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THE WHITE HOUSE

November 11, 1993

Hon. Gillespie V. Montgomery
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Rep. Montgomery:

Thank you for sending along Mr. Burton's suggestions for the President's health care reform proposal. The proposal was designed to respond to the concerns we have heard from hundreds of thousands of citizens in every part of the country. It will provide the security of knowing that their health care coverage will never be taken away. It will simplify our overly complex system with its thousands of forms. It will control spiraling health care costs, yet maintain quality medical care. And finally, it will preserve the choice of doctors so important to us all.

I hope that you will encourage Mr. Burton to stay involved. Again, thank you for contacting me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. Clinton", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hillary Rodham Clinton

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October 20, 1993

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have received from my constituent, Mr. Dewey Burton, Jr. He asked that I pass it along to you for your information.

Sincerely,



GILLESPIE G. MONTGOMERY
Member of Congress

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Enclosure
cc: Mr. Dewey Burton, Jr.

October 13, 1993

Wednesday

2:45 A.M. C.S.T.

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Dewey Burton Jr.
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Philadelphia
Mississippi
39350

Mr. Montgomery, I hope

this Cool Weather is not
bothering that knee! Mr.
Montgomery, I have an
Article I would like for the
First Lady Hillary Rodham
Clinton to see! Doing Work
for Support Groups for children
with Incurable Diseases as I do
I have Run across an Article
I think she would be interested
in. I ask you Sir if you
would see that she gets it!
Its an Article about Mothers
of Disabled Children.



Mr. Montgomery, Thank You
for Corresponding with me
on the Health - Care Issue.
I will talk to You more
about it Later! Thank You

and God Bless You !!!

P. S. Take Care
of That Knee!

With Tremendous Respect,
Dewey Burton Jr.

DID YOU EVER WONDER 'HOW' MOTHERS OF DISABLED CHILDREN ARE CHOSEN?

Somehow I visualize God hovering over Earth selecting his instruments for propagation with great care and deliberation. As he observes, he instructs his angels to make notes in a giant ledger.

'Armstrong, Beth; son; guardian angel, Matthew.

'Forest, Marjorie; daughter, guardian angel, Cecelia.

'Rutledge, Carrie; twins; guardian angel...give her Gerard, He's used to profanity.'

Finally, he passes a name to an angel and smiles, 'Give her a handicapped child.'

The angel is curious. 'Why this one, God? She's so happy.'

'Exactly,' smiles God. 'Could I give a handicapped child a mother who does not know laughter.

That would be cruel.'

'But has she patience?' asks the angel.

'I don't want her to have too much patience or she will drown in a sea of self-pity and despair.

Once the shock and resentment wears off, she'll handle it.

'I watched her today. She has that feeling of independence that is so rare and so necessary in a mother. The child I'm going to give her has his own world. She has to make it live in her world and that's not going to be easy.'

'But, Lord, I don't think she even believes in you.'

God smiles. 'No matter. I can fix that. This one is perfect. She has just enough selfishness.'

The angel gasps, 'Selfishness? Is that a virtue?'

God nods. 'If she can't separate herself from the child occasionally, she'll never survive. Yes, there is a woman whom I will bless with a child less than perfect. She doesn't realize it yet, but she is to be envied. She will never take for granted a 'spoken word.' She will never consider a 'step' ordinary. When her child says 'Momma' for the first time, she will be present at a miracle and know it! When she describes a tree or a sunset to her blind child, she will see it as few people ever see my creations.

'I will permit her to see clearly the things I see--ignorance, cruelty, prejudice--and allow her to rise above them. She will never be alone. I will be at her side every minute of every day of her life because she is doing my work.'

'And what about her guardian angel?' asks the angel, his pen poised in midair.

'A mirror will suffice,' he says.

This article first appeared in Erma Bombeck's column in 1980.

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February 3, 1993

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter you recently received from Carolyn Patterson, a very good friend of mine and a native of Mississippi.

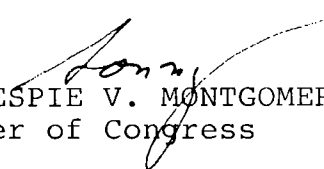
I believe Carolyn has a very good and unique idea to increase tourism from abroad in the U.S. and also to make use of the varied talents and considerable energy of our nation's retirees.

