

No. 5. HOPE MEDICINE FOR PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD. It is indeed good news that the family and associates of the late Dr. William Walsh intend to keep going his heart's closest desire -- the Hope and Hope Ship endeavor.

His life's story needs telling. I was shopping around for a doctor in a new town and some one suggested Dr. Walsh -- perhaps because he was young and a veteran also. I found him most satisfactory and we became personal friends as well as doctor and patient. In fact, we would forget to talk medicine as I exchanged with him all my tidbits from the politics from Capitol Hill where I was a reporter. He loved to talk politics.

But I was surprised to find on one visit that he was bending closely to the Republican party. I cautioned him about becoming partisan. He denied this and I believed him until I went in an adjoining office to take off my clothes for the usual examination and found behind a door a two foot high stack of political booklets aimed at winning Republican support for his endeavor.

William Walsh was unusual in that he entered the practice of medicine after WW II more interested in his public service than in his own practice. He wanted to get a surplus U.S. ship and carry U. S. doctors for temporary duty to foreign lands, equipped with needed medical gear and supplies so that they could berth at one country and set up medical treatment for the very needy in foreign lands without going ashore.

He had the nerve to go down to the White House and ask President Eisenhower for such a ship. And amazing as it was to his friends, he got it. Immediately he went into business. He could persuade doctors to volunteer to leave their regular duties for weeks or months at a time to work on the ship in foreign lands. He also needed money and asked for donations.

I remember the time when he was summoned to the Mayflower Hotel by U.S. Senator Price Daniel of Texas. Dr. Walsh's eyes glistened as he thought of all that Texas oil money. He went to the Senator's room for a chat. He came back so disappointed that he walked up to me, waiting for the result, practically in tears. "Oh, Sarah, I thought we were making out just fine until he asked me 'Now, Doctor, what is your religion and what is your politics?' I had to tell him the truth, that I was a Catholic (the Senator was a well known Baptist) and a Republican. I guess I will get nothing now."

But William carried on most successfully bringing medical help to the deformed, the sick, the wounded, those with terminal cases, the malnourished.

Then one day I called up for an appointment and was told that William Walsh was no longer going to practice medicine. He was going to devote his full time to the Hope project. I felt very much alone but I could understand and applauded him. Thus he worked hard until his death. Now I am very grateful that his people have elected to keep on with his Project Hope.

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NO. 6. WHAT IS PRESIDENT CLINTON'S PLAN FOR THE COUNTRY? He told about it at a Democratic National Committee dinner on June 16, 1997.

"In 1992 when I ran for President, I had an idea that we could make this country work again if we could liberate ourselves from kind of traditional political battles and think about what we wanted the country to look like in the 21st century and then think backward and say,

"Well, what would I have to do to get it that way?" Don't say in the first instance, 'Well, you can't do both those things. They're inconsistent.' Just ask yourself, what would you like our country to look like in the 21st century?

"And I wrote a little answer down, and I have said it a thousand times since then. And every single day I think about it. I want my country to be a country where the American dream of opportunity is alive for every person, not just some. I want all citizens to be good, responsible citizens and assume the responsibilities of citizenship. I want the United States to lead the world for peace and freedom 20, 30 years from now, just like we are today. And I want us to live together as one community where we respect, we even celebrate our differences, but we're bound together as Americans.

"Now, those are the things I want. And I wrote it down over 5 years ago, and I've stuck with it ever since. Way back in 1991, before I made the decision to run for President, I said -- nearly 6 years ago, now -- I said, 'No point in me running unless I've got a better reason than I'd like to live in the White House.' [Laughter] What will I say when people say, 'What do you want to do? Why are you doing this?' And every single day I think about it."

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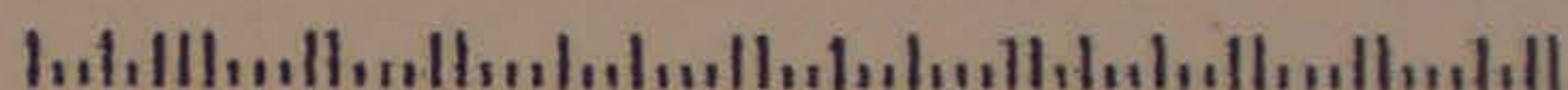
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June 25, 1997

Just finished your interesting MR. PRESIDENT,
MR. PRESIDENT. Since I am 77 I have lived
through all the presidents you mentioned.
I thought you had a very accurate assessment of
all of them. I liked what you wrote about
President Clinton.

