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December 5, 1994

To: Melanne Vermeer

From: Carol Williams

Re: Peace Links Peace on Earth Gala

Tuesday, December 6, 1994

Capitol Hilton Hotel
16th and K, NW

6:30 cocktails

7:30 dinner

Mrs. Clinton is presenting the Women of Vision Award to Betty Bumpers. This is a surprise for Betty. Her family will be in attendance.

Attached is a bio of Betty and some history of Betty and Peace Links. Also attached is a list of members of Congress attending.

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Betty Bumpers founded Peace Links in 1982. Betty's personal interest was ignited through her daughter Brooke's deep anxiety concerning nuclear war. After discussions with family and friends, she discovered these fears were widespread. In 1982 Betty invited women representatives from a wide range of political, social and religious groups to sit around her kitchen table to talk about how people could make a difference. In Betty's words, "rather than sit around wringing our hands, we decided to do something about this" -- and Peace Links was founded.

Mrs. Bumpers invited mainstream women to put peace on the agenda of their existing organizations. Speaking at community meetings around the country, Betty urged audience members to join her in influencing our policy makers to arrange a world where people and the planet are not threatened. Thousands of people responded to her call and Peace Links groups were formed across the U.S. Peace Links was founded on the premise that people can make a difference -- that women and men could act to preserve the world for our children and grandchildren, and that if they joined hands and voices, they could help end the threat of nuclear war and learn to resolve our differences nonviolently.

Fourteen years later, Peace Links people across this country are still making a difference. 30,000 people, including 193 Congressional and Gubernatorial women, in all fifty states identify themselves as Peace Links. As in 1982, Peace Links is committed to educating our community about a new understanding of national security, valuing cultural diversity, supporting global cooperation and citizen diplomacy and promoting nonviolent conflict resolution in our families, communities, and the world.



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BETTY BUMPERS

Betty Bumpers is the Founder and President of Peace Links. Peace Links was organized in 1982 to reach and involve mainstream, grassroots citizens in activities that would reduce the threat of nuclear war and promote alternate ways to solving conflict. Today, Peace Links is active in all 50 states and has a mailing list of over thirty thousand individuals.

The wife of Senator Dale Bumpers (D-Ark.), mother of three children, and a former art teacher, Mrs. Bumpers received her education at Iowa State University, the University of Arkansas and the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts.

During her husband's tenure as Governor of Arkansas, Mrs. Bumpers was the leader of a successful immunization program for children, which was later used as a national model by the Center for Disease Control for other states.

Currently, Mrs. Bumpers is a member of the National Vaccine Advisory Committee. She also serves as a member of the Administrative Board of the National Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C.

Recent awards and recognition received by Betty Bumpers include:

First Wilton Peace Prize presented by the Unitarian Universalist Church, April 1986.

The 1985 Woman of Conscience Award from the National Council of Women of the United States.

A citation from the Arkansas Audubon Society for her work with the "ultimate conservation issue."

The Paul Harris Fellowship Award presented by the Greater Little Rock Rotary Clubs for her work to foster international understanding.

An Excellence in Public Service Award presented by the American Academy of Pediatrics jointly to Dale and Betty Bumpers for their efforts as advocates for children.

Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from Hendrix College and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Distinguished Citizen Award for 1987 from the Governor of Arkansas, the Arkansas Office of Volunteerism and KARK-TV Channel 4

1989 Peacemakers Award from the National Peace

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In 1984 Betty met with women in Moscow to foster a US/USSR Women's Exchange Program. In the first exchange in 1984, 13 women from the Soviet Union visited towns and cities across the U.S. as the kickoff of the exchange program. Thousands of American had the opportunity for the first time to meet and personally talk with their Soviet counterparts. The most recent exchange was this past summer and, as in the past, the participants were interesting women with a variety of backgrounds and experiences.

In 1989, recognizing that not everyone could participate in our exchange program, Betty founded a new program for Peace Links, Pen Pals for Peace. This Letter exchange has linked over 35,000 citizens from the U.S. and countries of the former Soviet Union and in many cases creating lasting friendships. Each pen pal is an ambassador of goodwill from their own home.

Betty Bumpers vision and achievements through the years have been recognized by many people and organizations. In 1985 she received the 1985 Woman of Conscience Award from the National Council of the Women of the United States. The first Wilton Peace Prize by the Unitarian Universalist Church was presented to Mrs. Bumpers in 1986. And, in 1989 Betty received the Peacemakers Award from the National Peace Institute Foundation.

FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
PEACE LINKS PEACE ON EARTH GALA
WASHINGTON, D.C.
DECEMBER 6, 1994

TALKING POINTS

- It is truly a privilege for me to be here this evening and be among the women whose work and dedication to the promotion of peace abroad and at home brings me great inspiration and hope.
- In the past decade and a half, we have seen, at first, the proliferation of the nuclear arms race, and then the dismantling of nuclear arsenals and an end to the Cold War. Although heads of states were given most of the credit in the headlines, those of us in this room know that the relentless efforts of Peace Links, under the leadership of visionary women like Betty Bumpers, were a significant player in educating Congress and Americans about the importance of non-violent ways of resolving conflicts and in promoting global understanding, cooperation, and exchange.
- The philosophy of non-violent conflict resolution championed by Betty and her distinguished colleagues in the international realm is now being applied at the home front. Here, too, there is great potential for Peace Links to, again, make a significant impact on our society and create an ethos of tolerance and understanding that is necessary in any free society.
- Today, these values are too often undermined. Everywhere we turn, whether it's on television, in the newspapers, the workplace, or on the streets, we see violence, frustration, anger, hatred, and intolerance.
- This trend is especially alarming in our children and in our schools. But Peace Links has stepped up to the challenge and taken on this problem. Betty has said that we don't have to wring our hands at the violence that's happening; we can step in and be active.
- It is this activism and optimistic spirit that we need to imbue throughout our society.
- In a society as dynamic and diverse as ours, the need for communication and community is fundamental to ensuring our collective sense of security and well-being. Peace Links has been teaching that lesson since its inception and I thank you for continuing to spread that message -- abroad and at home.

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October 21, 1994

Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Hillary,

We are so pleased you are trying to include our December 6th Peace on Earth Gala on your schedule. The Gala will be held in the Presidential Ballroom of the Capitol Hilton at 7pm. Your presence would be very meaningful to our members.

If you are able to attend, we want you to pay a special tribute to Betty for all her work on behalf of peace and children and present her with a token of appreciation. This will be a surprise for Betty and most of the attendees.

We would appreciate knowing if your attendance is possible at your earliest convenience.

Fondly,

Carol Williams

cc: Melanne Vermeer
Patti Solis

HRC ADDRESS AT PEACELINKS DINNER--12/8/93

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you Tipper and...Thank you for your support and your commitment on this and a lot of issues that are of great concern to many of us in this room. And your continuing leadership come January when you have even more opportunity to do work on behalf of the mentally ill, and particularly children and the homeless. This evening is especially gratifying for me because I have an opportunity to link together three women whom I admire greatly. One you have already heard from. Betty Bumpers is the kind of First Lady that Arkansas produces, so how can I do anything else but try to follow in her footsteps and to make as much commotion as possible about issues that are important to the world? (applause)

I guess it's a fact that for those of us from Arkansas this whole conversation about what is or is not the proper role of a first lady has been bewildering, to say the least, because we're used to people like Betty, and grateful for her, and the kind of leadership that she has shown not just with respect to Peacelinks, and the extraordinary contribution it has made, but with respect to immunization and other matters that affect the health of children. So for all of us in Arkansas, we are grateful that we have as our Senator, Dale Bumpers, and he has as his partner, both in the Governorship, and in the Senate, the most remarkable woman that I have ever met--Betty Bumpers. (Applause.)

And she is absolutely right, Dale used to break a sweat but he never said a word, about this whole effort, we were, we were real proud of him he'd sit there wringing his hands and say "oh Betty, oh Betty," but, we're all so pleased that we have leaders out of Arkansas, of the male gender, who are smart enough to know that a lot of these issues deserve to be pioneered, and spear-headed and stand behind them. And we're very grateful to you, Dale, for your leadership in Arkansas and this country, and we're so glad you're going to continue it, we need you very much. In addition to Betty Bumpers, I have the opportunity to present an award that is named for Eleanor Roosevelt, I can hardly think of a more wonderful opportunity than to have a chance in some way to honor that woman whose contributions to our country and our world continue to live, which is why the Eleanor Roosevelt living world award is so aptly named. And in fact, as I have gone through this journey over the past year, I have become quite a recipient of Eleanor Roosevelt-lore. And people have been sending me all kinds of information, and much to my delight, I learned that prior to her becoming First Lady, about three months before President Roosevelt was sworn in, she was editorialized against in the New York Times for speaking out with her opinions,

