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August 26, 1999

Cynthia Rice
Domestic Policy Advisor to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C., 20500

Dear Cynthia:

I had previously invited you to participate in a panel at CRC's 12th national conference on "Valuing the Family on Capitol Hill.

We would like you to speak on welfare reform, access (visitation) grants, the upcoming Fatherhood legislation, and other issues you believe relevant, especially as they affect the two-parent family after divorce.

The panel would be Friday, September 24, at 10 a.m. at the conference site, the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 625 First Street, Historic Alexandria. We hope this time and date would be acceptable to you.

If you drive down the George Washington Parkway, First Street is the last left along the scenic parkway just before you hit the stores and shops in the main area of Alexandria.

We hope that Ron Haskins and Doug Steiger Rice will join you in the panel.

Please complete the enclose form to indicate your acceptance. Thanks, Cynthia.

Regards,

David L. Levy, J.D.
President, CRC

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Deephaven, Minnesota

James Levine
Families and Work Institute
New York, New York

John Money, Ph.D., Professor of
Medical Psychology and Pediatrics
Johns Hopkins University and Hospital
Baltimore, Maryland

1999 Conference Program

Exhibits and Book Store open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(Thurs.-Sat.)

Registration Wednesday 1:30-5:00

Registration starts at 8 a.m., Thurs-Sun

Wednesday September 22

Pre-Conference Workshop

9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Access Counseling Training with Dick Woods, Cost \$60 plus conference registration fee. Includes accreditation as Access Counselor by CRC.

6:00 to 9:00 p.m. CRC Board of Directors and Chapter Heads Meeting. Public invited. Pizza Party.

Conference Program and Presenters Thursday September 23

Special Features: Rep. Nancy Johnson (R-CT), chairman, Human Resources Subcommittee, House Ways and Means Committee (invited)
Wine and Cheese Reception

How the Child Support Office is Becoming Family Friendly--Commissioner David Gray Ross, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS),

* How Lawyers Can Help Children and Families Deal with Loss During and After Divorce--Herman M. Frankel, M.D., pediatrician, educator, author--Oregon.

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International Parental Kidnapping-- Lady Catherine Meyer, wife of the British Ambassador to the United States

How to Obtain Access/Visitation Grants--David Arnaudo, administrator of the \$10 million in annual federal access grants to the states, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, CRC chapter heads administering grants in IL, NY, MD, NE and D.C., and state officials.

Fatherhood Works -- Ron J. Clark, M.P.P. Director, Virginia Fatherhood Campaign

Cease-Fire!--Stopping the Gender War!--Cathy Young, Nationally Syndicated Columnist, author, Cato Institute Fellow

Enhancing Co-Parenting Partnerships in the Family--Neil Tift, M.A., Director, National Resource Center, National Fatherhood Initiative, Washington, D.C.

Friday, September 24

Special Features:

V.I.P. Congressional Breakfast

"Children First" Awards

Media Voices Luncheon

Social Hour--Silent Auction * Banquet

Entertainment: "Kids--Past, Present and

Future" by the Virginia Council on Indians

"Not-So-Silent" Auction by Michael L.

Oddenino, J.D., General Counsel, CRC

Valuing the Family on Capitol Hill -- Ron Haskins, Staff Director, Human Resources Subcommittee, Doug Steiger, Staff Director (Minority), Senate Finance Committee, Cynthia Rice, Domestic Policy Advisor to the President (invited)

Hot New Research About Kids of Divorce--Sanford Braver, Ph.D., author, educator, Arizona State University; John Guidubaldi, Ed.D., researcher, Kent State University, Ohio; Joyce Arditti, Ph.D., Virginia Polytechnical Institute; Mark Rogers, Ph.D., Northwestern University, Illinois; Rick Kuhn, CRC evaluator of research, Washington, D.C.

CRC Issues: Report Card - USA
David L. Levy, J.D., President, CRC

Marriage and Stepfamilies--Scott Browning, Ph.D., clinical psychologist and professor, Chestnut Hill College, Pennsylvania, Stepfamily Association of America

Stepmothers--Jean McBride, M.S., marriage and family therapist and writer, Colorado, Stepfamily Association of America

Educating Parents After Divorce About Divorce--Ann Warshauer, parent educator, Virginia

A Divorced Father's Journey--Serge Prengel, CRC of New York City

Jobs, Not Jail for Unwed Parents--Jeffery Johnson, Ph.D., National Center for Strategic Non-Profit Planning and Community Leadership, Washington, D.C., supported by the Ford and Mott Foundations

