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Christy - can we add some mention of this up top -
"many of you were involved in the 1997 Women's Economic Equality
Summit which addressed these same goals" - something
like that?

Robin Leeds

03/11/99

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To: Nicole R. Rabner/WHO/EOP, Neera Tanden/WHO/EOP, Christine N. Macy/WHO/EOP
cc: Jennifer M. Luray/WHO/EOP, Sondra L. Seba/WHO/EOP, Kelley L. O'Dell/WHO/EOP
Subject: 3/15 Women's Equality Summit - HRC remarks

The following is a brief description of 1997's Women's Economic Leadership Summit at the WH. It's important that we link the HRC's remarks at the 3/15/99 Women's Equality Summit to the 1997 Summit and its outcomes. The planners of both events are connected through the Council of Women's Organizations (sponsors of the 3/15 event) and many other women's economic empowerment projects. Both events were designed to mobilize grassroots efforts in the states and nationally - it's all part of the same "movement for women's economic empowerment". Here's some background on the event, the action agenda and its recommendations.

In April, 1997 the White House Women's Office and the Center for Policy Alternatives co-sponsored the Women's Economic Leadership Summit. The President and the First Lady joined leaders from over 20 states representing large corporations, small businesses, labor unions, state and local governments, universities, grassroots organizations, and foundations to develop a women-designed women-led economic agenda.

"America's Economic Agenda" is a blueprint for action containing recommendations in 4 key areas: economic self sufficiency, entrepreneurship, health and security, and family and work. The plan of action focuses on grassroots organizing, media outreach, and lobbying. The Agenda's economic self sufficiency and family and work recommendations are ones that we have acted on or expanded since the conference and are also focuses for the upcoming Women's Equality Summit. HRC could highlight the following issues as a way to further demonstrate the linkage and continuity between both events and initiatives: expanding minimum wage, narrowing the wage gap, reforming social security and retirement, expanding education and training opportunities and increased childcare funding.



Victoria L. Valentine
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To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message
cc: Beverly J. Barnes/WHO/EOP
Subject: REVISED: women editors roundtable

MEMORANDUM

DATE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY, 26, 1999

TO: OFFICE OF THE FIRST LADY,
OPL, WOMEN'S OFFICE,
SOCIAL SECURITY WORKING GROUP,
OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: BEVERLY BARNES, VICTORIA VALENTINE
WH PRESS OFFICE

RE: Women's Magazine Editors Social Security and Medicare Roundtable

In order to amplify the Administration's message that the future of Social Security and Medicare is vitally important to women in particular, we would like to invite a top editor and a reporter/writer from a number of national women's magazines to a roundtable event on March 15 in the Roosevelt Room.

Our goals are as follows:

- make the magazines aware of the issues;
- give them a clear understanding of the Administration's position on Social Security and Medicare;
- show how Social Security and Medicare reform directly affect women; and
- offer the editors/writers resources and contacts for when and if they write about Social Security and Medicare.

MAGAZINES WE WILL APPROACH

1. Better Homes and Gardens
2. Working Woman
3. Essence
4. Family Circle
5. Glamour
6. Good Housekeeping
7. Harpers Bazaar
8. New Woman
9. Ladies Home Journal
10. Latina
11. McCalls

12. Womens Day
13. Ms.
14. Redbook
15. Madmoiselle
16. Woman's World
17. Mirabella
18. Self
19. Jane
20. Working Mother

PROPOSED ITINERARY (2 hour, 45 minute program; 11:30-2:15 pm)

11:30am-12:15 LUNCH

12:15-12:30 Escort Editors from the lunch venue to the Roosevelt Room

OPENING REMARKS BY

Mary Beth Cahill, OPL or Jennifer Luray, Women's Office

12:30-12:50 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)**
 (20 mins. = 5 presentation, 15 mins Q & A)
 Speaker: Donna Shalala
 Topic: Medicare Reform

12:50-1:40 PANEL PRESENTATION AND Q & A
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, Barbara Kennelly
 Topic: Importance of Social Security Reform
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, Jack Lew
 Topic: President's Soc. Sec. Plan and Its Strengths Compared to Other Plans
COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS, Janet Yellen
 Topic: What Soc. Sec. Reform Means for All Americans and How It Will Affect
 Future Generations
 (50 mins. = approx. 5 mins. presentation each, 35 mins. Q & A)
Ideally Sec. Shalala would be available for questions during this time also.

1:40-2:00 3 REAL PEOPLE Share their personal stories (20 minutes)

2:00-2:15 pm **FLOTUS** (15 mins.)
 Topic: Importance of Social Security to Women; overall wrap up

LUNCH: A buffet style service, perhaps in the Indian Treaty Room or the WH Conf Center, would work best.

REAL PERSONS: Including the stories of real woman will humanize the need for Social Security and Medicare reform and a secure financial future for women, as well as demonstrate how such complicated issues can be made accessible to readers. We recommend selecting 3 demographically diverse women -- perhaps an older widow, a working 30-40 year old, and a 20 ish person (the group said to really be impacted by the reforms in Social Security). These could be people from the DC metropolitan area.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY SUMMIT: In the late afternoon, the First Lady will give concluding remarks at this off-site event after several other Administration officials address women's economic security issues, like Social Security, pensions, equal pay. The editor's would be welcome to attend this event.

MILENNEUM PROGRAM: The First Lady is hosting a milleneum program at 7 pm that evening and her office would like to invite the editors to attend that event also.

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MARCH 12, 1999

Women's Magazine Editor's Roundtable entitled:
"Economic and Retirement Security: What Every Woman Should Know"

DATE: Monday, March 15, 1999
LOCATION: Roosevelt Room
TIME: 2:00 PM - 2:15 PM
FROM: Marsha Berry
Jenny Luray
Beverly Barnes

I. PURPOSE

You are scheduled to meet with approximately 21 editors and writers of national women's magazines, on Monday, March 15, 1999, in the Roosevelt Room. The representatives of the magazines are here to attend a half-day roundtable discussion on the future of Social Security and Medicare and their importance to women. The circulation of the magazines represented in the room will be more than 52 million. The editors (but not the writers) have also been invited to attend the Sixth Millennium Evening that evening.

II. BACKGROUND

The White House event for the magazine editors and writers will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a luncheon in the Indian Treaty Room. They will move to the Roosevelt Room for the briefing. The briefing will be opened by Jenny Luray who will describe the activities of the Women's Office. Ann Lewis will then provide an overview of the briefing and put the Administration's efforts on Social Security and Medicare into a broader context of the women and families agenda.

The editors and writers will hear from Secretary Donna Shalala who will make remarks on the importance of Medicare reform for women. A panel will follow, starting with OMB Director Jack Lew on the President's Social Security and Medicare financing plan and its strengths compared to other plans; Barbara Kennelly, Counselor to the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, on the importance of Social Security reform for women; and CEA Chair Janet Yellen, on what Social Security reform means for all Americans and how it will affect future generations.

A panel comprised of three "real women" aged 28, 45, and 83 will discuss their own experiences with Social Security and why it is important to them (please see attachment for more complete descriptions).

Because March is Women's History Month, we've also attached a brief piece on Labor Secretary Frances Perkins, who was the first woman to serve in the Cabinet. She accepted her appointment by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on the condition that he support her call for a public old-age insurance program. Under her leadership, the Social Security Act was passed in 1935.

III. PARTICIPANTS

21 editors and writers representing 13 national women's magazines (see attachment).

IV. PRESS PLAN

"On the record" for the magazine representatives.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Please see attachment.

VI. REMARKS

You will close the meeting, stressing the vital importance of Social Security and Medicare to women, reiterating the Administration's efforts to reform Social Security and Medicare for the next generation, and challenging the magazines to make their readers aware of these critical issues. Your remarks are on-the-record. You will not take questions after your remarks.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Description of the Three "Real Women"
Remembering Francis Perkins During Women's History Month
At-A-Glance List of Attendees and the Magazines they Represent
Detailed Background on Attendees and the Magazines they Represent
Schedule of the Event

March 12, 1999

WOMEN'S EQUALITY SUMMIT

DATE: Monday, March 15, 1999
LOCATION: NEA Auditorium
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
FROM: Mary Beth Cahill
Jenny Luray

I. PURPOSE

You are scheduled to speak on women's economic issues at the Women's Equality Summit in the National Education Association Auditorium on Monday, March 15, 1999. The audience will consist of approximately 500 women activists gathered from around the nation for the Women's Equality Summit and Congressional Action Day (March 15-16) sponsored by the National Council of Women's Organizations.

