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Susan Winston

Dan Funk

NW. 15th

October 12, 1995

Ms. Lisa Caputo
Office of the First Lady
WHITE HOUSE
OEOB, Room 100
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Lisa:

As per our discussion this summer, I am following up on the request for Mrs. Clinton to be interviewed by Phyllis George for her upcoming TNN special. I know that Phyllis had discussed this directly with Mrs. Clinton's office and Mrs. Clinton's response was very favorable to a taping sometime in October or November.

You have always been so straightforward and helpful with our requests and I really appreciate your effort in helping this thing happen. Trying to manage the First Lady's schedule has got to be a gigantic task.

I'll give you a call in the next couple of days to follow up and hopefully Mrs. Clinton's schedule for the next month will have an opening. Obviously, we will be totally flexible to accommodate whatever time is possible.

I look forward to speaking with you. Thanks again for all your help.

Sincerely,

Susan B. Winston

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cc: Phyllis George

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Waves
FR: Karen Finney x. 62960
RE: Clearance
DT: 11/22/95

The following list will need to be cleared in on Monday, November 27, 1995. All are reporters.

Arriving at 11:30 AM at the South East gate going to the East Room:

Ken Harris - (b)(6)
Ronnie Aufdem-Brinke - (b)(6)
Suzanne Jenkins - (b)(6)

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They will arrive in a Black Ford Van, Maryland Tag#1BW 204 which I have cleared onto the grounds through the WH Usher's Office.

Arriving at the NW Gate at 11:30 AM going to the Press Briefing Room:

Jeff Tinsley
David Umansky
Jay Kernis - (b)(6)
Dana Roberson
Anthony Pagano -
Richard Juliano
Murdoch Campbell (b)(6)
Kenneth Harris -
Emanuel Zeigler

Arrivaing at the NW Gate at 11:00 AM going to the Press Briefing Room:

Susan Winston - (b)(6)
Dan Funk - (b)(6)
Phyllis George - (b)(6)
Vincent Roppatte
Jim Hagens - (b)(6)
Patrick Anderson
Thomas Bagnell - (b)(6)
Bob Waybright -
Frederick Patterson - (b)(6)

DRAFT

Questions for Phyllis George/TNN Interview

1. You and I have know each other for a long time. But I've got to tell you, driving up to the front of the White House is overwhelming. Do you ever get used to the fact that you live here? That you are the First Lady?

-- I still get chills when I walk into the White House. It is such a special place with a real sense of magic. There are burn marks on the wall outside the North portico, when I see that I can't help but think of the history that the house is filled with and the many people who have called this place home.

-- We have made the second floor homey, so that when we go up there, we are able to relax as a family.

2. Can you actually maintain any sense of privacy? Any sense of normal family life?

-- You know one thing that has really been great is that since the Oval office is not far away from the residence, it's kind of like living over the store. Chelsea can go over there when she gets home from school and visit the President, and we eat dinner together most of the time. Also, we have remodeled some of the rooms on the second floor, which is considered the private residence, so it feels more like a home. And we make the time to spend together as a family.

3. We've all seen the press shots of you on vacation with your family. But can you really have a "vacation" and relax?

-- Yes. We have really loved our vacations together. Last summer when we were in Wyoming, we really had a great time, hiking, bike riding, fishing and camping. Although it was kind of funny when we went camping, because we were not alone, there were tents with secret service agents very near by.

4. You've been very protective of Chelsea during the past three years. How does she handle being First Daughter?

-- I think she's handled it very well, and we are so proud of her. She has made lots of friends and has them over a lot for sleep overs and I think that has really helped.

5. As the mother of two teenagers, I know there are times that my kids look at me like I just landed from Mars. Chelsea's a teenager. Does the First Lady of the United States get those looks from her daughter as well?

-- Oh yes. Recently I suggested that she may want to put on a sweater when she was going out, and I got one of those looks.

6. What do you find are the biggest challenges facing you as a Mom right now?

-- Being able to make the time to spend with my daughter. And letting go, as my daughter approaches the big decisions about college, she's growing up.

7. How about the challenges of being a wife? Granted, you two probably argue over various domestic and foreign policy issues, but do you ever fight about who left the top off the toothpaste or home front stuff like that?

8. Do you miss the autonomy of having your own law career?

-- No. I really enjoy the opportunity that I have had as First Lady to work on issues that I care about and have cared about for over 25 years, children and families. And I enjoy doing my part to help the President do what he thinks is right for the country.

9. As America's most prominent 'working woman' you inspire us all. But how do you handle the juggling act?

-- I do what thousands of American women do every day, I get up and try to do what I think is right for my family, for myself and for the country.

10. While I guess it goes with the territory, you've had your share of rough runs over the past few years. How do you personally handle the pressure?

-- You know, my Mother once gave me some great advice, and that is that you should take criticism seriously, but not personally.. So that's what I try to do.

11. Your clothing is analyzed... every hair style reported on. How do you feel when the press makes more comments about your looks than about your actions?

