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February 18, 1994

Hillary Rodham Clinton
The Whitehouse
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Dear Ms. Rodham Clinton:

After watching the reactions of media, insurance representatives and spokespersons for the Republican Party to the President's health care agenda as reiterated in the State of the Union Address, I feel compelled to add one more voice to the chorus which has earned your respectful attention.

I do not write in order to tell you about a personal disastrous experience with the health insurance system. Although I was covered for only 4 months in the period from 1982-1993, I was fortunate enough to escape those years without need of serious medical care. Of course, the long-term ramifications of the lack of preventive medicine for that long have yet to be determined. At the present, I belong to an HMO through my employer, Loyola University of Chicago. It is excellent coverage for which I pay very little and I would gladly contribute more so that others could benefit also.

My interest in this issue derives not simply from personal experience, but from my view of the over-arching concerns of this nation's self-identity. I am a professional Catholic theologian, my specialty is in American Religious Thought, and my research work focuses on religion and politics. As a result, I spend a great deal of time reflecting on the dynamics of democratic philosophy and religious belief. I think about who we Americans are a lot, and I think about who we have been and who we should be. The vision forwarded by those who oppose your proposals in health care reform is definitely not the one that I have glimpsed in our history in the those moments when we were bright and self-aware, nor is it the one that will keep us warm and alive in the future.

This is my question: Where did we ever get the idea that we are not responsible for each other? The best thinkers in the American historical tapestry understood that in order to claim a national identity we first must agree that we belong to each other. John Winthrop, first governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, stood on the deck of the Arbella in 1630 on the way to the New World and reminded the Puritans that all people stand in need of each other so that "they might all be knit more nearly together." He

believed that the national covenant was not only a covenant with God, but of the people with one another.

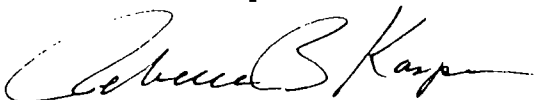
The insurance companies, and the Republicans too, it appears, prey upon the nightmares of the radical individualist. Freedom is the key word here, everyone is afraid that their freedom will somehow be infringed upon. But freedom is without meaning unless it is understood in relationship to responsibility. We all learn this as one of the hardest lessons of adulthood, that our freedom is all tied up in being responsible, and in doing the right thing when it has to be done.

Some folks talk about their rights too, that national health care guarantees will strip them of specific choices which they name "rights." But a right to something is nothing more than a claim to what is required to fulfill one's responsibility. So, for instance, in Catholic social thought, John Ryan (sometimes called the Right Reverend New Dealer for his association with FDR) argued that every person has a dignity which comes from being made in the image of God. It is therefore each person's responsibility to live that dignity and each person has a right to whatever is necessary to sustain human dignity. Likewise, for Ryan, no one has a right to superfluous wealth when other people do not have the basic requirements for a decent life. Good health care is absolutely one of those requirements. Wealthy people may indeed be the only ones with a right to be sick, but all people have the right to be well.

This isn't socialism, though probably many would see that specter here. It is a foundational theological and political vision about the origin and destiny of the human creature. It is the kind of vision which fired the abolitionists and the social reformers of the nineteenth century. It is one which, when not articulated by the government, becomes elusive and blurred and victim to those whose illusions of individualism we all pay for.

Please do not give in to the self-serving interests of those who oppose your work, the rest of us cannot afford to carry them any longer. Yours is the task of justice and that is the only national identity worth the fight. Thanks for standing up there.

Sincerely,



Dr. Rebecca B. Kasper
Department of Theology
Loyola University of Chicago

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 19, 1994

Rebecca B. Kasper, Ph.D
Department of Theology
Loyola University of Chicago
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Dear Dr. Kasper:

Thank you for your words of support and for your wonderful reflection on rights and responsibilities. It was a pleasure to read your letter.

At the present time, the citizens of this country have an historic opportunity to ensure guaranteed health care that can never be taken away. Throughout the country, concerned individuals like you are giving thought to this important issue. We need your support to make certain that the President's plan becomes a reality.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with me.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton

Laura Masters
5620 W. 100th Street
Fremont, Mi. 49412

February 10, 1994

Mrs. Hillary Rodham-Clinton
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Washington, DC 20006

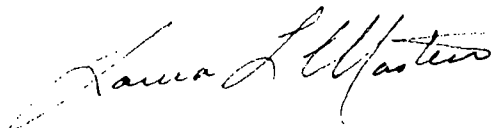
Dear Mrs. Clinton:

After viewing the protracted "Whitewater" vendetta on ABC newscast evening, I feel compelled to offer whatever comfort you might derive from a friendly word. Anyone who had the misfortune to be involved in real estate development in the last ten years knows what a money-losing venture it can be.. The media coverage has been one sided and shallow. The networks seem to have forgotten that there is real news that needs to be reported. I have no idea why ABC feels it worthwhile to belabor this incident, and can only conclude that they indulge in this type of attack when they cannot challenge you or the President on other fronts. It must be terribly frustrating to face the media pit-bulls every day.

