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The contact person is Amy Minella, 301-941-2628. Thanks.

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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR CHILDREN'S MERCY HOSPITAL
CENTENNIAL DINNER
FEBRUARY 6, 1997

Good Evening. I very much wanted to join you at this celebration of Children's Mercy Hospital's 100th birthday, and I'm sorry that other events have kept me from coming. I was looking forward to another trip to Kansas City, to visiting one of our country's finest pediatric hospitals, and to catching with my old friend from Arkansas, Rand O'Donnell.

But I am delighted to be able to send my best wishes to all of you on this special night. As you celebrate a century of service to the children and families of Kansas City, you have a unique opportunity to reflect on the rich experiences of the past and on the lessons that will guide you in the future. If your founding doctors, Katherine Berry Richardson and Alice Berry Graham, were to come back today, they might not recognize the state-of-art complex that has grown from their original five-bed hospital on Highland Avenue. But they would have no trouble seeing that their hospital's fundamental commitments to excellence, to education, and to serving all children in need of medical care are still thriving. And those are the commitments we will all need to carry into the new century.

For one hundred years, the doctors, nurses and patrons of this hospital have recognized that children are our country's most precious resource. To all of you at Children's Mercy, each child who comes through your doors doesn't represent a race, a religion, or an economic class, he or she represents our hope for the future. That is why you have dedicated your hearts, minds, and hands to making sure every patient has the chance to fulfill his or her God-given potential. Your cutting edge research into childhood disease, your use of the most innovative treatments, and your boundless compassion have helped heal the bodies and spirits of thousands of children and offered comfort and hope to their families.

You have also helped your patients grow. The classroom which has been a part of Children's Mercy since 1917 represents a belief that illness need not stunt a child's intellectual and emotional growth. A love of learning is a fundamental part of a healthy childhood. And that begins with a love of reading. As many of you know, new research has shown that reading to young children is vital to their neurological, intellectual, and emotional development. Last month, I announced, along with representatives of the American Academy of Pediatrics, a national campaign to encourage doctors to prescribe daily reading to children and their parents. I hope all of you will support us in this effort.

I congratulate you on a magnificent century. I have no doubt that all Americans will continue to look to the leadership of Children's Mercy Hospital in years to come. Have a wonderful evening.

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Child health
Care VIDEOS

FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR FOURTH SIDS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
JUNE 11, 1996

I am pleased to have this opportunity to welcome you to the Fourth SIDS International Conference. As the first international forum of its kind in North America, this conference will serve as a vital link in the rapid exchange of high-caliber international research, prevention, and service data leading to better public health strategies and awareness.

The loss of a seemingly healthy baby who is laid down to sleep and never wakes up is devastating for parents. It is a tragic loss of life that has repercussions in family life, the workplace, and beyond. All of us who care about child health and family well-being are grateful for organizations like yours that are committed to saving lives and providing a future free of SIDS.

In the United States, SIDS is the number one cause of death for infants one month to one year of age, claiming the lives of between five and six thousand American babies each year. Further research is needed to increase our understanding of SIDS, to predict which babies are most vulnerable, and to develop strategies for preventing their deaths. Fortunately, funding in the U.S. for SIDS research and services has increased dramatically over the past ten years, and as a result we are learning more and more about this medical puzzle.

We know that stomach-down sleep position, soft bedding, prenatal and passive exposure to cigarette smoke, and lack of breast feeding are risk factors for SIDS. Now into its third year, the "Back To Sleep" public education campaign, a private/public partnership between the U.S. Public Health Service, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the SIDS Alliance, is working to encourage parents to place sleeping babies on their backs or sides and to raise awareness about other easily preventable risk factors. I was encouraged to learn that because of efforts such as these, there has been a significant statistical decline in SIDS since 1993.

Through innovative research initiatives, our understanding of the SIDS mystery has grown. Together, we can make a world of difference. I send my best wishes for the success of this conference and of your work to save babies' lives.

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WIC DIRECTORS
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
MAY 7, 1996**

I am delighted to take part in your thirteenth annual conference, "N-A-W-D '96, The Spirit of Success." For seventeen years, the National Association of WIC Directors has provided leadership and guidance for our nation as we devise ways to protect the health of our most vulnerable families.

WIC is an example of preventive health care at its best. Studies have shown that WIC families have fewer premature births, low birthweight babies, and infant deaths. Participants are more likely to receive proper prenatal care and immunizations.

Throughout much of our nation's history, programs that help children have received broad bipartisan support because there is so much evidence that early intervention saves money and lives. At a time when too many American children are in crisis, we cannot reduce nutrition assistance for children and families or allow nutritional standards to be weakened.

That is why the President has made it an Administration goal to provide WIC services to all eligible participants in four years. His most recent budget fulfills the promise of full funding, proposing almost \$4 billion to serve over seven million women and children.

Our nation cannot compete and thrive in the world unless we are willing to invest in the next generation of American children. Ensuring that our children are properly fed and nourished is one of the soundest investments we can make.

In helping to make the WIC program more responsive to the needs of women, infants and children, you are providing an essential service to our nation. Thank you.

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR ARKANSAS HIPPY
JANUARY 31, 1996**

Greetings from the White House. I wish I could be with you this afternoon to congratulate each and every one of you on the tenth anniversary of the Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters.

As with so many good things, when we introduced HIPPY in Arkansas we were met with skepticism about the ability of parents without high school educations to teach their own children. Parents themselves doubted their own abilities to meet the challenge. But look how far you have come. Over 6,000 Arkansas families are being served and your program has received national recognition.

