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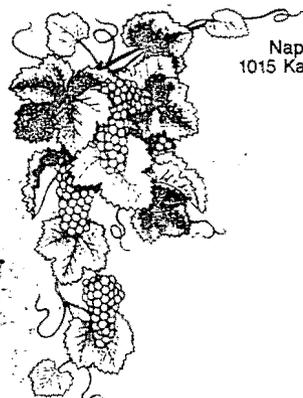
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*President Clinton
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9/20/95

Dear Ms. Rasco,

I Was asked to write to you about changes that I think should happen in the system to help me to do what I want with my life. I was put in the system when I was thirteen, and I will be eighteen in May. I have been to many various hospitals and placements and to two juvenile halls in different counties. I know that I brought on my problems myself but think that the way things where handled where very out of line in some cases.

A good example is when I was at Sunny Hills in 1993 I was placed in juvenile hall for striking one of the staff, The staff had been giving me a bad time and making jokes about my problems for two or three days and he was really trying to provoke me and finally he pushed me to far and problems arose. I know know even though he was trying to set me off I should have dealt with the situation differently. So some of the things I think that should be changed about the system are:

1. Training for the staff so they don't bring in there own personal problems to work with them so they don't take out there frustrations on the clients (We have enough problems to deal with on our own without having them give us a bad time for something we have absolutely no control over.)
2. Staff should not get your hopes up by telling you something they are not sure they can come thru on, like for instance I was told that if I did three months of meeting

my criteria I would be able to be put in a placement and i have been here for six months meeting my criteria and they still insist on keeping me here when I have not given anyone any reason to keep me in a institution.

3. I think that the therapy that people get should be more often and geared more toward one to one therapy because I think that people get more out of that than group stuff especially if they have something really important to say that they would not feel comfortable saying around alot of people but could get out with just one person. I also think that people need to learn to trust each other, because if the trust is not there they will not be talking about anything important.

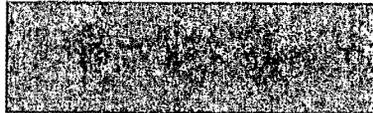
4. I think there should be job opportunities for us to try and get job experience and to have the option of saving money we earn for when we get out in case we need it.

Sincerely,



Dear Ms. Carol Rasco,

When I was 14 yrs. old I was taken from my home. I was brought to a clinic in S.F., from there I went to a group home in the city. I thought that people that work in places like that are supposed to be understanding and very nice. A few of the staff were not understanding and acted like they were too busy to be bothered with me and my problems. After that, I went to another group home in Bayfair. The staff were very good but I didn't get along with some of the kids there. I continued with 3 more group homes and eventually ended up at N.H.S. I feel like I have a second chance now, I had the opportunity to meet a criteria at Mc Grath school and now I am a Napa High student. I feel like I am part of society again and that makes me very happy. When I get out High School , I would like to play professional football.



Letter to president Clinton from



ANGRY AND UPSET

Dear president Clinton how are you , as for me im not to well due to my present situation . I have been in the system for almost 8 months four in Juvenile hall and four in this hospital . I have just started comming to Mcgrath a little over a week ago because the hospital refused my education for two months because of my statist and i really did not appreciate it and now i am way behind in my credits . My reason for writing you may not be what you expected but since your the president your my only hope . I am a penal code patient 1370 and awaiting trial . In this letter i want to bring to your attention about the rights that minors like myself do not have and the treatment we have to endure pysicaly and mentally . Mr Clinton i am not asking for your pity only your understanding i am innocent and i don't deserve this treatment no human being douse im 14 years old and i feel like im 50 .

Im stuck in this mental institution and i have no problems . my family is constantly harrassed by the Vallejo police department every since they put a police dog on me whene i was twelve years old , when this happend their were a lot of racial tension toward me and also i have horrid scares that will last my whole life unless i get plastic surgery witch my mom can not afford . Mr Clinton i would really feel alot better if you could write me back and i know that your very busy with the rest of the world but if you could look into this matter and tell me what you think my moms name  and she wouil be more than willing to talk to you if your ever available . Also i have a oppion about warefare well im running out of time but i want to let you know that i think your a great president and atleast lisiin to what i have to say . THANK YOU FOR YOUR VALUBLE TIME.

sincerely



THANK YOU PRESIDENT CLINTON

9-20-95

I feel that people need to start facing reality more like you can't kill a man by shooting he but you can have abortions (Think About It)

They are teaching us wrong and nothing gets done about it. I feel that what can help me is a secure leader. It seems like the most important thing to people these days is money. What can help me is if people can have love for each other and show the kids how to love and have respect for one another. They have old fashion discipline for their children because the people that think most about themselves are destroying the generation of the children. And feed us garbage.

Hello my name is [REDACTED]

I am 16 years old and scared to death about turning 18. Like where am I going? How am I going to get my education (college).

In my past, like had a very hard life, my dad raped me and both my mom and dad abused me in many different ways.

When I turn 18, I would like to keep going to college, go to Africa and Brazil to the Rastafols.

I would also like a support group which I can go there and have people in the group that went through the ^{SAME} stuff that I went through.

Sincerely [REDACTED]

Support Systems Needed For Young Adults...

