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Mr. George C. White
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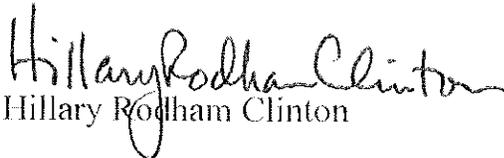
Dear Mr. White:

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations on the 20th anniversary of the exchange program between the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center and the Moscow Art Theater School. The program that you worked so hard to establish and maintain over the years is a model for Russian-American cooperation in education and the arts, as well as an incredible opportunity for our young people to get to know the culture and people of Russia.

The hundreds of American students who have participated in the exchange program have gained valuable skills from masterful instructors and made connections with their Russian peers. I understand that program alumni have returned to Russia to continue their education and have even started an English-language production company in Moscow. The program remains popular and competitive, which speaks volumes about the exceptional instruction the students receive at the Moscow Art Theater School and the outstanding support they get from the O'Neill Center. This is an excellent example of public diplomacy in action, and I cannot thank you enough for the efforts you have made in this arena.

Thank you for all you have done to promote mutual understanding between Russia and the United States, and I wish the program many more years of continued success.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton