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As the first and only facility of its kind, the National First Ladies' Library will serve as a unique, national resource for patrons from school children to serious scholars. As a national archive devoted to educating people about the contributions of First Ladies and other important women in history, the Library's holdings will fill an informational void that has long frustrated academicians and armchair history buffs alike. The Library will fulfill this mission by serving as both a physical educational facility and an electronic virtual library, in an effort to educate people in the United States and around the world.

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NATIONAL FIRST LADIES' LIBRARY AND FORD'S THEATRE JOIN TO HONOR OUTSTANDING "FIRST WOMEN"

The National First Ladies' Library will celebrate five outstanding living women at a gala awards dinner on Tuesday, March 16, 1999, which will include **First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton** and actress **Jane Alexander**. Timed in tandem with the dinner will be the Ford's Theatre gala opening of *Eleanor: An American Love Story* on Monday, March 15, 1999.

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First Ladies Salute First Women

WHAT:

First Ladies Salute First Women

A gala awards dinner celebrating five outstanding living women

WHEN:

Tuesday, March 16, 1999

6:30 p.m. -- reception

Followed by dinner and program

WHERE:

Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Center
The Atrium
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.

WHO:

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
Barbara Walters, ABC News Correspondent, Mistress of Ceremonies
Actress Jane Alexander, Narrator

Award recipients:

The Honorable Madeleine Albright, first female U.S. Secretary of State

Gwendolyn Brooks, first female African-American Pulitzer Prize winner for poetry

Elizabeth P. Campbell, founder and Vice President for Community Affairs of WETA Public Television

The Honorable Shirley Chisholm, first African-American woman to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor, first female Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court

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Other invited guests include former First Ladies, presidential descendants, Members of Congress and the Administration, First Ladies of the States, corporate representatives, members of the Library's Board of Directors and National Advisory Board, Library Founding Sponsors and individual donors.

WHY: As the first and only facility of its kind, the National First Ladies' Library serves as a unique, national resource for information about America's First Ladies' and other prominent women in American history. *First Ladies Salute First Women* was conceived of by the National First Ladies' Library to recognize and honor the important contributions of exceptional women who have achieved prominence in their field.

Eleanor: An American Love Story

WHAT: *Eleanor: An American Love Story*
A momentous era of American history takes the stage in this new musical which chronicles the emergence of an exceptional woman, from a shy, insecure, young aristocrat to a compelling woman of confidence and a champion of the downtrodden. With vivid lyrics and a captivating score, Eleanor and Franklin D. Roosevelt come alive in a bittersweet world of romance, infidelity and politics.

Ford's Theatre dedicates this production to the launch of the National First Ladies' Library.

WHEN: Opening Night - Monday, March 15th at 7:30 p.m.
Press Night - Tuesday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m.
The show will run at Ford's Theatre from March 10 - June 4, 1999

WHERE: Ford's Theatre
511 Tenth Street, NW
Washington, DC

WHY: As a living tribute to Abraham Lincoln's love of the performing arts, Ford's Theatre produces musicals and plays that underscore our country's multiculturalism and illuminate the eclectic character of American life. Frankie Hewitt, Ford's Producing Artistic Director, has chosen to present this new musical *Eleanor: An American Love Story* in honor of one of our country's most famous First Ladies, as well as the recent opening of the National First Ladies' Library.

For ticket information to the *First Ladies Salute First Women* contact Page Kjellstrom at 703-556-0863. For ticket information to the Ford's Theatre production of *Eleanor: An American Love Story* contact the Box Office at 202-347-4833.

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March 16, 1999

Contact: Kim Walz or Jessamyn Sarmiento

USAID HONORS FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON FOR DEDICATION TO WORLD-WIDE DEVELOPMENT

Washington, D.C. -- The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) honored First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton today in a tribute and plaque dedication for her tireless efforts on behalf of world-wide development. The First Lady has been a devoted advocate on behalf of women, children and families in developing countries for many years.

Senator Patrick J. Leahy (D-VT), Congressman Sonny Callihan, (R-AL), and Ugandan Ambassador Edith Sempala joined USAID Administrator J. Brian Atwood for the tribute in the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center building, where USAID is located.

Atwood presented Mrs. Clinton a plaque that will be placed in the 14th Street Lobby of USAID along with photographs of the First Lady visiting USAID programs around the world. They include a bakery in Nicaragua supported by a microenterprise loan, a child receiving a uniject vaccine in Indonesia, and a blind girl studying Braille in Africa.

Atwood praised Mrs. Clinton for her support of programs such as microenterprise loans that benefit mostly women in developing countries and her outspoken advocacy for human rights around the world. He told the audience that by simply visiting programs in developing countries, the First Lady elevated the status of those programs and forced national leaders to pay attention.

As a direct result of USAID programs, literacy has risen by almost 50 percent in developing countries; infant mortality has been halved; the average woman now has three, not six, children; and life expectancy has risen by more than a decade.

"We are working in many countries where children still starve, where girls are abused and denied basic education, where women are denied political rights, and when Mrs. Clinton goes there and gives oppressed people her blessing, it matters," said Atwood. "She has left progress and hope behind her, wherever she has gone."

Several hundred people, including middle school students from St. Louis Park, Minnesota, attended the tribute. The students joined the District's Macfarland Middle School for their own presentation to Mrs. Clinton on behalf of USAID's *Operation Day's Work* program. The program is in its first year and with six pilot schools across the country, *Operation Day's Work* exposes American students to the dynamic and diverse world around them and teaches the importance of volunteerism and community building.

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Students from D.C.'s Eastern High School Choir performed a series of patriotic songs and embassy children in national dress representing developing nations presented flowers to the First Lady.

FIRST LADY QUOTE HERE???

In a luncheon before the ceremony, Mrs. Clinton was cited for her support of USAID's Vitamin A initiative, which will save the lives of hundreds of thousands of children each year. In a public-private partnership, business leaders from major corporations joined with USAID and the first lady and signed a memorandum of cooperation pledging their support in the initiative.

