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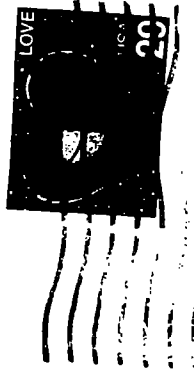
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Your father is in heaven now,
For he loved his whole family.
He loved you, Bill, and Christopher.
Love! ^{Now} High Honor to you.
To Mrs. William Jett
HE EARNED From China
HIS WINGS! Kelly
Strogh

KELLY ANN STROUGH
1356 NO. PARKWAY
MEMPHIS, TN 38104



Mrs. William
Jefferson Strough
Union City, Tenn.

WITH MY
SYMPATHY...



8 Apr 93

President Clinton and family
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President and Mrs. Clinton:

I am sending this letter to convey my most sincere sympathy in regards to the recent loss you and your family has suffered. I had lost my father in early February of this year and had to come home on emergency leave from Germany to attend his funeral. It was a hard time for, not only myself, but for all who knew and loved him. I feel for you in your time of need because I know only too well how it feels to lose a valued family member. Although I did not know Mr. Rodham, I can tell that he was a good man, because of how upstanding and public-minded he no doubt brought his daughter, Hillary up to be. Those same distinguished qualities were most likely his, and she inherited them. I'm sure that Mr. Rodham will be done proud by his daughter in her time as First Lady. It goes without saying that you, sir, brought great pride to him, not just as the President, but as a son-in-law that I am positive he cared for very much.

In early March, I received a letter of condolence from you in respect to the death of my father. I found the gesture greatly admirable, whether it was general protocol or not. Upon learning of the passing of Mr. Rodham, I thought it to be only right that I render my sympathies to you and yours in kind. You and your family have my most heart-felt sorrow and my most sincere wishes for better times in your future.

Respectfully yours,



William Robert Andrews
Airman USAF
Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany

Emporia Ks.
Feb. 25. 1993

Hillary Rodham Clinton

Hillary & I are old good
hard working people and always
paid our taxes & are now in the
middle 80's and have been married for
65 years. Last Nov 5, and our income is
only \$3000 per month and we both have high
blood pressures and our Doctor is 84
years. Has kept us alive with medicine. Now
the medicine has gotten so high we can't
afford it and eat to. and have never been
in welfare and are fighting to stay off
so far we have done so. So we need all
the help we can get

John Albert Hill from 87.
101 So. Exchange St
Emporia Kans. 66801

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There are only two powers in the world, the sword and the pen; and in the end the former is always conquered by the latter.—Napoleon.

We the People

Article 1

Article 1

ULYSSES G UPSHAW
521 EAST WAVERLY STREET
TUCSON, ARIZONA 85705
Born Sept. 11, 1914
Montgomery, ALA.



Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Some what like Partia in The Merchant of Venice, you have come to the aid of your mate. Only you do not have to wear men's clothing and you are a lawyer in your own right.

You have chosen to be a Bellerophon to slay the terrible Chimera, Health care reform.

You will need a Pegasus, different from the ordinary horse, one who can rise and see the whole picture.

You will need the mirror of the shield of Perseus (in reverse) in order to melt hearts of stone and get us to see how things were and could be and may be unless we are concerned.

Both of my parents died in their 50's they could not have even the medical care available. we lost 50 acres of land and 2 homes because we did not have \$400 to pay a debt.

we must reform health care and control it over time, but all agree that there is little we can do with certain groups.

The National Debt!

✓ I feel that we should keep this in front of the public.

World war I and II

Ending of Cold war.

Pulled nation out of the Great Depression

Preserved most of the saving by people

Helps aid a great deal in health care

(Now it needs reform)

I say: Go for the Gas Tax (or fuel) for a certain purchase, give a lottery ticket.

For those who do not purchase gas - make lottery available for them.

(even lottery available worldwide.)

Because of kind leave Occupations, Hoover plan, Marshall Plan etc.

Enlist volunteers and contributors.

This would or could go over with more agreement than taxes and big cuts.

Guess who has Trillions of dollars some what like the National Debt

Persons could contribute \$1,000

✓ for them selves and some for those who can not. Inclosed is \$1,000 for my mother and my father.

Keep the Pilot Clock before
Every body.

People can learn number.

People can read about it.

The Economic Council could help
manage the Economy.

It could use $1\frac{1}{2}$ Billion a year
to encourage 12 areas (100,000,000) each:
Programs, award etc.

By June 1994 - Have deficit down 50%

By Olympics in Atlanta - Zero deficit.

By 2,000 - Debt paid.

By 2,004 - 5 Trillion surplus.

By 2,008 - 5 Trillion surplus (Total 10)

with jobs, education, world
Trade etc.

Your truly
Waynes G. Updegraff

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 1, 1993

Mr. Ulysses G. Upshaw
521 East Waverly Street
Tuscon, Arizona 85705

Dear Mr. Upshaw:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter and your views about health care reform and the national debt. I am grateful that you have taken the time to share your ideas and express your support.

I appreciate your generous contribution to help reduce the federal deficit. Your check has been sent to the Department of the Treasury to be deposited in the Deficit Reduction Fund. I think it is wonderful that you chose to dedicate your contribution to your parents.

Thank you again for your words of support and your contribution to deficit reduction. I thought you might like to have the enclosed photograph as a keepsake.

Sincerely yours,



Hillary Rodham Clinton

April 12, 1993

Mr. Walter Dawson
P.O. Box 383
Falls City, Oregon 97344

Dear Walter:

Thank you for your thoughtful, sensitive and compelling letter.

I am honored that you would write to express yourself to me.

When I was 10 years old I thought adults had all the answers, knew everything, could explain anything. Well, if I have learned one thing, it is that as I grow older I realize more and more how few answers I really do have. Like you, I have lived through sorrow and pain. I have also known joy, as you have and will.

And in case you ever wonder about how you affect others, remember this: you made the editor of the largest circulation magazine in the world cry. I was touched by how magnificently you have chosen to rise above the hurt.

You give me great confidence, Walter. You do so, because you are sensitive, insightful and courageous. Our world would be a better place if more folks followed your example both in facing the truth and in telling the truth.

I am proud of you.

Sincerely,

Walter Anderson

Editor Walter Anderson
Parade Magazine,
750 Third Ave.
New York, N.Y. 10017

P.O. 383
Falls City, Or. 97344
April 2, 1993
~~11-5-93~~

Dear Mr. Walter Anderson, Editor

My name is Walter Dawson

I am 10 years old. I go to School

at the Luckiamute Elementary

School in McNamouth, Oregon

My Father has Alzheimers

Disease. He had to pay half

his life savings before the

State would help him. Now

he lives in a Nursing home

At Christmas time he went to

the hospital for an operation

for colon cancer

He almost lost his bed

in the Nursing home because
the State only pays for so

many days. My brother, Paul,
died ~~January 31st~~ January 31st.

Paul died of cancer. I miss
my Father and Brother. I hope
families will get health care and
long term care. So people don't
have to worry about bills when
they are sick. I am writing to

you because things are bad in Oregon
and there will be cuts to people
in Nursing homes. I am worried

Editor Walter Anderson
Parade Magazine
750 Third Ave
N.Y. N.Y. 10017

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about My Father and people
like him. In this letter there
is a picture of my family.
~~of my family~~

Sincerely,

Walter Dawson

Walter Dawson

503-787-3653

P.O. 383

Falls City Or 97344



PARADE

P U B L I C A T I O N S , I N C .

Walter Anderson
Editor

April 12, 1993

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I thought you might find the enclosed letter from 10-year-old
Walter Dawson of particular interest.

He and I wish you well in your project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Walter Anderson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Walter Anderson

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 26, 1993

Walter Dawson
Post Office Box 383
Falls City, Oregon 97344

Dear Walter:

I recently received a copy of your letter to Walter Anderson. I am inspired by the bravery you have shown at such a young age in the midst of the heartbreak you and your family have endured. You sound like a very special young man.

Thank you for sharing your story with Mr. Anderson so that someone like me could read it. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you cope with these difficult and painful circumstances.

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

Sam please take some time to write a reply to this woman. I'd like to see before you send it out. Thanks MRS

910 Round Rock Road
Russellville, AR 72801

March 25, 1993

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20050

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

A dear friend of mine, Paige Kline, is the waitress who spoke to you at the Buffalo Grill the other night. You might recall that she told you about the murder of my son, Scot Stobaugh.

I hope you will convey to your husband this letter I've written. I've been trying to cope with all that's happened to my family in the last week, and to formulate some plan for the remainder of my weeks.

I need to tell someone how I feel. I need to scream -- to cry -- to pray. I need to understand, to make some sense of this. But, the fact remains, my son is dead and I feel helpless. My son's friends are alive and they feel hopeless.

Mrs. Clinton, I know that it is not a proper time to concern you with my troubles. I'm so sorry that your father is so ill. I will include him in my prayers. The constant prayers of all our friends and family have given us the strength we've needed to come through this week. I'll pray that your family does, too.

Sincerely,

Paula Stobaugh

910 Round Rock Road
Russellville, AR 72801

March 25, 1993

The Honorable Bill Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20050

Dear Mr. President:

As my son, Scot Stobaugh, gathered the clothes from the dryer on the morning of March 16th, he glanced up as a man entered the Fun Wash. He turned back to finish his laundry. He may have seen the headlights from a car out in the parking lot that reflected in the glass of the dryer door. The man stepped in behind him, put a pistol at his back and apparently told him to back up. Scot did. He put his hands not up -- but to his side -- in a non-threatening attitude. He glanced over his shoulder before the man fired the 22-caliber pistol seven times into his back. Scot never looked frightened or tried to fight or resist a robbery attempt. The man picked up Scot's wallet, really just an afterthought. If this description sounds precise to you, it is because it's recorded on video tape. Elapsed time: 31 seconds.