HIPPY is one of the best examples I can give of how the larger community can help raise all children, and in so doing, raise itself. It is a partnership of coordinators, home visitors, parents, children, funders, school systems, organizations and other agencies joining forces to work together to provide our pre-school children with what I call a jump-start on kindergarten. And all along the way, HIPPY stimulates learning in our kids and in our parents, too.

Every member of the HIPPY partnership has a stake in its success, but I would like to say a special word to the parents who are in the audience today. HIPPY cannot happen without you. The role you play in your child's development cannot be replaced by the schools. You are the key to a brighter future for your child.

The work each HIPPY stakeholder does today will pay huge dividends in the lives of our children, in the health of our families and communities, and in the future of our nation. I am so very proud of what you have achieved. The President and I congratulate you on this anniversary and send best wishes for continued success for many more years to come.

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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
PSA for CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL LOS ANGELES PORTION OF THE
1996 CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK TELETHON
February 15, 1996

Of all the wonderful experiences Bill and I have had together, nothing has been more rewarding than raising our daughter Chelsea. Having a healthy child is a blessing we are grateful for every day.

Raising healthy children is the key to a successful future for our country and our world. Children's Hospital Los Angeles plays an important role in this effort.

Through its clinical services, research institute and education programs, Children's Hospital Los Angeles provides world-class medical care to thousands of sick and injured children every year. Your gift to Children's Hospital Los Angeles today can give hope to generations of children and their families. Please call now.

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE ADOPTION EXCHANGE
February 15, 1996**

By the thousands, they wait. Children who have been abused, neglected, and forgotten. In our country today, there are over 100,000 children waiting to be adopted. They need our help and love.

Every day The Adoption Exchange works to connect waiting children with loving families. The Exchange has already placed more than eighteen hundred children in permanent adoptive homes. Your help will enable The Adoption Exchange to continue its crucial work. Please call The Adoption Exchange today to see what you can do to brighten the futures of children who deserve the nurturing, attention and security that loving families can provide.

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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEO FOR CARNEGIE COUNCIL REPORT ON ADOLESCENCE
OCTOBER 10, 1995

Good Evening. I hope you all know how sorry I am that I can't be with you tonight. I know that the room is filled with people who have been so important to me, and I'd love to be there to find out what you're doing, hear about what you see happening in the country, and just catch up.

I want to thank all of you on the Carnegie Council on Adolescent Development for the decade of work that culminates with this report, for the wisdom and sensitivity of its recommendations, and for the lifelong commitments you have made to our children.

I'd especially like to thank David -- for the insight and foresight he had ten years ago when he proposed that the Corporation begin to consider the problems of adolescent development. Adolescence has only grown more difficult and complicated in the past ten years, and the work of the Council is timely and ever more important. As always, I also want to thank him for his leadership, his extraordinary intelligence, and most of all for his unfailing friendship.

It is an honor for me to speak to you at the launch of this report. I have known and admired the work of the Carnegie Foundation for almost 25 years. I was fortunate to be part of a Carnegie council, and still remember my experience as one of the most fulfilling and inspiring I have had. Last year, I had the privilege of introducing Starting Points, and I have read and reread, used and shared its findings at every opportunity.

This report may be even more important than Starting Points. I say that for two reasons. First, early adolescence is as critical a time as the earliest years of life, but it has been sorely neglected. It is a time of tremendous opportunity and expectation. Of freedom and autonomy. But it is also a time of awkwardness, doubt and even danger. A time when experimentation with alcohol, drugs and sex can lead to a lifetime of unhealthy and risky habits. This report and the ongoing work that it has stimulated fill a real void in our understanding of early adolescence.

Second, this report is so important because this year we are engaged in a national debate over the future of our children. If you ask most people in Washington, they will tell you that this is a battle over dollars. About how and when to balance the federal budget. About how much to cut Medicare and Medicaid. But it is about much more than numbers. It is a fundamental discussion about the role that government should play in the lives of families and children.

Your report shows that, with early intervention, many of the bad habits that young adolescents risk developing can be prevented. You have also powerfully demonstrated that this can't happen without the commitment and involvement of all sectors of the community. That families, schools, business, the media and government share responsibility for helping our children become adults.

It's no surprise that I agree. I am writing a book whose title and message is "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child." My book echoes the theme of your report. It's a response to the debate between those who think that families can and should bear the full responsibility for raising their children, and those who think that society, particularly government, is primarily responsible. It argues, like this report, that this is a false debate. That parents raise children, but so do neighborhoods, churches, schools, the media and all levels of government.

As the report points out, the first level of investment must be the family. As the mother of a teenager, I see firsthand the possibilities and risks that come with adolescence. I also see the importance of family guidance, discipline and nurturing. In the last several years, I have watched Chelsea grow and change at a pace second only to infancy. I have watched her struggle with her new independence, and I have struggled with it myself.

I don't pretend to understand all of my daughter's changes. I rely a good deal on my husband, my mother, and friends with teenagers of their own. But I rely most of all on Chelsea. I remember holding her in my arms just after she was born and saying, "this is going to be a challenge for both of us. I've never been a mother before, and you've never been a baby. We're going to have to figure this out together." I feel the same way now. And that's just what we are doing.

But as the mother of a teenager, I also see that families can't do it alone. At this critical time, families need the support and attention of the village.

The President and I believe that the federal government is an essential part of that village. That's why the President is fighting so hard to protect federal investments in education, the earned income tax credit, and vital health care programs. Investments that are helping working families and that are being threatened right now in Congress.