I told all my college age relatives to read the
book. The book can help in their education!!!

Sincerely,

Ruth L. Harder
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 9, 1997

Ms. Sarah McClendon
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Dear Sarah:

Thanks for your supportive note and for the copy of your nursing homes editorial. I'm glad that you are making yourself heard on this important topic. Our nation has an obligation to care for older Americans and others in need, and I share your commitment to this vital task.

As always, I appreciate your ideas and insights. Thanks for writing.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

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Memorandum for the President

Dear Mr. President:

RE Nursing Homes. 1997 AUG 19 PM 12:22

In taking any action to improve the tragic situation found in nursing homes throughout the country today, I hope you tap my source of information on this--Virginia Merrill, 82, who has thoroughly investigated nursing homes and their management. She lives at [REDACTED] (b)(6), telephone [REDACTED] (b)(6).

I have much of her material here which I will share with one of your staff, if desired.

I have launched my own editorial campaign against mistreatment in nursing homes and I enclose my first story.

You helped greatly by your answer to my question at your recent press conference.

[In addition, let me say that I and the majority of the people appreciate your recognition of the massive problems in our nation and your leadership in trying to solve them. I call that an EXPANDED PRESIDENCY, taking that office to people who never thought before they could get relief from such a high level.

Sincerely,

Sarah McClendon
Sarah McClendon,

News Correspondent

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August 14, 1997

By Sarah McClendon

Washington, D.C. -- How a large part of the nursing home industry in the United States is inflicting a starvation diet on its inmates as well as bed sores, unchanged linen and a minimum of nursing care has up to now remained undisclosed because the elderly do not talk about this when their relatives visit.

An 82-year-old woman, Virginia Merrill, Santa Cruz, Calif. used a torn muscle in her leg as an excuse to live inside a nursing home long enough to explore what was happening to quiet oldsters in what she terms these "death camps." She is now convinced that many nursing homes -- of course not all -- are charging \$3000 a month, more or less, for patients yet are administering such minimal care that the system leads to misery in bed and earlier death than normal. She withheld the names of some homes she has inspected to avoid blame for staff because the aides were paid so little and forced to work such long hours that they could not provide the top-ranking care the patients deserved. For example, in one place, she found two nurses for 92 patients. This despite the fact the Health Services office of the Department of Health and Human Services claims now that a law passed in recent years specifies how many patients must be assigned to one nurse.

Mrs. Merrill feels that regulations prescribing standards of care are not enforced although federal and state regulations abound. Other observers fault government bureaucrats with not knowing what actually goes on in nursing homes. Visiting doctors, she says, sit at the nurse's desk, read the charts and write 'continue care'.

Mrs. Merrill, who organized groups of citizens to seek improvements in the situation and who is busy following court suits that have resulted from ill treatments, calls the nursing home situations "a national scandal."

Thus I used this term in asking President Bill Clinton at a recent press conference how the government can overturn this highly serious situation. Much to my surprise, he expressed knowledge of the need and said that the Department of Health and Human Services is now working on the matter and that in about three weeks he expects to make some announcement about meeting the problem. His reply made me very happy and surprised Mrs. Merrill while many in the public thanked me for asking that question.

Here are some of the conditions which Mrs. Merrill found in her thorough "investigation" of what is happening in nursing homes:

She has many death certificates from 100 California nursing homes which show deaths from starvation, malnutrition, dehydration, renal failure due to lack of water, fractures of many different bones, legs, arms, pelvis, concussion from falls when these feeble people try to go to

the bathroom by themselves or try to make it to the dining room for their food. Such fractures result in the patient becoming totally bedridden while fractures heal. They then are ignored, have no changing of positions in bed, and soon develop pneumonia and die.

Nursing homes charge patients' families for many additional alleged services. Mrs. Merrill says the nursing homes charge for walking the patient to the bathroom or dining area, calling this "physical therapy." They bill for dressing the patient, for bringing in carts, for medications. "False charting in nursing homes is the way of life," she says. Such charges add greatly to the profits of owners.

