

FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS TO THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION
1999 LIEFTIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD DINNER
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
SEPTEMBER 7, 1999

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Good morning. I am honored to take part in this very important conference. I only wish I could be there in person to thank PlayBoard, the European Network for School Age Child Care and all of you for your tireless commitment to children all over the world. Right now, there are working parents in every corner of the world who are worried about finding safe, affordable care for their children when they are out of school. And nowhere is that more important than in places torn apart by war or violence.

In my own country, I have seen children playing outside in some of our toughest neighborhoods, because citizens joined forces with organizations like KaBoom!, which has made a commitment to build more than 50 playgrounds this year.

And, just this past May, I was delighted to return to Belfast -- and help break ground on PlayBoard's new PlaySpace in Musgrave Park. The children showed me their own plans for the park. They wanted a tree house, a birdhouse, and a footbridge. They wanted a maze, a telescope, and, of course, a spot to play in the mud. When I saw these creative, hopeful pictures, I was struck by how different they were from the darker, more violent, images children in Northern Ireland used to draw during the Troubles. These children -- Protestant and Catholic alike -- were learning to become the architects of their own safe and healthy environments. Just as they must be the architects of a peaceful Northern Ireland and world.

Just imagine what we could accomplish if children all over Northern Ireland, the Balkans, the Middle East, and the entire globe learned to play together and respect one another, without regard to race or religion, tribe or ethnicity. Imagine if they learned from day one to work out their differences with words, not weapons. And imagine if all children had the "peace to play" -- and the chance to reach their God-given promise.

That is the future we all dream of for our children. It is the future you have envisioned here over the past few days. And it is the future we must all work together to create in the next century. Thank you very much.

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Thank you for working to ensure that sickness does not have to be a time of terror for children -- or a time of dependence for the elderly. Thank you for working to make chronic care -- quality care. And thank you for your commitment to putting the health and interests of the patient exactly where they belong -- first. I hope you have a wonderful conference.

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But, as you know so well, our work is far from done. The number of blind people in Pakistan continues to increase. And we cannot rest until people in Pakistan, in the United States and all over the world no longer have to live in darkness or despair simply because they can't afford quality health care. In this new century, we can and must do better. And, with your continuing leadership, we will.

As I have been privileged to visit Pakistan and other places around the world, I have seen firsthand how lives can be saved, communities transformed, and nations strengthened when people like all of you reach out a hand to help. So, thank you all for reaching out to give the gift of sight – the gift of life – and the gift of a future we can all be proud of. I hope you have a wonderful evening.

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Briefing

To: HRC
Fr: Laura Schiller
Re: Video Taping
Location: 459 OEOB

Purpose

To tape eight videos

The Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania

You have been asked to tape two short segments that will be incorporated into longer videos played at an Annenberg gala September 29 on their campus in Philadelphia. The first segment is intended to pay tribute to the Annenberg School on its 40th anniversary. As you know, the Annenberg School has worked to use the power of communication to improve society – and has given our country countless extraordinary graduates (Maggie Williams among them) dedicated to the public good. The second video – which will come at the end of the evening and be a surprise – is in recognition of Walter and Lee Annenberg on their 48th wedding anniversary.

Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety

Your video will be played towards the beginning of a luncheon celebrating the 10th anniversary of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety. They are not sure yet who will introduce it. This organization is a coalition of consumer and industry groups that have come together to decrease automobile accidents and increase safety on our roads and highways. They lobby legislatures and educate the public about air bags, seat belts, bicycle helmet and other safety issues. The luncheon will take place in the Russell Caucus Room and will be attended by CEOs and executives from the property and casualty insurance industry, Members of Congress, consumer, health and safety activist groups, research organizations, and law enforcement. They will be giving awards to 25 people, including 12 Representatives and Senators.

The Arthritis Foundation

The Maryland Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation is honoring Barbara Mikulski at its Lifetime Achievement Awards dinner September 14 at the Hyatt Regency in Baltimore. The audience is made up of supporters of the Arthritis Foundation, especially its Maryland Chapter. You are the honorary chair (along with Lt. Governor Kennedy-Townsend). The program begins after dinner. Eight people will get up and give two sentences about how Arthritis has affected their lives. Then, they will play a video about Senator Mikulski's life – and go straight to your video. You have been asked to talk about how far we've come, how far we still have to go, and the leadership that Senator Mikulski and the Arthritis Foundation has played in all of it. At the end of your video, you will introduce Kathleen Kennedy-Townsend.

Layton Rehmatulla Benevolent Trust (LRBT) – United Fund of Pakistan.

Spenta Kandawalla has asked you to send a video greeting to a fundraising gala to be held in New York City at some point this fall. The purpose is to raise money for eight hospitals throughout Pakistan, all of which provide free medical treatment for blindness and other eye diseases to more than 500,000 people a year. In its 14 years of service, nearly five million people have benefited from their compassionate and state-of-the-art care. Spenta will introduce the video at the beginning of the evening program. She and her brother are both trustees.