I must admit that I did not vote for the Democratic ticket, but you might be encouraged to hear that in this very conservative rural area, many of my friends and neighbors are grudgingly admitting that they are "not entirely unhappy" with the Clintons . My husband had occasion to speak with a small businessman about your health-care initiative recently. This person told my husband that he would accept employer mandates on health-care because "It is the right thing to do". My husband has been a physician for fifty-two years and also agrees that the health-care industry needs revamping.

So, from out here in the hinter-lands, good luck! Don't believe everything you here on the news. None of the rest of us do.

Sincerely,

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

Laura Masters

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 22, 1994

Ms. Laura Masters
5620 West 100th Street
Fremont, Michigan 49412

Dear Ms. Masters:

Thank you very much for writing to me and expressing your support. I appreciate your words of encouragement for the President as he works hard to bring health care reform to the people of our country.

The interest of our nation's small businesses, which you discuss in your letter, is an issue which both the President and his Administration considered carefully while formulating the Health Security Act. Under the current health care system, small businesses pay much higher rates than larger businesses. Under the President's plan, increased bargaining power and administrative simplicity will mean that small businesses will be able to take advantage of the lower rates that large businesses currently pay.

The citizens of this nation now have an historic opportunity to change our health care system to make it work for all Americans. Your support will be invaluable to the President as his Administration works toward meaningful and lasting change in our health care system.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hillary Rodham Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hillary Rodham Clinton

905 Cypress Station
Houston, TX 77090-2001
January 27, 1994

Mrs Hillary Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs Clinton,

I want to talk to you about
aids. Aids is becoming a big
problem in the United States. I feel
that we should have a mandatory
aids test for everyone in the United
States. My friend's mother has
aids and she is very scared of her
mother. She sometimes don't even
like going by her mother. She says
that she is not trying to hurt
her mom's feelings she's just
concerned about herself. I want to
know how much money is Mrs
Clinton spending on the aids care.
You don't have to give me the exact
amount just give me an idea. When
I first heard about aids, I was
very scared. I didn't even want to
touch anyone. Then I asked my
mother about aids and she told
me almost everything about it. So,
now I know about aids. I want
to know how you are trying to make

A cure for AIDS. Some people in my class said that we should take the people with AIDS and put them in a country by themselves. I don't think that's a good idea because we don't know who all have AIDS.

This other girl said that we should pay people to stay abstinent. That was something to think about. I don't think that's going to happen.

All I want to know is how you are going to help fight the spread of AIDS.

Sincerely Yours,
Jessica Williams

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 19, 1994

Miss Jessica Williams
#201
905 Cypress Station
Houston, Texas 77090

Dear Jessica:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter regarding the AIDS crisis. I know this subject is very important to you, and it is important to President Clinton and me as well.

To deal with the AIDS crisis, the President will pursue a four-part strategy of increased research, thorough testing, better treatment and improved education. He wants to increase funding and accelerate research to help develop a vaccine and find therapies that will destroy HIV, repair the immune system, and treat AIDS-related infections. He also has asked the Congress to fully fund the Ryan White Health Care Act so that we can help people with AIDS and ease the burdens placed on their families.

President Clinton also believes that we should promote AIDS education in our schools and launch a strong and effective education campaign that will reach into every community. Continuing to focus national attention on this disease will, at the same time, alert the population to the most effective strategies for prevention and will encourage compassion and understanding for those affected by the virus.

Thank you again for your views and your support.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Hillary Rodham Clinton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Hillary Rodham Clinton

*Reply to
C. Clinton*

985 Sycamore Lane
El Cajon, CA 92019
February 1, 1994
619-447-4162

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I am a retired teacher and was director of the School Aged Parenting Program at Garfield High School. This parenting program was California State funded for twenty-five infants . A pregnant minor center was also located at the school. The objectives were to obtain parenting skills, a high school deploma, and skills necessary to find a job and support their children. There was a waiting list of around 500. so we were only a token program.

If you are a teen prostitute, your pimp will give you every thing you need except cash. The only way you can get out from under a pimp is to get pregnant. Then you get attention you have never had before. You will be put in a foster home until delivery, and then given around \$700 a month in welfare, plus medical care, food stamp, and Section 8 housing. What fourteen-year-old doesn't think she can handle a baby and a household. No longer can the parent tell her what to do. Boyfriends come and go and help out with expenses.