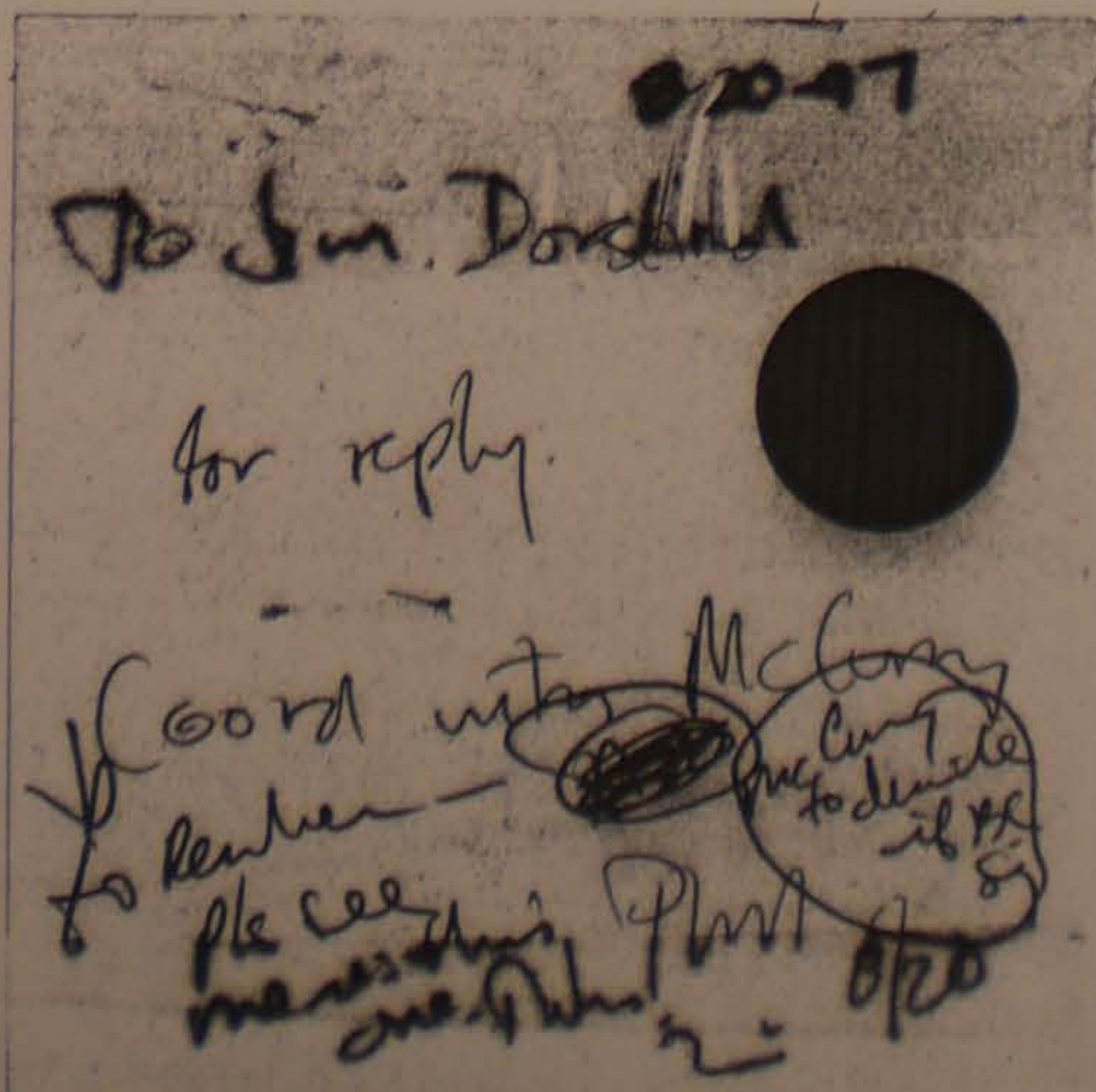
Bedsore are a frequent find. Some of these are so large as to enable one to see the bone. One patient had maggots in her bed sore. It takes 24 hours for maggots to develop, proving that there was no treatment during that time. This case was taken to court and a fine of \$24,000 assessed but the fine was appealed. "State Licensing and Certification agreed with the facility, that maggots may be beneficial to wound treatment," says Mrs. Merrill. "Show me the physician's orders for maggots.... Yet the fine was dismissed. No penalties."

