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MILLENNIUM EVENING AT THE WHITE HOUSE
THE PERILS OF INDIFFERENCE: LESSONS LEARNED FROM A VIOLENT CENTURY

DATE: April 12, 1999
LOCATION: East Room
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
FROM: Ellen McCulloch-Lovell

I. PURPOSE

You and the First Lady will host the seventh in a series of "Millennium Evenings at the White House." The title of this Millennium Evening is *The Perils of Indifference: Lessons Learned From a Violent Century*. This program will feature Nobel Peace Prize winner and Boston University Professor Elie Wiesel. Mr. Wiesel will address the dehumanization of those who are considered different, or "the other," and the shocking consequences of this attitude in the twentieth century. Due to the intensity of this topic, Mr. Wiesel's remarks will be brief, allowing for a more in-depth discussion with you, the First Lady, the audience, and those participating via the Internet. Before proceeding to the East Room for the lecture, you will greet the guest speaker, Elie Wiesel, his wife, Marion and son, Elisha; the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities and his wife; representatives from our co-sponsor, Sun Microsystems; and a representative from Pioneer New Media Technologies.

II. BACKGROUND

Millennium Evenings at the White House recognize creativity and innovation by highlighting the contributions of artists, scholars, scientists and creative individuals whose ideas help us to honor our past and imagine our future as we approach the new millennium. Tonight's lecture will reflect on those darker impulses which have given rise, in the twentieth century, to unimaginable injustices, and on the phenomenon of human indifference which characterizes such tragedies. Together we will discuss what

individuals and societies can do to create a future with greater peace and understanding. Mrs. Clinton first asked Elie Wiesel to consider speaking at the White House just over a year ago at a meeting in Davos, Switzerland.

Mr. Wiesel is a native of Sighet, Transylvania, Romania. He and his family were deported by the Nazis to Auschwitz when he was fifteen years old. His mother and younger sister perished there; his two older sisters survived. He and his father were later transported to Buchenwald, where his father died. Elie Wiesel remained silent for ten years about his experiences during the Holocaust. He was persuaded to end his silence during an interview in Paris, where he was working as a journalist after the war and subsequently wrote La Nuit (Night). Since its publication in 1958, Night has been translated into twenty-five languages and sold millions of copies worldwide.

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In 1978, President Jimmy Carter appointed him Chairman of the President's Commission on the Holocaust. In 1980, he became Founding Chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. You appointed Mr. Wiesel as your personal representative and Chair of the United States Delegation to the 50th Anniversary ceremonies of the Liberation of Auschwitz in 1995.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Pre-brief participants:

Ellen McCulloch-Lovell
Capricia Marshall

Meet and Greet:

Mr. Elie Wiesel and Marion Wiesel	Guest Speaker and wife
Elisha Wiesel	Mr. Wiesel's son
The Honorable William Ferris	Chairman, National Endowment for the

Humanities

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Event Participants:

Guest List provided by Social Office

IV. PRESS PLAN

Pool Press

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

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VII. ATTACHMENTS

Bio for Elie Wiesel

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MILLENNIUM LECTURE #7

Monday, April 12, 1999

Briefing: Red Room
Meet: Blue Room
Event: East Room
Reception: State Dining Room

Gate opens: 6:00 p.m.
Invite time: 6:30 p.m.
Principal time: 7:00 p.m.

Approx 170 Guests/Pool Press/Business Attire
15 Social Aides
2 Volunteers - Tutty - meet and greet; Debby - Blue Room

Sunday March 14

tbd Set up all day.

Monday March 15

2:00 p.m. Rehearsal in East Room.

6:00 p.m. EV Gate opens for guest arrival, guests proceed to hold on Ground Floor.

6:20 p.m. Guests proceed to the State Floor.
Contact: Bronson Frick

SET UP NOTES: *Flute trio at entrance; Coat check in Family Theater; sculpture garden lights on; piano with strings in the Grand Foyer; cocktails before program begins in Grand Foyer; Honors group in Foyer for announce; announce from Blue Room; refer to separate layout for staging and requirements; cross hall doors closed to East Room until program is ready to begin; displays in Foyer; tables in booksellers for books to give to guests on departures.*

6:50 p.m. Blue Room guests are taken to Blue Room.
Contact: Anne Donovan & Leela de Souza

7:00 p.m. **THE PRESIDENT** and **THE FIRST LADY** arrive the Red Room for briefing.

Contact: Ellen Lovell

7:15 p.m. **THE PRESIDENT** and **THE FIRST LADY** proceed to the Blue Room for meet and greet.

Blue Room Participants

Speaker: Mr. Elie Wiesel
Elisha Wiesel (son)

Mrs. Marion Wiesel(wife)

Pioneer:

Linda Toleno, VP for Marketing and Sales

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James W. Hoffman, Director of Sun Microsystems

National Endowment for the Humanities:

William Ferris, Chairman

Marcie Ferris (wife)

Social Aide Note: As usual, as The President and The First Lady greet guests, they will be taken to their reserved seats in the East Room via the Green Room. After meet, all that will remain in Blue Room are The President, The First Lady, and speakers.

7:20 p.m. Honors group is brought to Grand Foyer by Brigham Pierce for 7:30 pm start.

7:25 p.m. Ellen Lovell is announced into the East Room and enters from the Cross Hall on to the stage and briefs audience.

7:30 p.m. **THE PRESIDENT AND THE FIRST LADY**, accompanied by Mr. Wiesel are announced into the East Room.

PROGRAM BEGINS

Millennium video tape introduction

(Principal's watch video from Blue Room Approx. 1.5 minutes)

Ruffles and Flourishes

Wiesel Announce of the President and Mrs. Clinton accompanied by Mr. Elie
Hail to the Chief (Event Participants Walk Down Cross Hall and into
East Room)

Mrs. Clinton makes opening remarks from the podium
Mr. Wiesel presents lecture from podium
The President proceeds to the podium and directs a question to Mr.
Wiesel and returns to his seat

Ellen Lovell begins open discussion with audience and Internet
*See Millennium Briefing for Specific Script and Program Breakdown

Approx. 9:00 p.m. **THE PRESIDENT** wraps the discussion and invites guests
into the State Dining Room for a reception.

9:10 p.m. **THE PRESIDENT** and **THE FIRST LADY** have the option to mingle with
guests in the State Dining Room or depart the State Floor.

***RECEPTION NOTES: Piano with strings in Grand Foyer; buffet reception in State
Dining Room.***

Guests exit East Gate following reception.

Calligraphy

Yellow by name:

The President

Mrs. Clinton

Ms. Lovell

Mr. Wiesel

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Per our conversation. The
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	HOST # The ancient paths of the Native Americans ... the dusty roads of the western pioneers ... the steel highway of the Iron Horse.
	HOST # Trails were our first surface transportation system. They connected people and communities with a sense of time and place.
	HOST # The Oregon Trail ... the Appalachian Trail ... the Underground Railroad Trail.
	HOST # These trails, and thousands of others like them, help reflect and define where we've come from and who we are.
	HOST # Trails helped spread revolutionary new ideas, open wild frontiers and forge new friendships.
	HOST # Whether it crosses the country, the county or simply crosses town, a trail is not a <u>one-way street</u> , but a <u>bridge</u> between communities.

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	SOT DAVID BURWELL "People have recognized the enormous power trails have to improve our quality of life. [PULLUP] By making communities walkable and bikable and by turning brownfields into greenfields. By reconnecting wildlife corridors fragmented by development. [PULLUP] By preserving historical structures [PULLUP] that remind us of how we grew up. [PULLUP] By revitalizing local economies. [PULLUP] By providing all of us a spiritual connection to our community, our landscape and our history."
	SOT RODNEY SLATER "Transportation [pullup] is about more than just concrete, asphalt and steel. Ultimately, it's about people. [pullup] It is about [pullup] providing people with the opportunity for a safer and happier and more fulfilling life. At the Department of Transportation we are proud of the role that we get to play in bringing historic and recreational trails [pullup] closer to every American home."

