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FROM:         Carol H. Rasco  
               Economic and Domestic Policy

SUBJECT:      June 16 dinner

Carol Rasco accepts with pleasure your kind invitation to the dinner on June 16 at 7 p.m. at the Embassy of the Republic of South Africa.

Thank you.



May 19, 1994

Ms. Carol H. Rasco  
Assistant to the President  
for Domestic Policy  
The White House  
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DREW E. ALTMAN, PH.D.  
PRESIDENT

Dear Ms. Rasco,

I am writing to extend a personal invitation to you to join our Board of Trustees and a small number of special guests in conferring the 1994 Nelson Mandela Awards for Health and Human Rights and in celebrating President Mandela's contribution as a universal symbol of the struggle for equal rights. The Awards will be conferred by the Honorable Donna Shalala, a member of the selection committee, and President Nelson Mandela will talk to us via satellite.

This Award, given annually to an American and a South African, was established by the Foundation last year to recognize extraordinary commitment to, and accomplishment in, improving the health of disadvantaged populations in the United States and South Africa. An important purpose of the Award is to establish stronger linkages between the two countries in health. This is the first international award named for Mr. Mandela and he maintains a close personal interest in it.

Each recipient is eligible to nominate for a Foundation grant an organization in their country working for advancement of the objectives of the award. In addition, each recipient is asked to give at least one month to learning about and helping to improve the health of the disadvantaged in the other's country. In this way we hope the award will also provide a means for sharing expertise and further developing connections between the two countries.

I am delighted to inform you that Sylvia Drew Ivie, Executive Director of T.H.E. Clinic for Women in Los Angeles, has been chosen as the American recipient for 1994. The South African recipient will be chosen in the next two weeks by a special committee appointed by President Mandela. Both recipients will be in Washington, D.C. on June 16, 1994 to receive their awards.

Sylvia Drew Ivie graduated from Vassar College and Harvard Law School. For more than 10 years she worked as a civil rights litigator for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, initiating the NAACP's focus on health care access as a civil rights issue. After 12 years as the staff attorney with the National Health Law Program, Sylvia was appointed director of the Office for Civil Rights in the Department of Health and Human Services. She has been executive director of T.H.E. Clinic since 1988. T.H.E. Clinic is located in South Central Los Angeles and has developed a national reputation for innovation in making health services more accessible to culturally diverse, poor and immigrant populations.

I sincerely hope that you will join us to celebrate the extraordinary efforts of the 1994 recipients of the Nelson Mandela Awards for Health and Human Rights.

Sincerely,

  
Drew E. Altman

*Hope you & CAW come!*

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