"In my opinion," said Atwood, "No one in public life today has been a more informed, eloquent or effective voice on behalf of women, children, and families, and all the oppressed people of the world, than Hillary Rodham Clinton."

Plaque Inscription

"USAID's humanitarian and development work reflects our nation's most cherished values: the belief that every citizen, regardless of where than man or woman comes from, who their parents might be, what kind of village or family they call home, is entitled to his or her rightful share of personal, political, economic, and civic power.

"Through USAID our government is committed to expanding the circle of human dignity to every human being - men and women, boys and girls. There cannot be true democracy unless women are given the opportunity to take responsibility for their own lives. There cannot be true democracy unless all citizens are able to participate fully in the lives of their countries."

Hillary Rodham Clinton, 1999

United States Agency for International Development

May all who pass through these portals recognize the invaluable contribution to world wide development made by the First Lady of the United States, Hillary Rodham Clinton.

J. Brian Atwood
Administrator, USAID
March 1999

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USAID TRIBUTE TO FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1999

WASHINGTON D.C. -- The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) will honor First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in a special ceremony marking her invaluable contributions to world-wide development, March 16, 2:00 p.m. in the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center Atrium.

USAID Administrator J. Brian Atwood will be joined by Mrs. Clinton, Senator Patrick J. Leahy (D-VT), Congressman Sonny Callahan (R-AL), and Ugandan Ambassador Edith Sempala, in a musical tribute and plaque dedication to the First Lady.

Following is logistical information for media wishing to cover the event.

Logistical Information:

- Media check-in and pick-up of event press credentials:
USAID lobby, 14th Street entrance to the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center.
All media must enter at this location for security clearance and equipment check.
- Pre-set: 10:00 am 11:45am.
Media needing an earlier pre-set should call the USAID press office at 712-4320.
- No access: 11:45 am to 1:00 pm
- Final site access and check-in: 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm
- Media outlets planning live coverage should contact the USAID press office at 712-4320 by Monday 6:00 pm for information on satellite truck parking and cabling.

Coverage:

- Two open press risers. Throw for head-on is 60 feet, second riser is 70 feet.
- Mult box will be provided at the risers.
- Seating for media will be provided in a different location from the risers for pencils and other media.

For more information contact Kim Walz or Jessamyn Sarmiento at the USAID press office,
202-712-4320.

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COMMENTS

Julie,

Here is the media advisory for Tuesday's event. Do you have a list of people you want us to send it to or will you also be putting something out to WH press? We will put a detailed logistical advisory out Monday to explain press check-in, parking, mult box, press risers, etc. We'll also hand out press kits and I'll send you a copy of the press release we do. Let us know if you need anything else.

Kim Walz
712-4052

March 12, 1999

Toby Graf
First Lady's Press Office
By fax: (202)456-7805

Dear Toby:

As you requested, the following is a list of members of Congress and public figures who have RSVP'd to the March 16th luncheon, as well as key Seventeen and Cover Girl staff and the six winners.

- The Attorney General Janet Reno (scheduled to arrive at 1:30, after Mrs. Clinton leaves)
- The Honorable Tammy Baldwin - WI
- The Honorable Steve Buyer - IN
- The Honorable Donna M. Christian-Christensen - VI
- The Honorable Eva Clayton - NC
- The Honorable Sue Kelly - NY
- The Honorable Tom Lantos - CA
- The Honorable Dan Miller - FL
- The Honorable Constance Morella - MD
- The Honorable Debbie Stabenow - MI
- Deborah Wilder - Mayor of Foster City, CA
- Brandy - Actress, Singer, Cover Girl Model
- Marc Pritchard - VP, General Manager Cosmetic and Fragrance Products - U.S., Procter & Gamble North America
- Lori Burgess - Publisher of Seventeen Magazine
- Patrice Adcroft - Editor-in-Chief of Seventeen Magazine

Seventeen*Cover Girl Volunteerism Awards winners:

- Aubyn Burnside - Hickory, NC
- Megan Kirschner - Schererville, IN
- Jennifer Fletcher - Portland, OR
- Annie Chau - Foster City, CA
- Melissa Poe - Nashville, TN
- Kathryn "Kat" McKell - Bradenton, FL

Please feel free to call me with any questions. I can be reached at (212) 407-9851.

Sincerely,

Andrea Chambers

**FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION****TO:** Julie Mason**FAX #:** 202/436-7805**FROM:** Kim Davis**RE:** National First Ladies' Library Honors "First Women" Awards**DATE:** March 1, 1999**# OF PAGES (Including cover sheet):** 3

Julie,

This is a copy of a media advisory draft for the First Ladies Salute First Women Awards. Please contact me at 703/714-2361 (phone) or 703/442-8336 (fax) with any changes.

Thank you,
Kim

MEDIA ADVISORY**CONTACT: Kristi Hellmuth**

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**NATIONAL FIRST LADIES' LIBRARY HONORS "FIRST WOMEN"
AT FIRST LADIES SALUTE FIRST WOMEN GALA**Tiffany & Co. to Design and Donate *First Ladies Salute First Women* Awards

WHAT: The National First Ladies' Library, the only national institution devoted to the serious contributions of first ladies and other important women in American history, will honor five outstanding living women at a gala awards dinner.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 16, 1999
6:30 -6:45 pm -- Media Availability - BW, award winners

WHERE: Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Center

WHO: Award Winners: **The Honorable Madeleine Albright**, first female U.S. Secretary of State; **Gwendolyn Brooks**, first female African-American Pulitzer Prize winner for poetry; **Elizabeth Campbell**, founder and Vice-President for Community Affairs of WETA Public Television; **The Honorable Shirley Chisholm**, first African-American woman to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives; and **The Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor**, first female Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton**Barbara Walters, ABC News Correspondent, Mistress of Ceremonies**
Actresses Jane Alexander and Mary Steenburgen

AWARD: Each honoree will receive a specially designed award created by Tiffany & Co. The *First Ladies Salute First Women* award was inspired by the Dolley Madison Commemorative silver dollar, which Tiffany & Co. designed for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Each award is a slant cut full-lead crystal prism. The

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An of the award will feature the new Dolley Madison coin in an etched well with an inscription that reads "First Ladies Salute First Women" and the honorees name. etching of Dolley Madison's face, as depicted on the coin, will be on the back of the prism. Tiffany & Co. is donating this year's awards to the National First Ladies' Library.

