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August 14, 1995

Ms. Hillary Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Clinton:

Yes, please attend the UN Women's conference in Beijing. It is unfortunate that Harry Wu is in jail, but we women need to keep moving forward. Wu's situation should not impact on whether or not you attend. Women and their treatment and place in the world are long-neglected issues. There are few forums which draw much attention to the world-wide plight of women. I urge you: Attend! It is important for the most important woman of the United State be at that conference and represent humane and equal treatment of women.

Mrs. Clinton, you started out like gang-busters when your husband was elected, but you have let the Washington boys step all over you apparently crush your spirit. You have cut back on your efforts to make change.

As a woman, I am proud of you and what you have accomplished and have tried to do. Go and speak for women of the United States and the world. Women should not be second rate citizens in any nation on earth.

Sincerely,

Beryl Uribe

Beryl Uribe

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Saltney Ferry Rd
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England.

9th August 1995.

Dear Mrs Clinton.

Re. China (Women's Conference)

I understand that you are to attend the United Nations international conference on women, to be held in Beijing in September.

As a successful career woman and mother to a lovely daughter, I am sure that you, along with most other women in the Western world, deplore China's inhuman treatment of pregnant women, coercing them into abortions and the terrible ways in which families of more than one child are terrorised into abandoning their own babies or even worse, infanticide.

I have recently seen a television

documentary, showing how orphaned baby girls are left to the mercy of poorly-run state orphanages. Because girls have such a low priority in China's culture, they are simply left to rot. I know that you will want to use your position in society to help to change this disgusting situation. America should not bestow the honour of 'most favoured nation' upon China.

Please do what you can to help. We are so lucky to have been born in our respective countries. I dread to think what my life would be like had I been born and raised in China for the last thirty two years. What would yours have been like? We owe it to the women and baby girls in China who cannot speak for themselves.

yours sincerely,

Anne Ellis.



Dear Hillary, 8-13-95

Are you going to represent all of us women at the World Conference on Women in Beijing? I hope so! They certainly would not banish you to the NGO group, even though I'm glad many women are attending despite their relegation to the outskirts. We appreciate your efforts to make Bill's job easier. Tell him we are proud of him and his efforts to ban nuclear testing, to help the causes for the poor and retired.

Hang in there!

Thank you.
S. Mary Claire LeMoine
SSSF

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Boston, MA 02115
August 18, 1995

The Leete House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C.

To: Lissa, Sabrina

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Dear Mrs. Clinton,

First let me say I like as you
live at 304 Comm. Ave in the Back Bay of
Boston. I am an animal caretaker. Dawn the
street at 286 Comm. Ave lives Betsey Magnusen
I take care of her 10 year old Scottie dog, Molly (who
I love) because last Christmas over the holiday.
Betsey travelled to China to acquire her newly
adopted 5 month old baby, Wei-Wei. It was
a tedious task for her to accomplish but she did
it. It has proved to be miraculously worthwhile for
her as well as our whole community. A true gift
from God to all of us

Write to you you for I believe you
will be attending the Women's World Conference
in China this year. I hope that the discussion
of the adoption of Chinese children be included in
the agenda. I would like it to be known that
finally the doors have been opened to
single women over 40 years of age. They
can now adopt a baby. I have seen what
Betsey has done as a single woman. She
went over and saved a little girl's
life; took her back home here and took
responsibility for every second of that
little child's life. It doesn't get any better
than that. Please keep the issue of
adopting orphaned Chinese girl babies
alive.

Sincerely,
Sally Kiebasak

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN COUNT NETWORK

Members in: Barbados, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Guyana, India, Ireland, Italy, The Philippines, Spain, Tanzania, Trinidad & Tobago, UK, USA



August 21, 1995

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UN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE USED AS POLITICAL FOOTBALL

The needs and interests of women, in particular women of the grassroots, are being sacrificed to political jockeying in Washington DC, where the attendance of First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton at the UN World Conference on Women in Beijing has come under question, and in fact has become a centerpiece by politicians who are making power plays at women's expense under the guise of championing the cause of human rights.