<i>school.</i>	HOST # A return to the simplicity of trails is essential to our quality of life. Time spent on trails in nature can lift our spirits and neighborhood bike paths help us meet our neighbors and walk to the corner store. Trails will help shape the quality of our future in the new millennium.
<i>initiative led.</i>	HOST # Recognizing the profound influence trails have on our lives, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton has directed the White House Millennium Council to undertake a visionary program known as Millennium Trails overseen by a dynamic partnership between the U.S. Department of Transportation and the nonprofit Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, with support from a national panel of
	HOST # Seeking to the better our community health, David Burwell founded the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy in 1986, with the idea of converting abandoned railroad beds into multipurpose paths. Since then, over 10,000 miles of rail-trails have been opened for use by cyclists, walkers, skaters and many others.

public agencies and private organizations and many public interest organizations.

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	SOT Hillary Rodham Clinton "Millennium Trails will be very tangible gifts to the future. We will walk on them and hike on them and bike on them. They will be accessible to people of all ages. But in a very important way they represent more than the tangible effect of the trail. They represent a commitment and an investment in that kind of country we want in the next century."
	HOST # Millennium Trails seeks to spark the creation or enhancement of trails that will help communities reconnect with each other. These will include twelve National Millennium Trails reflecting and defining our history and culture; Millennium Legacy Trails, 52 trails representing the spirit of each of the 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia; and over 2000 local trails commemorating and interpreting their local communities.
	HOST # Each day throughout America, a wide variety of Partners are joining hands to build and maintain the trails in their communities. Buildings, markets monuments, parks and businesses all can be linked to bring history and culture to life.

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HOST #

Millennium Trails presents an unprecedented opportunity for the very best of America's businesses, organizations and individuals to join this partnership. With the support, guidance and goodwill of committed partners, Millennium Trails will lead us into a future of exciting possibilities.

CHARACTER VO

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sail. Explore. Dream. Discover."

Mark Twain

Due to the fact that the Millenium Lecture Series is the night before---perhaps that event could be addressed on this show the next morning....it's definitely the right listening area--would the FLOTUS be available?

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On TUESDAY APRIL 13, WXTK's LAMBERT & GIANNO SHOW will be broadcasting their first show live from the White House Radio Studios. The show will originate from room 415 between 6am and 10am ET.

The Radio Office will be helping the show book guests and want to make sure you know of the opportunity to talk to Southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod, The Islands, the outskirts of Boston, and parts of Rhode Island and Connecticut.

Last year the LAMBERT & GIANNO SHOW had the opportunity to talk to Ann Lewis and Rahm Emanuel for 10 minutes on the issues of the day. Those exclusive interviews were aired nationally on CNN Radio as WXTK is a syndicate of the national network. WXTK is expecting to be "picked up" again by CNN radio and therefore their visit to The White House would be another excellent opportunity for us to take advantage of their airwaves.

Your participation would be much appreciated. Please contact me if this works for your schedule.

Thanks,
Julianne
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Here's the revised Sun release, without the word sponsor.

Please let me know when its been approved.

Thanks!

-- Tara

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SUN JOINS WITH THE WHITE HOUSE AND NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE
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but take a
look.*

-- First Lady and President Clinton to be joined by human rights defender Elie Wiesel --

Palo Alto, CA - April xx, 1999 - Sun Microsystems, Inc. joins the President and Mrs. Clinton, the White House Millennium Council, and the National Endowment for the Humanities in supporting the April 12 Millennium Evening at the White House. This Millennium Evening, the seventh in a series of lectures and cultural showcases, will feature Nobel Prize winner Elie Wiesel. Sun Microsystems, the technology provider of the series, will cybercast the event and provide an uplink for live satellite broadcast. The lecture, which will be broadcast live on C-SPAN at 7:30 pm EST, will focus on "The Perils of Indifference: Lessons Learned from a Violent Century."

Elie Wiesel, a Nobel Peace Prize winner and Boston University professor, is the evening's main speaker. Wiesel has worked on behalf of oppressed people for much of his adult life. His personal experience of the Holocaust has led him to use his talents as author, teacher and storyteller to defend human rights and peace throughout the world. His 1958 novel, *LaNuit (Night)*, about his Holocaust experience, has been translated into 25 languages and millions of copies have been sold.

"Sun is proud to lend its technological expertise to the White House Millennium Council so that the American people can participate in this discussion on the quest for peace around the world," said John Marselle, president of Sun Microsystems Federal, Inc. "Monday's event will help provide a meaningful dialogue that will educate and engage the public."

As a technology supporter, Sun is providing the video and audio streaming technology to globally cybercast this and all of the White House Millennium Evening lectures via the Internet. The lectures will be downlinked via satellites to universities and junior colleges in all 50 states and accompanied by an e-mail question and answer session on the Internet. On-line participants will be able to e-mail questions to the speakers and have their inquiries displayed in the East Room, so that anyone with an Internet connection and a modem will have access to this historic lecture.

The Millennium Evenings at the White House lecture series is part of the White House Millennium Council, which is a multi-year initiative to mark the end of the 20th Century and the beginning of the new millennium. The program celebrates the accomplishments of this American century, recognizes and initiates projects and engages every sector of society in conveying America's rich heritage to future generations. The Millennium Evening series began in 1998 and continues with a number of lectures in 1999.

On-line access to "The Perils of Indifference: Lessons Learned from a Violent Century" lecture can be found by logging on at <http://www.sun.com/events/millennium> or at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/Initiatives/Millennium>.

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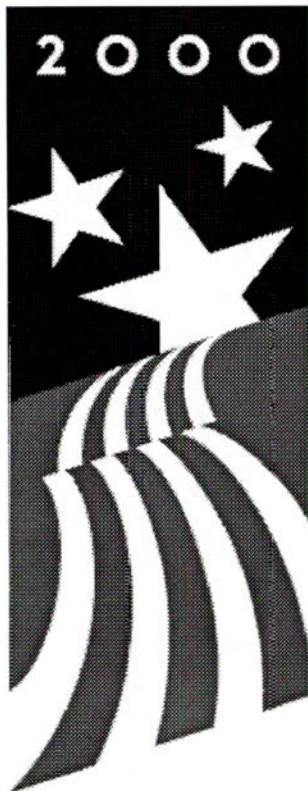
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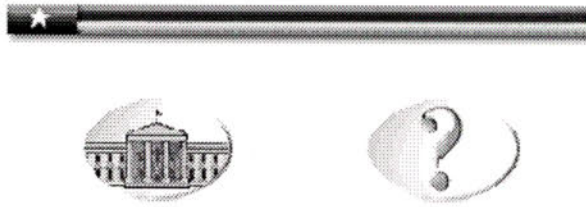
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so I can get titles? Thnx

Press invited to Millennium Evening #7 with Elie Wiesel

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Sun Microsystems will join President and Mrs. Clinton, the White House Millennium Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities in ~~presenting Nobel Prize winner Elie Wiesel~~ featuring on ~~Monday, April 12~~ in the seventh of a series of "Millennium Evenings at the White House," Mon 4/12.

Sun Microsystems will cybercast the event, which begins at 7:30 EST, and uplink the event for live satellite broadcast. CSPAN is expected to carry the lecture as well.

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Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor and Boston University professor noted for his defense of human rights, will speak on "The Perils of Indifference: Lessons Learned from a Violent Century."

Wiesel's traumatic personal experiences prompted him to use his talents as an author, teacher and storyteller to defend human rights and the victims of violence around the world. His 1958 account of his family's experience of the Holocaust, *Night*, has been translated into 25 languages from the original French edition and millions of copies have been sold.