II. BACKGROUND

The Women's Equality Summit and Congressional Action Day is sponsored by the National Council of Women's Organizations (NCWO), which is chaired by Susan Bianchi-Sand, Executive Director, National Committee on Pay Equity. The co-chairs of the Summit are Ellie Smeal, President, Feminist Majority Foundation, and Pat Reuss, Senior Policy Analyst, NOW Legal Defense Fund. The Summit is bringing together grassroots activists who are members of NCWO organizations on March 15 and 16, 1999. They will attend briefings on the six key issues identified for the Congressional Action Day and launch a public education and organizing campaign on Social Security reform and its impact on women. The key issues include:

- Protecting Social Security and ending disadvantages to women in Social Security;
- Securing affordable, quality child care as a national priority for all who need it;
- Improving access to health care by increasing funding for family planning and requiring private insurance coverage for contraceptives;
- Supporting the United Nations Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) by the Senate and measures to oppose gender Apartheid in Afghanistan;
- Supporting Fair Pay legislation;
- Ending hate violence against all citizens, supporting the Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

After your remarks, the activists will hear from other members of the Administration (see Sequence of Events). Before your remarks and after this part of the program, the activists will attend issue briefings on these priority issues conducted by the NCWO.

The next day, the group will join members of the Congressional Caucus on Women's Issues who will outline their proposals for women and families for the 106th Congress during a morning press conference. The activists will also lobby their members of Congress. Following the Summit, the goal is for the participants to return home to educate their communities and local organizations about the six priorities.

In April, 1997, the White House Women's Office and the Center for Policy Alternatives co-sponsored the Women's Economic Leadership Summit. You and the President joined leaders from over 20 states representing business, labor, state and local governments, grassroots organizations and foundations to develop a women-led economic agenda. This blueprint for action entitled "America's Economic Agenda" contains recommendations on economic self-sufficiency and family and work policy which we have acted on since the conference, and are also the focus of this Women's Equality Summit. In your remarks, you will be highlighting the linkage between the two events and the Administration's relevant accomplishments.

III. PARTICIPANTS

500 women leaders from across the country representing 110 organizations will be in the audience.

Program participants include: You; the Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala; Secretary of Labor Alexis Herman; Counselor to the Commissioner of Social Security Barbara Kennelly; Susan Bianchi-Sand; Ellie Smeal. You will be introduced by Laura Fortman, a grassroots activist who is the Director of the Maine Women's Lobby and the Women's Development Institute. Laura focuses on getting low-income women involved in public policy, and was instrumental in the passage of "Parents as Scholars," a state aid program that helps welfare recipients complete college.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Possible meet and greet with NCWO steering committee members;

Susan Bianchi-Sand makes remarks and introduces Maine activist Laura Fortman;
Laura Fortman makes remarks and introduces you;
You make remarks and depart;
Susan Bianchi-Sand introduces Secretary Herman;
Secretary Herman makes remarks on fair pay and introduces Secretary Shalala;
Secretary Shalala makes remarks on Medicare and child care and introduces Barbara Kennelly;
Barbara Kennelly makes remarks on social security and introduces Ellie Smeal;
Ellie Smeal makes concluding remarks.

VI. REMARKS

Formal remarks to be provided by speechwriters.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Women's Equality Summit Schedule
List of Summit participating organizations
NCWO Steering Committee
NEC Social Security Fact Sheet, "Saving Social Security Now"
NEC Report, "Women and Retirement Security"
Kaiser Family Foundation, "Women and Medicare"
DPC Equal Pay Fact Sheet

A week of programs for women at the White House:

From the celebration of the changes in women's lives in the past century to a look ahead to the new millennium, including the new challenges for economic and retirement security.

Among the issues to be discussed are the reality of women's lives at the edge of the next century:

As they continue to meet responsibilities at home and at work;

As more Americans grow older, with changes in family and government structures;

And the special impact on women considering retirement , many still with children at home and elderly parents.

First Lady HRC will ...



THE MEDICARE PROGRAM

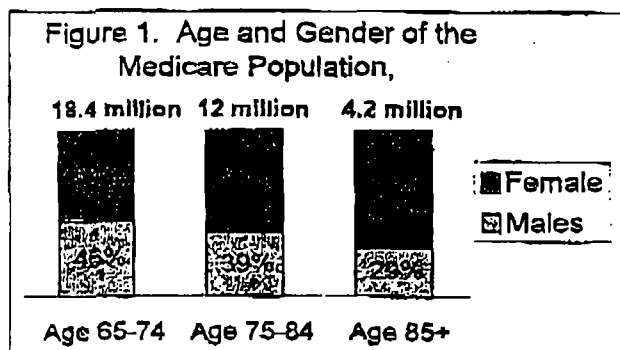
THE KAISER MEDICARE POLICY PROJECT

Women and Medicare

October 1998

Introduction

Medicare is a health insurance program for older women and men, but women comprise most of the beneficiaries. In fact, elderly women aged 65 and over outnumber elderly men 3 to 2. More than half (58%) of elderly beneficiaries are women and 71 percent of beneficiaries aged 85 and older are women (Figure 1). There are currently 20 million elderly women on Medicare and another 2 million women who are covered by Medicare because they receive Social Security disability benefits.



Source: Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey, 1996.

Demographics

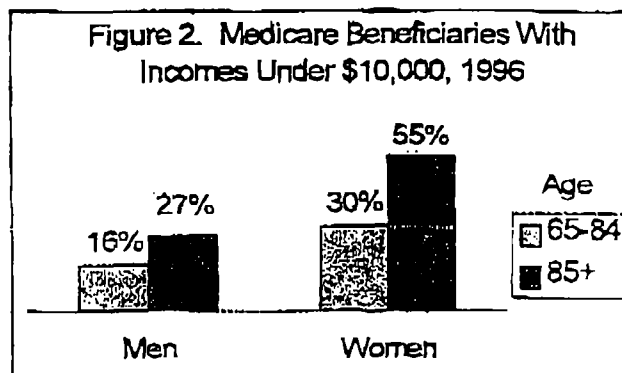
Women live an average of 6 years longer than men and at age 65, the life expectancy for women is 3.3 years longer than for men. Most women marry older men, who die at younger ages. Thus, older women are 3 times more likely to be widowed than men, and 4 out of 5 women in the 85+ age group are widowed. Men are 5 times more likely to be married than women in the 85+ age group. Because more women ages 65 and over are widowed, they are more than twice as likely than men to live alone or in a long-term care facility. In the 85+ age group, more than two-fifths (43%) of women live alone, and more than one quarter (28%) live in a long-term care facility.

Women ages 65 and older are twice as likely as older men to live within 125% of the poverty line (less than \$10,000 annually)—30 percent of women compared with 16 percent of men had incomes of less than \$10,000 in 1996 (Figure 2). Among the 85+ Medicare beneficiaries, 55 percent of women compared to 27 percent of men had incomes of less than \$10,000.

Health and Functional Status

Chronic illness increases with age and can limit the ability of older people to function independently. Nine out of ten women ages 65 and over report one or more chronic conditions and almost three out of four have two or more conditions. Among women aged 85 and over, 97 percent have one or more conditions and 90 percent report two or more conditions. The prevalence of specific chronic conditions among elderly women is high. In 1996, 61 percent report they had arthritis, 55 percent had hypertension, and 37 percent had heart conditions. More than one out of five women ages 85 years and over have Alzheimer's disease.

As women get older, they report higher rates of functional limitations. While a third (34%) of women ages 65-74 report functional limitations, 82 percent of women ages 85+ report being limited in their functioning. Almost 2 out of 5 (39%) women aged 85+ report needing assistance in 3 or more activities of daily living (ADLs), such as eating, transferring from bed to a chair, and bathing. To live independently, people also need to be able to carry out complex tasks requiring higher levels of cognitive functioning to live independently. These more complex "instrumental activities of daily living" (IADLs) include preparing meals, handling money, taking medications, and using the telephone. One out of 5 elderly women beneficiaries report needing assistance in IADLs.



Source: Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey, 1996.

Medical Care Use and Costs

Use of health services increases with age, and the elderly consume health services in amounts disproportionate to their numbers. In 1994, women ages 65 and over comprised 7 percent of the noninstitutionalized population, but they had 13 percent of the physician visits, 17 percent of the short-stay hospital discharges, and 21 percent of the hospital days.

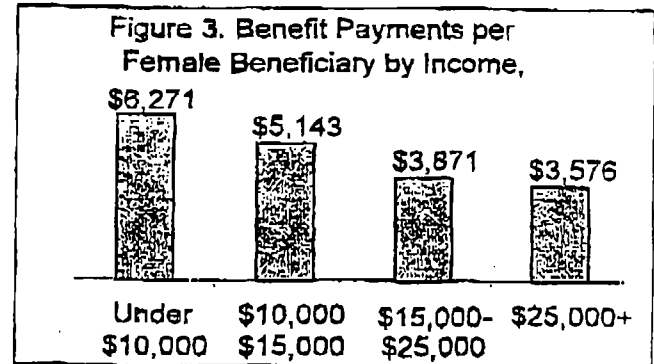
Because older women are more likely than older men to be living in poverty, they are more likely to face financial barriers to health care. The elderly poor, who are disproportionately women, spend a greater proportion of their income on health compared with wealthier beneficiaries. For example, elderly households that had incomes less than \$10,000 in 1994 spent about 25 percent of their income on medical care whereas elderly households that had incomes of over \$54,000 spent an average of only 4 percent of their income on their health care.

