

TO: Hillary
FR: Lisa
RE: Taping of the ABC Susan B. Anthony Special
DT: June 8, 1995

You are scheduled to do a taping for an ABC television special hosted by Lynn Sherr entitled Susan B. Anthony Slept Here: A Guide to American Women's Landmarks. The program will air in July or August.

The program will be a tour of the country in our foremothers' footsteps. It will be divided into four acts, each focusing on a category of notable women: suffragists/stateswomen; artists/performers; athletes/adventurers and heroes/groundbreakers. While Lynn Sherr will act as the tour guide and host of the show, one contemporary distinguished woman will serve as a focal point for each act. US Olympic Gold medalist and ABC sports commentator Donna de Verona will do the athletes/adventurers act; our country's first African-American female astronaut Dr. Me Jemison will do the heroes/groundbreakers act; the star of TV's "Days and Nights of Molly Dodd" Blair Brown will do the artists/performers act; and you will do the suffragists/stateswomen act.

The taping will take about 30 minutes and the script will be on a teleprompter. I have attached a copy of the script for you to review over the weekend again.

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March 16, 1995

The First Lady
Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Hillary:

I was so delighted that you were able to join us at Jurate's Susan B. Anthony birthday party in Washington last month. It was wonderful to see you and to be able to share my enthusiasm for this great American hero.

I am even happier to report that our efforts to preserve women's history have found a new and very exciting outlet. This summer, either in July or August, we will be airing a one-hour television special in prime time based on our previous book — *Susan B. Anthony Slept Here: A Guide to American Women's Landmarks*. The program, a spirited and informative tour of the country in our foremothers' footsteps, will be shown on ABC, and we are just starting production now.

We would like to invite you to take part in this venture.

The program will be divided into four acts, each focusing on a category of notable women: politics/suffrage; artists/performers; athletes/adventurers; and heroes/groundbreakers. While I will act as tour guide/host for the entire hour, we are inviting one contemporary distinguished woman to serve as a focal point for each act. Would you consider participating in the politics/suffrage segment?

As we now anticipate the script, the act will focus primarily on the stories and landmarks of two women: Susan B. Anthony and Jeannette Rankin. In addition, we will skip around the country (with maps, graphics and other means) to highlight a dozen or so other famous (and not so famous) female politicians. Your role, should you agree to join us, would be to deliver some narration on their lives, along with some personal commentary (if you want) -- on the 75th anniversary of woman suffrage, on women in public life, or whatever. We will write the biography part of the script and submit it for your approval and, of course, any changes.

The entire taping could be done at a time and place to suit you, and would take no more than half an hour. We hope to shoot it sometime in May.

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Your presence would be a great addition to our program, and I hope you will consider this invitation seriously. I will call your office next week to see if I can supply any further details. My direct telephone is 212-456-7220.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lynn".

Lynn Sherr

TO: LISA CAPUTO

202-456-7805 FAX

FROM: LYNN SHERR

HERE IS THE
REVISED SCRIPT —
SEE YOU MONDAY. (CALL
ME IF YOU NEED —
212-456-7220).

12 pages follow

Lynn

June 7, 1995

OPEN: F.Y.I.

THIS ALL LS - (Lynn Sherr)

FADE IN

LYNN SHERR, our host and travel guide is standing next to a bright red convertible, the top down.

Music softly underneath. The music is "America The Beautiful" uptempo.

Multi-layering cuts of the actual sites as SHERR's voice-over.

SHERR

Hello, I'm Lynn Sherr, and I'd like to invite you to join me on an amazing adventure. We're going to travel across the country - exploring an America you probably never knew existed.

Most tourist maps highlight our forefathers -- at battlefields or statehouses or ballparks. And sometimes it seems that every pigeon in America has the statue of a man to roost on.

Well, we'll be visiting places where women made history - following in our foremothers' footsteps to see where they lived or created or soared or rebelled -- usually against incredible odds.

Along the way, you're going to meet some extraordinary women -- athletes and artists, politicians and pioneers, as we tour the actual sites that tell their stories:

--The museum in Texas honoring our greatest female athlete.

SOT: BABE HITS GOLF BALL

--the house in New Mexico that became the symbol of a superb artist.

SOT -- "I had to have that door" (FROM GO'K FILM)

--the planetarium in New Hampshire commemorating the schoolteacher who wanted to fly in space.

SOT -- "3...2...1..."

--and the courtroom in New York where a woman nearly went to jail for her principles - and our rights.

SOT-- gavel

SHERR back on CAMERA

There's much, much more. And to help celebrate the lives of those who fashioned our past, four of today's most accomplished women:

Voice-over layering on the celebrities.

United States' Olympic Gold medalist, and ABC Sports commentator, Donna de Varona, on athletes and adventurers.

The star of TV's "Days and Nights of Molly Dodd," Blair Brown, on artists and performers.

Our first African-American female astronaut, Dr. Mae Jemison on groundbreakers and heroes.

And, with a special message, the First Lady of the United States, Hillary Rodham Clinton, on suffragists and stateswomen.