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SUN JOINS WITH THE WHITE HOUSE AND NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE
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-- First Lady and President Clinton to be joined by human rights
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Palo Alto, CA - April xx, 1999 - Sun Microsystems, Inc., the *will support the by*
technology sponsor of the April 12 Millennium Evening at the White
House, is uplinking the event via satellite and cybercasting the
lecture on the Internet. The evening is co-sponsored by the White
House and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and hosted
by the First Lady and President Clinton. The lecture, which will be
broadcast live on C-SPAN at 7:30 pm EST, will focus on "Peace."

[Paragraph on lecture theme to be included here.]

Elie Wiesel, a Nobel Peace Prize winner and Boston University
professor, is the evening's main speaker. Wiesel has worked on behalf
of oppressed people for over five decades. His personal experience of
the Holocaust has led him to use his talents as author, teacher and
storyteller to defend human rights and peace throughout the world.
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been translated into 25 languages and millions of copies have been
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"Sun is proud to lend its technological support to the White House
Millennium Council so that the American people can participate in this
discussion on the quest for peace around the world," said John
Marselle, president of Sun Microsystems Federal, Inc. "Monday's event
will help provide a meaningful dialogue that will educate and engage
the public."

As a technology sponsor, Sun is providing the video and audio
streaming technology to globally cybercast this and all of the White
House Millennium Evening lectures via the Internet. The lectures will
be downlinked via satellites to universities and junior colleges in
all 50 states and accompanied by an e-mail question and answer session
on the Internet. On-line participants will be able to e-mail
questions to the speakers and have their inquiries displayed in the
East Room, so that anyone with an Internet connection and a modem will
have access to this historic lecture.

The Millennium Evenings at the White House lecture series is part of
the White House Millennium Council, which is a multi-year initiative
to mark the end of the 20th Century and the beginning of the new
millennium. The program celebrates the accomplishments of this
American century, recognizes and initiates projects and engages every
sector of society in conveying America's rich heritage to future
generations. The Millennium Evening series began in 1998 and
continues with a number of lectures in 1999.

On-line access to the "Peace" can be found by logging on at
<http://www.sun.com/events/millennium> or at

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/Initiatives/Millennium>.

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Millennium Meeting Proposed Agenda
February 17, 1999

1. March Millennium Evening -- discuss focus, title, speakers
April Millennium Evening -- Elie Wiesel -- *NATO*
Future lectures -- subjects, dates
2. Recommendation on Southwest Treasures Tour
3. Visit to Congressman Regula's district
4. Proposals for Navy Yard and new Army Center in SE
5. Updates on projects

FUTURE MILLENNIUM EVENINGS: IDEAS

Since we began the series, we have generated ideas about future lectures and cultural showcases. As more people are aware of the Millennium Evenings, we have received ideas from federal agencies and from White House colleagues. Here are some of the ideas we have discussed briefly before, along with new proposals.

Turns of Centuries: 1900 and 2000 -- *Predictions! - Futurists*

How people envisioned the future 100 years ago; how we see it now.

Could include an entertaining review of predictions around 1900: which amuse us now and which, as the visions of Jules Verne, came true.

✱ **TV (or Photography or Film) and the 20th Century: how the medium shaped and changed our lives:** these three interdependent visual media have had a profound impact on what and how we remember, what we document, how we conduct commerce, what of our culture is explored and exported, and how we see ourselves.

✱ **"One Nation, Indivisible":** on race and reconciliation, an historical/moral perspective, not a policy discussion.

✱ **Human Genetics, Humanity's Future:** what genetic research is teaching us, and the medical, social and moral issues such new knowledge will pose in the 21st century.

Space: the Next Frontier-- or something less "Trekky" -- There are two ideas here: one around the NASA reunion of the Apollo crew, combined with a discussion of future space missions; the other would be what the unmanned mission, such as the Hubble Telescope are teaching us about the universe, and the scientific and philosophical implications.

✱ **The Brain:** most scientists agree that understanding the brain is one of the last things still to know, and will revolutionize how we think about ourselves, our reason and our emotions. New brain research and medical interventions have the potential of addressing previously incurable conditions and of altering our concept of mental illness and its treatments.

Peace and Reconciliation at the Millennium: a look at people's movements to solve old grievances, and the call by the religious communities world-wide to use the millennium to bring peaceful settlements to conflicts. Or, we could explore the present conditions that promote peaceful solutions, and those that create barriers, encouraging conflict to continue.

American Design: how it changes art and commerce: proposed by members of the design profession, this could be an evening about how visual identity and brands are created and what that has meant for the development of an American taste in design, and how it affects business and advertising.

Our Island Home: the fate of the earth in the 21st century; perhaps by examining, with diverse opinions, the major environmental challenges ahead. *VP*

MEMORANDUM FOR HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

FROM: ELLEN MCCULLOCH LOVELL

RE: MARCH MILLENNIUM EVENING

I wanted to describe some thinking about the March 15, 1999, Millennium Evening, and get your guidance at this stage of its development.

The original inspiration for the evening came from our conversation about the dramatic changes in women's lives in the 20th century. You described the century as the time of most rapid and transforming change for American women, and observed that women in some other parts of the world were still living as they did in past centuries. We started thinking about those changes: reform movements, suffrage, the two world wars, transportation, health care and contraception, household inventions, and others, and challenged ourselves to present those dramatic movements, and describe what they have meant for women's lives today. The tentative working title has been: American Women at the Millennium: A Century of Change.

At a staff planning session, we decided on several themes, for which we would then present the major "turning points:" themes such as women in civic life, women in family, and women in work/education. As I began to research (with the help of our White House Fellow, Leela de Souza) what changes occurred in each of these thematic areas, to identify speakers and to design the format, I realized that the topic was still too broad and undefined. I also kept encountering the question of "whose changes?" Depending on the stance they take, some historians see the major changes as excluding a large segment of women; for example, as revolutionary as they were, the organizers of the suffrage movement were middle-class white women. Even after the 19th amendment, it took southern black women almost another fifty years to get the vote. Thus, the "turning point" of the vote has to be put in perspective, or coupled with the 1965 Voting Rights Act and the civil rights movement to have meaning for all American women.

Every turning point I examined was fraught with similar questions of race and class. Some historians talk about the world wars as turning points because women either had essential volunteer jobs or they were moved into the workforce as the men went to war. Even though many of them returned to family life after the war, it gave women work experience, and a sense of independence. But then, this observation sours when seen through another perspective: black women, immigrant women and poor women had to work all along, often doing grinding labor outside the home just to keep life together. So "women in the workforce" again is, in part, a discussion of class and race.

And so it seems for most of the other well-known turning points, or dramatic changes we are examining, whether it is access to higher education, or birth control, or jobs previously dominated by men.

The other issue is that if we try to describe the changes in even three areas of life - civic, family and work/education - a panel of three good speakers would have at most ten minutes each to cover many important points, and to reflect on the future. Even with a rich discussion among them, or afterwards, I fear a superficial swipe at these important subjects.

As I began to ponder the multiple historical perspectives when looking at change, and the wide number of subjects, I thought we'd do better to narrow the topic, perhaps selecting one area of great change and advancement for women, such as women in public life (or civic life.) Possible working title: A Century of Change: American Women in Public Life (or Civic Life.) This is a cause with which you are identified, which I think could be done in a way that is not interpreted as overtly political. By concentrating on women's public engagement, and the changes that allowed us to be more public, we could also reflect on the impact on family life and on how work and education enhance this role. But we could then focus more, I think, on women through the century as volunteers, reformers, activists and change-agents, roles that will include, not exclude, women of color and of differing economic status.