One of the things pregnant teen seem to have in common is there parents are usually in their early thirties. These children are producing babies every half generation. All the parents have to do is throw their teen out and the parents are no longer responsible. Once you have a baby, you are emancipated. The teenager has sole custody of her baby which is good in some cases, but not always.

We must do everything possible to protect the health of the baby and mother, but not encourage pregnancies. My students were too young and irresponsible to take the pill regularly. They are at an age where they want to think that nothing bad is going to happen to them. I hope the implant will be available to prevent some of these pregnancies.

The only insight I have to show down the rate of teen-pregnancies ~~is~~, rather than give them welfare and housing, is to put the pregnant girls in dormitories with small rooms where they and their babies are given everything they need, except cash. It seems to work for the pimps. The babies' fathers should be encouraged to take responsibility. The girls are usually too frightened to name the fathers. If the father is working, the welfare department can demand payment from him. The girls usually say they were raped. The fathers are usually around but offer little financial support or do they ever plan to. It is a macho thing to father a baby.

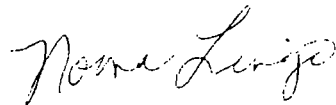
In the white culture, very young girls are encouraged by their parents not to go steady. Parents believe there is safety in numbers.

In the black culture, parents encourage their girls to go steady, assuming they will have sex.

In the latino culture, parents encourage their boys to be macho and have sex and their girls to stay virgin to marriage. The girls are frequently thrown out if they have had sex.

My best wishes to you as you try to solve a difficult social problem. I feel you are a fantastic lady.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Norma Lingo". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Norma Lingo

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 19, 1994

Ms. Norma Lingo
985 Sycamore Lane
El Cajon, California 92019

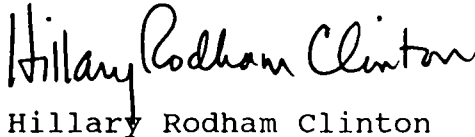
Dear Ms. Lingo:

Thank you for your thoughtful and compelling letter. You are to be commended for your work with troubled teenagers in your community. The issues you discuss, those of teenage pregnancy and the underlying problems that contribute to this recent phenomenon in our country are of great concern to President Clinton.

President Clinton alone cannot stop the disintegration of the American family. Meaningful change will occur only if all adults resolve to take responsibility for our nation's children. What children need most are adults who love them, who teach them, who discipline them, and who stand up and fight for other interests. Each of us can make a difference in the life of some child or young person every day 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 has a chance.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "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. The signature is positioned above the printed name.

Hillary Rodham Clinton

The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C.

February 10, 1994

Dear Ms. Rodham Clinton,

I am writing to you to request your assistance and guidance in bringing about a shift in our country with regards to adults and children.

My idea is to have a national bill introduced which establishes children friendly communities across the country such that children are:

- a. elevated in our awareness
- b. they are nourished, loved and viewed as our future--having a place in our present and future as a country
- c. acknowledged and recognized for making a difference in their lives and subsequently others
- d. a mentor program is created such that each child has role models and heroes in his/her life who are on-goingly in conversation.
They are listened to and guided. Both adults and children are respected and view each other as contributions--valuable, cherished members of society.
- e. there is a network of support for children which includes parents, teachers, caregivers, and other members of the community. The children experience being listened to and asked questions about their lives and acknowledged for their efforts.

I am an educator and will be a parent in the near future. I am dedicating my life to a society in which people make a difference in and outside of government, people are productive, happy, and connected, and where possibilities for living lives that we love are endless.

I thank you for your dedication, courage, inspiration, intellect and openness to new ideas and possibilities.

You have made a difference in my life by just being a stand for health, children and marriage.
I intend to contact Marion Wright Edelman and share my ideas with her, too. I hope we will meet someday as I know this would be a great honor and privilege for me.

I was very inspired by a program hosted by Walter Conkrite entitled, "Our Families, Our Future" which was on PBS (WOSU). It featured several programs based on the family preservation model. I guess I'd take it a step further and be a stand for families living life fully model!

Thank you for your prompt response to this letter and any insights, information or guidance you can provide in helping make this possibility a reality.

Have an extraordinary day!!

Sincerely,

Laura A. Hausman, M.A.
3197 Dorris Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43202
(614) 262-2827

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 17, 1994

Ms. Laura Hausman
3197 Dorris Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43202

Dear Ms. Hausman:

Thank you for sharing your ideas regarding the challenges of nurturing our children and strengthening the American family. You are to be commended for your interest in and involvement with the issues affecting young people in your community.

