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Notes: URGENT - Please get to
Ms. Finney ASAP.
Thanks!

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To: Karen Finney

From: Ira Wolfman

re: HRC's essay for 25th birthday issue of *Sesame Street Parents*

As I mentioned over the phone, Karen, we love the First Lady's essay, and plan to use it in a shortened form as the opening to our entire special issue.

However, as I explained to you, her piece will have to be much shorter than submitted. I've attached an edited version which shows the approximate length we now have available.

In cutting it, I've dropped the comments about the President's agenda because I believe that the keynote essay must strike a more non-partisan tone. (Besides, Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders also has an essay in the special section, which makes some of the same political points as Mrs. Clinton does).

I'd also like to suggest that HRC consider adding a line about her experience as a mother, something that would personalize her concerns about children's future.

We need this material back as soon as possible. I'd be eternally grateful if you could get it to me by Thursday afternoon. Friday noon is really our drop-dead deadline (seriously!).

Thank you so much for your cooperation.

I can be reached at (212) 875-6365, or by fax at (212) 875-6105.

Yours truly,



Ira Wolfman

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File Name: 7FRODHAMCLINTON**Issue: INTRODUCTION TO 25th BIRTHDAY ESSAYS July/August 94****Version/Date: April 26****Updated word length:303****Working Title: Children Come First****BY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON**

Today we live in an age of great promise—and great peril—for our nation's children.

While we have made considerable strides in improving health, education, and job opportunities for American youth, our children shoulder burdens never encountered by youngsters in any other civilized society.

Too often, children today grow up in families torn apart by poverty, violence, substance abuse, or emotional instability. One of every 10 children between the ages of three and five lives in a deficient home environment. ^{Nearly 40} ~~Ten~~ percent of our children ~~do not~~ ^{are not fully} immunized against the major childhood diseases by the age of 2. ~~receive polio vaccines.~~ Hundreds of thousands of pupils go to school each morning on an empty stomach. And far too many young people are subjected to the numbing reality of gun violence in their homes, schools, and neighborhoods.

Unless we take bold steps to cure our societal ills, these tragic statistics will get worse.

Clearly, government has an important role in helping families and children. But government action alone is not a panacea. In today's society, parents must assume greater responsibility for the children they bring into the world. ^{we} ~~They~~ must be more vigilant about ^{our} ~~their~~

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children's nutrition, health, and safety. ^{we} ~~They~~ must work harder to ensure that ^{our} ~~their~~ children develop emotionally, physically, intellectually, and spiritually.

And together we must all strive to rebuild values of family and community so that our children can flourish in a complex, competitive world.

Let's not forget that children are our greatest legacy. By investing in them now we can make sure their future—and their world—will be a safer and healthier one. ■

*and like most parents—
 I want to be sure that
 my daughter ~~grows up with~~ to ~~grow~~
 grow up with the ~~no security shape~~*

→ *like most parents, I want my daughter
 to enjoy the joys + benefits of childhood
 and to ^(build up) her experience ~~can~~
 child to become a happy, productive adult.*