Women as volunteers allows us to make the point that women were pillars of church and community, even if not employed in the usual sense. Women created libraries, hospitals, settlement houses -- civic institutions, and often ones that addressed some injustice. Women as reformers did the same, often motivated by a threat to their families, such as during the temperance movement. Working women advanced the labor movement. Following the century, we could trace women emerging as public voices, fighting for the vote, working (and risking their lives) for civil rights, suing for equal protection, challenging the highest court so they could serve on juries, fighting for equal pay -- and for access to the job market, passing legislation to support women's access to sports training. We could concentrate, I hope, on a few movements or changes, that brought women into public life in a visible and influential way, altering our expectations forever. For example, in speaking about the vote, we could present the 19th amendment, the Voting Rights Act, and the civil rights movement as all necessary to fulfill that right.

I still see a panel of no more than three speakers, with a strong role for you. For drama, we should have a piece (a video? Your introduction?) that describes what rights we take for granted today that women a century ago barely dreamed of: voting, property rights, running for office, serving on a jury, a bank account, for example. Dramatic images of women in civic life -- speaking, demonstrating, being arrested in the suffrage and civil rights demonstrations, could be assembled, and/or we could use snippets of famous statements or speeches. One thinks of Eleanor Roosevelt and the International Declaration of Human Rights, and Shirley Chisholm testifying for equal pay, as just two examples.

Great audience members could round out a fuller discussion. We would want to bring out the points that whatever changes affect women also affect their families, and men. That the realization of women in public life is the fulfillment of our notions of equality. That there is still work to be done. And as historian Linda Kerber said to me last night, that in remembering the past, we would hope that young people would understand how much energy -- and broken hearts -- it has taken so many others to create the opportunities that we count on now so much that they are often invisible (or not even exercised - such as the vote.) Kerber went on to say: "I would end by calling on the next generation to claim its own agenda, articulate its own needs, and engage in community and public work to make the structures in which they want to live. At the beginning of the century, Jane Addams observed that the knowledge of one generation is insufficient for the next; that's not a bad approach to the next century."

Information on some of the presenters we are thinking about is attached. One question is do we want a panel of respected educators, scholars and historians, or do we want to include someone who is a public figure as well -- and can speak from experience. (Ruth Simmons may fill at least two of these roles.)

It would be very helpful to get your feedback and comments now -- and then we'll move ahead quickly.

MEMORANDUM FOR HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

FROM: Ellen McCulloch-Lovell, White House Millennium Council
Leela de Souza, White House Fellow

SUBJECT: Speakers for the March Millennium Evening

DATE: 02-10-99

As we discussed, our next Millennium Evening at the White House will focus on the dramatic changes in American women's lives in the 20th century and will address the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead at the turn of the century and this next millennium.

We plan for this evening's discussion to be very interactive with you, the President, a selected panel of speakers, the invited audience and the Internet audience. In conducting our research to select the panelists for this evening, we have identified four outstanding individuals to date for you to review. Each is extremely qualified in their breadth of scholarship and speaking ability, however, various combinations of three will work best depending on the importance of profession and gender balance.

The four candidates are:

Ruth Simmons--President of Smith College, daughter of sharecroppers who has become a leading practical feminist and administrator. Dr. Simmons received her PH.D. from Harvard University in Romance Languages and Literatures. She has been a member of many University faculties, including Princeton and Spelman, where her teaching and research centered primarily on literature of francophone Africa and the Caribbean. She has written on the works of David Diop and Aime Cesaire and is the author of a book on education in Haiti. She serves on numerous boards including Pfizer Inc. and Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., and in 1996 was named a CBS Woman of the Year, an NBC Nightly News Most Inspiring Woman, and a Glamour Magazine Woman of the Year. In 1997, she was awarded the Centennial Medal from Harvard University. Dr. Simmons is known for her strong presence and eloquent speaking ability. She is, above all else, an extraordinary embodiment of the American dream.

William Chafe--Dean of Arts and Sciences at Duke University and President of the Organization of American Historians. Dr. Chafe received his Ph.D. from Columbia University in American History. Much of his professional scholarship reflects his long-term interest in issues of race and gender equality, with a focus on the changing economic roles of American women in the fifty years after the woman suffrage amendment. He has authored eight books to date including The American Woman: Her Changing Social, Political and Economic Roles 1920-1970. Dr. Chafe has won numerous awards from the NEH, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Humanities Center; and from 1990-1995, Dr. Chafe chaired the Duke University Department of History. He is strongly recommended for both his scholarship and speaking presence, and is the most qualified male candidate for this panel.

Carol Gilligan--Graham Professor at Harvard University and author of the landmark work In a Different Voice. Dr. Gilligan received her PH.D. from Harvard University in clinical psychology and her work has since initiated the Harvard Project on Women's Psychology and the Development of Girls. The Harvard project has produced five books by Gilligan and her colleagues, including Between Voice and Silence: Women and Girls, Race and Relationship. Dr. Gilligan's research has dramatically illustrated how society's expectations of how women should think, feel and behave taught girls to repress their authentic inner voice. This work has evolved to show how freeing that voice encourages a deeper understanding of both women and men's lives. Her evolving body of work continues to transform American education and culture, affecting schools, film-making, family and public life. Winner of numerous awards, she is highly regarded for both her scholarship and gifted speaking ability. While not specifically viewed as a women's historian or commentator on their civic roles, her breadth of work and scholarship would lend a unique perspective to our discussion of women's roles in the 20th century.

Linda Kerber--Brodbeck Professor in the Liberal Arts and Professor of History, University of Iowa; she received her Ph.D. from Columbia University in American History. She has authored six books, including most recently, No Constitutional Right to be Ladies: Women and the Obligations of Citizenship. Dr. Kerber's work has focused primarily on women in the United States, emphasizing a wide range of issues relating to intellectual history and to concepts of citizenship. Dr. Kerber has served as both the President of the American Studies Association and the Organization of American Historians. She has also been awarded fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Humanities Center, the NEH, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Rockefeller Foundation. Known for her tremendous warmth and wit, her scholarship is matched by her reputation as an eloquent speaker.

If you have preference at this stage, please check:

☐ **Ruth Simmons** ☐ **Bill Chafe** ☐ **Carol Gilligan** ☐ **Linda Kerber**
☐ **I would like more background information on these speakers**
☐ **Let's discuss further**

We would like to formally invite the speakers next week. We will be working closely with the Social Office on the format for the evening. We plan to keep the prepared remarks for each speaker to 10 minutes (perhaps two "rounds" of five minutes each) and to use video clips throughout the discussion to introduce different documentation.

Memorandum

To: Ellen Lovell

From: Leela de Souza

Date: February 17, 1999

Re: Meeting with HRC on Millennium Activities

Alice Kessler-Harris--recently joined the faculty at Columbia University after teaching at Rutgers, where she led the Women's Studies Program for five years; she received her Ph.D. in History at Rutgers University in 1968. At Columbia, Dr. Kessler-Harris holds a joint appointment in both the History Department and the Institute for Research on Women and Gender. She is described one of the most outstanding feminist labor historians in the country and has played an important role in the establishment and growth of the field of women's studies. She had authored and edited over ten books including, Women's Wage: Historical Meanings and Social Consequences and Women in Culture and Politics: A Century of Change. Her work has explored the differences among women's economic, political and social citizenship, with a primary focus on how working people have understood the world around them. Dr. Kessler-Harris has been awarded fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the NEH and the Rockefeller Foundation. She comes highly recommended for both her scholarship and presence.