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THE FIRST LADY'S PRESS OFFICE

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Seventeen Questions attached,
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They need responses by 3/19 at
the latest.

Thank Julie

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Andrea Chambers
EDITORIAL PROJECTS DIRECTOR

Julie Mason
First Lady's Press Office
By Fax: 202-456-7805

Dear Julie:

We are so pleased that the First Lady has agreed to answer questions to be published in **Seventeen**. As discussed, I am attaching our questions on the subject of volunteerism. If at all possible, we would appreciate Mrs. Clinton's response toward the end of next week. Kindly fax this to me at 212-407-9899.

If I can provide any further information about our volunteerism program or this year's winners, please feel free to call me.

Thank you for all of your help. We look forward to receiving Mrs. Clinton's response.

Sincerely,



Andrea Chambers

Questions for The First Lady from **Seventeen** Magazine:

- 1) Why was it important to you to meet the six winners of the **Seventeen Cover Girl Volunteerism Awards** and speak at the awards presentation ceremony?
- 2) Did you volunteer as a teen and why do you think it's important for teens to be involved in community service?
- 3) Despite your busy schedule, you still find time for volunteerism. Can you describe your most meaningful experience helping others?
- 4) Do you have a message for teens about how to make the right choices in our increasingly complex society?
- 5) As First Lady, you've been such an advocate for the interests of women and children. How do you see yourself continuing to champion these issues—and others dear to your heart—during the next chapter in your life?
- 6) Our readers look up to Chelsea and see her as a role model. Has Chelsea done any volunteering and if so what did this experience mean to her?

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barnesandnoble.com Celebrates Women's History Month

**Highlights Include Exclusive Online Chat with Author and First Lady
Hillary Rodham Clinton**

New York, NY — March 1, 1999 — barnesandnoble.com launched its celebration of Women's History Month today, with a special new content area that pays tribute to the accomplishments of women.

The Women's History Month area features "Pioneers of the Day," predictions for the future by notable women, and an ongoing series of online chats with women authors. First and foremost is an exclusive online chat with Hillary Rodham Clinton. Sponsored by barnesandnoble.com, the First Lady's interview will be held in AOL Live on America Online (Keyword: bn) on March 17 from 8:00 to 8:45 p.m., EST. Mrs. Clinton will discuss her most recent book, *Dear Socks, Dear Buddy: Kids' Letters to the First Pets*, published by Simon & Schuster, suggest ways parents can help their children enjoy the art of writing letters, and answer questions submitted by the online audience.

In addition to the First Lady's chat on AOL, barnesandnoble.com will host a number of notable women authors discussing a wide range of interests. They include Nora Roberts (March 1, *River's End*), Marilu Henner (March 4 *The 30-Day Total Health Makeover*), Maria Shriver (March 9, *What's Heaven?*), Maeve Binchy (March 15, *Tara Road*), Suze Orman (March 25, *The Courage to be Rich*), and Mary Pipher (March 31, *Another Country*). These chats are accessible via the Internet at <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/chat>.

In another Women's History Month feature, exclusive to barnesandnoble.com, "They Told Us " will showcase the answers to three leading questions: Which woman in history do you most admire and why? What advances do you think women will make in the next century? What three books by or about women have been most influential in your life and why? Our thoughtful respondents include such notables as Gloria Steinem, Doris Lessing, Lesley Stahl, Suzanne Vega, and Sue Miller, and their answers are at once candid and provocative.

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The "Pioneer of the Day" feature will highlight one outstanding woman each day. Visitors to the site will be able to read about pioneers in politics (Rosa Parks, Golda Meier, Eleanor Roosevelt, Gloria Steinem) and the arts (Ella Fitzgerald, Madonna, Agatha Christie, Coco Chanel) as well as journalism and entertainment (Barbara Walters, Joan Ganz Cooney, Oprah, Katherine Graham). Each feature links to a book by or about its subject.

"While we feature books by and about women all year long, Women's History Month gives us a more focused opportunity to celebrate the many great books that inspire, inform, and empower women," noted Melissa Roberson, vice president, editorial director of barnesandnoble.com.

Women's History Month will be showcased on the barnesandnoble.com home page for the month of March. You can get there directly at: ***LINK TO BE ADDED HERE***.

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March 12, 1999

Shirley:

As per your request, following is a brief explanation of how the First Lady's March 16 (10-10:45 p.m. EST) live chat on America Online will be conducted.

America Online and Barnes and Noble have already begun soliciting questions from users. Prior to the chat, a Barnes & Noble moderator will sort through the questions and come up with a reasonable amount to ask in a 45 minute period. These questions will be submitted to the White House for review and will vary. Some answers will be short, some will be longer.

Five minutes prior to the chat, the moderator will phone the White House. The chat will be conducted just like a phone interview, with the moderator asking the questions, Mrs. Clinton answering and the moderator typing.

On the AOL side, chat attendees will see the question appear on the screen and Mrs. Clinton's answers will follow. Depending on the length of the answers, the audience may see part one of an answer and the rest a few seconds later.

Chat interviewees are usually asked to speak slowly and in a concise manner.

Outstanding questions that remain on our side are

- a) what telephone number the moderator should call and any specifics on how she should identify herself, assuming the call will go through the White House operator.
- b) please specify when and who at the White House should receive the questions for review. Originally, we were going to give you questions 24 hours in advance. Since the time for soliciting questions has been shortened by 24 hours, is it possible to have questions sent over on Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m., 12 hours in advance of the chat? As we are aware of the focus of the chat, I don't anticipate the White House having any major revisions to the list of questions.

