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Jim - this letter
came over from HRC
and must be answered
ASAP. Could you please
get the appropriate
people in your group
to call both Phil Corbey ^{(202) 346-3141}
AND Clifford Stromberg ⁽²⁰²⁾?
Thank you! Please let
me know the outcome.
r6406 - Susannah

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March 31, 1993

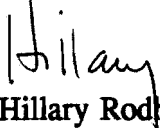
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Dear Phil:

I appreciate your calling to my attention the comment by Bill Mauk, as reported in the *New York Times*. Your comments regarding defensive medicine and the references to the ABA's *Talking Points on Medical Malpractice* are helpful, and I have passed along a copy of your letter to the Task Force. We are grateful for your views and for your continuing support in this tremendous endeavor.

Again, thank you for writing and especially for keeping alert to the ongoing dialogue as we seek solutions to this incredibly complex issue.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

Be sure someone from the
Task Force calls him &
Cliff Stromberg an atty in
D.C. to get input

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Hillary:

Your letter of March 5, 1993, is very much appreciated. It is consoling to know that you are aware of the American Bar Association's interest in any scrutiny given by your Task Force to the medical negligence liability factor.

I write to you, now, concerning a report in the media that Mr. Bill Mauk, an executive of John Alden Life Insurance Company, has given your Task Force concerning defensive medicine. Specifically, the New York Times reported that Mr. Mauk informed your Task Force that:

PHYSICIANS DO THINGS NOT BECAUSE THEY
KNOW THEY ARE EFFECTIVE, BUT BECAUSE
THEY KNOW THEY MIGHT BE CHALLENGED
LATER ON.

I, again, refer you to the American Bar Association's *Talking Points on Medical Malpractice* (enclosed). The observations on "Defensive Medicine" are on pages 2, 3 and 4 of this document. On page 3, we stated:

To the extent that physicians' concern about liability results in more conscientious medical care, then "defensive medicine" is certainly desirable. When the fear of tort liability deters medical injuries, then health care costs are lowered by avoiding the costs associated with medical injury. Thus, if liability concerns are a deterrent, statutory provisions that relieve physicians of concern regarding negligent practices can actually result in an increase of health care cost.

Specifically, we do not believe that competent doctors supply their patients with treatment and procedures to which the patient is not entitled in the exercise of ordinary care by the doctor.

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We believe that a doctor who does give care and does prescribe treatment that is not needed provides medical attention which, in and of itself, is malpractice. Of course, this type of malpractice does not often result in damage; but, if a procedure that was not needed injures a patient, few could conclude that the doctor's negligence was not responsible for the injury.

We also point out there is no agreement as to what is meant by *defensive medicine*, and we make the controversial suggestion on page 3 that *defensive medicine* is certainly desirable.

Again, I respectfully inquire into the opportunity of giving you a more elaborate version of the American Bar Association's recommendations on medical negligence liability.

The American Bar Association President J. Michael McWilliams, ABA President-Elect R. William Ide, III, and the ABA Working Group on Health Care Reform Chairman Clifford D. Stromberg are all equipped to give you support in your quest for health care reform.

Thank you for any opportunity that may be afforded us.

Sincerely,



PHILIP H. CORBOY

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. J. Michael McWilliams
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August 1993

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Washington, DC	2 Mtg w/Sec. Reich Farmer Mtg	3	4	5	6 Lunch w/Molly Raiser [T]	7
9:00 am Inner-Office Mtgs						Washington, DC
8	9 AHA Event - Orlando, FL	10 CINC Dinner w/ The President	11	12 Pope Event- Denver, CO	13 Roemer Fundraiser w/ The President	14 Opening Night- Bolshoi Ballet
Washington, DC	9:00 am Inner-Office Mtgs			Vail, CO		
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15	16 NGA-Tulsa, OK	17	18	19 BC's Birthday	20	21
Arkansas			Wyoming			
22 Kelly's B-Day	23 Patti's B-Day	24	25	26	27 Rtn To Washington, DC	28
Wyoming						Washington, DC
29	30 Interfaith Bfkt (T)	31				
Washington, DC	9:00 am Inner-Office Mtgs					

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September 1993

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5	6 **Labor Day**	7	8	9 Kennedy Ctr Dinner	10	11 Washington, Dc	
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12 Washington, DC	13 MET Gallery Opening (T) Sesame Street (T)	14	15	16	17 Sabo Event, MN Mayo Clinic (T)	18	
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