Other speakers to consider (I will get background info ASAP):

Darlene Clarke Hine- historian, Michigan State

Barbara Fields-historian, Columbia University

Anna Quindlen-novelist, columnist w/NY Times (would fit more popular category, comes highly recommended)

Johnetta Cole- Professor Emeritus, Spelman; anthropologist, Emory University

Kate Stimpson-Dean of Arts and Sciences, NYU; Chairman of NY Humanities Council; former Director, McCarthur Genius Grant Program

MEMORANDUM TO HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
FROM: ELLEN LOVELL
SUBJECT: MILLENNIUM PROJECTS UPDATES
DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 1999

Here are some brief updates, and next steps to be taken, on some of our national millennium projects.

Millennium Communities

The intergovernmental association partners met after your US Conference of Mayors speech to plan their strategies for the next six months.

- * all have put a photo with you and an announcement of the new program in their newsletters, (examples enclosed.)
- * all are mailing the Handbook to their memberships, and actively stimulated applications
- * a classy looking certificate of recognition, signed by you and the President, is being prepared. I recommend you sign the letter that presents it to elected officials once their communities have been selected.
- * we would like to announce the first 10-15 Millennium Communities in either mid-March or early April, possibly in a conference call with you and the officials, which they could use to generate regional press.
- * the web site is up, provided by BellSouth, and has examples of good local programs to inspire communities to apply.

Save America's Treasures

- * the Trust's report on the results of the first eight months of the project will be in final draft by February, 17. It details the impressive \$30 million which your leadership stimulated. The other significant finding is what happened to sites after you visited, and brought recognition and support, including higher attendance rates, boosts to fundraising campaigns, and increased publicity. It is a good story, that will go to editorial writers, preservation and culture writers, the Save America's Treasures Committee, donors, special friends and selected Members of Congress.
- * the Trust is progressing on a strategy for a public education media campaign. They are beginning discussions with advertising agencies, have talked to the Ad Council about endorsement, and report that ABC/Disney is considering placing a media message system-wide, on both radio and tv.
- * the Trust, the Park Foundation, and Heritage Preservation are starting to work on announcements for the proposed SW tour, with a major emphasis on Mesa Verde and the Cornerstones project.
- * the Trust has recommended a second SAT Committee meeting, about a year after the first (May, 1998), to report on successes and motivate members.
- * the panel to evaluate proposals for the \$26.5 in federal funds will meet March 4. (\$3 million is earmarked for the Star-Spangled Banner and \$500,000 for the Sewell-Belmont House in DC.) I will chair it, and Bob Peck from GSA and Winston Tabb from the Library of Congress will serve. We are making a final decision on two other panelists -- a curator and an architect -- this

week. The Park Service staff expect 250 proposals from federal agencies in the Interior Appropriations bill that are eligible to forward their preservation priorities. The Park Service will pre-screen, using a numerical rating system, and the panel will rate the rest. The recommendations go to Secretary Babbitt, then to Senator Gorton and Congressman Regula. We should be able to make announcements by early to mid-April.

Millennium Trails

At long last, there is a partnership agreement between the Department of Transportation and the Rails to Trails Conservancy to manage this national project. In the meantime, Secretary Slater used the last round of Public Lands Highways funds to announce awards to national Millennium Trails, including the Grand Canyon Greenway, proposed for a visit this May. Secretary Slater is about to send all governors a letter asking for their nominations for the fifty-two state "Millennium Legacy Trails." These may be both existing or prospective trails. Using Save America's Treasures as a model, the Rails to Trails Conservatory is organizing a friends committee, and a kick-off event to be hosted by Wendy Paulson. They will not be ready by early March and have asked for a New York date in April. The National Endowment for the Arts is about to award over \$500,000 (\$10,000 per state) to each of the Millennium Legacy Trails to incorporate a cultural component. Are you interested in announcing this?

Mars Millennium Project

This project is on track, with leadership from all the agency partners and the J. Paul Getty Trust. After the launch at the Air and Space Museum, they met with over seventy-five nonprofit educational partners and their six corporate partners to get them all involved in concrete ways. The curriculum is being developed, and the poster to announce the project is about to go to all US schools, with a letter from you. The Mars partners are looking for the next "benchmark" to generate more public awareness, using the heads of the agencies and the national spokes people, John Glenn and Donna Shirley.

My History is America's History

The NEH is developing the "participation kit" and web site, but Chairmen Ferris is concerned there is not enough funding to print enough copies and to maintain a good site. In the meantime, Parade Magazine is willing to feature the project if it goes to print just in advance of a public launch. We are trying to figure out the timing, so that the support for the project, the announcement and the publicity all come together. The kits will be available in July, but Parade is doing a feature on the White House in July and will not lead with another project associated with us that month. We are trying to determine if we can pre-announce in May or June, rather than wait til September.

National Science Foundation

NSF is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a national science "challenge" for students to use science to solve the problems facing the world in the 21st century. Parade Magazine will promote the project in September or October. It is a partnership with us, NSF and Parade that will use our logo and motto. NSF is requesting a letter from you in the Parade announcement, and that you meet, sometime in 2000, with the students who develop the most imaginative projects (a benefit which will not be announced in advance.)

WHITE HOUSE MILLENNIUM COUNCIL HIGHER EDUCATION INITIATIVE

"Imagining America: Artists and Scholars in Public Life"

INITIATIVE: *"Imagining America: Artists and Scholars in Public Life"* is a national higher education initiative to support and celebrate the ways in which university artists and humanists do important civic work. The purpose is to place and support arts and humanities faculty members in community settings where they work closely with citizens on arts projects and inquiries using the disciplines of the humanities (such as town histories). The initiative is made up of a consortium of colleges and universities, chaired by University of Michigan President Lee C. Bollinger. It will be coordinated by Julie Ellison through the Office of the Vice President for Research. The launch date for this project is March 1999 and activities will run through 20004 (5 years). As this is beyond the life span of the White House Millennium Council, the initiative will build close links with federal agencies and foundations to continue this mission. Activities under this initiative have been organized into three program areas with national annual conferences planned to share work of each program.

Initial funding for this initiative is being provided by individual universities and by the National Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Foundation. University Presidents are being asked to commit funds to support a project on each of their individual campuses. In addition, the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Foundation has agreed to administer a competitive national grant program to fund one of the three program areas. This area will have to do with partnerships between a university or a college-based artist or humanist and a co-investigator who will be a teacher, artist, or community leader (for FY99 - approx. 6 - \$5,000 individual awards to go to the co-investigator). It is hoped that other sources of funding will be added to expand number of projects that can be funded at a national level.

CONFERENCE ON IMAGINING AMERICA: ARTISTS AND SCHOLARS IN PUBLIC LIFE:

This conference is scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 1999, from 8:00-3:30pm in Room 450, Old Executive Office Building, Washington, DC. The purpose of the Conference is to announce the official partnership on this new higher education initiative between the White House Millennium Council, the University of Michigan and the National Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Foundation and to enlist the attending institutions in creating their own "Imagining America" millennium projects. The format for the conference is a working meeting to share the model that is the basis for the initiative housed at the University of Michigan with other universities, federal agencies and individual artists and scholars. In addition, an open press component has been requested by the University of Michigan in order to announce the partnership.

Participants of the conference will include University presidents, federal agencies, foundations, individual scholars and artists. Notable that have agreed to have a role in the program include Bill Ivey, Chairman, NEA; Bill Ferris, Chairman, NEH; Secretary Riley, U.S. Department of Education. Due to a scheduling change, the FLOTUS will not be able to join us in person. We may request video greetings for the group. Lee Bollinger, President of the University of Michigan, Robert Weisbuch, President of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation and Ellen McCulloch-Lovell will co-chair the conference.

