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001. email	Ann O'Leary to Stephanie Streett et al. re: SSNs and DOBs [partial] (1 page)	10/03/2000	b(6)

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FOLDER TITLE:

Intercountry Adoption

2013-0436-S

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File Interagency

ROUTING SLIP

DATE: 8/4/00
FROM: Stephanie Street
Assistant to the President and Director of Presidential Scheduling

File Accept

Comments 10/6

SUBJECT: Interagency Adaption Act of 2000 Signing Ceremony

Kris Balderston	___	Joe Lockhart	___
Elizabeth Cotham	___	Lisel Loy	___
Samuel Berger	___	Capricia Marshall	___
Sidney Blumenthal	___	Thurgood Marshall Jr.	___
Chuck Brain	___	Minyon Moore	___
Charles Burson	___	Bob Nash	___
Mary Beth Cahill	___	Beth Nolan	___
Maria Echaveste	___	John Podesta	___
Terry Edmonds	___	Steve Ricchetti	___
George Frampton	___	Bruce Reed	___
Sarah Gegenheimer	<u>✓</u>	Rob Rosen	___
Laura Graham	<u>✓</u>	Rozensky/Valentino	<u>✓</u>
Nancy Hernreich	___	Kim Tilley	___
Mickey Ibarra	___	Gene Sperling	___
Ben Johnson	___	Carrie Street	<u>✓</u>
Joel Johnson	___	Karen Tramontano	___
Neal Lane	___	Loretta Ucelli	<u>✓</u>
Mark Lindsay	___	Melanne Verveer	___
Bruce Lindsey	___	<i>Ann O'Leary</i>	<u>✓</u>

SCHEDULING PROPOSAL

TODAY'S DATE: 1/20/00

_____ACCEPT _____REGRET 00 OCT 2 P 3:00 _____PENDING

TO: Stephanie Streett
Assistant to the President
Director of Presidential Scheduling

FROM: Melanne Verveer
Assistant to the President and
Chief of Staff to the First Lady

Charles Brain
Assistant to the President and
Director of Legislative Affairs

REQUEST: Small Signing Ceremony in the Oval Office for the
Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000

PURPOSE: To sign this important bipartisan bill that will enhance
protection for internationally adopted children, as well as
their birth parents and adopted parents. Last year alone,
more than 16,000 children were adopted internationally by
U.S. citizens. This number has been increasing in recent
years and the trend is expected to continue upward. The
Intercountry Adoption Act will provide the needed
protection for children and parents in international
adoptions.

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This signing ceremony would also underscore the
Administration's accomplishments on adoption, which
have been significant.

BACKGROUND: On May 29, 1993 the United States and 65 other countries
came together to negotiate and sign the Hague Convention
on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of
Intercountry Adoption. This convention was in response to
abuses in the intercountry adoption process, including
illegal child trafficking.

The Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 ratifies the Hague
Convention on Intercountry Adoption and provides for the
implementation of the treaty by agreeing to provide a
central authority, the State Department's Office of

Children's Issues, to supervise intercountry adoptions for the United States.

The First Lady has been active in calling for the passage of this legislation.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None

DATE AND TIME: The bill must be signed by Saturday, October 7, 2000.

BRIEFING TIME: 5 minutes

DURATION: 15 minutes

LOCATION: Oval Office
The White House

PARTICIPANTS: Representative Benjamin Gilman (R-NY)
Representative Sam Gejdenson (D-CT)
Representative Dave Camp (R-MI)
Representative William Delahunt (D-MA)
Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC)
Senator Joseph Biden (D-DE)
Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA)
Connie Fells, US Representative to the Hague Convention
On Intercountry Adoption
3-5 adoption advocates TBD

REMARKS REQUIRED: No formal remarks required.

MEDIA COVERAGE: TBD – Possibly still-photos only or WH photo only

FIRST LADY'S ATTENDANCE: N/A

VICE PRESIDENT'S ATTENDANCE: N/A

SECOND LADY'S ATTENDANCE: N/A

RECOMMENDED BY: The First Lady
Melanne Verveer
Chuck Brain

CONTACT: Ann O'Leary
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ORIGIN OF THE PROPOSAL: Internal

File: Interagency
Adoption

October 5, 2000

**BILL SIGNING CEREMONY FOR H.R. 2909, THE INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION
ACT OF 2000**

DATE: October 6, 2000
LOCATION: Oval Office
EVENT TIME: 5:05PM—5:10PM
FROM: Chuck Brain
Melanne Verveer
Lisel Loy

I. PURPOSE

To sign H.R. 2909, the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000.

