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MESSAGE:

I thought you would like to see the outcome of the visit to the Dominican Republic. The AID Mission in Santo Domingo helped the Sosa Foundation translate their idea into a real benefit for the health of that community.

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August 25, 1999, Wednesday, PM cycle

SECTION: Sports News

LENGTH: 206 words

HEADLINE: Sosa opens medical center for children in Dominican Republic

DATELINE: CHICAGO

BODY:

Poor parents in the Dominican Republic now have a place to take their children for medical care, thanks to Sammy Sosa.

The Sammy Sosa Children's Medical Center for Preventive Medicine opened Tuesday in his hometown of San Pedro de Macoris, the Chicago Cubs' slugger said. Sosa, his charitable foundation and the Dominican government hope to open four or five more clinics throughout the country.

"I remember when I was back home in the streets. People helped me and gave me money to give to my mother," said Sosa, who sold oranges and shined shoes as a boy to help support his family. "Now I have the opportunity to give back."

While there are many hospitals in the Dominican Republic, Sosa said most are private.

"This is something that's going to be open for people that don't have money or anything to take care of their little kids," he said. "It is open for all the poor people."

The center hopes to immunize 100,000 children a year. It also includes a pharmacy that will provide local residents with free medicine.

The center is being run in conjunction with the Dominican Republic's health department, the U.S. Agency for International Development and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

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SUBJECT: FIRST LADY'S VISIT TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 5790

1. SUMMARY: FIRST LADY HILLARY CLINTON VISITED THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC NOVEMBER 19 - 21, HOLDING HIGHLY EFFECTIVE MEETINGS WITH DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, NGO LEADERS AND COMMON CITIZENS, AND RECEIVING EXTENSIVE POSITIVE MEDIA ATTENTION. SHE MET WITH PRESIDENT LEONEL FERNANDEZ AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, ENGAGED IN DISCUSSION WITH CIVIL SOCIETY LEADERS ON DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTION BUILDING, AND MET ORDINARY DOMINICANS AT A VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER, A PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL AND A CHILDRENS' CARE CENTER. THE FIRST LADY SAW DAMAGE CAUSED BY HURRICANE GEORGES AND ANNOUNCED AN ADDITIONAL \$14.2 MILLION IN FOOD, HOUSING AND CHILD HEALTH ASSISTANCE. THE VISIT STRONGLY SUPPORTED USG GOALS OF PROMOTING DEMOCRATIC REFORMS AND STRENGTHENING THE RULE OF LAW, AND DEMONSTRATED THE FIRST LADY'S CONCERN FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, MICROENTERPRISE BUILDING, AND ASSISTING THE DOMINICAN ECONOMY AND PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THE HURRICANE. END SUMMARY.

POLITICAL ISSUES

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2. AT THE NATIONAL PALACE ON NOVEMBER 20 MRS. CLINTON MET WITH PRESIDENT FERNANDEZ FOR 45 MINUTES (SEE SANTO DOMINGO 5790) AND THEN WAS INTRODUCED AT A RECEPTION TO CABINET MEMBERS AND SENIOR EXECUTIVE, JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCH MEMBERS, INCLUDING OPPOSITION PRD PARTY SENATORS AND PRESIDENTIAL PRE-CANDIDATES MILAGROS ORTIZ BOSCH AND JORGE ABINADER. (LINDA--I NEED OBSERVATIONS ON THE MEETING WITH FERNANDEZ) IN HER PUBLIC REMARKS SHE PRAISED THE DR'S EVOLVING DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND SAID THE USG SOUGHT TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO THE

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DEVELOPING DEMOCRACIES IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE DR THAT HAD BEEN DEVASTATED BY HURRICANES MITCH AND GEORGES. THIS ENCOUNTER AND ALL HER OTHER STOPS RECEIVED EXTENSIVE TV AND PRESS COVERAGE, UNDER HEADLINES STRESSING HER SUPPORT FOR THE CO-EQUAL BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT UNDER THE DOMINICAN CONSTITUTION.

3. AT THE PONTIFICAL CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY MADRE Y MAESTRA SHE PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY IN A LIVELY ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION OF DEMOCRATIC INITIATIVES. FOUR DOMINICAN LEADERS REPRESENTING WOMEN'S AND GRASSROOTS NGOS, A MAJOR FOUNDATION INVOLVED IN EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR REFORM AND MODERNIZATION OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM (CRMJ) MADE SHORT PRESENTATIONS. THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR STRESSED THE NEED TO INCULCATE DEMOCRATIC CULTURE AT AN EARLY AGE, THE IMPORTANCE OF CIVIC EDUCATION AMONG ADULTS, AND THE NEED TO ADDRESS THE ALMOST EPIDEMIC LEVELS OF VIOLENCE TOWARDS WOMEN IN THE D.R. THE ONE GODR REPRESENTATIVE, CRMJ DIRECTOR AURA CELESTE FERNANDEZ, DELIVERED A POINTED CRITIQUE OF THE CURENT POLITICAL IMPASSE OVER THE ROLE OF THE CENTRAL ELECTORAL BOARD (JCE) IN REMARKS WIDELY INTERPRETED AS AIMED AT THE GOVERNMENT: "WE STILL NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE ONLY GUARANTEE OF A GOVERNABLE DEMOCRACY IS THAT THOSE INDEPENDENT POWERS MUST COOPERATE AMONG THEMSELVES WITH MUTUAL RESPECT, WITOUT CREATING CONTINUAL CRISES. . . " THIS WAS MET WITH RINGING APPLAUSE, AS WAS MRS. CLINTON'S RESPONSE STRESSING THE NEED FOR COMPROMISE AND CONSENSUS BUILDING BY A DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT. THE FIRST LADY ALSO VOICED USG SUPPORT FOR FREE ELECTIONS, A FREE MARKET ECONOMY THAT ENCOURAGES ENREPRENEURIAL SKILLS, AND CIVIL SOCIETY'S IMPORTANT ROLE IN MONITORING ELECTIONS, EDUCATING THE PUBLIC, STIMULATING PARTICIPATION BY BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, AND STRENGTHENING THE RULE OF LAW. SHE SPECIFICALLY SUPPORTED DOMINICAN INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THE CENTRAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION (JCE) AND JUDICIARY. SHE ALSO CALLED FOR GREATER PARTICIPATION AND EMPOWERMENT, HEALTH SERVICES AND CIVIC EDUCATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS.