so the more times change, the less times change. Apparently . but she was not deterred, and the woman who receives this award in her name tonight, has also not been deterred. Rosyln Carter has been an exemplary leader in so many regards. What she has done by her quiet, persuasive, persistent leadership on a number of fronts, has lead the way for so many others, to also persist, to try to right wrongs, to try to solve problems. She came to the responsibilities of First Lady of this Country with an already well-developed sense of justice and rightness. And she did all that she could to try to translate that into action. This is the fourth time this award has been given. In the past it has been presented to the Prime Minister of Norway, to the first female cosmonaut, and peace activist, and to the (inaudible) Director of the Peace Corps, for the last years. As you can see, Rosyln Carter is in very good company. because as a First Lady, as a citizen of the world, as a leader of this Nation, as a partner with her husband, as one of those who helped create and continues to motivate the Carter Center, she has been a force and a voice for Democratization, for human opportunity, and particularly for reaching out to help solve the real problems that prevent children all over this world from living and achieving what is their God-given potential.

She has been a long time advisor to Peacelinks, and she has, through the Carter Center, actually begun to implement many of the underlying principles that motivated the creation of Peacelinks in the first place. She has travelled to other countries to watch elections unfold. She has worked to bring people together across racial and cultural and ethnic divides, and how desperately we will need that kind of continuing work, in the years to come. She has been a driving force in trying to solve the problems presented to us, by, mental health. And throughout her career, she has worked always to bring people together. To have them sit at the same table, break bread together and talk through what seem at first to be insurmountable barriers, but after time, are clearly just the obstacles that all too often we put in the way of learning and working with one another. It is a real honor then, for me to be here tonight, on behalf of an organization that Betty Bumpers started, to present an award that is named for Eleanor Roosevelt, to one of the finest first ladies this country, or any country has ever had. Who is continuing to demonstrate what it means to be a real leader. Rosyln Carter. (applause).

Betty Bumpers
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HEADLINE: Increased Mediation Urged In Disputes Among Students

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BYLINE: Scott Bowles, Washington Post Staff Writer

BODY:

Facing a tide of student violence, including a brawl last week involving teachers and teenagers at an Anne Arundel County high school, Washington area politicians and school mediators yesterday called for increased conflict resolution programs -- in and out of classrooms.

"We don't have to wring our hands at the violence that's happening; we can step in and be active," said Betty Bumpers, founder of Peace Links, which advocates having citizens form mediation groups to settle issues from guns in schools to landlord-tenant disputes.

Bumpers joined several officials, including Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.) and a spokesman for Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly, at a ceremony dubbed "Stopping the Violence," held last night at the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory. They called for preemptive programs designed to head off violence in schools rather than deal with its aftermath.

"Right now, there are only 13 schools in Washington, D.C., that have student mediators," said Edna Povich, program director for the Center for Dispute Settlement. The center has established mediation groups in schools in the District, Virginia and Maryland. "We need one in every school. We're amazed at the results you get having a student involved as a peacemaker, instead of just adults or administrators."

Last week, three teachers at Meade Senior High School in Anne Arundel were injured after a hallway fight erupted into a brawl Sept. 30 that involved six students and as many as 100 witnesses.

"In an incident like that, you have to involve the people who are directly affected by this," Povich said. "That's the kids."

Mediators spent much of yesterday, officially proclaimed by Kelly's office as Conflict Resolution Day, traveling to local schools to urge students to consider alternatives to violence. They also urged parents to follow suit by becoming active in city councils and community organizations.

"It takes courage to be a peacemaker in a society that glorifies Western-style shootouts," said Jerry P. Roscoe, D.C. Chapter president of the Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution.

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HEADLINE: IN FOREIGN POLICY, WOMEN'S INFLUENCE GROWS

BYLINE: Charlotte Grimes Post-Dispatch Washington Bureau

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

"They're not . . . going to understand throw-weights or what is happening in Afghanistan or what is happening in human rights." Donald Regan, White House chief of staff, on women's attention to the Reagan-Gorbachev summit, 1985.

EIGHT YEARS AFTER Donald Regan's insult, women may be coming into their own in shaping the foreign policy of a world where throw-weights matter less than consensus-building.

