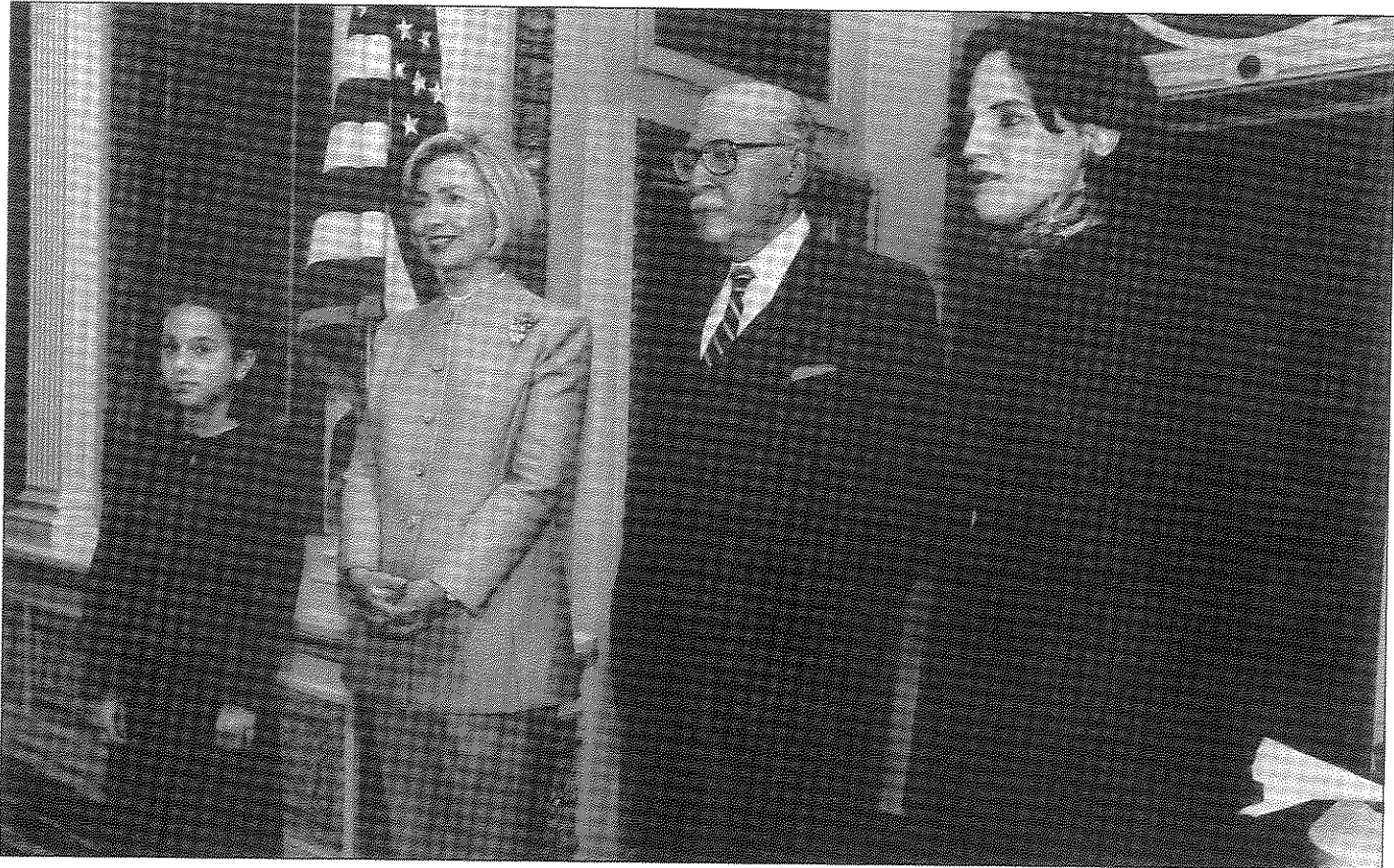


Dr. Laila Al-Marayati expressed admiration for the first lady's commitment to serve the helpless, particularly children, and with that gave the gentle but direct reminder not to forget Palestinian, Bosnian, and Iraqi children.



Lina Alfi, First Lady Mrs . Clinton, Dr. Hassan Hathout and Dr. Laila Al-Marayati

hounds, and the psyche of sharks aroused by the slightest suspicion of the scent of blood. But we made it, Mrs. Clinton, and here we are, in the White House.” He also said “that the inclusion and welcoming of all citizens of all backgrounds into the fold of the united plurality that constitutes this country is a noble cause and a service to God and country. It resonates with God’s saying in the Quran: “You humankind, we created you from a male and female, and made you into nations and tribes

that you might get to know and cherish one another.” What a beautiful prescription for societies afflicted with division upon religious, racial or color tensions.

As we come today to celebrate Eid, we are just emerging from the conclusion of our our month- long exercise in soul purification and self control, again, values that are painfully lacking in modern times, infecting our current civilization with the germs of its own destruction. We American

Muslims are bent on reclaiming for our country, and through it to the world, those vital values. To this end we shall collaborate with all who heed human decency, especially the followers of our sister monotheistic Abrahamic religions of Christianity and Judaism. To us, the three are the last links in a long chain proceeding from God. In the Quran, God addresses us: “The same religion He enjoined upon you as the one He enjoined on Noah, and this (Quran) sent down to you, and that He enjoined