I wanted you to hear what happened in the last moments of my son's life. I want you to know something of him, because now he will not have the chance to tell you his own story. He was 22 years old. He was tall, thin, sweet-faced and hardworking. He was a fine young man.

He worked two jobs, waiting tables at Blue Mesa Grill, and bar-back at Jox Sports Bar & Grill. His older brother, David, also works at Jox as a bartender. He and Scot were roommates again, and best friends. It was good.

Scot also worked as a producer and manager of a local rock group named "Two Minutes Hate." (The name came from a section of George Orwell's 1984, where the people were made to concentrate on the hate in the world, supposedly to understand it.) He wrote a newsletter called "Hate Mail" and designed T-shirts for the band. He was good at it, and had a great time doing it.

He didn't do drugs, didn't drink and drive, never had a harsh word, was absolutely not prejudiced about anything. He was so busy, he hadn't had time to come to the farm to see us for about two weeks. He'd just come back from Memphis with the band and it was looking like they'd make a deal for a contract with Arden Records. He was elated. It was the happiest day of his life. It was the last day of his life.

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In addition, he was an active supporter of the Clinton-Gore ticket, as were a good many young Americans. He did vote for you, even though his whole family are Republicans -- staunch believers in George Bush. We raised both our boys to be independent people -- to vote as they saw it -- to do what they had a passion for. Scot saw in you, Mr. Clinton, what I suppose we baby boomers saw in Jack Kennedy -- a new spirit that would let us soar -- to change what needed to be more than the sum of our parts. Remember when you heard of Kennedy's assassination? Wasn't it a desolation that gripped you? Wasn't it a fear for what has become of this country -- this world?

Lots of questions are asked, but we have no answers. I don't know why anyone's son or daughter has to be afraid to do their laundry, or drive their car down the street, or walk out of a mall. The Police said that it seemed that the coward who shot my son in the back wanted not to rob him, but just to kill him. What vicious force is at work in this world? Why are we preying on each other this way? Why does a person have to look up into a face of hate -- to lose your life because you just happened to be alone at the wrong time? Why did I have to bury a son who had a future to look ahead to?

My older son is leaving his hometown now, because Little Rock has such bitter memories. At Scot's funeral, there were over 500 people, most of them, his age. Of those, the majority were shocked, angry, scared. Some told me of nightmares -- of buying guns to protect themselves -- or of thoughts of revenge. This isn't South Central, but it sounds like it.

Mr. President, let's help these kids. Give them direction. Help them to focus this into something positive.

On a more personal level, I have a request -- not for myself, but for Scot's memory. My husband, Danny Stobaugh, worked at Stephens Inc., and some of his friends there began a reward fund. The police think it will lead to the arrest of this cowardly murderer.

The video is at a lab to be enhanced so the face of hate can have a name. If it cannot be done well enough in Arkansas, it will have to be sent to the FBI. I'm sure there are a number of things that the FBI will consider more important than rushing through one piece of evidence. But, if it has to be sent there, I hope you can help them to expedite the enhancement process.

We need to get this cold man off our streets so that another mother's heart doesn't have to be broken -- before some other family is changed forever. If we can start with one and one more, and one more, and your programs can do what you believe they can (and what Scot believed they could), then maybe we all have a chance.

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I cannot believe God will long let this planet's peoples destroy what he has made. He may take that decision out of our hands if we don't change things for ourselves.

I pledge to use my limited resources to change what I can. Will you pledge to use your unlimited resources to change what you can?

Respectfully,

Paula Stobaugh

910 Round Rock Road
Russellville, AR 72801

March 25, 1993

The Honorable Ray Thornton
United States Congressman
1214 Longworth Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Thornton:

This letter is sent to inform you of the enclosed letter I recently sent to our President and First Lady. As my Congressional representative, I wanted to make you aware; and, to ask for any assistance you can give to alleviate the horrible element of crime that pervades our society.

We are heartsick, not only for our personal loss, but for the crime and destruction that seems to have taken over our beautiful state and nation. Something must be done, and we must start somewhere. I hope that this letter will, in some small way, make a difference.

Your favorable consideration and assistance will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paula Stobaugh

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 27, 1993

Mrs. Paula Stobaugh
910 Round Rock Road
Russellville, Arkansas 72801

Dear Mrs. Stobaugh:

I was greatly saddened by the letter you wrote to President Clinton about your son Scot Stobaugh. The heartbreak you feel at losing a child must have been deepened immeasurably by the senseless brutality of his death.

Your letter paints a vivid picture of an honest, gifted and hardworking young man who had much to contribute to society. The loss of such a person is a tragedy to his family, his friends and to all of us. Hearing about your son's death must strengthen our resolve to fight against violent crime.

The President and I feel honored and privileged to have had the support of your son Scot. We both hope that you are able to hold your memories of your son in a peaceful place in your heart.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

Judith J. Wurtman Ph.D.

Feb 16, 1993

Hilary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs Clinton:

I am writing to you as an alumna of Wellesley College class of 1959. My dearest friend, Roberta Grodberg Simmons, class of '59 died yesterday of breast cancer. She was barely 55 years of age.

Roberta graduated number one in our class, went on to get her Ph.D at Columbia University and became a full professor in her early thirties. She was married in her junior year and stayed married. Her husband is the head of the department of surgery at the University of Pittsburg Medical School. She was one of those rare women who combined a family with prodigious intellectual endeavor, was fiercely loyal to her friends and relentlessly curious about new ideas, areas of research and art and music.

She died despite: incredibly early detection(she was having a biopsy for a lump that was benign when the malignant one was discovered),

the very best of scientific advances on treatment of breast cancer

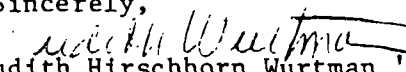
diligent care by her physicians and her husband

She died because everyone who has metastatic breast cancer dies. She died fifteen years after her cancer and she lived this long only because of her incredible medical care. IT was not long enough.

I am writing to you because I loved Roberta who was part of my life from the age of 11 when we met in summer camp until yesterday. I am writing to you because we women must do something to stop this terrible disease from taking the best and finest of our generation. When I called another Wellesley alum, also my classmate and now a judge to tell her about Roberta's death, I remembered that she too has breast cancer and she told me, she was watching another close friend die over the past weekend.

I write to you as a fellow Wellesley college graduate who has the power to make this horrible disease get the attention it needs so that the next generation of Robertas do not have to die at the peak of their lives.

Sincerely,


Judith Hirschhorn Wurtman '59
300 Bolyston St 1205
Boston, Mass 02116

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 27, 1993

Dr. Judith J. Wurtman
300 Boylston Street 1205
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Dear Dr. Wurtman:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful and compelling letter. I was deeply saddened to learn about the loss of one of our fellow Wellesley alumna.

Dr. Simmons sounds like a truly remarkable woman who contributed immeasurably to the lives of her family, friends and students. Your letter is a tribute to an individual whom you loved.

It is a tragedy when someone as young and vital as your friend dies. Hearing about people like Dr. Simmons must strengthen our resolve to continue the battle against breast cancer.

Thank you again for sharing with me your profound and personal loss. I hope that the happy memories of your friend will comfort you in the days ahead.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

AR SUPPORT

Feb. 10, 1993

Dear Hillary,

I deem it acceptable
to call you by your first
name, since we both are
Alumnae of Wellesley - Class
of '20 and Class of '69. I went
on to receive my Masters Degree
at Columbia, then returned
to Arkansas.

I was quite a feisty
for a rural Ark. girl to get
into Wellesley then, and
a very arduous trip. I rode
a train two days and nights
to get to Boston. I still

live on our farm in Miss.
County - just South of Wilson.
Maybe you can find

it on a map.

My daughter made
this picture of me to send you all.
I have always, and will again
in four years, vote Democratic.

We in Arkansas are
so very proud of you all. You
are bringing us a dignity we
deserve. I am especially proud
of your intelligence and independence.
By the way, I too have always
used my maiden name, Dorris
Dawson Burkett.

I pray for the Clintons
and our Country each night.
You are like a breath of
fresh air and have given
us hope. May God bless
you and keep you ever
in His hands.

ARKANSAS
SUPPORT
LETTER

With your schedule I
know it is selfish of me, but
I would very much enjoy a
note from you. At 96 years I'm
not sure I can get to D.C. and
meet you personally, but it is
my favorite dream.

Very Sincerely,
Doris Harrison Barrett
Box 87
Barrett, Ark 72313

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 26, 1993

Ms. Dorris Garrison Burkett
Box 87
Bassett, Arkansas 72313

Dear Ms. Burkett:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter. It is wonderful to hear from someone like you who is not only a Wellesley alumna but also a fellow Arkansan. You sound like an exceptional woman with great spirit and strength.

This is an exciting and challenging time for the President and me. He is honored to have the opportunity to lead our country in a new direction. Your continued support will be invaluable as the administration works to make meaningful changes in government and in people's lives.

It was a pleasure to hear from you and to receive the wonderful photograph.

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



MAR 9 1993

MAD

ROBERT BILLINGS
PRESIDENT
BOX 3726
913-843-2842
FAX 913-843-6206

January 21, 1993

Mrs. Hillary Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Hillary:

I write to congratulate you and the President for the admirable way in which you have taken over the reins of our Federal government. There is a new feeling of hope and positive anticipation that change is really possible, change that will make this a better country for our least fortunate. Progress will not likely come overnight, but it can come over time.

