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THE WHITE HOUSE & PRESIDENT'S PARK

COMPREHENSIVE DESIGN PLAN
SUMMARY



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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE RELEASES WHITE HOUSE COMPREHENSIVE DESIGN PLAN

The first comprehensive plan for the White House and President's Park was released today by the National Park Service (NPS) at ceremonies held at the White House Visitor Center. The draft *Comprehensive Design Plan for the White House and President's Park* addresses the preservation, operations, and educational programs of the White House over the next two decades. The White House, which is functional as well as symbolic, has no equal as a national icon and is an incomparable public museum of the U.S. Presidency. The draft *Comprehensive Design Plan* will be open for a 90-day public review and comment period that will end on March 11, 1999.

In releasing the draft *Comprehensive Design Plan for the White House*, NPS Director Robert G. Stanton said, "These historic buildings and landscapes must be able to effectively meet the demands of the 21st century presidency. We believe the draft plan proposes actions that will protect the historic resources located here, provide for effective, efficient operations of the presidency, and increase the enjoyment of the millions of people who visit the White House."

The draft plan--an estimated \$300 million, 20-year project--focuses on the future operation of the White House, its grounds, and the surrounding park lands known as "President's Park." The plan will make the White House work better by modernizing its infrastructure, expanding its meeting and storage space, and adding facilities for the press. It will create underground parking for White House staff, and indoor recreation space for the first family. It will also make touring the White House safer, more enjoyable, and more informative by providing a new visitor and learning center featuring exhibits, films, interactive displays, and special presentations. The plan will protect the White House's historic setting and dramatic views.

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"The plan seeks to protect the historic site while making site operations over the next two decades smoother and more efficient," said Stanton. "We hope people will study the plan and then attend the public forum at the White House Visitor Center on January 27 and 28, 1999, when planners and staff will be available to answer questions about the plan and the future of the site."

The public forums and the 90-day public review will lead to an anticipated final plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to be completed in 1999.

Development of the draft *Comprehensive Design Plan* has involved the public at each step in the 6-year planning process. Twenty-six workshops were held with agencies and organizations to determine problems needing to be addressed in the plan. Visitor surveys and exhibits were used to seek public suggestions and reactions. Consultants from a variety of fields contributed to the process of envisioning what the site should be like 20 years from now. Alternatives were reviewed by the public in 1995.

An Executive Committee of agencies with responsibilities at the site helped the NPS develop the draft plan. Agencies on the NPS led committee include: Executive Office of the President, Executive Residence at the White House, White House Military Office, U.S. Department of the Treasury, U.S. Secret Service, General Services Administration, District of Columbia, Commission of Fine Arts, National Capital Planning Commission, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation (until April 1996).

A 24-page summary of the draft plan is available beginning December 3 on the Internet at: <http://www.nps.gov/planning>, or by writing to: Summary, Office of White House Liaison, National Park Service, 1100 Ohio Drive, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20242.

A copy of the 400-page draft *Comprehensive Design Plan for the White House and Draft Environmental Impact Statement* can be obtained by writing to: Draft Plan/EIS, Office of White House Liaison, 1100 Ohio Drive, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20242.

Comments on the draft plan and EIS released today must be received at the above address by March 11, 1999. Those preferring to use e-mail may address their comments to: white_house_liaison@nps.gov



The White House & President's Park

Please share your views on what is
proposed in the draft Comprehensive Design
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HHS AWARDS EXCELLENCE IN PROMOTING ADOPTION

Secretary Shalala, President and Mrs. Clinton recognize individuals and organizations for contributions to helping children find permanent homes

HHS Secretary Donna E. Shalala today announced the 1998 recipients of the Department of Health and Human Services' "Adoption 2002" Excellence Awards. The awards were highlighted at a White House ceremony celebrating November as National Adoption Month. At the event, President and Mrs. Clinton honored the recipients for giving abandoned, neglected, or abused children a loving family and a safe and nurturing home.

Secretary Shalala also called for increased efforts to recruit and strengthen adoptive families and to shorten the time that children spend in foster care. She reported that the President's message to promote adoption is showing some results. From 1996 to 1997, adoptions increased by more than 10 percent -- from 28,000 to 31,000 -- the first significant increase since the federal program was established. However, HHS estimates that there are still more than 100,000 children who cannot return to their birth families and need families to adopt them. Typically, children awaiting adoption spend more than three years in foster care.

To help states and communities meet the goal of doubling the number of adoptions by 2002, HHS intends to develop a plan for expanding the use of the internet. By putting the photos of children who are legally available for adoption on a national internet service, the time that a child waits to find an adoptive family could be shortened. The plan also will identify important issues and strategies for addressing them, and examine ways to build on existing efforts that are underway in some states.

"One year ago President Clinton made history by signing the Adoption and Safe Families Act. That new law built on the administration's track record of breaking down barriers to adoption and established new tools to attain his goal of doubling the number of children adopted from foster care," said Secretary Shalala. "Today we honor the individuals and organizations who have demonstrated commitment and leadership in helping to find permanent and safe homes for children in foster care."

"Adoption 2002" is the HHS response to President Clinton's initiative to double by that year the number of children in foster care who are adopted or otherwise permanently placed. Many of the recommendations of the "Adoption 2002" report were included in the Adoption and

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Safe Families Act. The recommendations included unprecedented financial incentives to states to increase adoptions, put the safety of children first in placement decisions, and set swifter time frames for permanent placement decisions. It also recommended annual honors to those who make exemplary contributions toward meeting the President's goal.

"President Clinton has set an ambitious and critical challenge to the country to provide all children in foster care with permanent homes," said Olivia A. Golden, HHS assistant secretary for children and families. "In the past year we have witnessed an unprecedented collaboration between the federal, state and local governments with foundations, businesses and citizens to work together for adoption. Today's remarkable honorees have earned our most heartfelt appreciation."

The 1998 awards recognized contributions by adoptive families and leadership by individuals as well as outstanding performance by organizations. A committee representing non-profit adoption agencies, child welfare and adoption advocates, adoptive parents, foundations, the business community, and state and federal offices reviewed and evaluated more than 65 nominations and selected eight winners in five categories.

The winners by category are:

Individual or Family Contributions

- **Tim O'Hanlon, Ph.D. Ohio North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC), Columbus, OH.** Dr. O'Hanlon volunteers his time as the state representative for Ohio with NACAC. He created and maintains the Adoption Policy Resource Center web site, and he has authored several books and articles on Adoption Advocacy.
- **Governor and Mrs. Jim Edgar, State of Illinois, Springfield, IL.** Governor and Mrs. Edgar are long-time champions of children's initiatives. They convened Project HEART to advise the state of Illinois in streamlining its adoption system and launched the Corporate Recruitment Initiative with the Illinois Hospital and Health Systems Association. Illinois adoptions have increased from 708 in 1991 to 4,239 in FY98.