Are human rights violations really the motive of those urging Mrs. Clinton to 'stay home'? Or are there other agendas? Data worldwide has clearly established that the human rights of women, particularly those at the bottom of the economic ladder, are violated the most. Those who are serious about addressing the problems women face worldwide, including human rights violations, recognize such posturing for what it is: a cynical maneuver by those who would make political hay at women's expense, and who have little or no interest in sexism or the daily deadly mix when sexism combines with poverty, racism, ageism, homophobia, industrial and military violence, that millions of women and girls face on a daily basis.

What seems more to the point of the public effort to restrict Mrs. Clinton's movements is an attempt to derail public attention and focus from the shocking examples of women's overwork and underpayment as well as other inequities -- also human rights violations -- including those most recently brought to light in the 1995 UN Human Development Report the UN Development Program released on August 17: that world economies are dependent on the unvalued and undervalued work of women which many governments seem to be quite happy to let happen behind their backs, while women continue to be treated by policy makers as charity cases.

Mrs. Clinton remarked at the launch of the UNDP Report, "Women care for most of the world's children. And women do more than their share of the world's work." At an earlier press conference launching the US Department of Labor's Working Women Count survey she prefigured this UNDP report when she said, "*The split between working women and homemakers is a misnomer. All women work.*"

IWCN is a network of organizations and individuals who support counting unremunerated work in satellite accounts of the GDP. Co-ordinated by the International Wages for Housework Campaign and International Black Women for Wages for Housework.

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The 1995 UNDP Report quantifies in detail the inequities women face, concluding that \$11 trillion is unaccounted for in official measures of the world's economy because women's work is *unvalued and undervalued*, which puts women at a tremendous disadvantage in all areas of life in this world: economic, social, legal and political.

Women are fed up with those in governments who ignore the burdens we bear, despite their feminist-laced rhetoric. Women's work is largely not officially measured and valued, as shown by the UNDP Report, and other studies and statistics, yet women are *counted on* to keep every economy going. Those trying to restrict the First Lady from participating in the UN Fourth World Conference on Women are not counting the work of thousands of NGO staff, volunteers and grassroots women living in the US and elsewhere who have put in years of fundraising, organized community-based conferences and meetings, drafted documents, and done other preparatory work to ensure that the voice of women, including those from the bottom, not only the voice of governments, are heard at this crucial juncture in history, which the Conference signals. Proposals will be made at this Conference which will affect women and girls into the next century, a matter that women, unlike some in policy-making positions, can't afford to take lightly -- their survival and their children's survival depend on it.

Whether or not the First Lady, the Honorary Chair of the US Delegation to the UN Conference, goes to the Beijing Conference determines whether the US is serious about sending a strong message, not only to China, but to governments around the world that the US government at the highest levels takes seriously and is ready to work for the human rights of Harry Wu as well as the human rights of hundreds of millions of women and girls who suffer worldwide, including in the US; such a message can be conveyed by Mrs. Clinton's presence and participation in the official US Delegation.

* The National Women Count Network is a network of organizations and individuals who support measuring and valuing women's unwaged work, and includes prominent women's, labor, civil rights, human rights, and other organizations. It is part of the International Women Count Network, whose delegation to the UN Conference will present governments with a strongly-worded paragraph signed by over 600 NGOs representing millions of women and men worldwide, including in the US, urging that unwaged work be measured, valued and included in satellite accounts of the gross domestic product of countries throughout the world.

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August 17, 1995

Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Clinton:

I am writing to urge you to lead the U.S. delegation to the Fourth U.N. Conference on Women opening in Beijing on August 30.

While I understand the concerns you or any highly visible potential delegate must feel about being seen as in any way condoning China's abusive human rights policies, I believe it is necessary to see a conference like this one purely as a United Nations event, and the choice of venue therefore as an incidental matter.