Another fine was dismissed for dropping a patient four feet from a hoist lift while transferring her from her bed to the wheel chair. Fine dismissed when Licensing and Certification said the Patient "was old and had brittle bones."

These nursing homes often use the phrase "it's the patient's fault" and "they are old and prone to have these conditions."

The death records obtained by Mrs. Merrill in California cover only a few months of the year. "Can you imagine the total number of deaths occurring due to this neglect, abuse and murder if we had them all," she said. "Times this number by the number of states in the union. We have long surpassed the number of Jews Hitler destroyed. Yes, it is happening across this country. I can get you in touch with advocates from several different states, the stories are the same."

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October 28, 1997

Ms. Sarah McClendon
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Dear Sarah:

Hillary and I were so sorry to hear that you recently suffered a bad fall. We hope that you'll be feeling more comfortable soon and that you are on the way to a quick and complete recovery.

We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

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June 29, 2000

Ms. Sara McClendon
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Dear Sara:

Happy 90th Birthday! Hillary and
I send our very best wishes for health
and happiness in the coming year.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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August 5, 1997

PERSONAL

Ms. Sarah McClendon
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Dear Sarah:

Thanks so much for the copies of your book,
Mr. President, Mr. President! Hillary and
I both look forward to reading about your
experiences as a White House correspondent
over the past half century, and we appreciate
your continued thoughtfulness.

You have our best wishes.

Sincerely,

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

TO: THE PRESIDENT
THE FIRST LADY

FROM: Ann Stock AS

DATE: July 1, 1997

Sarah McClendon wanted me to give you a copy of her new book Mr. President, Mr. President! She personally inscribed one to each of you.

I thought you might like to have it for reading over the July 4th weekend.

THE WHITE HOUSE
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October 31, 1997

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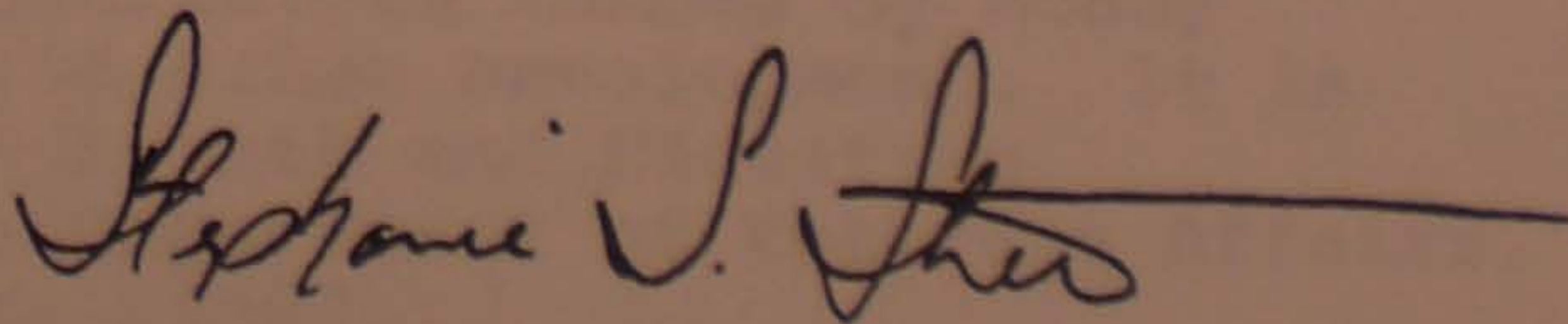
Dear Ms. McClendon:

On behalf of President Clinton, thank you for inviting the President to join you in honoring homeless women veterans at the dedication of their new home on November 7, 1997.

The tremendous demands on the President's schedule do not permit the White House to honor your request. Please know that your request was given full consideration and that President Clinton appreciates your interest. Should you need further scheduling assistance, please feel free to contact my office.

Once again, thank you for contacting the White House.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stephanie S. Streett", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Stephanie S. Streett
Assistant to the President
Director of Presidential Scheduling

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Sarah McClendon
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October 25, 1997

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Please join us in honoring homeless women veterans by attending the dedication of their new home. The ceremony will be held at the National Press Club on Friday, November 7 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

There are two homes for homeless veterans, one for men and one for women, located at 3504 and 3506 16th Street, NW. Both are to be called The Sarah McClendon House.

The homeless women veterans staying at The Sarah McClendon House will receive the benefits of housing and food for themselves and their children, medical care, counseling and job training. This will give them a chance for a completely new life.

