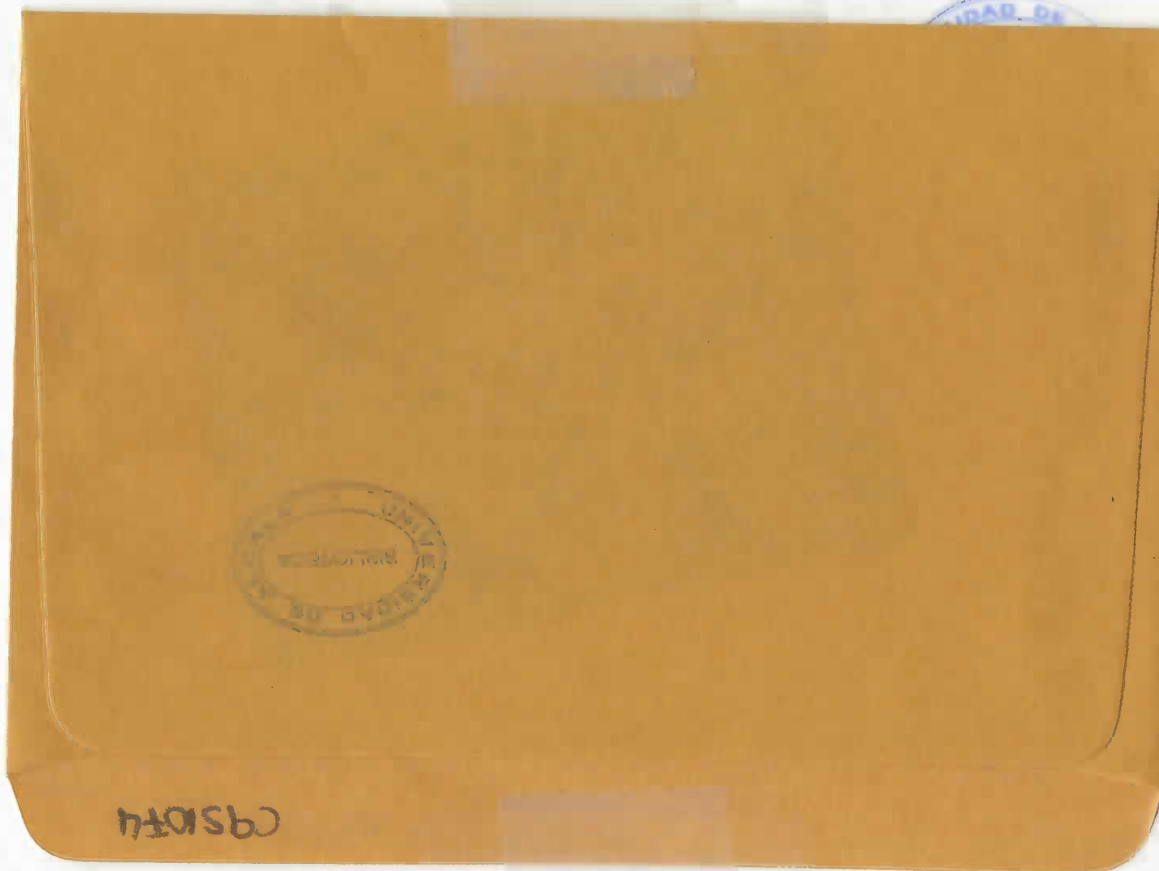


SENATORIAL ASPIRANTS -- The advance of women in American politics is apparent as the two leading candidates for the U.S. Senate from the state of Maryland, Barbara Mikulski (left) and Linda Chavez, clasp hands prior to a televised campaign debate at a studio in Washington. Mikulski, currently a member of the House of Representatives, is the Democratic Party candidate and Chavez is the Republican Party candidate.

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