be proud of both as artists and as human beings. The children have touched our lives in wonderful ways by who they are, what they've been through, and the beautiful individuals they have become. Now as our kids are on the cusp of becoming the first graduates of Maria's children, we can help them in a way that will affect the rest of their lives.

As graduates of the orphanage, technically the fate of the children is set. They will be put into training to work in a shoe factory or something similar. Going through this training does not guarantee them a job, however. Since most orphans go through the same factory training, the number of children being trained greatly outnumbers the jobs available when they are finished. Because the training the kids receive is specific to the factory in which they are assigned, the kids who don't get jobs leave there with no marketable skills once they turn 18. The kids do not have a

choice about being placed in the factory training unless an appropriate alternative can be provided. Because of Russian guidelines, this needs to be some sort of training program that will provide a certificate or diploma upon completion.

Maria's Children would like to help our oldest participants find positions in vocational programs that match their hopes and aspirations. This has proven to be a great challenge largely because of the stigmatization of orphans - the belief that they are defective in some way and can not learn. The orphans would be considered an economic burden because the schools would have to provide scholarships if they were to accept our kids. Therefore, the only way for our kids to go to the program of their choice is to find external sources for financial support.

Our help will not only help Pasha, Sveta, Sasha, Oksana, Vova and Valya fulfill their occupational dreams, but their success will be a testament for Maria's younger children. These younger children will see that despite their label and unfortunate life circumstances, hope is present. They can rise above a label, a disadvantaged life, and a substandard education to become productive and successful citizens in their community.

Specifically, this is what our children are asking for:

Sasha: Driving school = $128.00*; Cooking school = $125.00* Living expenses = $100.00/month for 12 months ($1200)

Pasha: Driving school = $153.00*; Mechanic school = $155.00*; Living expenses = $100.00/month for 12 months ($1200)

Oksana: Massage school = $75*; Cooking school = $125.00*; Living expenses = $50.00/month for 12 months ($600)

Valya: Cooking school = $125.00*; Living expenses = $50/month for 12 months ($600)

Vova: Computer School = $50.00*; Driving School = $153.00*; Mechanic School = 155.00*; Living Expenses = $100/month for 12 months ($1200)

Sveta: Cooking school = $125.00*; Art school = $450.00* Living expenses = 100.00/month for 12 months ($1200)

*This price includes tuition, books and necessary supplies for each program.

Already Sasha and Sveta have completed cooking school. Oksana and Valya are planning to start the next session. Pasha started mechanics school in mid October. Oksana is attending massage school. This is a start but they won't be able to continue without your help. Please consider sponsoring an orphan or sponsoring a part of their education. You tax deductible donation may be sent to:

Maria's Children c/o Jan Adams, M.D. 521 West 130th St. Shakopee, MN 55379
On the memo of your check, please write, "Education Fund"

Thank you for your investment into the future of our children.

Julianne Pedersen,
Maria's Children

Our kids write: (translated from Russian)

Dear Friends, My name is Pasha Avdoshen. I am sixteen years old, live in Moscow, and have just finished school in the Internat (orphanage). I am enthusiastic about playing sports including tennis, football, judo, and other contact sports. Other hobbies include drawing on the computer, listening to music, and dancing. I also like to read books about cars and take cars apart. I feel that I am a serious, responsible, and sociable person. What I value most in people is kindness, honesty, fairness, and a sense of humor. I think the most important things in life are peace and love of nature. My life dream is to learn to work with and drive cars professionally. Thank you all. Sincerely, Pasha

Dear Friends, My name is Sasha Dyomin. I am 17 years old. I have drawn with Maria's children for 5 years. I also love to work on the computer, play sports, and to cook. This year, I began to help cook for an organization which feeds people who don't have enough money for food. My dream is to become a good cook and it is important for me to study at a cooking school. Sincerely, Sasha

Dear Friends, My name is Sveta Hokhlova. I live in Moscow and am 16 years old. I enjoy playing tennis, volleyball, and badminton. I love to draw, play active games, listen to good music, and dance. I also love to play with children and watch the news. I think the most important things in life are love of friends, honesty, and that everyone will be happy. I want to become an artist. My life dream is to move to France and become an artist there. Sincerely, Sveta

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REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON STRATEGIES FOR COMBATING THE SPREAD OF

HIV/AIDS IN West Africa.

From Awareness, to action plan, to program implementation.

ABUJA- NIGERIA

INVITATION TO JOIN

This is to invite participation from stakeholders, experts, academia, health care delivery professionals, multilateral organizations, NGO's, CBO's, Education experts, legislators, policy makers, bi lateral organizations, interested in Mauritania, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Benin, Togo, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Cote D'Ivoire, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Gambia, Senegal, and Cape Verde, to discus HIV/AIDs issues in this countries, and come up with comprehensive program to combat the spread and devastation of HIV/AIDs in the West Africa region.

