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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 30, 1993

Jenny McCarthy
Director
Office of Agency Liaison
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20050

Dear Jenny:

I have reviewed the sample report which you submitted to me. I want to commend you and your entire staff, in particular Sue Smith and Henry Glaser, for your good work on the Reafasall, Whitman, and Barres cases. Your dedication and tireless efforts are evident in the successful results you are achieving.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton

13525 Longspur Court
Valley View, Ohio 44125
June 14, 1993

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

Last week I saw you on television being interviewed by Katie Couric and was moved by your reaction to Ms. Couric's question about your relationship with your father. I also have a close relationship with my father and during the general election last November my father went through extraordinary means to be able to vote and I was wondering if his efforts could be rewarded with a proclamation from the White House.

Briefly I would like to relate to you the events that led up to my father's extreme act of citizenship.

Six years ago my father underwent a triple bypass operation to repair some damaged arteries in his heart. Last fall he was diagnosed with cancer and his borderline diabetes became worse and he was put on daily insulin shots. At that time he also experienced several occurrences of congestive heart failure. Even though he had a lot of medical problems, it came as a shock when the doctor told him to go immediately to the hospital during a routine office visit. This happened a week before the November election.

Originally he was only going in for a few days for tests but the tests confirmed the doctor's suspicions and the day before the election, he learned that at 78 he would have to undergo open heart surgery at the Cleveland Clinic.

One thing that upset him was that he would not be able to vote. You would think that with all his medical problems he wouldn't care, but my father served his country during World War II, aboard a Navy destroyer and since he returned safely from that war he has never failed to vote in every primary and general election. I'm sure he felt this might be his last election and even had my mother call the Board of Elections in Cleveland.

The problem was that he had missed the cutoff to vote in the hospital by several hours and to be able to vote absentee, my 75 year old mother would have had to go to downtown Cleveland and get the absentee ballot which was virtually impossible for her.

On election day, my father was scheduled to have a heart catheterization done at another hospital in Cleveland. He was taken by ambulance and somehow managed to talk the driver into stopping at the voting poll on his way back to the hospital which was within a mile of where my parents live.

Everyone was shocked when the ambulance pulled up in front of the poll and they wheeled in my father who had on his pajamas, robe and slippers, and was strapped to the gurney. As they approached the doors, they discovered that there was an hour wait because the line was extremely long. The orderly asked if my father could be wheeled up to vote and through a line of applauding voters my dad was wheeled to the front of the line where he signed into vote while still strapped to the gurney. They then wheeled him to the booth and unstrapped him and stood him up so he could cast his ballot.

Later he told me that he only could stand long enough to vote for a few people but I know he did cast his vote in the presidential race. I can't guarantee that he voted for your husband, as I did, but I can tell you that my family have been life long Democrats.

My father's name is Kenneth Dempsey and lives at 5490 East 96th Street, Garfield Heights, Ohio, 44125, and I think his fortitude in getting to the polls on election day is a wonderful example of citizenship.

By the way, he did undergo the surgery in mid-November and after a lengthy recovery is doing very well.

Thank you, for taking the time to read such a lengthy letter.

Sincerely,


Cynthia A. Baker

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 6, 1993

Ms. Cynthia A. Baker
13525 Longspur Court
Valley View, Ohio 44125

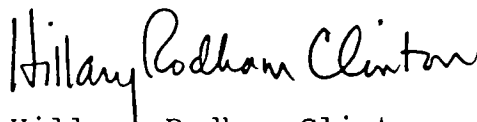
Dear Ms. Baker:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful and compelling letter. The story you relate about your father's determined effort to vote in the last Presidential election is an inspirational tribute to his courage and patriotism.

This is a challenging time for all Americans. President Clinton is working hard to lead our country in a new direction. The support of citizens like your father is essential to the administration.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to me about your father. My thoughts and prayers are with him.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hillary Rodham Clinton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Hillary Rodham Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 30, 1993

Mr. Kenneth Dempsey
5490 East 96th Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44125

Dear Mr. Dempsey:

I recently received a moving letter from your daughter in which she relates your extraordinary efforts to vote in the last Presidential election. Your determination to exercise this privilege is a lesson in citizenship for us all.

I commend your efforts and the patriotism which inspired them. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton

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August 3, 1993

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Hillary Rodham Clinton
White House
1400 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I know you have received hundreds of letters from special interest groups in support of one type of medical situation or another during your tenure as the Chair of the Health Reform Task Force. Please add this letter to those. However, please consider it from two perspectives: (1) as a professional who works with the Severely Disabled Mentally Ill and (2) as a person who suffers from Chronic Mental Illness.

The Mentally Ill are a population of people who suffer greatly from no-fault brain disease. Many still view the mentally ill as having weak character traits and being unable to "pull themselves together." Many view mental illness as a moral problem. Few people in this well-educated country of ours view mental illness as the devastating disease that it is. As a consequence, the mentally ill not only have to deal with the symptoms of their illnesses, they must also deal with public stigma issues that lead to discrimination in housing, in vocational opportunity, and among social contacts.

My friend has diabetes. I have recurrent major depression. Both her disease and mine cycle into acuity about every three to five years. During acute phases, we both require treatment, frequently involving hospitalization, medication, and comprehensive intervention by a physician.

Sarah is treated with compassion and support from her family and friends. I hear people tell me things like, "You've got too much going to let life get you down. Pull yourself out of this thing" or "If you were walking 'right' with the Lord, you wouldn't be feeling this way." In her disease state, people express sympathy and concern. In my disease state, people express blame.

Sarah has a Bachelor's degree in journalism, has held several high level media positions, is competent, and misses work frequently due to her illness. I have a doctorate in Healthcare Administration, have held several high level administrative positions in mental health, am competent, and occasionally miss work due to my illness. When Sarah misses work, her employers encourage her "to get well" and return when she can. When I miss work, my employers have asked me if I am able to continue to carry out my functions upon

returning to the job and scrutinize my job performance over the next several months.

Sarah's insurance pays all of her medical bills. My insurance covers part of my bills, leaving me with large medical indebtedness after treatment.

Sarah belongs to a Diabetes Foundation support group where they discuss the disease process and how to live with the disease. I belong to the Depressive-Manic Depressive Association; our support groups discuss the disease process, how to live with the disease, what we're going to do to help people understand mental illness, and what we're going to cut out of our budgets so we can pay our medical bills.

Yet, I would like to emphasize the fact that I AM LUCKY. While I do carry a psychiatric diagnosis and am recurrently disabled, many of the people with whom I work seldom, if ever, experience remission of symptoms and rely on social supports to maintain some semblance of a "normal life." Their insurance has long ago "run out." They maxed out their lifetime benefits years ago and are reliant on public psychiatric institutions which are overcrowded and from which they receive minimal assistance due to the overcrowding and lack of adequate services. Their diseases have taken a toll: they may have a shuffling gait due to years of taking psychotropic medication, their grooming and hygiene tends to suffer during prolonged periods of acute symptomology; in short, they LOOK CRAZY. When you look crazy, it's tough to find a landlord who welcomes you into his rental property. When you look crazy, it's tough to find an employer who welcomes you into his business. When you look crazy, it's tough to find friends.

Mrs. Clinton, if healthcare reform does nothing else in this (supposedly) progressive country that cares for its citizens, let it treat the mentally ill with dignity and equity. Let it honor their needs for treatment and services in the same way Sarah's are honored. Let it send a strong message to all people that we really do care about those people who must struggle with illness every day.

Sincerely, _____

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c: New Mexico Congressmen

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August 30, 1993

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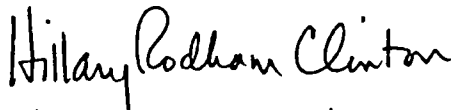
Dear (b)(6):

Thank you very much for your thoughtful and compelling letter about the difficulties you have encountered as a person diagnosed with and treated for a mental illness. The strength and courage you have shown is an inspiration for us all.

The administration is committed to offering quality medical care to every American and to bringing costs under control. Your ideas in this area will be carefully considered.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to me. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

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*Division of Endocrinology,
Diabetes & Metabolism*

Department of Medicine

Mitchell A. Lazar, M.D., Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Medicine
and Genetics

August 4, 1993

Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Ms. Clinton:

I am a physician, scientist, and educator writing to you because of your interest in the future of our nation's educational and health care systems. You probably receive numerous letters from adoring children who want to be like you someday, but such rewards are rare for me. Thus, I was extremely excited when I received a letter from Sarah Young, a seven year old girl who wants to be a scientist whe she grows up. I have enclosed copies of her letter and my optimistic reply, in case you would enjoy reading them. However, the real purpose of my letter is to remind you of what I dared not tell her. I did not tell her that scientists go to school for 22 years followed by 4-8 years of post-doctoral training, then have to compete for a vanishing amount of funding. I did not tell her that although I have had a successful career in academic medicine thus far, I know that only 10% of quality grant applications are being funded, so I spend an increasing amount of time worrying and writing grants, and have less time to be creative in my science and teaching. I did not tell her these things because I too am concerned about our country. I am hoping that we will value and support science and teaching even in difficult economic times, because our future depends upon young people like Sarah being excited about these career choices.

Sincerely,

Mitchell A. Lazar, M.D., Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Medicine and Genetics

July 25, 1993

Dear Dr. Lazaar;

I am a 7 year old girl going into third grade. I am writing to you because I want to be a scientist like you. I've wanted to be a scientist since I was 4 years old. I know that scientists mix things together and invent things.

What I want to know is where do you get the things you mix together? What kinds of things do you invent? What kind of mixtures do you make?

Is it fun to be a scientist? How long do you have to stay in school? How old do you have to be? What do you do for fun?

Please write me back.

love,

Sarah Young
Sarah Young

UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



*Division of Endocrinology,
Diabetes & Metabolism*

Department of Medicine

*Mitchell A. Lazar, M.D., Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Medicine
and Genetics*

August 1, 1993

Dear Sarah,

Thank you for your very nice letter. I like being a scientist, and I am glad that you want to be one too. Scientists try to learn things about the world, like "Why is the sky blue?" and "Why do we need to eat food?" and "How do we see with our eyes?". Scientists do different things depending on the questions they are asking. One thing is always the same, though. We look at the world very closely, and try to find rules to explain the things we see. Once we think we have figured out a rule, we do experiments to test the rule to see if it's really true.

There are many different kinds of experiments. Sometimes we need to invent things like telescopes to help us see far away, or microscopes to help us see tiny things. Sometimes we mix things together, to see what happens. Here's an easy experiment you can do. Ask your mom or dad to help. Put a spoonful of sugar into a glass of water and mix it around. The sugar disappears! But if you taste the water, it is sweet. That's because the sugar is still there even though you cannot see it- it has dissolved in the water. Your experiment shows that sugar can dissolve in water. You can test other things too. Salt dissolves in water, but a rock does not. You can find out about other fun experiments for kids in books at the library.

I do experiments to help figure out why some people are fat and some are skinny. I have a place at the University of Pennsylvania where I mix together special chemicals, which are things kind of like sugar and salt, when I do my experiments. We call this place the lab, which is short for laboratory.

It is fun to be a scientist. It feels great to learn something that no one else knows, and to teach your new idea to other people. You do have to go to school for a pretty long time, but I think that school is fun when you learn all sorts of neat things about how the world works. I also have fun doing things that other people do, like playing basketball, watching movies, and reading stories. One great thing about being a scientist is that once you understand more about the world, many ordinary things that you do and see and read about are more fun too.

I am glad that you want to be a scientist, and I hope that you will write to me again. Let me know if you would like to come visit my lab, and I will arrange for you to do an experiment here with me.

Your Friend,
Mitch Lazar

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 30, 1993

Dr. Mitchell Lazar
Assistant Professor of Medicine and Genetics
University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine
611 Clinical Research Building 422 Curie Boulevard
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104-6149

Dear Dr. Lazar:

Thank you for your letter concerning the importance of funding for science and teaching. The response which you sent to Sarah Young is a wonderful example of a teacher encouraging a student to approach the world with a creative and inquiring mind.

Your comments, and those of other writers, provide President Clinton with important information about issues which directly affect people in our country. I can assure you that he carefully considers the views of concerned individuals like you before making policy decisions.

Thank you again for taking the time to share with me Sarah's letter and your response.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

SUPPORT

1974 Huntington Place
Rock Hill, SC 29732-1050
(803) 329-5764
July 28, 1993

Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Count me as one who is relieved--rather than alarmed--that we have working with The White House a woman with your abilities and heart. Our country has so many complex problems that it's going to take leadership with the patience to listen and then to lead before we can even begin to set our feet in the right paths. I especially encourage your advocacy for children.

Try to live with the petty gossip, the sound-bite mentality, the fish-bowl life--at least for eight years. We very much need you and Mr. Clinton both.

Sincerely yours,

Doris B. Blough

Doris B. Blough

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 30, 1993

Ms. Doris Blough
1974 Huntington Place
Rock Hill, South Carolina 29732-1050

Dear Ms. Blough:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter. Your kind words of encouragement mean a great deal to me as does your interest in the welfare of our nation's children.

President Clinton is working hard to make the interests of children and their families a national priority. One of his first acts on taking office was to sign the Family and Medical Leave Act. He also aims to strengthen our system of child support enforcement, and reform our nation's welfare system to help people move from welfare to work through health care, child care and job training.

Each of us can make a difference in the life of some child or young person if we are willing to take the time to reach out to him or her with caring and compassion. We must all work together to make sure that every child is nurtured and encouraged to do his best.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to me.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

fine - as a letter to BC, but it is very moving and she might like to see it.

