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ELI J. SEGAL

Ford Hall Forum
Boston, MA

Sat., Sept. 11, 1993

DATE: September 7, 1993

TO: Rick

FROM: Mal

SUBJECT: VISTA Volunteer Placements/ Greater Boston Adult Basic Education

Currently the largest VISTA sponsorship in Massachusetts is the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Bureau of Adult Education project.

Through "Mass ABE", 20 VISTA Volunteers are assigned to community based affiliate agencies, including the Cambridge Center for Adult Education, to address a wide range of literacy needs.

Additionally, as part of the recently completed and highly successful demonstration "Summer of Service" program, an additional 32 VISTA Summer Associates were placed in Boston neighborhoods with Mass ABE to work in family literacy initiatives through a network of seven agencies that included La Alianza Hispana, Dorchester House, Quincy School Community Council in Chinatown and the Pine Street Inn.

09/08/93

Rick -

This is quick n' dirty.
Hope it is helpful.

Mal.

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July 26, 1993

Mr. Eli J. Segal
Assistant to the President
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OEOB - Room 145
Washington, DC 20500

*Jack, Fanny Lee Hanner
u, Mich - help indiv. too
When he was at Branching,
heard Dick Gregory at Ford Hall Forum
(Pres of Soph. class)
Kennedy*

Dear Mr. Segal,

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Unfortunately, Mr. Robert Sargent Shriver, Jr. has another commitment on the date of the fair and was unable to accept our invitation. We hope, therefore, that you be willing to appear as the single keynote speaker.

As noted in our invitation, you will be appearing on Saturday, September 11, 1993. The program will be held at the Hynes Convention Center 900 Boylston Street in Boston. The keynote address will begin at 11:00 a.m. and conclude at about 11:45 p.m. We would ask that you present roughly 20 minutes of prepared remarks on the importance of volunteers in the life of our nation, and answer questions from our audience for the remaining 25 minutes. (5 to 20)

In the next few days, I would ask you to provide us with a title and a brief description (two or three sentences) of your talk for our season brochure and other publicity efforts. To help with publicity for the program, we would also be grateful if you could provide us with a brief biography of yourself and a black and white photograph, if one is available.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have about the Ford Hall Forum. Our program coordinator, Deborah Neswald, will call your assistant, Karen Ewing, to discuss details and answer any questions you may have regarding your appearance at the Volunteer Fair. Finally, please accept my gratitude, once again, for agreeing to participate in the 1993 Volunteer Fair.

Sincerely,

Wendy Ballinger
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June 11, 1993

Mr. Eli J. Segal
215 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, MA 02116

Dear Mr. Segal,

holistic education

A consortium of the four largest adult education centers in Boston, including Boston Center for Adult Education, Brookline Adult and Community Education Program, Cambridge Center for Adult Education, and Interface, is collaborating to organize a day-long event celebrating volunteers and voluntarism on Saturday, September 11, 1993.

Recently, the Ford Hall Forum has joined with the consortium, and is helping to expand the day's program, bringing a new dimension to the collaboration. We are writing to invite both you and Robert Sargent Shriver, Jr., founder and former director of the Peace Corps, to serve as keynote speakers for the celebration, and to share your thoughts on the role of voluntarism and volunteers in American society.

The Ford Hall Forum, as you may know, is the oldest public lecture series in the nation. As a result of our distinguished history, as well as our current programs, the Forum is renowned as a cornerstone of free public affairs education. Since our inception in 1908, the Forum has presented speakers and programs addressing the critical issues of the day. Each Forum includes a question and answer period that allows our audience a unique opportunity to have a real dialogue with speakers. Among the speakers we have recently presented are: Vice President Albert Gore, Jr., former Speaker of the House Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., civil rights activist Rosa Parks, White House Counselor David Gergen, author Alice Walker, and educator Jonathan Kozol.