And that's why the President is waging controversial campaigns against both teen smoking and teen pregnancy. But these campaigns require the commitment of schools, the media and industry -- in addition to the federal government -- to stop bad habits before they start. Because, as the Council's report so eloquently argues, raising America's children is not only a job for families and the federal government.

Instead, it is the responsibility of each institution that touches our young people. The report therefore provides a prescription for action for the different sectors that effect adolescents. And, just as important, it identifies the gaps in services that these institutions provide, and begins to create links between them.

Adolescence has always been hard. We all remember feeling awkward and unsure. But the world that this generation's teenagers face is very different from the one many of us grew up in. In this country today, 26 percent of households with children have only a mother at home. Every day, 3,000 young people become regular smokers, and every day more than 1,300 teenagers in America give birth. Test scores on aptitude tests are dropping. 135,000 children take guns to school. And arrest rates for violent crimes committed by children between ten and 17 have doubled in ten years.

This statistical portrait, and the range of evidence and experience in the Council's report, make it all too clear that we can do better for adolescents in this country. This is an enormous task, but it is enormously important -- both for the children themselves and for the entire community.

This report serves as both the culmination of the Council's work and as an important springboard for more research, innovative programs, and investments that will foster the challenging transition from childhood to adulthood. You have made -- and will continue to make -- a vital contribution to the job before us.

Thank you very much.

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
JUVENILE DIABETES FOUNDATION OF CHICAGO
1995 "MAN OF THE YEAR" FUNDRAISING EVENT
REMARKS FOR VIDEO
MAY 17, 1995**

I am honored to join all of you tonight to pay tribute to one of Chicago's finest leaders and to help fuel the research that will allow us to treat, prevent -- and ultimately -- cure Juvenile Diabetes.

As a native of this great city, let me start by offering my heartfelt congratulations to Dave Wannstedt [WAN-STAT], the coach of Chicago's team and the next Super Bowl champions: the Bears.

Dave Wannstedt is really a leader in the purest Chicago tradition. He is a tough competitor -- lifting the Bears back to the top in just two years. He is a great motivator -- a player's coach who understands what it means to lead. Dave Wannstedt is the kind of coach -- indeed the kind of person -- you always want on your team.

And, that's why I am so pleased that he's on our team tonight -- joining with the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation of Chicago to replace heartaches with hope for millions of children across our country.

The President often says that we can't afford to waste a single person in America. Tragically, Juvenile Diabetes is still one of the worst enemies of American children: about 80,000 people under age 18 are diagnosed with it in this country alone.

Over the years, this illness has taken its toll on all of us -- on our children, our parents, our caregivers, and our communities. We have paid the price in suffering -- approximately one million Americans are afflicted by it. We have paid the price in dollars -- more than \$100 billion per year. And we have paid the price in young futures diverted and young lives cut short.

It is time to reverse these trends. Until there is a cure, we must step up our research efforts and devise better methods of prevention. And, because of your hard work and the work of many other caring Americans -- that is just what we're doing.

Just six months ago, the National Institutes of Health launched the National Diabetes Outreach program -- which includes an 800-number, 1-800-GET-LEVEL, to help Americans get the information they need about managing their condition -- when they need it.

We are conducting the largest prevention clinical trial in the history of Juvenile Diabetes by working with laboratories across the country to screen relatives of diabetics -- so that we can learn how to prevent or delay the onset of this disease.

And, even as I speak, researchers are continuing to look for ways to administer insulin through nasal sprays or pills. They are creating devices to "read" blood glucose levels without having to prick the finger -- a real accomplishment and tear-saver for diabetic children and their parents.

These are great victories -- but, as you well know, our work is far from done. So tonight, let us take this opportunity to look ahead -- to refocus, regroup, and rededicate ourselves to lifting up our children and stamping out Juvenile Diabetes -- once and for all.

Again, I want to thank Dave Wannstedt, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and all of you for dedicating your time, your energy, your wisdom, and, of course, your money, to our greatest resource of all: our children.

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK KICK-OFF
THE WHITE HOUSE
APRIL 20, 1994**

TALKING POINTS

[Note: Dr. Johnson, Secretary Shalala, the Vice President, and the President will speak after you. Your remarks must be brief and should simply outline the scope of the problem, followed by an introduction of Dr. Johnson]

THE SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM

Last week the Carnegie Corporation issued a comprehensive report about American children aged zero to three. The report was stunning not only in its breadth and depth, but also in the urgency of its message: We are not doing enough to give our very youngest children a healthy start in life.

What could be more important to the future for our nation than ensuring that small children have the opportunity to grow into healthy, responsible adults?

It's so obvious that children -- particularly children from infancy until age two -- should be a top priority when it comes health care. And yet, we have failed our children time and time again.

* Today, only 64 percent of American children are fully immunized by the time they are two.

* The rate is worse for children in poorer, underserved communities, where as many as 50 percent do not receive their immunizations before they are two.

* Many parents aren't even aware that 80 percent of immunizations are needed by age 2.

* We have no standardized system for monitoring vaccinations or notifying parents when vaccinations are due. And often health care professionals do not track their own patients to make sure that vaccinations are up-to-date.

* There are not enough clinics to serve children who need vaccines.

* Our failure to immunize children is not only wrong, it's expensive.

-- We save more than \$21 for every \$1 spent on the measles, mumps, rubella vaccine.

-- We save more than \$30 for every \$1 spent on DPT-- diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus.

-- We save more than \$6 for every \$1 spent on polio vaccines.

