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THE WHITE HOUSE

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July 30, 1993

Honorable William J. Hughes
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rep. Hughes:

Thank you for your letter in support of the invitation extended by the the Memorial Hospital of Salem County. Unfortunately, my schedule does not permit me to take part in every event that I would like to attend. If I am able to participate in this worthwhile event, I will contact Mrs. Marjorie J. Stewart directly.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

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Hillary Rodham Clinton

WILLIAM J. HUGHES

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Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I write to respectfully request your attention to an invitation to be the keynote speaker at a special presentation announcing the "Kids Coalition for Health" project. This invitation was extended to you by Ms. Marjorie J. Stewart, Program Director at the Memorial Hospital of Salem County, New Jersey.

Memorial Hospital has been honored with the 1993 Johnson & Johnson Community Health Care Award for their proposed project, making them one out of only eight nationally selected programs. The Kids Coalition for Health is a one-year, \$30,000 grant that will introduce cardiovascular health education into the 15 school districts of Salem County.

The designation of this award is the highly deserved result of the endless dedication and concern displayed by the members of the Salem County Healthy Heart Program. Currently in its fourth year, this is a community-based cardiovascular disease prevention program that teaches residents how to make small, but positive changes in their lifestyles to reduce their risks for heart disease.

Salem County is a predominately rural community where transit and financial access to health care facilities and other services is difficult for many people. Through the efforts of the Healthy Heart Program and the proposed goals of the Kids Coalition project, public awareness and health tips are brought directly into the community's grasp.

The Kids Coalition project seems to epitomize the kind of health promotion and disease prevention, through education of our young people, which will pave the road to healthier, more knowledgeable communities contributing to the future welfare of our nation. The Kids Coalition for Health project recognizes the importance of youth, health, and a small-town community willing and inspired to improve their well-being.

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July 22, 1993

Honorable William J. Hughes
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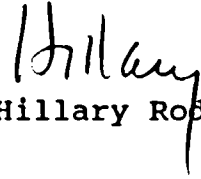
Dear Representative Hughes:

Thank you for providing information about United Diagnostic Clinics, Inc., and its unique effort to serve poor and uninsured individuals in New Jersey.

The kind of free diagnostic services provided by this organization are badly needed everywhere in America. I have passed on your suggestion regarding the multiple tax deduction to the President's health care advisors for their consideration.

Again, thank you for your letter. I look forward to our continued work together to ensure that every American enjoys the security of quality, affordable health care.

Sincerely,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE

November 1, 1993

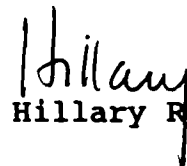
Hon. William J. Hughes
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Hughes:

Thank you for your recent letter and information regarding the KinderPASSPORT.

While I share your concerns about the plight of missing children and their families, I am advised by White House Counsel that endorsements such as the one you request would be inappropriate in my role as First Lady. I do, however, appreciate hearing about this innovative program and send heartfelt well wishes to Mr. Himebaugh in his search for his son.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

WILLIAM J. HUGHES
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Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I am writing to introduce you to an innovative approach to reducing the number of missing children in America through a standardized system of child identification.

The KinderPASSPORT record booklet, resembling a passport, is a practical child identification device created by Peter Arkin & Associates of Agoura Hills, California. Mr. Arkin has successfully launched "The Adopt a School Program" in the northern suburb of Los Angeles which has placed the KinderPASSPORT in the hands of the families of children enrolled in public and private elementary schools and pre-schools. Through this program over 80,000 children have been identified within approximately a 20 mile radius.

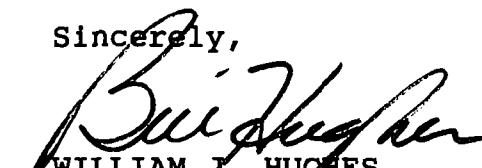
Efforts are currently underway to introduce "The Adopt a School Program" in school systems across the State of New Jersey. These efforts are spearheaded by Mr. Jody Himebaugh whose son, Mark, disappeared on November 25, 1991, from his home in Middle Township, New Jersey, and has not been seen since. Mark's disappearance is still under investigation.

Mr. Arkin and Mr. Himebaugh are in the process of seeking corporate sponsors to fund the expansion of this important program. The initial launch of the program in Los Angeles was funded strictly through private donations. Your suggestions or support for this endeavor, perhaps through a letter of endorsement, would certainly assist their efforts.

I believe the KinderPASSPORT booklet and "The Adopt a School Program" may provide the most effective tools to date in combating the tragedy of missing children in communities around the country. Enclosed is a packet containing information about the KinderPASSPORT and "The Adopt a School Program," for your review.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



WILLIAM J. HUGHES
Member of Congress



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JODY HIMEBAUGH

The Friends of Mark Himebaugh FOUNDATION, INC.