"Essentially Dads"-- Sanford Braver, Ph.D., Arizona, John Guidubaldi, Ed.D., Ohio Mark Rogers, Ph.D., Illinois

Saturday, September 25

Special Features:

Meet the Speakers: Breakfast

Authors Luncheon: Sanford Braver, Ph.D.; Peter

Breggin, M.D.; Margorie Engel, Ph.D.; Suzanne

Fields; Richard Gardner, M.D., Elizabeth

Hickey, M.S., Vicki Lansky; Jeffrey Leving,

J.D.; Michael L. Oddenino, J.D.; Kay Pasley,

Ph.D.; Serge Prengel; Philip Stahl, Ph.D.; Dean

Tong, Cathy Young, Herman M. Frankel, M.D.

* The Legal and Social Issues of Psychiatric Diagnosing and Drugging of Children -- Peter Breggin, M.D., psychiatrist, lecturer, author, expert witness

* MCLE 5.5 Credits

The Impact of Divorce on Parents--Sanford Braver, Ph.D.

Divorce Casualties--Douglas Darnall, Ph.D., psychiatrist, educator, author, Ohio

Risky Business-- Dean Tong, author, lecturer, Florida

Dads, Kids and Emotional Development--Jeff Leving, Illinois, Parents Rights Attorney; Mark Rogers, Ph.D., Illinois

How to Present a Court Case--Gerald Solomon and Ron Milko, domestic relations attorneys, Maryland

The Latest Research on Stepfamilies--Kay Pasley, Ed.D., author, professor, University of North Carolina, Stepfamily Association of America

Divorce and Remarriage--Law and Finance, Margorie Engel, Ph.D., Massachusetts, author, lecturer, president of the Stepfamily Association of America

Divorce-- 10 Things Your Mother Never Told You, Vicki Lansky, author, creator of "Koko"--Friend of Divorced Kids, Minnesota

"Hang in There, Dad!"--With Love from Your Daughters, Kathleen Parker, nationally syndicated columnist, Barbara F. Steinberg, Ph.D., psychologist, Virginia and California

What Judges Hear and Think--a Panel of Judges

Sunday, September 26

Special features:

Meet the Hearts of CRC:

President, Board Members, Chapter Heads, Breakfast

Parental Alienation: Revisited and Revised, Richard

A. Gardner, M.D., psychiatrist and author, New Jersey

The Outlook for Kids and Families: Ronald K.

Henry, J.D. Washington, D.C.

Closing Ceremony, 12 noon

Fees

\$150 members before Aug. 31 * \$200 non-members & late registration (Includes 1st yr. Membership)
Annual Membership--\$35 (tax deductible)

A la Carte:

\$25 Workshops & Seminars (no meals Thurs-Sat \$75 but includes coffee breaks)

\$25 Luncheon Tickets Fri-Sat \$50

\$15 Breakfast Tickets Fri-Sun \$45

\$40 Banquet Fri. Evening \$40

\$25 Wine & Cheese Reception Thurs. Evening \$25

TOTAL \$235

Pre-Conference (Wed.):

Access counseling training by Dick Woods & one-year certification by CRC \$60

Bonus:

Free book to the first 100 paid full conference registrants: "A Family Divided" by Robert Mendelson \$25 retail

REGISTRATION

Name _____ Phones: home (____) _____ work (____) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____

Make check payable to Children's Rights Council or CRC Amount \$ _____
Or pay by (circle one) VISA, Mastercard or AMEX
Card No. _____ Send to: CRC Attn: Brenda Finley
Name on card _____ 6767 Forest Hill Ave.
Expiration date _____ Suite 220
Richmond, VA 23225

or Fax this registration form to (804) 272-9006

*Cancellation policy: 75% by August 30 - 50% by September 10

FOR MORE INFORMATION (202) 547-6227

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6767 Forest Hill Ave.
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CEU'S AVAILABLE

The Family Therapy Institute of Washington, D.C. is
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by the American Psychological Association. Nurses,
social workers, and other health professionals may
qualify per state requirements.

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EDT.) and say CRC conference.

From National Airport: The Holiday Inn has a
courtesy shuttle. To have the shuttle pick you up, exit
the terminal and go to the touch screen telephones.
Pick up the phone and push the screen with the
Holiday Inn Logo. You will be connected to the hotel,
and they will send you a courtesy shuttle.

From BWI Airport: The best way to get to the hotel
would be to first get on the train to Union Station (\$4).
Once at Union Station, get on the metro (subway) to
National Airport. Now you can follow the directions
"From National Airport" to get to the hotel. You could
also take a Super Shuttle for \$35 and \$5 for each
additional person. (1-800-BLUE-VAN) You can also
take a taxi (\$50).