OBJECTIVE: Evolve, a regional approach to combating the spread of HIV/AIDS in West Africa. The conference will focus on the West Africa region, which include all member countries of the Economic Community of West Africa (ECOWAS). Mauritania, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Benin, Togo, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Cote D' Ivoire, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, The Gambia, Senegal, and Cape Verde. All players involved in the awareness campaign, prevention strategies, treatment delivery and counseling, drug interventions, public policy, legislation, alternative health care providers, will be brought together, to discuss and define how best to build a united, effective, region-wide consensus to address and halt the horrendous spread of HIV/AIDS in West Africa.

FORMAT: Interested participants should e-mail, information on thier expertise, country/countries of interest, organization and a statement summarizing the problems and suggested intervention(s) to address the problem(s). . The selection committee headed by the Executive Director of The Institute for Democracy in Africa Gershwin Blyden MD PhD, will contact selected topics that will be included in the Regional conference in May/June 2000 in Abuja, and there contribution will be published in the conference documents.

FORMAT: Daily plenary morning sessions, by experts on focused topics, that will become workshops, seminars, and roundtable sessions in the afternoon. Each country will be allowed time to present techniques and interventions that are promising in combating the spread of HIV/AIDS, and specific obstacles in their effort to combat the spread and devastation of the HIV pandemic, including the stigmatization of HIV/AIDS patients and how this is affecting the war against HIV/AIDS in the region.

ORGANIZERS: The Foundation for Democracy in Africa

The Institute for Democracy in Africa at St Thomas University

DATE: MAY/JUNE 2000

VENUE ABUJA NIGERIA

WHO SHOULD ATTEND All stakeholders in the awareness campaign, prevention strategies, treatment delivery, counseling, drug interventions, policy, legislation, alternative health care providers, bilateral and multilateral organization, academia, Non governmental organizations, Community based organizations, religious organizations.

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REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON STRAGETIES FOR COMBATTING THE SPREAD OF HIV/AIDS IN WEST AFRICA

FROM AWARENESS - TO ACTION PLAN - TO PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

JUNE 4-9 2000
ABUJA, NIGERIA

THE PROJECT:

The Foundation For Democracy in Africa (The Foundation) proposes building a major new regional HIV/AIDS policy initiative in West Africa. The project will inaugurate a consistent, comparable, comprehensive, trans-boundary, HIV/AIDS policy portfolio. This portfolio will result in dramatically accelerated coordination of scarce resources, new techniques, and empowering information. A regional HIV/AIDS policy portfolio will emerge as a useful weapon in this battle.

The project will initially convene a broad base of stakeholders from the 18 West African nations of: Mauritania, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Benin, Togo, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Gabon, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, The Gambia, Senegal, and Cape Verde. Their task will be to discuss and define how best to build a united, effective, region-wide consensus to address halting the horrendous spread of HIV/AIDS in not only those countries but in the entirety of West Africa.

The proposed conference represents a major step forward in moving beyond traditional, tribal, cultural, national, ethnic, economic, and social boundaries and distinctions that have contributed to ineffective approaches to the issue. The conference also represents hope to millions of individuals now confronting HIV/AIDS in their daily life.

OBJECTIVE:

To engage representatives from each of the West African nations listed above to formulate general policy statements on HIV/AIDS for presentation to, and ultimate consideration by their national governments. Once adopted on a national level, these policy statements will leverage a coordinated regional response to the issue. The Foundation believes that the process of evolving a sustainable approach for combating the spread of HIV/AIDS in West Africa must begin now. This conference is the first such effort to call for significant regional activity and international attention on the development of strategies for awareness, action plans, and program implementation in West Africa.

THE NEED:

On January 10, 2000, the United Nations Security Council held its first ever meeting focusing on a health issue as a threat to peace and security. The topic being considered? The impact of HIV/AIDS in Africa. In addressing the Security Council, United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan said:

> "...AIDS had killed about 10 times more people in Africa than had armed conflict. By overwhelming the continent's health services, by creating millions of orphans and by decimating health workers and teachers, AIDS was causing social and economic crises which in turn threatened political stability. The disease also threatened good governance through high death rtes among public and private elites."

The Secretary-General urged the international community to make the fight against AIDS in Africa an immediate priority. The Foundation has accepted his challenge. Since 1996, it has vigorously urged and worked toward both a re-evaluation of Africa's public health policies and toward the containment of the virus.