Again, thank you for your help. This has been a very exciting project to work on and we are looking forward to "seeing" the First Lady online.

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**NATIONAL FIRST LADIES' LIBRARY SALUTES
OUTSTANDING "FIRST WOMEN"**

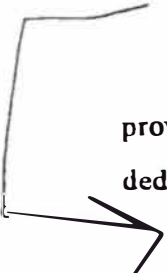
**Gala Celebration Features First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
and Actresses Jane Alexander and Mary Steenburgen**

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U.S. Secretary of State **Madeleine Albright**, the first female to hold that position; **Gwendolyn Brooks**, the first female African-American Pulitzer Prize winner for poetry; **Elizabeth P. Campbell**, the founder and Vice-President for Community Affairs of WETA Public Television; **The Honorable Shirley Chisholm**, the first African-American woman to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives; and **The Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor**, the first female Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, were cited for their leadership roles in forging new opportunities for women through their achievements as "first" in their field.

"The First Ladies Salute First Women was conceived by the National First Ladies' Library to recognize and honor the important contributions of exceptional women who have achieved prominence in their field," said Mary Regula, founder and president of the Library. We salute these women and celebrate their individual and collective impact on women's roles globally," she said.

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First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton commended the awardees for the inspiration they have provided women of the world through their ever-present professionalism and creativity and dedication to expanding and broadening the roles and opportunities for women.

QUOTE FROM HRC

Secretary Albright paid special tribute to First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton with the first women's award.

"Hillary Rodham Clinton, you have been and are simply an extraordinary human being, whether explaining the responsibilities of democracy in Uzbekistan or speaking out against female mutilation in Africans, whether meeting women for peace in Northern Ireland, or offering hope to all women in China, you have been a friend to the world," Albright said.

Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor in receiving her award praised the National First Ladies' Library for providing Americans with an important national resource for information about the First Ladies.

"Americans are vitally interested in our nation's First Ladies -- the women who have called the White House 'home' and who have contributed, each in her own way, to meeting society's needs. The National First Ladies' Library, and its computer web-site, fill a void in our knowledge about these important women," O'Connor said, honored as being the first woman named Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Gwendolyn Brooks, who was cited for her extraordinary literary contributions said, "I am proud to be saluted, along with women I've always admired."

Walters praised the awardees, "The women we honor this evening have all been successful leaders and pioneers by pursuing -- as Lady Bird Johnson once put it -- 'What makes their hearts sing.' These are women who either broke new ground, going where no women had gone before, or who were the first women to make significant and important contributions to their field."

The evening celebration also featured a one-act readers' theatrical performance, performed by Jane Alexander and Mary Steenburgen and narrated by Walters. The historical reading, written by noted first lady historian Carl Sferazza Anthony, was adapted from the letters, diaries, interviews and speeches of First Ladies Abigail Adams, Dolley Madison, Mary Todd

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Lincoln, Lucretia Garfield, Nellie Taft, Florence Harding, Eleanor Roosevelt, Bess Truman, and Betty Ford.

Portraying Mrs. Ford, Alexander said: "We must value our talents. The heart of the battle is within. We have to take the 'just' out of 'just a housewife.' The long road to equality rests on the achievements of women and men in altering how women are treated in everyday life. On the eve of this nation's third century, let us work to end the laws and remove the labels that limit the imaginations of men and women alike. Success will open minds."

In conjunction with the evening's festivities, Ford's Theatre marked the occasion with the opening of *Eleanor: An American Love Story*. Frankie Hewitt, Ford's Producing Artistic Director, selected the new musical in honor of one of our country's most famous First Ladies, as well as the recent opening of the National First Ladies' Library, located in Canton, Ohio.

"We are proud to dedicate this performance to the National First Ladies' Library," said Hewitt. The show chronicles the emergence of an exceptional woman from a shy, insecure, young aristocrat to a compelling woman of confidence and a champion of the downtrodden. With vivid lyrics and a captivating score, Eleanor and Franklin D. Roosevelt come alive in a bittersweet world of romance, infidelity and politics.

The *First Ladies Salute First Women* award was designed and donated by Tiffany & Co. It was inspired by the Dolley Madison Commemorative silver dollar, which Tiffany & Co. designed for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Each award is a slant-cut full-lead crystal prism. The front of the award features the new Dolley Madison coin in an etched well with an inscription that reads "First Ladies Salute first Women" and the honorees name. An etching of Dolley Madison's image, as depicted on the coin, is on the back of the prism.

"We are honored to have created this special award for the National First Ladies' Library and to be a part of this important historical occasion", said Michael J. Kowalski, president and chief executive officer of Tiffany & Co.

As the only facility of its kind, the National First Ladies' Library serves as a unique, national resource for patrons from school children to serious scholars. A national archive devoted to educating people about the contributions of First Ladies and other important women in history,

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the Library's holdings fill an informational void that has long frustrated academicians and armchair buffs alike. The library fulfills this mission by serving as both a physical education facility, located in Canton, OH, and an electronic virtual library, in an effort to educate people in the United States and around the world.

The National First Ladies' Library was officially launched at a press conference and luncheon in Washington, D.C.'s historic Renwick Gallery across from the White House in January, 1998. The Library includes three major components: a traditional repository and research facility, housed in the Saxton McKinley House in Canton, OH; an educational center to be located in the historic City National Bank Building in downtown Canton; and a virtual library that can be accessed on-line from anywhere in the world.

The Library houses a growing collection of books, letters, photographs, newspapers and journal articles and audio and videotapes on the first ladies. It also collects material related not only to the lives of the first ladies, but also the social movements they advocated and the political policies they influenced.