BACKGROUND: In 1997-98, The University of Michigan sponsored YoHA -- the Year of Humanities and Arts, a catalytic endeavor involving several experimental programs. One of the most successful pilot programs is called "The Arts of Citizenship." The Arts of Citizenship Program fulfills one of the fundamental goals of YoHA: to focus on the relationship between culture and place by bringing the University's many constituencies, including neighboring communities, into significant contact with one another. In April 1998, Mrs. Clinton gave a speech at the University of Michigan as the culminating event of YoHA. Ellen McCulloch-Lovell, Director of the White House Millennium Council accompanied Mrs. Clinton to the University of Michigan on the occasion of this speech. President Lee C. Bollinger and Provost Nancy E. Cantor and Robert Weisbuch, President of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation invited Mrs. McCulloch-Lovell to a meeting to talk about how the spirit and goals of the YoHA Arts of Citizenship Program could be expanded into a national higher-education initiative linked to the White House Millennium Program.

MEMORANDUM FOR FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

FROM: ELLEN LOVELL

DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 1999

**RE: SAVE AMERICA'S TREASURES TOUR TO THE SOUTHWEST
MAY 19-22, 1999**

Proposal:

We are recommending the next Save America's Treasures tour for the Southwest, May 19-22, to include sites in Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico, pending the results of research and the pre-advance. The anchor event will be at Mesa Verde, the great prehistoric site, and other visits will continue with a theme of honoring Spanish culture and Western traditions. As with past treasures tours, we will look for the layers of regional history that also convey the American story. Right now, we and our partners are concentrating on two events for major announcements: one to take place at Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado, a site in need of a vast stabilization effort; and a second to recognize the Cornerstones project, a non-profit organization that teaches local people to restore ancient adobe structures. One possible Cornerstone site is the old San Estaban del Ray church at Acoma Pueblo, New Mexico.

Sites for extensive research:

Site: Mesa Verde, Colorado

Subject: Native American history

Type: Outside area, ancient structures

Background: Mesa Verde, spanish for "Green Table," is the first cultural park set aside by the National Park Service in 1906. Mesa Verde offers an unparalleled opportunity to see and experience the life of ancient peoples and reflects 700 years of history. Visitors can walk through five spectacular major cliff dwellings and numerous mesa top villages, built by the Anasazi between 600 and 1300. It was designated as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1978. Twenty-four tribes have ancestral affiliations with sites at Mesa Verde. 585 cliff dwellings are in need of stabilization, requiring an immediate \$10 million to save and document them.

Site: Acoma Pueblo, New Mexico, Cornerstones Community Partnership

Subject: Native American history

Type: Outside area, church

Background: Acoma Pueblo is a well maintained and operated Tribal Park. It is built high on a mesa 357 feet above the surrounding plain. Established prior to the 1300s (possibly prior to 700 AD) Acoma is one of the oldest continuously inhabited villages in the United States. This is a living Native American pueblo where we can meet with the community. Within the pueblo is San Esteban del Rey, one of the oldest churches still standing on American soil. Constructed in the 1630s, this mission is a magnificent structure of 20,000 tons of adobe and stone. Cornerstones Community Partnership works with communities to strengthen their cultural values by restoring historic buildings, encouraging traditional building

practices and developing skills and leadership among the younger generations. At San Esteban a condition assessment and restoration plan for the church and convent will be prepared by the gawgashti (tribal members who make unpaid lifetime commitments to care for the church). Other Acoma people will conduct much of the assessment themselves with a grant from the Andy Warhol Foundation, in addition to providing instruction in earthen construction and conservation. The report is made possible by a \$50,000 grant from the Andy Warhol Foundation. The restoration plan will be reviewed by numerous preservation organizations, including the World Monuments Fund, the Getty Conservation Institute, and US/ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites), to ensure the appropriateness of all proposed work. Restoration work will be conducted by members of the Acoma tribe who have begun working with Cornerstones Community Partnership on a training program for youth successfully developed by Cornerstones at the Zuni pueblo. Total estimated cost: \$400,000.

Site: **Grand Canyon Greenway, Arizona**

Subject: **Regional history and park preservation**

Type: **Outside area**

Background: The Grand Canyon Greenway will replace the roads at the rim of the canyon with bike and hiking trails, revegetate parking lots that will no longer be needed for car parking, and create new overlooks. The Public Lands Highways grant, as part of the Millennium Trails initiative, has funded this project as an example of sustainable development within our National Parks and as a symbol of the important role trails will play in environmentally sound visitor services. A number of the historic buildings within the park were designed in the 1930s by Mary Coulter who took her inspiration from indigenous structures in the southwest of Native American, Spanish, or Mexican origins.

Site: **Lowell Observatory, Arizona**

Subject: **Science, astronomy**

Type: **Building**

Background: Lowell Observatory was the first astronomical observatory in Arizona and is the largest privately operated non-profit astronomical research laboratory in the world. Established by Dr. Percival Lowell in 1894 primarily to explore the possibility that intelligent life might exist on Mars. Two years later, he ordered and installed the specially designed 24-inch Alvan Clark refracting telescope, which has been designated a National Historic Landmark. Clyde Tombaugh discovered the planet Pluto at Lowell Observatory. It is still an active observatory with 21 astronomers on staff, an extensive public education program, and annual visitation of 75,000. Preservation needs include a sprinkler system in the wooden Clark Observatory Building and Slipher Building (\$100,000 - \$200,000), and archiving of materials, including the astronomers papers, scientific instruments

and a large collection of astronomical photographs, dating from 1894.

Site: Chaco Culture National Historical Park, New Mexico

Subject: Native American history

Type: Outside area

Background: Chaco Culture National Historical Park, designated in 1907, is located in a canyon with contains 13 major archeological sites, and hundreds of smaller sites, representing the highest point of Pueblo pre-Columbian civilization who occupied the canyon from 900 through 1150 A.D. It is a lead park in the National Park Service's Vanishing Treasures Initiative and is a World Heritage Site. It is famous for the large number of "Great Houses," (complex structures up to five stories high with eight hundred or more rooms) prehistoric road systems, advanced use of solar calendars, and the alignment of structures many miles apart.

Site: El Morro, New Mexico

Subject: Regional history

Type: Outside area

Background: El Morro, which is spanish for "the bluff" or "headland," is a large mesa in a 300 foot bluff with a water source at its base. Prior to paved roads, El Morro welcomed many weary travelers. It also has a prehistoric Zuni village spread over its top. This combination of features resulted in a very important and unique register of historical time. The rock base of this impressive monument provided the opportunity for travelers to leave an inscribed clue of their passing. The earliest European inscription was Don Juan de Onate in 1605 on his way back to Santa Fe from an expedition to the Southern Sea (Gulf of California).

Site: Southwestern Pieta, New Mexico

Subject: Regional art

Type: Monument

Background: Located in one of Albuquerque's oldest original Hispanic neighborhoods on the grounds of a Spanish and art magnet school, the Southwestern Pieta is loved by neighborhood residents who purchased and installed lighting for the sculpture. The artist, Luis Jiminez, is an internationally significant and highly respected Mexican-American contemporary artist. Due to the region's harsh elements and acid particulates, the sculpture's brilliant colors have faded and the protective coating has deteriorated. Cost estimate: \$25,000. The Pieta is adjacent to one of the Madonna of the Trail statues, erected by the Daughters of the American Revolution in the 1920s to commemorate the contributions of pioneer women to western migration.

Site: Segesser Hide Paintings, New Mexico

Subject: Regional art and culture

Type: Paintings

Background: The Segesser Hide Paintings at the Museum of New Mexico in Santa Fe are a colorful 18th-century record of early New Mexico history painted on bison hides. The paintings are collaborations among several artists painting with pieces of bone. These valuable records are in need of curation and conservation. Projected cost: \$200,000.

Site: **Bandelier National Monument, New Mexico**

Subject: **Outside area**

Type: **Native American history**

Background: At Bandelier National Monument, a night tour of the 13th century cliff houses and pueblo style dwellings, lit by candles, and including Native American dancing and poetry readings, will highlight the importance of the night sky to historic and contemporary residents of New Mexico. The Night Sky is currently on the New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance's list of endangered resources.

