

Inc/ min / adoption followup

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Sincerely yours,

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Scheduling Proposal

*Patti -
there are about
25 board
members,*
October 28, 1996

☐ Accept

☐ Regret

☐ Pending

TO: Patti Solis-Doyle
Melanne Verveer

FROM: Alexis Herman
Barbara Woolley

REQUEST: To have the First Lady meet with the Catholic Health Association (CHA) Board of Trustees on either Thursday evening, December 5, or any time on Friday, December 6, before 3:00 p.m.

PURPOSE: To demonstrate the Clinton's ongoing commitment to improving our nation's health care and to discuss health care initiatives that might be pursued in President Clinton's second term.

BACKGROUND: The CHA Board would appreciate meeting with Mrs. Clinton at her convenience to discuss health care initiatives that might be pursued during President Clinton's second term. CHA has been broadly supportive of the President's health care agenda during the past four years, especially his effort to achieve universal coverage in a reformed health care delivery system. The Board and CHA members across the nation are anxious to support President Clinton in his efforts to expand insurance coverage to millions of Americans who lack it now and to make the U.S. health care system more responsive to the needs of individuals, families and communities.

The Catholic Health Association is the national leadership organization of more than 1,200 sponsors, systems, facilities, and related organizations and services. CHA's 575 hospitals and over 300 long term care facilities comprise the nation's largest group of not-for-profit health care institutions under a single sponsorship.

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PARTICIPATION: Mrs. Clinton has participated with the CHA previously, but she has not met with their Board of Trustees before. If her schedule will allow it, this would be very important to the group.

DATE & TIME: Thursday December 5, 1996 in the evening or
anytime Friday December 6, 1996 before 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: The White House

PARTICIPANTS: The Catholic Health Association Board of Trustees

**OUTLINE OF
EVENTS:** To Be Announced.

**REMARKS
REQUIRED:** Speech Writer.

**MEDIA
COVERAGE:** Open.

CONTACT: Barbara Woolley, 456-2155.