From Dulles Airport: Take Dulles Toll Road toward
East Washington D.C. until you see 495 N. Richmond
Alexandria. Take 495 to Route 1 North (You will pass
95 but do not take it - it is just a reference point) Take
Route 1 N. all the way to Duke St. Make a right on
Duke and then a left on Washington Street. After ten
to fifteen blocks you will see 1st Street. Make a right
on 1st St. and the hotel will be the second building on
the left. You can also take a Super Shuttle for \$22 the
first person and \$10 for each additional person (1-800-
BLUE-VAN). Another mode of transportation would
be the Washington Flyer (1-888-washfly) or a taxi
(\$45).

Web-Site Travel Tips

Rental Cars and Airport Info.

For Rental Car Information - Check Breez at:

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Washington Airport Authority Web-Site at:

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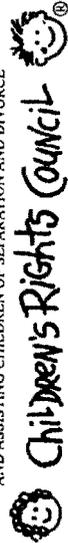
SIGHT-SEEING

Arrive in D.C. early, or stay late (at favorable hotel
rate if booked in advance). There are many free
museums and favorite visiting spots like the new FDR
memorial and the Holocaust Memorial, along with a
free zoo. The Holiday Inn is also two minutes from
sightseeing in Old Town Alexandria. For a long and
detailed tour that includes sites like the White House,
the National Cemetery, and Mt Vernon, sign up for the
Grayline Tour at the front desk of the hotel. \$25 for
adults and \$12 for children.

NOMINATIONS for the 1st Sonny Burmeister Child
Advocacy Award accepted until August 23. Ask for
nomination form from Ed Gadrix, J.D. 404-266-1292

Scholarships: There are scholarships available for the
conference. Just contact CRC at 202-547-6227

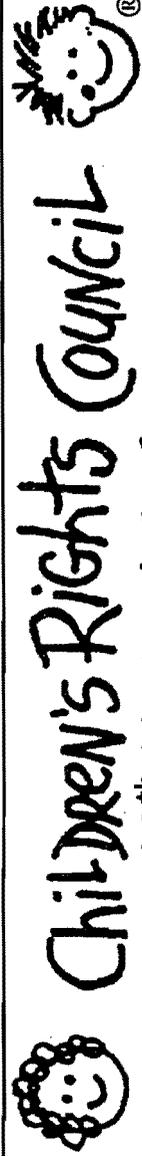
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Dear Friend of CRC,

We are pleased to extend an invitation for you to participate as a presenter in the 1999 Children's Rights Council conference September 23 - 26 in Alexandria, Virginia. Our theme "Putting Children First in the Twenty-First Century" is certainly a timely topic, not only for CRC as a children's advocacy group, but also for our participants to remain focused for the future on our nation's most valuable natural resource: our children.

You are one of many colleagues around the country who, we believe, feel committed to the cultural legacy we wish to create for our children and to the related mission of the Children's Rights Council and its affiliated organizations. Because we have invited presenters who feel, speak and write passionately about issues for children and families, we hope to provide knowledge, to cultivate interaction and to create an opportunity for networking at this conference. Our intention is that everyone receive up-to-date information as well as develop heart-felt connections with others of similar background and focus. Therefore, you will be presenting information to our participants from your respective field and from your specific experience in addition to leading question and answer sessions and round table discussions. In other words, be prepared to roll up your sleeves and be involved in these issues with other presenters and with our participants.

We are enclosing a copy of the recently issued conference flyer and a statement entitled **About CRC** so you can begin to formulate your presentation and your participation around these ideas. In the coming few months prior to the conference opening date, we will be in contact by e-mail and by telephone so we will have a clear idea of the nature of your presentation and so you will understand your responsibility in the overall conference program and, thus, in the creation of an intense, quality experience for everyone. Please return the presenter participation form in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope by June 30.

Since CRC is a non-profit organization, we are unable to provide travel expenses for our contributing presenters. Although registration is not required to present, we are pleased to offer a 50% reduction on the conference registration fee for presenters, which includes all meals and passes to all other presentations and events. Please contact the hotel directly for your room reservations, and take advantage of our official travel agent for economical air fares if you need them.

We anticipate personally welcoming you to the conference and to Virginia in September.

Murray L. Steinberg & Barbara F. Steinberg, Ph.D.