The President alone cannot stop the disintegration of the American family. Meaningful change will occur only if adults resolve to take responsibility for our nation's children. What children need most are adults who love them, who teach them, who discipline them, and who stand up and fight for their interests.

Each of us can make a difference in the life of some child or young person every day 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 has a chance.

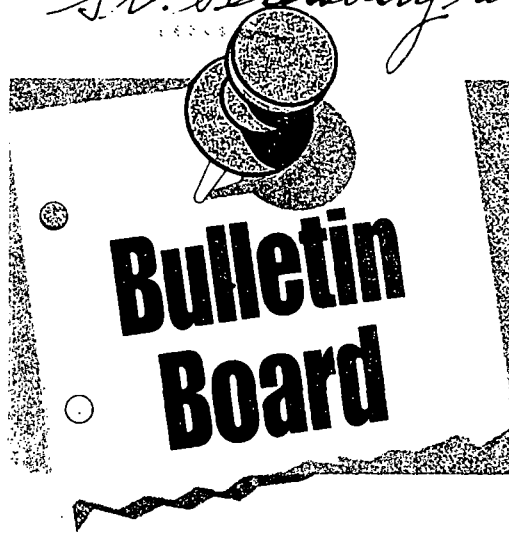
Thank you for taking the time to make your ideas known about children.

Sincerely yours,



Hillary Rodham Clinton

St. Petersburg Times 1/25/94



Quote of the Month



"Well, one of the things that became very clear to me, both because of the work I did on health care and spending all those days in the hospital with my dad, is that most of us still will not talk about death, will not talk about the process of dying. And so we don't share our feelings with our friends and family, particularly family members, who are often put into the position of having to make very difficult, very painful decisions without knowing what their loved one would want."

— First Lady Hillary Clinton explaining why she and the president now have living wills (Excerpt from a 1993 interview in People)

Joseph F. Hartman
9750 Lake Seminole Drive
Seminole, FL 34643

February 2, 1994

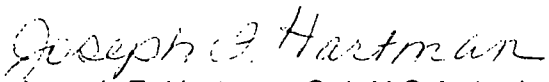
Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

The enclosed "Quote of the Month" appeared in the ST. PETERSBURG TIMES on January 25, 1994. It was a very caring quote and in reply I'm sending to you an essay that was written by a very caring person, Lisa Nadine Hammond, an English and Literature teacher at Hamilton High School, Hamilton, Ohio 45013. Lisa is a 1993 graduate of Ohio State University.

May God, peace and abundance of good health go with you both.

Sincerely,


Joseph F. Hartman, Col. U.S.A. (retired)

P.S. I'm the grandfather she wrote about.

LISA HAMMOND

ESSAY 3

2 DEC. 1992

ENGLISH 301

PHYLLIS COLE, TA

Reflections in the Water

"Swimmers, take your mark, get set....GO!!!" The swimmers plunged into the water as the gun shot echoed through the air. This scene at the water's edge is very familiar to our family. We have ~~had~~ our share of swimmers, coaches, lifeguards, and pool managers, haven't we? We all know it began with Pop Pop, of course, swimming his way to earning varsity letters in high school and college. He passed his swim trunks on to all of you, his children and now his grandchildren. Gerri was thrown into the pool at the young age of one years old. Thirty-five years later she was still at the water's edge coaching on her own swim team. Jeff, Chris and Diane spent endless summer afternoons basking in the hot sun overlooking the pool from a lifeguard chair. Pop Pop had his expectations set very high for all of us. He wanted me to swim in the 1988 olympics. I still don't hear the end of that, especially now that I have traded in my goggles for a pair of dance tights.

Our family's water experiences, however, have not only been limited to the swimming pool. We have all savored many a memory from all of our family vacations at the beach or the lake. I remember walking the boardwalk at Ocean City, riding the waves in Clearwater, and waterskiing and boating on Lake Seymour. These are some of our family's best moments because the water is something we can all share

regardless of age or capabilities. The water has provided our family with endless hours of entertainment and also functions as a symbol of our family's unity and togetherness. Because water has such an important connecting function in our family, Pop Pop has made the decision to be cremated after his death and have his ashes placed in the Gulf of Mexico. Pop Pop believes the water will keep him united with us spiritually and does not want to burden the family with the cost and planning of funeral services.

Pop Pop, or as he refers to himself, "the senior member of our firm", has contracted the services of the National Crematory Society to make the arrangements after his death. He recognizes the emotional turmoil that our family will be in and does not want us to have to worry about anything. This organization will take care of Pop's body immediately after he passes away no matter where he is in the country. Accordingly, the Society will cremate his body and put the ashes in an urn. They also prepare the urn to be dropped into the Gulf of Mexico. Pop Pop has already planned two memorial services, one in Florida and the other in Philadelphia. Believe it or not, he has his obituary written and enclosed with a picture ready for the newspaper printing. Pop Pop's preparedness demonstrates his belief of the value and importance of the family patriarch maintaining control and preserving order in the family. His pre-planned arrangements also reflect how important he feels it is to give the family respect in their time of grieving and proper time to mourn the loss.