September 28, 1993

Mrs. Hillary Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

On Monday, November 25, 1991, my (then) 11-year-old son, Mark, disappeared without a trace from the area of his home in the Del Haven section of Middle Township, Cape May County, New Jersey. A massive week-long air, land, and sea search uncovered nothing, nor has the ensuing investigation.

In the aftermath of this on-going nightmare, our group has strived not only to keep Mark's situation continuously in the public eye, but also to heighten and maintain national awareness of the issue of child abduction.

As part of this effort, we have joined with other Missing Children organizations across the country to bring to the attention of state educators the KinderPASSPORT record.

I was contacted in June by Peter B. Arkin & Associates, Agoura Hills, California. Peter has created an exciting way for all children to receive the KinderPASSPORT record at no cost. His program, "The Adopt-A-School Program" featuring the KinderPASSPORT record, has been very successful on the west coast, and he is now on a quest to identify all of America's children using the same basic concept.

The enclosed booklet contains an introduction to the program, sample KinderPASSPORT record, endorsements, and newspaper articles of the program's recent successes.

After you've had a chance to review the material, Peter and I would like the opportunity to speak with you about our efforts. We solicit your endorsement and your help in accomplishing this very important goal for America's future population.

P.O. Box 551
Cape May, NJ
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(609) 884-MARK
(6275)

Please know of my heart-felt appreciation for your consideration. It's reassuring whenever someone takes a sincere interest in our plight and in the issue of child abduction. We're certain that we are going to find Mark. The obvious question is, "When"?.

Statistically, there are over 500,000 children listed as MISSING each year! Maybe someday the heinous crime of child abduction and the ominous rise in the number of missing children can be brought to a halt. To that end, it is my hope that the news media, companies and organizations, and people everywhere will continue to cooperate, as they have been, to help bring these kids home unharmed.

As with every letter I've written since his disappearance, I ask that you keep praying for Mark's safe return and for the strength that I need to find him. Thank you and may God bless you.

Keeping HOPE alive, I am

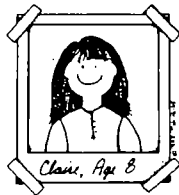
Sincerely yours,

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Jody Himebaugh, dad

A Parent's Responsibility

Put together a complete file on your child and keep it current! The more information you have, the better prepared searchers and law enforcement personnel can be in trying to recover your child should he become missing.



1. Have current photos of your child. For children under 7, photos should be taken twice a year. For children over 7, annually. Keep the negatives in a safe place.
2. If possible, have your child video taped annually. This will serve as an invaluable means of identification in an emergency situation.
3. Have your children fingerprinted.
4. Maintain current dental records.
5. Know your child's blood-type.
6. Keep on file, his social security number.

Be observant....
Without looking, do you
know what your child
is wearing at this
moment?



Mark's Story

On November 25, 1991, (then) 11-year-old Mark Himebaugh disappeared from the area of his home without a trace. A massive week-long air, land, and sea search uncovered nothing, nor has the ensuing investigation.

Mark lives with his mother and his older brother, Matthew, in Sunray Beach, a quiet, rural neighborhood located along the Delaware Bay, in the Middle Township section of Cape May County, New Jersey.

Mark had just returned home from school at 3 pm, when a small marsh fire broke out not too far from the house. Mark asked for, and received, permission from his mom to go watch the fire. Setting out on foot, Mark trekked along the bay front to watch the excitement of the fire trucks and firemen.

About a half-hour later, Mark was returning home, walking up the street to the house, when his mom backed the car out of the driveway to run an errand. She told Mark she'd be right back. Mark's last words were, "O.K. mom".

The errand would have normally taken about 5 minutes. However, due to the fire, traffic was being detoured. The trip ended up taking nearly 45 minutes.

When Mark's mother returned home, she saw no sign that Mark had ever made it home.

In the hours and days immediately following Mark's disappearance, investigators learned that Mark was seen entering a neighborhood park with a little girl at about 3:40, or shortly after he talked to his mom. (To date, the identity of the little girl has never been determined.)

In December of 1991, heavyweight boxing champion, Riddick Bowe, donated \$15,000.00 to a reward fund for Mark's safe recovery. The reward now stands at \$25,000.00.

In 1992 Friends of Mark caused a bill to be passed that required an infant's blood type to be recorded on the birth certificate.

In May of 1992, in observance of National Missing Children Day, Governor Jim Florio made Mark "poster-child", representing all missing children in the state of New Jersey.