Medicare payments on behalf of elderly beneficiaries amounted to \$168.8 billion in 1996, or \$4,875 per elderly person. Benefit payments for elderly women amounted to \$97.4 billion (58% of the total), or \$4,838 on average per elderly woman. But Medicare spent greater amounts for women with lower incomes because they are more likely to be in poor health, have greater medical need and utilize more medical services. Medicare payments per beneficiary for those with incomes under \$10,000 amounted to \$6,271 in 1996 compared to \$3,576 for those with incomes of \$25,000 or more (Figure 3).

Medicare also spends significantly more, on average, for elderly beneficiaries with functional limitations, primarily women, than for other elderly beneficiaries. Medicare spending generally rises with the degree of functional limitation.

Long term care

Long-term care refers to a broad array of in-home, community, and institutional services for people who need assistance with basic tasks of life because of a chronic condition. Medicare does not cover most long-term care services used by its beneficiaries, although its skilled nursing facility (SNF) and home health benefits cover some long-term care for some beneficiaries.



Source: Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey, 1996.

Elderly women have a disproportionate need for long-term care services and are disproportionate users of these services. In 1996, 1.5 million elderly women (73% of total residents) resided in a long-term care facility (skilled nursing home, intermediate care facility, retirement home, and institutions for the mentally retarded). Women made up two-thirds (67%) of home health care users and over half (55%) of hospice patients.

For the many millions of elderly Americans who require help with everyday activities, family and friends are the first line of support. Caregiving adds an additional unpaid burden to elderly women: 3 out of 4 informal caregivers are women. The average age of caregivers is 57 years, but 25 percent are between the ages 65 and 74, and 10 percent are 75 years and over. Three out of four elderly disabled persons rely exclusively on these informal unpaid caregivers.

Future Issues

Medicare costs have increased rapidly in recent years. The National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare, appointed by Congress, is examining many options to restrain Medicare costs, including reducing benefits, raising the Medicare eligibility age, increasing co-payments and premiums, and moving toward the use of a voucher system. These proposals may place a greater financial burden on elderly women, many of whom live in poverty and suffer from one or more chronic conditions requiring long-term care services. In searching for solutions, the financial, health, and long-term care needs of women on Medicare warrant close attention.

This fact sheet was prepared by Dorothy Rice and Martha Michel at the Institute for Health & Aging, University of California, San Francisco for the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and OWL: the Voice of Midlife and Older Women.

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**TALKING POINTS FOR FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
WOMEN'S MAGAZINE EDITORS BRIEFING
ROOSEVELT ROOM, THE WHITE HOUSE
March 15, 1999**

- I'm delighted that all of you have joined us for this important discussion of the Administration's plans for strengthening Social Security and Medicare, and of why these issues are particularly important to women. I'm especially grateful that Melinda Scott, Dinah Wiley, and Ruth Rosenstein were able to be with us to share their personal perspectives on these critical issues.
- Many of you will be with us later tonight for the Millennium Lecture -- as we celebrate and examine the changes in women's lives in this century and look ahead to the next to the challenges of the next millennium. That theme is fitting to this discussion because the creation of Social Security and Medicare played such enormous roles in women's lives in this century. And, the decisions we are going to make about these programs will have a profound impact on women in the future.
- We can perhaps best understand the importance of our action now by considering a time when Social Security and Medicare did not exist. When older Americans lived in fear of becoming ill. When growing old meant growing poor. When the terrible tragedy of losing a husband meant a life in poverty. Social Security and Medicare changed all that.
- Over the past few hours, you've heard from top Administration officials about why Social Security and Medicare are vital and particularly so for women. Let me just reinforce a few points:
 - (1) Social Security. Social Security is our nation's solemn pledge that Americans can grow old with dignity. But it is much more than a retirement system. Nearly one-third of its beneficiaries are either disabled or survivors -- or their dependents. And millions of young people benefit, as well. We never know when something catastrophic will happen, but today Social Security is always there. Social Security -- in a very real sense -- is America's family protection system.
 - (2) Social Security and Women. Women have a particular stake in saving Social Security for future generations. Women represent the majority of aged recipients. And, without it, half of all women over 65 would be living in poverty. As women, we also rely on Social Security because of our unique life patterns: we live longer than men and, though we are making progress, we reach retirement with smaller pensions and other financial assets. The President's call to save Social Security as a rock-solid guarantee is therefore particularly important to women.

- (3) Medicare and Women. Women have a special stake in keeping Medicare secure well into the future. We make up more than half of all beneficiaries -- and more than 70 percent of those 85 years and older. Medicare also provides important preventive benefits -- including guaranteed mammograms -- that have improved the health of millions of women. Preserving Medicare must be at the top of our agenda -- retirement security and health security must go hand in hand.
- (4) "USA" Accounts (Universal Savings Accounts). The President has proposed a tax break for working families to help them to build nest eggs for their retirement. Because women are less likely to have employer-provided pensions and because we reach retirement with smaller pensions and other assets, this proposed opportunity to help Americans build wealth is particularly important for women.
- I believe that we are at a critical juncture to ensure that the gains we've made for women and children are protected and strengthened in the years to come. The decisions we make now will demonstrate who we want to be as a nation, and what we want to stand for as we enter the new millennium. We stand at a time of unprecedented prosperity -- when fiscal discipline and a robust economy have replaced budget deficits with budget surpluses. The President and I believe that this prosperity gives us a unique and important responsibility to act on these challenges.
 - Women's magazines play a critical role in women's lives because they are an enormously important and credible source of information for women. Women trust your magazines because you bring them valuable information about their lives and you do it in a personal way -- without the political jargon and rhetorical language that comes out of Washington. And, when you bring your readers information about the stake they and their families have in debates about national policy, women become involved.
 - Women's voices must be heard in the coming debate about Social Security and Medicare.
 - I hope these briefings have been valuable -- I urge you to keep in touch with us as this debate continues. Women need to understand the profound ways in which the decisions we make now will affect their lives. And, as we've learned time and again, magazines can do this uniquely. When your magazines have joined in partnership to inform and explain, we have witnessed impressive results -- such as your role in promoting the Medicare mammography benefit.
 - I look forward to working together in the months ahead on these critical issues. And, I look forward to seeing many of you tonight at the Millennium lecture. Thank you for your commitment to improving the lives of American women.

March 15th
National Council of Women's Organizations, "Women's Equality Summit"
NEA Auditorium

3:10pm

Director, National Council of Presidents & National Committee on Pay Equity,
Susan Bianchi-Sand
Introduces Grassroots Activist

3:15pm

Laura Fortman, Maine Grassroots Activist
Introduces First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

3:20pm

The First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton
Overview of our economic agenda for women, social security reform and the importance of women's political activism (HRC departs)

3:35pm

Susan Bianchi-Sand introduces Secretary of Labor, Alexis Herman
Fair Pay, pensions and retirement security (introduces Secretary Shalala)

3:50pm

Secretary of Health and Human Services, Donna Shalala
Child care and Medicare (introduces Barbara Kennelly)

4:00pm

Counselor to the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, Barbara Kennelly
Social Security -- why women need to care (introduces Jane Smith)

4:10pm

Executive Director, National Council of Negro Women, Jane Smith
Closes and gives organizing pitch

Remarks to Women Editors and Reporters Roundtable on Social Security
Janet L. Yellen, Chair
Council of Economic Advisers
March 15, 1999

"How Social Security Reform Will Affect Future Generations of Americans"

I appreciate this opportunity to talk about how the President's Social Security reform proposal will benefit women -- and all Americans -- in the future. The President's Social Security plan will help future generations of Americans in two critical ways: one way -- which is what Jack talked about earlier -- is by fundamentally strengthening the Social Security system so that all Americans are confident that they will receive benefits when they need them. The other way -- which I intend to focus on in my brief remarks -- is by strengthening our nation's economy, so that we can pay future Social Security benefits and provide other necessary government services to retirees without imposing an undue burden on future generations of American workers.

For the Nation as a whole, the central problem of our aging population is how to ensure that future workers and retirees enjoy a higher standard of living, even though a smaller share of the population will be in the workforce. A natural solution is to take steps now to make workers more productive by increasing investment in both physical and human capital, which will, in turn, raise workers' productivity. In doing so, we can increase the size of the total economic pie, which is prerequisite to meeting the retirement costs of the baby boom generation without unduly burdening workers in the future.

The key to accomplishing this goal is to increase national saving. National saving is simply the sum of saving by households, by firms, and by governments. During this Administration, net national saving has increased sharply as a share of GDP, rising from 3.1 percent of GDP in 1992 to [6.7] percent of GDP last year. This gain is entirely a result of the increase in federal government saving — that is, the savings has come as a result of the dramatic reversal of the federal budget from large deficits to growing surpluses.

The President's proposal for Social Security reform will dramatically extend the Administration's record of fiscal discipline and saving for our Nation's future. Under this proposal, the government will devote three-quarters of the projected budget surpluses over the next 15 years to paying down debt and purchasing equities. For every dollar of publicly held debt that is redeemed, a one-dollar bond will be given to either the Social Security or Medicare trust funds, and each equity share would be placed in the Social Security trust fund. It is important to note, however, that building up these trust funds does not make any new commitments, it simply improves the ability of the funds to pay the benefits that are already required by current law.

