

## A Letter from Alan Reich to Bill Clinton

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VIA MESSENGER

The Honorable William J. Clinton  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

You will be pleased to know that the Rendezvous with Destiny Campaign, co-chaired by N.O.D. Chairman Michael Deland and FDR granddaughter Anne Roosevelt, has exceeded its fundraising goal for the FDR wheelchair statue at the Memorial. This success resulted from the good efforts of people with and without disabilities across the country. And we carried out an intensive lobbying effort to secure the \$3 million in federal funding needed by the National Park Service for construction of the room in which the statue will be located.

As I stated to you the last time we met, I hope very much that you will be able to dedicate the statue during your term of office. We are planning to invite individuals who have contributed from \$1 to \$1 million (this was our good friend Peter Kovler!) to join us on the occasion of the dedication. Since the scheduling of the completion will be tight, I write now to request respectfully that you allow time in your schedule in early 2001 for the dedication when we hope the statue and room containing it will be completed.

You have stood by us since N.O.D. initiated this wheelchair addition in 1996, and it will be most fitting that you dedicate it. All of us at the National Organization on Disability, our partner organizations, and the many Roosevelt family members who joined with us and who have worked so hard to correct the omission of the FDR wheelchair are eager to have this noble effort completed by you for future generations!

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Alan A. Reich

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President

Enclosure

P.S. Please find enclosed a copy of today's press release announcing the successful completion of our Rendezvous with Destiny Campaign.

cc: The Honorable Bruce Babbitt

It's ability, not disability, that counts.

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