Training for Jobs- So the person has the tools for getting a job.

Budgeting Training- To deal with money, buying necessities, and being smart with your money.

Relating with People- Skills needed when dealing with stressful situations, (i.e.-on the job, in the community, and in the home.)

Therapy- For people who may need on-going help in dealing with problems emotionally and mentally. Either in groups or individually.

All of these are supports that could be used by young adults that have been locked up or been incarcerated for a long time. These are some suggestions that I would like to have taken into consideration. Thank you for your time,



Hi I am [REDACTED]

I've been here (at Napa State Hospital) from 1992 to 1995. I'm 17 and my brithday is Oct. 5.

This what I feel about turning 18 years of age. How will I be able to get the following:

- 1) not being able to afford rent&food
- 2)paying for healthcare such as a therapist, dentist and a eye doctor.
- 3) Having assistance in order to set up housing, future plans and continuing my Education.
- 4) Having a support group to help me deal with my daily life.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Things that benefit McCorath School Students upon discharge from Napa State Hospital to a less restrictive environment:

- ① Supportive, secure and disciplined home
- ② Education opportunities customized to each individual's needs
- ③ Out-patient treatment also customized to each individual's needs
- ④ Employment opportunities for individuals that meet employment criteria (good school work, obeying house rules, attending out-patient treatment)
- ⑤ Chances for increased independence through subsidized housing, higher educational assistance, upward mobility in employment and a transition from out-patient treatment to individual ~~copy~~ coping.

While all of these things are currently available in some forms, they are not always regularly, ~~monitored~~ for quality or accurately monitored for quality assurance. Good quality mental health care cost money.

9.20.95

Students ideas for help from the Gov't

- More money,
- More colleges, which are easily accessible and so financial aid.
- More group homes
- more foster homes [that will take us of our age and not hold our records against us]
- a transitional stage from children's wards to adults wards (i.e. when turning 18 - not be thrown to the wolves). Preparatory time to aid help/teach students what to expect.
- Have more vocational and real life training & experiences instead of just reading, writing, arithmetic classes.
- Teach responsibility/manners/respect.
- Stricter schools with better supervision & prevention techniques to lessen violence & gangs.
- Programs for children to be involved with to help keep them out of gangs.
- Children to have more rights and be heard (e.g. believe - "if molested by parent" & not punish the child but punish the perpetrator instead.)

9/21/95

President Bill Clinton,

Hi my name is [REDACTED] and I am in Napa State Hospital and I am writing to you about what we need when we get out of here at the age of 18 years old.

First of all we need a emancipation program or a halfway house. Where you stay for about 2 months and get a job and apt. But I feel they should get more time because it is hard to get every thing together when you just get out of a hospital. I mean you are use to the hospital way and scared of being on your own. And to help them out a little bit more they can go to a program called W.I.C were they give you coupons for food and you can go to Safeway or Lucky and use the coupons there. And if they are coming from a hospital they need to have a therapist to help them out a little with there problem, because every body is not all ways cured but can stay be able to go out in to the real world and survive.

Signed, [REDACTED]

THE WHITE HOUSE

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I often hear from young adults, as I did from you, recommended ways in which the system could be more effective in assisting with the transition process and better prepare you for the "real world." Suggestions always include providing job training, housing and food assistance, financial aid for education, more support groups, and programs for learning things such as social skills and money management. President Clinton and I recognize these needs, and can assure you that we are making every effort to provide you with the tools necessary to succeed in today's world.

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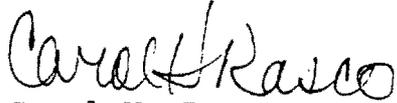
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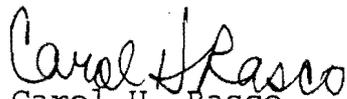
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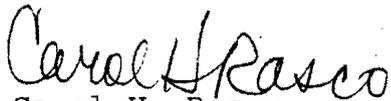
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Dear Friend:

Thank you for writing to me regarding how we can provide better support services for young adults in their transition to independence. I understand that this is a difficult time in your life, and that, without the proper education, training, and support, it will be difficult for you to face the challenges and responsibilities that lay ahead.

I often hear from young adults, as I did from you, recommended ways in which the system could be more effective in assisting with the transition process and better prepare you for the "real world." Suggestions always include providing job training, housing and food assistance, financial aid for education, more support groups, and programs for learning things such as social skills and money management. President Clinton and I recognize these needs, and can assure you that we are making every effort to provide you with the tools necessary to succeed in today's world.

Already, the Clinton Administration has taken several steps to make job training and education available to more young adults such as yourself. We have proposed increased funding for student loans and Pell grants, as well as several programs that increase opportunities for job training and finding work. We have also continued the fight for better health care coverage, so that people can obtain services that are more accessible and affordable.

So many young people, such as yourself, are faced with becoming independent at the age of 18 only to realize that they lack the tools and preparation necessary for such a tremendous step. I appreciate the issues that you have brought to my attention in your letter, and can assure you that the President and I hear your concerns and will continue to do all that we can to help make this period in your life much easier.

Once again, thank you, and the best of luck to you in the future!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol H. Rasco". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Carol H. Rasco
Assistant to the President
for Domestic Policy