Increased Adoptions

- **Georgia Department of Human Resources, Office of Adoptions, Atlanta, GA.** Adoptions have increased 66 percent since FY95. Regional Adoption Coordinators were placed in state service areas to advocate adoption and track the progress of adoptive children; privatization of services and placement was emphasized.
- **Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, Springfield, IL.** Finalized adoptions were increased from 2,229 in FY97 to 4,293 in FY98. The "Illinois Permanency Initiative," to enable the department and juvenile courts to act more quickly in moving children to permanency, was enacted.

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Support for Adoptive Families

- **Hope for the Children, Inc., Rantoul, IL.** In FY98, 13 families were supported in adopting 14 children, 13 children are in the process of adoption, and three await court determinations; 53 volunteers provided 17,620 volunteer hours to the families. The agency also partnered with Ronald McDonald House Charities to bring nearly \$8 million to communities for an intergenerational neighborhood care and support model.
- **Three Rivers Adoption Council, Pittsburgh, PA.** The agency partnered with Black Adoption Services to complete family and child profiles and host a Celebration of Families for 600 people. It also joined the Exchange to serve 539 families and 869 children, leading to the placement of over 300 children. Post-placement services were provided to over 70 adoptive and foster families.

Philanthropy

- **Kansas Association of Broadcasters, Topeka, KS.** KAB partnered with Kansas Families for Kids to produce radio and television spots valued at \$314,786, which resulted in an average of 200 calls per month. As a result, the number of children adopted in Kansas increased by 50 percent in just one year. KAB also began the "Kid of the Month, which features increased air time for hard-to-place children, developed an extensive web site, and financed the first sibling reunion camp for 90 children separated in the Kansas foster care and adoption systems.

Judicial Improvement

- **Judge Max Baer, Allegheny Juvenile Court, Family Division, Pittsburgh, PA.** As a result of Judge Baer's activities, Allegheny County doubled the number of adoptions to 457 in FY97-98. He initiated the Statewide Adoption Network Legal Project to eliminate barriers to adoption and expedite adoptions through private and public partnership. He established the One Judge/One Family policy to ensure consistency in judicial oversight and strengthened it with The Masters Project to alleviate overcrowding at the Juvenile Court. He also supported the Family Mediation Adoption Project which involved birth parents to identify solutions that may have delayed adoption.

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Note: HHS press releases are available on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.hhs.gov>.

PRESIDENT CLINTON ANNOUNCES EXPANSION OF THE INTERNET TO INCREASE ADOPTIONS

November 24, 1998

Today, the President will issue a new directive to the Department of Health and Human Services to expand the use of the Internet as a tool to find homes for children waiting to be adopted from foster care. The President will make the announcement with the First Lady at a White House ceremony marking National Adoption Month and celebrating new adoptions in the District of Columbia.

Creating an Internet Registry to Meet the President's Goals for Adoption. In 1996, President Clinton set a goal of doubling, by the year 2002, adoptions and other permanent placements from the public child welfare system. Since then, adoptions have increased; from 1996 to 1997 alone, adoptions increased by over 10 percent, from 28,000 to 31,000. Today, the President is directing the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to develop a plan to expand internet use to share information about children who are legally free for adoption in order to shorten the time needed to find them adoptive families. HHS estimates that approximately 100,000 children in our nation's foster care system cannot return to their birth families and need families to adopt them. An effective national registry will help break down geographic barriers to adoption and assist in meeting the President's adoption goal. HHS Secretary Donna Shalala will report to the President within 60 days on a plan to work with the states and other leaders to carry out this effort.

Building on a Strong Record. Today's announcement builds on a deep commitment by the President, the First Lady, and the Administration to facilitate adoptions and improve the child welfare system. Since taking office, President Clinton has championed efforts to make foster care work better for the children it serves, to find and assist adoptive families, and to break down barriers, including high adoption costs and complex regulations:

✓ **Achieving Landmark Legislative Reform.** On November 19, 1997, the President signed the Adoption and Safe Families Act, reforming our nation's child welfare system and making it clear that the health and safety of children must be the paramount concerns of state child welfare services. This landmark legislation was based in large part on the recommendations of the Clinton Administration's *Adoption 2002* report, which the President requested by executive memorandum on December 14, 1996, to meet his goals of doubling adoptions and permanent placements by the year 2002 and moving children more quickly from foster care to permanent homes. The Act tightened time frames for making permanent placement decisions for children and ensured health insurance coverage for all special needs children in subsidized adoptions. Also, it created new financial incentives for states to increase adoptions, and continued funding for services to keep families together when it is appropriate and safe.

✓ **Making Adoption Affordable for Families.** In 1996, President Clinton signed into law the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996, which provides a \$5,000 tax credit to families adopting children, and a \$6,000 tax credit for families adopting children with special needs. This provision has alleviated a significant barrier to adoption, helping middle class families for whom adoption may be prohibitively expensive and making it easier for families to adopt children with special needs. Since President Clinton took office, the number of children with special needs who were adopted with federal adoption assistance has risen by over 60 percent. In the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, President Clinton ensured more support for families who adopt children with the \$500 per-child tax credit.

✓ **Giving States Flexibility and Support.** To test innovative strategies to improve state child welfare systems, the Clinton Administration has granted waivers to 18 states, giving them more flexibility in tailoring services to meet the needs of children and families. In addition, the Administration has provided states with enhanced technical support and helped improve court operations. The President secured \$10 million in FY 1999 in new funds to support state efforts to implement the new adoption law, and has, through the Adoption Opportunities program, supported state and local innovative demonstration projects to promote adoption, provide post-adoptive services, and build new public-private partnerships. To prevent children from entering foster care in the first place, in 1993 the Clinton Administration enacted and secured federal funding for the Family Preservation and Support Program to help states, local governments, and service providers develop effective programs to serve children and families at risk.

✓ **Breaking Down Racial and Ethnic Barriers to Adoption.** New inter-ethnic adoption provisions, passed as a part of the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996, ensure that the adoption process is free from discrimination and delays on the basis of race, culture and ethnicity by strengthening the Multi-Ethnic Placement Act which the President signed in 1994.

✓ **Providing Supports for Child Protection and Adoption.** In 1993, President Clinton signed into law the Family and Medical Leave Act, enabling parents to take time off to adopt a child without losing their jobs or health insurance. In addition, the welfare reform legislation signed by the President maintained the guarantee of child protection and adoption, and did not reduce funds for child welfare, child abuse, and foster care and adoption services.

U.S. Agency for International Development

Press Release
11/20/98

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First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton Announces \$1.5 Million for Civic Education in the Dominican Republic

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic -- Today, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton announced a four-year, \$1.5 million program to engage civil society in support of justice reform in the Dominican Republic. Mrs. Clinton made the announcement while meeting with civil society representatives at the Pontificia Universidad Catolica Madre y Maestra (PUCMM).

The new activities will promote the collaboration of all sectors of civil society to further justice reform efforts, to strengthen legal services to the poor, and the work of public defenders.

Training civic organizations will empower people to voice their legitimate concerns to help reform the justice system to provide equal protection to all Dominicans while holding their elected officials accountable. In the past, the U.S. Agency for International Development has worked with women's groups to improve their ability to advocate for matters such as control over their reproductive rights, increased access to credit, and with human rights groups to create pressure to improve the rule of law. Through this U.S. Agency for International Development program, Dominicans will increase their political awareness, and the ability to participate in strengthening their democracy while ensuring that their needs and concerns are taken into consideration by their elected officials.