According to current projections, the President's proposal will reduce this nation's debt from 44 percent of GDP today to only 7 percent by 2014, the smallest share since 1917. And, the government's overall financial position will be even stronger, because of the investments in equities. The reduction in debt in turn improves the future budget outlook by slashing required interest payments. In fact, the decline in interest expense will exceed the increase in Social Security expense through the middle of the next century. According to current projections, the

President's proposal allows the government to run a budget surplus until the late 2040s.

Both the debt paydown and equity purchase boost national saving, essentially freeing up room in private portfolios for holdings of additional productive capital. Compared to a policy of spending the projected budget surpluses, the President's proposal boosts the government's contribution to national saving by about 2 percent of GDP, which will generate a significant increase in the capital stock. More capital means higher productivity and wages, higher incomes, and lower interest rates. It also leads to a reduced dependence on foreign borrowing and, ultimately, an improving trade balance.

Finally, let me take a moment at this point to talk about the projections used by the Administration in developing the President's Social Security reform plan. Some policymakers and commentators have questioned how we can rely on projections of economic performance over the next 6 decades and how we can count on seeing surpluses in future years. Let me say: forecasting is always a difficult business. But, for the past 7 years, this Administration has built a record of credible, accurate economic forecasts. For seven years in a row, deficits have fallen short of Administration forecasts. The forecast of economic growth which underlies the Administration's budget could be criticized for its conservative bent--we have not, for example, assumed that the economy's ability to grow has increased substantially in recent years, although the data suggests that a pickup may in fact be occurring. Although any forecast is subject to error, I believe that the projections used in the President's Social Security plan are sound, realistic, and in line with the forecasts of the Blue Chip private forecasters and the Congressional

Budget Office (CBO)]

To conclude, let me say that the President's Social Security reform plan takes a very important step toward addressing challenges that will face future generations of Americans. By setting aside the lion's share of the projected budget surpluses to pay down our nation's debt we will strengthen our economy for the future. Continuing the fiscal discipline that has been the centerpiece of this Administration's economic agenda will contribute greatly to preparing our Nation for the coming demographic changes. Dedicating the gains from this fiscal discipline to Social Security and Medicare will ensure the further success of these critical programs and will strengthen our nation's economy for future generations.

Remarks

"The Importance of Social Security Reform"

Barbara Kennelly
Counselor to the Commissioner of Social Security

Social Security and Medicare Roundtable
Women's Magazine Editors

White House
March 15, 1999

I welcome this opportunity to speak with you today because I believe there is no issue of greater importance to our nation than Social Security reform, and it is an issue that should resonate especially strongly among women. In fact, women have a huge stake in this debate, and we need your help in increasing public awareness of this fact.

I have worked on women's retirement issues for many years, and I am gratified that this Administration is dedicated to improving the lives of older women, and to guaranteeing the future of our nation's Social Security program.

So I want to take just a few moments to explain why we face a need for Social Security reform...why the program is so vital to an aging America, and why it is so important to American women.

The basic reason we need long-range Social Security financing reform is that the demographics of America are changing. We are living longer and healthier lives than ever before. In 1940, the life expectancy of a 65-year-old was 12 ½ years; today, it's 17 ½--and growing.

And it's not just the number of years people are living, it is the number of people living them. Seventy-six million baby boomers are nearing retirement age, and by 2030 the number of older Americans will double. At the same time, there will be fewer workers to support retirees. These demographic changes will place great strains on Social Security's financing.

The Social Security trust funds are now accumulating large reserves; but in 2013, benefit payments will begin to exceed the annual tax income of the trust funds. And in 2032, if no changes are made, the trust fund reserves will be exhausted. At that point, current income would be able to pay only about 75 percent of benefit obligations.

If we take remedial action now, when there is no crisis, we can prevent a crisis from ever occurring. If we were to delay action for

a generation, the size of the financing problem would double.

The President believes-and the American public agrees-that Social Security must remain the rock solid foundation for retirement. The program-now in its seventh decade-has truly become part of the fabric of American life. It's not only the most successful domestic government program in the Nation's history.it's also our most important anti-poverty program.

Today, only 11 percent of older Americans fall below the poverty line; but without Social Security, about half would be living in poverty.

Social Security is more than a retirement program, however. About a third of our beneficiaries are NOT retirees.

They are severely disabled workers and their families, or the surviving family members of insured workers. This is why we often call Social Security America's Family Protection Plan.

If we look beyond these numbers to see what the program means in the lives of American women, we find an even more dramatic picture.

America is aging.and the aging face of America is increasingly female.

We live longer.and women make up about 75% of the nation's fastest growing age cohort-people age 85 and over.

One issue is how older women can provide financially for these years. Many women fear that as life spans lengthen, they will outlive their savings, and face their final years alone and impoverished.

These are not unfounded fears. As you know, women earn less on average than men.and lower lifetime earnings make it more difficult to save.

Women are also less likely to have significant pension or asset income. But most women do have Social Security.and it is especially vital to older women who are single or widowed.

Today, Social Security represents half of all income for _ of unmarried elderly women.and it is the only source of income for 1 of every 4 unmarried elderly women.

As we address the future of Social Security, we must make sure that any changes in the present system protect women, or at least safeguard the protection women now have under the present system.

We must remember that women differ statistically from men in two very important ways-we live longer, and will continue to do so; and we earn less than men, only 74% of men's earnings. This number has, unfortunately, not changed much recently.

We also earn less because we are more apt to go in and out of the system, taking time from careers to serve as the major caregivers in

our society.

The present Social Security system provides for these differences.

Women receive-

- A guaranteed benefit-they know they can count on it for the rest of their lives;

- Inflation protection-unlike most private pensions, the value of their monthly benefit payment is protected;

- Progressive benefits structure-the Social Security benefit formula is "weighted" to provide a higher rate of income replacement for lower-income earners; and

- Benefits for divorced spouse/widows-in a time when one of every two marriages ends in divorce, this protection gains importance.

In short, Social Security's current defined benefit system-with a progressive benefit formula, dependent benefits, annuitization and inflation protection-addresses women's needs very well. Women should be very cautious before they support any move away from the current system.

They could have a lot to lose.and no alternative proposal proves yet that they have a lot to gain.

In fact, right now, under the present system, women receive 53% of Social Security benefits. If we move into a system of individual accounts, that figure could dramatically change.

Still, too many older women are poor.

And the President has said that we must do more to reduce poverty among elderly women.that we must guarantee that longer lives of women do not mean impoverishment.

This effort is but one part of a comprehensive plan that the President has proposed to strengthen and protect our Social Security program. And Jack Lew will outline that plan for you in just a moment.

But I first want to say that I not only agree with the proposals put forth by President Clinton, but also agree that NOW is the time for us to take action.

We do have an historic window of opportunity.and we can't let the opportunity slip away. One of my favorite authors, Jessica Tuchman Mathews, said in a different context that "We need a new sense of shared destiny.that we're all in this together."

That's certainly true of our Social Security program. And we all need to support the effort to strengthen and preserve this program not only for our generation, but for our children and our grandchildren's generations. Thank you.

Ann Lewis

- Millenium coming. Will bring change in women's lives.
- One of the changes that will have a great affect on women has to do with how we handle retirement and health care in our older years.
- We've begun a great national debate on how we're going to move forward with Social Security and Medicare reform.
- Want to provide you with information about that debate that you can use to help inform your readers.
- With women living longer than men, saving Medicare is a particularly important issue for us, which why we will lead off today with Donna Shalala talking about Medicare reform.

Donna Shalala

COMINGSOON

Jack Lew

WILL NOT BE SPEAKING FROM A FULL SPEECH, HE WILL BE USING THE FOLLOWING MAIN POINTS

- The Administration's record on the Budget. Fiscal discipline and the ability to make targeted investments, including in families and children. Discuss the balanced budget and how we move forward to strenthen Social Security.
- How the Administration's policy of fiscal discipline enabled us to balance the budget and move forward with plans for Social Security and Medicare. (Describe Presidential framework).
- Emphasize that Presidential framework after Social Security and Medicare reform including 11 percent of budget surplus for discretionary spending to meet Nation's priorities.

Barbara Kennelly

- Women live longer. Less likely to have savings for retirement.
- Importance of Social Security to survivors and to the protection of families.
- Poverty rate for elderly women higher than for elderly men.
- All this means that reforcing Social Security should be a priority for women.

Janet Yellen

- Importance of paying down the debt for future generations.
- Importance of paying down debt to save economy.
- How accurate the Administration has been at projecting the elimination of

the surplus.

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 Council of Presidents, "Women's Equality Summit"
 NEA Auditorium

Tentative Schedule of Administration Presentations:

3:15

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

(Introduced by an non-Beltway advocate; person to be vetted by Women's Office and Office of First Lady)

Overview of our economic agenda for women; importance of women's political activism. *Child care*

3:30

Secretary Donna Shalala

Child care and Medicare

3:45

Barbara Kennelly

Social Security -- why women need to care

4:00

Secretary Alexis Herman

Fair Pay

16th - child care hearing.

Council representative to close.

