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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 22, 1995

Welcome to this remarkable Conference on Women and Science.

I am delighted to be able to take part--even from afar--in a gathering of such distinguished women and to have the opportunity to convey my admiration for the work you do in one of our most challenging professions.

Whenever I speak to ^{women} scientists, <sup>and aspiring b
he as astronaut,</sup> I am reminded of the time ^{I wrote to NASA} when I ~~wrote to NASA~~ at age fourteen, to find out about my prospects ~~as a future astronaut~~. Needless to say, I was heartbroken when they wrote back to tell me that girls were not allowed in the program. Thankfully those rules have changed. And because of women like you, girls across America can ^{dream} ~~aspire to~~ do ^{just about anything--} knowing that many of the challenges have already been confronted by this generation of leaders. Yet there is much more that we can do to help women find their way.

This conference will help identify both the continuing challenges that women face in choosing scientific and technical careers and will offer some tools to meet those challenges. In times like these, when so many traditions and assumptions are changing about the role of women and work, it is important that we continue to promote opportunities for women in the sciences

and every other profession.

Thanks in part to your example, more and more women are choosing careers in ~~areas of~~ science, mathematics, engineering, and technology; more women are teaching in these disciplines; and more women are carrying their scientific training into other jobs and endeavors. These developments are not only good for individual women but for society as a whole, which benefits greatly from an educated and skilled workforce and from the special vision and life experiences that women bring to their jobs.

Because of the positions you have attained, you can encourage all young women to set high goals in the scientific arena with the expectation that they will succeed. ~~By providing strong role models for the young girls of today, you are helping to pave the way for the women of tomorrow.~~

I am sure that the paths you have followed have not always been easy. I'm sure many of you have faced difficult choices and challenges along the way. But you have succeeded in science and engineering because of your creativity, skill, and perseverance. And your efforts remind us that ~~our fullness~~ ^{fulfilling our full potential} as a society depends on ~~engaging women in the fields you have chosen.~~ ^{participation of}

Thank you for leading the way for girls and women everywhere who dream of being scientists. ###

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This conference will help identify both the continuing challenges that women face in choosing scientific and technical careers and also the tools to meet those challenges. In these rapidly changing times, it is important that we continue to address issues of sexism in the workplace and renew our commitment to the struggle for fairness.

More and more women are choosing careers in areas of science, mathematics, engineering, and technology; teaching in these disciplines; and carrying their training into all sectors of the workplace. As a result, our country profits from a highly educated and skilled workforce and our own lives are enriched. Because you have already reached these career goals, you can encourage all young women to set similarly high goals with the expectation of accomplishment. By providing strong role models for the young girls of today, we help pave the path for the women of tomorrow.

Last September in Beijing, I spoke to women from around the globe. I was deeply moved by the number of women who have assumed positions of leadership and responsibility in their countries. They are working to enhance commerce, improve government, and generally raise living standards for all citizens. Like you, these women have faced difficult choices and often made extraordinary sacrifices to succeed.

Science and engineering demand creativity and perseverance. We must draw upon our whole population to succeed in these fields so essential to our nation's prosperity. I honor you for what you have accomplished and hope that by the end of the next decade conferences such as these will be routine activities with increasing attendance and equal recognition. Good luck in this endeavor.

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PLEASE DELIVER THIS DOCUMENT TO:

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SENT BY: Susan Bartlett

Date: 11/14/95 Phone: 703/306-1070 Fax: 703/306-0157/8/9

There are 34 pages of material, including this cover sheet.

MESSAGE: Sabrina:

Holly Nichols requested that I send you
the script for your Friday videotaping
session with Mrs. Clinton. If there
are any problems, (or questions) please
give me a call at 703/836-5640.

Thanks - (We'll need a Betamax master.)

Susan Bartlett

Sent to Fax #: 202/456-5709

National Science Foundation Conference

Women & Science: Celebrating Achievements, Charting Challenges

The First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

Remarks for Video Greeting

Welcome to this Conference on Women and Science.

This gathering of distinguished women fills me with pride for what you have accomplished, and for your determination to deal with the challenges ahead. I am delighted that the National Science Foundation—the agency of leadership in science and engineering research and education—has called you here. The Foundation's purpose is to share in your collective knowledge and benefit from the wisdom of your experience. We all recognize that even a decade ago, the number of women who could have responded to the invitation was vastly smaller.