Certainly this U.N. event is a very important one. Although it is the fourth conference of its kind, the disadvantaged position of women around the world has hardly abated as a crisis affecting every member of every society. The vital economic and political dilemmas call for the active participation of our country's most visible woman leader. You have already demonstrated your knowledge and sensitivity about this issue on your trip to South Asia; it is important to continue that effort at this international gathering.

I would strongly urge that if you go to Beijing you pay at least one visit to the "alternative forum" organized by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Huairou. By doing so you would be helping, in a dramatic way, to draw attention to the all-important substance of an event that threatens to be overshadowed by the Chinese government's insistence on locating it 30 miles from the main conference.

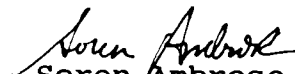
One of the primary issues to be highlighted at the alternative forum, entitled "Action for Equality, Development, and Peace," is the devastating impact of the economic policies of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Throughout their 51-year history, these institutions, by far the most powerful in determining the fate of "developing" countries, have promoted an economic model which fails to include women or the poor among the designers or the beneficiaries. This is particularly true of the "structural adjustment programs" (SAPs) imposed by both the Bank and the Fund on more than 90 countries in the last 15 years--programs agreed to by indebted governments with no other source of funds. Hallmarks of these programs include trade liberalization, sweeping deregulation, and wage constraint policies, which have resulted in more exploitative labor conditions for women. As social services like health care and education are cut under SAPs, women in societies around the world work longer hours in the home and take on extra outside work (often in additional subsistence agriculture) to allow their families to survive. Eighteen-hour days are common for women in much of Africa and other very poor countries.

August 17, 1995

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Many women's groups have been opposing these policies and their impacts for years, from the grassroots to the diplomatic level. While the overall theme of the Conference is to empower women and increase their participation in decision making at all levels, the much-heralded "globalization" of the economy works to make economic and political decision-making processes less open and democratic, and further tilts the playing field to monied, corporate interests. The true story of the massive inequalities of the world economy, and women's increasingly disadvantaged position, will only be heard at the NGO forum.

Sincerely,


Soren Ambrose

August 18, 1995



First lady Hillary Clinton

The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton~

I am writing this letter to convey my support for your participation in The NGO Forum and UN Fourth World Conference on Women. As one of The 8,000 Americans attending The conference, I am committed to improving The quality of life for American men and women, and for securing a bright future.

The US Government's contribution to The Platform for Action confirms That education and economic opportunity are fundamental to a healthy American family. In addition, by addressing health, domestic violence, The balance between work and family, and women's participation in decision-making, The US Government is taking steps to secure a future where women and men can live to fulfill their potential.

As a young working woman who represents 46% of The American workforce, I am proud That The U.S. is taking

a leadership role in The conference, but we
Want you there! This would demonstrate
the US' commitment to a new future - a
commitment to young women and to our
vital role in strengthening our nation.

Thank you for your immediate and vocal
support in this conference. As Martin Luther
King, Jr. once said, "Our lives begin to end
the day we are silent about things
that matter."

Sincerely,
Sira Berte
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UN Conf on Women
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Mary Ann Willis
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18 Aug. 1995-

Jean Mrs. Clinton,

In two days now I have read and watched T.V. concerning your trip to the "Woman Conference in China."

I have great-grand daughters my belief is "The masses are more important than the individual. I do not know the reason for Mr. Wu becoming an American Citizen - all material states it was an decision not based on freedom but only an act to support his personal advantage.

By representing all women of the world as our leader I

believe it would be an
advantage Jan my great-grand
daughters - we will always
have people as Mr. W. as well
as the poor with us.

Having lived and taught
school on four continents
and being associated with
each of the main religions
of men world, I believe
your presence at the Woman's-
Conference would benefit the
mass of women. You not
going will only benefit
one man. Please don't be
another Jimmy Carter when he
refused men Olympic team the
Moscow invitation - what did it
accomplish rather than deprive
4 years of their lives.