Carolyn is a very competent individual with an international reputation for her editorial and photographic abilities. I know she would be more than happy to discuss this proposal with you or an appropriate member of the White House staff.

OPEN HOUSE USA would provide an economic boost for our country at no cost to the government while also garnering important goodwill among people from other countries.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


GILLESPIE V. MONTGOMERY
Member of Congress

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National Geographic Magazine

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CAROLYN BENNETT PATTERSON
SENIOR ASSISTANT EDITOR

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Hillary Clinton
The White House

This is my answer to President Clinton's Inaugural Speech calling for those "still young in spirit to give of themselves in service." I propose that we, as a Nation, reactivate and bring to successful fruition OPEN HOUSE, USA, a plan I developed and attempted to promote for the American Bicentennial in 1976. I did this as a volunteer while working fulltime as the first woman editor at *National Geographic* magazine, a position I held from the early 1950's to my retirement in 1987.

A little history. In the 1960's I was made chairman of the board of the small Wally Byam Foundation. Though meagerly funded by the Airstream Corporation, a trailer manufacturer, the Foundation's goal was large: To promote international understanding through trailer travel. To accomplish that goal I persuaded Airstream to give me 25 new trailers each summer; Detroit gave me Oldsmobiles and Pontiacs; Fieldcrest gave linens; Corningware, cookware, and, at first, the American Petroleum Institute gave money for gas and oil for the program I called CARAVAN AMERICA. Then we invited delegations from Britain, France, Germany, Switzerland, and the diplomatic communities of Washington and the United Nations to tour the United States coast-to-coast for a month each. The tours were a huge success and gained many influential foreign friends for the United States (On one tour we had only members of the German Parliament.)

The concept of OPEN HOUSE USA grew out of CARAVAN AMERICA. For the American Bicentennial in 1976 why not invite the world to come to the USA for visits in the homes of its citizens? To make it work, professionals such as lawyers, doctors, teachers, etc, would invite opposite numbers from abroad. Rotarians and other international clubs would tap into their memberships. Church, women's groups and childrens' advocates would invite their opposite numbers. The list is endless. When the Bicentennial Commission failed to adopt the plan, I took a team of Society of American Travel Writers around the world in 1975 to invite the media to come to the USA as guests of CARAVAN AMERICA. Some 360 journalists came in 1976 and crisscrossed the country for six months--the largest number of media to visit in the shortest time in history.

I propose today's OPEN HOUSE USA be headed up by the Nation's retirees who have the time and space in homes needed for the program. The economic boost to the country and good will earned by this program is obvious. Let's talk.

Sincerely, Carolyn Bennett Patterson

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May 19, 1994

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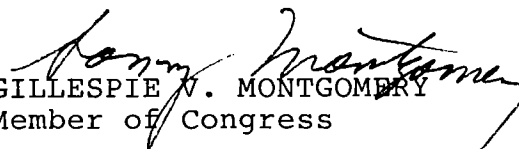
Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Many thanks for agreeing to serve as Honorary Chair of the 1994 USA International Ballet Competition in my home state of Mississippi. The competition has become internationally renown and is the official international ballet competition in the United States.

I certainly hope you, along with the President and your daughter, Chelsea, will be able to attend part of the competition, which will begin June 18 and end July 2. You and the family would be most welcome and your presence would be greatly appreciated by the participants.

Thanks for your consideration and I certainly hope the schedule of the First Family will allow you to attend part of the 1994 USA International Ballet Competition.

Sincerely,


GILLESPIE N. MONTGOMERY
Member of Congress

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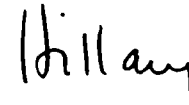
THE WHITE HOUSE

March 16, 1993

Dear Representative Montgomery:

Thank you for your letter regarding Carolyn Patterson's OPEN HOUSE USA proposal. Her innovative idea could indeed make a major contribution to international understanding. Perhaps she might persuade an organization of older Americans to implement the program, as it is targeted at retirees.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Gillespie V. Montgomery
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