

AUGUST 26 WOMEN'S RIGHTS CONFERENCE
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5620 Woodmont St.,
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Mr. Arthur Fletcher,
Assistant Secretary for Workplace Standards Administration,
U.S. Department of Labor,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

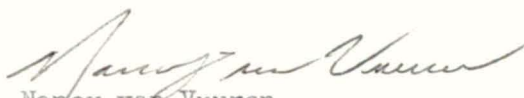
On behalf of the Women's Rights Conference I thank you for your meaningful participation in the Conference. We have now formed the Conference Continuation Committee which will attempt to implement the resolutions passed at the Conference.

A main resolution was support for your request to obtain much larger appropriations for the Wage and Hours Division, the Women's Bureau, OFCC, and EEOC, and also enforcement powers for EEOC. Would you, or a member of your staff, recommend to us the most effective ways for gaining the funds? Since you are in close touch with the problems and with the workings of Congress, you can undoubtedly help us to expedite the procedures.

I also want to clarify briefly the episode regarding your interview about the Black Construction Workers. We are in complete support of the Black Construction Workers, and many active feminists were maced and arrested last fall. What you might have done is to discuss the need to open the unions even further to apprentice black and white women, since this was the subject of the "day," and you know as well as we know, that the news media will ignore women whenever possible, and you were giving them the means.

Please let me know if you had any expenses involved in your participating in the Conference which are not covered by the Government. We cannot give you the honorarium until we have all our expenses, and I am concerned that even then the honorarium may be very small. But all of us at the Conference do want you to know how much we appreciated your coming and your participating. And we hope we can work closely together to make ours a Government for the people, all the people, women and men, black and white, old and young.

Yours sincerely,


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