Sincerely,
Mary Ann Wells
(I did not vote for Bill Clinton) No Politics invol.

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JUL 31 1995

President William J. Clinton and
Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
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Washington DC 20500

20 July 1995

IN RE: China
Harry Wu Incident
4th World Conference on Women

Dear President and Mrs. Clinton:

I hope you will not consider it impertinent of me to send the attached material: the 2nd and 3rd pages of a letter sent to a friend who published an article in which she stated that the chief role of women at the 4th World Conference on Women would be to See no evil, Hear no evil, Speak no evil. The first page held personal greetings and is not sent herewith.

I suspect many other Americans feel now about the Harry Wu incident as I do. My thoughts appear on page 2 of the attached, and I trust they will interest you.

While no one could fault Mr. Wu for unrelenting commitment to his mission; nevertheless, I believe that as an American he should always have sought prior government approval to engage in activities he contemplated as a 'tourist' to China. I venture that he has greatly complicated and set back the conduct of affairs between us and China. I do not believe he had any greater right to do this than any other American visiting China—not on government service. Most of us are cognizant of the delicacy and fragile nature of diplomacy, and of our own responsibility not to make the task of our government greater than it already is by unauthorized actions that could lead to misunderstanding and dispute.

I can also appreciate the heartache and consternation of Ching Lee Wu at her husband's imprisonment. But I cannot imagine that as a couple they had not contemplated this possibility—the stakes of the game—although Mrs. Wu stated on National Public Radio that she had not much knowledge of politics. I found that statement disingenuous, although I sympathize with the difficult way she is learning about the art.

If her statement was true, why did Mrs. Wu ask Mrs. Clinton not to appear at the World Conference on women in September? Again, I believe the Wus have lost sight of the larger picture and of their responsibility to their adoptive nation. I do not believe they are American heroes. Nor do I believe Mrs. Wu understands the important role a First Lady may serve as informal ambassador for our nation, which role offers an extraordinary political opportunity at this difficult juncture in our relations with China.

As an American participant in the conference, I want the women of the world and all the people of China to have the privilege of meeting and hearing and being encouraged by our dynamic First Lady. It would make me and every American woman there so proud to have you join us, Hillary, as we take our part in conscientiously building bridges between the peoples of China and ourselves.

My belief about the role and potential positive effect of American women at the Conference, and after, and its importance are outlined on page 3 of the attached. Again, I trust this will interest you.

Respectfully,

Attached: Copy, Pgs. 2 and 3 of letter
Page, personals, not sent.

Joan H. Coffey

And so you understand how interested I was to discover that you are a China Watcher with many years of and continuing interest to your credit. The next decade should prove tremendously interesting to those of us with this interest. China will be the hot topic that supercedes all others, I suspect.

I commend to your attention the book I am reading now: CHINA WAKES by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn (pulitzers, NY TIMES) Call No. 306.0951. One of the reviewers was Sy Hersh. His evaluation that this is a brilliant account that "In a perfect world: would be required reading for everyone in the government and in the Congress." was enough for me. But then, I would read anything S. Hersh commended.

I know you will be fascinated. Sheryl WuDunn is, incidentally, Chinese American, and she and Kristof are married. Made for some interesting experiences in China, and certainly gave her the edge for investigative reporting, as she could "Pass" at need. But within the legality of her role as a foreign correspondent.

I certainly wish the opportunistic Mr. Wu had recognized his responsibility to his chosen adoptive land, and not stirred up the hornet's nest that he has. First—selfishly—this could make it much more difficult for any Americans traveling in the near future. Then, because he is an opportunist: running a business whose profit is based on study of prisons in China, and working to provide exposes for commercial purposes (ABC?, CBS? - which was it?) Everyone knows there is a centuries-long history of terrible imprisonment and torture in China. Only the commercial interests (with the cooperation of the Mr. Wus of this world) can turn that into Big Bucks. Does he belong to an established human rights organization? To China Watch? If not, I wonder why not.