You have a unique opportunity in the history of our country. We have never been blessed with a First Lady who possesses all of the qualities that you bring to the White House. I sincerely believe that you will reside there for eight years, and I further believe that historians in later decades will recognize you as one of our great leaders.

I plan to take the liberty of writing to you from time to time with specific thoughts about some of the major issues which face our nation. I hope that you and the President will be able to establish your list of personal priorities on which you can concentrate your major efforts, for if you can look back eight years from now and be able to say that you made great steps in resolving just one major issue in each year of your Presidency, you will have accomplished more than most of our previous national leaders.

You represent a great deal of our hopes for the future, and you have our prayers for good health, wisdom and non-partisan leadership.

Sincerely,

Bob Billings

BB/cb



THE WHITE HOUSE

Dear Friend:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter. Your kind words of encouragement mean a great deal to me.

This is an exciting and challenging time for the President and me. He is honored to have the opportunity to lead our country in a new direction. Your continued support will be invaluable as the administration works to make meaningful changes in government and in people's lives.

I hope that you will join with us in any way you can to make the coming years a time for renewed opportunity in America.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton

Safe House for Lead Poisoning Prevention

3331 Steuben Avenue Bronx, New York 10467 (212) 547-2867

April 12, 1993

Hillary Rodham Clinton
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Hillary Rodham Clinton,

I am writing to send you encouragement from our humble but hopeful project in the Bronx. I am the director of a Lead Poisoning Prevention Project which fosters community leadership to prevent the most common environmental childhood disease. As part of the project, we run a "Safe House" which provides temporary housing for children with lead poisoning and their families during the time that their homes are being repaired for lead violations. Our latest efforts are to provide treatment in the Safe House in lieu of hospitalization and to create a network of these models around New York City and perhaps the country.

I think you would like the model that we have created especially since we provide so much leadership development with the parents of the lead poisoned children. They become the outreach workers who prevent other neighborhood children from having to go through the pain that their own children experienced.

It is something special for me to watch you in action. I can't actually imagine how you keep it up. For myself, with four children and a foster daughter, the job and its accompanying fund raising, community work, keeping up with friends and family, and the household chores, life is full. I ask myself, how does Hillary do it? Do her hormones never kick in?

Then I laugh, wish you great strength, and realize that you are one of the first women in politics that I identify with as someone in my personal life. Having never screamed at the Beatles, having marched and done civil disobedience, having living in the South Bronx where people froze to death while the downtown skyline glowed with enough energy to heat all the homes, I've remained skeptical. Now I'm watching you try to make an elephant turn into an eagle and I'm routing you on.

If I can be of help within my field, I'd be glad to offer what I can. In the meanwhile, I give you my support.

Sincerely,


Megan Charlop

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 26, 1993

Ms. Megan Charlop
3331 Steuben Avenue
Bronx, New York 10467

Dear Ms. Charlop:

Thank you for writing to me about your special project. It is encouraging to see your efforts to fight childhood lead poisoning in your community. The health and well-being of our nation's children must be a priority for all of us.

This is an exciting and challenging time for the President and me. He is honored to have the opportunity to lead our country in a new direction. Your continued support and involvement will be invaluable as the administration works to make meaningful changes in government and in people's lives.

Thank you again for writing. I wish you continued success.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

**HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON CORRESPONDENCE
PRODUCTION REPORT FOR GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE UNIT
MAY 8 THROUGH MAY 28, 1993**

DATE	ISSUE	SUPPORT CARDS	PRESS LETTERS	SCHED. LETTERS	INDV. RESPONSE	MISC. LETTERS	DAILY TOTALS
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I am delighted that you and other concerned individuals have written in record numbers to share your ideas with me. In the past four months, I received over twice as much mail as any other First Lady received in an entire year. ~~Therefore, I regret deeply that I cannot respond substantively to your letter at this time.~~

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Your thoughts are very important to me, and I hope that you will keep in touch. Your ~~continued~~ involvement and help will be invaluable as the administration works to make meaningful changes in government and in people's lives.

3/20/93 ✓

Dear Hillary;

I have just seen a photo of you, leaving St Vincent's Hospital, after visiting your father, and I saw so much pain and anguish written upon your face, that I could not rest, until I had told you how much people like myself, shared your sorrow.

Fathers are peculiar people. We have tendencies, it is said, to lean toward our daughters, protectively perhaps, and instinctively, our daughters sense this, and love us for it, throughout the years.

Daughters think that fathers are invincible, and will last forever, forgetting that they too, are part of the fragile human fabric, which, too, must pass.

And yet, one thing, we fathers have to leave, that is immortal and never can die. The loving memory we leave behind, when you mention us in conversation.

For when this happens as long as it happens, we can never die, but live on forever in the minds and hearts of our daughters.

No, please, my child, if a tear rolls down
this page, it is for you, in your time
of heartbreak.

Those of us who love you for what you
are trying to do for us, in this great
country of ours, each, shares a part of your
grief, and our hearts go out to you.

May God grant you solace and peace
of mind, in this traumatic time of need.

Hank Matchman

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April 13, 1993

Dear President & Mrs. Clinton,

You have my deepest sympathy on the loss of your Father. I can understand how you must feel, as I lost my Mother last May (at age 63). She had been on dialysis for 16 years & the machine that replaced the function of her kidneys & kept her alive all those years finally took its toll on the rest of her body. It stressed out all of her other organs, especially the heart, which failed & was listed as the primary cause of her death. However, she had numerous other physical problems which complicated things & added stress on her heart. My Mom told us many times that she didn't want to die; and she endured extreme pain & suffering in her desperate struggle to remain on this earth. Her last request to my sister & myself was that we take good care of her grandchildren, whom she adored. The only consolation I have is that she isn't suffering anymore. My God, she did suffer tremendously. And yet, we can only imagine how much pain & agony she actually withstood; only she & her God really knew for sure. In trying to cope with such a loss, I've been told that it gets better or easier; but I, myself, have found that it only gets worse before it can even begin to get better. But as difficult as it's been for myself & my sister to deal with our loss, my heart aches for my Father, who lived with & cared for my Mom during her illness. They had been married for 46 years at the time of her death. They grew up together, went to school together & were childhood sweethearts. He is a lost soul, & I a motherless child.

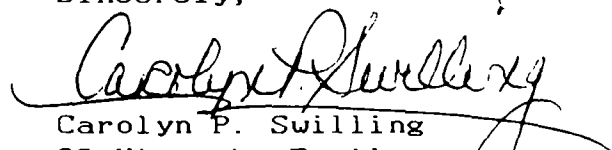
Mrs. Clinton, the reason I speak of my Father is that it meant a great deal to him & myself to have met you last summer at the YMCA on the corner of State Street & Park Ave. in Bridgeport, Connecticut. I'm sure there's no way you'd even remember, with all of the people you met during your campaign travels. I happened to be in Bridgeport that day taking care of some business for my Father. I'd mentioned your visit to Bpt. to him & we kind of procrastinated going down to the Y (with the heat, the long lines, etc). But upon my preparing to return home to Shelton, sensing my Father's loneliness & having too much time on his hands, I persuaded him to accompany me to see if we could at least get a glimpse of you, never dreaming that we'd even get anywhere close to you. We stood in line in the hot sun for sometime awaiting your arrival, and it was well worth it. The crowd was small & you actually spoke to us & shook both our hands. It boosted our spirits. Thanks so much for the acknowledgement.

Once again, my heart goes out to you & your family upon the loss of your loved one. I only hope that your Father did not suffer and you did not have to watch him die a slow, agonizing death, as we did with my Mother. God bless you & be with you.

President & Mrs. Clinton
April 13, 1993
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In closing, let me just say this, not since President Kennedy have I had any interest in The White House until now. I was in high school when he was assassinated, and it totally devastated me. I loved JFK. I completely lost faith & hope in that our country could let something like that happen. It feels good to have someone in The White House and running the country who's not 100 years old. I'm just sorry that my Mother didn't live to see you win the election. She was a loyal and devoted Democrat. The moment I first saw you, President Clinton, I could see JFK in you (your mannerisms, charisma, your caring, down-to-earth way). I wish you the best. Take care of yourself & your family & please use any and all precautions necessary for your safety & protection. God help you & guide you in your tremendous task of leading this country. I hope someday that my family & I will be able to visit The White House and meet you, Mrs. Clinton, your daughter & the Gores. God Bless. I am,

Sincerely,


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P. S. One suggestion to you President Clinton, one way of saving the country money would be to discontinue supporting our past leaders. We everyday citizens have to find other means (i.e. other jobs) to support us & our families when our employment ends. Why can't they do the same?

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Dear President & Mrs. Clinton & Family,

May the sympathy
and understanding of others
comfort you
at this time of sorrow.

The Swellings
William, Cacopy
William V

see attached note.

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Belington Elementary School
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Dear Hillary,

I hope you enjoy this album and the news stories I really enjoyed being you. I'm sure the children learned a lot by touring our White House and by making their White House room. Our teachers were so creative.

My "Bill Clinton" played "Teach Me Tonight" on his sax. Very romantic. You're welcome at our school or my home anytime.

your biggest fan,
Alice Tenney

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON.

May 11, 1993

Ms. Alice Tenney
Principal
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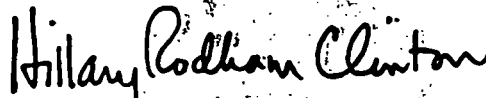
Dear Ms. Tenney and Students:

Thank you for writing and for sending me the interesting photo album from your day at the Belington White House. I wish I could have been there with you.