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Bob Chase, President, NEA (or Council representative) convenes session

3:15

Grassroots Activist

Introduces First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

3:20

The First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton

Overview of our economic agenda for women, social security reform and the importance of women's political activism (introduces Secretary Herman)

3:35

Secretary of Labor, Alexis Herman

Fair Pay, pensions and retirement security (introduces Secretary Shalala)

3:45

Secretary of Health and Human Services, Donna Shalala

Child care and Medicare (introduces Barbara Kennelly)

3:55

Counselor to the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, Barbara Kennelly

Social Security -- why women need to care (introduces Ellie Smeal)

4:05

Council representative (most likely Ellie Smeal, Feminist Majority) to close.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

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TO: Participants in Women's Equality Summit and Congressional Action Day
FROM: Pat Reuss, NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund and Co-Chair
of the Equality Summit
Ellie Smeal, Feminist Majority and Co-Chair of the Equality Summit
DATE: March 4, 1999

We are writing on behalf of the National Council of Women's Organizations (NCWO) to provide updated information about the March 15 and 16 Women's Equality Summit and Congressional Action Day. We are pleased that so many organizational members of NCWO have agreed to take part. (See list below. Groups with a "*" are participating.) We are also thrilled that plans for the Equality Summit are progressing well -- with over 300 people already planning to attend and more applying every day!

UPDATES:

- **IMPORTANT!** Please check our web page at www.wlo.org/summit. We will regularly be posting issue briefing information and other updates at this site. Information about pre and post Summit events planned by NCWO member organizations are also listed.
- **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:** Please review. There have been some changes since the initial notice.

March 15

1:00 to 1:30 Registration begins: National Education Association, 1201 16th Street, NW

1:40 to 2:00 Opening session with remarks by:

- Susan Bianchi-Sand, Executive Director National Committee on Pay Equity and Chair of NCWO
- Ellie Smeal, President The Feminist Majority and Co-Chair of Women's Equality Summit
- Pat Reuss, Senior Policy Analyst, NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund and Co-Chair of Women's Equality Summit

2:00 to 3:00 Issue briefings ON THE SIX ISSUES:

- Protecting Social Security and improving Social Security for women
- Securing affordable, quality child care as a national priority for all who need it
- Improving access to health care by increasing funding for family planning and requiring private insurance coverage for contraceptives
- Supporting the ratification of the United Nation's Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) by the Senate and measures to oppose gender apartheid in Afghanistan
- Supporting Fair Pay legislation
- Ending hate violence against all citizens, supporting the Hate Crimes Prevention Act

3:00 to 4:15 **Mrs. Clinton makes remarks on women's economic empowerment and Social Security reform.** She will be joined by Secretary of Health and Human Services, Donna Shalala, Secretary of the Department of Labor, Alexis Herman and Barbara Kennelly, Counsel to the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration.

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4:15 to 4:30 Break

4:30 to 5:30 Issue briefings

5:45 to 6:45 Screening of the Lifetime TV film on Child Care prepared for April premiere
Comments by:

- Kathryn Rodgers, Executive Director of NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund, and NCWO Steering Committee member
- Meredith Wagner, Senior VP for Public Affairs, Lifetime TV

6:45 to 8:00 Reception hosted by Lifetime TV

March 16

7:45 to 9:00 Breakfast in the Senate Caucus Room, Russell 325, located at Constitution Avenue and 1st Street, NE. Congresswomen and Senators invited to attend

9:00 to 6:00 Capitol Hill visits

Briefing information for those who could not attend Monday sessions will be available throughout the day at 122 Maryland Avenue, NE between the US Senate and Supreme Court. Hill Visit report forms can be turned in at this location.

Lunch on own: Congressional cafeterias, maps with restaurants will be available

Visits to Congressional offices continue

6:00 to 8:00 Reception with Gloria Steinem and Ms. Magazine. Hyatt Regency Hotel, 400 New Jersey Ave., NW.

• REGARDING CAPITOL HILL VISITS

You are encouraged to make your own appointments for visits with your Senators and Representatives. You can call the local district or state offices of your Senators and Representative to make the appointments, or call the Washington Congressional switchboard at 202-225-3121 and ask the operator to connect you with your member. It is possible to make your appointments once you arrive in DC, but is better to do it in advance. We will be scheduling some visits with key members who play a leadership role on our issues agenda and will keep you informed either on the web page or at the briefing sessions in Washington.

• REGARDING THE RECEPTION WITH GLORIA

Our Summit coordinator, Karen Mulhauser, is organizing this reception separately, but all Summit participants are welcome. The cost includes a subscription to the renewed Ms. Magazine: \$35 provides one year subscription, \$65 provides two years subscription and \$100 provides two years plus the Lifetime Intimate Profile video of Gloria. Additional contributions will help defray costs. Checks should be made payable to Ms. Magazine and either brought to the event or sent to:

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Women's Equality Summit and Congressional Action Day**National Council of Women's Organizations****Member Organizations*****Participating Organizations**

- *9 to 5: National Association of Working Women
- *African-American Women's Clergy Association
- *Alexandria Commission for Women
- *American Association of University Women
- *American Medical Women's Association
- American Nurses Association
- *American Physical Therapy Association
- *American Women in Radio & TV
- *Association for Women in Science
- Betty Friedan
- *Black Women United for Action
- *Black Women's Agenda
- Business and Professional Women of the USA
- Catholics for a Free Choice
- Center for the Advancement of Public Policy
- Center for the Early Childcare Work Force
- *Center for Policy Alternatives
- Center for Women Policy Studies
- Child Care Action Campaign
- *Choice USA
- *Church Women United
- *Clearinghouse on Women's Issues
- *Coalition of Labor Union Women
- Cornell University/Institute for Women & Work
- *Dialogue on Diversity Inc.
- Economists' Policy Group on Women's Issues
- *ERA Summit
- *Federally Employed Women
- *Feminist Majority
- Financial Women International
- *General Federation of Women's Clubs
- Girls Incorporated
- *HADASSAH
- Institute for Health & Aging/University of California
- *Institute for Women's Policy Research
- International Black Women's Wages for Housework Campaign
- International Wages for Housework Campaign
- Jewish Women International
- *Jewish Women's Coalition

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League of Women Voters
MANA, A National Latina Organization
*Ms. Foundation for Women
*McAuley Institute/Women & Housing Task Force
*Na' Amat USA
*National Abortion Federation
*National Alliance for Caregiving
National Association for Female Executives
*National Association of Commissions for Women
*National Center on Women and Aging
*National Committee on Pay Equity
*National Council of Jewish Women
*National Council of Negro Women
National Council of Women of the U.S.
National Hispana Leadership Institute
*National Hook-up of Black Women, Inc.
National Museum of Women's History, Inc.
*National Organization for Women
National Partnership for Women & Families
National Political Congress of Black Women
*National Woman's Party
*National Women's Conference
National Women's Hall of Fame
National Women's Health Network
National Women's Health Resource Center
National Women's History Project
*National Women's Law Center
National Women's Political Caucus
*NAWE: Advancing Women in Higher Education
*NCA Union Retirees
NETWORK
New Ways to Work
*NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund
*Older Women's League
Organization of Chinese-American Women
Pamela Moffat
*Planned Parenthood Federation of America
*Public Leadership Education Network
*Radcliffe Public Policy Institute
*Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice
Soroptimist International of the Americas
The National Association of Women Business Owners
*The National Foundation for Women Legislators, Inc.
The White House Project
*The Woman Activist Fund, Inc.
*U.S. Committee for UNIFEM
*Washington Feminist Faxnet
*Washington Women's Television Network

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- *Wider Opportunities for Women
- *Woman's National Democratic Club
 - Women Employed
 - Women Executives in State Government
- *Women Leaders Online
 - Women of the West Museum
 - Women Work!
 - Women's Action Alliance, Inc.
- *Women's Action for New Directions
- *Women's Business Development Center
- *Women's Campaign Fund
 - Women's Center for Ethics in Action
 - Women's Division, United Methodist Church
- *Women's EDGE
 - Women's Environmental & Developmental Organization
 - Women's Foreign Policy Group
- *Women's Institute for Freedom of the Press
 - Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement
 - Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
 - Women's International Public Health Network
- *Women's Policy, Inc.
- *Women's Research and Education Institute
- *YWCA of the USA

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WOMEN'S GROUPS CONVENE WOMEN'S EQUALITY SUMMIT March 15-16 in Washington, DC

Leaders of the nation's women's organizations today announced a Women's Equality Summit to launch a public education campaign on how Social Security reform will impact women and to address other issues important to women's lives. The Summit will take place on March 15 and 16 in Washington, DC.

According to Susan Bianchi-Sand, Chair of the National Council of Women's Organizations, this is the first women's Summit organized by the NCWO, comprised of the nation's largest women's groups.

The National Council of Women's Organizations, which was incorporated in 1998, includes over 120 groups which together represent over 5 million women. "Since the 'Year of the Woman' in 1992, women have been steadily gaining political power in the U.S. In 1996, women's votes elected a President for the first time in history. This year, we are going to assemble all of that power in one place and present a Women's Agenda to the nation and our elected representatives," said Summit Co-Chair Ellie Smeal, President of the Feminist Majority.