COMMON FOLK

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4. AT ANOTHER STOP ON NOVEMBER 20, MRS. CLINTON VISITED A VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER AND SPOKE WITH WOMEN AND MEN LEARNING A VARIETY OF SKILLS INCLUDING SEWING, FABRIC CUTTING, CAKE DECORATION, TYPING AND LITERACY AND HAIRDRESSING. SHE TRAVELLED BY MOTORCADE TO SAN PEDRO DE MACORIS, 40 MILES FROM SANTO DOMINGO, TO TOUR THE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL, A CRUMBLING 50 YEAR-OLD STRUCTURE BADLY DAMAGED BY HURRICANE GEORGES AND VIRTUALLY REBUILT BY NEW YORK CITY'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. THE TRANSFORMED HOSPITAL IS THE ONLY GOVERNMENT MEDICAL FACILITY SERVING THE 800,000 PEOPLE IN THE EASTERN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, AND RECEIVES 15 TO 30 WOMEN IN LABOR DAILY. THE NEW YORK CITY CREW CHIEF DELIVERED STIRRING REMARKS PRAISING THE SPIRIT OF THE DOMINICAN PEOPLE, AND

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THE FIRST LADY USED THE OCCASION TO ANNOUNCE AN ADDITIONAL \$14.2 MILLION IN USG ASSISTANCE FOR HURRICANE RELIEF, INCLUDING FOOD AID, HOUSING CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, AND \$6 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM FUNDING FOR CLEAN WATER AND MEDICAL CARE. TRAVELLING ON THROUGH THE HURRICANE DEVASTATED EASTERN REGION, THE FIRST LADY ENDED HER DAY WITH A VISIT TO LA ROMANA AND THE CHILDREN'S HOME (HOGAR DEL NINO), WHERE SHE WAS ENTHUSIASTICALLY GREETED BY 300 DAY CARE CHILDREN RANGING FROM INFANTS TO 12 YEAR-
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OLDS. IN BOTH SAN PEDRO DE MACORIS AND LA ROMANA HER MOTORCADE DREW LARGE AND CHEERING CROWDS.

5. AT A PRIVATE OVERNIGHT STOP IN PUNTA CANA, MRS. CLINTON WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT A DINNER OFFERED BY OSCAR DE LA RENTA THAT INCLUDED PRESIDENT FERNANDEZ, FOREIGN MINISTER EDUARDO LATORRE AND OTHER PROMINENT DOMINICANS. THE FIRST LADY HAD AMPLE TIME FOR CONVERSATION WITH THE PRESIDENT.

POSITIVE PRESS

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6. THE PRESS AND TELEVISION HEADLINED HER SUPPORT FOR DOMINICAN INSTITUTIONS: "HILLARY CLINTON ASKS THE D.R. TO STRENGTHEN JUSTICE AND THE JCE"; "HILLARY EXPECTS CONSENSUS"; "HILLARY CLINTON SAYS U.S. RECOGNIZES EFFORTS TO REFORM JUSTICE". THE NOVEMBER 21 EDITORIAL IN THE ESTABLISHMENT DAILY LISTIN DIARIO AGREED WITH MRS. CLINTON'S REFERENCE TO THE URGENT NEED FOR DOMINICAN POLITICAL PARTIES TO REACH AN AGREEMENT. THE WEEKLY MAGAZINE RUMBO NOTED THAT "HER REMARKS ABOUT WHAT IS DESIRABLE FOR DOMINICAN DEMOCRACY WILL PROBABLY CAUSE DEEP ANGER AMONG THOSE WHO, PLAYING WITH FIRE, TRY TO LEAD THE COUNTRY DOWN UNCERTAIN PATHS." HER SURE TOUCH WITH ORDINARY DOMINICANS AND HER HAPPY IDENTIFICATION WITH SAMMY SOSA (WITH WHOM SHE SHARED THE HOSPITAL PLATFORM IN SAN PEDRO) AND THE CHICAGO CUBS WON HER APPLAUSE AND APPRECIATIVE LAUGHTER AT THE NATIONAL PALACE AND ELSEWHERE. FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, THE FIRST LADY'S VISIT WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS FOR USG INTERESTS HERE, AND PROJECTED OUR SUPPORT FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS HERE AND OUR CONCERN FOR DOMINICANS AFFECTED BY THE HURRICANE.

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