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3 pm Wheels down in Knoxville
3:15 pm OPEN ARRIVAL
4 pm Children's Defense Fund
 Haley Farm
6ish Wheels up from Knoxville
 [Flight Time: 1 hour and 10 min]
xxx pm Wheels down in Washington, Dc
Ron Washington, DC

Saturday, March 20, 1999

Scheduler: Wendy Arends

Prev Ron Washington, DC
4 pm Wheels up from Washington, DC
 [Flight Time: Approx. 6 hours and 20 min +5]
3:20 am Wheels down in Shannon, Ireland
3:20 to REFEUL
4:50 am
Ron Aircraft

Sunday, March 21, 1999

Scheduler: Wendy Arends

Prev Ron Aircraft
4:50 am Wheels up from Shannon
 [Flight Time: 4 hours and 55 min +2]
9:45 am Wheels down in Cairo, Egypt
10:30-12:30 pm DOWN TIME
1 pm Islamic Cairo
 Options:
 Cairo Museum
 Salah Talai Mosque
 Sabil Nafisa Bayda
 Mosque of Ibn Barquq
 Bab Zuweila Gate
Ron Cairo, Egypt

Monday, March 22, 1999

Scheduler: Wendy Arends

Prev Ron Cairo, Egypt

9 am New Horizons Program
 --USAID sponsored
 --Girls Education
 --Video Project

11 - noon Islamic Cairo
 Options:
 -- Salah Talai Mosque
 -- Sabil Nafisa Bayda
 -- Mosque of Ibn Barquq
 -- Bab Zuweila Gate
 -- Cairo Museum

12:30 pm Lunch w/Mrs. Mubarek

2:30 pm Surgery Hospital Ribbon Cutting
 --Mother/Child Clinic / Announcement of Healthy
 Babies money

3:30 pm Coptic Cairo

 Options:
 -- Hanging Church
 -- Synagogue

5 - 6:30 pm Down Time

7 pm Courtesy Call w/Mubarek

7:45 pm Government Hosted Dinner

Ron Cairo, Egypt

Tuesday, March 23, 1999

Scheduler: Wendy Arends

Prev Ron Cairo, Egypt

9:30 am Embassy Event

10:30 am Micro-Credit Event
 Souk
 -- USAID Sponsored
 -- Loans range from \$100 to \$7,000

noon Speech

*Tolerance
Civil Society*

Announcement

American University

1:30 pm Wheels up from Cairo
 [Flight Time: 1 hour]

2:30 pm Wheels down in Luxor

3 -6 pm DOWN TIME

7 pm Dinner at Temple of Karnak w/Archeologists
 --reknowned archeologists from around the world
 who are doing work in Luxor

Ron Luxor

*Remarks on
culture*

Wednesday, March 24, 1999

Scheduler: Wendy Arends

Prev Ron Luxor

8 - noon Tour Valley of Kings/Queens

12:30 pm Lunch/Briefing Chicago House
 -- partnered w/University of Chicago
 -- Largest U.S. presence in Egypt
 -- huge preservation

2 - 5 pm Tour Luxor Temple and Karnak Temple

Ron Luxor

Thursday, March 25, 1999

Scheduler: Wendy Arends

Prev Ron Luxor

9 am Health Clinic
 --USAID announcements of Family Planning \$
 -- Women's Club
 -- Ribbon Cutting

10:15 am Democracy School
 -- School Elections
 -- Democracy and Peace Education
 -- Privately funded

11:30 am Wheels up from Luxor
 [Flight Time: 3 hours and 40 minutes -1]

2:10 pm Wheels down in Tunis, Tunisia

3 pm ENDA

4:30 pm Women's Roundtable
 Ambassador's Residence

6:30-7:30 pm DOWN TIME

8 pm Courtesy Call

8:30 pm Government Hosted Reception

Ron Tunis

Friday, March 26, 1999
Scheduler: Wendy Arends

Prev Ron Tunis

9 am National Solidarity Fund

11 am Wheels up from Tunis
 [Flight Time: 30 min]

11:30 am Wheels down in Monastir

noon Family Planning clinic
 --training for developing countries

1:15 am Mosque

2:45 am Roman Collesium

4:15 pm Wheels up from Monastir
 [Flight Time: 30 min]

4:45 pm Wheels down in Tunis

6 pm Women's Speech

Ron Tunis

Saturday, March 27, 1999
Scheduler: Wendy Arends/Evan Ryan

Prev Ron Tunis

8:30 am Carthage Ruins

9:30 am Wreath Laying

10 am American School

11 am	Wheels up from Tunis [2 hours and 50 min-1]
12:50 pm	Wheels down in Errachidia
1:30 pm	Rural School - Rich
3:15 pm	Health Clinic - Siffa <i>Rescue Corps</i>
4:45 pm	Wreath Laying - Rissani
6:30 pm	Down in desert
Ron	Desert

Sunday, March 28, 1999

Scheduler: Evan Ryan

Prev Ron	Desert
xxx am	Sunrise and Bfkt at desert
xxx	Wheels up from Errachidia [Flight Time: 1 hour]
xxx	Wheels down in Marrakesh
xxx	Hike
Ron	Marrakesh

Monday, March 29, 1999

Scheduler: Evan Ryan

Prev Ron	Marrakesh
9 am	Wheels up from Marrakesh [Flight Time: 30 min]
9:30 am	Wheels down in Ouarazazate, Morocco
10:45 am	Rural Village - Tasselmante <i>Rfiw</i>
1 pm	Tour of Kasbeh
3 pm	Wheels up from Ouarazazate, [Flight Time: 30 min]
3:30 pm	Wheels down in Marrakesh
5:30 pm	Speech on Tolerance
Ron	Marrakesh