II. BACKGROUND

H.R. 2909 implements the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption. The Hague Convention was negotiated by the US and sixty-five other countries in response to abuses in the intercountry adoption process, including illegal child trafficking. The Convention acts as a global legal framework designed to protect adoptive children and their families, and to streamline the international adoption process. The Convention was signed by the United States on March 31, 1994. The Senate gave its advice and consent to ratification of the Convention on September 20, 2000.

The bill was sponsored by Rep. Ben Gilman (R-NY) and fifty-one bipartisan cosponsors. The Senate companion bill, S. 682, was sponsored by Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) and six bipartisan cosponsors.

The First Lady has long been concerned about ratifying the Hague Convention and ensuring that we implement it properly in order to put in place the needed protections for internationally adopted children, as well as their birth parents and adopted parents. She requested that you do this signing ceremony to recognize the importance of this bill for the continually rising number of internationally adopted children in our country.

Rep. Bill Delahunt (D-MA), cosponsor of H.R. 2909, is an adoptive parent of a daughter from Vietnam and requested that you hold the bill signing. Also, Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA) is an adoptive parent to two children: three year old, Mary Shannon and eight year old Connor.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Bill Signing

Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC)

Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA)

Rep. William Delahunt (D-MA)

Rep. Dave Camp (R-MI)

Rep. Sam Gejdenson (D-CT)

Susan Jacobs, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs, Department of State

Susan Soon-Keum Cox, Exec Director, Holt International Children's Services

Ms. Cox was the President of the Joint Council on International Children's Services of North America. In this role, she was instrumental in establishing the Hague Alliance, the advocacy group representing the adoption community on issues related to the Hague Convention. Ms. Cox was herself internationally adopted from Korea in 1956.

Susan Freivalds, Executive Director, Adoption Education Institute

Ms. Freivalds was the Coordinator of the Hague Convention Policy for the Joint Council on International Children's Services. She was a member of the U.S. Delegation to treaty negotiations at the Hague that produced the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption.

Bill Pierce, Founding President of the National Council for Adoption

Mr. Pierce was a Member of the Delegation to the Hague Convention on Intercountry adoptions. Currently he works on the implementation of the Hague Convention as a consultant to the International Association of Voluntary Adoption Agencies and NGOs, an organization that has observer status at the Hague.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photo

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

--YOU greet guests in the Oval Office.

--YOU proceed to desk and sign the bill.

--Guests depart.

VI. REMARKS

None

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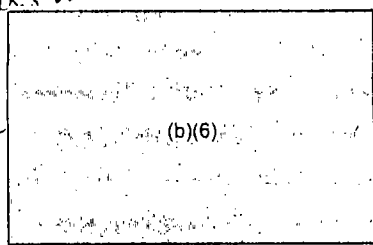
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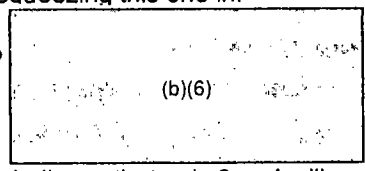
Stephanie -

I am trying to get the number down. Currently, we have a total of 10 and believe that only 6 or 7 will accept. Do we have a time for the signing? And, if so, would it be appropriate to begin reaching out to these folks?

Thanks for your help. I know you are squeezing this one in.

-Ann

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July 1st 2000

Total list:

7 Members of Congress (although Kay believes that only 3 or 4 will accept):

- Representative Benjamin Gilman (R-NY)
- Representative Sam Gejdenson (D-CT) zw
- Representative Dave Camp (R-MI)
- Representative William Delahunt (D-MA)
- Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC)
- Senator Joseph Biden (D-DE)
- Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA)

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Sam
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4 advocates (3 of whom are outside of Washington and may not accept):

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Susan Cox, Asian American Campaign, HOLT in Eugene, OR (largest international adoption agency)

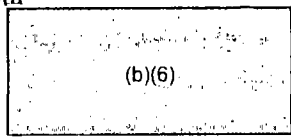
Connie Fails, Member of US delegation to the Hague Convention on 501-663-1127

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Bill Pierce, National Council of Adoption 202-328-1200

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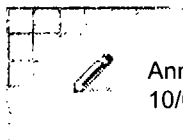


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To: Stephanie S. Streett/WHO/EOP@EOP, Laura A. Graham/WHO/EOP@EOP, Shannon E. Butler/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message

Subject: Intercountry Adoption Act

Attached please find a scheduling request from Melanne Verveer and Chuck Brain requesting that the President do a very small signing ceremony in the Oval Office for the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000. This bill must be signed by Saturday, October 7th. NSC is currently reviewing the scheduling proposal, but I wanted to be sure to get it on your radar screen.

