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Carol H. Rasco
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The White House
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Dear Carol:

I'm glad we had a chance to say hello at the Summit meeting on Friday. Your speech was terrific - warm, personal and inspiring. After twelve long years, it's hard to believe the difference that the Clinton administration has already made in our belief that things can change for the better for the nation's families and young children.

I hope your schedule will allow us to get together next month. I would like at that time to bring you up to date on the Head Start initiative we are undertaking for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and our other activities in maternal and child health, early childhood education and childcare, and integrated services at the community level for poor families and young children.

In the interim, I am enclosing some of our publications which include 5 Million Children, which was the first national publication to focus on young children under the age of six and their parents, and Caring Prescriptions which was released last week. This latter publication is quite relevant to concerns regarding the promise of health care reform for low-income families and children. The report reminds us that the removal of financial barriers alone will not increase access to quality health services. The report describes 11 programs that incorporate attributes of quality child health and support services, and also describes strategies that have been employed to create systems of care for families and young children in poor and underserved communities.

My assistant will call Rosalyn later this month to arrange our meeting at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Judith E. Jones
Director and Associate
Clinical Professor