This year's event will revolve around a Volunteer Fair that is sponsored in cooperation with 150 social service agencies in the Greater Boston area, such as the United Way of Boston, the Big Brother Association, the Boston Food Bank, La Alianza Hispana, and Shelter, Inc. Individuals attending the fair will have an opportunity to talk with representatives of participating agencies, learn about their programs, and find out about the wealth of volunteer opportunities available to them. *Plus seminars*

The Boston Center has sponsored a similar event for the past three years, which has met with great success, drawing attendance much higher than was originally expected. This year, we have expanded the event and estimate that 3,000 to 5,000 people will attend. The day's program will also feature several educational workshops and lectures on topics such as Volunteering Overseas, The Third World in Crisis, and Living an Environmentally Responsible Life.

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Mr. Eli J. Segal
June 11, 1993
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Given all the work you are doing to establish a national service corps, we believe an address by you would have a tremendous impact on our audience. We would ask that both you and Mr. Shriver each offer roughly 10 minutes of prepared remarks to our audience, followed by a 20 minute question and answer period. Due to the enormous popularity and large attendance of the Volunteer Fair over the past three years, the program will take place at the John B. Hynes Convention Center. As noted earlier, the date is set for Saturday, September 11, 1993, with the keynote scheduled for 11:00 a.m.

We have enclosed in this letter some materials to provide you with a bit of background information on our consortium members. We very much hope that you will be able to accept our invitation to be keynote speaker at our program. We would be glad to answer any questions you may have and to discuss details, and will call your office to see if we can provide any further information.

Sincerely,



Wendy Ballinger
Executive Director
Ford Hall Forum



Jamie Jaffe
Assistant Director and
Director of Education
Boston Center for Adult Education



Martin Luther King, Jr.



Margaret Mead



Elie Wiesel

What is the Ford Hall Forum?

Since 1908, the Ford Hall Forum has provided a platform from which the current political, social, intellectual, and cultural issues of the day could be discussed and debated. It is a voluntary assembly of the active and thoughtful people of our community without regard to economic, religious, or political differences, for the purpose of exploring all matters of public concern.

The Forum seeks to educate the public by illuminating the basic issues of our times. Its operating concept is simple: to bring to the platform leading authorities and specialists on diverse subjects, and to insist upon the right of audience members to pose questions directly to the speakers.

Now the oldest free public lecture forum in America, the Forum extends its influence nationally over public radio, reaching up to 1,000,000 people.

No Viewpoint Unchallenged

Audiences have been admiring, friendly, and critical, but no viewpoint goes unchallenged. Often two or more speakers present their different opinions and debate a current issue. Whether speaking alone or with others, every speaker is subject to the scrutiny of a lively and involved audience. Among the areas covered are politics, anthropology, sociology, philosophy, science, education, economics, literature, international relations, medical ethics, law, morality, and the burning issues of the day. The entire spectrum of attitudes and opinions from ultra-liberal to arch-conservative is presented. Indeed, it has been a source of constant gratification to the Forum over the years to be the target of criticism from forces of Left and Right for presenting unpopular points of view. This is precisely what the Forum is all about.

Who Listens?

The Ford Hall Forum serves a diverse constituency. Its audience is comprised of the elderly, the middle-aged, and the young of all races, religions, ethnic backgrounds and economic levels, not only in Boston and New England, but throughout the country. Generations of students attending Greater Boston colleges have found the Forum to be a vital adjunct to their education, and a source of intellectual ferment. The Forum has members who have attended its sessions for as long as 40 years, and children and grandchildren of early Forum members are now regular attendees of the programs. Also, through its continuing efforts to interest and involve the public, the Forum welcomes many new people to its programs for the first time each year.

The Importance of the Forum

An informed citizenry is vital to a democracy. Yet most Americans obtain their news from television, edited into brief segments that can't explore an issue in depth or fully examine a speaker's statements. The Forum, in contrast, presents expert speakers with the time to explain their beliefs and support their assertions.

In addition, conventional forms of communication—the printed word, radio and television—give an audience no means of responding or questioning. The Forum supplies this added dimension through the unique opportunity to question and challenge these experts and opinion-makers.

Another unusual aspect of the Forum is its use of audience participation in the selection of speakers through regularly distributed program request forms. These, plus unsolicited letters of recommendation, are used in choosing topics and speakers. They keep the Forum in touch with citizens' deep concerns about current issues and place Forum programming at the forefront of public opinion.