During the meeting with civil society members, Mrs. Clinton discussed current and future civil society reforms in the Dominican Republic. Past civil society reform activities include programs that have focused on policy and electoral reform, election monitoring, community empowerment and strengthening non-governmental organizations.

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DINNER

**HONORING
THE NEXT GENERATION OF
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DECEMBER 17, 1998**

Menu

*Pheasant and Scallion Consomme
Smoked Pheasant Dumplings
Caramelized Winter Vegetables*

*Seared Salmon and Toasted Cous-Cous
Braised Vegetables and Garlic Saffron Sauce*

*Mache Bibb and Watercress Salad
Roasted Corn and Manchego Cheese Flan
Sherry Dressing*

Dessert

*"A Hero's Tribute"
Chocolate and Raspberry Mousse Cake
Fresh Raspberries
Maple and Almond Sabayon*

Wine

*Mt. Eden "Estate" Chardonnay 1996
Sanford "Barrel Select" Pinot Noir 1996
Schramsberg "Cremant" 1994*

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Harvest Corn Chowder

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with Boursin Cheese, Plum Tomatoes & Red Wine Vinaigrette

Traditional Roasted Turkey

Slow Roasted Prime Ribs with Natural Au Jus & Creamed Horseradish Sauce

Southern Style Cornbread Stuffing

Fluffy Mashed Potatoes

Giblet Gravy

Cranberry Sauce & Cranberry Relish

Maple Glazed Sweet Potatoes with Candied Pecans

Seasoned Whole Kernel Corn

Green Beans & Yellow Squash Medley

Fresh Baked Dinner Rolls

Apple, Pecan, & Pumpkin Pies

Ice Cream

WHITE HOUSE WEDDINGS

- March 29, 1812 - Lucy Payne Washington (sister of Dolley Madison) married Thomas Todd on the State Floor, probably in the Blue Room.
- March 9, 1820 - Maria Hester Monroe (daughter of President and Mrs. James Monroe) married Samuel Lawrence Gouverneur (Mrs. Monroe's nephew) on the State Floor, probably in the Blue Room.
- February 25, 1828 - John Adams (son of President and Mrs. John Quincy Adams) married Mary Catherine Hellen (Mrs. Adams' niece) in the Blue Room.
- April 10, 1832 - Mary A. Eastin (Rachel Jackson's niece) married Lucius J. Polk) in the East Room.
- November 29, 1832 - Mary Anne Lewis (daughter of a close friend of President Andrew Jackson) married Alphonse Pageot in the East Room.
- January 31, 1842 - Elizabeth Tyler (daughter of President and Mrs. John Tyler) married William Waller in the East Room.
- May 21, 1874 - Nellie Grant (daughter of President and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant) married Algernon Sartoris in the East Room.
- June 19, 1878 - Emily Platt (niece of Lucy Hayes) married Russell Hastings in the Blue Room.
- June 2, 1886 - President Grover Cleveland married Frances Folsom in the Blue Room.
- February 17, 1906 - Alice Lee Roosevelt (daughter of President Theodore Roosevelt) married Nicholas Longworth in the East Room.
- November 25, 1913 - Jessie Woodrow Wilson (daughter of President and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson) married Francis Bowes Sayre in the East Room.
- May 7, 1914 - Eleanor Randolph Wilson (daughter of President and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson) married William Gibbs McAdoo in the Blue Room.

- August 7, 1918 - Alice Wilson (niece of President Woodrow Wilson) married Isaac Stuart McElroy, Jr., in the Blue Room.
- July 30, 1942 - Harry Hopkins (assistant to President Franklin D. Roosevelt) married Louise Gill Macy in the Second Floor Oval Room (then the President's study).
- December 9, 1967 - Lynda Bird Johnson (daughter of President and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson) married Charles Spittal Robb in the East Room.
- June 12, 1971 - Tricia Nixon (daughter of President and Mrs. Richard M. Nixon) married Edward Finch Cox in the Rose Garden.
- May 28, 1994 - Anthony Rodham (brother of Hillary Rodham Clinton) married Nicole Boxer in the Rose Garden.

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
Statement for the Friends of the U.N.
November 6, 1998

If the history of this century teaches us anything, it is that whenever the dignity of any individual or group is compromised by the derogation of who they are, of some essential attribute they possess, then we all leave ourselves open to nightmares to come. Conversely, if the century has a lesson for us that is redeeming, it is that by extending the circle of citizenship and human dignity to include everyone without exception, then we have the basis where new worlds of hope can flourish.

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Today: Pull quote from:

- Declaration of Human Rights conference (U.N.) on race (Dec)
- GW speech on race w/ kids (April)



Monday, October 05, 1998

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Via Fax: 202 456-6244

Dear Katie,

Thank you for taking my call this afternoon. As you can imagine the Friends are currently immersed in the details required to orchestrate our luncheon which is to be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on November 16th, the International Day for Tolerance. We would like to formally invite the First Lady to attend the lunch and possibly give a speech. If that is not possible because of scheduling conflicts, we respectfully request that a letter or proclamation from Mrs. Clinton, revolving around this day and its meaning be provided, so that we could read it to our attendees.

At that luncheon we will be honoring three individuals that are focused on teaching the world Tolerance and how to celebrate diversity. Abraham Foxman of the Anti-Defamation League, Tahar Ben Jelloun Author of "Racism as Explained to My Daughter" and The Southern Poverty Law Center represented by co-founder Sara Bullard, each will be presented with the Friends of the United Nations award for Tolerance.

We are expecting that the Secretary General Kofi A. Annan will keynote the lunch with a speech on the United Nation's mandate to "Create a Culture of Peace by Celebrating Diversity" into the next century. Vanessa Williams and her mother's youth choir will perform the song "One Song Many Voices" in the Delegate's dinning room where the luncheon will take place.

Earlier that day we have invited to the United Nations, 100 United Nations high school students, who have completed the Tolerance and Non-violent Intervention program through the city school system. We are working closing with UNICEF on this part of the program and will have workshops for the students to participate in that will further their education on this issue. These youngsters will be presented to the UN as the charter members of the "Peacemakers Corps" our grass roots organization to teach non-violent intervention across the land.

As I mentioned on our phone conversation the Simon Youth Foundation has agreed to join us as co-founders of the "Peacemaker Corps" program, making available over 100 shopping malls nationwide to teach the mentoring program. In

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addition Caroline Croft has an interest to include this program in the Millennium Councils plans.

I will be in the DC area on October 21st and 22nd and would like very much to meet with someone in your office. By that time I will be a lot smarter about the program.

Thanks for your interest, I look forward to working with your office again.

