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April 6, 1999

Shirley Sagawa
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Room 100
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Shirley:

On behalf of Operation Smile, I would like to thank you for your help in producing Mrs. Clinton's video message for *World Journey of Hope '99*. The American medical volunteers, as well as prominent leaders that welcomed Operation Smile in each of the countries, had an opportunity to hear the message at press conferences and other special events. We greatly appreciated your willingness to support this largest-ever surgical mission to help children suffering from facial deformities.

Attached is a letter I hope you can help me deliver to Mrs. Clinton from Operation Smile's co-founder Dr. Bill Magee. The letter is an invitation for Mrs. Clinton to attend our final press conference on Monday, April 12 at Andrews Air Force Base, where we have just received confirmation that The Flying Hospital will be able to land. The noon-time event will mark the return of Operation Smile's medical volunteers, who will have just completed a nine-week mission to 18 countries. We realize that Mrs. Clinton's schedule at this late date may not permit her attendance, but I hope that you will be able to share this invitation with her.

Thank you again for your help. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Philippa Polskin
President
212-593-6488

April 6, 1999

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500



Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the compelling video message you created for Operation Smile's most remarkable mission ever, *World Journey of Hope '99*. I am pleased to announce that with the help of thousands of medical volunteers around the world, Operation Smile in just nine weeks has changed the lives of 5,000 children in 18 countries by treating their facial deformities. It is a milestone event for our organization, and I greatly appreciate the role you played in commending the efforts of our volunteers and global partners. Your video message was well-received and prominently displayed at press conferences, receptions, education conferences and other special events during the 18-country mission.

I also would like to take this opportunity to share our plans for celebrating the journey's end in Washington, D.C. and to extend a special invitation to you. The journey has been an amazing success, and we look forward to recognizing the efforts of our volunteers and supporters at a press conference upon our return to the United States next week. We have just received approval to land The Flying Hospital and host the press conference at Andrews Air Force Base. We would be greatly honored by your presence at the press conference, which will be held at noon on Monday, April 12.

To update you on the progress of the mission, *World Journey of Hope '99* has continued to attract the attention of leaders worldwide in addition to the five Latin American Presidents who joined us in February. Pope John Paul II offered a special blessing for Operation Smile during its mission in Rome, and Queen Noor provided support of our efforts and promised to continue to help in the future. Both Mrs. Yassar Arafat and the First Lady of the Philippines spent a day with us in the operating room, assisting with life-changing surgeries for children.

On behalf of Operation Smile, our dedicated team of medical volunteers and children around the world, I hope that you will be able to join us on Monday, April 12 as we celebrate the overwhelming success of the largest-ever surgical mission. It promises to be a momentous occasion, and your presence would bring remarkable attention to our efforts to end the unnecessary suffering of children worldwide. Thank you for your past support and for your consideration of this invitation.

Sincerely,

Dr. William P. Magee, Jr.
Co-founder, Operation Smile