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President Bill Clinton,
The White House,
Washington DC 20500

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What about this?
Can we do it?
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Dear Bill,

I am very sorry that I missed you during your visit to Cal Tech. I had already arranged to give a popular lecture in Cupertino that day and there was no way I could cancel without great upset. I heard that you very generously mentioned me in your remarks as an example of what handicapped people can achieve and it is this that I am writing to you about.

I gather that the Medicare programme is currently reviewing its policy on providing augmentative communication devices. I would urge you to use your influence to ensure that those in need, like I was, can be given such devices. Your help on this important issue would be much appreciated.

I hope to be visiting Washington again in May and would enjoy calling on you again if your schedule permits. I will ask John McCaffrey to liaise with your office to see what might be possible.

Give my best wishes to Hillary in her New York race.

Warmest wishes

Yours sincerely,



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