Even as it changes to keep pace with the times and adds services to reach more people, the Forum remains true to its original principles: it is free to the public, it provides an open question period for members of the audience, and it presents many points of view in a non-partisan atmosphere.

Among Past Speakers

Bella Abzug
Corazon Aquino
Isaac Asimov
Howard Baker
Bruno Bettelheim
Sissela Bok
Louis Brandeis
Jimmy Breslin
Kingman Brewster, Jr.
Patrick Buchanan
William F. Buckley, Jr.
Elph J. Bunche
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Ramsey Clark
William Colby
Henry Steele Commager
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Will Durant
Abba Eban
Fernando Mendes-France
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Douglas Fraser
Robert Frost
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John Kenneth Galbraith
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FORD HALL FORUM

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Spring 1993 — Our 85th Consecutive Year

FORUMS at NORTHEASTERN

Sunday
March 14, 1993
Blackman Auditorium
7:00 p.m.

Nat Hentoff

"Is Any Form of Speech So Harmful, So Disgusting, So Dangerous or So Offensive That It Should Not Be Spoken or Published?"

Through his widely praised work on civil liberties, Nat Hentoff has become recognized as one of the best-known defenders of freedom of expression for all. In his latest work, *Free Speech for Me — But Not for Thee*, he identifies opponents of the First Amendment from both the political right and the left, including the Moral Majority, feminists and the ACLU. Mr. Hentoff joins us tonight to discuss the borderline between censorship and free speech, and the state of the First Amendment in America.

In memory of Reuben L. Lurie

Sunday
April 18, 1993
Blackman Auditorium
7:00 p.m.

David Gergen

"The Clinton Administration: The First 100 Days"

After a rocky start fraught with controversy, the first 100 days of Bill Clinton's presidency are coming to a close. What has the Clinton administration accomplished, what campaign promises have been cast to the wind, and what can we expect from President Clinton and his cabinet in the days to come? Tonight, Editor-at-Large for *U.S. News and World Report* and political analyst for PBS' *MacNeil-Lehrer NewsHour*, David Gergen, joins us to present his report card on the first months of the Clinton administration.

Co-sponsored by WGBH

SPECIAL EVENT

Tuesday
May 25, 1993
Blackman Auditorium
7:00 p.m.

Alice Walker

"An Evening with Alice Walker"

Alice Walker is the award-winning author of several novels and short stories including *The Color Purple*, *Possessing the Secret of Joy*, and *The Temple of My Familiar*. Her works not only fascinate the reader, but reveal her as a keen social observer as they innovatively approach topics, such as racism, sexism and domestic abuse, that many find difficult to discuss and still others find easy to ignore. Tonight Ms. Walker will survey our society and explore the burning issues of the day.

FORUMS at OLD SOUTH

Thursday
March 18, 1993
Old South Meeting House
7:00 p.m.

Kevin Phillips

"Change in America: The Middle Class Reaches the Boiling Point"

The defeat of George Bush in the 1992 presidential election revealed a powerful new force—middle class fear and frustration. Political analyst Kevin Phillips joins us tonight to share his thoughts on why the middle-class stagnated economically under GOP leadership, and what the new administration must do to avoid a similar fate in 1996. Kevin Phillips, best known for his commentary on NPR and his presidential election coverage for CBS Television, is the author of several books, including his latest *Boiling Point: Democrats, Republicans, and the Decline of Middle-Class Prosperity*.

In memory of David K. Niles

Thursday
March 25, 1993
Old South Meeting House
7:00 p.m.

Nigel Hamilton

"History and the Kennedys"

The controversial new biographer of President John F. Kennedy, attacked and exoriated by the Kennedy family, reflects on the eternal struggle of historians to tell the truth, from ancient Greece to present day America. Nigel Hamilton is author of *JFK: Reckless Youth*, a Senior Fellow at the John W. McCormack Institute of Public Affairs and The John F. Kennedy Scholar in the University of Massachusetts at Boston.

Thursday
April 8, 1993
Old South Meeting House
7:00 p.m.