In January 1993, the New Jersey Department of Motor Vehicles erected bulletin boards permanently in all its agencies on which the flyers of missing children will be posted.

In March 1993, the Delaware River & Bay Authority unveiled billboards in the Cape May, New Jersey & Lewes, Delaware Ferry terminal buildings displaying identifying information about Mark.

Mark's birthday, May 23rd, and National Missing Children Day, May 25th, are observed together annually to heighten public awareness and to keep hope alive.

The
Friends of Mark
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Protect Our Society's Most Precious Asset... Its Children

The Friends of Mark Himebaugh Foundation, Inc. is a charitable organization acting as a resource for parents, children, and other organizations in the prevention of child abduction and the recovery of missing children.

OUR OBJECTIVES

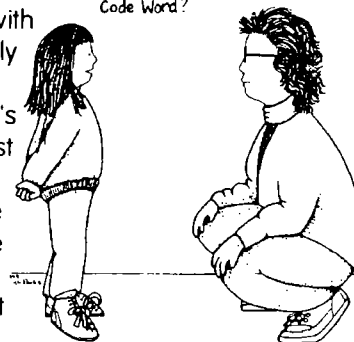
1. TO LOCATE missing children by assisting both families and law enforcement through national and local media exposure. Friends of Mark distributes photos nationally so that missing children can be recognized.
2. TO EDUCATE parents and children on child safety.
3. TO ASSIST, whenever possible, all other child locating agencies in their efforts.
4. TO ENLIGHTEN the media and the public by providing current information concerning the Missing Children issue.
5. TO SUPPORT legislation providing positive action to ensure our children's safety.



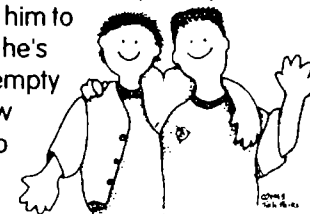
Child Safety Information

It is estimated that each year 114,600 non-family type abductions are attempted on our nation's children. Parents can take every precaution and still have this happen. However, there are several steps parents can take to help lessen the chance their child will be abducted.

1. Teach your child the facts of abduction early. If handled matter-of-factly and simply, as another coping skill, children need not be frightened.
2. Teach your child his full name, address, and telephone number along with area code and long distance dialing information.
3. Never put your child's name on any article of clothing, lunch box, backpacks etc. A stranger should never be able to call your child by name.
4. Use a secret code word. What is the Code Word?
Instruct your child to go with no one who cannot supply the code word. The child may ask the adult, "What's the code word?", but must understand that he must never say the word. If the adult volunteers the code word, then your child knows you have sent that person and it is safe.
5. Be cautious when choosing day care, pre-school, or baby sitters. Check references! Make sure they will release your child to no one but you without prior permission.
6. Instruct your baby sitters or children left at home never to open the door to strangers or volunteer information over the phone. They should say you are home but cannot come to the phone.
7. Post emergency numbers near the phone.
8. Never leave young children unattended in the car.



9. If your child is old enough to be out on his own, encourage him to use the "buddy-system" so he's never alone, and to avoid empty lots, fields, and parks. Know the route your child takes to and from school.



10. Instruct your child to report any suspicious incidents to you. When your child tells you he saw something in the neighborhood that made him afraid, a strange car and the driver looked at him funny, believe him.

What To Do If ... YOUR CHILD IS MISSING

- ✓ CALL THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY
- ✓ GIVE ACCURATE INFORMATION TO THE POLICE
- ✓ ASK POLICE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD'S DATA IN NCIC
- ✓ TRY TO DETERMINE CAUSE OF DISAPPEARANCE IF THERE IS DOUBT
- ✓ MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE SEARCH FOR YOUR CHILD GETS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY
- ✓ SEARCH FOR YOUR CHILD
- ✓ CONTACT EMERGENCY FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION DEPOTS
- ✓ KEEP A NOTEBOOK OF INFORMATION
- ✓ CONTACT YOUR STATE CLEARING HOUSE & THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN.
- ✓ CONTACT LOCAL MISSING CHILDREN ORGANIZATIONS
- ✓ CONTACT FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
- ✓ PRINT AND DISTRIBUTE POSTERS
- ✓ SEEK HELPFUL MASS MEDIA COVERAGE
- ✓ REQUEST THAT AGENCIES COOPERATE
- ✓ EXPAND YOUR SEARCH IF CHILD IS TAKEN OUT OF LOCAL AREA
- ✓ KEEP FAITH IN THE EVENTUAL SUCCESS OF SEARCH
- ✓ HAVE A RELIABLE PERSON ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A COMMAND POST, PREFERABLY IN THE PARENT'S HOME

MISSING PERSON

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Mark Himebaugh

DESCRIPTION:

Date of Birth: 5/23/80 Place of Birth: Cape May, NJ
Height: 4' 6" Weight: 85 lbs.
Hair: Red Eyes: Blue
Complexion: Freckles Race: White
Build: Medium Occupation: 6th grade student
Scars & Marks: Fresh healed broken left foot
Last Seen: 3:15 PM, November 25, 1991
by his mother in Del Haven, New Jersey
Wearing: Blue sweatshirt, gray docker style pants, gray jacket, white sneakers.