-- I think it goes with the territory.

12. You've played a very different role than most past First ladies...leading decisions in various policies. How has your professional aggressiveness helped your husband's efforts? How have you recovered from your work on health care reform? And how do you turn that around?

13. Will your lack of success in the health care situation keep you out of a policy-decision role?

14. Having always championed women's rights and the rights of children, your speech given in China as the honorary chair of the US delegation to the Women's Conference was spell-binding. How do you continue these efforts? You're facing an election year. What role will you play? What will be your personal agenda during this crucial year?

-- Well, the President is very committed to following up on the commitments made at the Beijing conference. He has established an inter-agency taskforce to look at ways to implement these commitments.

-- I will continue to support my husband and do what I can to get the message out about the important work that his administration has done and will continue to do.

15. The press has indicated that you will be playing a "more traditional" role in this pre-election year emphasizing motherhood and parenting and being the good little wife. Are you?

-- I will continue to be the person that I have always been, and will continue to support my husband in helping to move our country forward.

16. You're being compared to Eleanor Roosevelt who reached out to the American public writing a daily "diary" that was published. Your syndicated newspaper column is one of your pet projects. What is your goal with this? Will newspapers continue to run the column during the election year or see that as a conflict?

--Well, I was first approached with the idea of writing a column shortly after the inauguration. And at the time I was just not able to even think about doing it. But I began to think about the idea about a year or so ago, and thought about using the column as a way to highlight issues that I care about, or share some of the many exciting and inspiring people I have met and places that I have visited. It is also an opportunity to respond to some of the hundreds and hundreds of questions that I am asked every day in the mail that I receive.

17. You are currently writing a book ... will readers find a different Hillary that the public First Lady?

-- Writing this book has been a great experience. I hope that people will find it to be a helpful resource and will raise issues about our children and the things that we as a society can do to make it possible for all our children to grow and become the person God intends them to be.

18. What is the greatest misconception people have of you?

-- I think the misconceptions are created when the press only shows one part of the story, one part of my day and perhaps edit it in a way that doesn't tell the whole story. You know, if someone took a polaroid picture of you at 8:30 in the morning, and then used that to describe you, well, they'd miss what you're doing at 12:30 PM, or dinnertime and that creates an incomplete picture.

19. You once were perceived as sort of asking the press how to change your image. How did they respond? Have you actually tried to change your image?

-- No, I haven't. I am the same person that I have always been, and will continue to be.

20. Has the press treated you fairly?

21. I'm privileged to have often witnessed your stunning sense of humor and sense of fun. Do you get a chance to exercise that in your current life?

-- Yes. We spend a lot of time together as a family playing card games and laughing, you've got to have laughter.

22. You and I share a great passion as champions of "The American Way" with your love of and support of American crafts. How does your support help that industry?

-- Well you know I have always been a fan of American art and crafts. And since coming to the White House, I have had a unique opportunity to help to highlight the very best of American crafts, and I hope that with the White House Craft collection, which we collected at Christmas '93 and has since become a travelling art exhibit, that it will give people a sense of pride and just enjoyment.

19. In the past three years, what do you feel has been your greatest accomplishment? What has been the greatest disappointment?

-- I'm very proud of the things that my husband has done to help and get our country on the right track, lowering the unemployment rate, fighting the good fight on the budget priorities, signing the crime bill, Americorps program, signing the Family and Medical Leave Act these are the things I am truly proud of. I've been disappointed by the level of divisiveness and negativism that has become the debate. The attempts to drive wedges between people and tearing them down when we should be focussing on working together to build a future. Let's debate the issues on their merits, not make it personal.

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22. If you had one day of anonymous freedom right now and could do anything you wished without public scrutiny, what would you do?

-- You know, i have to tell you that one of the things I really miss is just doing the simple things, like driving to the grocery store or taking my daughter shopping. Which is just harder to do now.

HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON INTERVIEW

REVISED #2

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TO: Lisa Caputo & Karen Finney, White House Press Office
FROM: Susan Winston & Dan Funk
DATE: November 20, 1995
RE: *Spotlight with Phyllis George* / Interview with Mrs. Clinton

Lisa & Karen --

Listed are the birthdates and Social Security numbers of the crew involved with the upcoming interview shoot with Mrs. Clinton. Also listed are their vehicles make and license numbers.

Susan Winston, Executive Producer

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[002]

Dan Funk, Director

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Phyllis George, Host

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Vincent Roppatte, Ms. George's M/U & Hair person

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SS# (unknown - Mr. Roppatte will call our office ASAP)

Jim Hagans, TNN Chief Photographer

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Camera Crew
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Thomas Bagnell

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Bob Waybright

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Frederick G. Patterson

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Vehicles

Mr. Anderson's:

92 Dodge Caravan , Burgundy
AAB-96P (Maryland plate)

89 Ford Econoline (stretch), White
IBW-205 (Maryland plate)