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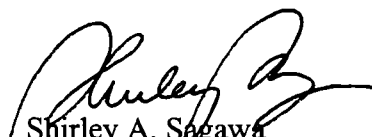
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Shirley A. Spagawa
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Ellen McCulloch-Lovell
White House Millennium Council

**White House Conference on Philanthropy: Gifts to the Future
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Title: _____

Organization: _____

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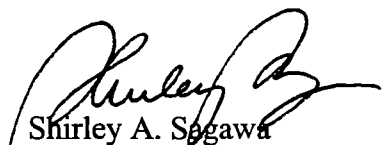
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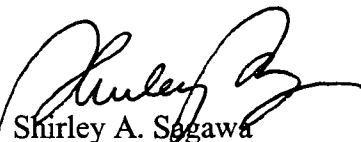
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⑦ Malcolm - when you are ready for the network list give me 48hrs to copy. I've been holding out as long as I can in case I hear from new people.

Dear Colleague:

We are writing to provide an update on recent activities designed to build on the success of the White House Conference on Philanthropy: Gifts to the Future. Along with this news, we are enclosing a list of conference participants with addresses, ~~and their contact information~~.
Thank you to all who provided their contact information.

The first and most important items to note are the tax proposals introduced by the President in his fiscal year 2001 budget and ~~introduced~~ during the State of the Union Address. Briefly, these proposals will extend a tax deduction to non-itemizers for their charitable deductions; simplify and lower the excise tax on foundations, and encourage more gifts to private foundations by raising the limit on deductions as a percentage of adjusted gross income. For more details please see [the enclosed press release? The WH website?] the enclosed press paper. ←

We continue to work with a number of private partners to promote philanthropy. The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation of Flint, Michigan, will make it possible for SCETV to produce a short video of conference highlights designed for use at conferences and small group meetings. Transcripts of the conference and other conference materials will be ^{sent} available at a new website at our ~~WH Conf on Philan~~ website.
x. You can also access ~~this website~~ ^{the conference} page through the First Lady's web page at x.

In June the Corporation for National Service will host a national summit of youth in philanthropy. This initiative is supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the W.K.

Kellogg Foundation, the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, and leading nonprofit organizations. Many of these same organizations are considering a proposal to form a national network/~~create a~~ or ~~new~~ fund dedicated to promoting the active involvement of youth in philanthropy. Among other models, we have discussed ways to expand programs, like the Council of Michigan Foundations' youth advisory committees, that offer youth an active, hands-on way to strengthen their communities through giving.

Online giving will be considered at an important public forum sponsored by the National Charities Information Bureau, in cooperation with charitableway.com, greatergood.com, the San Jose Mercury News, and a coalition of nonprofit organizations concerned with making internet transactions safe and transparent. Tentatively scheduled for CT, this conference is a direct outgrowth of a forum organized by the White House, the Department of Commerce, and NCIB in October to accompany "Gifts to the Future."

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