175 E. 2nd. Street #3A
New York, N.Y. 10009
August 16, 1993

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

This is a copy of a letter that I have just sent to the president. I think it appropriate that I send it to you as well. I hope it will be of some use.

Sincerely,

E. Jay Weiss

E. Jay Weiss

August 1-5, 1993

Dear President Clinton,

The last time I wrote to a president was in 1960. Having just turned eighteen, I wrote to then President-elect Kennedy expressing my support and regret that I was not quite of voting age. Eventually I received a short thoughtful note in return, on senate stationery, thanking me and signed "John Fitzgerald Kennedy." Of course, I still have that note.

On National Public Radio I just heard you speak about support for your deficit reduction package. By the time this letter reaches someone on your staff much of this will be old news; but something in your voice--I don't recall your exact words--you were referring to Congress either passing your package or having no package at all and that was the way it was...something in your voice, a conviction, compelled me to write.

I voted for you with some misgivings. For the first time the president and vice presidential candidates were younger than myself and the issue of maturity came up. I remembered my parents' concern about Kennedy's age and experience and I couldn't understand then what I have grown up to know now. It is hard to imagine any human being handling your job regardless of age. You do seem to me to be growing into the job and becoming more--well, *presidential*. I am more confident that it may be your destiny to challenge the status quo. You were elected on the hope of providing a better, indeed to provide at all, any vision for this country. It is here that I would like to address my point:

The Biblical "Book of Proverbs" (29:18) states: "Where there is no vision the people perish;" ("but he that keepeth the law happy is he.") Our constitution, as President Reagan once pointed out, begins with the phrase, "We the People." This is the sharing of a common vision and we are all to a great degree tapped into that vision. Though words are not my specialty, vision as a medium is crucial to me. I am an artist--a painter and sculptor--in what is referred to in art circles as "mid-career." I am fortunate that I am among the two percent of visual artists in this country whose work supports them and pays their taxes as well. At age 51 I have come to realize that what has allowed me to avoid the 98% odds against my particular pursuit of happiness and to do what I feel I must is the strength of this thing called vision. Vision can be used as a powerful tool, and difficult as it is to articulate, I am

beginning to sense it in your presidency despite all the confusion of the world.

Kennedy's vision helped get us to the moon at least a generation ahead of schedule. Martin Luther King's "dream" has imbued every layer of American consciousness. I realize that you are a smart man (and this cannot generally be said about recent presidents) and of course, you are very much a politician. However, I am not addressing your political persona, but rather you as a fellow person. Something deep within you was inspired and rose upwards to beat the incredible odds against your being elected to the nation's highest office. I am sure that a simple thing called "hope" played a big part in that. As a metaphor, hope conveys a dimension of light and vision. It is hard to avoid abstractions when things get down to fundamentals, like the abstract names physicists ascribe to particles of matter: "Charm" and "Quark" et al.

Fundamentally what we as a people all have in common is this vision thing. And the vision extends to the whole world. It is an awesome responsibility to consider what kind of world we want to live in. It is frightening to think what kind of world we already have. But there is hope, and as your decisions as president do affect us all, destiny may serve you well if you can provide the nation with a common vision of health.

Certainly Mrs. Clinton's and your tackling of the health-care morass is of major direct concern to a great number of us. As an individual subscriber to health insurance I can barely afford my basic coverage. I don't have a wrap-around policy, but my basic coverage is of some comfort to me; without it I might be crippled today after suffering a serious injury ten years ago. I see health somewhat metaphorically since health implies what kind of an outlook one has. To heal, literally means "to make whole." Again, it takes a certain extension of vision to see things whole. I, like many Americans have had some experience in seeing personal and financial burdens of catastrophic disease. My mother suffered a long, slow death from Alzheimer's Disease and the cost came very close to taking my parents' house away from them. Fortunately, they were spared this. At present, I am a member of the advisory board for the Cabrini Hospital hospice here in New York. This is the city's largest hospice facility. It is dedicated to providing care, nourishment, and spiritual hope for the terminally ill. The reality of what plagues the effectiveness of the advisory board has the all-too-familiar symptoms of bureaucracy, institutionalized thinking, and competition. Little gets done to change the status quo. I notice the frustration and, sometimes, pain in the voices and on the faces of very highly qualified and dedicated professionals on the advisory board. They are: hospice

administrators, doctors, health care facilitators, insurance representatives, lawyers, bankers, business people, representatives of interdenominational religious groups, and so on, and an artist. I have asked myself my purpose there; how can my experience contribute to such a complex set of standards? I am then reminded of my own humanity by something deep within me. Whatever that is facilitates my thinking with clarity and compassion. I find that though the truth may not be confronting a pretty picture its sound has a healthy resonance. There is a sense of empowerment in that.

In this country we do not have a healing resonance. What we have is a system of maintaining sickness through fear and profit. And the profit comes from illness and not the prevention of it. Both you and Mrs. Clinton have been entrusted with an extraordinary task--a "covenant" to change this outlook. I believe that you can change the status quo on health care without breaking our backs or our bank accounts. Health is, after all, natural. I realize that there is little that I can tell you that you don't already know or that the experts haven't already seized upon. As one voice though, I feel it to be my duty as a citizen to speak out to you. We are all, and each of us, basically, one voice.

So, Mr. President, vision and health are natural gifts. Though we may have to accept that there will always be some form of dis-ease: be it illness, homelessness, or fear, we live in hope. And it is your voice we will all hear speak the words which frame the policy on some plan for national health care. It will be your voice we will listen to and not the savvy words of your speechwriters. No one can really answer for another person's health or life. Your recent and tragic loss of a close friend attests to this. Health is a personal testimonial to the stamina and fragility of life. It is a core experience, but we all have it. I remember my parents who were children of the Great Depression repeating F.D.R.'s dictum, "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." They drew strength from that because that statement resonates truth. And F.D.R. personally knew about sickness, as well.

The roots of eloquence are tapped into the soul of the speaker. Some speakers are eloquent but shallow rooted like graceful willows. Some have simple tap roots which can go all the way down to the source. Pick your tree, Mr. President. Your eloquence comes from a basic source rooted in our common experience as Americans. That is a very healthy bond. This helped you to get elected as surely as it also helped one of your opponents and hindered the other. I am confident you believe in this yourself.

An artist's work represents a conduit which channels a creative force. This is perhaps a too simply stated metaphor for life. Yet when an audience is receptive to that channel there is a flow and exchange of energy. This experience is synergy. This is what happens between a performer and an audience at a good concert. Concerts make people feel good. You have to have a concerted effort that includes everyone listening. Naturally, Americans want health and prosperity. People always say, "health, wealth, and happiness" in that order. Common wisdom here; without health everything else wobbles.

I heard that here in New York the health-care industry is the state's largest employer. This is irony. So much for prosperity and health. The reason we do not feel cared for is because in reality, we are not cared for given the complexities of the human condition and psyche. This is now becoming a national nightmare. As a child of the sixties, Mr. President, you know how much the political climate has changed in this country. The need to feel cared for is universal and if our system is not about caring then your vision *must* be. Didn't Jimmy Carter achieve peace accords between Egypt and Israel by swearing as a Christian that, [...so help him God!] he would not leave the Middle east talks until there was some agreement? They heard that he truly meant it, and they acted accordingly.

I urge you, Mr. President, to speak directly to the American people on the core issue of health care--from the heart and not from the oval office--of your vision for health reform. Packages of band-aids will not suffice. It is the Vision Thing, Mr. President. I believe you can succeed because I see in you a spark of inspiration that can ignite the will of the people. This is the fundamental reason why I voted for you. The best of luck to you, President Clinton and to Mrs. Clinton.

With all good wishes,
respectfully,

E. Jay Weiss

E. Jay Weiss
175 East Second Street, #3A
New York, N.Y. 10009

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 30, 1993

Mr. E. Jay Weiss
175 East Second Street
Apt #3A
New York, New York 10009

Dear Mr. Weiss:

Thank you for sharing with me your letter to President Clinton. I enjoyed reading your views on having a common vision on health care.

Your words of encouragement mean a great deal to both the President and me. President Clinton is working hard to lead our country in a new direction. He is counting on each of us to join with him to make this a time of greater opportunity for all.

Your thoughts are important and I hope that you will continue to share your ideas with me.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

May 31, 1993

Dear Mrs. Rodham-Clinton,

My adored aunt, Mary Devlin, will be ninety four on June 10th. This intrepid lady has led a most remarkable, if publically unrecognized life.

Like you she has spent a lifetime advocating for childrens rights and she started in the only forum open to her.. teaching in a one room school house in rural Minnesota. Mary not only taught all eight grades but before school opened she cleaned, hauled and stacked wood and then starte the stove so her pupils would arrive to a warm and inviting place "ready to learn." She did this with a withered leg encased in a heavy brace through cruel Minnesota winters.

When her parents needed her at home she returned to Rochester, Minnesota and taught at the Catholic school. As as 'lay teacher' she did not have the authority of most of the rest of the staff who were nuns but as a child I saw her time and again spring like a tigeress to defend her cubs. She stood between the ruler on the back of the hand, public humiliation, pinching and ear pulling. The nuns truely beleived in corporal punishment! Mary believes

every child can live up to her/his potential if simply given the skills, the tools, the "building blocks." Almost forty years later I can remember the agony of having to leave her third grade to go on to fourth while one lucky boy got to stay for another year as she needed him. No one, she claimed, could clap erasers like he could. We who left did so with heavy hearts knowing that lessons taught in future years would lack her knowledge, enthusiasm and good humor. As a student I observed her time and again hand out lunch tickets to those that "forgot" them.. in other words, could not afford them. Out of what I am sure was a pitifully poor salary she made sure her cubs had a hot lunch long before the government intervened. She also had uncanny 'luck' in finding new scarves, mittens, boots and coats for students who did not have them. Later I heard of her intervention with Social Services for those children who were battered and bruised and so clumsy the parents claimed, they "kept falling down the stairs." When Childrens Rights were just a dream she, Mary, was a one woman advocacy committee!

During all this she cared for her parents, kept up a large home and grew a spectacular garden of both flowers and vegetables ...all shared with grateful family and friends

This eighty pound combination of Martha Stewart, Gloria Steinem and Brooke Astor showed We Really Can do It ALL.

When she was finally forced to retire from teaching she took her incredible talents and energy to help the Vietnamese Hmong People who were settling in Rochester after the war. She taught them English, attended their celebrations and shepherded them through the intricacies of life in the United States.

After a series of hospital stays she is now settled in a nursing home. Before entering her only question was "does it have a beauty salon?" Obviously being 93 and mostly wheel chair bound does not mean any of us should have to suffer a Bad Hair Day!

Because of Mary's community spirit she inspired her neices, nephews and their children. She can claim a teacher, a lawyer and two physicians: one a Native American practicing on a reservation. Her pride and joy is a county administrator and we are Junior Leaguers, volunteer counselors and none of us have ever learned to say "No" to a worthy cause.

Because of Mary's teaching talents hundred of students learned not only their lessons but the Love of Learning and are passing that on to their children and grandchildren.

Because of Mary People far from their home and
learned to feel comfortable in hers.

My wish is that Mary was just a few years younger so
she could help with your National Health Care Program.
Like you, she is a woman who knows how to get things
done. But then, why shouldn't she? She's been doing
it for almost a century!

I can only imagine how hectic your life must be but
she is a great admirer of yours. A note or call from
you to wish her a happy birthday would mean the world to
her and to her family.

Most sincerely,

Demi Devlin-Cesario

Demi (Susan) Devlin-Cesario

Miss Mary Devlin

Woodside Nursing Home

501 8th Avenue SE.

Rochester, Minnesota 55904

telephone number 507-288-6514

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 30, 1993

Mrs. Demi Devlin-Cesario
3495 Summit Ridge Drive
Rochester Hills
Rochester, Michigan 48306

Dear Mrs. Devlin-Cesario:

Thank you for writing to me about your aunt Mary Devlin. She sounds like a truly remarkable human being. You can be justifiably proud of all that she has accomplished in her lifetime. Her work in educating generations of students is an inspiration for us all.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to me about someone so special.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 30, 1993

Ms. Mary Devlin
Woodside Nursing Home
501 Eighth Avenue Southeast
Rochester, Minnesota 55904

Dear Ms. Devlin:

It is with great pleasure that I extend to you my belated congratulations on your ninety-fourth birthday.

I was pleased to learn from Ms. Devlin Cesario of your life long commitment to education and community service. Too often the dedication of citizens like you goes unnoticed. You should be proud of the difference you have made in the lives of many young people.

You have my best wishes for a wonderful year.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

Aug 4 1993

Dear Hillary

you probably will never
get to read my letter, in
hopes, I just wanted to know
how much I admire you,
from a 76 yr old Great Grandmother

The other evening when
you were guest speaker at
A c l a, for the Iris Cantor
Breast Cancer meeting, I sat
watching you. I cannot put into
words all I think about you
you are loving, Caring
Brilliant and a very good speaker
when you spoke and
mentioned lupus, (no one knew does)

I could have hugged you.
My daughter who is fifty years
has been told she has lupus!

To see her go from a vibrant
person to one who is in such pain
and nothing can help her, my
heartaches

We went to a lupus meeting,
a Doctor was guest speaker, he told
us we should all get together and
write our Congressmen to get some
one to help research lupus because
most of the money is going for aids
I want to see a cure or help for
aids especially the children who
do not ask for this cross to bear

But I also would like to
read they are trying to find
something on lupus.