Sincerely,



Carole Sumner Krechman
Chair

My new phone number is 310 550-7449

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1998 GLOBAL TOLERANCE AWARDS



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Sara Bullard	Southern Poverty Law Center
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"We cannot advance our ideals and interests unless we focus more attention on the fundamental human rights and basic needs of women and girls....If women can live and work as full and equal partners in any society, then families will flourish. And when they do, communities and nations will thrive....We are putting our efforts to protect and advance women's rights where they belong-in the mainstream of American foreign policy."

-President Bill Clinton
December 10, 1996

"Advancing the status of women is not only a moral imperative; it is being actively integrated into the foreign policy of the United States. It is our mission. It is the right thing to do, and, frankly it is the smart thing to do."

-Secretary of State Madeleine Albright
March 12, 1997

Congress created the position of Senior Coordinator for International Women's Issues in 1994 to promote the human rights of women within American foreign policy. Under the auspices of the Office of the Under Secretary for Global Affairs, the Senior Coordinator's mandate is to integrate issues affecting the lives of women-- from expanding women's political participation to eliminating violence against women--into U.S. foreign policy development.

President Clinton appointed Theresa Loar the Senior Coordinator for International Women's Issues in July 1996 to continue to promote internationally the advancement of women and to encourage follow-up to the 1995 UN Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing.

Theresa Loar also serves as the Director of the President's Interagency Council on Women. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright chairs the Council and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton serves as Honorary Chair. The Council is an intergovernmental body of high-level representatives from executive branch agencies charged with the implementation of the Platform for Action adopted at the UN Fourth World Conference on Women. The Council also develops initiatives to further women's progress and engages in outreach and public education to support implementation of the Conference agreements.

Women's Political Participation

The promotion of democracy is a United States foreign policy goal which complements the broader strategic, diplomatic, and economic interests of the United States. The full participation of women in the political lives of their countries builds a foundation for sustainable democracy.

The Office of the Senior Coordinator for International Women's Issues supports programs, like those listed below, aimed at all aspects of political life.

- The Vital Voices conference held in Vienna, July 9-11, supported women's roles in building new democracies. Vital Voices brought women leaders from countries in transition together with women leaders from the European Union and the United States. Vital Voices provided women the opportunity to learn from one another and to share their experiences in areas of law, leadership, politics and business.
- The State Department chaired an experts group meeting of G-8, the eight leading economies of the world, in Washington, D.C. September 30- October 1. The experts focused on the four key components of democracy and the Senior Coordinator chaired the group on expanding women's political participation.
- The State Department promotes programs to empower women to overcome economic, social and political discrimination. The training and educational programs provide women with the skills and confidence to run for political office and assist women to target and change discriminatory laws.

Violence Against Women

Violence against women is the most widespread and entrenched violation of women's fundamental rights. Violence imposes high societal costs which impede the true and sustainable development of democratic societies. The State Department plays an active role, in collaboration with communities and governments, in promoting the eradication of violence against women worldwide through the following types of activities:

- The State Department's Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) sponsored a worldwide review of legal and enforcement loopholes to assist U.S. enforcement efforts to combat the trafficking of women and children, including U.S. Connect Russia. Throughout 1998, the State Department plans to fund information programs to combat trafficking in women.
- The United States provides model legislation to countries overseas for their reference in drafting comprehensive laws on violence against women, including domestic violence. Based on such model legislation, governments may work to institute concrete legal protections for women.
- The Department of State and the U.S. Delegation bring a gender perspective to discussions on the development of the International Criminal Court treaty.

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The President's Interagency Council on Women

February 1998

BACKGROUND

- President Clinton established the Council in August 1995, on the eve of the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, in order to "make sure that all the effort and good ideas actually get implemented when we get back home."
- The Council is charged with coordinating the implementation of the Platform for Action adopted at Beijing, including the US commitments announced there. It also develops related initiatives to further women's progress and engages in outreach and public education to support the successful implementation of the Conference agreements.
- First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton serves as Honorary Chair. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has chaired the Council since March, 1997 following the strong leadership provided by former chair Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala. The Council includes high level representatives from executive branch agencies.

WORKING GROUPS

The Council has established several interagency groups to work towards policy development, organize around a specific event, or promote dialogue and coordination on an issue. The working groups are chaired by Council representatives but other staff members of agencies participate. As with all of the Council's activities, the working groups derive from specific strategies or cross-cutting themes in the Beijing Platform for Action. All groups will have extensive contact and consultation with NGOs as they go about their work.

- **Women and the Global Economy.** Chaired by Kitty Higgins, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Labor, this group is working to ensure that Administration policy deliberations on global economic issues give appropriate consideration to the effects of various policies and programs on women; to coordinate the development of US government participation in international fora dealing with economic issues of concern to women; and to serve as a forum for interaction and information exchange on global economic issues with interested U.S. non-governmental organizations. Contact Liz Toohey, 202 219 - 6151.
- **Mentoring.** Chaired by Leslie Thornton of the Department of Education, this group will identify and replicate existing successful mentoring efforts in the government and identify and encourage federal partnerships with ongoing NGO mentoring programs. It will coordinate Council participation in *Take Our Daughters to Work Day* on April 23. Contact Theda Zawaiza, 202-401-1039.

- **Women and Prisons.** Chaired by Bonnie Campbell of the Department of Justice, the group seeks to improve conditions for women incarcerated in the U.S. and their families by heightening public awareness, lending high level support to seek solutions, and establishing cooperation among federal personnel, state corrections officials and NGOs. Contact Janna Sidley, 202-616-9174.
- **Rural Women.** Chaired by Jill Long Thompson, USDA, the group seeks to improve the status of rural women. The immediate goal is to serve as a steering committee for the International Conference on Women and Agriculture to be hosted by USDA, under the auspices of the Council, from June 28 - July 2 in Washington, DC. Contact Leanne Powell, 202-720-4581.
- **Trafficking in Women and Girls.** Chaired by Theresa Loar of the State Department, the group works to coordinate and increase US government efforts to prevent and combat trafficking in women and girls. The group is formulating a concrete and comprehensive plan of action focusing on prevention, protection and enforcement. Contact Anita Botti, 202-647-6227.
- **Gender and Institutional Change.** Chaired by Sally Shelton Colby of the Agency for International Development, this group is working to develop procedures that ensure the integration of a gender perspective into the policies and operations of government so that different impacts on men and women may be determined and inequities addressed. Contact Margaret Lycette, 202-712-0570.

FEDERAL REPORT

- The Council published *America's Commitment: Federal Programs Benefiting Women and New Initiatives as follow-up to the UN Fourth World Conference on Women*, an inventory and analysis of agencies' current efforts and projected policies and programs measured against the goals of the Platform for Action. *America's Commitment* is updated quarterly. It can be obtained through the Web page or by contacting the Council's office for a copy.