In addition to being very organized, Pop Pop has always been

very level-headed financially. He quoted the total price of a funeral approximately ten thousand dollars. This price reflects the cost of the casket, tombstone, grave plot, hearst and funeral parlour services. Also we no longer have any room in our family plot. The cost would be unbelievable to buy some more family plots. The crematory services Pop has contracted will only cost the family approximately seven hundred dollars. Pop made it a point to say that he does not want to be sent flowers when he dies or anything like that. He made the comment, "after all, noone sends them to me now when I can enjoy them." Pop Pop's frugality results from his non-materialistic values and emphasis on being realistic rather than ostentatious. Pop Pop would rather us "pay" our respect to him through holding onto cherished memories and spiritual prayer rather than "paying" for a costly funeral or an ornate tombstone.

Not only is Pop Pop non-materialistic, he is very religious. Pop grew up attending Catholic schools and participating in mass as a server or a lecturer. Pop Pop considers himself, "a good Catholic man to his faith". He believes in an omniscient and omnipowerful God. Because the Catholic faith does not encourage cremation, Pop went to speak with a priest and received a blessing for his personal choice. Without this blessing, I do not believe Pop would be so adamant in his decision. At his memorial service Pop has requested the presence of a Catholic clergyman. Pop Pop values his religion and the strength it has given him.

After the memorial service, Pop has chosen to have his ashes dropped into the Gulf of Mexico. This decision emerges from his

belief that there is an afterlife and in his afterlife he wants to remain spiritually connected to his family. Pop Pop has always been able to connect to all of us through the water, whether it was teaching us how to swim, attending our swim meets or reminiscing about old swimming stories. Pop gave us lessons on dedication, commitment, competition and self esteem during these moments. He does not want to be buried in the cold, hard ground. He wants to be one with nature because nature is continual and life-giving just like the water which comprises over half of the world. Pop warned me, "watch out, I could come back as a great white shark or maybe a big, ugly sea turtle".

Pop Pop has a very good sense of humor about his ashes being put out to sea. Though, he always has had an excellent sense of humor. He enjoyed life and living it to its intensity. His trivial and quirky personality has brought a smile to many of our faces. When I asked him why he wanted his ashes dropped into the Gulf specifically, he answered very matter-of-factly, "so I can travel of course, You don't think I am gonna stay in that crazy urn, do you? I'm gonna visit the Atlantic and the Carribean". He continues, "you'll never know where I'll turn up. I can swim up to Vermont and visit them up there. When the Hammond's are dining on the Ohio River they can look out and see me waterskiing by. Who knows? Maybe I'll end up riding the waves with you and my great grandchildren someday in Hilton Head". Pop Pop wants to always be connected to us. He believes we will be comforted by his presence instead of feeling

scared or lonely by his loss.

Noone, however, will forget Pop Pop and his head of beautiful white, or as he calls it, "blonde", hair. With his savage tan and tiny swim trunks he looks as though he owns the beach. Will we ever be able to forget his familiar routine every morning? He's up by 7:00 a.m., lunch packed, swimsuit on, and on the beach before ten. Methodically, he sets up the umbrella, lays out the beach towels, swims for about twenty minutes and stands at the water's edge for what seems to be an eternity. With his arms crossed behind his back, he just stares out into the water for hours. I always wondered what he thinks about during that time or what he sees out there amidst the waves. I think I have an idea now. He's thinking about himself, his life and our family. The neverending horizon of water symbolizes our boundless love. He sees our reflections in the water. Just like the waves that ripple the ocean, our family has diverse interests and accomplishments which ripple our lives. Some of these waves interrupt the calm waters, just like the unfortunate instances that have interrupted our lives. However, like the constant tide coming in and out of the shore, each new day sheds a new light and new memories are made. I am not as scared now thinking of Pop's death. He'll be with us always and everywhere. When I need him I will have his beautiful reflection from the water.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 17, 1994

Colonel Joseph F. Hartman, U.S.A (retired)
9750 Lake Seminole Drive
Seminole, Florida 34643-6254

Dear Colonel Hartman:

Thank you so much for sharing with me your granddaughter's wonderful essay. It clearly illustrates the riches you have bestowed upon your family. The love of sport and the outdoors, humor and commitment are wonderful legacies.

It is, I think, a sign of concern for their loved ones that so many Americans make their wishes known to their families by arranging a living will. At a very difficult time, this consideration can be a great comfort to family members.