I want my nation's contacts with China—which may soon be the the trickiest diplomatic challenges in the history of the world—to be made by the people I have elected to make them for me, and through the offices of the UN which I believe in. I do not want some loose cannon creating more tension than is already almost unbearable and perhaps destroying our best chances to demonstrate the benefit to China of China's entering into the world of economic cooperation being built that I expect will create bridges not otherwise possible (am I too hopeful?) I want them made by the Kristofs and WuDunns, working in a legal framework to alert us not just to the horrors of Chinese society, but to chinks in the armor of communism that open opportunities for changing through the difficult arts of diplomacy, negotiation, patience. Who appointed Mr. Wu my Representative? Why did he choose to become American, and not Brazilian, say, or Thai, or Roumanian? He is using us, because America offers great protection to its citizens along with the opportunity for great wealth. Or, that's the way I see it, and I hope the issue can be resolved soon, and that he will be publicly told not to jeopardize our best efforts again and to work within China only at the invitation of our government. He'll probably end up on a lecture circuit and turn this incident into bundles of money, too.

As for the Women's Conference. I don't think we will see or hear any evil that we recognize. My worst fear is that women of the world will meet in just another different place doing what we seem to do best: singing to the choir. That this meeting will result in yet another Massive Document that remains words on paper. That we will have been pat on the heads once again by the UN, rather than in any way abused by the Chinese.

Accepting that as a given, still I am terribly proud to have chosen to go. Because I believe, and I believe Gertrude Mangella would concur, that at this moment in time, the appearance of massive numbers of women from around the world who walk into the known worst offender nation with the message of equality and protection for women in all areas and for peace in the world and who back their words by their presence will make a statement that is more powerful than any that could be written on a document. If a picture is worth a thousand words, then the sight of thousands of dynamic and apparently robust women of all ages from all nations will do more to inspire Chinese women to want to be one with us than anything else we might do.

And I do not think our effect will be limited to women. The relative comfort level that is apparent in the women who will go to Beijing to stress the need to address their disadvantaged position in the world cannot help but be noted by the Chinese. The question must surely arise: If these are the disadvantaged, what must their societies offer as a whole? I expect interest and desire to enter a more comfortable world will ensue. And the tinderbox come that much closer to being lit from within. I intend to be observant and learn all I can, to be polite but clear in my message that my nation is unbelievably wonderful-when asked, and I intend to have a grand time.

I'll let you know when I return whether I have changed my name to Pollyanna.

Best always,

Joan H. Coffey

Not read nor edited:
Interests of Time.

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Human Rights
Conference
Center

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China

P.O. Box 890666
Houston, Texas 77289
August 8, 1995

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I am writing this letter because of a debate I heard on a Sunday morning talk show concerning your scheduled trip to the womens conference in Beijing.

~~you~~ Mr. Wu is a very brave man who knew the risks he was taking in his work. Your absence from the conference will not help free Mr. Wu. (It will aggravate the Chinese government)

Many women live in horrible conditions through circumstances beyond their control. I feel that your presence at the conference will help some of these women. If you feel that your presence will help even one woman, I urge you to attend.

Respectfully yours, *Gulha Johnson*

China - pro
Scholar
August 7, 1995

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I am writing to urge you to lead the United States delegation to the 4th United Nations Conference on Women to be held in Beijing next month. I also encourage you to invite all former First Ladies to join you in sharing the leadership of the United States delegation in accordance with their special interests in global social and community issues -- literacy, healthcare, social and economic equality for women, etc.

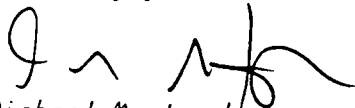
This is not a time for the United States to be under-represented at the most significant world conference on women that will be held at the close of this century. Your participation, and the participation of former First Ladies, will draw appropriate world attention to the critical need to establish more positive attitudes toward girl children and upgrade women's economic and social status worldwide.