BRIEFINGS

- The Council holds quarterly open public briefings and discussions. The next meetings will be held on April 7 and April 14 at the State Department. All are welcome. Sessions are intended as an occasion for dialogue on the issues between Council representatives and NGOs. Contact Sharon Featherstone, 202-647-6227.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Second International Conference on Women and Agriculture.** The Council will sponsor this event with the US Department of Agriculture acting as lead agency. (The first conference was held in Australia in 1994.) The Conference will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington from June 28 - July 2 and is expected to draw 1,200 delegates from around the world. Conference Chair, Jill Long Thompson, Under Secretary for Rural Development at USDA, says the conference is intended to expand awareness of the vital role women play in agriculture to focus attention on the specific concerns faced by rural women.
- **150th Anniversary of the Women's Rights Convention at Seneca Falls.** July 1998 is the 150th anniversary of the Women's Rights Convention held in Seneca Falls, N.Y. in 1848. There are many events being planned for July at Seneca Falls and the surrounding upstate New York area. The National Parks Service of the Department of the Interior, which owns the Women's Rights National Parks Historical Park at Seneca Falls, is leading the celebration efforts at Seneca Falls along with two non-profit groups, the National Women's Hall of Fame and Celebrate '98. The President's Interagency Council, with the Department of the Interior acting as lead agency, is identifying representatives of the federal government who are available as public speakers and coordinating their participation in the Speakers' Tent events at Seneca Falls.

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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 22, 1999
To: First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
From: Richard Moe, President, National Trust for Historic Preservation *RM*
Re: Status of the Save America's Treasures *Sing, America* project

When Warner Bros. Records agreed to produce the *Sing, America* CD to benefit Save America's Treasures, proceeds from the sale of the CD were projected to reach into the millions of dollars. Since its release on May 18, Warner Bros. Records reports that approximately only 10,000 copies of the CD have been sold. This figure falls far below the first month figures we had hoped for. Despite marketing and media outreach efforts by Warner Bros. and the National Trust, the CD has not yet achieved the level of public interest needed to raise awareness of the Save America's Treasures program nor to drive sales which will allow us to provide grants to treasures across the country. Further, we are told by Warner Bros. that if sales of the CD do not pick up, retail distributors will soon begin pulling the CD from store shelves.

We had hoped to secure featured interview segments on top morning and daytime TV programming to publicize the CD. Unfortunately, without your participation for Save America's Treasures, and without significant representation from the artists to represent the CD, we have not been able to secure coverage on shows like *Today*, *Good Morning America*, *CBS This Morning*, *The Rosie O'Donnell Show* or *Oprah*.

In March, Warner Bros. Records succeeded in interesting the music producer of *Good Morning America* to feature the CD on a dedicated show in late May. When an invitation to have you appear on the show to talk about Save America's Treasures evolved into a possible show dedicated to the Southwest tour, we lost our opportunity for a show on the CD. Earlier, when we submitted a request for you to appear on *The Rosie O'Donnell Show*, the request was denied.

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June 24, 1999

Unfortunately, it's now or never. We must do what we can to raise awareness of the CD as soon as possible, before it is pulled from store shelves. While David Altschul and we will continue trying to secure artists featured on the CD for individual publicity appearances, David is optimistic that some of the artists, particularly Stevie Wonder or Denyce Graves, would respond favorably to an invitation to appear jointly with you.

Several opportunities exist. For example, *Today* has already committed to doing some reports on the National Trust's 1999 list of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places. Several of the sites *Today* could visit are Official Projects of Save America's Treasures. Perhaps you could join us on-location or via satellite for a show dedicated to one of these sites, such as Angel Island Immigration Station, which could segue into a segment on Save America's Treasures and the CD.

Would you be willing to go on the morning or daytime shows promoting *Sing, America* as spokesperson for Save America's Treasures? We can explore live, in-studio, on location or pre-taped appearances to avoid placing undue demands on your schedule, and will work closely with Marsha Berry to identify and cultivate appropriate opportunities.

Since the proceeds from the sale of the CD will be used to establish a grant program for local and regional preservation projects, *Sing, America* could be one of the greatest tools we have to help communities across the country save their treasures. We hope you can help us make the *Sing, America* CD project a historic success.

Thank you.

cc: Melanne Verveer
Marsha Berry
Ellen McCulloch-Lovell

RM:cms

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(Auburn, New York)

For Immediate Release

September 2, 1999

Statement by the Press Secretary

President and Mrs. Clinton entered into a contract today for the purchase of a home in Chappaqua, New York. The five-bedroom house was built in 1899; it has approximately 5,232 square feet and sits on a 1.1 acre lot. The property also includes a barn that now serves as a garage.

The President and Mrs. Clinton are purchasing the home for \$1,700,000 and have secured a loan commitment for \$1,350,000 from Bankers Trust Company. The loan will be secured by a mortgage on the property, as well as by a guaranty from Terry McAuliffe.

The Clintons said: "We appreciate everyone who helped make our search for a new home an enjoyable experience. We particularly want to thank the homeowners, their neighbors and the real estate brokers who have been so gracious to us throughout our search."

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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
HOSTS WHITE HOUSE CONVENING ON HISPANIC CHILDREN AND YOUTH

August 2, 1999

Today at the White House, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is hosting a convening to examine the many challenges and opportunities facing Hispanic young people, particularly in the areas of early childhood development, educational attainment, and adolescence. Mrs. Clinton will spotlight progress that has been made in these areas, announce new public and private efforts, and issue a call to action to all sectors of society to meet the challenges that still remain.

Facing the Challenges Before Us. The Hispanic population is among the fastest growing segments of American society and it is also one of the youngest – with one out of every three Hispanics 15 years old or younger. By the year 2000, the number of Hispanics aged 24 or younger is expected to reach 15 million (or 15 percent) of a total youth population of 98 million. This Administration has worked hard to ensure that all of our young people have access to the tools they need to reach their potential, and has developed and promoted programs that specifically reach out to Hispanic students. However, significant challenges still exist -- too many Hispanic children are still being left behind. While progress has been made, dropout rates are too high, health insurance rates are too low, and poverty rates far exceed the national average.

Fighting for Essential Investments in Education. Raising the educational achievement of Hispanic Americans is a top priority of this Administration. Responding to the findings from the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans, the Administration proposed and won nearly \$500 million in funding increases for programs in the Hispanic Education Agenda in the FY 1999 budget. For the second year in a row, the President has proposed increased funds – over \$650 million for FY 2000 – for Department of Education programs that are part of the Administration's Hispanic Education Agenda, including:

- \$320 million to strengthen basic educational skills and raise academic standards;
- \$35 million to train more bilingual/ESL teachers and improve instruction to help students learn English and master their basic academic subjects;
- \$30 million to prepare disadvantaged youth for success in college;
- \$44 million to improve education programs for migrant youth and adults;
- \$190 million in new investments to help adults learn English and become literate.

According to Administration estimates of the long-term impact of the Republican tax and budget plans, funding for programs in the President's Hispanic Education Agenda could be cut by over \$6 billion in the tenth year alone of the Republican tax plan. This estimate assumes defense funding at the President's requested level and pay down of the debt by as much as Republicans promise.