If you have any information
PLEASE CONTACT:

MAJOR CRIME UNIT
31 Mechanic St.,
Cape May Court House,
NJ 08210
(609) 465-8700

THE WHITE HOUSE

May 12, 1993

Honorable William J. Hughes
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Hughes:

Thank you for your letter in support of the invitations extended by the Howard S. Stainton Society of Shore Memorial Hospital and the Bacharach Hospital Foundation. Unfortunately, my schedule does not permit me to accept every request that I would like to honor, and I am unable to participate in these very worthwhile events.

Again, thank you for contacting me. I look forward to our continued work together to ensure that every American has access to quality, affordable health care.

Sincerely,

Hillary

THE WHITE HOUSE

June 25, 1993

Honorable William J. Hughes
United States House of Representatives
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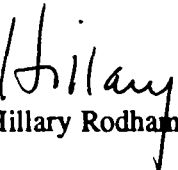
Dear Representative Hughes:

Thank you for your invitation to address the Congressional Older Americans Caucus about the President's national health reform package. I would very much like to meet with you, and will contact Mr. Johnston-Walsh if my schedule allows me to accept your offer.

The President's health care reform plan will address the specific needs of older Americans that are not adequately met under our current health care system. The President and his health care advisors are currently considering several options concerning long-term health care in the effort to find the most cost-effective and highest quality long-term plan. Home- and community-based health care are among the more attractive options because they allow older Americans to continue to live in their own homes with dignity and independence.

Again, thank you for the invitation. I look forward to our continued work together to ensure that every American enjoys the security of quality, affordable health care.

Sincerely,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

WILLIAM J. HUGHES

2ND DISTRICT, NEW JERSEY

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Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
Chairwoman
Presidential Task Force on Health
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I write to introduce you to an exciting concept invented by one of my constituents which could save millions of health care dollars in administrative costs.

Dr. Michael Cortes, of Atlantic City, New Jersey, has invented a computer readable Recovery Card, no larger than any regular credit card, which contains both patient medical information and insurance information. By inserting a Recovery Card in a data card reader, or scanner, this keyless data entry process provides an accurate, low-cost, means of receiving and transferring medical and insurance information into a computer for billing and medical recordkeeping purposes.

Numerous studies have concluded that millions of dollars can be saved by eliminating excessive paperwork, red tape, and duplicative administrative costs, with the standardization of health claims forms for both public and private plans and the development of an electronic billing system. Dr. Cortes' invention has great potential as the cornerstone of a national uniform electronic billing system and presents an real opportunity to achieve health care savings.

Enclosed is more detailed information about Dr. Cortes' invention for your information and consideration. Dr. Cortes would greatly appreciate the opportunity to demonstrate his invention to you, members of the Presidential Task Force on Health Care, Secretary Shalala, or before an appropriate forum where the usefulness and application of this invention can be discussed.

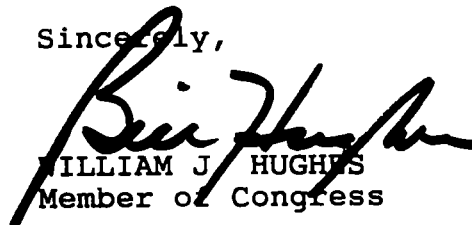
I truly believe the Recovery Card holds great promise for eliminating the administrative nightmares and the associated costs which currently plague our health care system. This dimension of health care delivery would complement and enhance any reform package.

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
February 1, 1993
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I hope you will give Dr. Cortes' invention your very serious consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you would like more information or if I can be of any assistance.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



WILLIAM J. HUGHES
Member of Congress

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cc: Secretary Donna Shalala
Dr. Michael Cortes

THE WHITE HOUSE

February 19, 1993

Dear Representative Hughes:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter calling to our attention Dr. Michael Cortes's computer readable recovery card.

I will ask the health care task force to consider Dr. Cortes's creative proposal and to be in touch with him if they require further information is required.

I do appreciate your offer of assistance and look forward to working with you on the important issue of health care reform.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable William J. Hughes
U.S. House of Representatives
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