This is a time to reflect on the historic interest -- in one example dating back to 1859 in what is now known as Hua Nan Women's College in Fuzhou, Fujian Province -- that women in the United States have had in helping to educate girls and young women of China.

Today, young people in the United States -- of both genders -- need to become more literate about China, the rest of the developing world and our mutual interdependence. We need to develop better communication channels to collaborate with each other in finding solutions to the global problems that confront us. You are the right person to stress the need for these positive connections. What better place for you to encourage new initiatives of dialogue among the world's youth than at an address to the students, faculty and alumni of Hua Nan Women's College -- following the close of the UN conference.

The time is right for you to lead a prestigious United States delegation to the 4th UN Conference on Women.

Sincerely yours,



Michael Murtaugh
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Max Cohen
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Mr. Max Cohen
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August 8, 1995



My dear Hillary,

I am hoping you will not be deterred from attending the U.N. Conference in China in September by all the naysaying prevalent by some members of the Administration. (see Persinger article) after all, you are an accredited member of the Conference and your presence will only add prestige to its proceedings.

I am sure you will conduct yourself in a proper manner and make no overtures to Chinese officials.

If they choose to address you, out of respect to your position you can confine your remarks to saying that the President has expressed his sentiments by stating that he only wishes for the U.S. to maintain open and friendly relations with China. The subject of Hays Wm should not be initiated by you, it is not your affair that he could be released in your trying away measure of goodwill. Good luck! (etc possible!)

Sincerely,
Max Cohen



6124 12th Street
Port Arthur, TX 77642
August 3, 1995

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear First Lady Hillary,

In an article in the Houston Chronicle, August 3, 1995, page 26A (copy attached), reference was made to the United Nations Women Conference in China. Los Angeles Times writer, Stanley Meisler remarked that Republicans are against sending a delegation to China.

U. N. Ambassador Madeleine Albright stated the United States will send a delegation to China for the United Nations Women Conference. During this sub-committee meeting she told about her father, a Czech diplomat, taking refuge in the United States after the Communist takeover of Czechoslovakia in 1948. Ambassador Albright went on to say "There is nothing more destructive to Communist governments than alternative ideas. They don't know how to deal with them. It would be a big favor to the Chinese for us not to show up." She continued to say "...the White House had made no decision yet as to whether you would attend, even though you are the "honorary chair" of the delegation.

First Lady, I hope you will attend this conference as an example of "symbolic speech." Just like when Mary Beth Tinker and her brothers were suspended for wearing black arm bands to high school to protest the Vietnam War. In 1995, the issue is not the Vietnam War, but human rights such as activist Harry Wu or women who are forced to comply with China's compulsory abortion law. This will be an excellent networking event for you to continue your platform on rebuilding family values.

Thanks very much for your time and I hope you will attend this historical event for all the women in the world. This conference will symbolize women taking control of their own lives. Opening their minds and eyes to new life choices, making their own decisions and acting on them, often forfeiting immediate pleasure in pursuit of long-term goals.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne Ann Hines". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Jeanne Ann Hines
Lamar University, Port Arthur Campus

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Dear Hillary Rodham-Clinton,

I am very concerned about the possibility that you will not attend the UN Conference on Women in Beijing. I think the issue of not attending because of the issue of human rights abuse is a smokescreen. I think it is possible to stand up for human rights in the very places where they are being violated. In fact, where better to discuss the issues of women than in those very locations. And that includes the US.

Please go. You are such an admired and powerful symbol for women. We need you there. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Barbara Bernstein

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Clinton

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8 August 1995

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

The media have recently mentioned the controversy over your possible attendance at the forthcoming meeting in China on women's human rights. The issue seems to center on your not attending because of the incarceration of Mr. Wu. The nay-sayers aver that the United States should not be represented in a meeting at a site where freedom of personal expression is so harshly controlled in any event, but considering Mr. Wu's U.S. citizenship, U.S. participation would be tantamount to acceding to the propriety of China's action.