1999 CRC National Conference Coordinators

ABOUT CRC

Since 1985 Children's Rights Council (CRC) has been the voice for children of conflicted, separated, divorced and never married parents. Through its headquarters in Washington D.C. and its chapters in 32 states, CRC advocates for the rights of children to receive guidance, companionship and unconditional love from both parents, both sets of grandparents and all their extended family. We believe that "the best parent for children is both parents," sharing in the responsibilities and duties for safe, healthy development into adulthood.

Prominent professionals in the fields of religion, law, social work, psychology, education, business and government comprise our Board of Directors, our Advisory Panel and our Chapter Heads. Our core membership is comprised of concerned parents, other family members and professionals who have a common desire to protect children from adverse effects of parental conflict or neglect. CRC works to change societal norms and laws and the application thereof, to promote family formation and preservation.

For the child's benefit, CRC favors educating parents in their roles and responsibilities, non-adversarial ways of resolving disputes, and the effects of conflict on their children. We work to demilitarize divorce between parents who are involved in disputes, substituting conciliation and mediation for the adversarial process. When breakups occur, we advocate restructuring the family to provide emotional and financial support for children. CRC works to strengthen fragile families where parents are in conflict, and we favor school and community based programs for children to deal with their special emotional needs.

With your help, we will strive to advance our theme:

"Putting Children First in the Twenty-First Century!"

Children's Rights Council National Conference
Alexandria, Virginia
September 23 - 26, 1999

PRESENTER PARTICIPATION FORM

YOUR NAME (AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR IN THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM)

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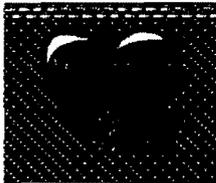
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DAYS I WILL ATTEND THE CONFERENCE:

THURS., SEPT. 23	_____	Political Pundits Presentations
FRI., SEPT. 24	_____	Media/Journalist Luncheon; Banquet
SAT., SEPT. 25	_____	Authors' Luncheon, Book Signing
SUN., SEPT. 26 (Until Noon)	_____	Traditional Closing Ceremony

Please Attach a 50-100 Word Abstract Of Your 45 Minute Presentation For The Conference Program Along With A 50 Word Abstract Of Your Vitae Information

ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU WANT US TO HAVE



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Dear Colleague & Friend of CRC:

Thank you for your participation as a faculty presenter during the approaching CRC national conference Wednesday, September 22 through noon Sunday, September 26 in Alexandria, VA. Your scheduled presentation times are listed on the attached page. Please indicate to me **IN WRITING by September 7** any audio visual needs you have for your presentation. All questions from participants will be given to you in writing rather than submitted spontaneously from the floor so you will have time to formulate cohesive answers to pertinent questions.

Also, there will be some opportunities for you to meet with small groups of participants and other faculty in a round table format during the conference which will give us all more contact and network possibilities. Sign up sheets and instructions for round tables will be available at registration and/or through Barbara.

The Conference Book Store will be open Thursday through Saturday from 8:00-5:00 and will be locked at night. Someone will continually monitor the room and assist with sales. If you wish to make your publications available for purchase at the conference, especially after the Authors' Luncheon and Book Signing event on Saturday, please make shipping arrangements to the CRC office where staff will handle the stocking and distribution. (202) 547-6227

Please remember that you are required to register as a conference participant but at a 50% rate (\$100.00) which pays the cost of your meals. Registration is handled at the following address:

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In addition, lodging reservations are made directly with the hotel, and just mention CRC to receive the conference group rate of \$89.00 for single or double occupancy.

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Finally, airline reservations can be made through The Travel Store 1-800-235-0356, 9:00-5:00 weekdays, 9:00-1:00 Saturdays (EDT). Also mention the CRC conference. The hotel provides a courtesy shuttle from National Airport. If you fly into Baltimore-Washington International (BWI) or Dulles International (IAD), you will have to arrange for ground transportation.

If you encounter ANY difficulties or problems regarding your participation and presentation between now and the conference, please feel free to call. We will be at home to return a telephone call, FAX or e-mail from September 1 until Tuesday, September 21 when we will be checking into the hotel for the conference.

We look forward to an intense, empowering conference that will revitalize us all with fresh ideas, relevant information and heartfelt connections.

Sincerely,

Murray & Barbara
Murray & Barbara Steinberg
CRC Conference Coordinators

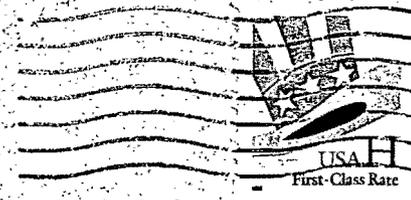
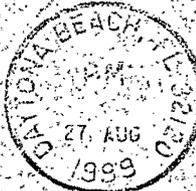
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