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May 3, 1993

Alfred Sonnenstrahl
Executive Director
Pamela Ransom
President
Telecommunications for the Deaf, Inc.
8719 Colesville Road
Suite 300
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Dear Mr. Sonnenstrahl:

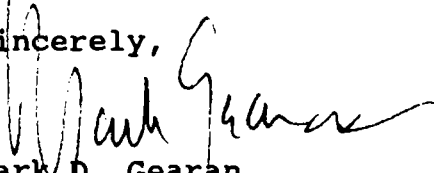
Thank you very much for your letter requesting that President William J. Clinton serve as Honorary Co-Chair for your group's Celebration of the establishment of Title IV of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

It is a great honor to be considered for such a role, and the President sincerely appreciates your interest. Unfortunately, he is unable to accommodate your request at this time and cannot lend his name to your cause.

The President does, however, wish you the greatest success in your efforts.

Thank you again for your interest.

Sincerely,



Mark D. Gearan
Deputy Chief of Staff

SPECIAL SCHEDULING REQUESTS
HONORARY CHAIR, HONORARY PATRON, HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Today's Date: April 2, 1993

Request for: President Clinton

Type of Request: Honorary co-chair

Date of Request: March 12, 1993

Requestor Name: Alfred Sonnenstrahl
Pamela Ransom

Requestor Tel. #: 301-589-3786

Requestor Organization:
Telecommunications for the Deaf, Inc.
8719 Colesville Road, Suite 300
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Date of Event: July 26, 1993

Notes: Invite to be Hon. chair of celebration of act
(Americans with Disabilities) to require some common
carriers to provide state-wide telecommunications relay
services.

Recommendations:

MW no

MG no

JP no

MH no

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PRESIDENTIAL SCHEDULING CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING

EVENT :

Honorary Co-Chair - Celebration ^{Telecommunications} on the Deaf

start date: 7/26/93

contact:

end date: 7/26/93

title:

event city, state:

address:

Silver Spring MD

TYPE OF EVENT:

H phone:

- ☐ speech
☒ reception/dinner general event
☐ accept award/patron/degree
☐ visit WH
☐ meeting
☐ other

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ISSUES:

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| ☐ AIDS | ☐ children | ☐ FOB | ☐ POW-MIA |
| ☐ Arkansas | ☐ civil rights | ☐ FOH | ☐ pro-choice |
| ☐ arts | ☐ college | ☐ governors | ☐ professional |
| ☐ afr. amer. | ☐ congress | ☐ gun control | ☐ rotary |
| ☐ agriculture | ☐ crime | ☒ handicap | ☐ scouts |
| ☐ anti-choice | ☐ doctors | ☐ hispanic | ☐ seniors |
| ☐ architecture | ☐ drugs | ☒ health care | ☐ sports |
| ☐ asian | ☐ economy | ☐ insurance | ☐ state leg. |
| ☐ attorneys | ☐ education | ☐ irish | ☐ students |
| ☐ auto | ☐ engineering | ☐ jewish | ☐ teacher |
| ☐ industry | ☐ environment | ☐ labor | ☐ union |
| ☐ banking | ☐ ethnic | ☐ mayors | ☐ veteran |
| ☐ business | ☐ farm | ☐ military | ☐ women |
| ☐ catholic | ☐ foreign | ☐ nat. service | |

☒ Deaf

TYPE OF LETTER:

- ☒ regret
☐ pending (post MAY 1)
☐ open (no date)
☐ late (past date)
☒ forward (surrogate) ☐ OPL ☐ Political ☐ NSC ☐ legal ☒ other
- ☐ photo-op (only ones that will be seriously considered)
☐ write-in (this is for all requests to speak with or meet the President)
☐ press (interviews with major papers, major newspapers, major magazines)
☐ media (book requests and local interview requests - not major press)
☐ WH tours
☐ perform WH (this includes request to cook, sing, etc.)
☐ kid letters (visit schools)
☐ other

cc: to



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Executive Director

Alfred Sonnenstrahl

March 12, 1993

The Honorable Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

Passage of the landmark Americans With Disabilities Act has changed the lives of many of the 43 million Americans with disabilities. In just a few short months, another step forward will be taken that will effect the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities.

On July 26, 1993, Title IV of the Act--Telecommunications Relay Services--will become effective. As you know, Title IV requires common carriers providing voice telephone services to provide state-wide telecommunications relay services all over the country.

To commemorate this important occasion, Telecommunications for the Deaf, Inc. (TDI), a national non profit organization opening new avenues of communication for the deaf, hard-of-hearing and speech-impaired communities will sponsor its first-ever Celebration aboard the Spirit of Washington cruise ship on Monday evening, July 26.

July 26, 1993 is an historic date for all of us. We would like to invite you to be the Honorary Co-Chair of this event and to help appropriately mark an important milestone in the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities. The impact of the Americans With Disabilities Act continues to have a far reaching effect on every aspect of our lives. We value the vital role that your Administration will play in the future.

TDI works to improve technology and accessibility for all who rely on visual telecommunications. In partnership with an Advisory Council representing all the national organizations of deaf, hard-of-hearing, and speech-impaired consumers, TDI improves telecommunications relay systems; expands access to emergency and information service; and increases the availability of television captioning and visual alerting devices.

Additionally, TDI works directly with government and industry to assess visual telecommunications needs, foster the

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development of advance telecommunications devices, and improve access to new technologies and services. TDI has played a key role in mandating emergency telephone accessibility for TTY users in the ADA and currently leads the cooperative effort to assure compliance with these critical regulations.

TDI publishes a comprehensive directory of Text Telephone users. "Text Telephone" is the term adopted by the FCC to designate existing telecommunications devices for the deaf--TDDs/TTYs and computers equipped with telephone modems linking users to electronic databases, electronic mail and information services. TDI's annual directory is used by the nearly half a million TTY users.

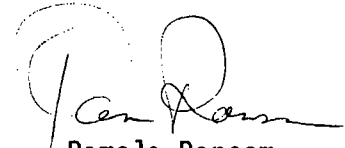
Although we realize that your busy schedule may preclude you from being with us on July 26, we hope you will still be willing to lend your name to our efforts. If you or your staff need any additional information, please contact our Celebration Coordinator, Natalie Shear, at 202-833-4456.

We look forward to hearing from you and to working with you and your Administration in the years ahead.

Sincerely,



Alfred Sonnenstrahl
Executive Director



Pamela Ransom
President

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