It is never a good idea to leave or not attend a meeting wherein will be discussed matters significant to self interests. To do so is to isolate oneself from where the action is regarding those self interests. The U.S. should be boldly represented, and you are among the best able to represent us. Please go. Twist arms if necessary, but go.

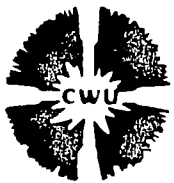
You could accomplish all that would be accomplished by a protest absence, and more, by your attendance coupled with a constant display of unspoken protest of China's hypocritical approach to human rights.

If you were to make known before your departure or in your first opportunity to address the meeting that some prominent item of clothing is your personal reminder that freedom of expression is fundamental to every one of the women's issues to be discussed, "the message" would be louder, clearer, and yet softer than a deliberately offensive absence. E.g., a scarf worn with every costume or gown, of bright yellow symbolizing the light of the sun, or baby blue representing both the freedom of ubiquitous skies and women's creative place in the human species. There are other e.g.'s running through my mind, but Katherine, my wife of 46 years next month, still has veto over what I wear "out", and I hesitate to offer a suggestion that offends a woman's superior sense of style and color. You get the idea anyway. If you were to suggest all women delegates don a garment or accessory of similar color the message would be a thunderous whisper of universality.

God bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

Ambrose Klotz



church women united
in wisconsin

*The First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500*

Dear First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton,

Church Women United State Board meeting in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, on August 10, 1995, passed the following statement of support for you to lead the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China:

"Church Women United of Wisconsin, fully aware of both complex human rights issues and the importance of international gatherings, totally supports the U.S. Delegation, headed by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, to the U.N. Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing. State Executive Board members have covenanted to offer noonday prayer August 20-September 15 for CWU participants from Wisconsin, Ennabelle Madushaw and Judith Braham to express spiritual unity and shared commitment for all delegates to the Fourth World Conference on Women and participants in the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) Forum.

*Acting this day: 10 August, 1995 as an
Executive Board of Church Women United
in Wisconsin at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin."*

This conference on women is vital and we support your leadership of the U.S. Delegation. You will be included in our prayers!

Peace,

Betty Wolcott, OSF

*Betty Wolcott, OSF, for the CWU State Board
Ecumenical Action Chairperson*

August 11, 1995

*Copies to President William Clinton
and to all Wisconsin Senators and
Representatives, as well as to
Local Newspapers*

NB: I am also enclosing a resolution on Government which was sent to President Clinton and all Wisconsin legislators--we do support the rightful role of government in our lives.

Affirming the Rightful Role of Government

(A resolution for consideration at CWW State Board Meeting, August 10, 1995--
Prepared by Betty Wolcott, OSF, Ecumenical Action Chairperson)

Whereas, Church Women United from its founding in 1941 has affirmed that Christian faith and action are integrally united and has focused its efforts on building a world where justice, peace and love flourish, and

Whereas, Church Women United believes that as many people as possible participate in decisions affecting their health and well-being and that of the planet, and

Whereas, it is necessary to order society so that individual rights and responsibilities can be balanced with the rights and responsibilities of the greater community and planet, government structures, laws and oversight at the Federal, State and Local level are essential for the protection and preservation of the individual and the common good, and

Whereas in 1974 as the U.S. prepared to celebrate its Bicentennial, Church Women United conducted a process called "sounding" to gather the thoughts of churchwomen across the United States about the existing quality of life and their hopes for the future, and

Whereas, those "soundings" resulted in the People's Platform for a Global Society (Presented to President Jimmy Carter) surfaced issues of concern such as, Hunger, Health Care, Environment, Education, Justice, Family Stability, Housing, Employment, Human Rights and Peace--issues even more relevant today, and