I think it is wonderful that you celebrated the 200th anniversary of the White House in such a creative way. The decorations and settings were very authentic and showed the many hours you spent learning about the White House.

Thank you again for sharing your day with me. Please accept my best wishes for the remaining school year.

Sincerely yours,



Hillary Rodham Clinton

Bill Clinton
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February 11, 1993

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

Dear Hillary:

It has been many years since you were my Vil Junior at Wellesley but I have continued to follow your career (obviously). The advice you gave to me when I was an uncertain freshman of working class and public school background helped me navigate the new and very different environment at Wellesley, and I have always been grateful for your help.

I had been intending to write to you with my thoughts and suggestions regarding contributions that you could make in the area of children's rights. I commend you for the excellent start you have already made in connection with your position on immunizations for children. I am a director of the Alliance for Children's Rights in Los Angeles, the Chair of the Juvenile Justice Committee of the Los Angeles County Bar, and the Chair of the Pro Bono Committee at Morrison & Foerster where one of our main projects is our Children in Poverty Program. In these positions I have learned first hand that children's issues, if approached properly, can draw the support of both liberals and conservatives.

While there are many subjects that need to be dealt with in the area of children, let me suggest two for early consideration: (1) nutrition and (2) the foster care system.

To the extent that the government can assist in providing improved nutrition to children, whether through the WIC Program or school lunch program, that is an avenue

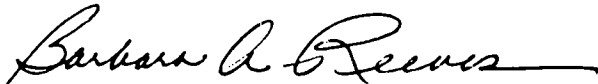
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February 11, 1993
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of providing direct benefits to children without the political problems associated with the other types of welfare programs. It is difficult to argue that a hungry child should be denied a carton of milk. Meanwhile, foster care programs are another area in need of reform. Foster care programs are presently struggling along in many jurisdictions (certainly in Los Angeles County) under an inefficient and contradictory set of federal and state regulations. The abuse and neglect inflicted upon children is heartbreaking today and is sowing the seeds of criminal and abusive behavior in the future. I encourage you to put together one or more advisory groups to work on these subjects, because they are critically important and complicated.

I wish you success in your endeavors over the next several years. You have a difficult task ahead of you, balancing the achievements of which you are capable with the image the public wants of its First Lady. On the other hand, if Abraham Lincoln had worried about public perception we probably would have lost the Union.

Best personal regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Barbara A. Reeves". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Barbara A. Reeves

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April 27, 1993

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Our organization has conceived an idea for the use of closed bases that will provide many facets to the local economy and make the entire base an integral part of the community.

Below in this letter I have listed several of the ideas and I believe there are dozens more of what can be done that will help the community with employment and other resources that the community can find use for.

I want to talk about the hospital, since you are interested in the National Health Plan and might find it very interesting. We would lease the base from the government for a very modest fee, therefore the capital structure of the hospital would be so much less that the operation of the hospital we select should be able to operate at perhaps 30 - 35% less than any other hospital. This hospital could serve the medicaid, the indigent and many others. In the case of certain patients, we could alter several of the barracks and turn them into hospices and also have the BOQ's for visitors. Also, on the base, there could be living quarters for workers in these facilities.

If this base is an air base, we might be able to convert it into a cargo airport depending on its strategic location.

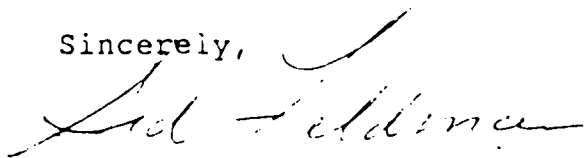
The warehouse buildings could be converted to an industrial park and a great deal of the barracks could be converted into low cost housing. On additional land we could build anything that would serve the community.

In the case of Homestead Air Force Base we could have built migrant quarters, however, that base is too far gone due to the hurricane.

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
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While we have not made definitive studies, we know from 65 years of construction and real estate know how, that these ideas could work if we could secure the cooperation of the Federal Government. It would have to be on a lease basis with the Federal Government so that we would not be subject to city, town, county, and state legislation and approvals; but I assure you that whatever we build would be above and beyond the local building codes.

Sincerely,

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

Sid Feldman
President

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PS - We would like to confine our thinking to the eastern half of the United States.

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

since you are in charge of the health care problem - and also, because I heard on a news program, that your husband gets between ten and fifteen thousand letters a day - I thought I would direct this letter to you.

Your husband spoke a while ago about the problem with immunizing our nation's children. In that talk, he said that we manufacture the vaccines here, but that we have no adequate means of delivery - but this isn't true! This nation has a health care delivery system in place already - but we fail to utilize it to its greatest potential, or we just plain throw it away. I'm referring to our military bases, and the medical facilities located on them. We have bases located all across the U.S., and most of them have medical - and dental - facilities. These have already been paid for with our tax dollars. They are already being run by highly motivated, well trained personnel - but they are only utilized by people within the military system. **Open them up to the public!**

I wouldn't close one single base in our country, they are much too valuable an asset to throw away. No one wants these bases to close. It's a financial devastation to the cities they are located in, and the economy is ill equipped to absorb the military personnel that are laid off as a result.

My husband separated from the Air Force on Dec. 31, 1992. He didn't want to leave, he'd put in twelve years, and he liked being part of the military and serving his country. He was working at Norton AFB in San Bernadino, Calif., and that base is scheduled for closure in May of 1994. Back in California, they have yet to decide what they want to do with the base.

Various corporations have submitted plans for what they would like to do with it - but these bases belong to the taxpayers already. Give the bases back to them!

Norton, like most bases, has a dental clinic and a medical clinic. These are already equipped for minor surgery, immunizations, emergency medical care, and general health maintenance.

There is a child care facility on base. Couldn't this be expanded to include an elder day care center?

There is also a police station on base. Your husband has said that he intends to put to work 100,000 more policemen.

You already have them working at your bases. Have them work in conjunction with the cities to supplement their needs.

Keep these people in the military, and maintain combat readiness.

In this way, you will be likely to gain the support of conservatives who feel you're closing too many bases too quickly, and leaving our country vulnerable. I would send the military police out in combat uniforms into the inner cities, and give them authority to confiscate weapons from anyone not carrying a permit. We need to disarm the criminal element in our cities. Somalia demonstrated that an armed military presence can go a long way in restoring peace to an area. As time goes by and the need lessens, move the military police into civilian ranks.

I would use the military to supplement the public school systems - especially in the junior high and high schools. They could expand the horizons of the children there and let them see what kind of job possibilities there are after schooling. Give them an incentive to stay in school and do well. Give them some sense of discipline, which is sorely lacking in our public school system.

I would send some military into the inner city schools in combat gear, and give them hazard pay. Unfortunately, the reality of the situation is such, that the only way many students there will learn discipline and a sense of respect for authority, is if the men and women sent in are ready for battle. This seems like such a drastic step, but we seem to be at a point, that this is one of the few things that might change the situation around.

The military has access to, and is responsible for, some of our highest and best technology. Isn't there some way that we could utilize them in retraining our society to move into the 21st century? Couldn't we use them to help clean up and start working with our environment?

The first priority of health care should be treatment of the patient. As long as health care is a "for profit business venture" I don't see any significant change taking place. Managed competition, I'm afraid, would be just another variation on the same theme. By having the public utilize the military facilities, treatment would be immediately available. I feel that this would be the most cost effective way, also. Have the citizens go through the I.D. process on base. You can keep track of everyone through their social security numbers. Payment that might be required can be adjusted through taxes at the end of the year.

In Australia, the government took over the manufacturing of vaccines, and for the last 50 years, immunization has been provided for free to the citizens, at minimal expense to the government. Given the excessive prices charged by our pharmaceutical companies, I think our government should get into the manufacturing of, not only vaccines, but also life sustaining

drugs - such as insulin, and heart medication - and also, of commonly used medicines, such as antibiotics. The pharmaceutical companies have too much power and control, and the greed with which they operate can only be combatted by showing them that we can do without them. If the government gets involved, we can do this. Without this type of alternative, I'm afraid that they will continue to hold all the cards, and call all the shots.

Anyone listening to the news or reading the newspaper can see that the world is probably more unstable and dangerous now, than during the Cold War. I don't think that anyone is going to complain about their tax dollars being spent on the defense budget, if they derive direct benefits in the way of medical and dental care, child care for working parents, and elder day care for those trying to take care of their parents at home and keeping them out of nursing homes, and supplementation in the public schools and police forces.

I'd love to see the Republicans come up with an argument against this.

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (407) 773-3625

105 Martin St.

Indian Harbour Beach, Florida 32937

Sincerely
Eileen Brown

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**Ms. Hillary Clinton
The White House
WASHINGTON D. C. 20500**

March 23, 1993

Dear Ms. Clinton:

I am excited and optimistic that we finally have you and your husband in the White House. However, I was disappointed to learn that Upward Bound, a particularly successful program working with low-income youth in the inner city to encourage them to attend college and break the poverty cycle was not included in your stimulus package.

Headstart is certainly needed. However, interventions to assist low-income children to move out of poverty cannot end at the first grade. If you completely fund Head Start, then it seems logical that Upward Bound and Trio Programs should continue the work started by Head Start.

Upward Bound is an investment in our children and a tremendous savings to our country when you consider the number of children and future families that could be rescued from Food Stamps, Public Assistance, and possibly prison.