Father Robert F. Drinan, S.J. and Helen Fein

"Why Remember: Lessons The Holocaust Can Teach Us Today"

More than forty years after the end of World War II and the century's greatest cultural genocide, ethnic clashes continue to resound around the world. As we search to bring peace to nations beset by cultural wars such as Bosnia, Iraq and Burma, we can look to the past as a guide to help us understand the events happening in the world today. To commemorate the ground breaking of the New England Holocaust Memorial, Father Robert F. Drinan, former U.S. Representative for the 4th Congressional District of Massachusetts and professor at the Georgetown Law Center, will moderate a discussion on this important topic. Dr. Helen Fein is the author of several books and monographs concerned with genocide, collective violence and anti-semitism, including *Teaching About Genocide* and executive director for the Institute for the Study of Genocide. Additional panelists to be announced.

Co-sponsored by The New England Holocaust Memorial Committee

Thursday
April 15, 1993
Old South Meeting House
7:00 p.m.

Marjorie Clapprood and Judy Jarvis

"Talk Radio: Political Platform for the People"

In their efforts to "reach the people," candidates this year found new ways to communicate with the voters, changing the role of the media in American politics. Tonight, Marjorie Clapprood, host of WHDH's morning talk forum, *The Clapprood Show*, and Judy Jarvis, former host and producer of WLVI-TV's *Point of View* and the current afternoon host for WPOP's *News/Talk Radio* Connecticut discuss the new role radio talk shows are playing in politics.

In honor of Franco Smith

SPECIAL EVENT

Wednesday
May 19, 1993
Old South Meeting House
7:00 p.m.

Gary Hart

"The Good Fight: The Education of an American Reformer"

Throughout his political life Gary Hart has challenged orthodoxy and supported the need for reform in our society. As a U.S. Senator from Colorado and a presidential candidate, Mr. Hart tried to keep the ideals of heroic reformers in mind as he collided with the frustrating realities of politics. Tonight he joins us to share his thoughts on the reform impulse in America, why most attempts at reform over the past twenty years have failed and what we can do to make reform possible again.

WHEN & WHERE

Please check the schedule above for details on each program as we have several special events this season. Most Forum programs begin at 7:00 p.m. Admission for members of the Forum starts at 6:00 p.m., with the general public admitted at 6:45 p.m. Forum events are held in two locations: Historic Old South Meeting House, 310 Washington Street, Boston; and Blackman Auditorium in the Ell Building, Northeastern University, 360 Huntington Avenue, Boston. Both can be reached by public transportation. Old South Meeting House is near the State Street stop on MBTA Orange and Blue lines, as well as Downtown Crossing station on the Red Line. The Ell Building is located near the Northeastern stop on the Green Line and Ruggles station on the Orange Line.

FREE AND DISCOUNT PARKING

PARKING is FREE on Sunday nights in the parking lots of Northeastern University, and \$3.00 on week nights in visitor parking lots. After 5:00 p.m., Forum attendees can receive half price parking (\$4.00) in the garage at 275 Washington Street at Pi Alley between School and State Streets. Validation of your parking stub is required and can be obtained at our programs. Maps of parking areas can be requested on our membership form.

ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Each Forum talk is followed by a question and answer session.

American Sign Language interpretation available upon request. Both auditoriums are accessible to individuals with disabilities.

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Mira Furth, Teacher of the Term

While Mira Furth is an already acknowledged superior BCAE leader (she was the 1990 recipient of the Excellence in Teaching Award), her consistently high-quality instruction ranks her, far and away, as one of the Center's most talented instructors. Every term since 1987, Mira has offered her career development course, "Finding the Work You Like to Do: The Career Decision-Making System." This five-session course

guides people through the process of re-defining their personal value system, and matching that with professional goals. Particularly during trying economic times, this is no easy feat. Mira's students credit her with literally transforming their lives, providing direction during critical transition periods of their adulthood. We thank Mira for her devotion, consistency, and always-positive outlook on life. To find out what hundreds of Mira's former students mean when they say, "She's the best!", check out her class listings on pages 8 and 59.