Thanks.



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Congressman Delahunt, co-sponsor of H.R. 2909 and main proponent of the bill signing ceremony, is an adoptive parent of a daughter from Vietnam.

PARTICIPANTS

Bill Signing

YOU

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Other Guests TBD.

PRESS PLAN

White House Photo

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

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VI. REMARKS

To be forwarded by Staff Secretary



William Pierce is the Founding President of the National Council For Adoption (NCFA). From 1980 - 2000, he served in that position. Pierce, who holds an earned Ph.D. in Social Services and Social Policy, was the only person from the private sector who was a member of the Delegation of the United States who was part of the negotiations at The Hague all four years, from 1990-1993. Prior to joining the National Council For Adoption, Pierce was Assistant Executive Director and Head of the Washington Office of the Child Welfare League of America. Pierce served with the League from 1970 - 1980. Pierce was Assistant Executive Director of the Day Care & Child Development Council of America from 1969 - 1970. From 1966 - 1969, Pierce was with the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity. Pierce's career included service with Gov. Harold Hughes at the Iowa Office of Economic Opportunity, the March of Dimes and college teaching. Pierce's volunteer experience includes serving as a lobbyist for the NAACP and as the President of a local of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFL-CIO).

Among his current activities, Pierce currently serves as Consultant on The Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption for the National Council For Adoption, Executive Director of the International Association of Voluntary Adoption Agencies and NGOs (IAVAAN), an organization that has had observer status at The Hague since 1991. Pierce attended the 1994 sessions on The Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption as a representative of IAVAAN. He is also a Senior Fellow with the Discovery Institute. He was appointed by County Executive Duncan to be a member of the Board of Social Services for Montgomery County, MD.

Pierce is married to Paula O'Connor, who has been on the staff of the American Federation of Teachers since 1974. He and his wife have three children and three grandchildren.

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Susan Soon-Keum Cox has worked with international child welfare and adoption issues for more than twenty years. Adopted from Korea in 1956, her life experience as a first generation international adoptee gives her a unique and personal perspective.

Ms. Cox has been a leading advocate for the Hague Convention On Intercountry Adoption. As President of the Joint Council on International Children's Services of North America she was instrumental in establishing the Hague Coalition, which later became the Hague Alliance, the advocacy group representing the adoption community on issues related to the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption.

In 1993 Ms. Cox attended the International Conference on Private International Law at The Hague, representing The North American Council on Adoptable Children. Her participation at the Hague also represented the only voice from the adult adoptee perspective.

In 1999 Susan Soon-Keum Cox was appointed by President Clinton to the first White House Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. On the Commission, she represents the more than 200,000 international adoptees who have come to their families through intercountry adoption.

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Susan A. Freivalds is Executive Director of the Adoption Education Institute, a new national nonprofit organization serving the information needs of adoptive and prospective adoptive families. The Adoption Education Institute provides an array of services for families who need information, advice, or referral to organizations and resources concerning pre-adoption questions and post-adoption issues.

She was previously Coordinator of Hague Convention Policy for the Joint Council on International Children's Services, the nation's oldest and largest affiliation of state-licensed, not-for-profit child welfare agencies serving children through intercountry adoption. In this capacity, she led efforts to secure U.S. ratification of the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption and to assure its workable implementation.

She is the former Executive Director of Adoptive Families of America and the founder of *Adoptive Families*, a bimonthly magazine dedicated to the special issues of parenting children who joined their family through adoption.

Ms. Freivalds was a member of the U.S. delegation to treaty negotiations at The Hague, Netherlands, that produced The Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption.

Ms. Freivalds is a graduate of the University of California and was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Panama and Colombia. She is the mother of three daughters, the eldest adopted from Korea.