Symposium on Health Care Design

Your video –which was requested by Harry Loucks from the Arkansas Children's Hospital – will be played before the opening keynote between 2:45 and 3:00 p.m. (the keynote is being given by Dr. Herbert Benson, from Harvard Medical School). The conference is being held at the Boca Raton Resort and Club in Boca Raton, Florida on September 16. George Pressler, President of Planning Decisions Resources and emcee of the event, will introduce your video. The audience will be made up of about 600 health care administrators, providers, educators, executives, architects, and designers to find better ways to improve the quality of the health care environment for patients (ie: colors that aren't frightening to Alzheimer's patients, rooms that are comforting to children, etc.) Betty Freidan will deliver the closing keynote address on the morning of the 19th -- and throughout the conference there will be a special focus on caring for the elderly to correspond with the United Nations designation of this as the "Year of the Older Person."

PSA for the McAllen International Museum (of McAllen, Texas).

Representative Hinojosa asked you to tape this PSA (30 and 60 seconds) for the McAllen International Museum to be aired throughout the Valley. This is the only art and science museum serving school children throughout the Valley. For over three decades, it has enriched the lives of more than one million people throughout South Texas and Northern Mexico. They are now working to expand the services they provide – and are conducting a millennium campaign to increase awareness about the important role this museum plays in educating children and enriching their community. It will begin being aired in a few weeks and will go at least through December. It will be shown on CBS, ABC, and NBC affiliates in the Rio Grande Valley and bordering communities in Mexico.

European Network for School-Age Childcare Conference

PlayBoard, is hosting this year's conference, which is taking place in Belfast at the Europa Hotel from September 14-17. They have asked you to tape a video to be shown on its last day. It will be introduced by Ki Fort of the American Consulate in the morning right before the closing session. This is an international annual conference – which brings together educators, policy makers, social scientists, researchers, and voluntary organizations. This year's theme is "Peace to Play." Nations from the EU and other parts of the world will be sharing information about the impact of violence on children's lives, and sharing expertise about how to build a better future for children. The European Network for School-Age Childcare is an NGO, founded in 1987, that focuses on providing care and services for children after school, on weekends, and holidays.

Family Friendly Programming Forum

Your video will be played at the beginning of the first Family Program Awards Luncheon, which will be held at the Beverly Hills Hilton in Los Angeles on September 9. Bob Wehling, Global Marketing Officer of Procter and Gamble, will introduce it. The awards program is designed to spotlight – and thereby encourage – prime time family-friendly television programs that parents can watch with their children. The awards will be going to Bill Cosby, Touched by an Angel, Seventh Heaven, the Discovery Channel and others – but when your video is shown they will not have been announced yet. The audience consists of members of the media, marketers and others concerned about this issue. This awards program is one of many projects being spearheaded by the Family Friendly Programming Forum, which is made up of more than 30 of America's largest companies – from General Motors to Coca-Cola -- that market their products and services to families. As marketers and citizens, they are concerned about the lack of positive images that children see on television – and they formed to encourage the entertainment community by providing scholarships and recognition to place more family programming during prime time. You alluded to this effort in your remarks to the Ad Council, which is on the committee of the Awards Luncheon.

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Good morning. I am honored to take part in this very important conference. I only wish I could be there in person to thank PlayBoard, the European Network for School Age Child Care and all of you for your tireless commitment to children all over the world. Right now, there are working parents in every corner of the world who are worried about finding safe, affordable care for their children when they are out of school. And nowhere is that more important than in places torn apart by war or violence.

In my own country, I have seen children playing outside in some of our toughest neighborhoods, because citizens joined forces with organizations like KaBoom!, which has made a commitment to build more than 50 playgrounds this year.

And, just this past May, I was delighted to return to Belfast -- and help break ground on PlayBoard's new PlaySpace in Musgrave Park. The children showed me their own plans for the park. They wanted a tree house, a birdhouse, and a footbridge. They wanted a maze, a telescope, and, of course, a spot to play in the mud. When I saw these creative, hopeful pictures, I was struck by how different they were from the darker, more violent, images children in Northern Ireland used to draw during the Troubles. These children -- Protestant and Catholic alike -- were learning to become the architects of their own safe and healthy environments. Just as they must be the architects of a peaceful Northern Ireland and world.

Just imagine what we could accomplish if children all over Northern Ireland, the Balkans, the Middle East, and the entire globe learned to play together and respect one another, without regard to race or religion, tribe or ethnicity. Imagine if they learned from day one to work out their differences with words, not weapons. And imagine if all children had the "peace to play" -- and the chance to reach their God-given promise.

That is the future we all dream of for our children. It is the future you have envisioned here over the past few days. And it is the future we must all work together to create in the next century. Thank you very much.