Whereas, Church Women United throughout its history has worked on these issues at all levels of government: United Nations, World Court, Federal, State and Local levels as well as through non-governmental organizations (NGO's), and

Whereas, today anti-government rhetoric and efforts to undermine the government's ability to perform its proper role and various techniques are being employed to block and/or weaken existing laws that protect and restore the air, water, soil (food), plant and animal species, the needs of people who are economically disadvantaged and worker safety--to name some of the laws and regulations presently being undermined,

Therefore, be it resolved that Church Women United upholds the rightful role of government in advancing the health and well-being of its citizens and of the Earth and affirms that this can only be accomplished through the cooperation of various levels of government: World, National, State and Local with widespread citizen participation since while we live in various geographical areas we are also interconnected and travel and trade between states and nations and share air, pollution, and wildlife which also travels within and among geographical areas;

Be it further resolved that while we support needed governmental reforms we oppose efforts at both the Federal and State level to block new legislation or to weaken existing laws which protect worker health and safety, our food supply, the health of our air, water, soils, forests, farmland, and the diversity of species;

Be it further resolved that Church Women United calls for thoughtful discussions about how government can best serve the individual and common good and the Planet, and that avoids divisiveness and polarization and that goes beyond opinions to moral and ethical judgments based in justice and love and our responsibility to future generations and life on this Planet;

Be it further resolved that Church Women United calls on PResident Clinton to veto any bill or law that undermines human and planetary well-being.

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From: ritam@uclink2.berkeley.edu (Rita Maran)
Subject: UN World Conference on Women

Dear Hillary Clinton,
May I respectfully urge that you attend the WCW in your capacity as
Honorary head of the delegation. The importance of this global conference
to women not only from our country but from all the continents should be
your top priority. Women who are coming from Africa, Asia, Latin America,
etc., to Beijing/Huairou at great personal cost, must go back to their
countries and utilize the WCW resolutions and decisions. Their governments
are likely to pay less heed to the outcome of the WCW and to these women's
claims in the absence of the presence of the top US delegate (no
disrespect to Ambassador Albright!).
Sincerely yours,
Rita Maran
NGO Forum presenter, and WCW delegate
1326 Shattuck Avenue
Berkeley, California 94709

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THE HONORABLE HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Please do attend the fourth World Conference
on Women in the P.R.C. on 04 Sept 95.

Please insist on the rights of Taiwan. Then
President Nixon and Secretary of State Kissinger
did not have to concede the resolution of
Taiwan to an all-China (read P.R.C.) venue.
I was and have been part of all these
activities and Mr. Kissinger made several
tactical errors which were not necessary.

Respectfully,

Eric Hands

Eric Hands; legislative Intern, California State Legislat.
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First Thought:

not to go to Beijing,
in protest over Harry Wu;
make noise 'round th' world —

Better to GO — number of options —

protest there! Charm 'em to release
Harry Wu! The Pope is sending people —
tell 'em that; that'll shake 'em up! Before...
get Vatican and others... to join you in demand-
ing release of Harry Wu, American citizen.

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yes
China

Jensen - Sacramento, CA:

"Acrock." Helper, somehow.

Polly Klaas -- hasn't come out... have it on
pretty good authority in CA... Davis
was a friend of Polly's grand father;
they were in jail together. Polly's
Dad had to know... Prob'ly why Polly
went w/ him... (Usually someone they
know, they say...)

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Hillary Rodham Clinton
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Many of us are greatly
concerned about the
agenda you and our
U.S. representatives
are planning to take
with you to Beijing.

I believe that the
majority of the people
in this country want
to see the family em-
phasized. By that we
mean the family as
God established it
consisting of a father,
a mother, and their
children. whether

natural or adopted.

I hope and pray that, as you go representing our nation, you will be concerned that you carry the message of the majority. The foundation of our great nation rests on the families who helped to make it that way.

Respectfully,

Eleanor R. Stinson

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