Some days my daughter just
Crawls to work, for fear of
losing her job, which means
her health insurance, then
where does she turn

No one else would insure
her with this chronic disease

I hope and pray you can
get what you want done with
your health Plan program.

"God Bless"

You and your family

Yes we voted for Bill

I think he also is a wonderful
man

Fondly
Catherine Hunt

If you do get to read my
letter I thank you for taking
the time

HC

Mr. & Mrs. Richard C. Hunt
632 D Fairmont Avenue
Safety Harbor, FL 34695

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 30, 1993

Ms. Catherine Hunt
632 D Fairmont Avenue
Safety Harbor, Florida 34695

Dear Ms. Hunt:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter and your kind words of encouragement. I am honored and touched that you chose to share your daughter's personal experience with me. The strength and courage she has shown in coping with her illness is an inspiration for us all.

The administration is committed to offering quality medical coverage to every American while bringing costs under control. Your ideas on health care reform will be carefully considered.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to me. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your daughter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Hillary Rodham Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Hillary" is written in a larger, more prominent script, followed by "Rodham Clinton" in a slightly smaller, more compact script.

Hillary Rodham Clinton

The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.
1 Chase Plaza
New York, New York 10081

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CHASE

June 20, 1993

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

I can't believe it's been almost five months since you visited my tutoring project in Washington Heights! The kids and the volunteers still talk about you every time we meet. I am very late in sending you this note. But who knows? Maybe it will bring a smile to your face to remember a few moments with some kids whose lives you've changed forever. You are probably the greatest source of inspiration some of those children will ever have. For Bring Our Daughters To Work Day, five of the little girls from my tutoring project came to work with me (I have no children of my own). They were very excited to see a big "Friends of Hillary" sticker on the bulletin board next to my desk. They proudly told everyone in the office how you came to visit them.

Your values were clearly evident to me in working with your staff to plan your visit. Rita, Peter, and the whole gang have the perfect balance of professionalism and "laid-backness", never compromising their responsibility to you. They were incredibly considerate; I think any of us involved with your visit would have given them the moon had they asked for it! I congratulate you for picking such terrific people to surround you. My admiration is only eclipsed by my jealousy that they get to work for you and I don't!

Mrs. Clinton, I wish you, the President, and Chelsea the very best always. You are very kind people - I wish there were more people like you in this world. It gives me great comfort knowing that brilliant, compassionate people such as you and the President are leading this nation. I am very proud to say that I supported and voted for your husband (although, I admit that I was secretly voting for both of you!). It is probably rather immodest of me to state this, but if there is anything I could ever help you with, please don't hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

Maria E. Alvarez
Maria E. Alvarez

P.S. I also want to congratulate the White House on the selection of my good friend Raul Perea-Henze as one of the '93-94 White House Fellows; he has been a tremendous asset to New York and will also be for the country.



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July 12, 1993

Mrs. Hillary Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

We wanted to let you know how much your visit to the USO at Camp Casey in Korea meant to all of us. The soldiers who visit the center, volunteers, and staff could hardly contain their excitement Saturday and Sunday when it was decided you would be stopping by. Your warm and friendly demeanor in addition to your ability to immediately put people at ease was conducive to a very relaxed atmosphere and their response to you was unexpectedly natural. If we could have done something about the weather, it would have been perfect.

Your schedule is very hectic, so we were especially appreciative of the time you took to visit the USO and talk with the soldiers and their families. Many of them are very young and this is their first experience being so far away. They volunteer on their days off and make it possible to carry out many of the programs and events that are held each month.

We are also honored to have the President as our Honorary Chairman for USO. His visit to Korea came at a particularly good time for the military community here with all of the difficult decisions ahead.

It was a personal pleasure to meet you, and I wish you much success in the upcoming months with the health care reform plan. If there is ever anything we can do for you from here, please don't hesitate to ask. Thank you again for your kindness.

Warmest regards,

Brenda Corell
Executive Assistant
USO Pacific Operations

AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION

Office of Women in Higher Education

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August 2, 1993

The First Lady
Hillary Rodham Clinton
Office of The First Lady
Old Executive Office Building, Room 100
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

The capstone event of the American Council on Education 1993 WOMEN PRESIDENTS' SUMMIT was your reception for the presidents and other leaders at The White House. Your presence and speech, coupled with the gracious way you received each person, was truly appreciated. Thank you so much on behalf of each of us who was privileged to attend.

We have had a very positive response to the SUMMIT, both in terms of content and spirit. We look forward to sharing with you the results of the meeting—*A Blueprint for Leadership: How Women Presidents Can Shape the Future*—when it is completed.

You should know that your staff, to a person, was helpful, friendly, courteous and a pleasure to work with on the arrangements. The participants were so honored, as were we, to receive pictures of themselves with you. Thank you for taking the time for that process as well.

Best wishes to you in the coming weeks as you seek to put the final touches on the nation's health care reform package. Thank you for your leadership and your strength.

Sincerely,



Donna Shavlik
Director



Judith G. Touchton
Deputy Director

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

May 19, 1993

Other (Unfavorable)
Pool
m. 17#3

I am writing to you in response to your commencement speech performed for the University of Pennsylvania on May 17, 1993. You are quoted as saying, "Throughout the 1980's, we did hear too much about individual gain and the ethos of selfishness and greed. We did not hear enough about how to be a good member of a community, to define the common good and to repair the social contract. And we also found that while prosperity does not trickle down from the most powerful to the rest of us, all too often indifference and intolerance do."

Now dare you make such a farce of a speech filled with lies! I am deeply offended by your ignorance as I thought you were more intelligent than that. It's breakdown these statements and analyze them very carefully.

"Throughout the 1980's, we did hear too much about individual gain and the ethos of selfishness and greed."

So when did we hear this from the Reagan and Bush administration? We were told that we should work hard and in doing so, we could move forward and prosper. And what is so greedy about earning a substantial living, saving money, and preparing for retirement? I believe that God put

man on this planet to "be fruitful and multiply." My definition of fruitful is "to make an honest living, to work hard, and to contribute to this earth, more specifically, the people of this world in the most positive way possible." Just because a person works hard and is rewarded by earning more than \$100,000 a year, you can stand there and call that greedy? Would you be happier if those hardworking Americans gave all of their money away so they could be on welfare and supported by our government which incidentally is made up of a majority of tyrannical liberals. You want to reward our hardwork with more taxes? You want to take away the bread and butter that we need to survive? How dare you call us greedy.

During the Jimmy Carter years when interest rates skyrocketed, my father bought land which he felt was a good business decision at that time. Many farmers did the same during those years only to lose their farms because of those high interest rates and land prices. They sold out their farms during the 1980's as a result of those dreadful Carter years. Wake up Hillary! The Reagan and Bush years were years of prosperity and hope. Hard work was rewarded and welfare was shunned. The current administration talks of sacrifice. Well, I am not willing to sacrifice

more of our hard earned money to help with the deficit or to feed the welfare recipients. We pay thousands of dollars already to the government and that is enough! My husband and I do not want to pay more in taxes and that is not greedy.

We are rewarded fairly for the hard work that we put forth and that is God's will.

"We did not hear enough about being a good member of a community to define the common good and to repair the social contract."

I believe this statement to be unfair. Would you rather have the American people all join the peace corps and serve, therefore relying on the government to feed and clothe us? You would like that, wouldn't you, then you could run our lives!!?!

We farm for a living. We feed the world and what thanks do we receive? Nothing, absolutely no thanks at all. We are contributing to this world, by feeding the people of this world and that is being a good member of our society, Hillary. Are you willing to give all of your income away to prove that you are a good member of the community? During the 1980's, there was "common good" as you call it, being done. Charities thrived, volunteer work flourished, and people were content. Now, with your husband in office, the public has obtained a feeling of unrest due to the fact that



government craves to steal everything from us hard-working Americans.

"And we also found that while prosperity does not trickle down from the most powerful to the rest of us, all too often indifference and intolerance do." Well then, does prosperity trickle down from government manipulation, which is what the Clinton administration stands for? Most of the wealthy, which by your definition is anyone earning over \$30,000, worked hard to get there. I remember one of your husband's campaign promises concerning no new taxes on the middle class. According to Clinton's tax plan, the middle class would be taxed severely and what I call "being punished" instead of rewarded for hard work. The wealthy of this country buy and create businesses which trickles down to creating more jobs therefore enhancing the flow of money. The government benefits because they can receive more taxes from their generated income to keep government working for us. We as American people are not your customers, we are your employers. We pay you in the form of taxes to do a good job in operating our country, not to control the private sector.

In closing, I just have to say that you should be ashamed of yourself for making these statements. You are insulting my intelligence as well as those poor students that had to listen to your



speech! You owe all of us an apology for insulting us!

A word of advice, Hillary. It is time to hire a new, less ignorant speechwriter: One that will compliment your intelligence instead of making a fool of you in the public's eye.

Sincerely,

Annette Robertson

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 30, 1993

Ms. Annette Robertson
Route 1 Box 167
Dawson, Minnesota 56232

Dear Ms. Robertson:

Thank you for taking the time to share your views with me. I appreciate your candor. Your comments, and those of others, are an important source of information for President Clinton and me.

I realize that you may not agree with President Clinton and me on these issues, but I hope you will give careful consideration to our views. Please be assured that we have listened to yours.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hillary Rodham Clinton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Hillary Rodham Clinton

08/18/93

Dear Hillary:

I am writing to you just want to express our thanks to you.

I wrote to you this early spring for help to let my mother come to U.S. We had a baby Christopher last November, right after his birth we found he had very seriously heart problem. Christopher is our first baby.

We were frightened. We wanted our mother to be here with us. But she had been had difficulties in getting US entry visa.

With your help my mother could be able to come to U.S. on May 12, 1993. But it was too late for her to see her grandson. Christopher was gone after he had his first heart-fenton surgery at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

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On May 10, 1993

But we do thank you for your help. Since my mother is here and gives us great support no one else can give us. And she could attend Christopher's funeral.

It's been 3 months. We are recovered from the loss. We appreciate what you did for us and wish you the best.

Sincerely yours

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Casewell
~~*HRH*~~
E. Lane

August 18, 1993

Dear Mrs. H.R. Clinton,

I am writing this letter to you in sincere appreciation for your much valued assistance in resolving my housing problem. Thanks to your intervention my case, I now have a place to live. May God take into account what you have done for me. May the Lord be with you and all of yours always.

Once again, many thanks!

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

[003]

The Honorable Hillary Clinton
First Lady of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Hillary:

Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Rep. Bill Richardson (D-New Mexico) are sponsoring The Dietary Supplement Health & Education Act of 1993 (S.B. 784/H.R. 1709). As a health-conscious consumer, I expect to have access to nutritional supplements and to information about these supplements' benefits. I ask you to support The Dietary Supplement Health & Education Act of 1993 and protect my natural health choices. I know your time is valuable, but please consider the key points of this bill.

This law will establish:

- 1.) A broader definition of dietary supplements, to include herbs and other supplements.
- 2.) That dietary supplements are NOT drugs.
- 3.) That dietary supplements are NOT food additives.
- 4.) That truthful health information about dietary supplements is permitted.
- 5.) That the FDA has no prior restraint authority on truthful labeling or advertising.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. Your action on this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Signature Charles R. Rumba

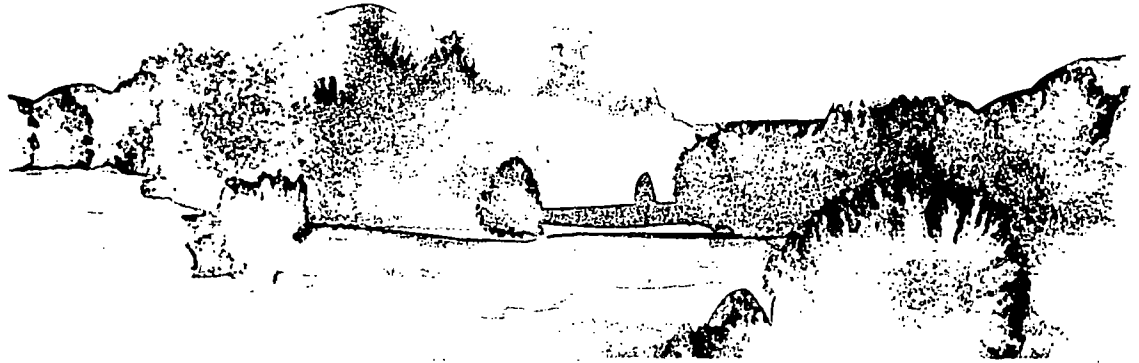
Address 2609 Elizabeth St

LaPorte, Ind. 47904

Date Aug 20, 1993

P.S. Don't let Kessler close the health food stores. Will you help us fight for prevention of illness by supporting The Dietary Supplement Health & Education Act of 1993? Will you help protect our vital nutrients from governmental tyranny?

This country
will always need
people like you...



...people who care and who are willing
to put their beliefs into action.
Thanks for everything you're doing--
it really means a lot.

Chelsea

Dear Mrs. Clinton

My name is Chelsea like your daughter. I lived in Arkansas but now I live in Michigan. I have seen you and Mr. Clinton on TV. I was you for Halloween. Is it fun to be the president's wife? I supported you and

Mr. Clinton. I moved here two years ago. My friends say I look alot like you, so does my mom.