* [Any stories about children you or the President have met who developed illnesses because they didn't get a basic vaccination when they were little]

INTRODUCTION OF DR. ROBERT JOHNSON

Nobody knows better than those on the front lines of the health care system the human cost of denying our children the health care they need. Dr. Robert Johnson is a pediatrician from Newark, New Jersey who witnesses daily the unfortunate effects of children not receiving adequate immunizations early in life.

Dr. Johnson sees children of all ages at the Children's Hospital of New Jersey. He also attends to children on a regular basis at the Adolescent Health Center -- called The DOOR -- in New York City, which he co-founded.

In addition to his clinical work, Dr. Johnson is a Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and Director of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine at the University of Medicine of New Jersey. In 1976 he founded that institution's Division of Adolescent Medicine.

We are extremely pleased to have Dr. Johnson with us today to help educate all Americans about the moral and economic imperative we share in ensuring that all infants, toddlers, and young children receive the immunizations they need.

[Introduce Dr. Johnson]

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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEOTAPE REMARKS TO CHILDREN'S HEALTH FORUM
APRIL 15, 1994

[Acknowledgments: Eileen Norton]

Today we live in an age of great promise for our nation's children. For the first time in 60 years, we are poised at a moment in history when real health care reform is within our reach.

No one will benefit more from reform than the youngest among us.

Over the past 30 years, children have become unintended victims of a social and demographic revolution that has reshaped our most basic institutions. The result is a disturbing -- and ongoing -- pattern of neglect that is robbing more and more children of the physical, intellectual and emotional nurturing they need.

Just this week, the Carnegie Corporation issued a long-awaited report outlining the problems facing children aged zero to three. This comprehensive study illustrated the grim circumstances confronting millions of children across our nation today.

Too many American children grow up in poverty, without proper nutrition and health care. Too many American children live in families shattered by violence, substance abuse, or emotional instability. Too many children lack adequate child care. Too many children are deprived of the basic love and affection necessary for them to grow into healthy, functioning adults.

Of course, there is no single answer, no simple cure for all of these social ills. But there are opportunities for progress that we must not squander.

Foremost among those is health care reform. Because after all, good health affects almost every other facet of a child's life.

Today, 9.5 million children do not have health insurance. About 60 percent of children under two have not been fully immunized. One in five children had no contact with a doctor in 1992.

Now we have a chance to change that.

The President's approach to reform reflects his belief that

every American needs health security -- particularly children.

It guarantees private insurance with comprehensive benefits for every American and every family. The standard benefits package includes prenatal care, immunizations, well-baby exams, and preventive services for children, including vision and dental care.

The President's approach offers a comprehensive health education program for children from kindergarten through secondary school. It increases investments in school-based clinics. And it supports specific services targeted at high-risk communities.

Finally, under the President's approach, the National Institutes of Health will receive additional funding for new research aimed at improving preventive medicine, particularly for children.

You all know that a child's earliest experiences usually lay the foundation for later years. If we can guarantee children a healthy start in life, we will dramatically improve their chances of flourishing in school, of contributing positively to their communities, and of succeeding professionally when they are adults.

That's why health care reform is so important. It's not only about giving hope and opportunity to the next generation; it's about who we are, and what we stand for, as a nation.

Thank you for your concern, your ideas, and your help as we work to achieve this important goal.

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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEOTAPE REMARKS FOR
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AWARDS DINNER OF THE WORLD UNION
FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM
JULY 21, 1998

Good evening. It is truly an honor to join you tonight at the International Humanitarian Awards Dinner. Over the years I have heard so much about your work from my ~~good~~ friend, Jerry Tannenbaum. And I have seen the results in the [what do they do]....

For over 70 years, the World Union for Progressive Judaism has been an extraordinary force for justice and equality all over the world. I want to thank all of you who have made that possible, especially your Executive Director, Rabbi Richard Hirsch, for a quarter-century of vision and leadership. All of us owe him a debt of gratitude. And all of us will miss him.

What does it mean to be a humanitarian? For the past decade, the World Union has bestowed its International Humanitarian Award on individuals like Simone Weil and Nelson Mandela. Heroes who stare fear in the face and make sure that compassion and commitment always emerge as the victors. Heroes who do everything in their power to change a life, a family, a community, a world, for the better. This year's recipients follow in that proud tradition. I want to congratulate Rabbi Jerome K. Davidson and Leah Rabin.

Leah is not only a dear friend of mine, she is a friend to all people who work tirelessly to ensure that peace and respect overcome hatred and division. She has taught us during times of triumph and tragedy. I, for one, will never forget her excitement at the 1993 signing of the peace accords on the White House lawn. ~~Her courage during her husband's funeral.~~ And the grace and spirit that accompany her everywhere she goes.

The courage and dignity she showed following the death of her beloved Yitzhak.

In 1993 Yitzhak Rabin announced to the world that the Israeli people had had "enough of blood and tears" and that "the time for peace has come." Every day, Leah Rabin carries on her husband's legacy. Whether she is working to lift up the lives of autistic children, improve our museums and hospitals, or achieve lasting peace in the Middle East, she has inspired us all to dream of the world we want...and to have the courage to create it.

It is a great personal pleasure to present the 1998 International Humanitarian Award to Leah Rabin.