Tuesday, March 30, 199

Scheduler: Evan Ryan

Prev Ron Marrakesh

10 am Women's Roundtable

11:30 am Orphanage --
 -- sponsored by King

1 pm Lunch -- TBD

3 pm USAID Housing Program
 -- hand out deeds to community members

Ron Marrakesh

Wednesday, March 31, 1999

Scheduler: Evan Ryan

Prev Ron Marrakesh

10 - noon Cultural Touring
 -- Minbar
 -- Mosque

1 pm Education Speech

2 pm Corporate Reception

3 pm Wheels up from Marakesh
 [Flight Time:

~~xxx pm Wheels down in Algeria - TENTATIVE~~

~~xxx pm Wheels up from Algeria~~
~~[Flight Time~~

xxx pm Wheels down in Marakesh

Ron Marrakesh/Fez

Thursday, April 1 1999

Scheduler: Evan Ryan

Prev Ron Marrakesh/Fez

8 am Wheels up from Marrakesh

	[Flight time: 1 hour]
9 am	Wheels down in Fes
10 am	USAID Maternity Hospital
11-12:30 pm	DOWN TIME
1 pm	NGO Roundtable
3:15 pm	Al Akhawayn University King's Executive Business Center
5 pm	Wheels up from Fes [Flight Time: 30 min]
5:30 pm	Wheels down in Rabat
6 pm	Meeting w/Prime Minister
7 pm	Meeting w/King
8 pm	Pvt. Dinner w/King Medina
Ron	Rabat or come home

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1st word in Qara
"Ikra" = read
Woman led the
armies
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- Egyptia

Prayer

Egypt

NGO's - democracy seen as a
way for women to express
themselves.

Law 32 - restricts independence
of NGOs -
- pushing for more openness

Girls Education -

- don't have birth certificates →
can't get degrees
↳ so they can
marry them
early

women at vanguard of change

- Frightens/threatens nations
- Fundamentalist backlash

- Democracy

- using fundamentalist threat as

excuse

- must use energies of civil
society to balance fundamentalists

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Tunisia

- in political repression
Party used as political apparatus
- women's legal status excellent
 - similar to former Soviet Union
 - women don't know their legal rights
- "pluralism and tolerance of other views" - not democracy
- Differences enrich culture.

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WASHINGTON

Morocco

- NGO's + govt working together
- high unemployment, over population
- no govt family planning programs
- maternal mortality big issue
- civil society very vibrant
 - few restrictions on NGO development
- women's organizations very involved

FAX MESSAGE *egypt / NA office***TO: Ms. Brenda Costello**
456-2239**FROM: Ronald L. Schlicher****Phone: 647-4679****Subject: Policy Issues - FLOTUS Visit to Egypt, Tunisia and Morocco****Date: March 8, 1999****Number of Pages, including this cover sheet: 5****Message:**

POLICY ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN A FLOTUS VISIT TO EGYPT, TUNISIA, AND MOROCCO

Visits by the First Lady to Egypt, Tunisia, and Morocco will burnish our relationships with these longstanding allies, and will send positive broader messages to the Arab and Islamic world about our openness toward Islam, our concern for women's and children's, and our support for the development of civil society and expanded political participation.

Showcasing Bilateral Ties:

Egypt, Morocco, and Tunisia all are states with whom the U.S. historically has enjoyed strong relations, but all three relationships will benefit immensely from a FLOTUS visit. During the trip, we will mark the twentieth anniversary of the signing of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty -- still the bedrock of Middle East peace efforts -- and the beginning of a strategic relationship with Egypt that has paid enormous dividends for peace and stability in the region. The FLOTUS visit celebrates this relationship, and gives it a positive human dimension showcasing how American assistance has done much to improve the lives of average Egyptians, especially women and children. In Tunisia and Morocco, a FLOTUS visit will help reverse a perception -- which has existed since the fall of the Soviet Union, whose regional influence both countries strongly opposed -- that we have neglected our bilateral ties in terms of high-level visits and other tangible signs of partnership..

Broader Themes on U.S. Values:

Openness to Islam: A basic critique voiced by our foes in the Islamic world is that we are innately hostile to Islam as a faith and as a political culture. This critique is the radicals' version of the so-called Huntington "clash of civilizations" thesis, and serves as one of the underpinnings of the more general accusation that the USG employs a "double standard" in its policy toward the Middle East. Unfortunately, these misperceptions of USG attitudes recently have gained currency in the Arab world through invidious comparisons of our determination to force Iraqi compliance with Security Council resolutions with our understanding of the factors that inhibit full implementation of the Wye River agreement between Israel and the Palestinians. The First Lady, during her South Asia trip and in her recent post-Ramadan gathering, already has done much to blunt the anti-Islamic theme, and a visit to these three moderate Islamic states which highlights our openness to Islam and our appreciation of their basic tolerant approach to religion and cross-confessional relations would be timely and valuable.

Women's Rights, Civil Society: The combined population of the states to be visited totals almost one-half the population of the Arab world, so the messages that FLOTUS conveys will resonate strongly throughout the entire region. The visit is an excellent opportunity to relay the value that we place -- and in many instances the direct assistance

role that we have played -- on women's rights, girls' education, and health care for women and children. Tunisia is in the vanguard of women's rights in the Arab world, while both Egypt and Morocco have substantial classes of professional and activist women who are vital parts of their nations' efforts to build civil society institutions and networks that address their peoples' problems -- the efforts of Egyptians women's NGO's in battling FGM are a good case in point.. Many of these groups also are fostering the concept -- which the region needs to hear more of -- that women's rights and most versions of Islamic practice are compatible. Women's organizations and civil society more generally will all benefit from a FLOTUS visit that salutes their work.