The Library's Internet Web site, located at www.firstladies.org, provides students, scholars and researchers around the world easy Internet access to the Library and its resources. The centerpiece of the Library's virtual component is a comprehensive, annotated bibliographic database of 40,000 selected books, manuscripts, journals, major newspaper articles, letters and audio-visual materials about America's first ladies. The database is organized with a main page brief biography and photo or portrait likeness of each first lady. In addition, there are links to presidential sites and presidential libraries to maximize the potential for research.

The Library offers a variety of programmed events, year-round educational activities, and guest lectures at public libraries and community centers. It also sponsors scholarly seminars and symposia on first ladies and their role in American history and in-depth rotating exhibits. Future plans include the establishment of a media center/theater where patrons may view documentary videos, films and home movies about the lives and issues important to the first ladies.

The Saxton McKinley House in Canton, OH has been restored to its original splendor and is now called "home" to the National First Ladies' Library. Known as the Grand Lady of Market

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Avenue, the Saxton McKinley House breathes new life as the first ever facility dedicated to documenting the lives and accomplishments of America's 41 first ladies and other important women.

The Library is supported by an impressive list of chairpersons who include all living first ladies, a committee comprising the states's first ladies and a Congressional Committee, as well as a notable National Board of Directors and National Advisory Board.

The evening was made possible by the following sponsors: BP Amoco; The Coca-Cola Company; Consolidated Natural Gas Company; the Hoover Company, a division of Maytag Corporation; General Motors Corporation; The Longaberger Company; Microsoft Corporation; Northern Telecom; The Procter & Gamble Company and The Timken Company. Special thank you's are also extended to Mrs. Helen F. Boehm, The Boehm Porcelain Factory; Frankie Hewitt, Ford's Theatre; The National Trust for Historic Preservation; Tiffany & Co.; and The United States Mint.

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***FIRST LADIES SALUTE FIRST WOMEN
AWARDS DINNER -- MARCH 16TH, 1999***

ARTICLES THAT HAVE RUN

WASHINGTON POST -- Robin Groom ran in March calendar section
WASHINGTONIAN -- Maggie Wimsatt ran in March calendar section
WASHINGTON TIMES -- John McCaslin ran story 3/11/99 in "Inside the Beltway" column
METRO CONNECTION -- Evonnie Brown ran article 3/5/99

MEDIA PLANNING TO ATTEND

These need to be seated:

- (5s) WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF WOMEN -- Robin Leeds, Sondra Seba, and Jenny Luray and Kelley O'Dell, Maureen McMahon
- (s) PEOPLE MAGAZINE -- Macon Morehouse
- (s) WASHINGTON POST -- Jennifer Frey
- (s) WASHINGTON TIMES -- Kevin Chaffee
- (2s) GEORGE MAGAZINE -- Rich Blow and Pam Hess

These are covering:

- (s) Syndicated Feature Writer Trude Feldman -- working on article on Albright; placing several articles (doesn't want to be with press corps -- needs to sit)
- (s) CAPITAL CONNECTIONS -- Karen Feld
- (s) TRENTONIAN -- Marci Shatzman (photographer -- needs to sit)
- (s) WASHINGTON WOMAN/BOSTON HERALD -- Marsha Dubrow
- ABC-TV -- BARBARA WALTERS -- Eileen Murphy, John Meyerson
- WJLA-TV (7) -- Kathleen Matthews, Maureen Bunyan, Marlene Ong
- WUSA-TV (9) -- Joan Gartlan
- WRC-TV (4) --
- WETA-TV -- Joe Brunsack, plus 2 photographers
- C-SPAN -- Peter Slenn
- WASHINGTON POST -- photographer
- WASHINGTON LIFE -- Seva Raskin (photographer)
- WASHINGTON TIMES -- John McCaslin
- VOICE OF AMERICA -- Robin Rupli
- PBS -- "To The Contrary" -- Beth Mendelson plus cameraman
- GLOBE PHOTOS -- Jim Kelley
- FAIRCHILD PUBS. -- W and WOMENS WEAR DAILY -- Susan Waters
- WGMS Radio -- Bob Davis
- CAPITAL SPOTLIGHT NEWSPAPER -- Cynthia Nevill

POTOMAC LIFE -- Claire Cooney
SUN NEWSPAPERS -- Michael Varhol plus photographer
FREDERICK PRESS -- Ed Campbell
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY EAGLE -- David Cuzzo plus features editor
AMERICAN IMAGE PRESS -- Thomas Hooper
INTERMISSION MAGAZINE -- Peggy Conkling, Verna Kerans
METRO CONNECTION -- Evonie Brown plus photographer
DAILY CALENDAR -- Elaine Chadler
NATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN -- Stacey Albert
DELTA SHUTTLE MAGAZINE -- Rachel Jones
VISIONS -- Jean Lionsdale
PLAYS INTERNATIONAL -- Diane Nye
BACKSTAGE -- Murdock McBride
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY NEWS SERVICE -- Jennifer Bertollett
VERTOLUCI ON FILM -- Vertia Vertoluci
SCREEN SCOPE -- Marilyn Wiener
GOSPEL TODAY -- Yvonne Medley
EDUCATION NEWSLETTER -- Susan Tankerstell
SPIRIT NEWS -- Rosemary Weaver
GREENBRIER FLYER -- Margaret Murray

Full Press Kits will be on hand at event that will include:

Full release on First Ladies' Salute First Women event
Bios on Award Winners -- PK
Bios on Barbara Walters; Alexander; Steenburgen; Regula -- PK
Timeline of awards ceremony -- PK
Tiffany Designs Award background -- done
National Historic Trust for Preservation -- came from Mueller
Ford's theatre release -- coming from Nicki
Web page insert -- done
Full release on January announcement -- done
Full release on Web inaugural -- done
Full release on Canton opening in June -- done
Saxton House background -- done

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**PRESS SCHEDULE OF
FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1999**

Washington, DC - - On Tuesday, March 16, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will participate in the second annual *Seventeen* /Cover Girl Volunteerism Awards at the National Museum for Women in the Arts. The First Lady will present scholarships for post-high school education to six extraordinary young women who made outstanding achievements in the fields of volunteerism and public service.list of winners and where they are from...

