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August 13, 1999

Mr. Samuel R. Berger
Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20504

Sandy
Dear Mr. Berger:

Thank you for taking my phone call despite your hectic work schedule. As you know, I am seeking to have President Clinton serve as our honored guest and keynote speaker at the ribbon-cutting ceremony of a new and innovative Planned Parenthood headquarters in Roanoke, Virginia. Upon completion early in 2000, our 11,000 square foot center will be the only "operationally pro-choice" medical facility in the nation to provide adoption, abortion and prenatal care services under one roof. This new center embodies much of what the President has so clearly articulated regarding reproductive choice -- namely, that choice is not so much about abortion as about enabling women to make informed and responsible choices regarding pregnancy, whether that choice is adoption, abortion or motherhood.

In April, our Planned Parenthood affiliate announced that we were making adoption services available on-site through a licensing agreement with Children's Home Society of Virginia. Our current facility, as far as we can surmise, is the only one in the country providing adoption and abortion services at one location. (We provide abortion services up to 12 weeks of pregnancy.) That public announcement of adoption services has received a steady stream of media attention and publicity. Most recently, the *Washington Times* issued a page 2 story on August 4, a copy of which I have enclosed. (This is one of the very few times Planned Parenthood has received favorable coverage from the *Washington Times*.) Yesterday I was interviewed on the 1,300-station, syndicated news radio program produced by Focus on the Family. It is highly unusual for a Planned Parenthood affiliate to receive positive comments from media outlets across the political spectrum.

President Clinton is uniquely qualified to reshape the debate over choice in America by visibly supporting the first-ever operationally pro-choice center in the country. His leadership will have a profound effect upon how reproductive choice is defined and

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Proposal, to
be considered on
its merits, from
a cousin.

Sandy

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Could you explore
this with Ann Lewis?
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perceived. His support would generate enthusiasm for the establishment of similar centers throughout the country.

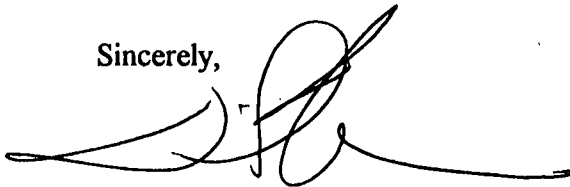
Our Planned Parenthood center will offer other innovations as well. The new center will contain one of the largest reproductive health libraries in the country, the first ever Planned Parenthood drive-thru pill pick-up window, and a 900 square foot interior garden space. In addition, we are the only abortion provider in the nation that employs an ordained Southern Baptist minister to provide counseling to our abortion patients. (An article about Rev. Beth McLemore is also enclosed.)

President Clinton has courageously stood beside the women of America to oppose Congress's attempts to restrict access to family planning and abortion. He has offered unwavering opposition to their repeated attempts to pass so-called "partial-birth" abortion bans. Our new center, and the innovative programs we are launching within it, will represent pro-choice Americans' best opportunity to counter such vindictive, unconstitutional measures. There is no greater person than President Clinton to advance this forward-thinking agenda of positive choices for all women.

I know you will see to it that this letter is delivered to the President's staff who are responsible for such matters. We plan to hold the ribbon-cutting ceremony in March or April of 2000. I have spoken with Ann Lewis, Counselor to the President, and will send a similar letter to her as well. Thank you again for taking the time to deliver my request.

Please send my best to Sue. I spoke with her today and am glad to know she is home from the hospital.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David L. Nova", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David L. Nova
President & CEO

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