

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

PROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*
SUBJECT: Clairol Loving Care Scholarship
Program Rising Star Award

The Director of the Clairol Rising Star Awards and Scholarship Program has asked Linda Chavez to nominate a "rising star." Such "stars" must be women who "made a change in their lives" after 30 and thereby "made a significant contribution to their field" (presumably the field they entered, not the one they left). If chosen, a "star" receives a \$1000 grant, and a \$1000 scholarship is given in the star's name to a student in the same field.

Chavez would like to nominate her deputy, Linda Arey, who left schoolteaching at age 30 to enter law school, became an Assistant Dean at Richmond Law School, and encouraged many former homemakers to enter law school and become lawyers. Arey served at Education, Justice, and Transportation before coming to the White House. Arey has asked that her \$1000 grant be used for another scholarship if she is chosen.

I have no objection to permitting Chavez to make a nomination, or to Arey permitting her name to be submitted. Arey's nomination is based on her personal accomplishments, not her government service, and government service does not bar one from consideration for awards based on such accomplishment. Arey's decision to donate the \$1000 award is a nice but unnecessary gesture -- I think she could keep it if she so desired. In sum, the official positions of Chavez and Arey are incidental to this whole issue: Chavez was asked for a nomination as a successful woman, not as a White House official, and Arey was chosen as a successful woman, not a White House official. Some might question whether encouraging homemakers to become lawyers contributes to the common good, but I suppose that is for the judges to decide.

Attachment

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