

11/11/1985 Visit to Sitka with Princess of Wales,
Mr. Page Perry (Dad)

CA 12/1/84

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Here are rewards for
Straight inc. In case you
want prepaid cards. You
usually speak w/o cards at
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probably not say anything but
thanks.
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Mrs. Reagan's Speech

STRAIGHT

Washington, D.C.

November , 1985

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Open dialogue between parent and child is not always easy. We've all had communications gaps. There's a saying that about the time a child realizes his parents were right, he has children who think he's wrong. But underneath everything, there's that rush of your pulse, that fast heartbeat--knowing you love each other.

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But she opened her eyes again. She saw her mother. They cried. And together, they began that path towards recovery. It

can be a lonely path when you walk alone. You're lucky to have your parents. And the parents are lucky to still have you. No matter how bad things get, no matter how horrible or embarrassing--remember one thing--your parents are always there for you and willing to try again.

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There's an old song which talks about a child and his mother--but it applies to fathers too. Some of it went:

Just like a wandering sparrow,
One lonely soul.
I walked the straightened arrow,
to reach my goal.

For the world may call you failure,
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Mr Kenneth Barun
Office of the First Lady
The White House Office
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
WASHINGTON DC 20500

Your reference

Our reference

Date

8 July 1985

Dear Ken

Thank you very much for your help over the reconnaissance visit to "Straight" in preparation for the November visit by Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales.

I look forward to future contacts with you over the visit.

*Yours sincerely
Sarah Gillett*

Sarah Gillett

BRITISH EMBASSY

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28 October 1985

Ms Wendy Webber
White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Wendy,

I enclose a copy of the press advisory which we shall issue at our press briefing on Friday 8 November. Subject to any changes at our meeting on 31 October we shall go to press immediately thereafter.

Yours sincerely,
R A Burns

R A Burns
Counsellor (Information)

cc. Ken Barun - White House
Page Peary - Straight
John Hughes - Embassy

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3 April 1986

Mr Ken Barun
White House
Washington DC

Dear Ken,

You sent over the enclosed photographs which had been taken at Straight during the visit of the Princess of Wales last November.

The question was whether we would have any problem in some of them being released to Straight for their own internal use given that their own photographer had failed them.

I have been in touch with Buckingham Palace and confirm that there is no problem about this. Those photographs marked with a red tick on the back are the ones which were picked out by a representative of Straight and were the ones which we successfully cleared with the Palace.

Yours ever,

Andrew

R A Burns
Counsellor (Information)



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date : 31 October 1985
To : Sarah Gillett, Third Secretary, Chancery
British Embassy
3100 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.
From : Ken Barun, Director of Projects and Policy
Office of the First Lady
Subject : First Ladies Conference on Drug Abuse at the
United Nations

Sarah, I thought the best way to give you information on the First Ladies Conference was to send you a booklet on the program itself along with the statements of the First Ladies who attended the conference.

Basically the conference, as was our first in April of this year, was a mother to mother event. Mrs. Reagan felt that the conferences should address the problem of drug abuse as a social phenomena rather than a political one. Both of the conferences were resounding successes and many of the first ladies returned to their countries to begin programs of their own similar to what is being done in the U.S.

The First Ladies who attended the U.N. function spent the morning listening to experts discuss prevention, treatment, and issues revolving around drug abuse. They also heard from three young people, one from Germany, one from New York, and one from London discuss their involvement and experiences with drug abuse.

Following the morning session all of the First Ladies participated in a working luncheon to share ideas and opinions about the topic of substance abuse. There were 31 First Ladies in attendance including Mrs. Reagan and Mrs. Peres de Cuellar, wife of the Secretary General of the U.N.

The first conference was held for two days in April in which seventeen first ladies attended. The program was similar in nature although the conference was held at the White House on one day and then in Atlanta, Georgia the next where the ladies participated in a conference on drug abuse in that city.

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STRAIGHT

September 12, 1985

DIRECTOR - WASHINGTON
Page Peary

Mr. Ken Barun
The White House
East Wing, Room 213
Washington, DC. 20500

Dear Mr. Barun:

We appreciate your interest in Straight and your questions regarding the lawsuit filed by Fred Collins against Straight. The surface issues in the Collins suit were fairly straight forward:

- * Fred Collins was a 19 year old, male adult and a resident of Virginia who, for a period of about six months, was a client in our St. Petersburg, Florida facility. He, along with his brother, George, enrolled in Straight at the insistence of his parents.
- * When the Washington Straight program opened in 1982, Fred and his brother, George, were transferred to Washington along with the other young people from that area. They lived in their own home.
- * Fred ran away from his own home, contacted an attorney, and filed a lawsuit making three allegations: that Straight had physically abused him; that Straight had psychologically abused him; and that Straight had illegally detained him.
- * A trial was held in Federal Court in Virginia. The jury found that: Straight had not physically abused Fred Collins; Straight had not psychologically abused Fred Collins; Straight had illegally detained him (this, in spite of the fact that his family testified on our behalf).

The obvious question then arises, why did this happen?

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In analyzing the court's findings, we draw the following conclusions: since Straight is a treatment program primarily for minors, we had not adequately developed a system to insure the due process rights of adults when we decided to admit adults; and documentation (an all important issue in court) was inadequate in the illegal detention charge.

We corrected both of these deficiencies immediately and consider the Collins case, although painful and embarrassing, a lesson which we, like hospitals, schools and mental health facilities before us, had to learn the hard way. We have learned it.

I sincerely hope this is helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Page Peary".

Page Peary
Program Director

PP/pb

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

OF GREATER WASHINGTON, INC

File

August 5, 1985

Mr. Ken Barun
Director of Projects
Office of the First Lady
East Wing, Room 213
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ken:

Thank you for bringing the Smithers Foundation to our attention. We are interested in finding out more about them.

I enclose a copy of the piece in the New York Post which made me think of you and your possible duties! Let me know if I can be of any assistance at any time.

Best,

Haida

Haida S. Sale
Vice President for
Public Affairs

enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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PRINCESS
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Memo

Date : 7 June 1985

To : JSR

From : KB

Subject : Straight, Inc. meeting

Jim, I called Page Peary, local director of Straight.

Their open family and kids meetings are held on Friday nights. Their are approximately 5-700 people there.

We can have front row seats and no pre session briefings are necessary. If you contact your British people let me know when you wish to do this.