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To: Mike Scmidt,
Honorary Member America's Pride of Toledo
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February 24, 1994

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Our final count of students will be complete tomorrow. However it will be either 59 or 60 total individuals.

Thanks again. You are appreciated by at least 60 people and most particularly by me!

Sincerely,

Ken Newbury, Ph.D.

Dear Pride Member,

As I look back on the thousands of young lives that every classroom teacher touches during the course of a career, I sometimes ask: "And to what avail? Is the world a better place because I was there? Did I teach more than reading, writing and arithmetic? Through some kind of magic, did the values and ideals that made this country a great nation and a leader in its world find a way into the minds and hearts of a new generation that will lead us into our futures? Did I teach hope and sunshine? Did I teach kindness and compassion? Did I teach open mindedness and honesty?" Time alone will answer those questions for me, but each time I watch you perform, I know.

Thirty years ago, John R. Kennedy said, "Let the word go forth that the torch has been passed to a new generation." One of Dr. Martin Luther King's most well remembered expressions is, "I have a dream!" That generation and those dreams have accomplished miracles. We put a man on the moon. We created the space shuttle. We developed satellite communications. We explored deeper meanings of equality and freedom. We know more about human potential than we've ever known before. We virtually wiped out polio, tuberculosis and many other diseases. We've made tremendous strides in the treatment of cancer, heart disease, muscular dystrophy and a multitude of illnesses that plague the lives of our brothers. Laser surgery is one of our accomplishments. We found productive uses of

nuclear energy. Most of us in that generation still have a t least one third of our careers left to give.

Never in the history of humanity has a generation of people had the power to impact world hunger. Did you know that this planet currently produces enough food to feed three times the world's population? Never have we had greater opportunities to bring about world peace, freedom and equality. As we watch together the walls of differences crumble, I'm sure we will combine our efforts to build the bridges that unite the common core of human life.

As I see my active career coming to an end in the early years of the twenty-first century and yours underway, I rest assured that as the torch is passed to yet a new generation, it shall be carried by strong and capable young hands. Hands that take their commandments from minds and hearts filled with commitment and integrity. I know that truth from the glow that surrounds each of you as you give your very best both on and off that stage. That is all you will ever need to make your dreams come true - to demonstrate the miracles that are yours to create.

I am only one of a huge core of educators in this country, but I know that I only echo the voices of many when I say that we love everything that you are and even those things that you have yet to become. I know that you will make those things wonderful because you are wonderful. You are the miracle workers. I know that you cannot fail to make your dreams come true.



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Mike Schmidt -

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Ken W.

TOLEDO'S OWN

As I sit in your audience tonight, there will be tears in my eyes. They will not be the tears of remorse and despair that you so often bring forth from your peers. Those tears are the antecedents of needed change in the chaotic lives of distraught youth. My tears will be tears of grateful appreciation. They will be tears of beauty and hope - maybe even pride. You are an inspiration in your world - not only to your peers, but also to the other lives that surround and support yours. I guess I don't ever want you to lose touch with your power to inspire the best in others by giving the best that is yours to give.

Even though you will never know my name, you will recognize me by the smile in my eyes and my word and acts of encouragement as you go forward in discovering the miracle that is you. Thank you for everything that you are.

A Teacher

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America's Pride

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Dear Mrs. Gore,

Let me introduce you to 60 of the finest teenagers anywhere in the U.S.A. These culturally diverse students are part of a workshop and performance team called America's Pride. Toledo's America's Pride students spend most Friday nights training other school children to live a drug-free lifestyle. To date, Toledo's America's Pride have presented workshops from California to East St. Louis and Atlanta.

America's Pride is also a very accomplished performance group. Over the past 6 years, these students have performed for more than 500,000 people. Their message is to celebrate life drug-free while reinforcing American values of pride, honesty, wisdom, and caring for others. In each Pride performance, eyes moisten as the Pride kids sing of their love for our country and the freedom from alcohol and other drugs.

I am writing you this letter to ask for your help. We would like to honor and support the newly-elected President and Vice-President by offering a musical tune or two during the inaugural festivities. Of course, we would welcome an invitation to another White House sponsored function.

Your personal support for these hard-working Toledo-area students will make for a life-time memory. I also believe it will strengthen the Clinton-Gore theme of change in America. For surely, change will begin with our nation's young people.

Thank you for your interest and help.

Best wishes for a successful and healthy four years,

Ken Newbury

Ken Newbury, Ph.D.

MARY ELIZABETH GORE

January 25, 1993

Dear Ken,

Thank you for your note of congratulations. I'm sorry that the materials reached me too late to do anything about the Inauguration.

Change can indeed start with our nation's young people -- and those pictured in your group appear to be a wonderful example of America's best.

All good wishes on your endeavors with America's Pride.

Sincerely,



Tipper Gore

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 29, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR MARCIA HALE, OFFICE OF SCHEDULING

FROM: Mike Schmidt, Domestic Policy Council

SUBJECT: Scheduling Request from Toledo Youth Ambassadors

I just wanted to bring the attached request to your attention (your office should have already received a copy). Larry Cardwell and I met at the President's breakfast for state governors and mayors on April 14, a part of the "Summer Challenge" event sponsored by The Department of Labor and The Department of Education. Mr. Cardwell is the Director of the Toledo Youth Commission, and he and Toledo Mayor John McHugh are strong supporters of the President's Summer Jobs proposal.

Mr. Cardwell would like to set up a brief meeting between the President and a group called the Toledo Youth Ambassadors sometime in August of this year. His request caught my attention because these Youth Ambassadors are a group of disadvantaged young people who are trying to make a difference in their urban communities. Not only would a meeting with the President be a tremendous opportunity for these young people, but as a side benefit I think it would be a great opportunity for the President to tout the success of his summer jobs package as well (assuming that there will be one).

Give me a call at X2165 if I can give you any additional information or if you have any questions about this request.

This has already been regretted.

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April 20, 1993

Ms. Marsha Hale
Office of Scheduling
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Hale:

At the suggestion of Mr. Mike Schmidt, I am writing to ask for your assistance in making a dream come true for 180 young people. These young people, who are part of the Toledo Youth Ambassadors, are dreaming of visiting our nation's capitol and President Bill Clinton. We are hoping that a date in the first three weeks of August 1993 would be convenient for the White House and the President. Please let me know which date(s) would be best suited to your schedule needs.

Perhaps it also would be helpful for you to know something about our "Ambassadors." The Toledo Youth Ambassadors are young people committed to the shared values of family, school, community, and country. Youth ambassadors are committed to the democratic principles upon which our nation is formed. Each ambassador has pledged to lead an alcohol and drug free life, obey all laws, and serve as a healthy role model for others. Youth ambassadors believe in the strength of cultural diversity and establishment of strong and vital families and neighborhoods.

Some of our ambassadors are selected in part because of their participation in the President's Summer Challenge. Other students are members of Toledo's America's Pride Drug Prevention Training Team. Combined with a diversity of other young role models, our ambassadors are hoping for a once in a lifetime educational opportunity. Your efforts on our behalf will help keep them focused for the challenges they face and opportunities they meet.

Sincerely,

Larry Cardwell, Director
Toledo Youth Commission

LC:ms/bl

cc: Mr. Mike Schmidt

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 1, 1993

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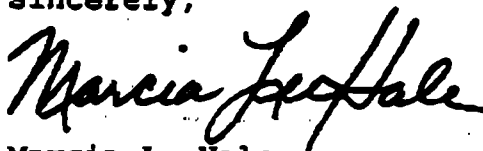
Dear Mr. Cardwell:

Thank you for writing on behalf of the Toledo Youth Ambassadors. The President appreciates your letter of support and is sorry that he will be unable to meet with the students during their upcoming visit to Washington, D.C.

Unfortunately, the tremendous demands on the President as he works to move our country forward do not give him the opportunity to speak with as many people as he would like.