Support for Democracy and Human Rights: Obviously, there are clear limits on political activity in all three countries to be visited. That said, a FLOTUS visit can boost the positive developments underway in Morocco and cite them as an example whose success is deeply important to the region as a whole. In Egypt, the first ten years of Mubarak's tenure was marked by a loosening up of the political system, but progress stalled at the beginning of this decade under the twin challenges posed by the terrorist threat and the feared social dislocations of structural economic reform; a significant degree of freedom of expression exists, but the government looks askance at political activity that it deems potentially threatening. In Tunisia, the government is making some moves toward expanded political participation (for example, guaranteeing that opposition parties will hold at least 20% of the seats in the parliament). but limits on freedom of expression and political organization are much tighter than either internal or external threats would warrant.

In Morocco, King Hassan remains very much in charge, but in March 1998 appointed Abderrahmane Youssoufi, an opposition figure who had once been sentenced to death by Hassan, as Prime Minister. Youssoufi leads a government dedicated to increased transparency, accountability, and respect for human rights. Observers throughout the Arab world are watching the Youssoufi "experiment" closely, to see whether, if ultimately successful, it might serve as a model for expanded political participation -- and of a secular instead of Islamist flavor -- throughout the region. With the regional aspect in mind, it is important that we endorse the King's bravery and vision, as well as the reformist agenda of the government. A FLOTUS visit is an ideal opportunity to send these messages throughout the region.

Cairo, February 25, 1999

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The First Lady's Speechwriters

FROM: Ambassador Daniel C. Kurtzer

SUBJECT: Themes for the First Lady's Major Speech
in Egypt

We have received your request for background materials related to Egypt, and are assembling a package to be sent to you by Friday, 26 February. As the schedule begins to come together, we will provide additional materials keyed to the sites the First Lady plans to visit. Meanwhile, I wanted to provide some general input on the overall themes that we believe it would be most beneficial to pursue in a major address in Cairo.

Several themes in the First Lady's recent speeches are of particular relevance to Egypt, in particular her focus on how to deal constructively with the challenges of globalization and the corresponding need to strengthen civil society. The "**three-legged stool**" metaphor employed in Prague and at Davos by the First Lady -- government, economy, and civil society -- is an excellent point of departure for a speech in Egypt. The emphasis we recommend is that we and Egypt share common values and interests, and that as partners we both benefit from a rich **dialogue** on how to deal constructively with globalization, and take advantage of the opportunities inherent in a vibrant civil society.

Egyptians are ambivalent about **globalization**. While there is general acceptance of the need to move their economy from a state-dominated to a private-sector driven system, the transformation began in earnest only in the beginning of the nineties and is not complete. Because Egypt is not nearly as integrated into the world economy as is Brazil or Thailand, it has avoided some of the shocks caused by rapid movement of short-term capital. However, the economy is not growing quickly enough to address the needs of a population of 65 million with an annual population increase of 2.1 percent. In addition, the benefits so far of liberalizing and privatizing appear to be going primarily to a small segment of the population.

Egypt needs to be congratulated on efforts to date and encouraged to continue economic reforms to reap the benefits of integration into the global system. Egyptians, however, also need to believe that the international financial system is not stacked against them and that we understand that

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these changes are not sustainable if the poor are left behind. Our large assistance program offers many examples of how we are helping Egypt to improve basic services and move into the global economy at the same time. (We will provide some AID "stories" under separate cover. We will also send a copy of President Mubarak's speech at Davos, which reflects the ambivalence about globalization and Egypt's "gradualist" approach.)

Like economic development, Egypt's social development has lagged behind world standards. In particular, **civil society** is underdeveloped in Egypt, but there is some good news. The **International Conference on Population and Development** in 1994 in Cairo gave NGOs a major boost in Egypt. There is still a debate, however, about their proper role, and legislation has been pending for some time that would permit them to operate without undue restriction. While it would not be useful for the First Lady to comment on specific legislation, it would be good for her to point to the constructive role of Egyptian NGOs working in such areas as girls education, eradication of female genital mutilation, and serving the poorest of the poor. Talking about the good work of NGOs may also be the most effective way to encourage religious tolerance--pointing to Coptic and Muslim NGOs that serve members of both communities, for example.

(Note on FGM: We need to be sensitive to the dangers of politicizing the Egyptian effort to eradicate FGM. Although we support the efforts of the Health Ministry, NGOs, and others, we avoid publicizing our role so as to not undermine local actors. We recommend the First Lady praise Egyptian initiatives and leaders in this area.)

Other Themes

The First Lady's involvement with the **Muslims in America** has been very well received in Cairo. It is seen as a genuine and consistent effort from the beginning of the Administration. It would be very beneficial to talk about what the First Lady has learned from her outreach to this community, and this could be portrayed effectively in very personal terms. A discussion of the **importance of religion** in her life and her interactions with Muslims in the United States would get at issues of religious tolerance and provide convincing evidence that Islam is not the enemy of the West. We recommend avoiding platitudinous language describing "U.S. respect for Islam" -- the examples of reaching out to and inclusion of Muslims are much more effective. Description of the First Lady's interaction with American Muslims might also be a good place to include references to Chelsea Clinton. Personal reflections about **family**, including her inclusion of her daughter in outreach to the Muslim community, would resonate well.