Increasing Federal Efforts to Address the Needs of Hispanic Children. Mrs. Clinton is unveiling new Administration efforts to address the challenges of Hispanic children and youth:

- ***Serving Hispanic Children and Families Better Through Head Start.*** Hispanic enrollment has increased by 70,000 during the Clinton Administration, with the program now reaching approximately 220,000 Hispanic children. Despite these increases, Hispanic children remain under-represented, comprising 23.3 percent of Head Start enrollment (excluding Puerto Rico) compared to 29.8 percent of all low income, pre-school children in the nation. The Head Start program is furthering its longstanding commitment to meeting the needs of Hispanics and other under-served populations through a variety of steps to ensure access and culturally appropriate services, including:
 - increasing by 50% the number of points awarded to expansion grant applicants who emphasize outreach to under-served populations, such as seasonal farm workers, recent immigrant families and non-English speaking groups;

- boosting the number of grant application reviewers that have expertise in serving language minority children;
 - working with and monitoring programs to ensure full utilization of community assessments to better target outreach, recruitment and enrollment of under-served populations; and
 - providing specialized technical assistance to ten communities where changing local demographics have resulted in significant under-served populations.
- ***Implementing the Hispanic Education Action Plan.*** The Department of Education is aggressively implementing the Hispanic Education Action Plan, designed to increase academic performance and participation of Hispanic students in critical programs. Specifically, the Education Department is taking a series of new steps to ensure that schools participating in Title I--the largest K-12 education program which enrolls over 3 million Hispanic students -- are held accountable for helping Hispanic students meet challenging standards in academic subjects and become proficient in English. These steps include vigilant enforcement of requirements that Hispanic students be included in state assessment programs and that states intervene to turn around low performing schools. The Education Department will also issue new guidance to states and school districts on how to effectively include Hispanic students and meet applicable civil rights requirements in state testing programs, as well as guidance and assistance to schools on effective practices for helping limited English proficient students meet challenging academic standards.

In addition, the Education Department will expand outreach, provide technical assistance, and take additional steps to increase participation of Hispanic students and communities in key programs, such as the 21st Century Learning Centers after-school program and the GEAR-UP program. GEAR-UP enables colleges to form partnerships with high poverty middle schools to help students better prepare for college by providing them with mentors, academic support, and financial aid information.

- ***Building on the Progress of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans.*** Today, the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic American is releasing "What Works for Latino Youth" a directory of programs throughout the country that have helped improve the lives of young Hispanics. The White House Initiative will continue to solicit recommendations and produce an updated directory by the end of the year. Additionally, the White House Initiative will organize a national meeting on Latino Educational Excellence in 2000 to follow-up on today's convening and develop new strategies to bolster education from early childhood to graduate school.
- ***Promoting Science and Technology Training for Hispanic Students.*** In order to develop a strong and diverse science and technology workforce, the Department of Energy (DOE) today is forming a strategic partnership with the 'Latino Science and Engineering Consortium' that will work to identify, develop, and nurture the next generation of scientists, engineers, technicians and educators in math and science by supporting mentoring programs, technical internships for community college students, research fellowships for undergraduate and graduate students and professional development opportunities in science, math and technology for K – 12 teachers serving Hispanic children.
- ***Ensuring Diversity of Americorps.*** Sixteen percent of all Americorps members are Hispanic. To ensure that the program continues to reflect accurately the face of America, Americorps is committing to increase its efforts to recruit Hispanic youth by featuring Latinos in ads, translating recruitment materials into Spanish, and forming partnerships with Hispanic-serving universities and organizations.
- ***Helping to Prepare Hispanic Youth for College.*** The Department of Education today is releasing "Como Ayudar A Su Hijo A Aprender Matematicas," a Spanish version of "Helping Your Child Learn Math." This

tool for parents is a key part of America Counts, the Department of Education's mathematics initiative dedicated to making the improvement of student achievement in mathematics a national priority. This Spanish guide, which is available free through the Department's toll-free number, 1-800-USA-LEARN, includes sample word problems, math games, and other activities designed to help children in the elementary grades learn math, and to help Hispanic parents become actively involved in their children's learning. In addition, the Department of Education is expanding its "Think College Early" campaign to target the Hispanic community by holding a special session in 2000 to help parents and students learn about what they need to prepare for college.

Encouraging Private Sector Investment in Hispanic Children. A number of private sector organizations, including corporations, foundations, and media organizations have committed resources to addressing the needs of Hispanic children and youth.

- ***AT&T: Closing the Technology Gap.*** Building on its long history of enhancing educational opportunities for Hispanics, AT&T today is committing to work with leading Hispanic-serving organizations over the next 3 to 6 months to build on existing efforts and introduce new programs to fill the technology gap for Latino youth throughout the nation. Some activities will include the development of neighborhood-based technology centers, programs targeted at early awareness and parental involvement to increase Latino representation in the technology field, and support of programs that inform teachers serving Latino students in urban and rural locations on how to use technology in the classroom.
- ***Supporting Hispanic Access to After-school Programs.*** The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, as part of its ongoing partnership with the Department of Education, today is making a commitment of more than a \$300,000 commitment to improve Latino participation in after-school programs. This new effort builds on the Foundation's \$83 million commitment in 1997 to support after-school activities in coordination with the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program.
- ***Media Organizations.*** Today's meeting -- coupled with the efforts of the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy -- has stimulated commitments from an impressive array of media leaders concerned about Hispanic youth, their families and their communities. These leaders understand that the media can be a powerful force for raising awareness and showcasing solutions. They have committed to a variety of activities including PSAs, radio programs, talk shows, newspaper supplements and magazine features -- all directed to improving the lives of Hispanic youth. The leaders spearheading these activities are: Cristina Saralegui, CEO, Cristina Saralegui Enterprises and Host, "The Cristina Show"; Lisa Quiroz, Publisher, People En Español; Monica Lozano, Associate Publisher, La Opinión; Joaquin Blaya, Chairman and CEO, Radio Unica; Patricia Fili-Krushel, President, ABC Television Network; Daisy Exposito, President, The Bravo Group; Consuelo Luz, President, Hispanic RadioNetwork; James McNamara, President and CEO, Telemundo Network.
- ***Univision Community Affairs Campaign Aimed at Hispanic Youth.*** Univision, the network and its affiliated stations, is committing to a multi-year campaign to support high academic achievement in the Hispanic community, from pre-school through college. Univision plans to kick-off this campaign later this month in conjunction with various back-to-school events. The campaign will include: a national public service announcement (PSA) campaign with Univision national on-air talent; local affiliate PSAs and events with Univision local affiliate on-air talent; integration of education information into entertainment and news programming; and a series of national conferences and panels at established conferences.

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Transportation Secretary Slater Announces \$4 Million in Millennium Trails Projects

U.S. Transportation Secretary Rodney E. Slater today announced a total of nearly \$4 million dollars in projects for the new national Millennium Trails Initiative. First announced by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton on Oct. 5, the initiative will create more than 2,000 trail projects throughout the country to "honor the past and imagine the future," investing in America's legacy for the future.

"These projects are symbolic of the growing support for trails which connect America's communities with their heritage and culture," Mrs. Clinton said.

The projects are in nine states: Arizona, California, Idaho, Washington, New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Wyoming. They will be funded through the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Federal Lands Highways (FLH) discretionary program, which is part of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) signed by President Clinton on June 9, 1998.