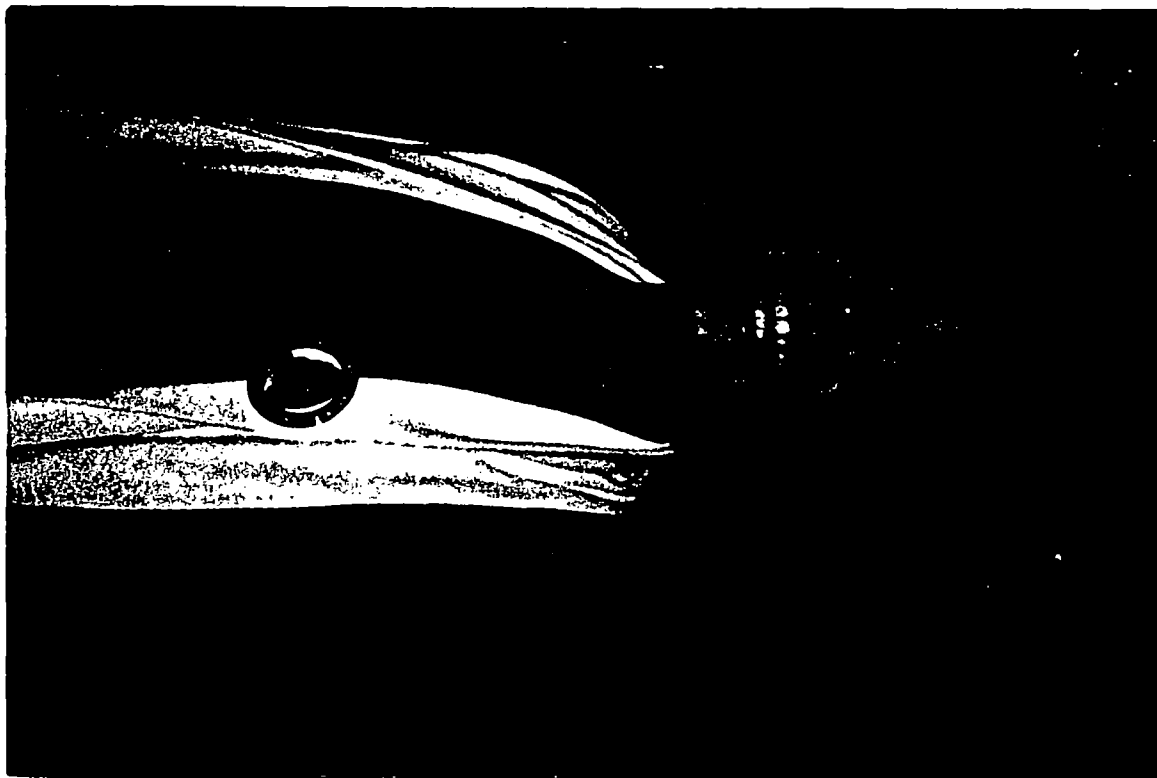
PS. My address is
6470 Cheshire Drive
Dimondale, Michigan

48821-9407

Hope you write back.

Sincerely,
Chelsea
Frederick

Chelsea Frederick



MAR 11 1993

707 N. WISNER
PARK RIDGE, IL 60068
JANUARY 29, 1993

DEAR MRS. CLINTON,

ALONG WITH THIS LETTER WE ARE SENDING YOU A COPY OF "THE LUCKY DEVILS NEWS". WE HOPE YOU LIKE READING IT. WE ESPECIALLY HOPE YOU LIKE THE ARTICLE ABOUT YOURSELF. WE ARE SO PROUD THAT YOU WENT TO OUR SCHOOL. WE HOPE YOU LIKE THE PICTURES OF YOURSELF. WE GOT THEM FROM THE NEWSPAPER AND A MAGAZINE. WE THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING AT YOUR ALMA MATER. WE WORKED HARD TO MAKE THIS A GOOD NEWSPAPER. THE 4TH, 5TH, & 6TH GRADERS ALL GET TO READ IT AND THEY THOUGHT YOU LOOKED NICE AND PRETTY IN THE PICTURES. WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEND YOU COPIES OF OUR PAPER.

EVERYONE AT FIELD SCHOOL IS HOPING YOU WILL COME AND VISIT US WHEN YOU ARE IN THE AREA. WE HOPE PRESIDENT CLINTON WILL COME TOO. CHELSEA TOO.

WE HOPE YOU LIKE IT IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

PLEASE WRITE BACK TO US.

SINCERELY YOURS,

ROOM 317, FIELD SCHOOL

Kayla Factor
Bob Cissla
Lisa Leger
Nick Larkin
Alexis Marouli
Anthony Culo
Chris Nowak
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PEOPLE AND PUPPETS

BY RACHEL FLORES

On Friday the 15th, there was an assembly called People and Puppets or Reed Marinettes. There were three stories called "The Lucky Table", "The Tiger's Whisker" and "Skunny-Wundy and The Stone Giant". The Lucky Table was a tale from Costa Rica. The Tiger's Whisker was from Korea. Skunny-Wundy and the Stone Giant is an Iroquois Indian folk tale. I liked "The Tiger's Whisker" the best. I would like to be a puppeteer.

CHICAGO BULLS FAST BREAK PROGRAM

BY THERESA MARUUCIC

In Mrs. Factor's room we were learning about the Chicago Bulls. Every other Friday we do math things such as comics, shopping list, and the Chicago Bulls fast break program. I say its pretty fun to look for the stuff. The things we found of are games won, games lost, and the winning percentage, games behind, results of the last 10 games, winning and losing streaks, teams lost record at home, teams won lost record on the road, and teams won lost record against other teams in the same conference. We looked in the papers for the answers and figured it all out. I hope you come to our class.

Sometimes we work on other things from the paper. We looked in the comics to find out different things. We made a list of names and looked to see what kind of clothes the people were wearing. This was fun. We pretended we were from the future and wanted to know about us in 1992.

We also looked for things that can be recycled.

DRAGON STEW

BY JASON PERRY

We read this story named Dragon Stew. The story was about a young guy who wants to be the king's cook. He gets to be the cook by making dragon stew. All the fifth graders in 317 made dragon stew on Monday, January 11. We brought carrots, potatoes, celery, onions, plus stringbeans and the most important ingredient the dragon meat. Mrs. Factor ordered it special. It tasted very good. It was the first time I ever ate it. If you want the recipe, let me know.

PRESIDENT'S WIFE ATTENDED FIELD

HILLARY CLINTON AT FIELD

BY BOB CIESLA

The thought that Hillary Clinton attended Field School gives me a strange feeling. It makes me wonder what rooms she was in and who her teachers might have been. (I know they are not here anymore.) I wonder what lockers she used. Someone is using her locker now. She would ride her bicycle to Field from her home at 235 Wisner and she would play on our same playground. (I don't know if they had the same equipment.) She would play baseball, jump rope, and play other games. Just like some of us do. She would go to Riggio's on Oakton just like some of us do. On Saturday she would go to the Pickwick. Just like some of us do. It cost a quarter. She swam at the Park Ridge pool and ice-skated at Hinckley Field just like some of us do. She took piano lessons too. From all the things we have read, we know that she was a pretty smart student. After going to Field, she went to Emerson Junior High which closed and is now the Futibaki School. Hillary then went to Maine East and then to Maine South just like some of us will do. I hope she comes to visit us so we can get the answers.

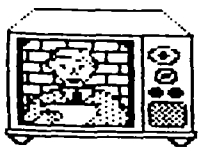
HILLARY CLINTON TODAY

AROUND THE WORLD IN 157 DAYS

BY NIKKI HINSON

We have a new program for kids to read more outside of school. We have a passport and our parents sign and write the number of minutes we kids read each week. First, we travel to California, then Hawaii, then Australia, and Asia, and Antarctica, and Europe and then back to Park Ridge. We had an assembly to explain it to us. We learned a song too. Mr. Clissem wrote it and he sang it for us. In order to travel to all the places, we must have the right amount of mileage for the whole school. We need 8,000 miles to go to Australia.

Every Monday, we go to the school's "customs center". The customs officer checks our passports to see how many minutes we read. They stamp our passports. So far we have 6,400 minutes. We need 1,600 to get to Australia.



WGN VISITS FIELD

BY LISA LEGLER

WGN-TV came to Field School on the day William Clinton became our president...inauguration day. They came because Hillary Clinton went to Field School. (see page 1) They wanted to show kids watching the inauguration and know how we feel about it. Mrs. White was interviewed about third grade. She had her class write about if they were president, what three things they would do. Then Robert Jordan, the newsman asked the kids what they wrote. He interviewed Kevin Hurly, Greg Hick, Kridtin Malcolm and Lauren H. They also talked to Ms. Monzures and she explained how we were so proud of Hillary Clinton and we were all excited about her having gone to Field. Ms. Monzures also invited Hillary Clinton to visit us here at Field. Wouldn't that be exciting?

RETURN TO SCHOOL

BY TIM CARLSON



After winter break it was hard to get back to school because we were off for two weeks. I slept late a little and it was hard to get up early and go to school. I would have wanted to stay home for another five weeks! I would like more time to play with my gifts and Super Nintendo because it was a lot of fun. I bet the teachers did not want to go back either. I'm glad we had a holiday (Martin Luther King's birthday) so I could sleep and relax some more. I can't wait until spring break. After that it won't be long until summer vacation. I wonder if I'll be ready to come back then!

REACHING THE STARS

BY MARCUS RODRIGUEZ

In Mrs. Factor's room we have recipes and book reports and demonstrations. We each have our own rocket and when we give 10 reports or recipes or demonstrations our rocket finally goes up to the top and you get a star from the sky. I was the first person to get a star. The second person was Nikki Hinson, and the third person was Nick Larken. The name of my star is Beta Lyr. Nikki's star name is Rho Gam, and Nick's star is Gamma Boo. These are the stars that were right above Park Ridge on the day we were born. Mr. Factor has a computer program that figures this all out. We each got a picture of the stars in the sky and the place where our star is located.



INQUIRING REPORTER

BY ANTHONY CALO

THIS MONTH'S QUESTION WAS: "WHAT WAS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?"

ELLEN GOLD, 6th grade: "not to liter"

MIKE TOMASI, 6th grade: "stop poluting"

LAURA MATSON, 4th grade: "I promise to keep my room cleaner."

MARK SENDERAK, 6th grade: "I will try to do better in school."

COURTNEY NORWOOD, 6th grade: "I will donate money to help the wildlife."

PATRICK HURTIG, 4th grade: "I will try to be a better friend."

MRS. BUTA, 4th grade: "To be nicer."

CHRIS MARQUEZ, 4th grade: "I will stop teasing my little sister."

MIKE WAGNER, 4th grade: "I promise not to eat junk food."

PHILIP BERKO, 4th grade: "I will try to pick less fights."

TOMMY STUFFEX, 4th grade: "I will try to do better in school."

ZUKU MOHAMMED, 4th grade: "I want to try and save more money."

JENNIFER BENSON, 4th grade: "I will try to be more kind to others."

KATHRYN DELK, 4th grade: "I will try to keep my room cleaner."

RYAN MUEHLFELDER, 4th grade: "I want to be better at sports."

MISS BOTCHE, LRC: "I want to exercise more."

MRS DEL MEDICO, 4th grade: "I resolve to keep my desk cleaner."

MRS. FACTOR, 4-5-6th grade: "I promise not to go clothes shopping for a month." (She's almost made it!)



"Sometimes I don't know the difference between right and wrong, but there's always some grown-up around to tell me."



MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

BY PETER VENTOURIS

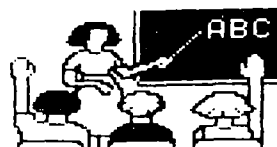
On Monday, January 18, we had no school because of Martin Luther King's birthday. King (1929-68) was a peaceful person who wanted the blacks and whites to be equal. King was born in Georgia. He was a leader of the of the civil rights movement in the U.S. He became nationally famous in 1955/56 when he led a boycott of public buses to protest racial segregation. He did everything peacefully. He won a Nobel Peace Prize in 1968. In 1968, in Memphis, King was shot and killed by an assassin.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

MARCUS RODRIGUEZ CELEBRATED HIS 11th BIRTHDAY ON JANUARY 10, AND THERESA MARVUCIC HAD HER 11th BIRTHDAY ON JANUARY 28.



CONGRATULATIONS



TEACHER OF THE MONTH

BY NICK LARKIN

THIS MONTH'S HONOREE IS MRS. LOIS LARSON, CHANNELS OF CHALLENGE TEACHER.

Mrs. Larson has been teaching 18 years, 8 of them at Field. She teaches the kindergarten through 6th grade channels of challenge. Before coming to Field, Mrs. Larson taught in Evanston. Before teaching, Mrs. Larson worked in the TV production & advertising field. She attended DePaul & Lawrence Univ. She likes to golf and go bicycling as well as read and go antiquing.



SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY

BY SCOTT LARSON

At Field school we have a spirit day every month. The student council votes for color, or clothes, or sports, or countries we visited. We had a twin day and a clash day. It's different every time. In January we had sweats day. Everyone got to wear a sweat suit. A lot of people wore Field School sweats including the teachers and Ms. Monzures.



COMPUTER ART AND MUSIC

BY PETER RIGALI

After winter break the music classes temporarily went to the computer room. So did the art classes. We are learning how to animate and draw pictures on the computer. In music the computer is helping us learn to read music notes. I really liked working on the computer. Next week we will go back to regular music and art.