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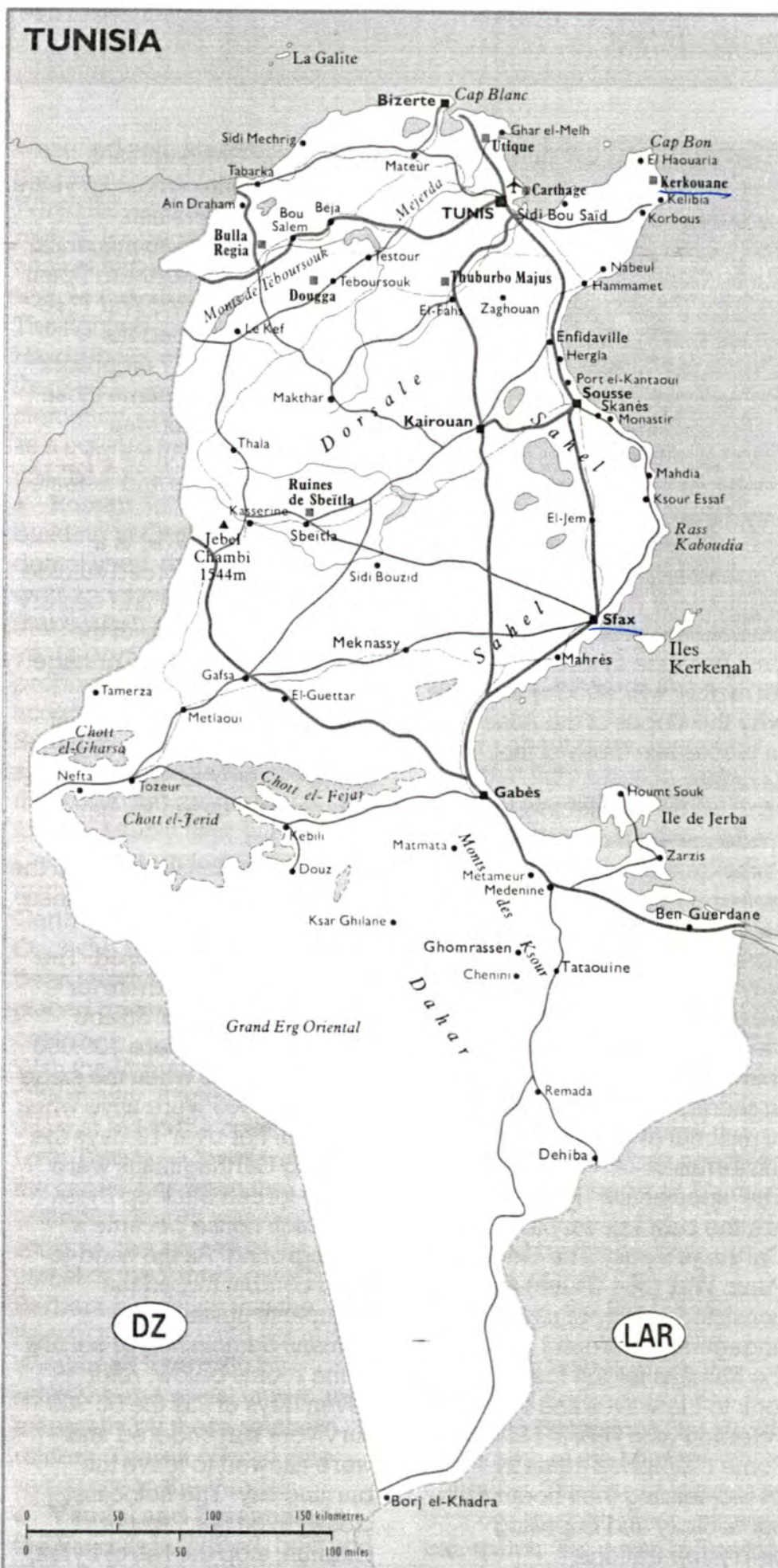
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February 5, 1999

The following are ideas and background information that may be helpful for the First Lady's forthcoming trip to be used in addition to the schedule outlined by NEA.

Potential Sites to Visit

- **Mohammad V University - Rabat, Morocco**
Possible site for the roundtable discussion on women's issues. The university is distinguished as Morocco's oldest and most respected liberal arts faculty in Rabat. There is a women's studies steering committee, formed in 1994 to promote research on women's issues, sponsor lectures and initiate courses.
- **Hassan II Mosque - Rabat, Morocco**
The gift of a nation to its sovereign on the occasion of his 60th birthday in 1989, it was inaugurated in 1993. It is the tallest religious building in the world, beating the Great Pyramid of Cheops by 98 feet and St. Peter's by 131 feet.
- **American Legation Museum - Tangiers, Morocco**
Opened on July 4, 1976, this museum retraces the history of the relationship between the United States and Morocco. Since Morocco was one of the countries to recognize U.S. independence, the U.S. established its legation in Tangier in 1821. The mission of the museum is the fostering American-Moroccan understanding.
- **Ouarzazate, Morocco**
Amideast director, Sue Beret recommended this as a potential site visit to encourage education for rural girls.
- **Fatimid Shrine - Cairo, Egypt**
There are several shrines for women in Cairo, including that of Zainab, Nafisa and Ruqaiyya, which commemorate the lives of these important Muslim women. Many believers visit the shrine to offer prayers and receive blessings. Non-believers are allowed to enter.

The following women are well-known for their work in promoting women's rights and advocating change for women within their countries in fields as diverse as academia, politics, literature and film.

Morocco

Dr. Fouzia Rhissassi

The first woman to hold the position of Dean at a Moroccan university. She was recently invited to participate in a conference held in Austin, TX. entitled "Women of the Book: The Changing Face of Feminism in Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Her presentation was titled "Teaching Women's Studies in an Islamic Context." She is the presently the Dean at Kenitra University.