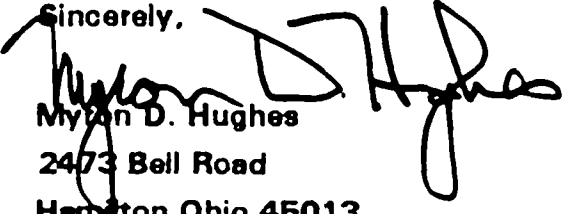
I am sure from your strong position on education and low income youth that you agree with me. Obviously, I am concerned about maintaining an effort to provide educational opportunity for low income youth who because of their status at birth find themselves in an unequal educational system. What are your plans for Upward Bound and Trio programs? This is the only effort in the entire country to try and correct the large disparity that exists between educational opportunities for the rich and educational opportunities for the poor.

In your response, I am sure I will hear all about the huge monetary deficit. However, please contrast those comments with the enormous educational deficit. An educated citizen can find the resources to be creative enough to develop a business or find a job and pay taxes toward the deficit. An

uneducated citizen needs monetary support in prison, on welfare, in mental institutions, or some other form of government support which will only add to the deficit. Does this make sense?

I am looking forward to hearing your response.

Sincerely,



Myron D. Hughes

2473 Bell Road

Hamilton Ohio 45013

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Haverhill Co.
April 19-1993

Dear Hillary;

Before some one starts to read this and thinks I am trying to flirt with you I want to say that I am eighty two years old. When I paid this bill for these capsules I told the druggist that I was going to tell Hillary about this. He said "if she wants the sum of the drug" I will give it to you, I would like to see something done about this too.

I am enclosing a "letter to the editor" that was in the morning paper. From letters and editorials we hear lately; I think Dole is making a fool of himself. When you see him again you can quote me on that.

What I really wrote about is that I have a plate with the picture of Jack and Jackie Kennedy and

Their kids, at the age they were
when they were in the White House,
I always admired Jack Kennedy
and think, had he liked some of
our history would be different.

There may have been lots of these
plates sold, I have no idea. If
you are interested in it I will
give it to you folks, no string
attached. I think it is very
nice. Let me know where to mail
it if you are interested at all,
you all stop by sometime.

Sincerely
Clarence

Clarence Kroth
27225 Union Road
Havensville, KS 66432

P.S. Tell Bill I am a Veteran
of World War II and I thought
the Vietnam War stunk too.

07 March 1993

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

My name is Emily Reed and I was one of two Arkansas delegates with the William Randolph Hearst Foundation Senate Youth Program. I would like to extend my deepest thanks to you for taking the time to individually greet the 104 delegates of this year's program.

Your gracious gesture just made it easier to say, "Yes, I too am from Arkansas."

Throughout the week I spent most of my time assuring the other delegates that you would greet us. Some people seem to derive pleasure by doubting our nation's leaders.

Again, thank you for your hospitality. In the excitement of our White House visit I forgot to tell you some things about the campaign that meant so much to my family and to me.

First of all, I was elected Governor of Arkansas. This was my first taste of Arkansas politics. It was really fun to watch the "Real Governor" on T.V. every night and think, "Hey that could be me someday. I also play the saxophone but that is another story."

Also, my family and I were present at your homecoming rally in Little Rock after the Democratic National Convention. That afternoon I stood in amazement as you and President Clinton actually stopped to talk with me. I'm not sure you remember this but it is a day I will never forget. My mother is Nancy Reed and my father is Duane. I did not believe my mom when she said Bill Clinton would recognize her. I am glad to report I was wrong. I honestly do not know how a family survives a Presidential campaign but I am glad yours did.

Another occasion that put your race for the White House on the "home level" was when Chelsea danced at my high school auditorium before Christmas.

The last event that hit closest to home was when Rev. Ed Matthews delivered the Benediction at the AME church service. Rev. Matthews was my pastor at the First United Methodist Church in Mountain Home for one year before he transferred to your church. He is a lovely man and I wish he had had more time that morning to give a true "Old Joe, AR" benediction.

All of these things just proved to me
how small the world really is

I am going to Washington University next fall
and I plan on returning to Arkansas
as an attorney. My plans also include shaking
up Arkansas politics as the first Democratic
female governor. We'll see!

In closing I would like to wish you all the
luck in tackling our health-care problems.

May God bless you and may you make
the rest of the nation as proud to be
Americans as you have made me proud
to be an Arkansan.

Thank you again for your time.

Emi Reed
Route 1, Box 372
Faherview, AR 72642



COME UNTO ME
ALL YE THAT LABOR
AND ARE HEAVY LADEN
AND I WILL GIVE YOU
REST.

Christ's grace and love
will help you that
hole.

I also wanted to thank
you from the bottom of
my heart for tackling our
ridiculous health care
system. I honestly
believe you are the first
hope we've had. Good
luck. I will keep
you in my prayers -

Peace - Shalom -

Jim Hamer

7 April 1993

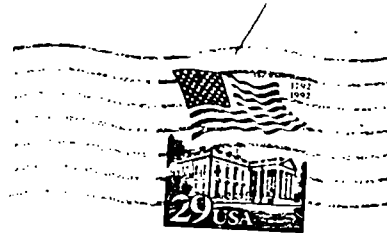
Dear Mrs Clinton,

I was so sorry to learn
that your father had
died. As a registered
nurse, I recognize the
toll a stroke can take.
As a Christian, I know
that death is part of
life and that what has
been promised to us is
infinitely better than
anything we have here.
But - a death still leaves
a hole for those left
behind.

I am praying that



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Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
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Mrs. Hilary Clinton
The White House
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April 8, 1993

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

I was so very sorry to hear of your father's death. I just lost my dad to brain cancer (65 years old) on December 31, 1992, so I know a little bit of the pain you're feeling. It continues to hurt a lot, but I know I'll see him again in Heaven because of his love for Jesus.

I may radically oppose what you and your husband stand for, but I also am all too well acquainted with a piece of your pain right now. And for that I offer my heartfelt sympathy and prayers.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Anna Fitzpp son

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The Honorable Hillary Rodin Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington DC 20500

Dear Hillary,

A personal note of care in
the time of sorrow. May the
memories and your father's living
spirit fill you with tender joy -
It's never easy to say goodbye
when Death bids us hello -

The joy is in the Resurrection
Good News! Christ is risen!

And you dad lives, too. -

Let me take a moment to say
how thankful I am to have you
and President Clinton in Washington.

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You have a tremendous task
and I will constantly be
praying for you both to have
the courage to continue your
strong Christian witness. I carry
Chelsea in prayer as well - and
have already commended you for sending
her to a Quaker school.

What a joy it is to have
a ^{United} Methodist in the White House!

God bless you & bless you,

The Rev. Phyllis Jean Throan

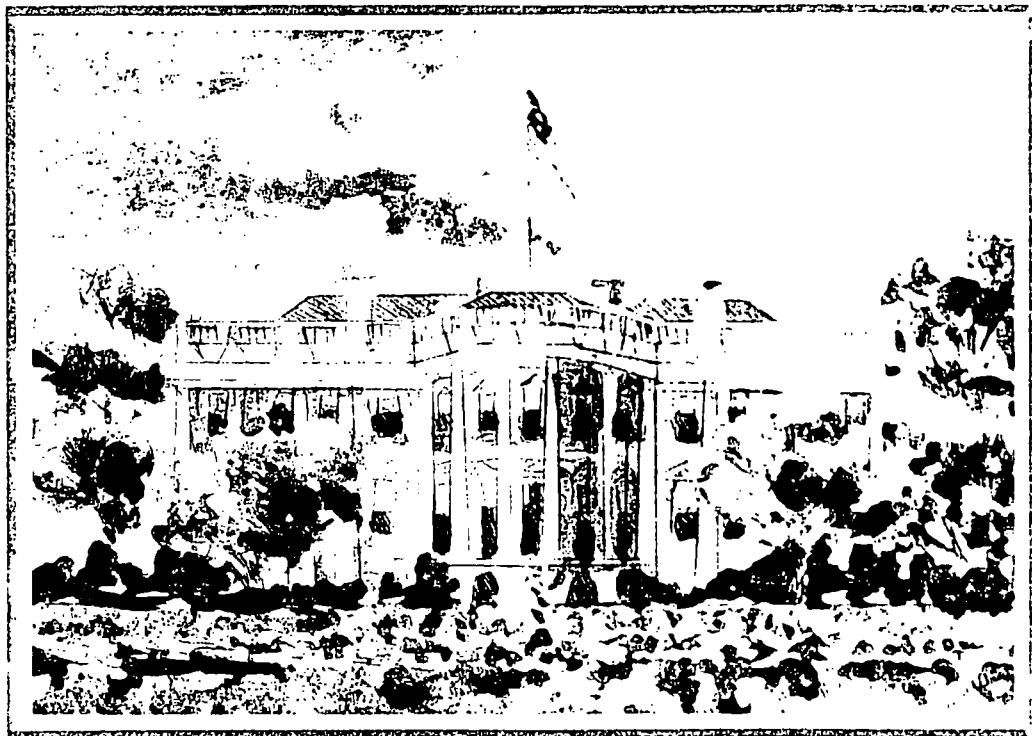
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Reflections on a Sandy Life '93 PJF



Mellary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mrs. Rodham Clinton

We send our deepest sympathy
to you during your mourning time
for your dear Father.

He must have had wonderful
joy in your extraordinary gifts
which you shared with him and
now with all of us.