The Gamble Mansion: An Elegant Setting for Your Event or Wedding

Our magnificent turn-of-the-century mansion located in historic Back Bay provides an elegant setting for any special occasion. The Louis XV Ballroom and adjoining parlors—ornamented with gilt wall sconces, crystal chandeliers, and marble accents—accommodates up to 175 guests.

For rental information or to make an appointment, call Function Coordinator Laura Coulbourn at (617) 267-4430, ext. 707.



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BCAE's membership program provides much-needed support to the Center's programs and facilities. As a private, nonprofit organization, we do not seek nor do we receive public funding. We rely on the generosity of our members, friends, students, and neighbors to help us continue to offer innovative, low-cost learning opportunities.

BCAE membership includes these benefits:

- Ten percent discount on most courses
- Waiver of registration fee
- "Express" telephone registration

Just fill out the form below or call us today at (617) 267-4430.
(Membership is not required for taking courses.)

BCAE'S MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yes, I would like to become a member of the BCAE!

☐ Enclosed is a check for \$40

☐ Charge my MasterCard/Visa

Credit card # _____ Exp. date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (day) _____ (evening) _____

Please return this coupon to: Membership Office, BCAE,
5 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02118 OR Fax to: (617) 247-9606.

Fourth Annual Volunteer Fair

Saturday, September 11
John B. Hynes
Convention Center

11:00 a.m. Keynote Address

Noon-4 p.m. Fair

12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15 p.m. Workshops

If you'd like to volunteer for a worthy cause, don't miss this opportunity to meet with representatives from 150 Boston-area agencies. The participating groups reflect a wide range of volunteer options including education, counseling, international development, elderly care, youth services, the arts, and the environment. Their representatives will be available to talk with you about their organization's needs and help you find an appropriate match for your particular interests. Be on the look-out for more detailed information in our fall catalogue.

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What is BA&CEP?

The Brookline Adult and Community Education Program (BA&CEP) is one of the oldest non-credit, public education programs in Massachusetts. Adult education has been a part of the Brookline Community since 1832, beginning with the formation of the Brookline Lyceum Society. It is now the largest public program in the state, with close to 1,500 courses and over 16,000 enrollments yearly. Today, BA&CEP is the hub of an educational network serving residents from more than 50 neighboring communities in the greater Boston area and beyond. A self-supporting program of the public schools, BA&CEP's operating budget is funded entirely from course fees.

Our Purpose

Through its proud tradition of public schooling, the "business" of Brookline has always been education. The Brookline Adult and Community Education Program has built on this tradition, expanding the concept of public community education to serve the many different constituencies which make up Brookline and its surrounding communities. We are committed to offering educational opportunity to all: working people and professionals, those in transition or career change, newcomers to the United States, older citizens, persons with special needs, pre-school age children and their families, and especially to those who have not been able to participate fully in the educational process. The vision which informs our program is derived from the Greek ideal of the community as the school for all its citizens, contributing to their physical, intellectual, aesthetic, political, and spiritual development. Our goal is to bring the community together in its essential work—educating for the improvement of the quality of life for all its members.

We Like Hearing From You

We love to hear from you! Each semester we read your course evaluations and letters carefully and look forward to taking your ideas and suggestions and translating them into the program that you have come to depend on and enjoy. Our new catalog reflects many of your suggestions including new one-night courses, several exciting special events, and over 75 new courses that you've asked for, including Country and Western Dance, The Art of Stand-Up Comedy, Keyboarding and more. With your encouragement and support, we just offered our first summer program for adults and look forward to an expanded program next summer.

We also hear and take seriously the problems you bring to our attention. Our staff is always ready to respond to your concerns and make your learning experience more comfortable. Because of the popularity of BA&CEP, we know that finding a parking space can sometimes be a frustrating experience. Whenever possible we encourage you to use the T. The Brookline Hills T stop (Green line, Riverside train) is located right in front of Brookline High School. We also have excellent parking maps available at the office, and are exploring renting parking spaces in nearby lots.

Please keep your ideas, comments, and suggestions coming. We will respond as positively and as efficiently as we know how. Inspired by the challenge to serve you, we are committed to making BA&CEP not only the best, but the most responsive community education program in the state.

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