Tunisia

Dr. Lilia Labadi

Professor of Anthropology and Clinical Psychology at the University of Tunia. She is a practicing clinical psychologist with a Doctorat D'Etat in anthropology and a Doctorat in psychology. She has also worked at UNICEF, the Ministry of Public Health in Tunisia and the African Development Bank and has done extensive work in the field of women's history and women's rights. She was selected as the 1998 Visiting Scholar for the Middle East Association.

Mufidha Tletlie

The acclaimed director of the film "Silences of the Palaces." Her film which underscored the restrictions for women received the Toronto International Film Festival's "International Critics' Award" for 1994.

Egypt

Women in Memory Forum

Founded by Hoda al-Sadda, Umaina Abu Bakr, Sumaiya Ramadaan, Hala Kama, Iman Babers. This is a group which considers the paradox of women as they are left out of the shaping of the written historical record, but are considered the primary retainers of collective memory, particularly through oral traditions. Recognizing this position, their goals are twofold: first, to correct past mistakes and insert the women's perspective into the writing of history, and second, to utilize the responsibility of women to advantage. They recently held a two-day conference in Cairo last October which celebrated women's biography. They are also rewriting Arabic fairytales from a women's perspective and holding public performances, which have been well-attended.

Ateeyat al-Abnoudi

Well-known Cairean filmmaker who recently produced "Days of Democracy." Other film credits include the acclaimed film "Permissible Dreams" and "Mud Horse."

Regional Suggestion:

Visit to Amideast offices in Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt to promote and strengthen our support for these regional branches. Encourage women to be sent to the United States for higher education.

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Morocco / Tunisia / Egypt

Esyet - micro enterprise, women's health

Tunisia - forefront of women's equality in region

Morocco - active NGO sector + women's organizations

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PRESERVATION

Nancy Fri. + Sat.

- Jocelyn - Minton's etc.
67910

- Nicole

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- Danielle
69700

- PSB

- Holbrook 9:00 invite time

- Yes take

- Julie - no letter

- Vanessa W. 65285

- Com. Lardin will call

✓ Creative Landscaping

re: Firewood 301-983-3413

✓ Steve Naplan 69247

✓ Whitney re: NY

✓ Maureen 62721

✓ Suzy - mtg? Apt. Slw Xmas + NY Years

- Pauline → looking for sat. NY Times

- Judy Lowe

- Rob Malley mtg? (Kathy 69121)

Reception - following
speech

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The Hon. D.T. ^{edu}
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MEMORANDUM
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TO:

Katey

☐ YOU WERE CALLED BY— ☐ YOU WERE VISITED BY—

Cathy Cox - Tony Verstandig

OF (Organization)

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☐ PLEASE PHONE (Enter area code, if necessary)

641-7170

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☐ WILL CALL AGAIN

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MESSAGE

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PROPOSED USAID IDEAS FOR FLOTUS VISIT

In the four USAID countries to be covered in this visit, USAID has micro-credit programs in each location, girls' education programs in Egypt and Morocco, and women's empowerment issues in the Palestinian territories and Egypt.

EGYPT

Luxor

1. Support for the appointment of women as judges would be advanced through a meeting with prominent Egyptian female lawyers and legal officers, possibly together with key Egyptian (male) judges. Egypt is on the cusp of appointing women as judges, but needs encouragement to do so; having female judges is critical to the judiciary's understanding the perspective of the women before it; and as a lawyer Mrs. Clinton is uniquely qualified in this area.

Background to idea: Egypt does not appoint any women to either the regular judiciary or to the State Council (administrative law) judiciary (also the body from which Ministry legal advisors are usually drawn), although there is no legal impediment to doing to. The leading candidate for appointment as next head of the administrative prosecution is female, but opposition has been expressed based on her gender. Many other Arab countries, however, including conservative Sudan and Yemen, as well as Morocco, Tunisia, Lebanon, Jordan, and Syria, have a number of female judges.

There is currently a great deal of activity in support of appointing women as judges. For instance, a conference has just been held, under Mrs. Mubarak's patronage, on the role of women in the judiciary in other Arab countries, to build support for their appointment to the Egyptian judiciary. Mrs. Clinton's meeting with female legal leaders (both private lawyers and women in the GOE) would express support for appointment of women as judges, as well as for a larger role for women in other parts of the GOE legal establishment.

The arguments raised against the appointment of women as judges generally are (a) primarily, that they're too emotional and not tough enough to deal with the necessary sordid matters; (b) the regular judiciary is transferred from region to region from time to time (note-State Council judges are not); and (c) occasionally strictures of Islamic law are cited. On the last point, however, it should be noted that both Sudan and Yemen, which are much more conservative countries, have female judges, and many commentators state that the issue is one of interpretation of Islamic law, not immutable principles of Islamic law.

FLM?
Family?
Planning?
Mrs. Mubarak's
Children's
Center.
Religious
tolerance.
Get
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Islamic
law

2. Girls education (including literacy training for female adolescents). ~~This~~ could be considered the principal focus or centerpiece for the visit -- a well-timed, natural follow-up to the Washington conference. Moreover, Mrs. Mubarak would certainly want to introduce Mrs. Clinton to one of the one-room schools supported under her initiative. Its importance relates to the broad returns to society it produces in terms of healthier families, greater family income and greater political participation. Note: MCH would be a subset of girls education, not a main theme.

3. Political empowerment/voter registration. Few Egyptian women vote because they can't register without an ID card and most women don't have a birth certificate or other official ID. USAID funded PVOs/NGOs are helping mothers secure official ID cards to help them access project funds. Those cards also allow the mothers to go on to register -- a very interesting link.

4. Women in micro-enterprise would be a good complement to girls education and political empowerment. It is also an important part of the USAID strategy for employment generation. While the Cairo Businessmen's Foundation doesn't have an aggressive women's enterprise section ala Assiut, the pool of women-owned businesses getting loans from the Cairo Foundation is large.