More and more women are choosing careers in areas of science, mathematics, engineering, and technology; teaching in these disciplines; and carrying their training into all sectors of the workplace. As a result, our country profits in earning power through a highly educated and skilled workforce and our own lives are enriched. Because the women in this room have already reached these career goals, we can encourage all young women to set similarly high goals with the expectation of accomplishment. Our goal here is to ensure that my daughter's generation

perceives the image of a woman doing research as an attractive and achievable career path.

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This conference will help identify both the continuing challenges that women face in choosing scientific and technical careers and also the tools to meet those challenges. We know that we must address the need for flexibility in employment; the continuing vestiges of sexism that lead to improper barriers for selection, retention, and advancement; and—as always—equal pay for equal work. I call on you to use this time to give clarity and direction to these and other needs; and to renew your commitment to the struggle for fairness.

Science and engineering demand creativity and perseverance. We must draw upon our whole population to succeed in these fields so essential to our nation's prosperity. I know you will use your talents and experience over the next two days to craft new approaches and policies to support this goal. I honor you for what you have accomplished. I know that by the end of the next decade, conferences for

women in science will be routine activities with increasing attendance and equal recognition. Good luck in this endeavor.

I wish each of you and your families a joyous holiday season.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF SCHEDULING FOR THE FIRST LADY

DATE: 8/29

ORGANIZATION/EVENT	NSF - National Science Foundation
DATE	DEC 13 (Would like to have by NOV 17th)
LOCATION	Washington, DC
EVENT DESCRIPTION	Keynote @ National Invitational Conference on Women + Science: Celebrating Achievements, Charting Challenges
WH STAFF CONTACT	
STATUS	ACCEPT _____ REJECT _____ PENDING _____ VIDEO <u>✓</u> _____ MESSAGE _____
NOTES	Needs to be scheduled * Diana Z to draft script Dr. Anne Petersen offer video mess 10/12 <u>Contact:</u> Susan Bartlett - 703-306-1070

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August 8, 1995

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The First Lady Hillary R
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Diana should
write his ~~photo~~
video -

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

The National Science F
Committee invite you t
National Invitational C
Charting Challenges."

1995, at 7:00 P.M. at the Sheraton Washington Hotel

Knowing the extreme demands on your time, the Planning Committee would be glad to rearrange the order of opening events to accommodate your schedule. Other activities scheduled for the opening session include the recognition of distinguished guests, special entertainment, and a reception.

We would be pleased with a topic of your choice appropriate to the theme of the Conference. Anne Petersen, Deputy Director of NSF, is in charge of the Conference program, and she can be reached at (703) 306-1000. A description of the Conference and its goals are enclosed. For further information or questions, your staff may contact either Daryl E. Chubin at (703) 306-1650 or Sue Rosser at (703) 306-1637.

Sincerely,

Neal Lane

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Director

Enclosure

**National Science Foundation
Directorate for Education and Human Resources (EHR)**

National Invitational Conference on

**Women and Science:
Celebrating Achievements, Charting Challenges**

December 13-15, 1995

Sheraton Washington Hotel
Washington, DC

Preliminary Fact Sheet

Focus: NSF supports women working in science, engineering, mathematics, and technology (what we call here "science"). NSF is dedicated to integrating education and research in and on science. This conference seeks to showcase the persons, the research, and the educational programs that have increased the participation and contributions of women in science as well as our understanding of the natural and social world.

Program: Through a program of *plenary* and *breakout* sessions, both popular and disciplinary-based speakers will interact with leaders from the academic, public, and private sectors to share research-based knowledge on women and girls, and examine programs -- Kindergarten to postdoc -- that are exemplary in developing human resources. Cutting-edge scientific research conducted by women investigators will also be featured. *Exhibits* and *poster sessions* will provide additional information. Two receptions and a luncheon are planned.

Outcomes: The conference will serve as a quality window on science as education, as research, and as a range of career opportunities. The conference will be structured to facilitate the exchange of information and spur the attendees to action at their home institutions. Through celebration of what has been achieved, new ideas for meeting the challenges in science bound up with gender will be explored.

Contact: For more information, please contact the EHR Conference Planning Committee through Dr. Daryl Chubin (703/306-1650; email dchubin@nsf.gov) or Dr. Sue Rosser (703/306-1637; email srosser@nsf.gov).