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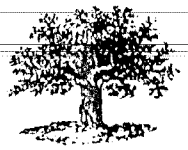

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January 19, 2006

Senator John Edwards
The Center for Promise and Opportunity
1001 G Street NW
Suite 400 West-A
Washington, DC 20001

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check attached

Dear Senator Edwards:

I am pleased to enclose on behalf of Rachel L. Mellon (Mrs. Paul Mellon) a check of Oak Spring Farms, LLC in the amount of $500,000, payable to The Center for Promise and Opportunity Foundation. Mrs. Mellon was very much impressed with your initiative to enable deserving high school students, who could not otherwise do so, to obtain a college education. She wishes the Foundation every success in achieving this mission.

Sincerely,

Alexander D. Forger

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OAK SPRING FARMS, LLC

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OUR REF. NO.	YOUR INVOICE NO.	INVOICE DATE	INVOICE AMOUNT	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNT TAKEN	NET CHECK AMOUNT
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OAK SPRING FARMS, LLC
C/O THE ESSEX HOUSE
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CHECK DATE	CONTROL NUMBER	AMOUNT
1/18/2006	064022	$500,000.00

PAY Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100---------- US Dollars

TO THE ORDER OF
THE CENTER FOR PROMISE AND
OPPORTUNITY FOUNDATION
1001 G ST. NW- SUITE400 WEST-A
WASHINGTON, DC 20001
United States

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