This project is a non-profit organization funded by money from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. It is also sponsored by the Chesapeake Health and Education Association, a subsidiary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Combined Federal Campaign #7603.

We will appreciate it very much if you can find time in your busy schedule to appear at this event. This letter serves as your official invitation.

Sincerely,

Sarah McClendon/es

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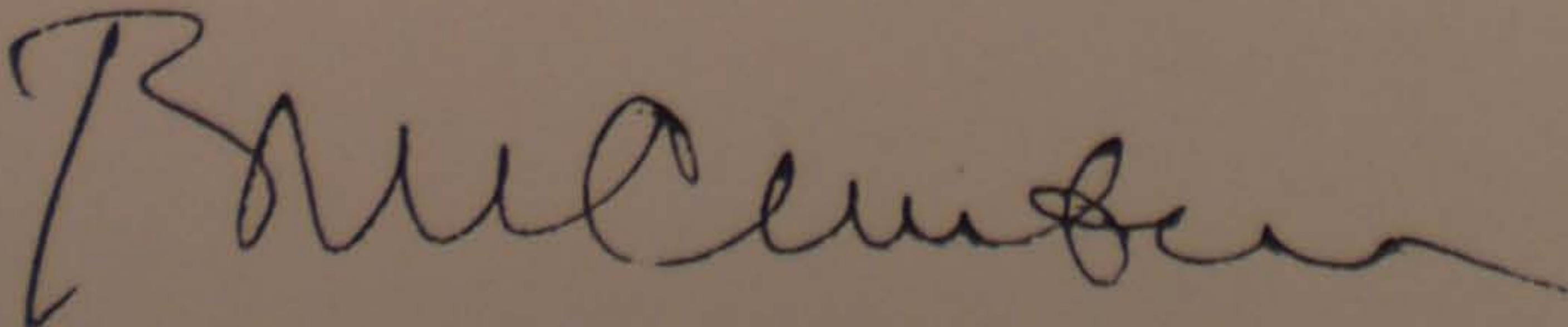
July 5, 1994

Sarah McClendon
3133 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Sarah:

Happy 84th Birthday! Hillary and I hope you have a wonderful day, and we wish you good health and much happiness in the year to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Oct. 19, 1994

Hon. William Clinton
The President
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President:

I am highly honored to be named by you to the Advisory Commission on the World War II memorial. I am deeply committed to the cause and I will do my very best to serve you and the country well.

A personal note: This is pretty good, you will agree, for an old WAC private.

I made my own poll from letters and telephone calls from people across the nation. You are much appreciated and admired. Besides, you have every taxi driver in Washington backing you and this can be good public relations considering the many tourists who come here.

So you won't be burdened with receiving more than one letter from me, I am enclosing notes on two subjects you ought to know about

My very best wishes for you, also my prayers,

Sincerely,

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Re General Erle Cocke

This very honorable and highly experienced man could help you on many subjects as an advisor.

He has been interviewed a time or two, I believe, by your personnel staff for appointment as a Baptist to the Vatican after Ambassador Flynn leaves, which I think may be soon.

Erle Cocke of Washington, D. C., was the youngest man ever to be a national commander of the American Legion. He was a prisoner of war, a wounded veteran. He is on the advisory committee of the American Legion today. At times he has been an analyst at national Democratic conventions for British Broadcasting.

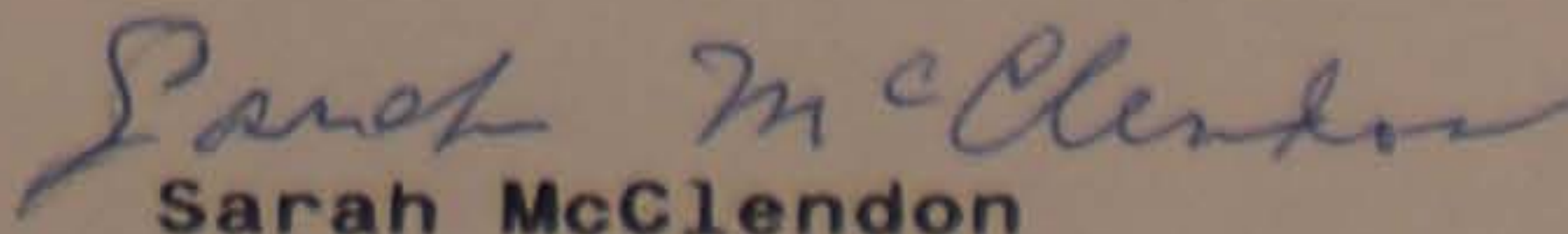
He was an advisor to Presidents Jimmy Carter and Lyndon Johnson. He once did some personal diplomatic work with North Korea. He is a loyal Democrat

His father was head of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. .