SHERR back on CAMERA. She is now seated behind the wheel of the red convertible.

So settle in, while I buckle up for a most unusual journey. We've got lots of surprises - plenty of fun - and one promise: for this trip you won't have to identify any statues of generals on horseback, and you definitely won't

ACT IV -- HRC'S LINES ARE INDICATED WITH HER NAME OR INITIALS IN LEFT-HAND MARGIN. AND WITH *. "OPTIONAL" SECTIONS CAN BE OMITTED IF SHE PREFERS.**

ACT IV

FADE IN

Answer to trivia question over map taking us to Rochester, New York. LYNN SHERR in the red convertible arrives at the Susan B. Anthony house walking and talking

LYNN holds up SBA coin then dissolve to photos of

LYNN o.c.

SHERR

Every woman in America can claim this house in Rochester, N.Y., as her heritage because this was the home of the leader of the first women's movement. In other words, Susan B. Anthony slept here.

You may know her only as the face on the one-dollar coin - a rather prim profile at that - but Anthony was an eloquent, witty and powerful celebrity who devoted her entire adult life to winning women equal rights - above all, the right to vote.

Why, you might ask, was the female half of the nation banned from ballot box? Beats me. But the founding fathers kept that privilege - and most others - for themselves - until Anthony and her colleagues demanded a change.

LYNN inside SBA house

This house was the nerve center of her suffrage organization, where you can see the gold-wire glasses that framed her vision of women as partners in the democracy... the inkwell that fueled a barrage of letters to congressmen, senators and Presidents.

And it was from this house more than a century ago that Susan B. Anthony set out on her gutsiest move ever. To recall that story, we are joined by a distinguished guest with her own long commitment to women. The First Lady of the United States, Hillary Rodham Clinton.

*** HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON o.c.

CLINTON

Lynn, what a huge debt we owe to the suffragists - above all, to Susan B. Anthony.

I think what amazes me most is her dedication - her absolute conviction that her cause was correct -- even in the face of searing criticism.

*** HRC OPTIONAL

Once, while lecturing on suffrage in South Dakota in 1890, she was interrupted repeatedly by a drunken fellow making rude comments. When the men in the audience cried, "Put him out!" Susan B. Anthony retorted, "No, gentlemen, he is a product of man's government, and I want you to see what sort you make."

*** HRC OPTIONAL

You can imagine how people responded when she decided to test the law.

It was November, 1872, just before a Presidential election.

LORIE BARNUM, Director of the SBA house, p.5

BARNUM

"Susan B. Anthony and her three sisters went up to the local barber shop and registered to vote. They had the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments in hand, and they felt that these should have provided for their right to vote. Well, the local newspapers were outraged. They demanded that these women should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law."

***HRC OPTIONAL

CLINTON

A few days later, at 7 a.m. - thoughtfully early to avoid a public spectacle - the newly registered Anthony went back to the barbershop and cast the first ballot of her life. She voted for Ulysses S. Grant, Republican candidate for President, and two congressmen.

Three weeks later -Thanksgiving day - she was arrested.

LORIE BARNUM o.c., p.6

BARNUM

"The U.S. Marshall came to Susan B. Anthony's front door to arrest her. She had him come right into this front parlor, and he was embarrassed -- she was a very famous woman -- and he was there to arrest her. He.., he stumbled through the arrest and she would have no part of it, he just said, Go down to the city hall when you're ready. She said, No, if you think I'm nothing but a common criminal, you

can handcuff me and take me downtown right now. Well, he didn't handcuff her, but he did take her downtown, and you know, in those days they didn't have police cars, so they took the streetcar, so when she was asked for her five cent fare, she said, 'I'm going at the request of the federal government, you can ask this man for my fare!'

***HRC OPTIONAL v/o bill of Indictment

CLINTON

As the acknowledged ringleader, Susan B. Anthony was indicted and eventually brought to trial.

LYNN SHERR o.c. in the Canandaigua, Ontario County Courthouse, North Courtroom.

SHERR

In this fine old courthouse in nearby Canandaigua, New York, you can still hear the echoes of the case: the United States of America versus Susan B. Anthony. It was a beautiful June day, 1873. In the upstairs courtroom, friends and gawkers filed in. Seated in the jury box, twelve white men - no women allowed.

***HRC OPTIONAL

CLINTON

Anthony's defense attorney called it "the first instance in which a woman has been arraigned in a criminal court merely on account of her sex."

The judge was not moved. In fact, he had written his decision before hearing the case, and directed the jury to "find a verdict of 'guilty'."

LYNN SHERR o.c.

SHERR

Susan B. Anthony was incensed.

Having been barred from testifying on her own behalf, she was now asked by the court if she had anything to say.

CAMERA moves slowly from **LYNN** to the witness chair in the courtroom. **WE** hear a **VOICE** over the scene.

VOICE (SBA)

"Yes, your honor. I have many things to say. For your ordered verdict of 'guilty', you have trampled underfoot every vital principle of our government. My natural rights, my civil rights, my political rights, are all alike ignored.