I believe with you that our
wonderful country is in a spiritual
malaise. Love heals. You are beautiful
Virginia Baker

Dear Hillary,

I wept when I heard your father had passed on. I was afraid the worst had happened. You stayed there for 2 weeks probably thinking he would go at any moment, and you wanted to be there. You had to leave. You have so many commitments and responsibilities. I don't know how you maintain any kind of a private life at all. I would imagine you are telling badly that you were not there at the end. Please do not. It is essential to have no regrets. You did all you were humanly able to do. I would imagine you said your good-bys when you returned to Washington. I hope so. I am writing because I really understand. I am 40 years old and I lost my father to cancer at the age of 76 almost a year and a half ago. I, too, made several trips to his bedside expecting full well that he would not make it until I got there. He lingered. By the time he

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passed away 2 days after Thanksgiving of 1991, we were praying he would not suffer any longer. Our prayers were answered. However, I was not there at the exact moment of his death. I had been there the better part of 2 weeks. He had rallied and was doing better. Then, he was gone. Only his wife was there. My sister and I were not. At first I felt guilty; but, the more I thought about it, I realized it probably happened this way for a reason. My father was a very proud and dignified man. The most difficult part of his long illness was seeing his dignity taken away, his control over his life gone. The night before he died he seemed to want to be alone. Perhaps he knew he did not have long. Perhaps he did not want his daughters to witness the inevitable. I will never know. I do know that I made it a point to say the things I needed & wanted to say to him while he was still lucid.

I hope you did the same. If not, say
them now. Write him a letter. It
really helps. I wrote some poetry for
my Dad. It still hurts. I won't tell
you that it doesn't, but it does get better.
Time is the best healer - true but true.
Allow yourself some time to grieve.
When alone, wail if you feel like it.
You must get it out so you can heal.
Talk about it with people who care
and understand. Plant a tree or some
flowers for him. Find a place at your
new home where you can go and be with
your father. It may be hard for you to
get to Little Rock when you need to.
I haven't visited my father's grave
yet. He is buried at the Congregate
Cemetery in Little Rock. I grew up in
North Little Rock and my father died
at Memorial Hospital in North Little Rock.
I still think about him every day. I was
a ~~bad~~ poet for a while, but I got some
help dealing with my grief, and I allowed

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myself to tell all the feelings that
bombarded me. Do this for yourself. Have no
regrets. Nurture yourself. Eventually the
clouds will pass and you will once
again feel the sunshine.

My heart goes out to you and your
family. You are a very special lady.
Thank you for being you and giving
yourself so freely to others. This is your
gift. Thank you for sharing it. Please
thank Bill for all he has done.

I know he will be there for you in
your time of sorrow. You are lucky, as
I am, to have your husband be
your best friend. I support both of you
in all you are doing. If you ever need
someone to talk to call me. Counseling
is my chosen profession, but I am now
a stay-at home step-mom. My number
is 417-796-2613.

Love to you all,
Janet Burns

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Some books that might help:

How To Survive The Loss of A Love

Melba Cosgrove, Ph.D.

Harold H. Bloomfield, M.D.

Peter McWilliams

- an excellent book, very uplifting - for any loss
I gave this to my dad's wife

Surviving, Healing & Growing: The Workbook

Melba Cosgrove, Ph.D.

Harold H. Bloomfield, M.D.

Peter McWilliams

- specifically for grief

The Language of Letting Go

Melody Beattie

- actually a book for codependency, but I have
found it to be very comforting for everyday life -
my Dad's wife gave me a copy

For Hillary:

this is a most sad	on our path
and solemn time	of life
the pain of which	though the obstacles
will be slow	to our joy
in diminishing	at times
my heart	seem insurmountable
is with you	we will always
in your time	possess the strength
of sorrow	to continue
I am with you	in search
in spirit	of our dreams
I feel your pain	no one is ever
as my own	completely
the older we become	lost to Death
the more	for their memory
we will be dealing with	is with us forever
the emptiness of death	there will always be
our strength	a part of them
and our faith	in our laughter
will be taxed	as well as
we must not let	in our tears
the burden of	when you weep
our despair	shed tears of joy
slow us	for the peace

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your father	of eternal love
now knows	stand close
grieve only for	to your loved ones
your loss	so that they may bask
and the loss felt	in the warmth
by loved ones	of your goodness
when you are cleansed	fear not your sorrow
by your tears	for your joy will soon
continue refreshed	spring forth
on your journey	like the daffodils
with a light heart	on the hillside
and a loving soul	and you will
lavish your love	know peace
on the living	once again.
and bless them	
with the fruit	Janet Mueller Burns
of your kindness	
for the dead	
are cloaked	
in peace	
and soar	
on the wings	



Hillary,

April 8, 1993

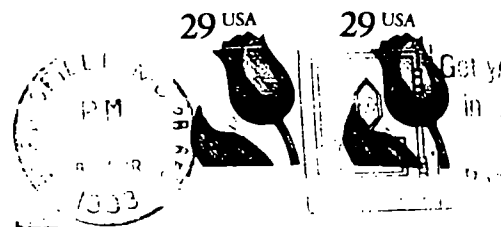
I hope the enclosed letter and poems offer some comfort at this difficult time. I wish I could take away your pain, but I cannot. All I can offer is understanding and a prayer for your family. May you heal quickly. . . .

Love,

Janet Mueller Burns

+
family

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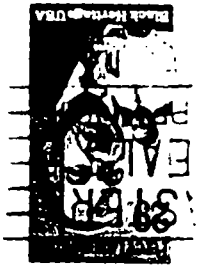
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Murray -

Your father must have been a
wonderful man to have had a
child as compassionate, smart,
powerful and loving as you.

You have my support and
regret as you grieve his loss.

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The White House
Washington DC 20004



Thank you for all you are doing
to solve the tough problems of
health care in our nation.
The good work you are doing
will help heal us.

Yours
Shawn Metcalfe

1835 BRENTWOOD
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA 94602

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*With Sincere Sympathy
On The Loss Of Your Father*



4-8-93

Dear Mrs. Rodham-Clinton,

I wish to offer my condolences to you at your time of loss. Your father must have been an honorable man to raise such a successful daughter.

My heart also goes out to the President and your daughter. (Did you know there is a town named Chelsea here in Massachusetts near Boston?)

I just wanted you to know that I'm one of the "little workin' Joes" who care, and that you and your family are in my prayers. Take care, keep up the good work, and God Bless

P.S. If you have a chance, drop me a line. Would love to hear from you.

Sharing, with deep sympathy,
The loss and grief you feel
And hoping you find comfort
In knowing that others care.
Praying that God may comfort you
With His tender love and care.

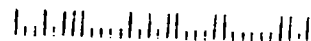
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Haverhill, Mass

Edward J. Brown
Box 323
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First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1200 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington, D.C.
Zip 20500



Dear Mrs. Clinton,

I am so sorry that you've lost your father. He must have been a truly splendid man to have produced & raised so fine a person as you. Thank God for Hugh Rodham (even though he was a Republican!).

When I lost my father 5 years ago, the shock was enormous, but then you learn that he lives through all of the finest qualities in you, & that your life is truly the best tribute you can pay to this fine man.

With all kind regards,
Alexandra Morgan

A. Morgan
399 Southgate Ave.
Daly City, CA
94015



APRIL 9, 1993

DEAR MRS. CLINTON:

I WANT TO EXPRESS TO YOU, THE
PRESIDENT, AND CHILSEA MY
SINCEREST SYMPATHY WITH THE LOSS
OF YOUR FATHER, FATHER-IN-LAW
AND GRANDPA.

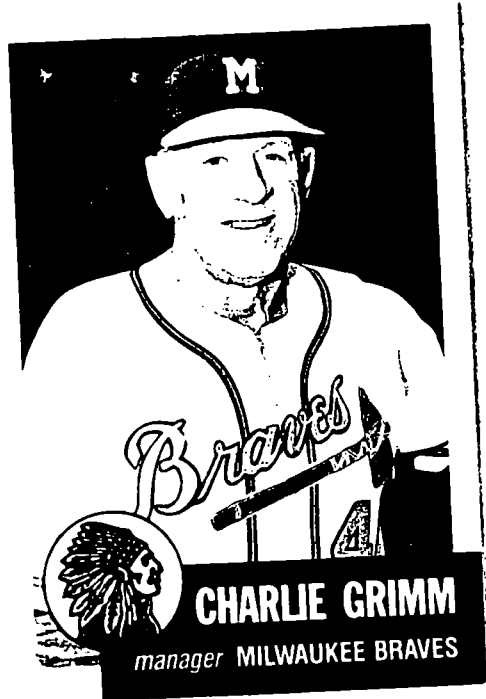
I AM TAKING THIS OCCASION TO
EXPRESS TO YOU MY IMMENSE
ADMIRATION FOR YOUR COURAGE AND
WISDOM IN TAKING ON THE ENORMOUS
TASK OF DEVISING A NEW AND BETTER
HEALTH CARE POLICY.

NOT SINCE ELEANOR ROOSEVELT
HAVE I BEEN SO PROUD AND HAPPY
TO HAVE A FIRST LADY IN THE WHITE
HOUSE WHO CARES AND ACTS FOR
ALL OF US.

YOURS VERY SINCERELY,

Barack J. Obama

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MONDAY FEB. 8th, 1993

Dear Hillary Clinton:

I have felt like writing you for sometime now and finally got up the nerve, first please excuse the typing as I have had an old shoulder injury which prevents me from writing by hand. I have been told that you are a Cub Fan, which inspired me to write this letter. The Cubs have not won a Pennant since 1945 and my husband was the Mgr. He won three Pennants for the Cubs, also brought the Mil. Braves to Wis. from Boston. He played for 20 years, did everything in the world for his Clubs. He was never called Mr. Grimm, always Charlie or Jolly Cholly. Recently I was the recipient of several Baseball cards sent to me from Sports Sam Co., and hearing that you were a Cub Fan decided to send you one.