As an Eagle Scout he was invited by President Roosevelt to Warm Springs.

He is today an international investment banker

I understand you two have not had a chance to talk. You can trust his advice. For your benefit, hope you two can get together.


Sarah McClendon



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October 14, 1994

The Honorable Harry T. Edwards
Chief Judge
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Columbia Circuit
United States Courthouse
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Judge Edwards:

The enclosed complaint against Judge David B. Sentelle is submitted pursuant to Section 372(c) of Title 28 of the United States Code.

The complaint details a pattern of behavior in three separate cases where Judge Sentelle concealed the fact that he was personally acquainted with the individuals involved in the litigation.

In the case where Oliver North's convictions were overturned, the judge failed to indicate that North's network during the Iran-Contra affair was working with the same North Carolina political network that the judge had worked with for over a decade.

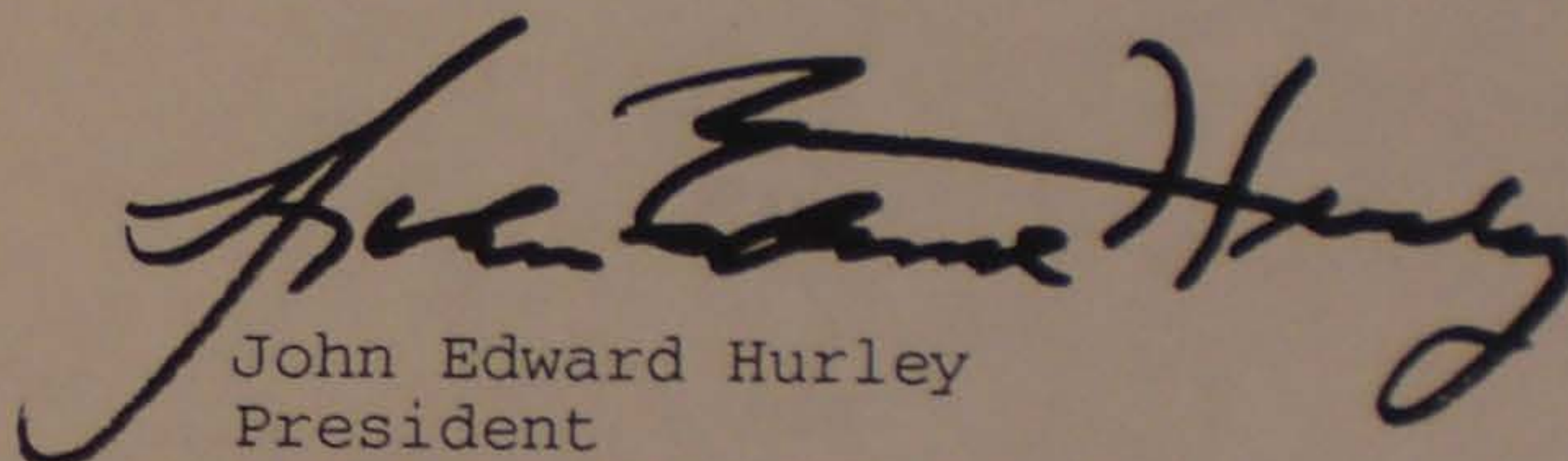
In the Confederate case, Judge Sentelle failed to indicate that he was personally acquainted with those named in that complaint. In addition, the judge knew that the Internal Revenue Service was investigating the Coalition for Freedom for tax evasion because it had used its non-profit status for political activity. The same law firm that set up the Coalition for Freedom also set up North's non-profit Freedom Alliance. In addition, this was the same law firm that represented the Confederate Memorial Association, which was trying to comply with the law by remaining non-political.

And the ruling on the new independent counsel puts the judge in the awkward position of having thwarted the investigation of his political allies who were involved in financial improprieties with MetroBank in North Carolina, while ordering a more vigorous pursuit of Madison Savings and Loan, the Arkansas institution where politicians of a different stripe are involved.