"Programs like the Millennium Trails demonstrate that transportation is about more than asphalt, concrete and steel," Secretary Slater said. "This funding provides an opportunity to enhance communities and protect the environment as we invest in enhancing the quality of life for Americans in the 21st century."

The announcement comes on the first day of the 14th Annual National Trails Symposium in Tucson, Ariz., Nov. 13-17.

"Today's announcement represents years of hard work by volunteers and provides a great boost to the growing public-private partnership for trails," said David Burwell, president of the 80,000-member Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.

Projects awarded funding through this year's FHWA FLH program will be among the trails considered for recognition as National Millennium Trails, Millennium Legacy Trails and Community Trails 2000 as part of the national Millennium Trails Initiative.

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Additional information about Millennium Trails is available at the following websites:
www.dot.gov/mtp/ and www.whitehouse.gov/Initiatives/Millennium/trails.html.

The funded Millennium Trails projects, totaling \$3,972,150, follow:

ARIZONA: GRAND CANYON GREENWAY: \$896,800

New bicycle/pedestrian trail through Grand Canyon Village, a model transportation trail project developed by a public/private partnership and the National Park Service.

CALIFORNIA: THE PRESIDIO - BAY AREA RIDGE TRAIL \$300,000

Construction of the Bay Area Ridge Trail from the Golden Gate Bridge through the Presidio, and creation of a Presidio Trails Plan, with linkages to the Juan Bautista DeAnza National Historic Trail.

IDAHO: OREGON TRAIL PARK \$540,050

New Oregon Trail Historic Reserve Park in Boise, includes remnant section of original wagon trail.

WASHINGTON: MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY \$418,800

Planning and design for a critical segment in the trail along Interstate 90 between High Point and Preston which links Seattle's urban trail system with the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forests.

NEW YORK: ERIE CANAL TRAIL - FT. STANWIX \$480,000

New six-mile segment of developing 325-mile cross-state trail along the Erie Canal between Oriskany and Fort Stanwix National Historic Park, a key Revolutionary War site.

MASSACHUSETTS: LOWELL NHP WALKWAY \$500,000

Northern Canal and Great River Wall walkway from School Street to Father Morissette Boulevard in the Lowell, Mass., urban National Historic Park.

RHODE ISLAND: 10-MILE RIVER TRAIL \$500,000

New bike path between Pawtucket and East Providence as part of Blackstone Valley National Heritage Corridor.

SOUTH CAROLINA CHEROKEE COUNTY TRAIL \$76,500

New four-mile segment of Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail, from east of the Cowpens National Battlefield to Old Furnace Mill Dam in Cherokee County.

WYOMING / IDAHO TETON PASS TRAIL \$260,000

Development of a plan to link from Grand Teton National Park and Jackson Hole, Wyo., across the continental divide into Idaho. (Funding for this project will be shared 50/50 by both states.)

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cc: Ellen Knell
Marilyn Boring

August 17, 1998

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Dear Mr. Zax:

Thank you for the copy of the wonderful article about the Lafayette Square project. Each time I look at that graceful cityscape, I am reminded of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis' vision - - and persistence. I think that we will all need a great deal of both if we are to be successful with our "Save America's Treasures" projects.

It was a pleasure to have you and Helen at the Pritzker dinner. It was a wonderful evening at the White House.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton

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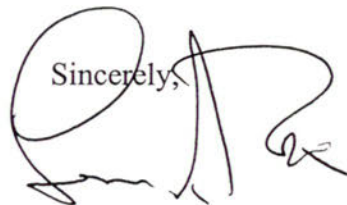
Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Helen and I were honored to be your guests at the White House dinner last month on the occasion of the award of the Pritzker Prize. (When I attended an earlier Pritzker Prize dinner award at Versailles, I thought that venue would be a tough act to follow, but it was clear that the White House is the best place in the world for such an event.)

As you may know, I wrote the enclosed article in the Washington Post with one of your other guests, Dick Moe, on the contributions of Jacqueline Kennedy to design and preservation in Washington. Carter Brown told me that he has on at least one occasion discussed this subject with you. It should be clear that this is an extraordinarily important area in which you could make a very special personal contribution.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,



Leonard A. Zax

P.S. We will be in Chilmark on Middle Road from August 14 through September 4. It would be great to see you then. (My office, regrettably, always knows how to reach us.)

cc Marshall, Ellen
see p. 2 re Penn Station

The Washington Post

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 1994

Jackie's Washington: How She Rescued the City's History

By Richard Moe and Leonard A. Zax

ON JUNE 8, 1962, Jacqueline Kennedy penned a passionate, 12-page letter to a close family friend, the painter William Walton. The specific purpose was to urge him to take an active role in the Commission of Fine Arts, the federal agency authorized to review architectural and design plans for buildings and landscapes at locations of special interest to the U.S. government. Today, however, the letter testifies to something of enduring significance: Mrs. Kennedy's deep personal commitment to preserving the beauty and history of Washington, D.C.

"I don't blame you for not wanting to be head—But if you aren't head—you are useless—as people only listen to the head—& it is all going to be involved with all the things we care about—when Jack is gone—so he won't be able to help you—& lovely buildings will be torn down—& cheesy skyscrapers go up. Perhaps saving old buildings & having the new ones be right isn't the most important thing in the world—if you are waiting for the bomb—but I think we are always going to be waiting for the bomb & it won't ever come & so to save the old—& to make the new beautiful is terribly important."

Saving the old and making the new beautiful: This legacy of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis has received little mention since her death. But the proof of it is to be seen here in Washington. Hers was among the strongest voices urging her husband to initiate the Pennsylvania Avenue redevelopment, creating the magnificent thoroughfare from the Capitol to the White House that L'Enfant had intended it to be. And then there was the White House itself. "She did far more than redecorate the White House, she restored and preserved it," says J. Carter Brown, chairman of the Fine Arts Commission. She was instrumental in having Daniel Patrick Moynihan, then an assistant to Labor Secretary Arthur Goldberg, draft a presidential declaration ordaining that federal buildings, "particularly those located in the Nation's Capital" must "provide visual harmony to the dignity, enterprise, vigor and stability of the American government"

and should "embody the finest contemporary American architectural thought." Perhaps most important, however, was Mrs. Kennedy's very first design project in this city: the preservation of the buildings surrounding Lafayette Square, the Old Executive Office Building and the court building that is now the Renwick Gallery.

In a very real sense, Jackie Kennedy had a greater effect on the shape and spirit of the historic heart of the nation's capital than any architect or developer. A number of her handwritten notes show how fervently she led the cause.

Near the end of the Eisenhower administration, and over the objections of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, whose Decatur House had anchored the northwest corner of the square since 1819, the Congress authorized plans to demolish virtually all of the buildings on the east and west sides of Lafayette Square, including the building that is now the Renwick Gallery. Plans were already well underway to tear down the Old Executive Office Building. In their place, the government planned several modern high-rise office towers. Millions of dollars in architectural fees had already been invested in the plans; scrapping them would not be easy.