I voted for Bill Clinton and am thrilled that you are both going to bring some semblance of a great change which is badly needed, I wish you both all the best and am looking forward to a better America and am confident it will be.,

Most Sincerely,

Marion Grimm

Mrs. Charles Grimm
860 DeWitt Place
Chicago, IL 60611



MRS. HILLARY RODHAM-CLINTON
THE WHITEHOUSE
WASHINGTON,
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Chicago Cubs, Wrigley Field
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Edward Roeder
1220 G Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

January 24, 1993

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

Dear Ms. Clinton:

You and I have not met or corresponded. I'm a reporter here in D.C. with a small news service specializing in tracking money in politics. Journalistic independence won't be compromised too much by congratulating you for getting elected with such class, and to wish you all the best over the next eight years. I've long admired your work with CDF, with which I did some work 20 years ago, when it was the Washington Research Foundation. More recently, CDF buys some political reference works my firm publishes.

This letter is to offer a suggestion on two related issues unlikely to be covered by me, but which profoundly affect life in our country. The word is that you'll likely have more of a policy role than previous first ladies, and on a broader range of issues than health care. (Right-wingers on the Hill seem terribly concerned that you may consult different stars than their favorites.) So it seems appropriate to write to you about issues relating to women and children.

The address at the top of this letter is my home/office, a bit closer to the Capitol than yours, in exactly the opposite direction. (A mini-map is enclosed on an invitation.) Directly across the street lies Potomac Gardens, a subsidized housing project that gained some notoriety when William Bennett used it to ballyhoo the kick-off of his war on drugs, and more recently in the news for a homicide rate that makes Mogadishu seem benign.

In this neighborhood, AFDC is the principal source of income, and most who get on welfare stay trapped on it. The children, in ten years, shift from optimistic angelic schoolkids walking two-by-two to Tyler Elementary School at 11th and G Streets, into teens trapped in the children-having-children cycle. Their generations are very short.

The girls tend to become pregnant and go on welfare. The boys tend to drop out of school, get in trouble, and go to prison. Before dropping out, these kids will attend more funerals with and for schoolmates than ball games. The welfare system yields horrific results, especially for children.

There is a link between the problem that undid Zöe Baird -- child care -- and the problems of welfare mothers and their children.

Why not start an up-and-out pilot project here in D.C. to teach welfare mothers to be competent, certified, day-care providers or assistants in a milieu of universally available inexpensive day care? Thus, the Zöe Baird fiasco could be turned from an embarrassment to a plus -- a problem solved. The country needs affordable day care, and can't afford the labor. The country can't afford welfare either, but parents need good jobs to get off welfare.

A mother of two presently hasn't much chance to get off welfare, even if she gets a high school diploma or G.E.D. and learns a skill, because entry-level jobs pay too little for her to afford day care for two kids. She's trapped. To leave welfare, she needs to earn roughly what welfare costs the government *plus the cost of day care for two kids.*

But if such mothers were trained to be day care providers -- to serve as aides in a reinvigorated Head Start program, in the private sector, or in publicly-provided fee-based programs -- this could change what it takes for a single mother to get off welfare, as well as what it costs for day care.

Those hired by the government might be able to get free day care for their own kids, as a benefit of employment at the day care facility that employs them. That frees them of this costly obstacle to getting off welfare.

Year-round day care might cost as little as \$2,500 per child, assuming that one certified worker starting at \$20,000 and an aide/trainee at half that salary can handle sixteen kids. Such ratios would not be conceivable unless day care facilities grew to the size of schools, adopted regimens allowing many teachers and aides to "float" to where they're most needed, and made use of un/underpaid volunteers, students, or trainees. But unless day care facilities explode in capacity, the needs of millions of kids and their parents will continue to be unmet.

A \$2,500 cost assumes, of course, that the government provides facilities in existing subsidized housing projects, schools, or other unused government buildings. (Note that today's Washington Post carried a report that the D.C. government will shut down ten more local schools this year.) Because reductions in welfare payments would offset the true cost to government, such a program could approach a net cost of zero.

Converting welfare mothers to taxpaying wage-earners, their work becomes almost free. And training in early child development helps them become better parents, more likely to be able to break the cycle of poverty for their kids.

Such a program would (a) provide meaningful employment to a quarter of those in the program, (b) provide day care for those on welfare who need training and up-and-out-jobs, and (c) provide a trained talent pool for staffing up government-backed and employer-provided programs of day care for the children of those not on welfare. A friend of mine who was recently elected to the D.C. School Board from this neighborhood wants to have the schools open 12 or more hours a day, to provide activities and schooling for the kids who roam the streets after school. This will require a huge pool of labor, and teachers won't do it.

Day care need not be a dead-end job. With more training and experience, such providers could realistically hope to more than double these salaries in better day care centers. Still higher pay would be available for supervisors or those who became trained to care for children with special needs.

In the campaign, your husband spoke of converting welfare from a way of life to a temporary crisis-intervention program, "a second chance." Any up-and-out welfare "reform" will require day care for those in training.

Other jobs that would provide enough income to be realistic alternatives to welfare may be appropriate for welfare mothers. But the very fact that most welfare recipients are mothers means that they have one very costly barrier to getting off welfare -- the need for child care for pre-schoolers and for after school.

Instead of importing *au pairs* or illegals, why not call upon those now available to do the work -- women trapped in welfare? With training and hope, they could provide a national corps to liberate not only others trapped on welfare, but the millions of working women now trapped in jobs that allow them to cope with the dearth of available child care, but extract a heavy price in terms of opportunity and fulfillment.

Some of those on welfare may not be suitable day care providers, or would require a lot more than a year of training. They could work as assistants to certified day care teachers. Others could take work as health care assistants.

Not much can be brought from conception to accomplishment in one presidential term. This could be done. Pilot-tested, adjusted, and implemented nationwide in a matter of a few years, it would generate hundreds of thousands of jobs, cut into the poverty cycle, and make a real difference in the lives of women working or on welfare, their children, and the men in their lives.

The impact on the U.S. economy of knocking down the cost of child care by providing facilities and a massive pool of trained day

care workers would be quickly felt. It would not only free many women for work, or better work; it would also free many young families to have children sooner.

There has been such a program in D.C., called S.M.A.R.T. -- Single Mothers Are Resources Too. It has largely failed because few of the enrollees could quickly acquire the training to become full-fledged certified day care providers. The successes and shortcomings of this program should be analyzed for lessons.

Your husband has spoken of taking two years for welfare recipients to get a job or get into a training program. Surely, that two years, plus the subsequent training, would be enough for many to get their G.E.D. diplomas and start work as day care assistants while training for full time jobs as certified providers.

Those more capable would then have incentives to train further for better-paying jobs, if such jobs provided a better existence than welfare. It's almost impossible to make welfare less attractive. But it may be easy to make employment a more attractive and realistic possibility if half a million jobs as day care teachers or assistants are created. And it might cost very little, because of the savings in welfare expenditures and the increased taxable earnings available to women who don't have to sacrifice their careers in order to care for their kids.

The benefits to society of after-school programs that catch children before they fall into crime or child-bearing would be only partly measured in dollars, but they'd be massive.

Anyway, if you want to try such a pilot program and observe it closely, Potomac Gardens might be an excellent place to start and observe it. By freeway, it's only minutes from the White House, DOE, or HHS.

Every good wish,

Edward Roeder

G. A. S. P. !

*The Inaugural blooms and the fireworks' booms
Abate; we await February.
The winter is still and the arctic winds' chill
Raises goosebumps on statuary.*

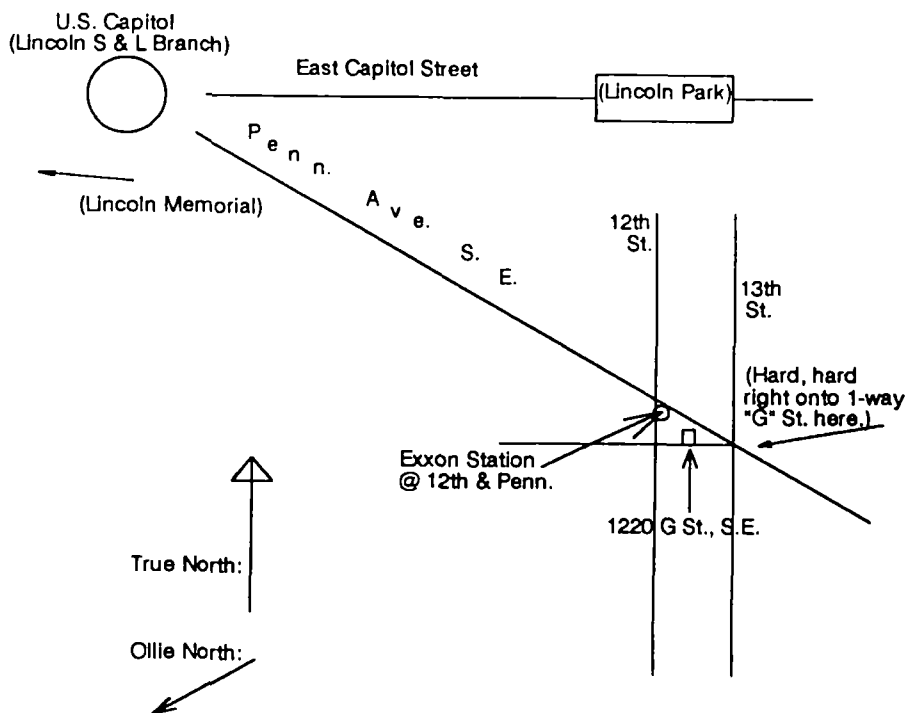
*One sculpture indoors (in East Wing corridors),
Sits undressed, undistressed by the clime.
Hand under chin, he lets the cold in
"The Thinker" has nothing but time.*

*Perhaps his repose without any clothes,
Should give pause and cause cogitation.
Maybe this season provides just the reason
For deep, even steep rumination.*

*If The Thinker keeps warm while posing in form
Sustained and maintained by reflections,
Could we not undertake, likewise to make
Winter's glooms flee our rooms through conceptions?*

*It's high time for doing some of our own stewing
Let's not try it in quiet cerebration . . .
To laugh at the weather, let's all get together
For a Super Bowl Celebration!*

*It would be foolhardy for you to be tardy
Lest you eat raw meat, which seems crude.
Here in front of your eyes, the stew will comprise
What you bring, 'cuz you're bringing the food!*



(In honor of Lincoln's pending birthday, we'll be splitting and burning logs.)