FIELD FOOD DRIVE

BY CHRIS NOWAK

Field School had a food drive the week of January 25-29. Everyone was supposed to bring food in cans or boxes. Any non-perishable food. We need the food because the poor and homeless people need it. We are giving it to a food pantry. The food pantry has run out of food and they need more. We are lucky because we have enough food and we have enough to share. If everyone bring just one thing, we will sure have a lot of food for the pantry.

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Will The Groundhog
See His Shadow?



Peter Rigali

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

MAR 11 1998

I am in second grade at Sheridan Hills Elementary School in Richfield, Minnesota. In our room, we study Vocabulary word. One of our recent words was "First Lady". I made this book about you. I hope you enjoy it as much as I enjoyed making it.

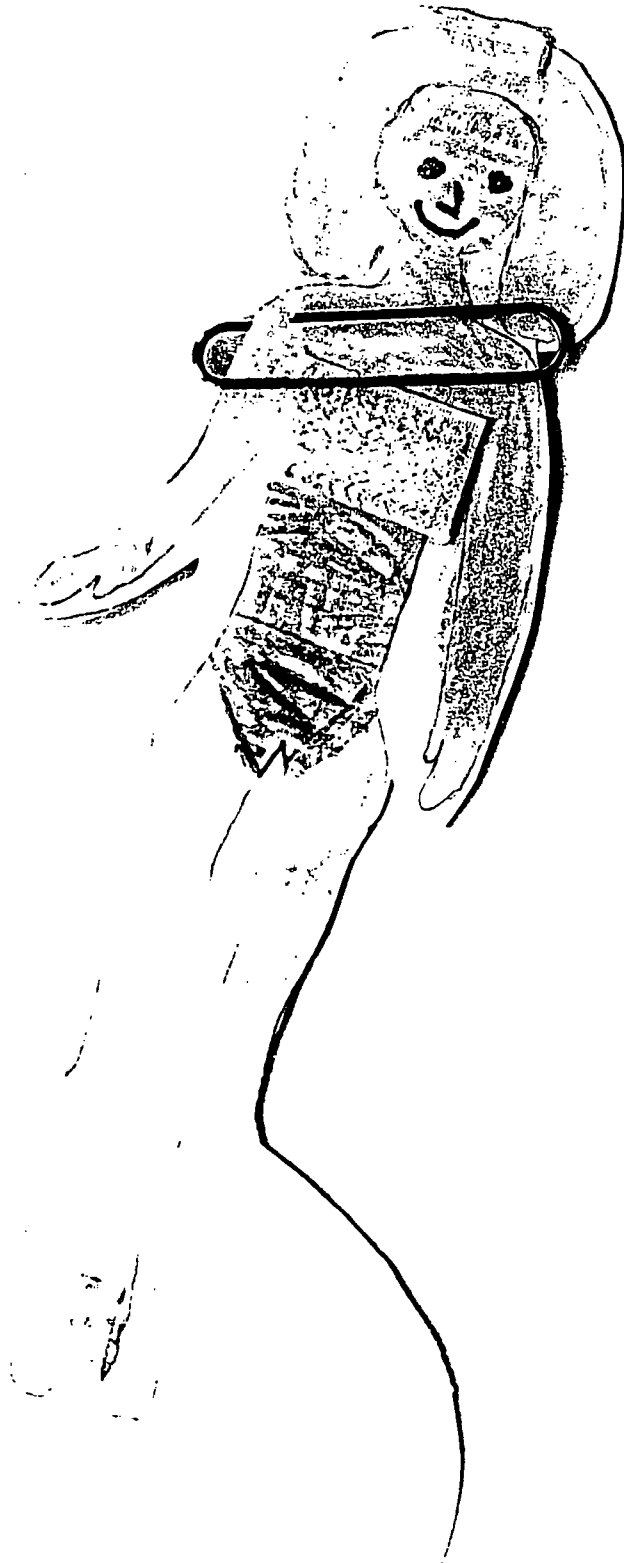
Your Friend,
Ashley Ellicott.

A
First Lady
Paper Doll
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Hillary Clinton

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First Lady

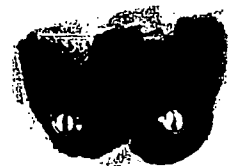
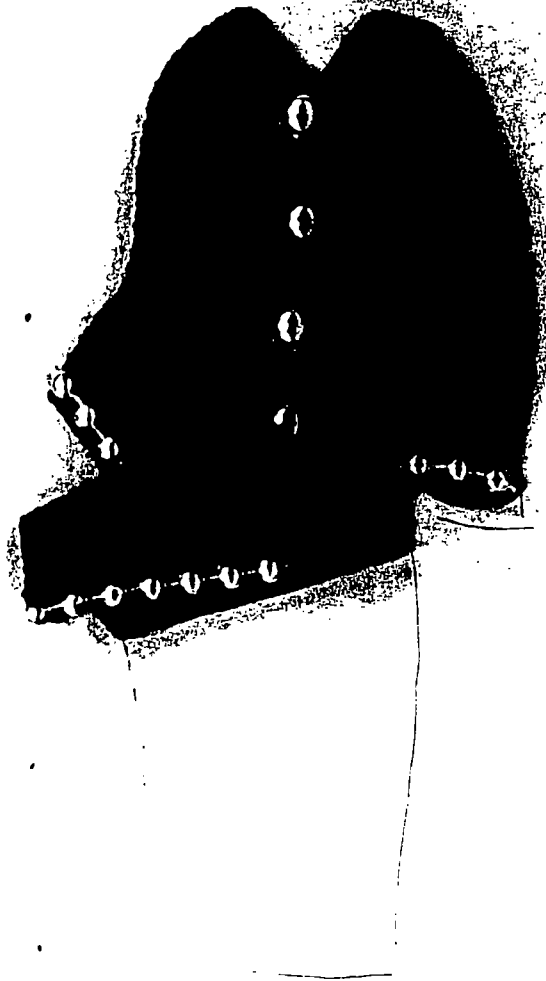
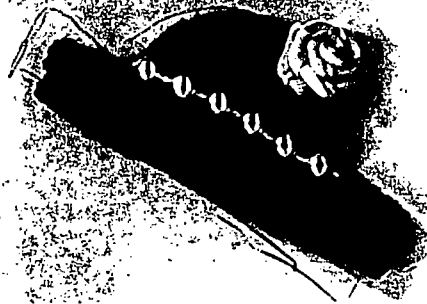
Hillary Clinton



Day Clothes



Business Clothes



Evening Clothes



Ballgown



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15 February 1993

Mrs. Hillary Clinton,
Our nation's "First Lady,"

Dear Mrs. Clinton, I shall be seventy-two years old in mid-April and the first and last time I wrote to a First Lady was in 1935, when I was in high school and fourteen years old.

The letter was sent, of course, to my lifelong role model as a great woman, Eleanor Roosevelt. I had what they call now "polio" when I was 6 months old. At that time it was called "infantile paralysis". Long before President Roosevelt was elected I learned he, too, was very badly crippled by the same thing that took away the use of my lower body. I, too, wore (and still wear) long, full length leg braces on each leg and a corset-like back brace on my back. I walk with two full crutches. Pres. Roosevelt used two canes or someone's arm or mostly he was in a wheelchair.

And he was THE PRESIDENT — my hero!

Shortly after he was elected I was doing my home work when I overheard a neighbor friend of my mother say, as she drank a cup of tea with Mother in the kitchen. "Too bad about little Alma's crippled condition, she's such a bright little girl — all those books she reads and she's sort of pretty in a way." Mother said, "Well, why too bad? Seems to me she's just fine, leads her class, has a happy disposition." "Oh! Sure," the woman said, "and she's got boy friends but you know she'll never marry. Who would try to have sex with her?" Mother said, "Oh, now you must be forgetting about our new president, he's crippled in the same way Alma is and he's got several children! Anyway, I don't want you to talk that way, we are teaching Alma that she will have as completely normal

like any other girl her age and with the education she's determined to have she'll be independent as any of us can be.

Mother and Mrs. Statter. (I still remember her name) dropped me as a subject but they had started wheels in my brain.

I pulled out an envelope and several sheets of paper and wrote a long, polite letter to Pres. Roosevelt asking him what he thought my chances at a sex life could be. I worked on three drafts before I was satisfied.

It never occurred to me to tell Daddy or Mother what I had done. And certainly NOT ~~my~~ ^{my} "younger by four years" brother. He would have had a fit!

I waited two months, my letter did not come back nor did I hear from the president. Far from being discouraged I looked for the next possibility. The basis of all the support I'd had all my young life from my parents was: There is always some way to do anything, if you want to hard enough and keep trying all the possibilities until you find the one that works.

One day when I was about eight or nine I asked my Daddy what would happen if I tried ALL poss. bits and nothing worked. He said, "Well, there is never an end to possibilities. You could try ten a day for 200 years and there'd be more and more and more!"

Of course I got my happy and optimistic personality from my terrific father! Mother gave me kindness and compassion.

So — I wrote to that wonderful human, Eleanor Roosevelt!

And you know what? She answered me. Wrote to me like I could be a grown-up woman, not a high school girl. She told me it'd be wise to talk to my orthopedic doctor. I'd told her Shriners Hospital had worked magic on me with many operations and years of treatments. Mrs. Roosevelt said her husband had had "infantile paralysis" after their children had been born and

so I'd have to have some tests to see if I could have children. But this dear woman said in her letter that she knew sex would be possible, I could take her word for that.

She thanked me (imagine that!) for trusting ~~her~~ with so personal a problem and she sent me her blessing and wish for future happiness along with a picture.

Mrs. Clinton, there is never a week goes by that I don't think of that wonderful, good, unselfish "Lady" in the proper use of that word.

Why am I writing to you? I've never sent a letter to another president's wife. Until you, your daughter and your husband became our "First Family" I never felt drawn to anyone else since the Roosevelts. For some reason I do now.

Shortly after the election I saw a TV program in which they were asking celebrities what they expected of Bill Clinton and Jack Nicholson brought tears to my eyes when he said "I expect him to do the best he can and that's enough for me." — Bless him, that's enough for me too.

Back to my letter from Eleanor Roosevelt. It has a wildly funny middle of the story: when the letter came I was in school and mother brought the letter in with the rest of the mail. She couldn't stand it, so she OPENED my personal letter. (Our family didn't do things like that!) She was in tears when I got home. "Why did you write about sex to Mrs. Roosevelt? Wait until your father gets home."

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I knew I was on safe ground with Daddy. It was he who told the head librarian, when I was nine years old, to let me use his card to check out any adult book I wanted to read. The first week I checked out Well of Loneliness. I'd heard talk about how it should not be read by anyone. I checked it out but read only about half. It was so boring I had no idea what it was all about.

When Daddy got home from work he read my letter from the White House. "What a great woman she is! It's a wonderful letter." He turned to my mother and asked, "What upsets you?" Mother said she was worried the neighbors would laugh at us.

Little by little everyone calmed down. And yes! I had lots of boyfriends and two terrific husbands, one 17 years, one 22 years. I went to college, I had several jobs over the years as a radio disc jockey for a classical station. I was a radio actress before TV killed radio drama. I've written short stories for children, and I'm now — alone and a widow who lives with her cat — writing a novel about Revenge as an art form in the hands of a very bright "first wife" who gets dumped for a younger second wife. It is a comic novel, takes place in a small town.

I was born on April 11, 1921 — born in Springdale Arkansas. Right near Fayetteville, Ark. where Mother and Daddy went to college. Going on 72 years old I am well, happy, lots of friends, I have a joy for life. I love my cat, Abigail I read at least three books a week I do volunteer work and I wish you and your family the very best. We are all so proud of the Clintons!

My beautiful Siamese cat, Abigail, is the wind beneath my wings. She has become a fan of socks. When I gather some courage once more I plan to write to you darling daughter, Chelsea and ask her for a picture of her cat so I can frame it for my Abigail.

Chelsea is as blessed as I was with her loving parents. That love BEAMS from her father's kind eyes and the love you show for Chelsea puts a lump in my throat.

What a wonderful family you are!

Ever yours sincerely,

Alma Nunes
(Mrs. Dean H. Nunes)

P.S. I forgot to tell you both my husbands were "able bodied." I never dated a handicapped man. I figured one of us had to be able to build a house if we ever got left on a deserted island. My first husband was a navy officer and later an engineer. My second husband (the love of my life, I adored him) was going to medical school when he got called to WWII. When he got out of the army seven years later he dropped medical school and became a professor and master teacher of English Lit. He died ten years ago. I still love him with all my heart.

202 N. Roxford Road
Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086
January 5, 1993

Mrs. Hillary Clinton
Arkansas Governor's Mansion
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Although you may never have the time to see this letter, I want you, our President-Elect and your staff to know how much you are admired by this Senior Citizen. For the first time in my life I put up a candidate's poster in my front yard despite all the Bushites on my street. Mothers of Baby-Boomers all over the USA, like me, will be eagerly watching with proud confidence but also with fearful feelings of the world's impatient criticism.

It is a dream come true that a woman of your stature will be able to take an active part in our national government. I know both of you, being Southerners, will know how to handle this diplomatically.

A highlight of my life was having tea with Mrs. Roosevelt in the family dining room of the White House. This was in 1944 when I was training at American University for overseas service with the American Red Cross during World War II. I shall never forget how patrician and beautiful her face glowed as we talked face to face. In person, she was nothing like the unflattering photographs seen in all the newsprint. At least you will not have that problem.

As the first First Lady capable of making a difference in our country and our world since Mrs. Roosevelt, I will be behind you all the way. I believe Mrs. Carter had this inclination but the timing and her education were not right for her.