Robbed of the fundamental privilege of citizenship, I am degraded from the status of a citizen to that of a subject; and not only myself individually, but all of my sex, are, by your honor's verdict, doomed to political subjection under this so-called Republican government."

LORIE o.c. p.11

BARNUM

The judge tried to interrupt her, but she stormed on, and when she stopped, the judge sentenced her to a \$100. fine. She replied, "I will never pay a dollar of your unjust penalty." She never did.

But in her diary that night, Anthony called her trial, "The greatest outrage history ever witnessed."

Lynn o/c:

SHERR

Susan B. Anthony did not live to vote legally. She died - at her house in Rochester in 1906. But her last public statement - "Failure is

impossible!" -- continued to rally the troops, and the shrewd campaign that followed produced a hardy new breed of female politician.

SHERR v.o. photos, film, map inserts,
with MUSIC underscore.

In South Pass City, Wyoming -- the first territory to grant women full suffrage -- you can visit the two-room cabin of Esther Morris, the first woman to hold political office in the United States. The mighty Morris - almost 6 feet tall, 200 pounds - is also remembered with a statue in the U.S. capitol.

In Argonia, Kansas, tour the home of the nation's first female mayor. Susanna Salter was elected in 1887, learning of her surprise victory while up to her elbows in wash suds on her back stoop.

Missoula, Montana, celebrates native daughter Jeannette Rankin, who, in 1916 became the first woman elected to the U.S. Congress. Her two widely separated terms were marked by voting her conscience in opposition to both World Wars. That distinction in the face of overwhelming patriotic sentiment is preserved in a giant likeness of Congresswoman Rankin in the U.S. Capitol.

On STATUE of RANKIN, CAMERA
pans down to find "VOTES FOR
PEACE" on the statue.

***HRC o.c.

CLINTON

Did you know, Lynn - over on the
other side of the Capitol, the first



woman elected to the U.S. Senate was from Arkansas - Hattie Caraway, in 1932. She was a New Deal Democrat who got her seat when her husband died - then shocked many by getting re-elected twice on her own.

***HRC o.c. and then v.o. photos, etc.

CLINTON

But my personal hero is a woman who made political history without ever running for office: Eleanor Roosevelt. In Hyde Park, New York, you can tour the cottage at Val-Kill built just for her. But the entire world is a landmark to her social activism, from the coal mines of West Virginia, where she encouraged the workers, to the United Nations, where she served as our first female representative.

Eleanor Roosevelt's courage in the face of enormous hostility has been a constant source of inspiration to me. Her emergence as a voice for human rights inspired all Americans -- above all women -- to have their say in public life.

***HRC o.c. commentary

And that never could have happened without the most fundamental right of all: the vote. It is hard to believe we have had that right for just 75 years. Harder still to understand how anyone - especially women - could neglect to use that privilege in view of the terrible struggle to win it. So as we celebrate the suffrage anniversary this year, we should not only thank the women who fought to give all

Americans the right to vote -- but recognize how much it cost; how long it took, and how precious the prize.

LYNN SHERR v.o.

**END
HRC**

SHERR

It took 72 years, but you can retrace the route quickly today, starting in Seneca Falls, New York, site of the first public convention in the world to focus on women's issues. Here, in 1848, a daring little band of women, and men, first asked for the right to vote, rewriting the Declaration of Independence along feminist lines. "We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men and women are created equal."

One of the organizers of that meeting lived nearby: Elizabeth Cady Stanton. She would become Susan B. Anthony's closest friend and co-worker for more than half a century.

Continued v.o. by LYNN with appropriate suffrage film footage.

Together they led countless campaigns, demonstrations, picketing, lobbying, lecturing. During that time, in the words of Carrie Chapman Catt, Anthony's successor as leader of the suffrage organization, "Hundreds of women gave the accumulated possibilities of an entire lifetime, thousands gave years of their lives, hundreds of thousands gave constant interest and such aid as they could. It was a continuous, seemingly endless chain of activity. Young suffragists who helped forge the last links of that chain were not born when it began. Old suffragists who forged the first links were dead when it ended."

The plaque

Nashville, Tennessee, August 1920. Although there is no official memorial

to the breathtaking finale, the story itself is epic.

A federal amendment to the constitution granting the vote to all women had passed both houses of Congress; 35 states had ratified. With just one more needed, suffrage leaders targeted Tennessee.

There, at the last minute, twenty-four year-old State Legislator Harry Burn changed his vote to "aye", confessing he did it because his Mother told him to.

The 19th Amendment was law. In honor of the woman who had predicted its inevitability, it was called the Susan B. Anthony amendment.

VOICE of SBA

"I shall not be here to see it, but the twentieth century will see as great a change in the position and progress of women in the world as has been accomplished in this century, but it will have ceased to cause comment, and will be accepted as a matter of course. Woman and her influence, in making and shaping affairs, will have to be reckoned with"

Music and Statue of Liberty under the Susan B. Anthony closing quotation coming through photos.

FADE OUT

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