Site: **Los Alamos, New Mexico**

Subject: **Defense history, The Manhattan Project**

Type: **Building**

Background: The Manhattan Project was initiated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in December 1941 as an urgent effort to develop the atomic bomb before the Germans during World War II. Some of the world's most brilliant scientists were recruited to design and build an atomic bomb at a remote, top-secret laboratory at Los Alamos. Originally Los Alamos was scheduled for demolition last year, the Department of Energy has developed plans for the stabilization of the remaining structures and is looking to develop plans for their restoration and public access. This effort would be a joint venture with the State of New Mexico, the County of Los Alamos, the National Park Service and the Smithsonian Institution. Projected costs: \$1-\$2.5 million.

Site: **Leadville, Colorado**

Subject: **American history, mining**

Type: **Outside area, buildings**

Background: The town of Leadville, a National Historic Landmark, and its surrounding mining landscape form the most intact collection of hardrock mining resources in the state. Leadville was the greatest of all Colorado mining regions. Mining began in 1859 and continued until January 1999 when the last mine closed. By 1861, 5,000 prospectors covered the area, and after the silver boom, the population reached 60,000 by 1893. Its mining district was where famous Coloradans like Meyer Guggenheim and Horace Tabor made their fortunes after silver was discovered in 1877. Economic decline in the local mining industry, coupled with environmental cleanup activities, threatens to destroy both the historic buildings and surrounding mining landscape. There is some controversy about how EPA proposes to handle the cleanup.

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SUE VOGELSINGER**733 15TH STREET, NW • SUITE 202 • WASHINGTON, DC 20005 • (202) 347-2666 • Fax: (202) 393-6504****March 31, 1999****Fax to: Marsha, Ellen, Sharon, June****Here are some additional suggestions of press to be invited to the Wiesel evening:****Mary McGrory
The Washington Post
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202/334-7583
fax: 202/496-3936****(I mentioned her on my previous list. I think she would write a straight forward column based on whatever Wiesel has to say. And, of course, she is syndicated.)****Jack Rosenthal - I think he has been added. He was invited to the last evening, but had to cancel at the last minute because of an illness in the family. As everyone knows, he is editor of the NYT Sunday Magazine and is handling their millennium coverage. The NYT Sunday Mag's first millennium issue is April 18.****Anthony Lewis
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Some names for consideration for the April millennium evening:

The first three were suggested to me by someone who works in the human rights area.

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(column LAT Syndicate)

I know she won't be invited but I have to mention Mary McGrory who writes frequently and eloquently on human rights issues.

I don't feel real creative about this yet, but it's a start.



Sharon K. Gill
04/01/99 05:21:24 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Jennifer H. Smith/WHO/EOP

cc:

Subject: Re: April millennium evening

I think we should meet with Ann tomorrow or Monday. Could you check with Marsha and Toby - I will check with Capricia. thanks

----- Forwarded by Sharon K. Gill/WHO/EOP on 04/01/99 05:22 PM -----



Ann F. Lewis
04/01/99 03:09:47 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Anne F. Donovan/WHO/EOP, Suevogel @ aol.com, Sharon K. Gill/WHO/EOP

cc:

Subject: Re: April millennium evening 

"There is a moral imperative to stop oppression and murder."

Eli Wiesel about our action in Kosovo, quoted in this week's Washington Jewish Week. .

Eli Wiesel is our leading voice for a moral approach to foreign policy , including issues of genocide, learning from the Holocaust, etc. I don't know the specific plans for the evening ,or how the theme of the program has been described, but we should assume it will be seen and heard in context of what is happening.

So: My first preference would be a press roundtable with HRC and Wiesel, in which HRC might also refer to her trip, why she spoke about importance of religious tolerance , etc; and they would both address theme of program and applicability to today's news.

If that is not doable I would try for a few reporters . (Tom Friedman ?)

I definitely agree with the value of C-SPAN, plus if we have an advance commitment we could get notices out alerting people to watch, including Anglo-Jewish press--but we would have to know very soon.

(If we can't get C-SPAN but we are satelliting to humanities councils , can we also offer downlink to other interested organizations such as JCCs ? What about armed forces media ?)

I don't know about Jewish cable but there are a lot of Jewish publications - magazines, newspapers etc - that we should be sure to include.

Does the audience include other ethnic and religious leaders ? We should also do targeted advance notice to them/their publications.

(In fact this might be worth a Sunday religious column ?)

If the roundtable is not going to happen, then definitely a Monday story. USA Today would be very good.

And/or is there a way to package this for an insider item in one of the Newsmags -- Periscope etc --also for that Monday ?

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Ellen M. Lovell
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Record Type: Record

To: Marsha E. Berry/WHO/EOP

cc:

Subject: next millennium evening

Phyllis Geller

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We are all interested in exploring broadcast opportunities for millennium evenings and would like to explore possibilities for the next one. Here is the background:

April 12 - with President and Mrs. Clinton and Elie Wiesel

Topic: "The Perils of Indifference: Lessons Learned from a Violent Century"

Format: a brief presentation of ideas by a world-known author and activist, followed by a discussion with prominent guests, and stimulated by questions sent by citizens via Internet

Time: 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Sponsors: The White House Millennium Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities
NEH has several co-sponsors, principally Sun Microsystems, which supplies the technology for satellite down-link sites and the cybercast.

Nobel Peace Prize winner and Boston University professor Elie Wiesel has worked on behalf of oppressed people for much of his adult life. His personal experience of the Holocaust has led him to use his talents as an author, teacher and storyteller to defend human rights and peace throughout the world. In his remarks, Wiesel will explore why humans ignore and dehumanize "the other" -- those who are different from them -- and do not address the suffering of others. He will talk about how this indifference might be overcome.

This will be the seventh Millennium Evening at the White House. The series began in 1998 and has showcased great scholars, artists, scientists and visionaries, who can help us "Honor the Past and Imagine the Future" -- the White House Millennium motto.

Other programs have featured:

American historian Bernard Bailyn on the formation of American ideals.

British cosmologist Stephen Hawking on imagination and science in the 21st century.

Poets Laureate Robert Pinsky, Rita Dove and Robert Hass presenting great works of American literature.

Musicians Wynton Marsalis and Mariam McPartland presenting "Jazz as an expression of American democracy."

Professors of religion and history, Martin Marty and Natalie Davis, discussing the religious, humanistic and historical meanings of the millennium.

"Women as Citizens: Vital Voices through the Century": a discussion with three scholars (Alice Kessler-Harris, Nancy Cott and Ruth Simmons) and President and Mrs. Clinton on women's role -- past and present -- as volunteers, reformers, rights activists, and practicing citizens.

Marsha -- the thoughts I have are the obvious, PBS -- WETA? WGBH? History Channel, Odessey, is there a Jewish cable channel? Also at a phot op today, the CEO of the Ovation Channel said he would be very interested in looking at tapes and possibly rebroadcasting the evenings.

Many thanks

The Question of Genocide

The Serbs' inhuman treatment of their Albanian countrymen, horrifying as it may be, is not the Holocaust. Still, it is evil enough. BY ELIE WIESEL

PRESIDENT SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC IS A CRIMINAL. Those who still believe that there are nonviolent ways to stop his inhuman actions against Albanians are naive. They forget the nature of the century we live in.

Some of the images seem to belong to the not-so-recent past. Summary executions, collective punishment, forced expulsion of tens of thousands of families, frightened children separated from their parents, endless lines of desperate refugees: following Sarajevo and Srebrenica, Kosovo has entered the long and bloody list of tragedies that bring dishonor to the outgoing 20th century.

