

referred to and pictured in the two of the above." She mentioned the articles and the television programs. "This dear child has been through enough emotional trauma by the unrest and get-even strife. Only God knows the heartache over the unrest caused at intervals. I could not believe the untruths told by the paternal grandmother in these articles. And then there is the ugly truth in this case that mothers do not like to talk about. And then there is the innocent child's thoughts, but then the child has no rights. Let us grandparents in this particular case not put the child through any more stress. Please give serious concern to the credibility of any adult appointed to contact persons in such a movement. My prayer and plea is for the rights of innocent children dragged through the court decisions because of adults. The life of a child, emotional and physical, is very fragile. So let us, as grandparents, politicians, and journalists looking for a story, tread so as not to cause any more unnecessary complications and trauma. Stress put on an innocent child by such is unforgivable." That letter was written in 1984. There had been another letter written to the Pelikans by this grandmother in 1984 asking that they not continue this. Then there was a cover letter to me. And the reason I am doing this, I had not mentioned to you all another level of conflict that is between the paternal and maternal grandparents. It is not just the grandparents and the parents of the child but the grandparents are at war and Senator Lowell Johnson knew this and he didn't bring it out when he read his bill to us. "Dear Mr. Chambers: I am Rachael's maternal grandmother. Rachael was born in 1976 and her parents were divorced in 1977 and there has been nothing but problems with the Pelikans since. Mrs. Pelikan was not denied the right to see Rachael on our side. As far as I know, the visitation of Rachael to the Pelikans is up to their son. There may also be reasons that Rachael does not want to visit. But Mrs. Pelikan has seen the child each summer since Rachael moved to Oklahoma. Rachael emotionally can only tolerate a short time with her father and grandparents. I do not like Rachael used as a 'tearjerker method' by the founder and state leader, Mrs. Pelikan. Hostile and vindictive motives can be well hidden. Please give concern to the credibility of any adult appointed to contact persons in such a movement as grandparents' rights. Let us grandparents, politicians and news media personnel tread so as not to cause any more unnecessary complications and trauma in the lives of the innocent.