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President Bill Clinton, The White House, Washington.

Dear Bill,

I am very sorry that I missed you at Cal Tech. I had already arranged to give a popular lecture in Cupertino that day and there was no way I could cancel without great upset. I heard that you mentioned me as an example of what handicapped people can achieve and it is this that I am writing to you about.

I gather that the Medicare programme is currently reviewing its policy on providing augmentative communication devices. I would arge you to use your influence to ensure that those in need, like I was, can be given such devices.

Give my best wishes to Hillary in her New York race.

Yours sincerely,

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