I am trying to make arrangements to come to the inauguration, but everything seems to be filled to capacity. I shall certainly be with you in mind and spirit via TV if nothing else.

God Bless you and your family in this world-wide undertaking.

With every good wish,

Hazel H. Fryer
Hazel Herndon Fryer



CLINTON & THE WORLD

**"THE REST
OF THE
WORLD-
AH!
THERE IS
THE RUB."**

Franklin Roosevelt

Sarah Guerri
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February 10, 1993

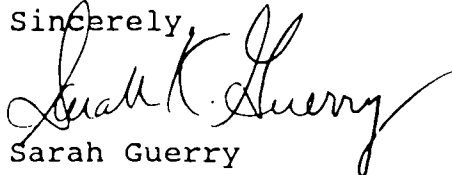
Mr. John Chancellor
NEC News
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10112

Re: Your Commentary on the Nightly News 2/9/93

Dear Mr. Chancellor:

You are **badly** mistaken if you think we (the voters) didn't know Hillary Clinton would be an important part of President Clinton's administration. Her appointment to head the task force on health care, or even an appointment to his Cabinet was something I expected. No one had to tell us. That was one of the many reasons I voted for President Clinton!

Sincerely,


Sarah Guerri

cc: Mrs. Hillary R. Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs Clinton,

I wanted to take a minute to thank you for the help you gave my children. Thanks to your dedication in changing the educational standards here in

Arkansas my son was able to receive the Arkansas Acad. Challenge Scholarship, along with a state grant. These two items made the difference in him attending college this year. You, see I am a LPN in the home, and my husband has been a seasonal maint. worker at Buffalo Hall Park River for 9 yrs. He works only seasonal. We also have daughter in college, she is a senior, both go to Arkansas Inst Univ. I must say, we are in hope with the new change, things will open up, and the new yrs, he will be a permanent worker.



I only hope and pray that
the rest of the States will
realize what a wonderful and
educated woman you are.

I hope you will be heard
in Washington.

As I said, without the
educational reform, my children
would not have been able to
attend college. I must add,
they are both Dean List students.

Once again, thank you from
the bottom of my heart for
what you did for me, and
we will miss you here in
Arkansas.

Just a Mom
Ophelia Pothing
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Yellville, Ar
72587

P.S. My friends & I decided your ballgown you
were looking good, best looking 1st lady in many
years.

The Honorable Hillary Clinton
First Lady of the White House
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

DATE MAR 12 1993
Date Feb. 1, 1993

Dear First Lady; Dear Hillary:

Congratulations to you and your family! It is refreshing to have a First Lady in the White House who is intelligent, professional, and strong in her beliefs. I am impressed with your views on family issues, children's rights and Native sovereignty. Therefore I find it a moral obligation to bring to your attention a case of injustice so outrageous that it must be remedied immediately.

Leonard Peltier has spent the last seventeen years of his life in federal prison illegally convicted in the deaths of two FBI agents during the June 26th, 1975 firefight on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Documentation uncovered long after Mr. Peltier's conviction indicates that the government knowingly used fabricated affidavits to extradite him from Canada and to influence the jury, coerced witnesses, committed perjury, and withheld exculpatory evidence.

Today the government argues that Leonard Peltier was tried on alternating theories of murder and aiding and abetting. The aiding and abetting was added to the case against him during an appeal for new trial, when the new evidence was presented, then ignored. Therefore, they say, he should remain in prison even though they've admitted they don't know who fired the killing shots. Hillary, he was originally convicted of firing the killing shots! The other AIM activists charged were acquitted on the grounds that they'd acted in self defense. The judge in their trial allowed as evidence, the facts leading up to the day of this particular shootout. Basically, those facts are, that the BIA Tribal Council had a "GOON" squad in operation for two and a half years prior, that it was being supplied by the FBI with arms, ammunition, information and immunity from prosecution, and that it had already resulted in the deaths of hundreds of Indians who supported the American Indian Movement or who spoke out against the BIA or the Tribal Council's practices. All told, 342 Indians were murdered, this number included women and children. I beg you to read Peter Matthiessen's "In The Spirit Of Crazy Horse", watch Redford's documentary, "Incident At Oglala", and the PBS special, "In The Spirit Of Crazy Horse"!

Mr. Peltier is in prison because of his potential to become a great leader within the American Indian Movement. They were only branded as a "dangerous, radical organization because they advocated an end to the continuing theft of Indian lands, which the government, power companies and BIA had discovered in the 60's, were rich in resources! AIM, and members such as Leonard Peltier, became the targets of the FBI's COINTELPRO program. (A Micmac woman, Anna Mae Aquash, was "found dead", had her hands cut off by the FBI - for identification - then was buried as a "Jane Doe"!)

Again, I beg you, look into this , please! The soul of our Nation is at stake. Our treatment of the Indigenous population is a national disgrace! Our treatment of our Elders and our children is a national disgrace! Our treatment of our Mother Earth is a national and international disgrace! The Indigenous cultures have much wisdom and knowledge, which they are still willing to share with us, even after the way they've been treated. But we cannot listen while we steal their land, rob their culture and condone institutionalized racism. Indeed, all of our lives and the life of our planet is at stake!

I am a member of the CT. Leonard Peltier Support Group, and I am committed to gaining Leonard's freedom and the freedom of his people, if it means my life. I am enclosing with this letter a copy of the CT. L.P.S.G. Newsletter which I put out monthly. Please read it and consider subscribing to it. Please write to or call Lisa Faruolo-Peltier, Leonard's fiancée and head of his defense committee. She and the committee and all of the support groups desperately need to hear from you. Please write to Leonard. And know that those of us in this country who want humanistic change are praying for you and the President.

God Bless You, Pray For The People,
All My Relations,

Bob Manizza

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ALL MY RELATIONS:

Thank you for your continuing interest and support of the newsletter - there are now 63 subscribers. Because we are hoping and praying that the change in Washington may soon bring about Leonard's freedom, I originally intended to issue it on a bi-monthly basis. Also the idea for the newsletter came from a sign-up sheet of people who wanted, specifically, to be kept informed about his case (thanks to Alison Meyers, of Everyday Books in Willimantic).

Like all good seeds, the newsletter has been nourished by you, taken root and, in just 3 short months, produced wonderful results. I envision it's growth to be a source of information on many Native Rights issues, another opportunity to join together the Four Colors, and a way for all of us working for Peace and Justice on this Turtle Island to stay in touch. Tonight as I write the 3rd newsletter it is Inauguration Day, not just for the politicians, but for all of us, because for the first time in years we have hope. Hope that the Clinton's and Gore's will be able to live up to their words about including ALL people and our Mother Earth in the decision making process. So, tonight I'm committing to putting the newsletter out on a yearly basis. It will focus on Leonard until he gains his freedom and with his spirit and inspiration, it will continue to work for the freedom of his people and the goals mentioned above.

Please let me know that you want to receive it for a year by sending a check for \$6.00, made out to....Ct. L.P.S.G. Newsletter, mail itc/o Bob Manizza, 42 N. Bigelow Rd. Hampton, Ct. 06247. And please include your thoughts, comments and ideas. If you want it for 6 months, send \$3.00; 3 months - \$1.50. Many thanks to those of you who sent an extra donation to the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, those checks have been sent to KS. And thanks to you who sent extra donations to the newsletter - that enables me to put out extra "urgent" mailings, such as the recent one concerning the immediate letter writing campaign to the Minneapolis City Council. I am also then able to send the newsletter to people who are unemployed or otherwise can't afford it.

WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU

Drop us a line - let us know what you're up to. Are you passin' out flyers, gettin' petitions signed, do you need copies of new stuff, such as, the Mayor of Hartford's Proclamation letter for Leonard, or the address and sample letter to support the City Council in Minneapolis? We can't just assume that Leonard's going to be free soon due to the change in Govt. We have to keep up the pressure - the FBI sure is! Here are some things you can do to help:

- 1) Come to the Ct. James Bay/Leonard Peltier Support Group meeting.
- 2) Let us know about your area church, school, civic, activist groups which might be willing to sponsor a talk on Leonard and Native Rights issues. Help us to arrange fundraising/public awareness events.
- 3) Tell people to rent Redford's documentary, "Incident At Oglala" at video stores. Better, still try to arrange a public showing of it, as it omits crucial points which need explaining, and these are powerful gatherings. I have a copy of it and would be glad to help you organize one of these events.
- 4) Approach you local governments and state reps to get Resolution letters written. We can coach you on how to do this, or accompany you. Either way, contact us so we can supply you with copies of major newspaper articles, other resolution letters and handouts. We also need to keep track of who's being contacted.
- 5) Let us know if you'd be willing to become part of a "telephone tree" to get people informed quickly about events and/or urgent actions on Leonard's behalf.
- 6) Tell us about other ideas you may have. There is a creative and powerful spirit in each of us, and great things come from the smallest voice within if we share with others to gather strength.

RECENT NEWS

We are overjoyed, of course, with Clinton's election and hope that he will make good on his promise to pay attention to Native Rights issues and help us to achieve Justice for Leonard. THE DEFENSE COMMITTEE IS REQUESTING THAT WE FLOOD THE CLINTON'S WITH LETTERS BETWEEN JAN 15 - JAN 30!! Sample letters from them are included with this newsletter. Please use them as a guide to write your own letter, but feel free also to copy them and send them in with people's signature and address. Send them directly to the White House.

We still need to send them in after the 30th, but a great response is needed between now and the 30th.

On Dec. 18th, 35 FBI agents and 25 sheriffs deputies marched into the City Hall in Minneapolis, MN. to intimidate the city council! They were able to stop a resolution letter for Leonard, being proposed by council member Carol Johnson. This was clearly a "POLICE STATE" TACTIC and we have to stop it from being successful! Tell people about this, write letters to the Minneapolis City Council, get others to write! The address and a sample letter are included in this month's newsletter.

There is still no word on Leonard's latest appeal for a new trial. Keep praying - and telling people about his case - and writing letters. (Lisa told me there are 9,000 letters to the Clinton's coming from England!)

PROCLAMATION LETTER FOR LEONARD

With the help of Susan Vater, who came to us through this newsletter, I was able to contact Rick Hornung, one of the Mayor's assistants. Rick wrote a book about the recent struggles of the Mowhawk Nation in upstate N.Y. (Contact him at the Mayor's Office in Htfd. for info on obtaining a copy). He worked with the Mayor and she issued a letter supporting an investigation of the "improprieties involved with the conviction....and urging a commutation of Peltier's sentence." She also declared Dec. 29, 1993 (the anniversary of the Wounded Knee massacre) to be "JUSTICE FOR LEONARD PELTIER DAY IN THE CITY OF HARTFORD"! The sample letters to the Clinton's and the Minneapolis city council prevent me from being able to include a copy of the proclamation in this issue, but I will do so next month.

DEC. 29TH VIGIL FOR NATIVE RIGHTS

The vigil was attended by 30-40 supporters and the FULL CIRCLE DRUM. We had just received the Mayor's Proclamation, and official support for future Native Rights Demonstrations and the Songs and Prayers were strong. We will be planning more of them for Hartford and they will be at times and locations which will bring greater public exposure. These events will be advertised in the newsletter and the Eagle Newspaper.

DRUM SOCIAL FOR LEONARD PELTIER

On Mar. 20, the Iron River Singers, in conjunction with the area LPSG's, will sponsor a Pot-Luck Social Benefit for Leonard. This event will honor the Drum, as well as being an event for Leonard. "Incident at Oglala" will be shown and there will be speakers. The public is invited, so please try to attend. Come to honor the Drum and support Leonard at The Rod & Gun Club of New Bedford, N. Dartmouth, MA. from 1-6pm. Call (508) 993-2117 or (203) 455-0354 for more info and directions.

OTHER EVENTS

Jan. 27 Claude Otter, representative from the Crees of Quebec, will speak about James Bay, and Hydro-Quebec's plans to devastate an area the size of France and destroy the traditional lifestyle of the Cree. 7pm Midrasha Hebrew H.S., 2626 Albany Ave., W. Hartford, CT. 203-693-6557 or 203 269-0529.

Jan. 29 Joan Luster is organizing a membership meeting of a new archeological society in N.E. CT. which plans to develop Nipmuck History and preservation of sites, and help bring together the Native and Non-Native communities. Lyent Russell will be one of the speakers. Call Joan at 203-923-2001 for more info.

Feb. 19 Next meeting of the Ct. James Bay/Leonard Peltier Support Group. James Bay info at 6:30, Peltier info at 7:30, Call Joan 269-0529 or Bob 455-0354 for more info.

Feb. 10 "Incident at Oglala" showing at C.C.S.U., Call Bud 231-9714, Butch 646-5197, or Bob 455-0354 for info.

Feb. 26,27,28. Tlakaheel, the Mexca Elder who is the guide and inspiration for the Kalpulli Chaplin, and whose message is the Peace and Dignity Journey for all the Four Sacred Colors, will be spending the weekend at the Kalpulli Chaplin, in Chaplin, Ct. Fri. eve. 7:30 pot-luck and talk by Tlakaheel. For more info call Bert Gunn at (203) 455-9203.

Again, thank you for your interest and support of the CT. L.P.S.G. Newsletter.

All My Relations, Bob Manizza & the Ct. James Bay/Leonard Peltier S.G.

The Honorable William Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington D.C. 20500

dated_____

Dear President Clinton,

Congratulations on your decisive victory! The American people have spoken out for change and progress and have vested their trust in your words and actions. Therefore I find it a moral obligation to bring to your attention a case of injustice so outrageous that it must be remedied immediately.