The Cold War is over. Superpower confrontation and containment - the 50-year-old language of foreign policy - are archaic. Consensus and cooperation are the new vocabulary. Rather than a single archenemy, the U.S. looks out at a fragmented globe fertile with seeds of instability:

Starvation and war in Somalia. Ethnic hatred and war in Bosnia. Racial tensions and violence in South Africa. Hardship and near-coups in Russia.

In that chaotic setting, the old answers to foreign policy dilemmas seem less applicable.

"Women are uniquely positioned to ask new questions," said Ruth Adams, creator of the MacArthur Foundation's international programs on peace and national security.

"Women are a source of that new direction we're looking for in terms of foreign policy," said U.S. Rep. Connie Morella, R-Md., chairwoman of the Congressional Arms Control and Foreign Policy Caucus.

But some of the women who help shape President Bill Clinton's foreign policy are not so sure there's a gender perspective to foreign affairs. They're quick to stress that differences between them and their male colleagues are more a matter of style than substance.

"I would challenge the premise," said Nancy Soderberg, staff director of the National Security Council and one of the administration's senior foreign policy advisors. As women move into the power positions long held by men, she added: "You'll find they'll be equally aggressive and not so patient. I think women will act very similarly."

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The notion that women may be coming into their own in foreign policy is gaining currency in Washington, fueled partly by a broader definition of foreign policy itself. Cold War Mentality

Traditional foreign policy, crystallized in the Cold War by the awesome weaponry of the nuclear age, tended to look at the world in military terms: Throw-weights, a calculation of a missile's killing power: Containment, from George Kennan's classic one-word summary of America's aim toward communism. Force models, the estimates of other countries' military might.

"The power, the pecking order, has been traditionally nuclear weapons," said Charles William Maynes, editor of Foreign Policy magazine. The "hardware" people, as Maynes called them, were at the top of the pecking order. Women were a rarity. Few had military experience. And until 1971, State Department regulations kicked them out of the foreign service when they married.

The exceptions were notable: Jeanne Kirkpatrick, ambassador to the United Nations and close adviser to President Ronald Reagan. Rozanne Ridgway, one of the State Department's highest ranking women in both the Reagan and Carter administrations. Condoleeza Rice, top Soviet expert in the Reagan administration.

Clinton promised to bring more women into policy-making roles, and women do seem somewhat more visible. Like Reagan, Clinton has named a woman, Madeleine K. Albright, as his U.N. ambassador. Among the top three posts of his National Security Council, one is held by a woman, Soderberg. A former foreign policy aide to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., Soderberg is often listed among the core group of Clinton's advisers.

At the State Department, Clinton has put women into four senior posts that had been held by men in the Reagan and Bush administrations, giving him a more diverse group of assistant secretaries.

It's unclear how better visibility for women translates into more of a policy-making role as the foreign policy issues change.

The new issues moving to center stage revolve around peacekeeping operations in regional conflicts, population growth, refugees, economic development in non-industrialized countries, democracy-building through education and the uplifting of living and health standards.

For example, Rep. Morella, the Maryland Republican, has introduced a bill to shift some foreign aid to programs targeted at helping women in developing countries get access to birth control, education and economic help.

"They help the stabilization of other countries," Morella said of those kinds of foreign policy programs.

Throughout the Cold War, those issues were often dismissed as foreign policy's "soft" corners. In those corners, women have played their most visible foreign policy role, whether they were "pigeonholed" in those corners or were there by preference, as Maynes of Foreign Policy magazine put it.

For a seminar on peacekeeping in December, said Carola Weil, director of the Women in International Security program at the University of Maryland: "It was

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much easier finding women working on the topic than men - and that's rare."

She sees a "clear concentration" of women in two of foreign policy's hottest new fields, peacekeeping strategies and conflict resolution. One reason, she suggested, may be that the newness of those fields give women a greater chance of carving their own niche in foreign policy.

"It allows greater access to women," said Weil. "In the old containment policy, the walls were already up. If you came too late, you couldn't get in." Different Life Experiences

But what, if anything, women bring to the new foreign policy debate is a touchy subject.

Some women take their cue from the tenet of feminist philosophy that holds that women have different life experiences and therefore come to almost any situation with different perspectives and different skills.

These include a tendency to look for new solutions because they weren't part of shaping and aren't wedded to the old; a habit of flexibility from juggling careers and the fragmented demands of family life; a culturally ingrained predisposition toward consensus-building and compromises.