Shanghai Girls School photo $\Rightarrow$ Tom Countryman

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April 15, 1998

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch
Mr. Jerry Tanenbaum
World Union For Progressive Judaism
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New York, New York 10021-7064

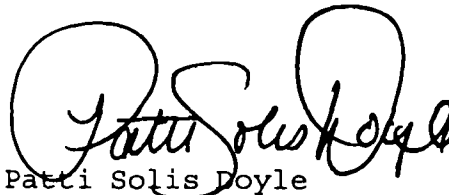
Dear Rabbi Hirsch and Mr. Tanenbaum:

Thank you for your kind letter inviting Mrs. Clinton
to attend the International Humanitarian Awards Dinner of the
World Union for Progressive Judaism on September 13, 1998.

Since it is difficult to know what the First Lady's
upcoming official schedule will be, I am unable to make a
commitment for her at this time. While it is unlikely Mrs.
Clinton will be able to accept your invitation, please be
assured that we will keep it in mind and contact you if we can
accommodate your request.

Mrs. Clinton appreciates your thoughtfulness and sends
her best wishes.

Sincerely,



Patti Solis Doyle
Special Assistant to the President
Director of Scheduling
for the First Lady

Jerry Tanenbaum:

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RR. Document will be reviewed upon request.

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halla ~~MA~~ 212-650-4090
Kublin

**Messages for Diane
Wednesday, May 6**

✓ 1) Tuesday, 7:52 pm

Call from Katie Merrill of Congwoman Tausher's Office, 225-1880
Katie was calling to ask if she should go ahead and fax the memo to you or
if it would be better to wait. She will be out of town after Friday but you can call
Michelle Henry at 925-932-8899 if you have any questions.

2) Wednesday, 10:23 am

Call from Alan Levink of Park Ave. Synagogue, 212-479-6260
Alan was returning your call re: the Arthur Lyman event. Please call.

3) Wednesday, 11:53 am

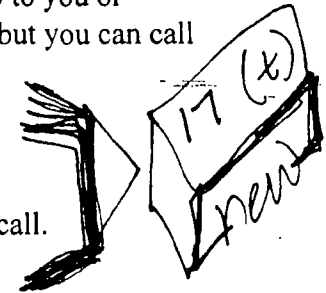
Call from Andrea Sims of Women in Film and Video, 703-670-5299
Andrea called to check on the status of their June 18 request. (Diane, it sounded
like you had spoken before with her about this...if not...give back to me and I'll call
for you).

4) Wednesday, 12:45 pm

Call from Jerry Tanenbaum of World Union for Progressive Judaism, 501-321-0606
Jerry had sent a request for a Sept. 13 dinner with Leah Rabin and had recieved a
regret letter back. Jerry says he's a personal friend of HRC and was calling to make
sure that HRC herself knew about this....if so, he'd like to her from her. (Diane...this
guy was pretty nice and sounded legit...he said if a visit wasn't possible, would a live
video hookup or taped video be possible?) Jerry's home number is [P6(b)(6)]

5) Wednesday, 2:07 pm

Call from Charles Park of Emais Aging Services, 467-6677
Charles was returning your call.



Hold

[001]

Mrs. Rabin
wants her
to do
video?

✓ Deborah Tobias - pleat session - 7:15 leaving

651-6000
24118

2:30 pm -
→ Evan Ryan -
→ where? bus transport

Sara says:

David Saperstein is involved
w/ group.

It is a good group.

Sara recommends that
she do this.

Hold

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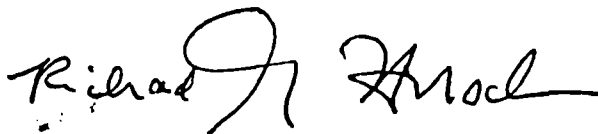
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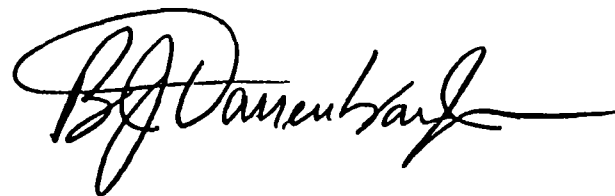
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Molly -
please ask
Sara Ehrman for
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In this private

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Sarah

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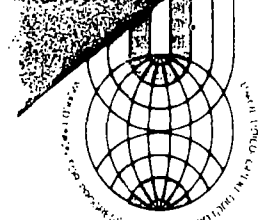
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The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue

Washington, DC 20500

Sarah Elm

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

It is with a great sense of pride that we are writing this letter on behalf of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. This organization is the largest Jewish movement in the world, with 1.5 million members in 1,200 synagogues. Every two years the World Union holds the International Humanitarian Awards Dinner. This year we are privileged to pay tribute to Mrs. Leah Rabin. We are sure you agree she richly deserves the honor.

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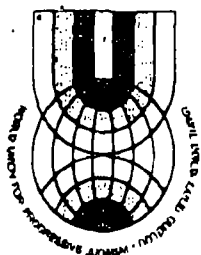
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Seven (7) Pages Follow

World Union for Progressive Judaism
International Humanitarian Awards Dinner

Sunday, September 13, 1998

Windows on the World

New York City

Dinner Chair
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Philip Melzer
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Mrs. Leah Rabin

Honoring

Rabbi Jerome K. Davidson

July 17, 1998

FROM: Rabbi Clifford M. Kulwin

TO: Ms. Evan Ryan

re: Background Information for Hillary Rodham Clinton
Presentation to Mrs. Leah Rabin

My associate Leda Goldsmith shared with me the news of your call last night. I hope the comments contained in this memo are useful. The pages which follow, taken from World Union informational materials, should be useful as well.