On behalf of the President, thank you again for your thoughtful letter. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if we can provide any further assistance.

Sincerely,



Marcia L. Hale
Assistant to the President
Director of Scheduling and Advance

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August 12, 1993

Ms. Marsha Hale
Office of Scheduling
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Hale:

Please refer to our previous correspondence where I requested that the Toledo Youth Ambassadors meet with President Clinton during their visit to Washington, DC. The Youth have put in a lot of time and effort in preparing a song which they would like to sing for the President. If at all possible, we would like to arrange 5 to 10 minutes to meet with him so that they can sing the song for him. We realize that a lot of demands are being put on the President's time; therefore, we are leaving our date open for a date in the future to meet with him. Please contact me or my office as soon as possible of an available date.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Larry Cardwell, Director
Toledo Youth Commission

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cc: Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur
Mr. Michael Schmidt

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 2, 1993

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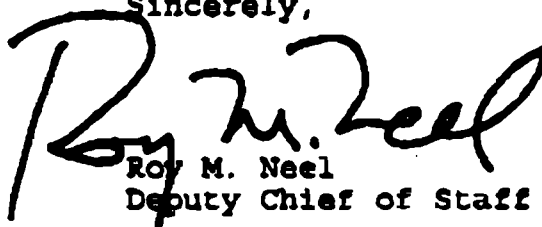
Dear Mr. Cardwell:

Thank you for inviting the President to hear a song prepared by the Toledo Youth Ambassadors. The President appreciates you writing on their behalf.

At this time, I am unable to make a commitment to your request. However, please be assured that I will keep your open invitation on file for further consideration and will contact you if it is possible for the President to meet with the children.

On behalf of the President, thank you again for your thoughtful invitation. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Roy M. Neel
Deputy Chief of Staff

RMN/sva

cc: Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur



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TOLEDO YOUTH
COMMISSION

LARRY A. CARDWELL
EXEC. DIRECTOR
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January 3, 1994

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
c/o Ms. Patti Solis
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington D.C., 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

At the suggestion of Mr. Mike Schmidt, Domestic Policy, we are writing to ask for your assistance in making a dream come true for 65 young people. These young people are actively involved in shaping Toledo's future through drug and violence prevention. Our "ambassadors" represent the city-wide Youth Commission and Toledo's nationally recognized America's Pride drug prevention team. For more than a year, these students have dreamed of an opportunity to visit our nation's capitol and meet with the First Lady and the President.

Perhaps it also would be helpful for you to know something about our young people and their mission. America's Pride of Toledo has presented workshops and performances for more than 500,000 people over the last eight years. Included among their performances were numerous presentations for former Governor Celeste, presentations for the White House Conference on Drug Free America, the Department of Education, and the California Bowl. In addition, our ambassadors now include students who represent all of Toledo on the Toledo Youth Commission. These students are selected in part because of their participation in the President's Summer Youth Challenge and because they represent the best qualities in young people. They work actively with other youth to represent youth interests in city government planning.

Our greatest wish now is to visit with you. The opportunity to meet you briefly will provide additional fire and focus to the hardest working youth we know. Our visit will inspire others to get involved as the challenges facing our nation increase. Please help us to make this dream come true. Of course we would be willing to visit during any convenient time during the balance of this school year. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ken Newbury, Ph.D.
Director, Student Assistance
Toledo Public Schools

Larry Cardwell
Executive Director, Youth Commission
City of Toledo

cc: Mr. Mike Schmid, Domestic Policy
Representative Marcy Kaptur, 9th District Ohio

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Director**

January 31, 1994

To the special attention of Ms. Patti Solis
Scheduling Director for:
First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington D.C., 20500

Dear Ms. Solis,


Thank you for staying interested in a wonderful group of young folks from Toledo. For a long time, these students have hoped for the opportunity to meet with the President or First Lady. Perhaps their dream is closer to becoming a reality.