USAID building dedication

In the evening, the First Lady will attend a gala awards dinner, hosted by the National First Ladies' Library, to salute to five outstanding women. The National First Ladies' Library serves as a unique, national resource for information about America's First Ladies and other prominent women in American history.

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EVENT: National First Ladies' Library Salute to Outstanding "First Women"
DATE: March 16, 1999
TIME: 6:30 p.m. ?????
LOCATION: Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center
The Atrium
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

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FAX TRANSMITTAL COVER SHEET

From Kristi Hellmuth
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TO: Julie Mason

DATE: March 11, 1999

RE: NATIONAL FIRST LADIES' LIBRARY
First Ladies Salute First Women Awards

PAGES: 8

Here is the draft of our release to be distributed at the event. We'd love to have quote and/or statement from the First Lady -- please note top of page 2.

Also -- here's my working media attendance list.

Thanks,
Kristi

FAX TRANSMITTAL COVER SHEET

**From Kristi Hellmuth
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TO: JULIE MASON

DATE: March 3, 1999

RE: NATIONAL FIRST LADIES' LIBRARY

PAGES: 2

Julie -- thought you might need a look at this "draft" timeline for the March 16th event.

Also, we would like to include a quote from the First Lady in our day-of press release. Can you fax me something at your convenience?.

Thanks,
Kristi

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First Ladies Salute First Women - March 16, 1999
General Agenda for Dinner Program

- 6:00 p.m. VIP Reception
- 6:30 p.m. General Reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres served
- 6:30-6:45 p.m. Media availability NOT HRC
- 7:15 p.m. Guests seated
- 7:20 p.m. Color Guard and Invocation
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner begins; entree served
Barbara Walters general welcome and announces general timing of program
- 7:55 p.m. Entree cleared
- 8:00 p.m. Barbara Walters welcome
Mary Regula introductory remarks
General Motors spokesperson welcome
Consolidated Natural Gas spokesperson
Jane Alexander begins narrative
- 8:10 p.m. One act readers' theater performance ending in a
special tribute to First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
(Mary Steenburgen; 1-2 other actresses)
- 8:30 p.m. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's remarks
- 8:40 p.m. Barbara Walters introduces presenter
Presenter introduces Madeleine Albright
Mrs. Clinton presents award
Secretary Albright's remarks
- Barbara Walters introduces Mrs. Lura Lynn Ryan, First Lady of Illinois
Mrs. Ryan introduces Gwendolyn Brooks
Mrs. Clinton presents award
Ms. Brooks' remarks

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Barbara Walters introduces Mrs. Lynda Robb
Mrs. Robb introduces Elizabeth Campbell
Mrs. Clinton presents award
Mrs. Campbell's remarks

Barbara Walters introduces The Honorable Maxine Waters
Ms. Waters introduces Shirley Chisholm
Mrs. Clinton presents award
Ms. Chisholm's remarks

Barbara Walters introduces presenter
Presenter introduces Sandra Day O'Connor (if attends)
Mrs. Clinton presents award
Justice O'Connor's remarks

Barbara Walters introduces Janet Voinovich
Mrs. Voinovich remarks in memorium, Louise Timken

9:10 p.m. Dessert/coffee served
Gifts ready to be handed out

9:30 p.m. Evening concluded



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USAID TO HONOR FIRST LADY FOR CONTRIBUTION, DEDICATION TO WORLD-WIDE DEVELOPMENT Tuesday, March 16, 1999

WASHINGTON, DC – The Agency for International Development (USAID) will honor First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in a special ceremony marking her invaluable contributions to world-wide development on Tuesday, March 16 at 2:00 pm.

USAID Administrator J. Brian Atwood will be joined by Mrs. Clinton, Senator Patrick J. Leahy (D-VT), Congressman Sonny Callahan (R-AL), and Ugandan Ambassador Edith Sempala, in a tribute and plaque dedication to honor the First Lady's tireless efforts on behalf of people living in the developing world. Mrs. Clinton will address the audience of several hundred attendees.

In addition, American students from St. Louis Park, Minnesota, will travel to Washington, D.C. for the ceremony and will be joined by the District's Macfarland Middle School for their own presentation to Mrs. Clinton. The students are part of a USAID pilot program called *Operation Day's Work, USA* which exposes students to the dynamic and diverse world around them and teaches them the importance of volunteerism and community building.

Performing a series of patriotic songs will be D.C.'s Eastern High School Choir.

Media wishing to cover the ceremony should contact the USAID press office at 202-712-4320. A detailed advisory on media access and other logistics will be sent out March 15.

WHAT: Tribute to First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

WHO: First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, USAID Administrator J. Brian Atwood, Senator Patrick J. Leahy (D-VT), Congressman Sonny Callahan (R-AL), and Ugandan Ambassador Edith Sempala

WHEN: Tuesday, March 16, 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Ronald Reagan International Trade Building Atrium
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC

CONTACT: Kim Walz or Jessamyn Sarmiento, 202-712-4320

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March 15, 1999

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USAID TRIBUTE TO FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1999

WASHINGTON D.C. -- The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) will honor First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in a special ceremony marking her invaluable contributions to world-wide development, March 16, 2:00 p.m. in the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center Atrium.

USAID Administrator J. Brian Atwood will be joined by Mrs. Clinton, Senator Patrick J. Leahy (D-VT), Congressman Sonny Callahan (R-AL), and Ugandan Ambassador Edith Sempala, in a musical tribute and plaque dedication to the First Lady.

Following is logistical information for media wishing to cover the event.