Please accept my very warmest wishes for you and your family. I hope that you will all enjoy many more happy summers together.

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

P.O. Box 1174
Hoodspert, WA 98548
2/10/94

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

As the mother of a 10-year-old daughter who believes she can become anything she wants to become, I'd like to thank you for providing such an excellent role model for all the little girls like my Alexandra.

While I have a college degree, I have chosen to be at home with my child during her most formative years; however, I sometimes worry that I am not modelling very well the full range of opportunities that will some day be available to her. While I understand and value the contribution I make to her upbringing as a mother at home, it is

painfully obvious to me that many others do not respect this role. With a husband in politics (state legislature), I often find a supportive role limiting and overshadowed. You provide such a strong alternative model to a political wife unafraid to be her own person and make her own contribution on a professional level. Many times I have been pleased to make keep aware of your accomplishments - you provide a good balance to the role in which she sees me functioning. She is a child of many gifts, and I wouldn't for the world want to limit her options. Thank you for your help in raising a truly liberated daughter. Sincere regards,
Jenida N. Sheldon

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 17, 1994

Ms. Linda Honan Sheldon
Post Office Box 474
Hoodsport, Washington 98548

Dear Ms. Sheldon:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter. It means a great deal to me to receive kind words from mothers, like you, across our country.

I am honored by the faith and trust you place in me. I think it is important that women support each other in the choices they make concerning their careers. Whether she chooses to pursue a profession, or to stay at home and raise her children, each woman has a right to make the decision that is best for her. She should be respected for the contributions she makes in that role.

Please accept my warmest regards for you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton

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When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star
in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry
to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among peoples, to make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman

Jan. 12, 1994

Dear Mrs. Clinton — Hillary Rodham Clinton!

Your letter - dated 1/4/94 - was for me a gem to preserve. When my daughter, Judy, told me she had written to you in my behalf, I was both astounded + embarrassed. Already I had received an invitation to the Special Area reserved for those who had contributed to the Clinton campaign before the primaries. (It was the Phil Donahue program: only Brown + Clinton - that decided me.) But I was 75 yrs. old, + could not manage on my own to go for it.

(I know that you, personally, will not read this reply - but I need to write it down.)

On the wall of my apartment - about 4' up - is a picture of the "Woman of the Year." This is one of you that appeared on the front of Newsweek. It's purposefully low so that my granddaughters who live upstairs can see it every time they go up + down. A Role Model: they are 12, 5 + 3.

I would write you the ultimate compliment - that I wish you were my daughter. But



This would overlook the daughters I have:

(1) Laurie is a director of three choirs in Holland - one, a nationally known 10-women group, the second an international group of women who happen to be the wives of Holland's Guest Workers & therefore International. The third chorus was asked by the city of Alkmaar to sing for their "Day of Remembrance." And Laurie had already received from Alkmaar the award for having contributed the most to the culture of the city. Like you, she's something!

Enough!

(2) Judith (who wrote to you) is a High School Biology teacher, who, however, carried her concern about ecology to the head of the Education Board to get approved (2) courses on Ecology, which now she (over-subscribed) teaches.

(I live with my son ^{family - wife & 3 girls} who plows snow & builds beautiful decks & garden areas & who made me an apartment in his house.)

But before we retired, I worked with my husband in the Peacemovement. Part of my work was to refer young men like your husband to counsellors about proving that they could not support the Vietnam War. As I've written before, "I wish that I had been one who had advised him." During the campaign, I hated every 40+ man who would not stand up & say: "Me, too!" Best to you,
(P.S. I wrote an intro letter to Frank Rich.) Dorothy Hassler

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 17, 1994

Mrs. Dorothy Hassler
23 Dorothy Drive
Monroe, New York 10950

Dear Mrs. Hassler:

Thank you for your thoughtful and moving letter. Your words of encouragement mean a great deal to me. You must be very proud of your daughters.

I am honored by the faith and trust you place in me. I think it is important that women support each other in the choices they make concerning their careers. Whether she chooses to pursue a profession, or to stay at home and raise her children, each woman has a right to make the decision that is best for her. She should be respected for the contributions she makes in that role.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton

"Kids Exclamation
Hugs"

Angie Beier
3355 C.R. 229
Feb. 11, 1994

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

I am a thirteen year old girl, and I am writing to you to thank you. You are a model for all students, especially girls. You are making it known to the world that females do not just have beauty, but also brains and opinions. Some people still have the old thinking that women should be seen and NOT heard. You, Mrs. Clinton are helping them wake up and show them that women should hold more government positions.