But a link between women and the once-dismissed "soft" foreign policy views is loaded with frustration and resentment - even among some women who stress a gender perspective on behalf of women.

When nearly 70 women gathered recently at the home of Ruth Adams of the MacArthur Foundation, they plotted a public campaign to support foreign policies focused on refugees, aid to developing countries and cooperative security arrangements - classic "soft" issues.

"You'll notice I didn't use the word 'peace'," said Anne B. Zill, coordinator of the campaign. "I don't want to get dismissed at the outset." She said women, as outsiders to the power structure and through their association with non-traditional foreign policy views, have been too often "seen as simplistic, naive in the face of stark history."

Some women now coming to power, as outside analysts and in the Clinton administration, are even more blunt in rejecting gender links to their policy views.

"It just feeds the perception that women don't understand throw-weights," said one senior administration foreign policy adviser.

Another top-ranked woman in the State Department agreed. "I don't want to be asked what's my view because I'm a woman but because I have a knowledge base." She said it's stupid to suggest that "if you're a woman and have two children you're more concerned about the environment." Women As Peacemakers?

Janne E. Nolan, a leading analyst at the Brookings Institution who had been sought by the Clinton administration, recalls sharply dismissing "the hapless chap" who asked her to speak on the "feminist perspective" of national security.

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"Oh, you mean the women-as-peacemaker thing," she retorted.

Nolan "wouldn't make a gender distinction" about policy analysis, she said. If her views are different from the Cold War tradition, it's because old issues like force models of military strength are "no longer relevant."

She and other women are also leery of gender links for another reason. "There's the sort of insidious response of men who were not picked for the job," said Nolan, "that if you got there, you were quotaed there." She added, "I wonder when my work is going to speak for itself."

There is some evidence that gender perspectives may be more blurred than advocates for women might suggest.

In a study for their book, "Women in Foreign Policy," researchers Nancy McGlen and Meredith Reid Sarkees of Niagara University found that women in lower ranks of the foreign service were more likely than their male counterparts to favor emphasis on combating hunger and fostering economic development and international cooperation, and they were less likely to favor use of force.

At the senior ranks, where political ideology comes into selecting the appointees, the differences had almost disappeared.

The number of women working in the field, McGlen and Sarkees found, remained a distinct minority. In 1990, they accounted for only 6.9 percent of the senior State Department ranks. The Clinton administration gets praise for appointing women to key foreign policy posts at the National Security Council, the State Department and the Pentagon. But Nolan at Brookings and women in the administration say that often in policy meetings each of them is the only woman at the table.

"The law of numbers is just incredible," said Nolan.

Still, agree the researchers, analysts and women's advocates, women bring something different to the policy table simply by being there. Betty Bumpers, founder of Peace Links and promoter of women's roles in foreign affairs, put it this way.

"I'm not one who thinks the world would be in better shape if women had run it. But it's time that women's voices were heard." Added Bumpers: "It takes both of us to make a world."

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HEADLINE: Mrs. King added to list of 'she-roes' for peace

BYLINE: Denise Barnes; THE WASHINGTON TIMES

BODY:

Congressional husbands and wives ushered in the holiday season at the eighth annual "Peace on Earth Gala" at the Capital Hilton Thursday night.

Three hundred guests attended the \$250 black-tie affair to benefit Peace Links, an organization dedicated to promoting worldwide peace through the reduction of nuclear arms.

Coretta Scott King, widow of the late Martin Luther King and founding president of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta, was honored at this year's dinner with the prestigious Eleanor Roosevelt Living World Award.

"Mrs. Roosevelt is one of my greatest she-roes," Mrs. King said.

The award is presented annually to an outstanding woman who has made a significant contribution to America's global perspective on peace, justice and the survival of the planet.

Betty Bumpers, who founded Peace Links in 1982, also noted that the organization's ultimate goal is to teach young people new nonviolent ways to resolve conflict.

Guests were unanimous in their expressions of pleasure about passage of the Brady Bill, saying limits on gun ownership are a way to accomplish that goal of nonviolence.

"It's a first step in strengthening laws on gun control," Mrs. King said. "Young people are dying needlessly. We need stronger laws."

Mrs. King also took a moment to salute Peace Links by saying that no other organization has done more to build bridges among women of other nations.