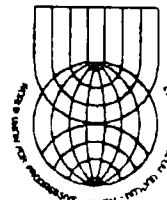
1. Mrs. Clinton's remarks should ideally be between four and five minutes.
2. The purpose of her remarks is to present Mrs. Rabin with the International Humanitarian Award of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. World Union leadership decided to honor Mrs. Rabin for her efforts on behalf of peace and tolerance in Israel, and her courage and resolve in the face of adversity which have made her one of the world's most admired women.

The International Humanitarian Award was created by the World Union a decade ago in order to confer appropriate honor upon individuals who further the ideals and values of the World Union through their efforts within the Jewish community at large, as well as the greater human community. Among others, the Award has been given to Simone Veil and Nelson Mandela, at events in Paris and Johannesburg. Larry King and Senator Frank Lautenberg have been among the American recipients.

3. Mrs. Rabin's co-honoree is Rabbi Jerome K. Davidson, of Temple Beth-El of Great Neck, New York. One of America's most eminent rabbis, he is particularly renowned for his efforts in civil rights and interfaith relations. A separate presentation, by Rabbi Eric Yoffie, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, will be made to him, but it would be nice for Mrs. Clinton to acknowledge Rabbi Davidson as well.
4. The only other individual Mrs. Clinton may wish to mention is Jerry Tanenbaum, of Hot Springs, Arkansas. I believe that he

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and his wife, Pat, have known the Clintons for many years. Jerry is a member of the international leadership of the World Union.

5. Those gathered will include national and international leaders of the Reform movement, many of them quite prominent. The event is a dinner at Windows on the World in New York City (Sunday, September 13), the purpose of which is to present the award to Mrs. Rabin and Rabbi Davidson.
6. In general, the remarks should include a greeting to those present, a brief tribute to the work of the World Union, specific mention of Rabbi Davidson and, perhaps, Mr. and Mrs. Tanenbaum, then launch into the actual presentation to Mrs. Rabin. At the conclusion of Mrs. Clinton's remarks, Mrs. Rabin will be handed the Award, a piece of fine art Judaica, and will respond for approximately five minutes.
7. We assume that since Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Rabin have a relationship, it would not be appropriate for World Union input into the personal remarks directed to Mrs. Rabin. However, for any further assistance or information, please contact Leda Goldsmith or me.

I will be available until approximately 4:00 PM today at (212) 650-4091. After that I am afraid I will be out of reach. You may be in touch with Leda Goldsmith through early this evening at (718) 548-4303, and from early tomorrow (Saturday) morning through late Monday at (516) 725-4566. She will then return to the other number.

We are exceedingly grateful for your kind assistance. Please accept my personal - and our institutional - sincere thanks.

The World Union for Progressive Judaism

Founded in London in 1926 as the international organization to promote and sustain liberal Judaism, its practice and ideals...

Now over 1.5 million members of Reform, Progressive, Liberal and Reconstructionist congregations in over 30 countries on six continents working together...

Opening new movement frontiers; establishing and nurturing congregations in Asia, Eastern Europe, Israel and the former Soviet Union, while working to strengthen those in South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, Latin America and Western Europe.

Striving for social justice, affirmation of Jewish identity and equal rights for all in recognition of liberal Judaism's common message throughout the world... ✓

BY ORGANIZING

congregations, building new synagogues and "planting the seeds" of Reform Judaism throughout the world, we bring Jews from the outside into the realm of community and worship

BY TRAINING

future religious and educational leaders; creating new positions for them and supporting their efforts in the classroom

BY DEVELOPING

and supplying the religious and instructional material needed for effective leadership

BY GUIDING

Jews coming from isolation and persecution into a new era of freedom; allowing them to lead productive Jewish lives in newly aware Jewish communities

BY LINKING

the young—and their quest for knowledge—with the old—who have a rich Jewish heritage to share

BY BLENDING

traditions dating back thousands of years, with contemporary ideas...adapting to a constantly changing world

BY PROVIDING

resources from interested, enthusiastic Jewish communities in North America we can continue our mandate... to lead millions of Jews, from every corner of world, into modern Jewish life... and assure our survival as Jews.

WUPJ'S GLOBAL ACTION

IN ISRAEL...

The Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism and the Israel Council of Progressive Rabbis, allow liberal Jews to practice as they choose in the modern Jewish state.

Leaders in the battle to prevent change in the Law of Return; striving to prevent coercion in the public sector and secure equal rights for Progressive Judaism, Progressive rabbis and Jewish women, in conjunction with the Israel Religious Action Center, a joint effort of the IMPJ and ARZA (Association of Reform Zionists of America).

The Leo Baeck Education Center in Haifa, state of the art complex providing hundreds of students with secular and religious education. And the Beit Sefer Chaim, the most sought after school in Jerusalem; on its way toward full classes of students in every grade from *gan* through high school.

The Beit Shmuel Cultural and Educational Center in Jerusalem, the heart of the international movement, currently expanding to provide a wider array of activities. Beit Daniel in Tel Aviv; Or Chadash in Haifa; Kol Haneshema in Jerusalem and other major synagogue/community centers serving tens of thousands of Israelis.

Kibbutz Yahel, Kibbutz Lotan and Har Chalutz family settlements in the Arava and the Galilee.

IN THE FORMER SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE...

Moscow's Congregation Hineni was the first of many congregations established behind the former "Iron Curtain." Over 30 others now exist in such cities as Kiev, Minsk and St. Petersburg.

The World Union provides religious and lay leadership; educational, religious, and cultural materials; publishes Russian language newspapers with the newly-formed Association of Progressive Jewish Congregations in the FSU. The Institute for Modern Jewish Studies trains Jewish communal service professionals.