Leonard Peltier has spent nearly seventeen years in federal prison, illegally convicted of killing two FBI agents at point blank range. The government has since conceded that it does not know who fired the killing shots during the June 26th, 1975 firefight on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota which included 30-40 Indian activists and well over 100 FBI agents, BIA police, and tribal police known as the COON Squad. Senior Circuit Judge Gerald Heaney, a man who wrote to Mr. George Bush asking for consideration of a sentence reduction for Leonard Peltier, has stated that the FBI was "equally to blame" for the events that day. Yet Mr. Peltier is the only person serving a prison sentence for the shoolout, a sentence that spans twice his natural life.

Documentation uncovered long after his conviction indicates that the government knowingly used fabricated evidence to extradite him from Canada and to influence the jury, coerced witnesses, committed perjury, and withheld exculpatory evidence. Today the government argues that Mr. Peltier should remain in prison despite admitting that they have no real evidence against him, claiming that he was prosecuted for both first degree murder and aiding and abetting. Anyone familiar with the legal proceedings and possessing even the most rudimentary reading skills can see that this is an outright lie.

Leonard Peltier was a potential leader. He was considered a threat because he is a good organizer and his love for his people and traditions rub off on those around him. From his prison cell he still guides his people through his wonderful art work and ideas which he instructs supporters to put into motion. A health plan is in its beginning stages. He has donated a painting to establish a scholarship for deserving Native law students, he asks for food and clothing to be delivered to the poorest of the reservations. In fact, he was a nominee for last year's Nobel Peace Prize. He is supported by many Congressmen and Senators, world religious leaders, and Amnesty International. Millions of signatures have been collected supporting his release.

I urge you as a concerned citizen and registered voter to take immediate action in this blatant case of injustice. In the land of the free and home of the brave Leonard Peltier's imprisonment is unacceptable.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Sincerely,

signature

printed name

address

The Honorable Hillary Clinton
First Lady of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington D.C. 20500

date:

Dear First Lady,

Congratulations to you and your family! It is refreshing to have a First Lady in the White House who is intelligent, professional, and strong in her beliefs. I am impressed with your views on family issues, children's rights and Native sovereignty. Therefore I find it a moral obligation to bring to your attention a case of injustice so outrageous that it must be remedied immediately.

Leonard Peltier has spent the last seventeen years of his life in federal prison illegally convicted in the deaths of two FBI agents during the June 26th, 1975 firefight on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota which included 30-40 Indian activists and well over 100 FBI agents, BIA police and tribal police known as the GOON squad. Documentation uncovered long after Mr. Peltier's conviction indicates that the government knowingly used fabricated affidavits to extradite him from Canada and to influence the jury, coerced witnesses, committed perjury, and withheld exculpatory evidence.

Today the government argues that Leonard Peltier was tried on alternating theories of murder and aiding and abetting. Therefore, they say, he should remain in prison even though it has been conceded that they "don't know who killed the agents". Anyone familiar with the legal proceedings and possessing even the most rudimentary reading skills can see that this double theory argument is an outright lie. The jury heard only about the brutal "close up" shootings.

Leonard Peltier is in prison because of his potential to become a great leader within the American Indian Movement. He was a target of the FBI's COINTELPRO program which resulted in the harassment, jailings, and deaths of members of organizations considered dissident. He has missed the birthdays of his children for seventeen years. His grandson exists only in photographs. His mother recites a rosary every night for him.

Today he is a target for an ongoing Amnesty International campaign. He is supported by Congressmen and Senators as well as many world religious leaders including Desmond Tutu and the Archbishop of Canterbury. Millions of signatures have been collected supporting his release. In fact, he was a nominee for last year's Nobel Peace prize.

Please educate yourself by viewing *Incident At Oglala*, Robert Redford's documentary on the case, or by reading Peter Matthiessen's *In the Spirit of Crazy Horse*. This injustice has gone on for too long. I urge you as a concerned citizen and registered voter to please take action and come out in support of justice in this case. In the land of the free and home of the brave Leonard Peltier's imprisonment is unacceptable.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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printed name

address

Minneapolis City Council

City Hall

350 S. 5th St.

Minneapolis, MN. 55415

Dear Council Members:

I implore you to reconsider the resolution on behalf of Leonard Peltier and his right to a new trial. I support City Council member Carol Johnson and this resolution and urge you to support it as well.

It is quite clear that there exists ample evidence to suggest that Leonard Peltier deserves an end to the injustice done to him. I stand with Amnesty International, the members of the United States Congress and the Canadian Parliament, world religious leaders and millions of citizens world-wide who support his right to, if not total amnesty, at least a new and fair trial.

I deplore the FBI and Hennepin County sheriff's deputies' show of force in your City Hall on December 18, 1992 and hope that you will not be deterred from examining the truth because of it.

Sincerely,

DAVID C. HENDRICKS - Killed by a policeman, in what his people believe was a racially motivated attack. Evidence exists which shows that excessive force was used. His family and his people seek the just removal of this officer from the police force. Information available on other racial attacks condoned by local police.

MASON STATUE - In the colonization of New England, Capt. John Mason massacred hundreds of Pequot men, women and children. A statue in his honor stands to this day on what once was Pequot land. Help the people to get this statue

THE EAGLE - New England's Native American Newspaper will keep you informed on these and other issues, and on events you may want to attend. It greatly needs support in the form of new subscribers.

L.I.S.N. - Our world is so out of balance that an entire people are not represented at the U.N. The League of Indigenous Sovereign Nations needs your help in securing a permanent seat among the World Council.

JAMES BAY - Hydro-Quebec, a huge power company is trying to force the damming of an area the size of France in Canada. This is for excess electricity in the New England states, in place of realistic energy policies which mean a sustainable future for us all. AND, they are forcing it on the Cree and Innu people, against their will.

LEONARD PELTIER - A Native American political prisoner, falsely convicted of the murder of 2 FBI agents in 1975, he is serving 2 life sentences. Evidence exists of FBI misconduct, perjury, coercion, and fabrication and suppression of evidence regarding his trial. Help us to **FREE LEONARD PELTIER IN 1993!**

BLACK HILLS/LAKOTA SOVEREIGNTY - The Black Hills were **STOLEN** from the Lakota people when they were forced to "sell" this land, after their food and clothing rations were withheld during the winter months in the late 1800's. During the 70's efforts to regain their land led to the FBI persecution of the American Indian Movement, the imprisonment of Leonard Peltier, and the continuing impoverishment of the Lakota people (and all Native Americans in general). The Lakota people, as do most American Indians, seek an end to U.S. Govt. domination, and recognition as sovereign nations.

CHIPPEWA TREATY FISHING RIGHTS VIOLATIONS - In Wisconsin, while they are being denied their **LEGAL RIGHTS** to fish for walleye, the Chippewa are actually being blamed for the fish's declining numbers. This in an environment of Non-Native pollution and destruction of the land, water and air. The people have been attacked, hurt, some even killed, in their struggle to assert their rights and do something about the **REAL** source of this fish's demise - industrial pollution.

NUCLEAR TESTING, NUCLEAR WASTE AND TOXIC WASTE DUMPING - exists as a reality for Native Americans because, unlike white, middle-class communities, they are powerless to stop it without the additional support of non-native peoples. Again, the dominant society is taking the short sighted view of disposing of these poisons on the lands of those who have no political power, rather than to just stop producing it. Wherever it gets dumped, it will eventually affect us all - so please don't think it is just "an Indian problem".

CANOE LAKE SIEGE - Canadian Indians are **RIGHT NOW** trying to stop the destruction of their land by a large logging company, being allowed by a tribal council which **DOES NOT** represent the will of the people. We have word that the R.C.M.P. are preparing an assault on the people at the blockade.

BIG MOUNTAIN/FORCED RELOCATION OF THE DINE (NAVAJO) - A false "conflict" has been created between the Hopi and the Dine people. Under the guise of resolving the "conflict", the Federal Gov't is trying to force the Dine people off their land. This will then allow Peabody Coal, a British mining firm to exploit the land's coal reserves.

SHOSHONE LAND RIGHTS - The BLM (Bureau of Land Management) continues to help the gov't break an 1863 treaty with Western Shoshone people, in the interests of military installations and white ranching interests.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ISSUES AFFECTING NATIVE PEOPLE
STRUGGLING TO PROTECT THE EARTH AND THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS:**

LOCAL ISSUES-

David C. Hendricks Commission on Human Rights: Jack McGee PO Box 1396, Mashpee, MA. 02649.

Mason Statue: Wolf Jackson PO Box 221, Old Mystic, Ct. 06389.

Subscribe to The Eagle: Eagle Wing Press, Inc., PO Box 579MO, Naugatuck, Ct. 06770.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES:

L.I.S.N. (League of Indigenous Sovereign Nations). Trying to gain a seat at the U.N. Rebecca Stoughton 270-0154.

James Bay/Leonard Peltier Support Group: Joan Bailey, 776-2006, Bob Manizza, 455-0354.

Black Hills, S.D., Lakota Sovereignty: Lakota National Sovereignty Coordinating Office, PO Box 5686, Rapid City, S.D. 57709, (605) 348-9463.

Wisconsin, Chippewa Treaty Fishing Rights: Great Lakes Intertribal Council, Box 9 Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538.

Nuclear and toxic Waste Dumping Nationwide:
Indigenous Environmental Network, 19 Ellicott Blvd. Tonawanda, NY 14150.

Big Mountain, Arizona, Forced Relocation of The Dine (Navajo): San Jose Big Mountain Support Group, Pat O'Connell, PO Box 1960 San Jose, CA 95109, (408)971-4277.

Nevada, Shoshone Land Rights:
Western Shoshone Defense Office, Gen. Delivery, Crescent Valley NV 89821 (702)468-0230.

For Info on the deplorable conditions existing for most Native Americans, order The American Indian Digest: Thundebird Enterprises, 8821 N. 1st St., Phoenix, AZ 85020.

Canoe Lake Siege by the R.C.M.P. in Canada: First Nations Solidarity Committee, (401)781-2115, (508)674-4084, or (203)455-0354.

PLEASE, GET INVOLVED. HELP TO SAVE NATIVE CULTURES, MOTHER EARTH AND OURSELVES!

ovement Against Nuclear sting Gathers Fuel

One day we saw a flash of lightning, then a dull clap of thunder, and the Earth beneath our feet trembled. We had no idea what was going on and the next day our father took us to the desert to pray. It was much later when we heard that we had experienced the first atomic bomb test on the Nevada Test Site; right here on our land," recalls Pauline Estevez, a Western Shoshone. That happened on January 1951. Forty-one years and hundreds of bomb tests later, the U.S. announced a nine-month moratorium on nuclear testing in 1992, granting a respite to the human, animal and plant inhabitants of the fragile desert ecosystem 65 miles from Las Vegas. But the 2,000 people from around the world who gathered near the test site to commemorate the 500th anniversary of Columbus's arrival wanted more. Without permanent "Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban," said organizer Verdell Jake, a Southern Paiute from Arizona, "the nuclear industrial interests will resume blowing bombs under the Nevada desert as soon as the moratorium ends."

Indeed, provisions allow up to 15 underground explosions in the three years following the moratorium. Then, a permanent halt to U.S. testing may come in 1996 providing all other countries do the same. The moratorium, signed by President Bush after passage by both the House and Senate, followed six tests in 1992. The last two, code-named "Hunters Trophy" and "Divider," occurred five days apart last September, only about a week before activists arrived.

The 10-day event, entitled "Healing Global Wounds," included a "healing ceremony," Indian-led teach-ins, and civil disobedience in which 652 people were arrested and put into holding pens—fenced squares of scorched earth bare of everything but Port-O-Sans—where they rained for hours before being bused to nearby town and released. "On the way we saw a billboard: The Nevada Desert Test Site. An Environmental Research Risk. That had to be the euphemism of the century! Another sign invited employees to suggest energy conservation ideas," recalled protester Lyndie Latierra.

Wackenhut Security Inc., a federal contractor, and the Nye County Sheriff's Office are no strangers to civil disobedience,

which groups like the Las Vegas-based Nevada Desert Experience have been organizing for years. "One day we arrested 1,400," recalled one officer. The crime was crossing the cattle guard onto the 1,300-square-mile site, though all arrestees had Shoshone permits to be there. "The West-

ern Shoshone are the original custodians of this land, affirmed by the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley," says Chief Raymond Yowell. The Department of Energy claims it purchased the land from another government agency, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, though the Shoshone say they never agreed to sell it. "Now, Shoshone, Paiutes and other downwind communities suffer from cancer, leukemia, thyroid problems and birth defects," says Yowell. "With over 900 [200 atmospheric and 700 underground] bombs exploded, we are the most bombed nation on Earth."

The Nevada Congressional delegation, claiming concern over jobs, opposed the moratorium. "They're likely more concerned about maintaining the support of test site contractors and labor unions," says David Solnit of the Las Vegas-based group American Peace Test. Nevada contains 20 percent of all U.S. military land, including bombing ranges, boom test ranges, aircraft and tank practice grounds, and the Nevada Test Site. Nearby, Yucca Mountain is being considered as the national repository for high level nuclear waste. "Natives never called the desert 'Death Valley,'" said Pauline Estevez at the rally. "Names like that make it easy to turn land into 'National Sacrifice Zones.' How can we just dispose of huge portions of Mother Earth?"