I understand that you asked Mr. Larry Cardwell to respond to you with specific dates our group of teens might be able to travel to Washington to meet briefly with Mrs. Clinton. During the period from March 2 through March 5, the majority of our representatives will be in Philadelphia. If it were possible to visit for a few minutes March 5, March 2, or March 3 (in order of preference), it would save our students considerable travel time and expense. If these dates are not good, then our spring vacation dates anytime during the week of April 4 would also work out for us.

We have written a song, called "Hope", for the First Lady and President, in honor of all they do to uplift our nation and maintain a spirit of hope. It is our great wish to be able to express this song and a precious few minutes at a time of your convenience. Such a visit as indicated earlier will inspire this generation for a lifetime.

For your reference, I have included a copy of the previous letter sent by Mr. Cardwell.

Sincerely,


Ken Newbury, Ph.D.


Larry Cardwell

cc: Mr. Mike Schmidt

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RICHARD F. CELESTE
GOVERNOR

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March 7, 1989

Dr. Ken Newbury
Director
Student Assistance Program
Toledo Public Schools
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Dear Dr. Newbury:

Thank you for bringing members of America's PRIDE to Columbus for the Ohio Department of Health's teenage pregnancy prevention campaign kickoff. They are terrific!

As you know, the teen-to-teen outreach is one of the most important aspects of this campaign. America's PRIDE sets a great example for younger teens to become involved in their communities and to avoid The Teen Parent TRAP. I'm proud America's PRIDE will be representing the state of Ohio in our schools, and I look forward to the group's continued participation as the campaign unfolds.

You're doing a tremendous job with these young people. Keep up the good work!

Best regards,

Richard F. Celeste
Governor

RFC/prs

cc: Ms. Ruth Scott
Superintendent
Toledo Public Schools

THE PLAIN

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OHIO'S LARGEST NEWSPAPER CLEVELAND



Gov. Richard F. Celeste joined students and dancers at a Columbus high school to start "Teen Parent TRAP," a campaign to warn teen-agers of the pitfalls of sexual activity.

Ohio begins a campaign to curb teen pregnancies

ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS — Ohio, which has the nation's sixth highest teen-age pregnancy rate, began a public awareness campaign yesterday to curb what was termed an increasing problem costing the state \$220,000 a day.

Gov. Richard F. Celeste, Health Director Ronald Fletcher and others on hand for ceremonies at a Columbus school said the "Teen Parent TRAP" campaign was aimed at 11- to 14-year-olds who are becoming aware of sex and who may need guidance to avoid pitfalls.

Numerous statistics were cited to demonstrate the need for public concern, heightened by the study of a task force appointed by Celeste in 1986 to assess the problem.

The start of the campaign included teens in video and live performances that featured music, academic achievement, sports and other subjects Fletcher said could guide teen-aged girls in positive directions.

"Building self-esteem is the key," he said.

The Campaign for All Ohio's Children, an action group based in Columbus, cited statistics suggesting that in addition to public expense, the social costs of teen pregnancies are enormous.

Among other things, the group said the suicide rate for teen mothers was 10 times that of the general

population, and 60% did not finish high school. Every year in Ohio, more than 20,000 teen-agers have babies — about 12,000 out of wedlock, the group said.

Also every year, about 10,000 teen mothers begin receiving welfare, and about 4,000 of their infants have low birth weights, increasing health risk and, therefore, medical costs.

The Children's Defense Fund-Ohio estimated the state spent \$220,000 a day for teen-age pregnancies and the resulting expenses of health care, utilities, food stamps and children's services.

Of the 20,810 births to teen-agers in Ohio in 1987, the All Ohio's Children campaign report said 1,477 infants were born to mothers aged 15 and younger. In those cases, 22% were repeat pregnancies.

Cuyahoga County led the state with 2,373 teen births and recorded more than all other counties in a 19-county area of northeastern Ohio, according to the report.

Next highest counties were Hamilton, 1,604; Franklin, 1,273; Montgomery, 941; Lucas, 838; Summit, 640; Stark, 428; Lorain, 306; Butler, 344; and Mahoning, 342.

