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TO: Chris Jennings

AT FAX NUMBER 456-7739

FROM: Jim Johnson

AT FAX NUMBER 202, 226-1147

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REMARKS: Chris, as we discussed last week, Mas. Clinton informed Mr. Payne at their meeting with Mr. Cooper, Stenholm & Andrews, that she would assist with getting anyone heard by the Administration on Health Care Reform.

Mr. Payne requests that the following Virginia physicians be heard: Dr Benjamin T. Brown and Dr. Mitchell A. Fleisher, who would like to address the issue of alternative medicine systems in health care reform. Phone # 804 263-4752 (Blue Ridge Medical Center).

Dr. I. David Goldman, director of the Massey Cancer Center of the Medical College of Virginia, who would like to address the issue of serving

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underserved populations with tertiary care specialists. Dr. Goldman's phone is 804 786-0450.

Will you please call me when you receive this so we can discuss who might appropriately meet with these doctors and a member of our staff?

Thank you.

Jim

Dr. Fleisher & Dr. Brown can be seen together by someone familiar with Task Force work on alternative medicine.

Dr. Goldman's interest is in reaching rural, underserved areas with advanced tertiary care through unique arrangements between teaching ~~and~~ hospitals and rural community hospitals and clinics. He is excellent, and very public-spirited.

I can send a formal request to Max Christos from Mr. Payne if you wish.

Jim

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Medical College of Virginia  
Virginia Commonwealth University

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May 6, 1993

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Earlier we wrote to you (enclosed) concerning the delivery of care to patients with cancer who live in rural areas. We are concerned that what we hear from Washington is a strategy that will deal with this problem by transferring these patients to major urban centers for management. Our approach is the opposite. That is, we have developed a system in which we co-manage patients with primary care physicians and nurses within the community so that patients receive their full care near where they live and work.

This approach is currently focussed at three rural community hospital sites and is providing tertiary care to a large segment of the population with malignant diseases in central Virginia. We have a good deal of data on the impact and costs of this program and believe that this concept should be considered in the development of national health care policy.

As an NCI designated cancer center pioneering in health services research and the delivery of cancer care to rural populations, we would very much like to have the opportunity to share our experiences and data with the relevant Health Care Reform Task Force team.

Sincerely yours,

I. David Goldman, M.D.,  
Director

cc: Senator Charles Robb  
Senator John Warner

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February 15, 1993

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Chairperson, Presidential Health Care Task Force  
Room 100-OEOB  
White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

7/29  
Bonnie Hefkowitz (9/2)

Dear Ms. Clinton,

I am writing with urgent information regarding your role as chairperson of the Presidential Health Care Task Force which is duly responsible for developing legislation for comprehensive health care reform by the end of May 1993.

I am a board-certified family physician practicing in rural Virginia about three hours from Washington, D.C. I work in a community health center in which we integrate the best of traditional family practice with medical acupuncture and classical homeopathic medicine.

From the broad experience of my colleagues and myself, we recognize classical homeopathy and acupuncture to be safe, nontoxic, highly cost-effective systems of health care delivery that address a wide range of acute, chronic and preventative medical problems relevant to the needs of the American public.

The NIH has recently established an Office on Alternative Medicine to further investigate the clinical value of non-orthodox therapeutic modalities. However, substantial, published clinical research currently exists to warrant the inclusion of complementary medical therapies, such as classical homeopathy and acupuncture, into any new comprehensive, national health care program and we strongly urge you and the task force to do so.

For reliable information on complementary medicine, please contact the professional representatives of classical homeopathy and medical acupuncture at the organizations listed below for their advice and input:

National Center for Homeopathy  
801 North Fairfax St., Suite 306  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
(703) 548-7790; FAX: (703) 548-7792

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American Institute of Homeopathy  
1585 Glencoe St., Suite 44  
Denver, CO 80220-1338  
(303) 898-5477

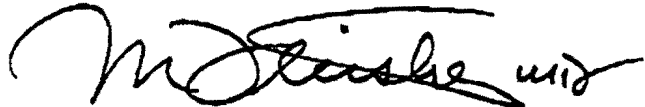
International Foundation for Homeopathy  
2366 Eastlake Ave. East, Suite 301  
Seattle, WA 98102  
(206) 324-8230

American Academy of Medical Acupuncture  
5820 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 500  
Los Angeles, CA 90036  
(213) 937-5514

I would also be personally willing to provide clear, explanatory information on classical homeopathy. I have available a concise, comprehensive, color slide lecture presentation which efficaciously describes the history, philosophy, modern scientific basis, pharmacology, methodology and clinical research supporting homeopathic practice. I would be happy to come to Washington, D.C., to present this introductory lecture before the task force.

Thank you very much for your kind and generous attention to this most vital matter.

Most sincerely yours,



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