JORDAN

*QIZ - Industrial zone - all women workers
Israel/Jordan*

Women's concerns and micro-credit would be the two issues to emphasize in any visit to Jordan; female education and children would be lower down on the priority list as far as a visit to Jordan is concerned.

Micro-Credit

MENA - Business Women's Assoc.

Micro-credit is an important element in USAID's program. Save the Children has been involved in this for awhile, and the Cooperative Housing Foundation (CHF) is just being launched in the southern part of the country. The Save program is focused entirely on women, and CHF will certainly benefit them. One advantage of a CHF program is that it could be part of a broader trip to the south, including Petra.

Women's Issues

Queen Ali Fund

HRH Princess Basma (sister to the King) and HM Queen Noor follow WID issues closely, with Princess Basma showing special interest in the political and legal position of women in Jordan. She is also interested in networking with other Arab women to advance the political, economic and social status of women in this part of the world. In addition, the Jordanian National

*Family
Planning*

Committee for Women is working on proposing/changing laws that advance women's rights.

Among other things, USAID activities include work with the Princess Basma Women's Resource Center (PBWRC). USAID has also funded the development of a Women's Reference Center in Amman for the General Federation of Jordan Woman, an organization founded by Queen Noor.

Children

USAID is not heavily involved in specific programs for children, though the "well baby" clinics in the Comprehensive Post Partum Centers do provide health education on keeping children healthy. The Queen is interested in children's issues. She has formulated a "Task Force For Children," which is not very active due to funding shortfalls.

Female Education

Female literacy rates in Jordan are already very high and no donor organization is working specifically on formal education for girls (FYI: UNICEF in Jordan concentrates on early childhood development issues, including staff development, learning tools and toys to upgrade preschools and kindergartens, etc.). The 1994 census showed that the illiteracy rate for women 15 years and older is 21 percent, down from 24.4 percent in 1991. There is virtually no difference between enrollments for boys and girls in elementary school (98 percent reach grade five) and high school (54 percent reach high school) in Jordan.

WEST BANK/GAZA

In the West Bank and Gaza Strip, USAID can highlight an expanding micro-credit program through SC and the banks. SCF's program is targeted totally towards women.

A VERY big issue right now is the increasing pressure being put on women's groups, particularly the civil society groups, by Hamas. The struggle has turned into a vociferous struggle with threats of violence against the women. We are directly affected by the nervousness of these groups as USAID grantees (they are afraid that an association with USG will exacerbate the reaction to them). However, we are working with them in a very low key way to help with their struggle for women's rights. So far, the PA and PLC seem to be afraid to deal with this issue although the women have a few defenders. But, if Mrs. Clinton really comes here, she might be able to engage on the issue. This is very political though and State will have a view.

-civil society
-health, education

-Girls Education-

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- micro credit
- environment

- women's groups
- Peace Corps
- Operation Smile
- civil society / NGO's

MOROCCO - opposition government

Morocco's new government has pronounced its commitment to continued democratization and civil society development, while the U.S.G. has declared its commitment to establishing a "new bilateral relationship." A FLOTUS visit to Morocco in itself would signal the new/renewed relationship; a visit focused on our girls' education, micro-credit (with over 30% of recipients being female), and perhaps public/private partnerships would underline support for GOM's agenda.

religious
tolerance
civil
society

Israel - Host - Jerusalem

- Rabin Medical Center
- Pioneer women
- Amer. Intl School

- trafficking?
- health care
- Nazareth / Galilee?
(stop in Safed)
or Tiberias

Gaza / West Bank

- Gaza - refugee camp
- mosque?
- Save the Children (microenterprise)

Tunisia

- solid economic performance (strong woman. bus. Assoc.)
UNITO
- Kairouan?

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Katy —

*Many thanks for the
meeting — and especially
the trip!*

*I am working on a
more comprehensive memo
but to respond to a question,
the names of the head
of the Tunisian business-
women's organization is:*

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Industrialists & Traders
(UTICA)*

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mtg - wed. pm
- NSC, State, AID
- Judith Barnett

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other possibilities:

- Yemen - least westernized. Different, less developed. No high-level visits.
- Kuwait - only country in Gulf where women can vote. U.S. v. popular
- Syria (Damascus) - close to Amman + Tel Aviv. Beautiful + historic, but v. little civic activity

Palestinian Areas - institution building

- microcredit

- 1 day in Gaza (no POW)
- mt. w/ Arafat

- civic forum

- refugee camp (Gaza or West Bank)

- orphanage

- POW - Ramla, Bethlehem, Jericho

Egypt

- Luxor

- Family planning, girls education

Israel

- Tel Aviv? Galilee?

Jordan - econ. empowerment

- Amman - women's conference, Women's Bvs. Assoc.

Morocco

Tunisia

- Religious tolerance - women, family planning

Noel Al-Sadawi
Author
"The Hidden Face of Eve"

- Middle East

- Tunisia → some human rights issues.
- best record on women's rights

- Morocco -

- Islam speech? Civil society, pol. participation

- Egypt

- solid women's organizations

- microcredit?

- Luxor? would be v. popular

- problems with NGOs

- ~~Palestine~~ Palestinian territories

(not Palestine) low in Bethlehem?

- A2D projects
- Gaza

- NDI has done gd. work - democracy building

"Civic Forum" - discussions on democracy

- bad economic repercussions w/

peace process. Economic hopelessness,

- Israel

- Mayor of Jerusalem v. difficult

- Habassah, HIPPY

- talk to Sarah

- Jordan

- Noor will be v. hospitable

- women's economic issues / conf.

- Algeria?

- bring victims to U.S. for treatment?

- invite women to other conferences

- Lebanon?

