

Lima, June 5, 1996

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady of the United States
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United States of America

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

It was a pleasure to meet you again on my trip to Washington two weeks ago. I want to thank you for your kind support at the unveiling of National Geographic's exhibit of the Princess of Ampato". All Peruvians are proud of the genuine interest and enthusiasm of the American people for this wonderful visitor from my country's mystical past. Your presence at the opening made the moment even more special.

I was particularly pleased that you could attend the ceremony because I have long admired your leadership and outspoken defense on issues of women's rights and gender equality. Your presence and influence at Beijing was crucial in making the event the success that it was. As you may know, my Administration has moved boldly and quickly to empower women with a greater ability to control their lives. To that end, I have tried to use the Presidency as a source of real policy change to improve the lives of women in Peru. Over strong opposition, Peru now has a family planning program that provides information and services to Peruvian women of all income groups. Similarly, I have tried to make women's issues and women's empowerment a cornerstone of my social policies—including these themes in my inaugural address and in the key speeches in my recent U.S. visit, and ensuring that they remain a priority throughout my Administration.

To that end, I would like to invite you to come to Peru and allow me to personally escort you to view the women's education, family planning and technical training projects we have begun in rural areas in my country. Your presence in Peru, on a trip specifically targeted to women's issues, would send a strong message of change to the region.

All Peru would be honored to have you as our guest. Please consider the invitation; we would greatly benefit from your presence and advice.

Yours sincerely,


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