The Great American Stew Party

No, a stew party doesn't mean you bring flight attendants. You bring a designated ingredient, one for each person in your party.

You have to come on time, because you're bringing dinner. And please, please respond to the R.S.V.P. so we can track who's bringing what.

A suggested fresh ingredient is listed below. Please bring nothing cooked, canned, frozen or processed -- just raw real food. If you'd prefer to bring something else, please call to let us know so that we have what's needed for the stew.

(Stew actually tastes great if it's prepared from fresh wholesome ingredients. It just never is . . .)

Cutting boards and knives will be provided. If we can get the food cut and in the cauldrons by the kickoff, we can begin serving the first stew at halftime.

WHEN: Super Bowl Sunday, January 31, 1993
4:00 p.m. (Please be on time!)

WHERE: 1220 G Street, SE, in Washington
(home/office of Edward Roeder)
If you get lost, phone
(202) 544-3647

Please bring:

1 small chuck roast or 2 lbs. of stewing beef

B.Y.O.L. (Beer provided)

R.S.V.P. by 29 JAN 93 to:

Edward Roeder
(h) 202 / 544-3647 (o)

See you Super Sunday!

Kathy Emerson Bill McCarthy Terry Peters
Edward Roeder Edward Seitz Bill Thomas

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TO:

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April 8, 1993

VIA EXPRESS MAIL

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington, DC 20500

ATTN: Children's Issues

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

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I am an appellate attorney attempting to change the manner in which judges make custody awards to divorcing parents. Specifically, I represent the mother of three children in a custody dispute currently pending in the California Supreme Court involving two of the three: (b)(6) (age 7) and (b)(6) (age 4). The legal issues raised by this appeal are of significant concern in California and across the United States. This sad case demonstrates a serious but typical flaw in the process of resolving custody disputes. I am writing to you because I am aware of your interest and involvement in children's issues, like the ones raised in the context of this case. I thought you might want to know the current state of the law and the need for significant change.

In the (b)(6) case, a volatile man with temper control problems who repeatedly battered his wife, punched and kicked his children, and subjected the entire family to frequent fits of rage was awarded custody of two young girls despite the following facts:

- (1) the mother provided primary nurturing and care for the children since birth;
- (2) the father admitted punching the children in the head and battering their mother;
- (3) the father admitted he had "no time" for the children until two months before filing for divorce;

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- (4) the ruling would permanently separate two girls from their older sister who remains with the mother, and with whom they share a very close emotional bond;
- (5) the trial court acknowledged the mother was at least as parentally fit as the father; and
- (6) the only psychologist who evaluated all family members concluded the mother should have custody.

Incredibly, the award of custody to the father was affirmed on appeal. Why? Because the mother testified that if awarded custody, she might return to the family home in Southern California where the children were born and lived until about two months before the father filed for divorce and moved out of the new residence in Northern California. The appellate court concluded that was a sufficient basis to affirm the custody award because the distance from Southern California to Northern California would make visitation more difficult for the father. Also, the appellate court gave significance to the father's mere promises that in the future he would attempt to control his volatile temper and would spend more time with the children than he had in the past.

Several published decisions and articles across the United States have suggested that the paramount factor in determining custody should be who provided primary care for the child during the course of the marriage. It is the sensible approach because the appropriate parent to receive custody will usually be that same parent selected by the mother and father themselves during the course of the marriage as the one best suited to provide primary attention, nurturing, and care for the child. The emphasis of this gender-neutral standard is on continuity and consistency in existing patterns of care and preserving emotional bonds, unless some serious deficiency on the part of the primary caretaker is demonstrated.

Also at issue in this case is the question of whether it is appropriate to base a custody determination on the expressed intent of one parent to move from the family's locale at the time the divorce is filed. In my case, the family lived in Northern California for only about two months before the father filed for divorce and began the custody battle. The trial court ruled that because the mother expressed a desire to return the children to the area they lived in two months before the father filed for divorce, which would reduce opportunities for visitation with the father, custody should be awarded to the father notwithstanding numerous considerations which indicated that he was not the best choice in terms of continuity of attention, care, and nurturing. Thus, we end up with the anomalous result that

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the children are not with the parent best suited to raise them simply because that parent indicated a desire to move to another locale. The ultimate irony is that if the "best" parent moves and the children are awarded to the other parent, there still remains the problem of distance between both parents complicating visitation that would have existed if the "best" parent retained custody. The only difference is that now the children will not be in the custody of the parent who can best provide for their needs. Obviously, the children's best interests are not served by penalizing the "best" parent for expressing an intent to leave the area, yet that is a typical scenario. (See e.g., *California Lawyer*, April 1993, "Who Gets The Kids," pp. 24-25, enclosed.)

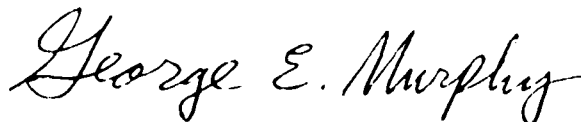
In California, there is a bill under consideration by the Senate Judiciary Committee of the California Legislature (SB 1159) authored by Senator Diane Watson which addresses some of these concerns.

I do not have a specific request to make of you. I merely wanted to bring these issues to your attention in the event that they would become relevant to your present or future activities. I do not view this as a father versus mother issue. I view this as a children's rights question.

If you have any questions or would like further information, it would of course be my privilege to assist you in any way I can. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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Who Gets the Kids?

AN AXIOM OF family law—that the best interests of children are generally served when divorced parents share custody—is being put through a severe test these days. What should judges do when a parent wants to move away because of a job or new relationship?

So far, courts have responded to the problem by refusing to let children accompany the parent—usually the mother—who wants to move.

"There are a lot more [move-away] cases," says West Los Angeles family law attorney Forrest Mosten. "And the trend now is most definitely against allowing the move-away to occur, unless there is strong evidence that it is in the children's best interests." To compound the problem, the courts have given lawyers little direction on what constitutes "best interests."

The poor economy is probably the biggest reason for the growing number of move-away requests. "There are layoffs [and] businesses bailing out of the state," says Camarillo family law attorney Edward Matisoff. "People need to go where the jobs are."

Even the less-mobile poor are affected, says Betsy Apple, a staff attorney with the volunteer legal services program of the Bar Association of San Francisco. Indigent parents looking for work or needing the emotional support of other family members are coming to court to change custody orders.

Jobs or important relationships do not appear to be compelling reasons to change a custody order. West L.A. attorney Mosten recalls a case in which a divorced, unemployed mother wanted to marry a man who had a steady job in another state. The superior court wouldn't allow her to take her children with her, basing its decision on *Marriage of Carlson* (1991) 229 CA3d 1330, which stated that a custodial parent may not relocate with children if the move would interfere with the relationship between her children and the noncustodial parent.

Divorced parents seeking new lives are being forced to leave their children behind

In another case, Mosten recalls, an unemployed mother who landed a job elsewhere was denied permission by the court to take her children with her. "It seems now that even being destitute may not be enough of a reason to leave," he says.

Although such decisions may sound cold-



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hearted, Ventura County Superior Court Judge William Peck, who worked for three years in family court, says that in determining a child's best interests, the courts are required to consider Civil Code section 4600, which declares as public policy the importance of minors having continuous contact with divorced or separated parents. Appellate court rulings don't help

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matters much, Peck says. "The cases on move-aways are all over the map. Trying to map out some reasonable logic from what we've got will drive you mad."

Peck remembers one Ventura County case where a mother with primary custody lost her job as a bank teller but was given a chance to transfer to Sacramento. Peck refused to let her take the children. "She could have gotten a job of equal pay in the same area. But she appealed [and] I was reversed. The crazy thing was, it was the same week of *Marriage of McGinnis*," 7 CA4th 473, an oft-cited 1992 appellate case that strongly favors shared-parenting arrangements. If the shared custody is working, the court held, it should be changed only for "imperative reasons."

Yet the standard of "imperative reasons" is just as vague as the "best interests" of the child, and custody cases, whatever the standard used, remain potentially nasty. A bitter Ventura County case the Second District Court of Appeal decided only three years ago illustrates the vicissitudes of family law. A mother who had primary custody moved to the Bay Area in 1985 and had to put her son on a plane every fourth week to visit his father. The child was enrolled in two different elementary schools and became depressed. The mother went to court to get full-time custody, but Ventura County Superior Court Judge Charles R. McGrath ordered her to move back or give up custody. The Second District Court of Appeal reversed, ruling that the mother's constitutional right to travel had been violated. *Marriage of Finger* (1990) 221 CA3d 1575.

Many family law attorneys believe that if the mother tried to move today, she could do so only by giving up custody. But they acknowledge they don't really know under what circumstances a parent would be allowed to retain custody. "The trend is likely to go in favor of the remaining parent," says Santa Barbara family law attorney Brian Burke. "But what are the factors that will be considered? What will be the basis of a decision for the child's best interest? Right now, we don't know."

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