The Jo Oberstar Memorial award was given to Deba Leach, wife of Rep. Jim Leach of Iowa, for her commitment and unrelenting service to Peace Links.

Other guests included former House Speaker Jim Wright and his wife, Betty; Doris Matsui, White House deputy director of public liaisons; Peace Links President Carol Williams, the wife of Rep. Pat Williams of Montana (who said that Mrs. King was the committee's unanimous choice); and Rep. John and

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Debbie Dingell along with many other congressional husbands and wives.

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HEADLINE: A capital question: Which wing of the White House for Hillary Clinton?
THOMAS OLIPHANT Thomas Oliphant is a Globe columnist.

BYLINE: By Thomas Oliphant, Globe Staff

BODY:

This city of symbols and images, where everyone is on constant Metaphor Alert, served up a couple of beauties this week.

On Monday afternoon, First Lady Barbara Bush - classy and gruff as always - walked reporters through a December ritual, the display of White House Christmas decorations.

She was at her best in her chosen roles: gracious hostess, supportive spouse, press critic, self-deprecator and forceful advocate of administration policy (in this case, intervention in Somalia).

Hot cider was served as the conversation-tour covered the gorgeous seasonal trimmings, the election, reporters' use of anonymous sources, the future and Africa. You could not have asked for a better example of the modern First Lady role Mrs. Bush has played superbly: a force in her own right, a genuine object of national adulation, a political player, but above all a spouse and homemaker by choice.

That night, a hint of the future was on display across town at a dinner staged by Peace Links, an arms control advocacy group assembled 10 years ago by a group of congressional spouses led by Betty Bumpers, the relentlessly independent wife of Sen. Dale Bumpers of Arkansas.

The evening's award recipient was Rosalyn Carter, whose choice 16 years ago was to participate in her husband's administration as private adviser on everything and public force in selected government policies (especially mental health programs).

Not surprisingly, her award is named after Eleanor Roosevelt, and not surprisingly it was presented to Mrs. Carter by Hillary Clinton.

In a sentence worth reading three times, Mrs. Clinton praised her predecessor in a way designed softly to hint at the future: "What she has done by her quiet, persuasive, persistent leadership on a number of projects has led the way for so many others."

Mrs. Carter, in turn, said her successor-to-be will be a strong voice influencing the next administration and pronounced herself "thrilled and excited by the thought of Hillary in the White House."

The Boston Globe, December 9, 1992

A month into the Clintons' transition, there is no longer any question about what Hillary Clinton is doing and will continue to do: She is as senior and influential an adviser to Bill Clinton as there is. Her portfolio covers the concept and detail of policy, people, short and longer-term planning, politics and his very concept of the presidency.

There being no doubt about what she does, the question is what, if anything, to call it. Should she, for example, simply do what she does and not bother with what it is called, or should she be identified with a label, like counselor to the president?

Or, to put it to those on Metaphor Alert, should it be to retain the traditional offices in the White House's social center, the East Wing, or work with the other senior people who do what she does in the West Wing?

So far, the Clinton world has treated this question with defensive near-silence, fearing controversy and displaying a lack of confidence in a breakthrough step that should be taken openly and proudly.

Ultimately any decision about a White House must be made with a ruthless discipline, emphasizing only the interests of the president. With that in mind, though, it is mildly encouraging to hear four points being made in favor of a formal designation of Hillary Clinton:

- Honesty. It's the wisest policy in this era. It also cuts through cantankerous cant about hidden influences.

- One story. Instead of water-torture media treatment about what she does, there would be one major, up-front announcement, a la John Kennedy announcing that Robert Kennedy would be his attorney general.

- Assertiveness. Instead of being defensive, the Clinton world could proudly make the simple case for this breakthrough: Hillary Clinton's credentials for the White House staff are as good as anybody else's.

- Counterattack. Going public will expose the opposition as limited to the hard core of the Republican Right - the perfect foil.

The worst model for this decision is Nancy Reagan in the shadows; one of the best is Barbara Bush, who was always what she appeared to be.

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Rosallynn Carter Receives Award, Gives Hillary Clinton Advice

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If Hillary Clinton takes Rosallynn Carter's advice, Washington can stop speculating about the role she'll play and how much influence she'll wield when she reaches the White House. The former First Lady, herself a powerful influence when she lived there, has urged her to go for it.