Logistical Information:

- **Media check-in and pick-up of event press credentials:**
USAID lobby, 14th Street entrance to the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center.
All media must enter at this location for security clearance and equipment check.
- **Pre-set:** 10:00 am 11:45am.
Media needing an earlier pre-set should call the USAID press office at 712-4320.
- **No access:** 11:45 am to 1:00 pm
- **Final site access and check-in:** 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm
- **Media outlets planning live coverage** should contact the USAID press office at 712-4320 by Monday 6:00 pm for information on satellite truck parking and cabling.

Coverage:

- Two open press risers. Throw for head-on is 60 feet, second riser is 70 feet.
- Mult box will be provided at the risers.
- Seating for media will be provided in a different location from the risers for pencils and other media.

For more information contact Kim Walz or Jessamyn Sarmiento at the USAID press office, 202-712-4320.

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Jainbn: Mrs. Clinton, it's such an honor to have you with us this evening for your first online chat ever! Welcome.

The First Lady: Thank you so much. I am delighted to be here.

JainBN: We have many audience questions, so whenever you're ready, we'll get started.

The First Lady: I am ready and looking forward to it!

Carrie W. Brody How did you decide to write the book? If this was the way, did kids send letters to you first? Or did you ask them to send letters to you after you got the idea of writing the book?

The First Lady: This book was actually inspired by the thousands of children who began to write to Socks even before we moved to the White House. There have been so many letters to Socks that back in 1993, I asked for help in answering all of Socks's mail. The men and women who live at the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home volunteered to help answer the letters. They answer Socks's mail, and now they even answer Buddy's mail. I decided those letters were so wonderful that I wanted to share them with other children and adults.

Kate: I love to watch children communicate their love and affection to animals. Why do you think children write to the nation's First Pets? Did you write to any presidential pets when you were a child?

The First Lady I think that children write to Socks and Buddy for a number of reasons. Some write to invite Socks and Buddy to visit them. Some are curious about the pets' lives at the White House. Some want to tell Buddy and Socks about their own pets, and some are just looking for somebody to listen to them. One child even wrote to Buddy offering him support in getting used to Socks. He wrote, "I got used to my brother, so I am sure you will get used to Socks." I never did write to any presidential pets when I was a child, but now I wish I had, because I get such enjoyment from the letters that children write.

Marlene: Can you tell us why the proceeds from your book are being donated to the National Park Foundation?

The First Lady: The National Park Foundation is the official nonprofit partner of the National Park Service. The Foundation helps raise money to supplement the public funds that go to keep our national parks open and safe for the public to visit, and the National Park Foundation is a partner in a campaign that I started called Save America's Treasures; we work together to raise awareness about preservation needs across the country as part of the White House Millennium program. Another reason I wanted to help the national parks is that the Park Service takes care of the grounds of the White House, and so Park Service employees spend time around Socks and Buddy nearly every day. Sometimes I will look out the window and see Buddy riding on the back of a tractor, or watch a Park Service grounds worker stopping to pet Socks for a minute.

Kate: I love the pictures in DEAR SOCKS, DEAR BUDDY! Which are your favorites? Do Socks and Buddy have their own special photographer?

The First Lady I love the pictures too! And some of my favorites are found on page 44, which shows photographers taking a picture of Socks right before we moved from Arkansas to D.C.

Socks
& Buddy
Online

Another is on page 62, showing the President and Buddy playing golf. Buddy has a yellow tennis ball in his mouth, trying to get the President to stop golfing and play with him. Another favorite is on page 99, which shows Buddy in a chair with a Socks doll. And I really like the one on page 130 with Socks sitting in the President's chair in the Oval Office. And on page 171, Buddy is trying to talk on the phone with the President. Now, Buddy and Socks do not have their own special photographer, but the White House photographers love snapping candid pictures of both of them.

Dawn Carroll: Mrs. Clinton, in light of Women's History Month and your professional success, what advice can you impart to our young women today that will help them to succeed?

The First Lady Last night in the White House, we held a Millennium lecture in honor of Women's History Month. It was simulcast on the Internet. I think it might be of interest to Dawn and others in the audience, and if so, please find it on the Internet, and if you cannot, call the White House Millennium Council for more information. During the lecture, we talked extensively about young women and the challenges and opportunities they face today.

Emma: What books were your favorites while growing up?

The First Lady I loved all kinds of books, Emma. I really liked all of the Nancy Drew mysteries, but I read all kinds of books about people's lives, both nonfiction and fiction, and learned a lot of lessons from them.

Joey: In DEAR SOCKS, DEAR BUDDY, you report that Socks and Buddy have received more than 300,000 letters and emails. The art of letter writing certainly isn't dead! What are some ways parents can encourage their kids to discover the fun of letter writing?

The First Lady: Well, Joey, you are right, the art of letter writing is certainly alive. Socks and Buddy now receive more than 300,000 letters and emails a year. In comparison, Thomas Jefferson received an average of 137 letters a month when he was president. I think letter writing helps a child's language development, vocabulary, and ability to organize ideas. One way to encourage children to write is by giving them their own supply of paper, markers, and crayons to keep around the house. Parents can then encourage their children to do things like write invitations to come over to play, or have a pretend tea party, and older children can be encouraged to keep a journal. Certainly communicating through email with grandparents and other family members helps children learn to write and express themselves.

Jenna Jones: President Nixon's family pet Checkers is buried at the Nixon Library in Yorba Linda, California. Will Socks and Buddy have a special place at the Clinton Library? I am ten years old.

The First Lady: I don't know what will happen in the future, because the President has not yet built the Clinton Library, but I think Jenna has a good idea. And I know that our dog before Buddy, named Zeke, was buried at the Arkansas governor's mansion.

Mary Dolores Bonilla: As a child and an adult I've enjoyed my visits to Yellowstone National Park and Glacier National Park. What can my family and I do to assist in preserving such a wonderful park and parks like these for my future grandchildren and for children of the world to see? I am also an elementary school teacher and would like to involve my students in a worthy cause in preserving these wonderful and magnificent sights.