Over 60 members of the National Council of Women's Organizations will participate in the Summit, including American Association of University Women, Feminist Majority, General Federation of Women's Clubs, National Council of Jewish Women, National Council of Negro Women, National Organization for Women, NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund, Older Women's League, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, and YWCA of the USA.

The Women's Equality Summit will kick off the Council's campaign to educate women and policy makers as to womens' stake in Social Security. In addition to Social Security reform, the following issues will also be addressed at the Summit:

- Securing affordable, quality child care as a national priority

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- Improving access to health care by increasing funding for family planning and requiring contraception insurance coverage
- Supporting the ratification of the United Nations Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) by the Senate, and measures to oppose gender apartheid in Afghanistan
- Supporting Fair Pay legislation
- Ending hate violence against all individuals and supporting the Hate Crimes Prevention Act

The Summit will include in-depth briefings on these issues, along with meetings with Senators and Representatives to discuss women's priorities. **First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton will speak at the Summit Monday afternoon on women's economic empowerment and Social Security reform.** Mrs. Clinton will be joined by Secretary of Health and Human Services, Donna Shalala, Secretary of the Department of Labor, Alexis Herman and Barbara Kennelly, Counsel to the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration.

Organizers believe the timing of the Summit is crucial. "We expect Congress to turn its attention to the real issues facing the nation. This will give Members of Congress an opportunity to hear from grassroots women from both parties", said Summit Co-Chair, Pat Reuss, Washington Director of the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Organizers expect over 400 women to attend the summit. In addition, millions more will be able to participate through the Summit web site at <http://wlo.org/summit>.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

"Economic and Retirement Security: What Women Have at Stake"

**March 15, 1999
11:30 AM - 2:15 PM**

On March 15 during Women's History Month, the First Lady will host a roundtable discussion on the future of Social Security and Medicare for editors and writers from national women's magazines. The event will stress the vital importance of these programs to women in particular. Officials from the White House, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Social Security Administration will participate in the discussion.

THE FOLLOWING IS A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY'S PROGRAM:

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| 11:15 AM - 11:30 AM | <u>ARRIVAL</u> of guests at the Old Executive Office Building through the Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. entrance (near the intersection with 17th Street, N.W.) |
| 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM | <u>LUNCH</u> in the Indian Treaty Room, Room 474 in the Old Executive Office Building (OEOB) |
| 12:15 AM - 12:25 PM | <u>MOVE</u> to the Roosevelt Room in the West Wing |
| 12:25 PM - 12:30 PM | <u>PROGRAM BEGINS</u> with opening remarks by:
<i>Jennifer Luray, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director, White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach; and</i>
<i>Ann Lewis, Assistant to the President and Director, White House Office of Communications</i> |
| 12:30 PM - 12:50 PM | <u>PRESENTATION AND Q & A</u>
Speaker: <i>Donna Shalala, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services</i>
Topic: Medicare Reform and its Impact on Women |
| 12:50 PM - 1:40 PM | <u>PANEL PRESENTATIONS AND Q & A</u>
Speaker: <i>Jack Lew, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB)</i>
Topic: The President's Social Security Plan and its Strengths Compared to Other Plans |

Speaker: Barbara Kennelly, Counselor to the Commissioner, Social Security Administration

Topic: Importance of Social Security Reform for Women

Speaker: Janet Yellen, Chair, the Council of Economic Advisors (CEA)

Topic: What Social Security Reform Means for All Americans and How it Will Affect Future Generations

1:40 PM - 2:00 PM

Three women share their personal stories about Social Security

2:00 PM - 2:15 PM

PRESENTATION AND Q & A

Speaker: First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

Topic: The Importance of Social Security and Medicare Reform for Women

2:15 PM - 2:30 PM

PROGRAM CONCLUDES AND GUESTS EXIT through the Northwest Appointment Gate on Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

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Director, National Council of Presidents & National Committee on Pay Equity,
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Grassroots Activist (unidentified)
Introduces First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

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Child care and Medicare (introduces Barbara Kennelly)

3:55

Counselor to the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, Barbara Kennelly
Social Security -- why women need to care (introduces Ellie Smeal)

4:05

Feminist Majority President and Summit Co-Chair, Ellie Smeal
Closes and gives organizing pitch

"Economic and Retirement Security: What Every Woman Should Know"

March 15, 1999

Indian Treaty Room/Roosevelt Room

BACKGROUND (Alpha by Magazine)

ACCEPTS:

Child Magazine

circ: 736,000

Address: 375 Lexington Avenue, 10th Floor
New York, NY 10017

Phone: 212-499-2002

Fax: 212-499-2038

Attendee: Pamela Abrams, Editor-in-Chief

History: Pamela Abrams, Editor-in-Chief, attended the White House Briefing for Women's Magazine Editors in 1997. No one from *Child Magazine* attended in 1998.

Essence

circ: 1 million

Address: 1500 Broadway
New York, NY 10036

Phone: 212-642-0688

Fax: 212-921-5173

Attendees: Monique Greenwood, Editor-in-Chief
Ziba Kashef, Health Editor

History: Monique Greenwood, Editor-in-Chief, has attended the past two Women's Magazine Editors briefings representing *Essence Magazine*. This year, she will be joined by Ziba Kashef, Health Editor.

Family Circle

circ: 5 million

Address: 375 Lexington Ave.
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Attendee: Nancy Clark, Deputy Editor

History: Deputy Editor, Nancy Clark, will be attending this year for the first time. Editor-in-Chief, Susan Ungaro, will not be attending this year due to a scheduling conflict, but she did attend in 1997 and 1998.

Heart & Soul

circ: 260,000

Address: One BET Plaza
1900 W. Place, NE
Washington DC 20018

Phone: 202-608-2097

Fax: 202-608-2598 or 608-2457

Attendees: Yanick Rice Lamb, Editorial Director
Kendra Lee, Senior Editor

History: Yanick Rice Lamb, Editorial director, and Kendra Lee, Senior Editor, will both be attending the Women's Magazine Editors Briefing for the first time. For the past two years, Stephanie Stokes Oliver has attended on behalf of *Heart and Soul*.

Jane

circ: 400,000

Address: 7 W. 34th St. 3rd Fl.
New York, NY 10001-8191

Phone: 212-630-3901

Fax: 212-630-3955

Attendee: Christina Kelly, Deputy Editor

History: Jane Pratt, Editor-in-Chief, will not be able to attend this year's briefing, although she did attend the briefing in 1998. This year, Christina Kelly, Deputy Editor, will be attending. *Jane* was not represented at the 1997 briefing.

Ladies' Home Journal

circ: 4.5 million

Address: 125 Park Avenue, 20th Fl.
New York, NY 10017

Phone: 212-455-1099

Fax: 212-455-1455

Attendee: Myrna Blyth, Editor-in-Chief

History: Myrna Blyth, Editor-in-Chief, has not attended this event in past years, but *Ladies' Home Journal* sent a representative in 1997 and 1998.

Latina

circ: 300,000

Address: 1500 Broadway, Ste 600
New York, NY 10036

Phone: 212-642-0600

Fax: 212-997-2553

Attendees: Sandra Guzman, Editor-in-Chief
Sandy Fernandez, Articles Editor (writes on financial issues)

History: Sandra Guzman, Editor-in-Chief, will be attending this event for the second

year, having attended in 1998 as well. Sandy Fernandez, Articles Editor, will be attending for the first time. In 1997, *Latina Magazine* sent Patricia Duarte to represent them at that year's Women's Magazine Editors Briefing.

Mademoiselle

circ: 1,136,570

Address: 350 Madison Ave, 7th Fl.
New York, NY 10017
Phone: 212-880-8402
Fax: 212-880-8254
Attendees: Elizabeth Crow, Editor-in-Chief
Jeannie Pyun, Deputy Editor
History: Executive Editor Elizabeth Crow attended the Women's Magazine Editors Briefing in 1997. (Cynthia Searlight attended in 1998.) Deputy Editor Jeannie Pyun will be attending this year for the first time.

McCall's

circ: 4,284,939

Address: 375 Lexington Ave., 9th floor
New York, NY 10017-5514
Phone: 212-499-1723
Fax: 212-499-1778
Attendees: Sally Koslow, Editor-in-Chief
Cathy Cavender, Executive Editor (writes on health)
History: Sally Koslow, Editor-in-Chief attending the Women's Magazine Editors Briefing in 1997. *McCall's* did not attend the event in 1998. This year, Ms. Koslow will be joined by Cathy Cavender, Executive Editor, who has not attended before.

Mirabella

circ: 550,000

Address: 1633 Broadway, 44th Fl.
New York, NY 10019
Phone: 212-767-5808
Fax: 212-767-5982
Attendee: Roberta Myers, Editor-in-Chief
History: Editor-in-Chief, Roberta Myers, has attended the Women's Magazine Editors Briefing in 1997 and 1998.