I also think that females are more sensitive to problems. We can see what needs to be fixed. Women also are just as smart as men. There are not many famous women in history, women were not given the chance to excel. I think by the time I have kids that you will be a part of history and many women will hold government positions.

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You are a very important part of our government. You listen to people very well. I know you are helping our President on our healthcare plan. That is a very important job. Since you go out and meet with the people and have earned a good education I think this healthcare plan will be great for the people of the United States of America.

I go to school in Clyde, Ohio and I am old enough to see the responsibility, and pride you take in your job and life. I know it is hard to be involved so much with the government and raise a family also. You are a model for all Americans, on behalf of all female students thank you for making our future look more promising.

Sincerely,
Angie Beier

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 17, 1994

Ms. Angie Beier
3555 Route 229
Fremont, Ohio 43420

Dear Angie:

Thank you so much for your thoughtful and supportive letter. It means a great deal to me to receive such kind words from a concerned young woman like you.

Today, American women face many challenges. These challenges and barriers can begin even when little girls are in school. However, if men and women insist that schools, businesses and other institutions accommodate the needs and priorities of American families, change will occur.

I hope that you will stay interested in government and issues of social equality. Try your hardest in school. Education is one of the most important things you can do right now. You have my best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton

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001b. letter	To Hillary from Barbara Moore re: health (2 pages)	02/29/94	b(6)

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001c. letter	To Barbara Moore from Eugene A. Grasser re: medical care (1 page)	03/16/94	b(6)

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001e. letter	To Hillary Clinton from Shanda Louise Hatcher re: health care (3 pages)	01/11/94	b(6)

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Southeast Arkansas, not to be outdone by the 1994 Olympics in Norway, staged its own answer to the international games Saturday.

They were winter games, of course, requiring some of the same speed, fortitude, dexterity and concentration demanded of Olympic athletes.

Temperatures obliged by diving below freezing at the event site, near the University of Arkansas at Monticello's Weevil Pond. Spectators bundled in blankets or huddled in cars. Even the pond's resident geese seemed to honk in protest of the cold.

It made the birling competition, in which contestants try to roll opponents off floating logs and into the water, not just a job but an adventure.



VICTORY! — Drew Merrell (left) and Bill Chaney of Monticello celebrate their first-place finish in the log-rolling contest.

Lang M. Kirshberger of Hensley, a senior and secretary of UAM's Forestry Club, said the day's events were a pre-

liminary heat — if you could call it that — for the upcoming 37th annual Conclave of the AS-
See FOREST, Page 5B

Democrat-Gazette Staff Writer

As a curfew for young people in Pulaski County's unincorporated areas went into effect at midnight Friday, no arrests were made and seven warnings were issued.

The county has joined its five major cities in making it illegal for children under age 18 to stay out late.

"So far there's been no problem, but I think that has more to do with the cold weather," said Capt. Calvin Hollowell, public information officer for the Pulaski County sheriff's office. "The first time we're giving out warnings; the second time gets the fine."

"Tonight (Saturday) will be the second night, so it may be more interesting."

Sunday through Thursday, the county curfew is in effect from

Saturday, the curfew is from midnight to 5 a.m. The law makes allowances for certain events and jobs.

Sheriff's deputies said they support the curfew as a way to curb crime, but they are concerned about enforcement.

"The Quorum Court enacted it (the curfew) but they didn't give us any more help," Hollowell said. "With only three guys on either side of the river and one supervisor, we just can't enforce it."

The Pulaski County Quorum Court passed the curfew ordinance in January but put off until March consideration of an ordinance to add six extra sheriff's deputies to help enforce the curfew.

Sheriff Carroll Gravett said the extra deputies are needed to help
See CURFEW, Page 5B

Notes to desperate 'save my life'

White House liaison says work helps counter her grief

BY JANE FULLERTON
Democrat-Gazette Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Amid the millions of letters the White House receives each year are those from people with problems so desperate they look to the highest office in the land for help.

People with nowhere else to turn, it seems, often turn to the top.

And when they do, former Blytheville resident Sue Jobe Smith is there to help answer their letters.

The former English teacher works in the White House department known as "agency liaison." It's a part of the White House correspondence department that essentially serves as a liaison to other federal agencies.

Arkansans in Washington

This is where all the letters seeking help from President Clinton or first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton end up.

Smith and other staff members hear from people who need help with their medical bills, heating bills, rent payments. They hear from people mired in government red tape or simply down on their luck. They hear from the sick and suicidal.

It isn't an easy job.

But Smith is quick to point out that "it's just rewarding when you know you have helped somebody."

For Smith, it also has been something of a personal salvation.

After nearly 20 years as the full-time mother of four sons in suburban Washington, it's part of a renewed life Smith has built for herself in the 10 months since the unexpected death of her husband.