The First Lady: Thank you for your question, Mary Dolores. We are so blessed in our country to have the magnificent national parks that we enjoy. There are many ways to help preserve our parks system. You can contribute to the National Park Foundation, which will help restore and preserve our parks. You can learn more about our parks and their conservation needs and encourage our public officials to take care of our parks. You can help volunteer at a nearby park to clean up, or help out in other ways. There are many programs at our parks for students, and there is even a Junior Ranger program. So I hope you will continue to enjoy our parks and talk with our people about what can be done to preserve them for the future.

Sarah Kotila: Do Socks and Buddy get along, and who takes care of them when you and the President are away from the White House? We have to take our chinchilla out to run on the screen porch everyday. When do you find time to exercise Socks and Buddy?

The First Lady: We have a lot of people who work at the White House who love Socks and Buddy. When we have to be out of town, they take turns watching after both of them. Buddy goes outside a lot, and his favorite form of exercise is to chase tennis balls. He and the President spend a lot of time in the backyard playing together until the President finally quits, because Buddy could run around all day long. Socks spends his time outside on a leash, because we are worried that he could slip away through the fence and get hurt. So Bill and I like to go with Socks around the yard, carrying him.

Soozan: What are your views on literacy in America today? What advice do you have in further promoting it?

The First Lady: Soozan, I think it is very important to promote literacy for people of all ages today, and we should recognize that literacy is not just reading but also writing and the ability to communicate effectively. Literacy connects us to each other and the larger world. It helps us think independently and creatively. One of the best ways to encourage literacy in children is by modeling it. That means both reading and writing to children, and encouraging them to do the same. There are a number of important programs that are increasing literacy for young people in our country today. The President's America Reads Challenge calls on all Americans to support teachers as they work to make sure children can read well by the end of the third grade. Another program, Prescription for Reading, encourages doctors and nurses to prescribe reading and provide books to young children and parents. Publishers like Scholastic have donated thousands of books so that young patients can receive a book at every check-up. And the National Education Association celebrates reading and Dr. Seuss's birthday every year.

Nancy Holton: My dogs' names were Spot and Biscuit. I let my kids name them. At first I was embarrassed at the simplicity of the names they chose, but now I think it was important for them to create the name. How did you name your pets?

The First Lady: When we found Socks, who was a lost little kitten, and decided to take him home, we let Chelsea name him, and because he has white markings on his paws, it looked like he was wearing white socks. Now, Buddy was a gift I gave to the President with the help of some friends of ours, and Bill decided he wanted to name our new lab puppy in honor of his favorite uncle who had just died, and who was named Buddy as a lifelong nickname. I agree with Nancy that it is important for children who have pets to name them, and for adults to choose a name that has some meaning as well.

Genoa: Do you think Socks and Buddy know that you are a VIP?

The First Lady: I don't think Socks and Buddy know that anyone in the White House is a VIP other than them. I am absolutely convinced that Socks is descended from a noble feline line and probably believes he is the most important being in the White House. He certainly believes that he is far more important than Buddy, and Buddy is still enough of a puppy to think that the world should revolve around him and his desire to chase tennis balls all day. I do know that Buddy misses the President a lot when he goes away, and he must know that there is something different about a helicopter landing in the backyard from time to time, but I think the importance to him in seeing the President is knowing that his best human friend and ball thrower has returned.

Elise: Are Socks or Buddy involved in any pet therapy with elderly people? I noticed some pictures in the book where it looked like Socks was somewhere other than the White House. How often does he make these excursions?

The First Lady: I think that pet therapy is a very important way of connecting with elderly people in nursing homes or people of any age who are confined in any setting, such as a hospital. Socks likes to visit nursing homes and orphanages around D.C., and every year he accompanies me to the Children's Hospital at Christmas. He has also visited the volunteers who answer his mail. Buddy has not yet made any formal public appearances, but I am sure he will in the future.

Maria Parodi: Does Socks ever bring you a present, like mice or birds? It makes me cry to see our cat Shannon leaving dead things outside our house, but my friends say it's nice. Chance, our dog, never does that. From Maria, age 15.

The First Lady: Socks used to chase birds and squirrels before we moved to the White House. Occasionally he would catch a bird and bring it as a present to us. Since he has been at the White House and kept on a leash outside, he has been much more restricted, but somehow he has managed to catch a bird and a squirrel. Buddy chases anything that moves but catches nothing! One of Buddy's favorite places at the White House is the pond of the south grounds. From time to time, ducks land on the pond, and Buddy leaps into the water. At first the ducks would fly away, but now they stay and just share the pond with him, though I think that Buddy has been able to figure out how to get along with every animal that inhabits the White House except Socks.

Megan: What is one of your favorite pet memories from your time in the White House?

The First Lady: I have so many favorite pet memories from my last six years in the White House, but I especially have enjoyed watching Buddy and Socks become friends. My husband has worked very hard to bring peace to many parts of the world, and was determined that Buddy and Socks would get along. One day he brought them both into the house, and we put them in the same room together and talked with each of them to encourage compromise and reconciliation. Buddy was more eager than Socks and kept barking and wagging his tail to demonstrate his good faith and commitment to peace, but Socks was much more cautious, and he kept backing away further and further until he was completely under a couch, with just his head sticking out, and when Buddy bounded over to try to get closer to him, Socks disappeared completely, which sent Buddy into a tailspin. He started running around in circles madly, and while he was preoccupied chasing his tail, looking for Socks, Socks carefully and slowly snuck out from under the couch and circled around the room until he came to where Bill and I were sitting, jumped up into my

lap, looked at Buddy, and looked back at us as if to say, "Why are you subjecting me to this child?" Since then we have respected Socks's feelings and have not put them in the same room for any length of time. But when Buddy gets too close, Socks gives a little hiss that warns him away. So I guess you could say they are living in a state of peaceful but uneasy coexistence, which we are grateful for.

Jainbn Mrs. Clinton, it's been an absolute delight having you here with us tonight. We'd love it if you came back with the publication of your next book. Thank you!

The First Lady: Thank you very much!