Ms. Magazine

circ: 200,000

Address: 135 W. 50th St.
New York, NY 10169
Phone: 212-509-2092 x218
Fax: 212-509-2407

Attendees: Marcia Ann Gillespie, Editor-in-Chief
Barbara Findlen, Executive Editor (handles health)
History: This will be Ms. Magazine's first year participating in the Women's Magazine Editors Briefing event. The magazine will be sending Marcia Ann Gillespie, Editor-in-Chief, and Executive Editor Barbara Findlen will be attending. FYI, They were already planning on doing a piece on Social Security in their upcoming June issue.

Redbook

circ: 3 million

Address: 224 West 57th Street
New York, NY 10019
Phone: 212-649-3477
Fax: 212-582-3054
Attendees: Lesley Jane Seymour, Managing Editor
Peggy Northrup, Executive Editor (writes on health)
History: Peggy Northrup, Executive Editor, and Leslie Jane Seymour, Managing Editor, will attend this year's Women's Magazine Editors Briefing for the first time. In 1997, *Redbook* was represented by Kate White. In 1998, Abigail Greene attended for *Redbook*.

Woman's World

circ: 1.1 million

Address: 270 Sylvan Avenue
Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632
Phone: 210-569-0006 x402
Fax: 201-569-3584
Attendee: Stephanie Saible, Editor-in-Chief
History: Editor-in-Chief, Stephanie Saible, will be attending this year's briefing. In 1997, Sarah Hutter attended the Magazine Editors briefing, but in 1998, *Women's World* did not have an editor in attendance.

Working Mother

circ: 925,000

Address: 135 West 50th Street, 16th floor
New York, NY 10020
Phone: 212-445-6141
Fax: 212-445-6174
Email: wmedit@womweb.com
Attendees: Judsen Culbreth, Editor-in-Chief
Catherine Cartwright, Senior Editor
History: Judsen Culbreth, Editor-in-Chief, attended the briefing in 1997. Another editor (Deborah A. Wilburn) from *Working Mother* attended in 1998. This will be Catherine Cartwright's (Senior Editor) first time attending this event.

Working Woman

circ: 625,000

Address: 135 West 50th Street, 16th Fl
New York, NY 10020

Phone: 212-445-6230

Fax: 212-445-6197

Attendees: Bernadette Grey, Editor-in-Chief
Jill Hamburg, Associate Editor

History: Bernadette Grey, Editor-In-Chief, attended the 1998 Briefing for *Working Women Magazine*. *Working Women* did not send an editor to the 1997 Briefing. This year, Associate Editor Jill Hamburg will be attending as well.

REGRETS:

Glamour

Scheduling conflict--no one is able to attend, but requests that any materials/information be mailed to them following the event.

Good Housekeeping

Not covering the issues of Social Security and Medicare.

Harper's Bazaar

Closing an issue that day, but requests all materials/information be mailed to them following the event.

New Woman

On deadline that week, but requests all materials/information be mailed to them following the event.

Self

Time conflict, but requests all materials/information be mailed to them following the event.

Woman's Day

No one was available to attend, but requests all materials/information be mailed to them following the event.

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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON TO ADDRESS WOMEN'S EQUALITY SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

WHAT: Leaders of national women's organizations today announced a Women's Equality Summit to launch a public education campaign on how social security reform will impact women and to address other issues important to women's lives. The Summit takes place on March 15-16 in Washington DC.

WHO: The National Council of Women's Organizations includes more than 120 groups which together represent over 5 million women. Summit participants include 400 leaders and members of participating organizations such as Feminist Majority, General Federation of Women's Clubs, National Organization for Women, Older Women's League, American Association of University Women, National Council of Negro Women, NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund, YWCA and the National Council of Jewish Women.

AGENDA: Monday, March 15: First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will speak on women's economic issues. This will occur in the auditorium of the National Education Association during the Monday afternoon issue briefing sessions on six key issues of the National Council of Women's Organization's agenda. NEA, 1201 16th Street, N.W.

Tuesday, March 16, 9:30 am Following a breakfast in the Senate Caucus Room (Russell 325), Gloria Steinem joins leaders of the National Council of Women's Organizations at the Women's Equality Summit press conference at the Senate Swamp. The Summit kicks off the Council's campaign to educate women and policy makers as to women's stake in social security reform and other issues important to women. Among speakers joining Gloria Steinem at the press conference are: Susan Bianchi-Sand, Chair, National Council and Executive Director, National Committee on Pay Equity, Heidi Hartmann, President, Institute for Women's Policy Research, Patricia Ireland, President, National Organization for Women, Prema Mathai-Davis, Executive Director, YWCA of the USA, Kathryn Rodgers, Executive Director, NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund and Ellie Smeal, President, Feminist Majority. Following the press conference, participants will visit Congressional offices. The day ends with a celebration of Ms. Magazine and of Gloria Steinem's 65th birthday at Hyatt Regency Hotel, 400 New Jersey Avenue, N.W.

ISSUES: In addition to Social Security Reform, the Council's agenda includes the following issues:

- Support for fair pay
- Securing affordable, quality child care as a national priority for all who need it
- Ending hate violence against all citizens and supporting Hate Crimes legislation
- Improving access to health care by increasing support for family planning services and requiring contraception insurance coverage
- Supporting ratification of the U.N. Convention for the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women and protection for the women of Afghanistan

MEDIA INVITED TO ATTEND. INTERVIEWS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

TO: Participants in Women's Equality Summit and Congressional Action Day
FROM: Pat Reuss, NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund and Co-Chair
of the Equality Summit
Ellie Smeal, Feminist Majority and Co-Chair of the Equality Summit
DATE: March 4, 1999

We are writing on behalf of the National Council of Women's Organizations (NCWO) to provide updated information about the March 15 and 16 Women's Equality Summit and Congressional Action Day. We are pleased that so many organizational members of NCWO have agreed to take part. (See list below. Groups with a "*" are participating.) We are also thrilled that plans for the Equality Summit are progressing well -- with over 300 people already planning to attend and more applying every day!

UPDATES:

- **IMPORTANT!** Please check our web page at www.wlo.org/summit. We will regularly be posting issue briefing information and other updates at this site. Information about pre and post Summit events planned by NCWO member organizations are also listed.
- **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:** Please review. There have been some changes since the initial notice.

March 15

1:00 to 1:30 Registration begins: National Education Association, 1201 16th Street, NW

1:40 to 2:00 Opening session with remarks by:

- Susan Bianchi-Sand, Executive Director National Committee on Pay Equity and Chair of NCWO
- Ellie Smeal, President The Feminist Majority and Co-Chair of Women's Equality Summit
- Pat Reuss, Senior Policy Analyst, NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund and Co-Chair of Women's Equality Summit

2:00 to 3:00 Issue briefings ON THE SIX ISSUES:

- Protecting Social Security and ending disadvantages to women in Social Security
- Securing affordable, quality child care as a national priority for all who need it
- Improving access to health care by increasing funding for family planning and requiring private insurance coverage for contraceptives
- Supporting the ratification of the United Nation's Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) by the Senate and measures to oppose gender apartheid in Afghanistan
- Supporting Fair Pay legislation
- Ending hate violence against all citizens, supporting the Hate Crimes Prevention Act

3:00 to 4:15 Mrs. Clinton makes remarks on Social Security reform and other economic issues

4:15 to 4:30 Break *and other Admin. Affairs*

4:30 to 5:30 Issue briefings

5:45 to 6:45 Screening of the Lifetime TV film on Child Care prepared for April premiere
Comments by:

- Kathryn Rodgers, Executive Director of NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund, and NCWO Steering Committee member
- Meredith Wagner, Senior VP for Public Affairs, Lifetime TV

6:45 to 8:00 Reception hosted by Lifetime TV

March 16

7:45 to 9:00 Breakfast in the Senate Caucus Room, Russell 325, located at Constitution Avenue and 1st Street, NE. Congresswomen and Senators invited to attend

9:00 to 6:00 Capitol Hill visits

Briefing information for those who could not attend Monday sessions will be available throughout the day at 122 Maryland Avenue, NE between the US Senate and Supreme Court. Hill Visit report forms can be turned in at this location.

Lunch on own: Congressional cafeterias, maps with restaurants will be available

Visits to Congressional offices continue

6:00 to 8:00 Reception with Gloria Steinem and Ms. Magazine. Hyatt Regency Hotel, 400 New Jersey Ave., NW.

• **REGARDING CAPITOL HILL VISITS**

You are encouraged to make your own appointments for visits with your Senators and Representatives. You can call the local district or state offices of your Senators and Representative to make the appointments, or call the Washington Congressional switchboard at 202-225-3121 and ask the operator to connect you with your member. It is possible to make your appointments once you arrive in DC, but is better to do it in advance. We will be scheduling some visits with key members who play a leadership role on our issues agenda and will keep you informed either on the web page or at the briefing sessions in Washington.