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Smith, 56, was born in Southeast Missouri's Bootheel. When she was 2, her family moved across the state line to Northeast Arkansas.

She grew up in Blytheville, attended the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and earned a bachelor's degree in 1959 while studying English and

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Special to the Democrat-Gazette/Nyma Benner

LETTERS SAVED HER LIFE — Sue Smith, a native of Blytheville, says her work in the agency liaison department at the White House saved her life. Smith's husband died 10 months ago of an apparent heart attack, and she said her work has helped her cope with the loss.

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history.

She also met her future husband, Don S. Smith, who went on to become a state and federal energy regulator and a Washington lawyer.

After college, Sue Smith taught English for three years, while Smith went to law school.

The two married in 1962 and moved to Illinois, then later to Atlanta. The Smiths returned to Arkansas in 1967 when Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller appointed Don state securities commissioner.

During those years in Arkansas, Sue Smith taught at Shorter College in North Little Rock. She also served as chairman of the English department and co-chairman of the accreditation committee.

In 1973, the family moved to Washington when President Nixon named Smith to the Federal Power Commission. When he died, Smith was the senior energy partner in a Washington law firm.

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When Clinton announced his candidacy for president in 1991, the couple immediately went to work as volunteers in Montgomery County, Md., the prosperous Washington suburb where they lived.

In December 1992, Sue joined the Clinton transition team in Washington, working in the correspondence department. After the inauguration, she began to volunteer at the White House, helping handle the first lady's mail.

That led to what was supposed to be a part-time job in the agency liaison department. "Of course, I ended up working more," she acknowledged.

Then, last April 16, her husband died, without warning, of an apparent heart attack at age 55.

"After Don died," Sue Smith said, "I decided this job would save my life."

Smith profile

Sue Jobe Smith
Staff Assistant
White House Office of Agency Liaison

Born: Aug. 31, 1937, in Parma, Mo.
Education: bachelor's degree in English and history from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, 1959. Graduate studies at UA, 1961-62; at the University of Illinois, 1962-63; and at Emory University, 1966-67.

Professional: junior high school English teacher in Memphis, 1959-60; high school English teacher in Pensacola, Fla., 1960-61; English teacher at UA, 1961-62; English teacher at University of Illinois, 1962-63; teacher and chairman of English Department at Shorter College in North Little Rock, 1970-73.

Community: served as PTA president, edited school newsletters, tutored students in math and English, and led school fund-raisers in Bethesda and Chevy Chase, Md., 1974-92.

Family: widow of Don S. Smith; four sons.

crowded into a suite of offices.

There are seven full-time caseworkers, including Smith. They are bolstered by volunteers and interns. The president and first lady each receive biweekly reports.

So far, the Clinton administration's agency liaison department has handled about 100,000 cases.

Many of those cases stem from letters to Hillary Clinton, which wind up on Smith's desk.

"They tend to think she's wonderful," Smith said. "They think she can solve their problems. They think she can do anything."

The cases Smith handles often revolve around problems with such things as health care, workers' compensation and Social Security. Hillary Clinton also receives lots of letters about children, generally those who have been abused or neglected.

The standard process for responding to a letter can take a few days or several weeks, depending on the nature of the problem.

And the problems run the gamut:

- A Florida veteran with emphysema seeking a transfer to a Veterans Affairs hospital closer to his family.

- A California teen-ager wanting to help her father find a job

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Dear Sue

I felt like I'd been back in the
Agency Liaison office and having a
visit with you.

Tell everyone hello -

Thank you for giving the interview
so your friends in Arkansas will know

More about the very important services you
are giving our Country -- We are proud!

Fred and Pat are in D.C. I'm jealous!

I asked Fred to give everyone my regards.

I hope to get back sometime but I may
need to work in a couple of local

campaigns first --

Best wishes to you --

Gene

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b(7) Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]
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b(9) Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

March 2, 1994

Dear Mr. Smith,

I'm writing to tell you how much I enjoyed and appreciated the article in Sunday's paper about you. I read it in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette from Little Rock, AR

I have had a very hard time adjusting to the death of my husband on January 15, 1994. He just fell over, no warning, nothing, heart attack.

I also taught school for many years. Am older than you.

Recently I began working for Ozark Technical College in Melbourne, A. Like you, I feel this job has saved my life.

The article especially meant something to me since you are from Arkansas. Thank you for listening to me. Sincerely, Mrs. Thea Harris

CLINTON - ARKANSAS OFFICE
DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Dear Sue,

3/1/94

Congratulations on such
a nice article.

Please know how much
our office appreciates your
assistance to us.

With thanks,

Ensi Phelan