The Honorable Harry T. Edwards
October 14, 1994
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The Constitution and the rule of law will only be served when the details of this citizen complaint are thoroughly investigated.

Sincerely,

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John Edward Hurley
President
CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

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RICO complaint

For President Clinton - with Best regards
Personal from Sarah McClendon

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Purpose: To inform the American people so that they may keep a citizen's watch on government.

Guidelines: The people have a right to know.

June 28, 1997

NO. 1. U.S. NOT PREPARED FOR WAR.

NO. 2. NO SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM BILL THIS YEAR.

✓ NO. 3. THE MR. AND MRS. CLINTON ADMINISTRATION.

NO. 4. REDEDICATION OF THE WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE STATUE.

NO. 5. HOPE MEDICINE FOR PEOPLE ROUND THE WORLD.

NO. 6. WHAT IS PRESIDENT CLINTON'S PLAN FOR THE COUNTRY?

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NO. 1. U.S. NOT PREPARED FOR WAR. U.S. soldiers and airmen are not prepared for combat should war break out, a combat veteran and long a Pentagon watcher said here. Carl Barnard, widely experienced Defense consultant, told the McClendon Study Group at the National Press Club that the Congress has approved spending billions of dollars (which the Defense Department had not requested) on new aircraft, ships, tanks while cutting back on military personnel.

Skilled lobbyists for certain big defense contractors have "sold" the Congress on letting contracts which will increase the national deficit, he said. "We are acting like the Cold War is still going on when our enemy, the Soviet Union, no longer exists," Barnard cited.

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NO. 2. NO SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM BILL THIS YEAR. The reason is that Social Security is such a sensitive area that no member of Congress, especially no Republican, wants to have his name and career associated with it. This from Evelyn Morton, legislative

representative for the American Association for Retired Persons. She handles Social Security, Supplemental Security Income and federal retirement systems for the Association.

She says that Social Security is not in as much current danger as has been painted for the public. SS, as it is known today, she told the McClendon Group, will be functioning at least until 2007. She says the system of Social Security carries several other beneficiary programs for the citizen besides social security. If people were investing their retirement money privately they might fall into three factions: those who would invest profitably with knowledge of stocks, those who would not invest it but spend the money now, and those who would become victims of unreliable advisors about investments. She suggests that people should keep the social security system as it now exists and in addition have their own separate retirement plan as well as governmental social security.

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NO. 3. THE MR. AND MRS. CLINTON ADMINISTRATION will be remembered in history for fixing national attention on children, on their education, grades, scholarship, teachers, health, insurance, hunger, parents, foster parents, home care, potential opportunities. On all of these the Clintons have focused national attention such as never before. Children are so much in the news now that one sometimes wonders if the Clintons have forgotten about adults. Don't they need major attention also?

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NO. 4. THE REDEDICATION OF THE WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE STATUE. The rededication of the statute commemorating women getting the right to vote was more than an artist's rendition of the heads of three outstanding women leaders in that fight. That ceremony, held in the Capitol as the statue was brought forth from the basement after 75 years to be put in a place of prominence in the Rotunda, was to women a combination of their victory, so far, in achieving voting rights but also a symbol of what other rights the women yet hope to attain. Women came from all over the country. Many wore white as if it were a wedding day. Several wore costumes dating from the lives of Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott. There were frequent references in speeches made to mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers. Relatives of those in the statue were recognized. Ladies were asked for a show of hands if they had any connection with anyone who worked to get women the right to vote. When I was six years old, 81 years ago, I went out with my mother, Mrs. Annie McClendon, as she made suffragist speeches in neighboring towns in East Texas to get women the right to vote.

The interesting thing about the statue and where it is placed now in the Capitol is that it represents to women many different types of struggles. It immediately conjures up in the minds of these women, abuse of women, no equal pay for equal work with men, sexual harassment on the job and otherwise, discrimination in jobs, ratings, accessibility, abandonment of women with children by departing husbands, lack of child support, lack of promotions on jobs, in military and in professional levels, exclusion of women from certain jobs, organizations and opportunities for advancement. The very fact the statue is there is sure to become an influence for corrections of these ills in the future. I predict it will become one of the most touched statues in the Capitol.

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