- travel restrictions lifted

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May 7, 1998

MEMORANDUM TO EVAN

FROM: Noa
RE: Possible issues and NGOs of interest in Israel

I've highlighted five categories of issues that I think might be of interest to HRC during her trip to Israel. These organizations address issues of direct internal concern to Israeli society, they do not address issues related to the peace process.

SHATIL: CAPACITY-BUILDING CENTER FOR SOCIAL-CHANGE ORGANIZATIONS

- *****Core Activities:***** Supports hands-on assistance to non-profit/non-governmental organizations in organizational development, advocacy, media, public relations, and fundraising.
- **Assistance to Ethiopian Immigrant Organizations:** Provides workshops for Ethiopian immigrants to strengthen their understanding and navigation of the government bureaucracy, and improve access to housing, education, and employment opportunities. Provides assistance to national and local organizations of Ethiopian immigrants and helps them build organizational capacities.
- **Assistance to Organizations of Immigrants from the Former Soviet Union:** Provides technical assistance and training to organizations of immigrants from the former Soviet Union and helps them develop and enhance organizational capacities.

STATUS OF WOMEN

- **The Israel Women's Network (IWN)** supports advocacy, research, education, and training to improve women's rights and status in Israel. In 1996 the IWN served as Israel's coordinating organization in the International Coalition for Aguna (abandoned women) Rights. Seeking relief for women who cannot remarry because their husbands refuse to grant them a *get* (Jewish divorce), IWN and other members of the coalition met with Israel's chief rabbis. Subsequently the rabbinate announced its acceptance of the use of prenuptial agreements that would require recalcitrant husbands to pay their wives a daily sum. If signed and honored by Israeli couples, such agreements could prevent many of the problems face by *agunot* (abandoned women) today.
- **Nisan: Young Women Leaders** supports programs advancing Jewish and Arab (citizens of Israel) young women's leadership. In its third year of operation, Nisan brought

together 80 new participants in four locations throughout Israel. Twenty teenagers graduated from its leadership development program in Haifa. These young Jewish and Arab women plan and implement community leadership activities, which include education programs, social-action campaigns, research projects, and internships at voluntary organizations.

- **Israel Association for the Advancements of Women's Health** supports public education, policy analysis, advocacy, and innovative services aimed at rectifying gender bias in the medical system and empowering women with the knowledge and skills to maintain their own health. Recently they coordinated publication of the first comprehensive book in Hebrew on the subject of breast cancer. It also established a partnership between government health-care services and Arab organizations for early detection of breast cancer. Twenty-five Arab health professionals were trained to conduct special clinics in their communities - leading to early detection of several cases of breast cancer in young women.
- **Kol Ha'Ishah: Jerusalem Women's Center** supports (1) information, referral, self-help, and advocacy efforts to promote the status of women in the Jerusalem area. (2) Supports "Through Our Own Strength", workshops to empower women's leadership development and ability to work in teams. (3) To support "Women of the Wall", a group seeking to ensure women's right to pray openly as a group at the Western Wall.

PROMOTING JEWISH-ARAB EQUALITY AND COEXISTENCE

- *****Neve Shalom/Wahat Al-Salam***** supports coexistence activities of the School for Peace, the kindergarten, and the primary school **at this integrated Jewish-Arab village**.
- *****Re'ut/Sadaka: Jewish-Arab Youth Movement for Peace and Equality***** supports a program run by teenagers and volunteer counselors that facilitates Jewish-Arab interaction through weekly chapter meetings and social activities.
- **Windows Magazine for Children** supports production and publication of a Hebrew-Arabic magazine for elementary school pupils, aimed at promoting dialogue between Jewish and Arab children.
- **Peace Child** supports theater workshops for Jewish and Arab youth designed to promote pluralism and tolerance through creative cooperation.
- **Sikkuy: Israel Association for the Advancement of Equal Opportunity** supports advocacy, model programs, and the gathering and distribution of information to ensure equal rights and opportunities for Arab citizens of Israel.

- **Jewish-Arab Center for Economic Development** supports economic development in the Arab community in Israel through training, technical assistance, low-interest loans, and advocacy for improved government policies.

FOSTERING TOLERANCE AND RELIGIOUS PLURALISM

- **Adam Institute for Democracy and Peace** supports innovative programs that teach fundamental concepts of civil rights to Jewish and Arab students and teachers. Recently provided training to the Arab Institute of Education for Democracy, an emerging Palestinian organization in the West Bank. The training addressed issues of democracy education and conflict resolution and provided a foundation for continuing cooperation.
- **Pelech School** supports a progressive, pluralistic, religious girls' school that uses innovative techniques for teaching democracy, tolerance, and community involvement.
- **Center for Creativity in Education** supports educational programs utilizing folklore and the arts to promote coexistence, tolerance, and understanding.
- **Du Siah: Movement for Greater Understanding Between Secular and Religious Jews** supports educational activities and social-action projects designed to promote dialogue among Jews of different beliefs.
- **B'Sod Siah** supports dialogue programs that bring together individuals from the political left and right in Israel to discuss their differences and similarities.

BRIDGING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC GAPS

- *****Association for the Advancement of the Ethiopian Family and Child***** supports programs designed to use early-childhood education as a tool for community development, including pre-schools, courses for women, and health-education programs.
- **Bayit Rishon BaMoledet** supports a joint project of the three kibbutz movements for immigrants from the former Soviet Union by providing a home and a supportive, democratic environment for absorption.
- **Etgar Program** supports home-based programs for educational enrichment of disadvantaged pre-school children and their parents.

Jordanian Amb.