Other data showed that one in eight Ohio babies was born to a teen-age mother in 1987.

Only California, Texas, New York, Florida and Illinois, rank above Ohio with proportions of teen-agers who be pregnant, the report said.

Teaching peers to escape teen parent trap

By MICHELE LESIE
STAFF WRITER

Once you get past the brutal statistics that necessitate a state-sponsored pregnancy-prevention program for 11- to 14-year-olds, it's possible to appreciate the artistic effort that went into it.

You can even smile. A rap song on the subject of teen-age pregnancy is, after all, not something you hear all the time:

"Don't get pregnant ... at ... your ... age. 'Cause bein' a teen parent is like bein' in a cage."

A song about peer pressure isn't bad either. "There's a boy in our school who calls himself 'Joe Cool,' who suffers "pressure from his peers" and "tries his best to hide his fears ... I'm no fool. He's definitely not Joe Cool."

By the end of the multi-stanza story, Joe gives up drinking, gains self-respect and turns the tables by counseling some of his less fortunate friends.

Another song, titled "Peer Pressure Blues," goes: "Johnny pushed Sandra just a little too far. They made a baby in the back of his car."

Then comes the skit. Young man breaks up with girlfriend. Girlfriend, of an age when breaking up is the end of the world, gets severely depressed. She wanders among fellow actors wearing placards printed with all the potential "traps": "I'm not loved," "Peer pressure," "Alcohol," "Pregnancy."

She chooses the last, and the sign-bearers form a ring around her, locking hands, trapping her in. Eventually, her boyfriend returns, says he loves her and throws the placards to the floor — all but one.

What? No more freedom? No more going out with the guys? "Sorry," he tells her.

The audience — students at A.B. Hart Middle School in Cleveland — couldn't help laughing a little, but that's not to say they didn't get the point.

The performers are members of America's PRIDE, a group of 60 students from seventh grade to college from 18 schools in the Toledo area. It began as a handful of kids with a desire to help prevent drug and alcohol abuse, and it gained a popularity that surprises even its coordinators, Bill Geha of the Washington Local schools and Ken Newbury of the Toledo school district.

"We just went out and recruited kids," Geha said, shrugging and smiling.

The troupe is sponsored by the Ohio Department of Health's teen-age pregnancy prevention campaign, which is part of a larger effort, the Campaign for All Ohio's Children.

It's theme is Teen Parent TRAP (Together Reducing Adolescent Pregnancy). It is not about birth control. It is about the trap of substituting sex or substance abuse for love and self-respect.

"We believe that if you love yourself, there is nothing you can't do," group member Madelyn Mackie told the audience. "If you love yourself, you wouldn't want anything to harm you, whether it's pregnancy or drugs."

Sharlene Morgan, the campaign's outreach coordinator, agreed it's disturbing to have to drive home the truth about unplanned pregnancy with kids barely out of elementary school.

"But I just learned this morning about a 10-year-old in Cuyahoga County who delivered a baby last year," she said, sighing. "So we're not starting too young at 12, 13 and 14."

According to statistics provided by a state task force, more than 20,000 Ohio teens — 13,000 of whom are not married — have babies every year. Nearly 10,000 of these mothers and their children require public assistance.

In 1987, Cuyahoga County had more teen births — 2,833 — than all of Ohio's 19 northeast-region counties combined.

A.B. Hart is one of three Cleveland schools selected as pilot schools for the program, Morgan said. "It's a non-traditional approach, but that's what kids respond to," she said.

The junior high and even late elementary school years are "the teetering years," she said. "Building their self-esteem early gives them a much better chance later."

Members of America's PRIDE said they enjoyed participating in the teen-to-teen outreach, which affords them an opportunity not only to perform — many are accomplished musicians and singers — but also to show that youth is a time to be enjoyed.

"We don't want to see people doing drugs and ruining their lives when they have so much to live for,"



POPCLAARENCE TABB JR.
Madelyn Mackie, 16, and Dawn Baker, 16, both of Toledo, perform in a skit about teen-age motherhood. The girls are members of the America's PRIDE traveling troupes.

said June Perry, 18.
Added Dawn Baker, also 16, "We give them an alternative."