IN WESTERN EUROPE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM...

Vital Jewish communities and exciting new programs thrive in Austria, France, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Spain.

The European Region's development program builds Jewish life in Central Europe and serves liberal Jewish congregations throughout the continent.

The Leo Baeck College of London trains rabbis and teachers for service in Europe. The Sternberg Centre in London, where most of the European movement institutions are based, is one of the most vibrant Jewish cultural centers worldwide.

IN LATIN AMERICA...

The World Union's influence in the area grows rapidly with congregations in Panama, Guatemala, Costa Rica and Curacao and ties throughout the Caribbean. Long time affiliates in Argentina, Brazil and Chile provide a substantial movement constituency through the region.

Congregacion Emanu-El in Argentina established the first movement day school in South America.

Recruitment and training of rabbis for Latin America continue along with sponsorship of exchange programs for Latin American Jewish youths.

IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

A growing part of the movement world with day schools and an active youth movement, Netzer Australia, serving a Jewish community which includes immigrants from around the world, who continue to arrive steadily.

IN SOUTH AFRICA...

Fourteen congregations — 13 serve one-third of South Africa's affiliated Jews; one is in Zimbabwe.

Active, caring Sisterhood movement with world-wide reputation for advancement of education in black townships.

IN ASIA...

A movement "on the move."

The long established Jewish Religious Union of Bombay has been joined by congregations in Hong Kong and Singapore, with outreach efforts ongoing in China, the Philippines and Indonesia.

The need for our leadership is great...opportunities await generous response from...

NORTH AMERICA: THE USA AND CANADA...

Where the World Union raises most of its funding. Major support comes from its largest constituent, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, representing 850 synagogues —the strongest link in a worldwide chain, along with the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation.

Where the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion trains rabbis, cantors and educators to serve congregations in North America and throughout the world.

Where our other partners, including the *Central Conference of American Rabbis* and the *Women of Reform Judaism*, are dedicated to preserving and protecting our heritage and supporting Liberal Judaism's international expansion. Every Jew deserves access to a place to worship, study and experience ties to our tradition.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED NOW

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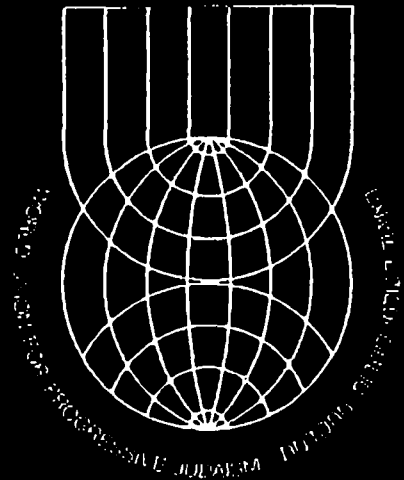
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The World Union for Progressive Judaism



An introduction to

**OUR ORGANIZATION
OUR WORK
OUR NEEDS**

The World Union for Progressive Judaism, founded in London in 1926, is the international body of Reform, Liberal, Progressive and Reconstructionist Jews. It is committed to strengthening Jewish communities on six continents -- transmitting the values and ideals of Progressive Judaism and Progressive Zionism throughout Israel and the Diaspora.

This commitment is fulfilled by:

The establishment and support of synagogues and schools wherever there are Jews searching for meaningful access to modern Jewish life;

Recruitment, training and placement of rabbis, cantors and educators;

Publication and distribution of liturgical and educational materials in all the languages Jews speak;

Sponsorship of international programs for youth, education, leadership development, and all aspects of community building;

Bringing together like minded Jews to derive strength from one another...blending ancient traditions with the changing world of today.

The mission of the World Union for Progressive Judaism is to preserve Jewish integrity wherever Jews live; to encourage integration without assimilation; to respond to modernity while perpetuating the Jewish experience; to pursue social justice and equal rights for all.

- The international organization of the Reform movement
- Pioneering efforts at building liberal Judaism in Israel and the former Soviet Union, by ~~building~~ constructing synagogues and ~~educating people~~ schools.
- Pluralistic, tolerant Israel
- More place in the mid East

*see Briefing Book
for Israel trip was
sent - Mrs Rabin on 10/27/94*

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URGENT FAX MESSAGE

To: Billy Mann
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Date: 7/17/98
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Phone:
Number of pages, including cover: 5

Here are the pages I mentioned to you on the phone.

We do hope that Mrs. Clinton has a chance to put her own touch on her prepared remarks, since she seems to speak so charmingly and warmly of people she knows --and that will mean a lot to Mrs. Rabin. She attended Yitzhak Rabin's funeral with the President.

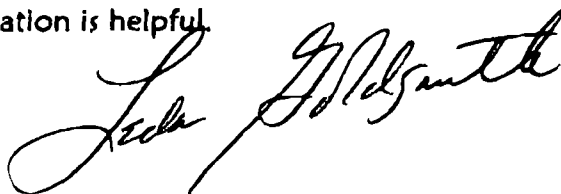
I think perhaps with the addition of a fact or two that can be pulled from some other "briefing" material on Leah Rabin that the White House may have used in the past, that this is the information you need.

I presume along with Rabbi Kulwin's memo, that you also received information about the organization itself.

Mrs. Rabin has been a strong supporter of an Israel for all Jews --for pluralism in a country where the Orthodox rabbinate has total control at this time...a situation which has been causing great controversy for some time.

I know Mrs. Clinton is familiar with Reform Judaism in this country...she spoke a few years ago to the Biennial Convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and I was one of the hundreds who could not even get inside the room to hear her. she was so popular. FYI, outside of North America, Progressive Judaism is synonymous with Reform Judaism.