"I told Hillary what I tell anybody in public life," Mrs. Carter said last night at a tribute in her honor given by Peace Links, a nonpartisan, nonprofit humanitarian group made up of 150 congressional wives. "You're going to be criticized no matter what you do, so be criticized for what you think is best and right for the country."

What Rosallynn Carter thought was best and right -- including work in the area of mental health -- earned her Peace Links' prestigious Eleanor Roosevelt Living World Award.

For Clinton, the occasion was triple-barreled, the chance to link three women she admired: Rosallynn Carter, Eleanor Roosevelt and Betty Bumpers, founder of the 10-year-old organization that began as a grass-roots effort to reduce nuclear arms.

"Quite a number of people have taken credit for ending the Cold War," said Tipper Gore, who introduced Hillary Clinton to the crowd of 300 at the Mayflower Hotel, "but actually we all know that Betty Bumpers and the women of Peace Links deserve a great deal of credit ... just very simply reaching out to other people in another culture who before we had seen as our enemy and they had seen us as their enemy."

Clinton took it further, describing Bumpers, whose husband is Arkansas Sen. Dale Bumpers, as "the kind of First Lady that Arkansas produces; so how could I do anything else but try to follow in her footsteps and make as much commotion as possible about issues that are important to the world?"

"I have to confess that to those of us from Arkansas," she continued, "this whole conversation about what is or is not the proper role of a First Lady has been bewildering, to say the least, since we're used to people like Betty, and grateful for her and the kind of leadership she has shown, not just with respect to Peace Links and the extraordinary contribution it has made, but with respect to immunization and other matters that affect the health of children."

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Hillary Clinton is also drawing inspiration from Eleanor Roosevelt. To her delight, Clinton said, she learned that about three months before Franklin Roosevelt was sworn in as president, the New York Times ran an editorial criticizing Mrs. Roosevelt for speaking out with her opinions.

"So the more times change," she said, laughing, "the less times change -- apparently."

Just as Eleanor Roosevelt wasn't deterred, Clinton said Rosalynn Carter was not deterred. "What she has done by her quiet, persuasive, persistent leadership on a number of fronts has led the way for so many others to also persist and try to right wrongs and solve problems. She came to the responsibilities of First Lady of this country with an already well-developed sense of justice and rightness," Clinton said. "And she did all that she could to try to translate that into action."

Rosalynn Carter recalled that when she and Jimmy reached the White House, one of her first callers was Betty Bumpers suggesting that they work to make immunization available to school-age children in all 50 states. Within 18 months after Carter became president, 90 percent of all youngsters were being immunized.

She told the crowd she was "thrilled and excited by the thought of Hillary in the White House" and had "great expectations of the good that she can do."

During the reception earlier, Carter said, "there is no end to what a First Lady can do" or the influence she has.

"You can go to a dinner for a cause and the place will be packed because you're First Lady. Congress will pay attention to what the First Lady wants. There are so many needs, so many problems, to me it would be a waste to be there in that position and not use it," she said.

She never has understood Americans' ambivalence about the role of First Lady.

"Americans know that women are going to work. They don't mind if women work. They think it's nice for women to have leadership positions -- I think they really do -- but they think the First Lady ought to sit in the White House and take care of the president. I cannot understand that," she said.

GRAPHIC: PHOTO, HILLARY CLINTON PRESENTS ROSALYNN CARTER WITH THE ELEANOR ROOSEVELT LIVING WORLD AWARD LAST NIGHT. NANCY ANDREWS

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Future first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, sporting an improbably curled and upswept hairdo, alighted at the Mayflower Hotel last night to praise Rosalynn Carter, speak of the congressional wives present as "partners" and do a little bit of reminiscing about the politically active wife of President Franklin Roosevelt.

Mrs. Clinton presented the Eleanor Roosevelt Living World Award to Mrs. Carter at the 10th anniversary "Peace on Earth" gala for Peace Links, a liberal humanitarian organization dedicated to ending the threat of nuclear war.

She spoke of Mrs. Carter's "quiet, persuasive and persistent leadership" and said, "She came to the responsibility of first lady in this country with an already well-developed sense of justice and righteousness. And she did all she could to translate that into action."

Mrs. Clinton said that while on the campaign trail, she had been collecting anecdotes about Mrs. Roosevelt, whom she called another "woman of action."