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Dear Mr. Schmidt,

Perhaps there is something about the tenacity of Midwesterners, or at least Michigan grads! Our philosophy is no doubt similar. We place young people at the top of our priorities and first in our hearts. After we made promises to our students to visit the White House last summer, I wanted to do everything possible to honor our commitment. Your help in trying to work out our trip is appreciated. Regardless of the outcome, I would like to share my sincere thanks for your support and advocacy. You should know that you have some great friends in Toledo, Ohio.

I have included some of the information you requested along with past communication with various scheduling offices. As well, I have tried to piece together a chronology of events and promises made to our area young people. Incidentally, Larry Cardwell confirms that the President did say a visit could be arranged.

I hope this information is useful. As you can see, it is easy to give up when several promises were made and broken. Nonetheless, we are keeping the faith. Perhaps a little luck and a friend can help make something happen.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ken Newbury".

Ken Newbury, Ph.D.

Mike,

Here is a list of some of our "disappointments". I hope this is helpful to you.

April 14, 1993: Mr. Larry Cardwell, Director of the Youth Commission attends a conference convened by the Department of Labor and the Department of Education to promote Summer Challenge 1993. At this meeting, Mr. Cardwell went up to the President and asked him if it would be possible to bring our area youth to meet him at the White House. The President replied, "We can do that". As a result of various subsequent communication, our students and local officials were told of an impending summer trip to Washington D.C.

October, 1992: Mrs. Gore visited Toledo (Ottawa Hills) Ohio for a fund-raising event. I spoke with Mrs. Gore at this event about bringing America's Pride to Washington. She said she could think of no reason why this couldn't happen. I shared support letters and information about America's Pride with her travelling staff. Then, after the Inaugural event, we received a cordial reply indicating that her staff gave her the information too late for the Inaugural. (see reply letter enclosed)

A follow up letter was sent to Mrs. Gore in February, 1993. We have never received a reply.

Early Fall, 1992: Candidate Bill Clinton's campaign schedules a rally in Toledo. America's Pride is scheduled to perform. Late the evening prior to the event, America's Pride is cancelled when the rally becomes a major address on employment.



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Here as promised is the letter and accompanying articles with former Governor Richard Celeste. By the way, the former Governor was a true gentleman and good dancer (see photo!). If needed, I have many other letters that speak to the high quality of our drug and violence prevention team.

Still wishing on a star.....

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TOLEDO YOUTH
COMMISSION

LARRY A. CARDWELL
EXEC. DIRECTOR
SUITE 2200
245-1006

January 3, 1994

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
c/o Ms. Patti Solis
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington D.C., 20500

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April 20, 1993

Ms. Marsha Hale
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The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Hale:

At the suggestion of Mr. Mike Schmidt, I am writing to ask for your assistance in making a dream come true for 180 young people. These young people, who are part of the Toledo Youth Ambassadors, are dreaming of visiting our nation's capitol and President Bill Clinton. We are hoping that a date in the first three weeks of August 1993 would be convenient for the White House and the President. Please let me know which date(s) would be best suited to your schedule needs.

Perhaps it also would be helpful for you to know something about our "Ambassadors." The Toledo Youth Ambassadors are young people committed to the shared values of family, school, community, and country. Youth ambassadors are committed to the democratic principles upon which our nation is formed. Each ambassador has pledged to lead an alcohol and drug free life, obey all laws, and serve as a healthy role model for others. Youth ambassadors believe in the strength of cultural diversity and establishment of strong and vital families and neighborhoods.

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Sincerely,

Larry Cardwell, Director
Toledo Youth Commission

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cc: Mr. Mike Schmidt

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COMMENTS:

Here is the letter from Toledo.
Thanks for taking the time to check on
this -- Larry Cardwell was very helpful to us
in our work on the Stimulus package last spring.

Mike



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