I hope this information is helpful.



Billy MANN

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ARZA Association of Reform Zionists of America

ARZA Report -- Fall 1996

Beit Daniel Dedicates Torah to Yitzhak Rabin, Leah Rabin Lauds Reform

A ceremony which was simultaneously tinged with sadness and joy marked the Shavuot eve services at Beit Daniel in Tel Aviv as Leah Rabin participated in the dedication of a new Torah in memory of the late Prime Minister. "It is so appropriate that you, who are the other Judaism, should choose this way to pay tribute to Yitzhak. In doing so, you are demonstrating that there is a part of Judaism which values *adam* [man] more than *adamah* [land]".

She spoke extemporaneously, with grace and passion, after having received the Torah scroll into her hands and placed it in the ark, amid flashing strobes from news photographers. Unwilling to dignify her husband's murderer by speaking his name, she referred to those who claim to revere the religion but whose acts have distorted its true message, contrasting them with those who make Judaism a living, modern thing while preserving the ancient values of the religion. This followed an emotional and moving service throughout which Mrs. Rabin and her daughter, Dalia Pelosoff, had held hands and cried.

The sanctuary was packed to capacity, with worshipers ranging from congregation members and participants in the conversion courses to the US ambassador, Dr. Martin Indyk and his family (who have become familiar faces at Beit Daniel), and bar/bat mitzvah students. Into this collection of worshippers, the Torah was carried by Ben Barish, one of the congregation's founding members, as a talit was stretched above him by other members.

The first reading from this scroll, in keeping with the Shavuot tradition of the congregation, was of the giving of the Ten Commandments -- a reading which on this day was tinged with bitter irony, and Mrs. Rabin took note of this in her remarks.

"Yitzhak Rabin, of blessed memory. Fighter. Builder of the land. Seeker of peace." These words, in Hebrew, stand out in silver thread on the cover of the Torah which the Beit Daniel Congregation dedicated to his memory.

When the congregation's rabbi, Meir Azari, returned last December from the US with the scroll, donated by the Keneseth Israel congregation in Philadelphia, the country was still reeling from the shock of the assassination. At the first Shabbat eve service after his return, the assembled congregants decided spontaneously that this Torah should be dedicated to the late Prime Minister. Commitments were made on the spot for contributions to purchase the Torah cover and silver crowns. Thus, the cover is further inscribed: "Gift of Kehillat Keneseth Israel, Philadelphia, USA, and members of Kehillat Beit Daniel."

"I think there were two significant dimensions in this act of commemoration," says Rabbi Richard

Hirsch, Executive Director of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, who took part in the ceremony. "First, we demonstrated that the Reform Movement represents a religious perspective which is open and which, in contrast to much of established Orthodoxy, expresses admiration and respect for the major contributions of Yitzhak Rabin in leading the State of Israel and the Jewish people to believe in the vision of peace. Had it not been for him, who in the public mind symbolized a commitment to Israel's military security, the country would not have moved forward as quickly or effectively. The ultimate goal of security, after all, is to achieve peace with our neighbors.

"The second dimension had particular significance for me on a personal level, since my wife, Bella, and I hosted the Rabin's on their first Shabbat in Washington, when he was appointed Israel's ambassador, and this was probably their first real exposure to Reform Judaism. Leah Rabin's remarks in expressing appreciation for what she called the 'other Judaism' symbolizes her recognition that a movement can perpetuate tradition and do so in a relevant, liberal and dynamic way."

One of the members of Beit Daniel later asked Rabbi Azari how it was that, after all the things which already have been named for Yitzhak Rabin -- a major medical center, a Tel Aviv square, industrial parks, community centers and streets -- that Leah Rabin was so overcome by this particular dedication. "I think that she probably realized the great magnitude of our seemingly modest act," Rabbi Azari answered.

"Bricks and mortar deteriorate and crumble. But the Torah is the eternal symbol of the Jewish people, both the most observant and the totally secular, and everything we do is dedicated to preserving it. In connecting Yitzhak Rabin's name with this Torah scroll, we have linked it to something which is everlasting."

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LEA RABIN

Born in Germany. Moved to Palestine with her family in 1933.

Went to school in Tel Aviv. After graduating high school joined the "Palmach" (the underground of the "Hagana"), at which time Yitzhak Rabin was a brigade commander in the Palmach.

Met Yitzhak Rabin while still in high school. They married in 1948.

They have 2 children, Dalia, a lawyer, and Yuval, who is in computer software. Lea Rabin has four grandchildren.

Lea Rabin is involved in a great deal of charity work for:

1. Autistic children
2. Sheba Medical Center
3. Tel Aviv Museum

Since the assassination of her husband, the main focus of her activities is to continue his legacy, namely in helping with the construction of The Yitzhak Rabin Center in Tel Aviv. The Center will house a museum telling his story, a library and archive, and a research and study center for ten fellows every year.

Mrs. Rabin was of great moral support to her husband throughout his 27 years in the military, and then in government service.

The Rabins spent 5 years in Washington right after the Six Day War, where Yitzhak Rabin served as the Ambassador of Israel.

In 1974, in the aftermath of the Yom Kippur War, Yitzhak Rabin was elected Prime Minister. He was in power for three years.

During the Unity Government, '84-'89, Yitzhak Rabin served as Minister of Defense.

He was elected Prime Minister in 1992 and held that office until he was assassinated on November 4, 1995.

Lea Rabin lives in Tel Aviv.