• **REGARDING THE RECEPTION WITH GLORIA**

Our Summit coordinator, Karen Mulhauser, is organizing this reception separately, but all Summit participants are welcome. The cost includes a subscription to the renewed Ms. Magazine: \$35 provides one year subscription, \$65 provides two years subscription and \$100 provides two years plus the Lifetime Intimate Profile video of Gloria. Additional contributions will help defray costs. Checks should be made payable to Ms. Magazine and either brought to the event or sent to:

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Women's Equality Summit and Congressional Action Day

National Council of Women's Organizations

Member Organizations

*Participating Organizations ←

- *9 to 5: National Association of Working Women
- *African-American Women's Clergy Association
- *Alexandria Commission for Women
- *American Association of University Women
- *American Medical Women's Association
- American Nurses Association
- *American Physical Therapy Association
- *American Women in Radio & TV
- *Association for Women in Science
- Betty Friedan
- *Black Women United for Action
- *Black Women's Agenda
- Business and Professional Women of the USA
- Catholics for a Free Choice
- Center for the Advancement of Public Policy
- Center for the Early Childcare Work Force
- Center for Policy Alternatives
- Center for Women Policy Studies
- Child Care Action Campaign
- *Choice USA
- *Church Women United
- *Clearinghouse on Women's Issues
- *Coalition of Labor Union Women
- Cornell University/Institute for Women & Work
- *Dialogue on Diversity Inc.
- Economists' Policy Group on Women's Issues
- *ERA Summit
- *Federally Employed Women
- *Feminist Majority
- Financial Women International
- *General Federation of Women's Clubs
- Girls Incorporated
- *HADASSAH
- Institute for Health & Aging/University of California
- *Institute for Women's Policy Research
- International Black Women's Wages for Housework Campaign

International Wages for Housework Campaign
 Jewish Women International
 *Jewish Women's Coalition
 League of Women Voters
 MANA, A National Latina Organization
 *Ms. Foundation for Women
 *McAuley Institute/Women & Housing Task Force
 *Na'Amat USA
 *National Abortion Federation
 *National Alliance for Caregiving
 National Association for Female Executives
 *National Association of Commissions for Women
 *National Center on Women and Aging
 *National Committee on Pay Equity
 *National Council of Jewish Women
 *National Council of Negro Women
 National Council of Women of the U.S.
 National Hispana Leadership Institute
 *National Hook-up of Black Women, Inc.
 National Museum of Women's History, Inc.
 *National Organization for Women
 National Partnership for Women & Families
 National Political Congress of Black Women
 *National Woman's Party
 *National Women's Conference
 National Women's Hall of Fame
 National Women's Health Network
 National Women's Health Resource Center
 National Women's History Project
 *National Women's Law Center
 National Women's Political Caucus
 *NAWE: Advancing Women in Higher Education
 *NCA Union Retirees
 NETWORK
 New Ways to Work
 *NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund
 *Older Women's League
 Organization of Chinese-American Women
 Pamela Moffat
 *Planned Parenthood Federation of America
 *Public Leadership Education Network
 *Radcliffe Public Policy Institute
 *Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice
 Soroptimist International of the Americas
 The National Association of Women Business Owners
 The National Foundation for Women Legislators, Inc.

**IWPR's state attendees at the
Women's Equality Summit and Congressional Action Day**

Emily Browne:

Ms. Browne is a past president of the Florida branch of the National Organization for Women. She remains active in both the Florida and Gainesville chapters of NOW, and she has worked as a civil rights and women's activist for over thirty years. She is also an active member of the Democratic Party in Florida.

Diane Bryant:

* Ms. Bryant is the current chair of Kentucky Women Advocates, a coalition group of women's organizations in the state. She began work in Kentucky Women Advocates during her work as coordinator for the Association for Children for Enforcement of Support. Starting in 1999, Ms. Bryant also began working in an official capacity for the Kentucky Commission on the Status of Women. (Please see attached bio for more information.)

* **Laura Fortman:**

Ms. Fortman heads the Maine Women's Development Institute.

Marianne Hill:

* Dr. Hill is a leader in the current revitalization of the Mississippi Women's Political Network, a coalition group of women's organizations and leaders throughout the state. She also works on education issues with the Mississippi Institutes of Higher Learning, a state office dedicated to post-secondary education.

Nancy Intermill:

Ms. Intermill is president-elect of the Nebraska Business and Professional Women. She also currently works for Nebraska's Department of Health and Human Services in the Finance and Support office.

Barbara Potopowitz:

Ms. Potopowitz is currently Public Information Officer for the Connecticut Permanent Commission on Women. In this capacity she helps publicize information on the status of women in her state and problems facing different kinds of women. The Permanent Commission advises the state legislature on issues concerning women.

Judith Sutphen:

Ms. Sutphen is currently the Executive Director of the Vermont Governor's Commission on the Status of Women, where she has served since 1998. In this capacity, she works closely with the Governor and the legislature on promoting women's issues and in particular the importance of child care.

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**Diane Faye Bryant
116 Linden Ave
Frankfort, KY 40601**

Diane Bryant is currently serving her second term as the President of Kentucky Women Advocates, a coalition of women's organizations and individuals who are committed to achieving full equality for women. KWA works toward this goal by providing a clearinghouse for information, a communication network and a mechanism for advocacy on issues of concern to women and their families.

In her 1998 term, Diane took on the Chair position of the Kentucky based Advisory Committee for the *Status of Women in Kentucky* report. She pulled together Kentucky women active in different aspects of women's concerns. She hosted meetings for the review of the report and spearheaded the organization of the media events in two locations, when the report was released. After the media event, she coordinated a conference on the Status of Women in Kentucky in conjunction with the Kentucky Women Advocates Annual Conference. She also coordinated Legislative Day seminar for women who want to make a difference with the General Assembly.

Prior to her election to KWA and continuing during her terms, she has been a coordinator for the Association for Children for Enforcement of Support, a non-profit national organization for the families of children entitled to child support, but encountering difficulties receiving it. This advocacy work started in 1994 at the local level and branched into a statewide commitment to helping other chapters get started. Her work included public education, public relations, advocacy in the courtroom, and unofficial lobbying in the legislature. She coordinated and hosted an annual Candlelight Vigil and event on the Capitol steps for the past 4 years with guest speakers like Kentucky's Attorney General and Kentucky's Governor and First Lady.

She has also established herself as the volunteer moderator for the public hearings on child support, held by the Attorney General; worked on the Education and Public Relations subcommittee for the AG's Child Support Enforcement Commission; planned, administered, coordinated, and occasionally facilitated divorce education clinics for the local circuit court districts on a volunteer basis; participated on the Statewide Divorce

Education Training Advisory Group; participated on personnel search teams for domestic violence counselor and advocate; participated on the Electronic Benefits Advisory Committee, as an advocate for welfare mothers; participate on the Substance Abuse, Pregnancy, and Women of Childbearing Age Task Force; have testified to the Kentucky General Assembly and organized panels of women to testify against bills detrimental to women and their families.

Diane combined some of her volunteer interests and work commitments in November of 1998, when she was appointed as a Principal Assistant within the Kentucky Commission on Women. Within her job, she also participates and represents the Commission on the planning committee of the Council of Aging, the Affirmative Action Team of the Department of Personnel, and other groups as they arise. Currently, she is coordinating the Kentucky Women Remembered project of the Commission. This project's mission is to introduce women who have made a significant contribution to Kentucky into the artwork and displays of the Capitol building.

(White House letterhead)

"Economic and Retirement Security: What Women Have at Stake"

March 15, 1999
11:30 AM - 2:15 PM

On March 15 during Women's History Month, the First Lady will host a roundtable discussion on the future of Social Security and Medicare for editors and writers from national women's magazines. The event will stress the vital importance of these programs to women in particular. Officials from the White House, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Social Security Administration will participate in the discussion.

THE FOLLOWING IS A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY'S PROGRAM:

11:15 AM - 11:30 AM ARRIVAL of guests at the Old Executive Office Building through the Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. entrance (near the intersection with 17th Street, N.W.)

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM LUNCH in the Indian Treaty Room, Room 474 in the Old Executive Office Building (EOB)

12:15 AM - 12:25 PM MOVE to the Roosevelt Room in the West Wing

12:25 PM - 12:30 PM PROGRAM BEGINS with opening remarks by:
Jennifer Luray, Deputy Assistant to the President and White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach; and
Ann Lewis, Assistant to the President and Director, White House Office of Communications

12:30 PM - 12:50 PM PRESENTATION AND Q & A
Speaker: **Donna Shalala**, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services
Topic: Medicare Reform and its Impact on Women

12:50 PM - 1:40 PM PANEL PRESENTATIONS AND Q & A
Speaker: **Jack Lew**, Director, Office of Management and (OMB)

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Commissioner, Social	Speaker: Barbara Kennelly , <i>Counselor to the Security Administration</i>
	Topic: Importance of Social Security Reform for Women
Advisors	Speaker: Janet Yellen , <i>Chair, the Council of Economic (CEA)</i>
Americans and How it	Topic: What Social Security Reform Means for All Will Affect Future Generations
1:40 PM - 2:00 PM Social Security	Three women share their personal stories about
2:00 PM - 2:15 PM	<u>PRESENTATION AND Q & A</u>
	Speaker: First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
Reform for	Topic: The Importance of Social Security and Medicare Women
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM through the Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.	<u>PROGRAM CONCLUDES AND GUESTS EXIT</u> Northwest Appointment Gate on

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