She recounted what she found out, much to her delight: "Prior to her becoming first lady, about three months before President Roosevelt was sworn in, [Mrs. Roosevelt] was editorialized against in the New York Times for speaking out with her opinions. So, the more times change, the less times change, apparently."

At a reception before the dinner, Mrs. Carter said it was "fun" to be back among old friends. Asked if she had any wisdom to offer Mrs. Clinton, first lady to first lady, Mrs. Carter just looked hard at the questioner and said, "I've already talked to her."

"It's all come together so wonderfully," said Betty Bumpers, wife of Arkansas Sen. Dale Bumpers and founder of the 10-year old Peace Links group.

Peace Links counts 165 congressional spouses among its members. A paragraph from their promotional brochure reads: "You know that a new generation of billion-dollar weapons systems will not make our children safer or our freedoms more secure. . . . We must say no to massive military spending, and yes to collective common sense."

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The group most recently received attention with a pen-pal project, linking Russians and Americans.

Spotted among the guests were former Carter press secretary Jody Powell, who told Mrs. Carter there were at least two tables of Carterites there to cheer her on; Hungarian ambassador Pal Tar; Georgia Rep. Ben Jones and his new wife, Alma Viator, and Michigan Sen. Don Riegle.

The high-level attendees - Mrs. Clinton, Mrs. Carter, and Tipper Gore, stylish in black and gold - brought the highest response ever for the gala, expected to raise \$120,000 for the group. Around 450 attended, up 125 from last year.

"It's always better to have too many," said Peace Links executive director Carol Williams.

GRAPHIC: Photo, Rosalynn Carter (left) received the Eleanor Roosevelt Living World Award last night from Hillary Clinton at Mayflower., By Kenneth Lambert/The Washington Times

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As one might imagine, peace was the general topic of conversation Tuesday night at the 6th Annual Peace on Earth Gala. But not just world peace.

"Maybe there will finally be some peace in the White House," giggled Rep. Patricia Schroeder of Colorado, one of 300 guests discussing the big news of the day: the resignation of White House Chief of Staff John Sununu.

While many of those present had opinions about Mr. Sununu's abrupt leave-taking, most maintained officially polite decorum regarding the subject. They were adhering, perhaps, to the old adage about saying only good things about those who are dead, politically speaking or otherwise.

Rep. Byron Dorgan of North Dakota was less reticent than most. "It doesn't mean much," he said. "It [the resignation] had more to do with politics than with substance."

Mr. Dorgan also noted that the news from the White House didn't even interrupt live television coverage of the William Kennedy Smith rape trial. "The network just flashed a message across the screen. I wonder what that says about what we think is important in the news?"

"All [they're] talking about is Sununu. Not the arms race," observed a somewhat flustered Carol Williams, director of Peace Links, the grass-roots organization founded by congressional wives to promote peace during the U.S.-Soviet arms buildup of the 1980s.

Much to her relief and that of the other sponsors, the group's traditional issues finally surfaced during the dinner and awards program.

"The walls have come tumbling down," U.S. Ambassador to Norway and former Peace Corps Director Loret Ruppe exulted, referring to Eastern European nations and the breakaway Soviet republics. "But now more help is needed for these countries," she said after receiving the Eleanor Roosevelt Living World Award.

Rep. Dale Kildee of Michigan said, "We're in a new phase. Countries that rejected communism and totalitarian governments are at a crucial stage in forming democracies. Our mission now is to help them adapt their economies to a free-market system."

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Among the 25 current and former members of Congress attending the event were Sen. Dale Bumpers of Arkansas and his wife, Betty, Joan Specter, Rep. Pat Williams of Montana, Rep. John Bryant of Texas and his wife, Janet, Rep. Robert Matsui of California and his wife, Doris, Rep. James Oberstar of Minnesota, Rep. Stephen Neal of North Carolina and Rep. Al Swift of Washington.

Other guests included Elinor Bedell, who received a special award for her contribution to Peace Links over the years, Norwegian Ambassador Kjeld Vibe

and his wife, Beate, Ambassador of Pakistan Syeda Abida Hussain, Debbie Dingell and Minnesota Rep. Martin Sabo.

GRAPHIC: Photos, A) Doris Matsui and Carol Williams at the event.; B) Elinor Bedell accepting her award at the Peace Links Peace on Earth Gala.; C) Betty Bumpers and U.S. Ambassador to Norway Loret Ruppe., All By Manny Rocca/The Washington Times

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