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ARTS VISITATION PROGRAM

November 27, 1993

Ms. Alexis Herman
Assistant to the President and
Director of Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms Herman:

I am writing to solicit your interest in the Arts Visitation Program (AVP). This program was jointly developed by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the Howard University College of Fine Arts to establish residencies for distinguished African American artists in historically black colleges and universities. Each residency involves at least one major event (concert, exhibition, lecture, et cetera) free and open to the public along with master classes, student seminars, faculty consultations, media interviews and appearances before local community groups. At present, the participating institutions are limited to Albany State College in Albany, Georgia; Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi; Howard University in Washington, D.C.; Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, Texas; Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina; Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Virginia; and Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana. However, the AVP advisory board is currently exploring the feasibility of expanding the project into a national self-perpetuating program which will accommodate additional institutions of higher education which have indicated interest in joining AVP. Among the thirty-two (32) artists who have agreed to participate in the project are Danny Glover, Ossie Davis, Wynton Marsalis, Maya Angelou, David Driskell and Leon Bates.

The Arts Visitation Program will benefit the some twenty-seven thousand (27,000) students enrolled in the participating institutions, enriching their education by involving them with the art of the highest level of excellence and introducing them to African American role models of exceptional achievement. Participating artists will have opportunities to share their work with fresh and enthusiastic audiences and to inspire the next generation of the African American community to become informed and

Albany State College • Alcorn State University • Howard University
Jarvis Christian College • Johnson C. Smith University • Norfolk State University • Xavier University of Louisiana

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devoted supporters of the arts. In addition, citizens of the communities surrounding the colleges and universities will benefit from the opportunity to experience art of the highest calibre. Particularly important is the access the Program will provide to minority members of local communities who, often feeling excluded from participation in the fine arts, will find that the works of African American artists speak to them in a special way. The Program is particularly significant in this era of American culture in which African Americans seek to be recognized for their contributions to the development of the cultural history of our nation.

The Program has been awarded initial funding by the NEA (a Challenge grant for \$100,000 which requires a \$300,000 match); Philip Morris Companies (\$59,500); and Time Warner (\$50,000). In addition, the presidents of the participating institutions have each committed at least \$10,000 of their institutional funds to the project. Howard University's support of the program totals \$65,315.

We would like to meet with you to discuss the possibility of having a White House reception for AVP in honor of Black History Month. Please give our request your most serious consideration, for your support will lend credibility and distinction to a project which means much to African American art as well as to historically black colleges and universities.

I am, with kind regards,

Sincerely,


Mark Spradley
Co-Chairman
Advisory Board
Arts Visitation Board

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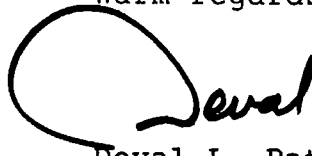
Alexis Hermann
Special Assistant to
the President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Alexis:

We are looking forward to seeing you in Boston on April 9 at the Horizons event, and Diane and I wanted to invite you to stay with us at our home in Milton when you come. We are a fairly convenient drive to the Kennedy Library and the airport and we have plenty of room for you and any others who may be traveling with you.

Think about it seriously and give me a call. We'd love to have you with us.

Warm regards,

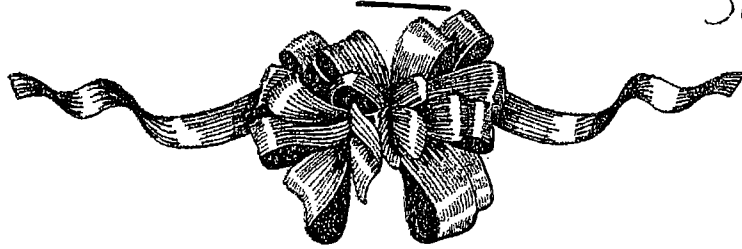


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You are invited

JAN 31 1994

by The Surprise Birthday Party Team
for Bertram M. Lee, Sr.
on Saturday, January 22, 1994
at 7:00 p.m.

at 3030 K. St., N.W., #301
Washington, D.C.

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Call Jeff — at office
He can pick you
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