Many see alternatives: "Where better to construct solar thermal generating plants than the Nevada Test Site, which receives more sunlight annually than anywhere else in the U.S.?" asks Peg Bean of the Reno-based Citizen Alert. Another obvious task? "We'll have jobs forever if we clean these places up," says Chief Yowell.

U.S. taxpayers paid \$511 million for nuclear testing in 1992, according to Greenpeace. But there are greater costs. Worldwide, global fallout from the 2,000 nuclear test bomb explosions will eventually cause 2.4 million people to die of cancer, according to the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW). "People, not just of Utah and Nevada,...were unknowingly subjected to radioactive fallout that resulted from ventings of underground tests," testified Colonel Raymond Brim, who monitored off-site fallout from underground detonations for the Air Force. "Because of wind and weather patterns, this debris was carried much further than has been reported to the public."

IPPNW warns that underground explosions leave behind "large quantities of

long-lived radioactive materials (plutonium-239, cesium-137 and strontium-90) at test sites around the world." Such deposits may leach into ground and surface water, endangering both humans and wildlife that drink it. "In essence, this testing has created...unstudied, uncharacterized and unlicensed nuclear dumps for high level radioactive wastes," says an IPPNW report. In moving underground,

sight and the risk transferred to future generations."

"No defense reasons can justify the silent nuclear war of the government against its own people," says Olzhas Suleimenov of Kazakhstan, a heavily tested area of the former Soviet Union, where every third child has birth defects. Polynesia's Mururoa Atoll has "holes inside

like cheese from all the [French] nuclear tests," says islander Marguerite Tetuanui, the only one of five sisters to survive breast cancer. "They put up two big walls of concrete around the island to keep it standing up." Other than the U.S., France and the former Soviet Union, the nations that conduct nuclear tests are China and Great Britain. India tested once in 1984.

In October 1991, the former Soviet Union began a unilateral one-year moratorium on nuclear testing. In April 1992, France, too, suspended its testing program. But China conducted an underground test last May measuring 6.6 on the Richter scale—90 times the size of the Hiroshima explosion. "More countries will want their own nuclear weapons if the U.S. keeps testing," said an IPPNW ad in *The New York Times*. "But if we stop testing, we will be a leader in global non-proliferation efforts."

The activists hope their actions will hasten this course. Said Lou Friedman, of Connecticut's Promoting Enduring Peace, "We wanted to experience the beauty of the desert and the danger that lies just beyond the mountains. We wanted to understand emotionally what we understood intellectually. We wanted to share spiritually with the Shoshone the injustices done

to them through nuclear testing." Shoshone elder and spiritual leader Corbin Harney told the crowd, "The desert has many lives, and those lives appreciate what you're doing." One of those lives, a large tarantula, ventured out during the healing ceremony, but no one screamed. Several bent to marvel at the creature, until someone gently slid it into a cup and relocated it to safer ground. Said participant Marlene Santoya, "The desert doesn't hit you over the head with vivid tropical colors. But it has a subtle beauty all its own, which you miss entirely driving by at 65 miles per hour." She paused, adding, "You know, we came here to help heal the Earth, but we ended up healing ourselves."

Radioactive Heaven and Earth: The Health and Environmental Effects of Nuclear Weapons Testing is available for \$16.30 postpaid from: International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, 126 Rogers Street, Cambridge, MA 02142/(617)868-5050. Also contact: American Peace Test, P.O. Box 26725, Las Vegas, NV 89126/(702)386-9834; Western Shoshone Defense Project, General Delivery, Crescent Valley, NV 89821/(702)468-0230. **E**

—Elissa Wolfson

DEAR FIRST LADY CLINTON,

IT HAS BEEN THREE PRESIDENTS AND 17 LONG YEARS FOR SOMEONE TO WAIT FOR JUSTICE. SUCH IS THE CASE OF LAKOTA/CHIPPewa POLITICAL PRISONER LEONARD PELTIER. THIS CASE IS INCONGRUENT WITH THE TENETS OF LEGAL JURISPRUDENCE

TO SOMEONE LIKE YOURSELF WITH A BACKGROUND IN LAW AFTER REVIEWING THIS LETTER + REVIEWING THIS CASE YOU WILL SURELY CONCLUDE THAT JUSTICE WAS FAR FROM SERVED. NOT BEING AT ALL CONNECTED WITH THE LEGAL PROFESSION IT SEEMS OBVIOUS TO ME THAT THIS MAN WAS PERSECUTED NOT PROSECUTED

IN WRITING TO YOU AT THIS TIME I HOPE THAT THIS NEW ADMINISTRATION WILL ACT IN A FASHION ~~TO~~ GRANT CLEMENCY TO MR. PELTIER.

20 million private individuals worldwide 60 US congressmen 51 members of CANADIAN Parliament the national association of defense lawyers, the Archbishop of Canterbury + Bishop Desmond Tutu HAVE ALL DEMANDED PARDON FOR THIS FREEDOM FIGHTER. IN 1986 THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS PRIZE WAS AWARDED TO MR. PELTIER BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF SPAIN

THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN AND NOW YOU THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE POWER TO TURN THE KEY MUST ACT. I IMPLORE YOU TO DO THE RIGHT THING

Sincerely

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Mrs. Hillary Clinton
c/o The Governor's Mansion
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dec. 29, 1992

Dear Hillary,

I wanted to take this moment to write to you, because I wanted you to know that not only am I happy that your husband won in the presidential election, but that you are going to be First Lady. I am a 30-year-old law student (1st year). I also work full time and am married. My husband also supported Bill Clinton for president.

You really are a role model for my generation, and I think you should know that many of us are proud to have you as the new First Lady. I respect your intelligence and education. I also admire your many achievements both professionally and personally. What I do not care about is the way you choose to wear your hair or how many cookies you can bake. Like most women, I have to work, and my husband helps with the cooking. I hope that I, too, can have a rewarding career and take pleasure in my family as you have done with yours.

It irks me to hear people constantly berating and criticizing you for the most minute details while ignoring the fact that you are a truly accomplished woman. I can only conclude that those who criticize do so out of jealousy and narrow-mindedness. Those who are jealous can not stand the fact that a woman might be a bit smarter and more educated than they are. Those who are narrow-minded just can't seem to find their way into the 21st century.

Hillary, although I do not know you, I admire you and would be pleased to see you involved in any aspect of the government. You do not have to prove your worth to my generation of women. We know first hand how hard it still is for women to be treated fairly in a male-dominated work environment. I can only hope that both you and Bill will make some positive changes in the next four years.

I will end this long letter with congratulations to you both. It is long past time for a change. It is time for some simplicity in government. We have had it with designer ball gowns, over-spending by the wealthy, and, most importantly, with the lack of interest shown to those of us who work hard and play by the rules. It's our turn now, and we are looking forward to a breath of fresh air to replace the stench of all of that "old money" that filled the White House for too long.

Sincerely,

Saraann Pinto
10356 Oxford Hill Dr #4, St. Louis, MO 63146

Saraann Pinto

105 Carriage Stone Drive
Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022
January 27, 1993

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

I am very concerned about how powerful the media - radio, television and the newspaper have become and fear they are making news rather than reporting it. If things are not as exciting as they would wish-they suggest, they infer, they imply, and many voters who do not really think for themselves believe whatever they are told.

The media has become so powerful that they are forcing some elected officials to make decisions, sometimes before they are ready to, in order to counter any impression the media has created. Example, calling George Bush a wimp made him take the stand he did against Saddam Hussein. He might have waited for sanctions, but he is human and reacted in a human way, not necessarily in a presidential way. I hope your husband will not be forced to make decisions before he is ready. The pressure must be tremendous.

No president has been faced with more problems than your husband Mrs. Clinton, but if he will talk to us over the T V and tell us in a brief statement, not more than fifteen minutes, what the problem is, what the options are, and how he proposes to solve the problem I believe the majority of the people will be behind him. Don't underestimate the average voter. Tell us the truth and we will respond. Ex. Tell us about the gasoline tax in other countries and how it works. Show us how it will help us. Make it patriotic to car pool etc.

And now for a personal note. Last week a woman caller was very upset because her daughter had attended a function where you were present Mrs. Clinton and she said, on the radio, that she was shocked at your language which included the f word on more than one occasion. I did not want to believe this because you are now the new role model for our young women. With your intelligence I know you can express yourself forcefully, and as Chelsea's mother you must want to set the best example possible. As a former teacher I have heard the language but hoped, as the students matured, they would leave that language behind. The Republicans are looking for any little thing they can use against you, especially that horrible man Rush Limbaugh who, unfortunately, has a very large following. Please be careful.

I have never written to any public official, but our country is in such terrible state, thanks to Ronald Reagan, that you and your husband need all the support each one of us can give. I am ready to do my part and sacrifice, but you must show us how.

Sincerely,

Marie R. Hobart

General Issue
Bosnia

Mrs. Hillary Clinton

First Lady

White House

1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Washington, DC 20500

FOREIGN
AFFAIRS

Peace be upon you

Dear Mrs. Hillary,

I ask you on behalf of all the starving people in Bosnia, on behalf of the widows, of raped ladies and on behalf of all the broken hearts to please open your mind and heart to this, I hope warm letter. I from my chair in front of the TV, have been disgusted at peoples ~~cap~~ capacity to be inconsistent. Saddam Hussein ~~state~~ ^{state}worldly commits aggressions against his dignity and honour. He does what pleases at any cost with no responsibility to anyone. I pray to Creator who created me and you that America will not follow the example of a dictator and lift the arms embargo on Bosnia, enforce the no-fly zone, and put forth the hand of help so that the world can be a better place for us the newer generations.

Pleadingly yours

Osama Hamdani

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Dear Mrs. Clinton,

Please stop the killing, torching,
rapping and the hunger of Bosnia. Over 60,000
thousand women, children, and kids were
raped, from 7 and up. Kids right now are
suffering, starving please help!!! All the muslims
in Bosnia we need your help. We are all
brothers and sisters we should be able
to help each other. Please do whatever you
can do, we are only asking for your help
please HELP!!! Respond!!!

Yours sincerely,
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Dear Ms Clinton & President Elect:

After a 62 year absence I returned to China via the Scandinavian countries and Russia. Russia appeared to be in a state of total economic collapse.

The China I left in 1930 at the age of 13 was like Somalia. In one week Liao-cheng, my home city, had a change of war lords 3 times. There was constant civil war. I lived through a famine in which it was estimated 5 to 8 million people starved to death. Now food is abundant and cheap. Local markets are flooded with a tremendous variety of vegetables, fruits, fish, fowl & meats. Building is going on everywhere - factories, sky scrapers, apartments & parks. In central and south China peasants are building thousands upon thousands of two story brick homes. Deng Xiaoping's policies have brought them prosperity and they wish him long life. A fifty day trip from north to south revealed a vibrant people and a booming economy. What the Chinese have accomplished gives me hope for all of mankind!

I wrote the government of Liao-cheng which is off the tourist trail that I wanted to see the changes in Liao-cheng and that I would like to visit a childhood

...not corresponded with since I didn't write Chinese. I received a five page letter telling me my friend had died in 1959 leaving 7 children. They wrote about every child, 6 of whom are living, where they lived and what they were doing and that there would be a hotel room and interpreter available. When we arrived the government treated us with great honour and provided us with a car, driver and delightful interpreter. We visited the lovely new downtown square with Chinese style buildings, the beautiful parks & playgrounds, the watch factory, schools from kindergarten to teacher's college where 4 Americans teach English. The old mission church is being used as a library but the Christians have services in a nearby building. No longer do beggars freeze to death in the beautiful old Taoist temple across the street from my childhood home for now the Chinese have warm and attractive clothes, and coal to heat their homes. When we visited the hospital imagine our surprise when we saw a patient being placed in a cat-scan and heart patients being instructed by video tapes made in America. The chief doctor wants to send nurses to the U. S. A. for further training and I want to help him. The Chinese tell me it is extremely difficult to obtain visas from the U. S. A. Please use your considerable influence to liberalize these policies.

Many Chinese expressed concern that Mr Clinton if elected would impose trade restrictions based on our U.S.A. values and interpretation of human rights.

and I have had a life long concern for human rights. In 1941 we went to south Georgia to work in the Methodist ministry. (I was the first woman to become a Local Methodist minister in Georgia and was later ordained in Louisiana) Ed's first sermon dealing with racial injustice was "Equal Pay for Equal Work." The whole community was in an uproar, Baptists as well as Methodists. I could write a book about violations of human rights in the U. S. A.

But most of all our citizens need to know about the awful violation of human rights during the Cold War when we supported bloody tyrants in Central & South America, Asia and Africa. How many devastated countries have we left in the wake of our policies? The planet lost the Cold War that Bush brags about winning. Furthermore our presidents are above the law. They make war when they please and congress is impotent. The Chinese all know about Bush's war in Panama that violated U. S. A. and international law. How many hundreds or thousands of men, women and children did we kill to capture one man?

Rev. E. W. Carroll Jr. the director of the United Methodist Church China Program who has visited China 40 times since 1979 wrote an article for the current issue of the U. S. - China Review. I quote, "While Christians in China did not support the indiscriminate

square incidents) many agree
measures were needed to maintain
stability and order. As one retired pastor noted,
'The government had no choice. Had the students
won, the nation would have lost.' " One Chinese
said to me, "Don't push us. Let us advance in
our own way." Without a deep appreciation for
Confucian ethics and the viewpoint of Chinese
peasants our government is in danger of doing
great harm to the Chinese people.

A fellow Democrat,
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