Middle East

- Investment by Amer. businesses, esp. women-owned businesses. Women forming partnerships, links.
- AID funding to Gaza + Jordan ^{+ World Bank (Cochin Page)}
- Middle East Career Women's Forum - 5 countries.
 - education, business seminars, computers, etc.
 - trying to do what gov. channels haven't been able to do.

Israel

Biggest obstacle to Arab women working: water.

- humanitarian, not political
- "Pioneer Women" - job training ^{for women} + day care
- Hospitals → Rabin Medical Center - women's health center

Gaza

Jordan, Israel, Egypt, Palestinian with, Tunisia, Morocco, Lebanon, ~~and~~ ^{middle East Career Women's Forum}

- Business women's Conference
- finance, info. + env. technology, tourism
- Camps
- Microenterprise
- AID child care program

- mdy. v. moderate
muslim women?

Jordan

- N60 conference

- Queen Alinah Fund - microenterprise

- Q82 Women's job training, child + health care

Egypt - AID \$ - Population control - FGM

- Information technology - new generation

Gulf

- Oman - U.S. Amb. is a woman

- Qatar - v. enlightened

Morocco - Business Women's Conf.

Tunisia - good women's + children's programs
1/2 day stop

DOHA, Nov 18 (Reuters) - A group of Qatari women on Tuesday announced formation of an investment firm to encourage a greater female role in the economic development of the Gulf Arab state.

The Qatar Ladies Investment Company, formed with initial subscribed capital of 20 million riyals (\$5.5 million) in association with Qatar National Bank, will run under the patronage of the Emir's wife, Sheikha Mouza bint Nasser al-Misnad.

"The company will offer a wide range of asset management services specifically tailored to meet the individual investment requirement of its lady clients," it said in a statement.

"At the outset the company will concentrate primarily on fully liquid, readily realisable investments in established international markets, augmented by investments in the growing Doha Securities Market."

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New investment firm to be run by women for women

By Cheryl Currie

ANYONE who laboured under the misapprehension that the Doha Mena conference was solely for businessmen was given food for thought yesterday when HH the Emir's wife, HH Sheikha Mouza, took advantage of the third and final day of the meet to announce the establishment of a new joint venture investment company designed to provide investment management services for ladies in Qatar.

The new company, Qatar Ladies Investment Company, is being incorporated in Qatar with an initial subscribed capital of QR20mn which is to be contributed in equal proportions by the ladies and Qatar National Bank.

The new company will begin operations in the first quarter of next year.

The strategic objectives of the company are to meet the economic, financial and investment objectives of the female members of society in Qatar; to provide sound knowledge of investment markets and inculcate an investment culture within female members of society and to promote the capabilities of women in Qatar and to encourage them to play an increasingly important role in the economic development of the country.

Qatar Ladies Investment Company will be run by women for women.

The patronage of HH Sheikha Mouza is being extended to the project under the auspices of her constant involvement in the Qatar Diabetics Association and the Family Development Centre, both of which are amongst many charitable activities receiving her support in order to alleviate hardship amongst the less fortunate members of society here.

The board of directors of the investment company will comprise an equal number of representatives of the two constituent shareholding groups.

Sheikha Hanadi bint Nasser al-Thani will serve as managing director.

The company will be able to draw upon the full resources of Qatar National Bank, Qatar's oldest and largest bank, in the early stages of its incorporation for personnel, information technology and other crucial resources.

Not only will it allow investor ladies access to the international and local markets through investment advice and services, but it will also for the first time allow ladies to be actively involved in the day-to-day running of an investment company in Qatar.

Each female member of staff will be fully trained initially by QNB, followed by overseas on the job training with associated asset management companies and other specialised training resources.

Qatar Ladies Investment Company will not only allow investor ladies access to the international and local markets through investment advice and services, but it will also, for the first time, allow ladies to be actively involved in the day-to-day running of an investment company in Qatar.

The company will be run from dedicated offices and will offer a wide range of asset management services specifically tailored to meet the individual investment requirements of each of the company's lady investment clients.

The emphasis from the outset will be upon soundly based conservative asset management principles with low risk profiles concentrating upon first preserving, then enhancing the underlying capital value of the portfolios throughout the complete investment cycle.

From the outset the company is establishing a strategic alliance with Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, the asset management arm of the Deutsche Bank Group, the leading bank in Germany and one of the world's

major financial institutions.

Deutsche Bank group, the leading bank in Germany and one of the world's major financial institutions, has a long established track record in the provision of asset management services to institutions and private clients worldwide and currently manages assets in excess of \$140bn.

Deutsche Morgan Grenfell are also dedicated to the expansion of the role played by ladies within the financial sector and are co-operating closely with the two constituent shareholding groups of the Qatar Ladies Investment Company to optimise the successful development of this concept.

In due course Qatar Investment Company will expand its investment activities to embrace a wide range of investment services and portfolio capabilities.

At the outset the company will concentrate primarily upon fully liquid, readily realisable investments in established international markets, augmented by investments in Doha Security Market.

The company also hopes to play a role in the process of privatisation in Qatar and on the risk reward spectrum.

It will be expected to participate in the process of project and venture capital mobilisation, particularly in respect of the emergent opportunities for enterprises in Qatar and the region.

Although the new company will have a unique business franchise in the region as the first investment management company managed by women for women, both groups of shareholders are dedicated to the fundamental concept of being a profitable self-sustaining economic entity.

The company hopes to act as a catalyst between the socio philanthropic objectives and the underlying creation of added value for the investors and shareholders.

Qatar National Bank is the country's oldest and largest commercial bank with assets exceeding QR17.4bn supported by equity funds of QR2.8bn. It is 50% owned by the Qatari government and 50% private sector and controls assets representing 48% of the Qatari banking system in which 15 banks are now represented.



The Bosnian delegation who attended the Mena economic conference