To date, more than 11 million Africans have died of AIDS, 22 million are living with HIV/AIDS, and 9 million children have been orphaned by it. These figures surpass the combined population of Accra, Abuja, New York City, Washington, DC, Dakar, London, Paris, Johannesburg, and more.

PROGRAM FORMAT:

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FROM AWARENESS - TO ACTION PLAN - TO PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

JUNE 4-9 2000
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The Executive Director of the FDA is a Pharmacologist, by training, he has attended several training courses on HIV/AIDS, delivered papers at conferences all over the country on HIV/AIDS issue, including the recent Black Caucus conference which focused on HIV/AIDS, wrote a review article on the social and economic impact of HIV/AIDS, has worked as a consultant on HIV/AIDS in the Miami area, where the ethnic diversity is similar to Africa. traveled extensively in Africa conducting workshops, and seminars on HIV/AIDS.

The Executive director of the Institute for Democracy in Africa, Gershwin Blyden, MD, PHD, an Associate Professor of medicine, and practicing physician that provides treatment to HIV/AIDS patients.

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Proposals are been developed to solicit funding from other sources, to complement EDDI funding. Efforts will also be made to get the West African Countries to contract with FDA and IDA, to continue to operate FDA.

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DATE: October 1, 1999

TO: Sandy Thurman
Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy

FAX TO: 202-338-2965

FROM: Sadhana Hall
Director, Conference and Special Events.

FAX FROM: 802-649-1396
Phone: 802-649-1340

SUBJECT:

Message:

As discussed with Nils, attached please find invitation letter.

With best wishes,

Sadhana

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September 20, 1999

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We would be delighted if you could address our conference attendees from 8:30 to 10:00 am on Wednesday, June 14th, 2000. If this timing is not suitable, we would be happy to work with your staff about convenient times later that day or on June 15th or 16th. Your speech will be linked, via live satellite video, around the world, and we are working with Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health to coordinate an off-site audience there as well. While 1999's speeches were video-conferenced to six countries and broadcast on C-SPAN, we are planning to expand our coalition and our outreach significantly further this year.

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FAX TO: 202-456-2959
202-456-2439

FROM: Sadhana Hall
Director of Conference, membership and Special Events.

FAX FROM: 802-649-1396
Phone: 802-649-1340

SUBJECT: Invitation to Conference

Message:

It was a pleasure to meet you at the recent HIV/AIDS conference. Congratulations again! I appreciated your speech.

As requested, am faxing the invitation letter to the First Lady again. Please let me know if you need any more information.

Best wishes,

Sadhana

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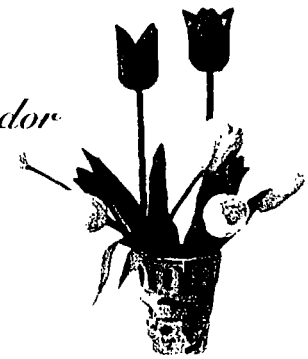
What: *An informal evening of exquisite music and cuisine, featuring Miranda van Kralingen, a brilliant and much-heralded soprano from the Netherlands.*

Why: *In honor of the longstanding ties between the Congress of the U.S. and the Netherlands.*

When: *Thursday, June 8, 2000*

Where: *Residence of the Netherlands Ambassador*
Washington, D.C.



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April 5, 2000

Sandra Thurman
Director
White House Office of National AIDS Policy
736 Jackson Place
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Dear Ms. Thurman:

The Global Health Council is well underway in preparations for its 27th Annual Conference, *A Century of Health for a the Children of 2000*, and would be honored if you would accept our invitation to serve as a speaker at a special plenary session from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., on June 16, 2000.

The title of the plenary is *Private Sector Response to the AIDS Crisis*. In the keynote address at this session Rev. Leon Sullivan will be presenting his vision for the private sector's response to the worldwide HIV/AIDS pandemic; a representative of Pfizer will talk about that organization's recent announcement to give preferential pricing on their drug fluconazole to South African clients, and Ugandan community leader Beatrice Were will introduce the session. We would like to invite you to speak for approximately ten minutes prior to Rev. Sullivan's address and offer the White House perspective on the response by the private sector.

The conference will take place June 13-16, 2000, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. We expect 1,500 participants from all over the world to attend. Participants are the world's leading health care professionals including policy makers, program planners and care providers. Since next year is the tenth anniversary of the World Summit for Children, many of the presenters will assess the progress made toward achieving the Summit's goal for child health and survival, and lay out an agenda for the future. UNICEF's Executive Director Carol Bellamy has already confirmed her participation and Queen Noor of Jordan will be with us in her capacity as honorary conference co-chair.

I hope that you will be able to make time in your busy schedule to address our participants. I believe that your presence during this plenary will add depth and insight into how private sector can play a more crucial role in responding to HIV/AIDS globally.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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