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June 2, 1999

Dear Nicole:

When Hillary Rodham Clinton came to speak at Buffalo State College on May 7th, you received a package of materials about SAFE Schools entitled "WAR IS OVER. Campaign for Nonviolence: Musicians United for BUFFALO SAFE Schools" from Ron Keohane. We hope you and Mrs. Clinton have had the opportunity to review the information, but if not, we certainly understand.

The campaign for nonviolence in schools has become a huge issue since the Columbine incident in Littleton, Colorado. We believe this particular campaign could be beneficial to the President's grassroots campaign for safer schools. This program, established by Mr. Bob James, has been growing, and gaining recognition since 1993. It is the kind of project that listens to children, recognizes their needs, and finds lasting solutions to the causes of violence.

I am requesting a letter of endorsement from Mrs. Clinton on White House letterhead pertaining to the "War is Over" campaign. This letter if at all possible could allude to Mrs. Clinton's awareness of this project and her belief in its importance. It could also acknowledge that this is just the kind of project that the President is seeking from communities across America to move youth away from violence. We would like to keep you and Mrs. Clinton updated on our progress if that is okay with you. I greatly appreciate any assistance you could provide us.

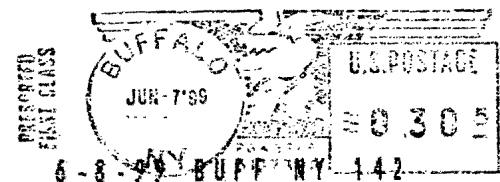
Thank you.

Sincerely,

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July 12, 1999

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Old Executive Office Building
Attn: Melanne Verveer

Dear Mrs. Clinton

Sometimes a song like "Blowing In The Wind" or "If I Had A Hammer" can strike a chord in the national consciousness that encourages a sea change in social awareness or political action. I believe that this can happen again and I'm writing to request your support to help make sure that it does.

I am sending on to you a remarkable three and one half minute video of a song, "Don't Laugh At Me" that, I believe, if distributed throughout America's schools accompanied by a teaching guide, can profoundly diminish the epidemic of ridicule, shaming and disrespect among our children that leads to depression, suicide (the #1 cause of death among teenagers) and violence, such as we've tragically witnessed in Littleton. The message of "Don't Laugh At Me" encourages some of the best traditions of America; compassion, generosity and respect. Please watch it and I think you'll understand.

You will note that the video includes the logos of Special Olympics, Save The Children, Children's Defense Fund and Variety Clubs, all of whom are honored to be named and connected to the song, it's message, the video and the advocacy it promotes.

I have contacted Linda Lantieri, the head of Resolving Conflict Creatively (you may be familiar with her book, "Waging Peace In Our Schools" with a preface by Marian Wright Edelman), who will help create a teacher's guide that will allow teachers to engage students in a several week-long project of discussion and sensitization, using the video as a point of departure. A

gifted elementary school teacher and friend of mine, Marna Biederman, has already done so on her own, and reports that it has been one of the most remarkable projects she's ever shared with her students. The response was amazing! Linda Lantieri feels, after showing the video to numerous colleagues in her field, that it's really important to have follow up by the teacher to channel and guide the emotional responses the video elicits in adults and children alike.

I am presently raising the money (approximately \$60,000) in the hopes of distributing the video to every school in the nation. To facilitate such distribution, I'll be contacting the National Associations of Elementary School Principals and Secondary School Principals, The National Education Association, Educators for Social Responsibility and the Southern Poverty Law Center, among others. I've had contact with all of these organizations in the past, or performed for them. In fact, Peter, Paul & Mary recently performed for the National Association of Elementary School Principals and when we sang "Don't Laugh At Me" they stopped the show with a prolonged standing ovation. Later we were inundated with requests for copies of the song for use in the classroom.

Please do watch the video and consider any and all of the following: could you please consider supporting this project by sending a letter encouraging our efforts, putting us in touch with various people or organizations who might advance or underwrite the effort and/or allow us to make a video of you speaking about the importance of the effort from your perspective, as you so wonderfully did with Representative Rosa DeLauro for the Connecticut Hospice, of which I am an Honorary (and very active) Board Member?

Thank you enormously in advance for your consideration of this worthy project. Your Chief of Staff, Melanne Verveer, and her associate Shirley Sigawa, have been particularly helpful. I'm most grateful to them.

I can be reached at [REDACTED] until July 15, and through my office in New York at any time, at 212-580-5308.

Sincerely,

Peter Yarrow

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