Some observers call it genocide. According to the original 1951 United Nations definition it is. Yet I have problems with its application to Kosovo. In my view, genocide is the intent and the desire to annihilate a people. This is not the case here. Massive violations of human rights and the murder of political opponents, as horrible as they may be, are elements of genocide-in-the-making, but they do not constitute genocide. Still, they are evil enough to inspire anger and the will to stop them.

As early as 1992, media coverage of the war in Bosnia mistakenly compared Serbian "ethnic cleansing" to the Holocaust. The Holocaust was conceived to annihilate the last Jew on the planet. Does anyone believe that Milosevic and his accomplices seriously planned to exterminate all the Bosnians, all the Albanians, all the Muslims in the world? Some reports referred to "Auschwitz" in Bosnia. I saw the prison camps at Banja Luka; the conditions were deplorable and the prisoners terrified. But it was not Auschwitz. Auschwitz was an extermination camp, a black hole in history. Victims were taken there to be turned into ashes. Now we are witnessing a nightmare in Kosovo; it demands action, not comparison.

Was NATO's decision to intervene correct? Was Washington right to push for it? The answer to both questions is yes. Faced with Milosevic's stubborn policy of ethnic cleansing, no self-respecting government or nation could knowingly violate the Biblical injunction "Thou shall not stand idly by."

Surely, when human lives are involved, indifference is not an answer. Not to choose is also a choice, said the French philosopher Albert Camus. Neutrality helps the aggressor, not his victims. If NATO had been created only to protect the weak and defenseless, that would be enough to justify its existence.

Critics of the attacks on Milosevic say that sending our army to the former Yugoslavia is not in America's national interest. From the economic or geopolitical viewpoint, the critics may

have a point. But a nation is great not because of its wealth or its military might; its greatness is measured by the way it uses or abuses its wealth and power. In other words: its greatness derives from its commitment to moral principle.

Milosevic has followed an intolerable path of violence and destruction that must provoke revulsion in every civilized person. His policies are evil. Even one of his associates, the novelist turned politician Vuk Draskovic, admitted the possibility that "atrocities" are being committed. Naturally, they occur away from public view. The Yugoslav military and police have ordered witnesses to leave the country: for weeks, Kosovo has been turning into a ghetto. Belgrade's objective is now clear: a demographic change of the entire region. Is it too horrible to imagine that at the end of the war, there will be no

more Albanians to enjoy their liberation in Kosovo?

I know Milosevic. I met him during the war in Bosnia, first at an international conference on Bosnia in London and later in Belgrade. I have spoken with officials and journalists who knew him well. Their analyses confirmed my impression of the man: a coldblooded cynic who never kept a promise, except when it was in his own best interest. His extremist political philosophy remained cloaked in facile patriotism. It is no accident that he is nicknamed "the butcher." He is ruthless with those who stand in his way. A fanatic, like most dictators whose argument is terror, he believes that the end always justifies the means. That is why he rejected Richard Holbrooke's last-minute efforts to save peace and Yevgeny Primakov's attempts to stop the hostilities: he is determined to consistently defy the international community's quest for a peaceful solution. He is

interested not in peace, but in absolute domination.

But what about the cost in lives, including those of his own people? They are of no concern to him; his personal power alone matters. Hence his willingness to sacrifice innocent civilians, burning their homes and destroying their villages. With utter contempt for humanity, he has embarked on a state-sponsored program aimed at the humiliation, persecution and uprooting of an entire ethnic community.

Like all nightmares, this too will come to an end. And then Milosevic's actions in Bosnia will also be remembered. And he will appear before an international tribunal, charged with the ultimate offense: crimes against humanity. That hope must be part of his victims' victory.

WIESEL, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986, is the author of numerous nonfiction books and autobiographical novels.



BITTER LESSONS After the Holocaust, the Genocide Convention outlawed "acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part," a national, ethnic, racial or religious group. Postwar atrocities:

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BOSNIA: 300,000 dead, 2 mil. displaced

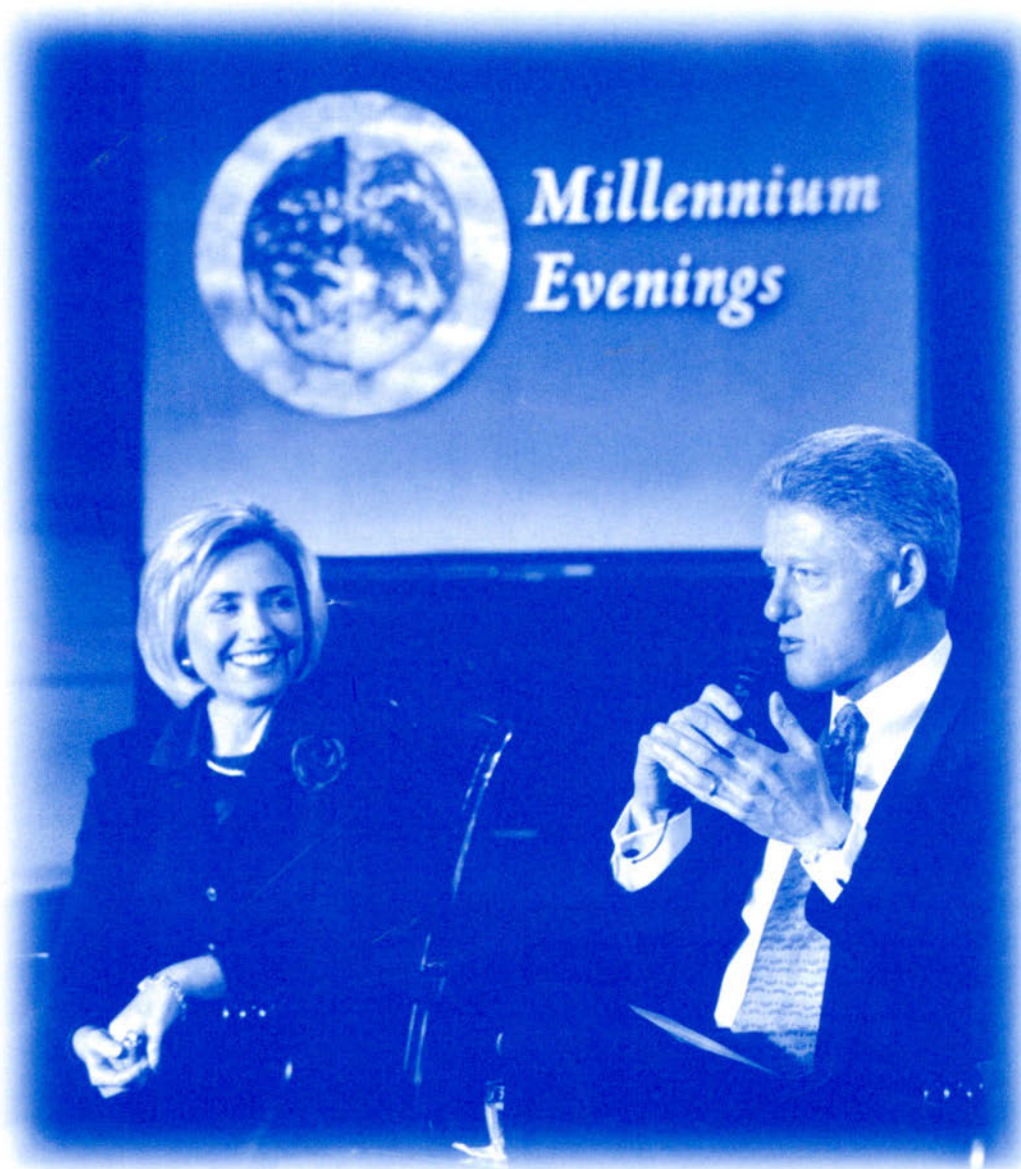
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