In the summer of 1961, President Kennedy formally approved some of the plans. His young wife, however, was deeply troubled by the implications. In the following months she energetically sought to revisit the designs.

Early in February 1962, Mrs. Kennedy asked David Finley, then chairman of both the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Commission of Fine Arts, to take a stroll with her around Lafayette Square. She told Finley that both she and the president were concerned about the proposed designs, worrying that they would be incongruous with other buildings on the square. In France, where she had studied at the Sorbonne, there was a law providing that certain buildings of historical or architectural importance could not be destroyed. It would be nice, she ventured to Finley, for Congress to have such a law.

Finley, noting that the commission's recommendations were only advisory, said the final decision about the Lafayette Square designs would be made by the General Services administrator. That official turned out to be an old friend, Bernard Boutin.

The following month, she wrote him a spirited letter. "All architects are innovators, and would rather do something totally new than in the spirit of old buildings," she observed critically of the architectural trend of the time.

"I think they are totally wrong in this case, as the important thing is to preserve the 19th-century feeling of Lafayette Square." She asked Boutin "to write to the architects and tell them to submit a design which is more in keeping with the 19th-century bank on the corner. It should be the same color, same size, etc."

The GSA administrator adopted her position, and on April 18, 1962, letter to Finley shows Mrs. Kennedy barely able to contain her excitement:

Hold your breath because this is what is going to happen—all our wildest dreams come true . . .

1) *The new court building will be 19th century in feeling—similar to bank.*

2) **The Dolley Madison & Taylor houses will be saved!!!*

3) *The Court of Claims will be saved—It will be I think turned into a Museum of Modern Art which people are trying to get started here & which I said I would sponsor—as I think it is wrong to identify oneself solely with art of the past—& never encourage what is happening now. So it will be used as it used to be.*

4) *The whole Decatur House side facades will be saved except for the 2 tall modern buildings!!! . . . Some will be used as extension of guest facilities at Blair House—the rest as offices—so Theodore Roosevelt's old house—& place where Nat. Gal. was born will be preserved. This is what delights me the most—Everyone wants to raze things & build efficient new buildings—Bernard Boutin is a preservationist & also he says it will be cheaper! Who else would ever have said that! None of those naughty show off architects! The gaps that are left will be filled with some 19th cent. D.C. houses that he will have moved there. So if you know any special ones you want saved—tell him.*

5) *On 17th St a big building will go up to provide space for Bureau of Budget or whoever it is who wants all this space—*

Not everyone in Washington was as pleased as Mrs. Kennedy with the preservation plan. Ralph Walker, a Fine Arts Commission member who was a former president of the American Institute of Architects and a pillar of the architectural establishment at the time, was one who objected strenuously. "To keep on using bad architecture and trying to preserve it because there is practically nothing except Decatur House on that side of the Square that is worth preserving—the rest is junk, architecturally—it is junk . . . I hope Jacqueline wakes up to the fact that she lives in the twentieth century."

Of course, the First Lady *did* recognize her own century, and also understood the special problems of historic preservation in downtown Washington, problems that continue. The need to accommodate new construction in a way that is compatible with older structures isn't easy; this city has failures and successes of design. But as Dorn McGrath, George Washington University's influential professor of urban planning, says, Mrs. Kennedy's Lafayette Square concepts became an important model for future development in Washington. "It began the process of making a creative use of space in critical Washington locations, increasing the density in parts while maintaining the historical context. Her basic ideas, implemented by architects, demonstrated that one need not throw away 19th- and 18th-century architecture in order to live in the 20th century."

The First Lady was not content to reshape the urban landscape around the White House. She played an active role in beginning the revitalization of Pennsylvania Avenue. Although she had concerns about the location of the National Cultural Center, which ultimately was named the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, it was too late for her to move the new building to locations she preferred downtown.

She was keenly interested in the renovation of older buildings for theater and arts uses along and near Pennsylvania Avenue. William Walton (who later *did* become chairman of the Fine Arts Commission) said Mrs. Kennedy wanted to use one Pennsylvania Avenue building as "an opera house like she had seen in a trip to Panama City." She worked to make certain that theater and arts uses were a part of the first plans for Pennsylvania Avenue—goals that eventually were realized with the restoration of the National Theater and the Warner, and the creative blend of preservation and new construction of the Lansburgh.

Her letters and notes recognize that older buildings embody precious features of our heritage and that they serve as examples of quality for architecture today. Members of Congress, in urging the passage of the National Historic Preservation Act in 1966, called Mrs. Kennedy's preservation efforts a model, not only for preservation in this city, but for large and small communities throughout America.

Of course, many, many others played a role in saving old buildings and providing for the beautiful Lafayette Square that L'Enfant referred to in his plan as the "President's Park." But the record is clear that Jackie Kennedy played the crucial role when many others said it was too late. As historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr. recalls her telling her husband, "The wreckers haven't started yet, and until they do, it can be saved."

It was a credo she took with her after her husband's death, when she moved to New York. There she protested against the demolition of New York's Penn Station and worked tirelessly in the successful effort to preserve Grand Central Terminal. But Lafayette Square, her first effort, may be her greatest triumph. John Kennedy once remarked that the sensitive combination of old and new buildings on the square "may be the only monument we'll leave."

Assuming anyone remembers. One evening last year, historian David McCullough, seated next to Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis at dinner, thanked the former First Lady for her important role in saving Lafayette Square, adding that he was sure she had been thanked many times before. "Mr. McCullough," she responded, "I have never been thanked." Self-effacing as always and satisfied with the result of her efforts, she simply did not seek public recognition. But all of us who care about the preservation of the capital's—and the nation's—heritage should be sorry that she did not receive that recognition during her life. For more than any resident of the White House since Thomas Jefferson, she had a vision of what architecture and the arts can mean. In the end, she may be one of the more important preservationists in Washington's history.



**WHITE HOUSE
MILLENNIUM COUNCIL**

Honor the Past—Imagine the Future

**SAVE AMERICA'S TREASURES
MILLENNIUM PROGRAM**

"This year, Hillary and I launched the White House Millennium Program to promote America's creativity and innovation, and to preserve our heritage and culture into the 21st century. Our culture lives in every community, and every community has places of historic value that tell our stories as Americans. We should protect them. I am proposing a public-private partnership to advance our arts and humanities, and to celebrate the millennium by saving America's treasures, great and small....Nearly 200 years ago, a tattered flag, its broad stripes and bright stars still gleaming through the smoke of a fierce battle, moved Francis Scott Key to scribble a few words on the back of an envelope -- the words that became our national anthem. Today, that Star Spangled Banner, along with the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, are on display just a short walk from here. They are America's treasures, and we must also save them for the ages. I ask all Americans to support our project to restore all our treasures so that the generations of the 21st Century can see for themselves the images and the words that are the old and continuing glory of America."

**President William Jefferson Clinton
1998 State of the Union**

One of the best ways we can imagine the future in the new millennium is to preserve what we value of our past. But our important historic sites, documents, monuments, and art are deteriorating. As America changes, we must carry forward the heritage that embodies our nation's memory to inspire future generations.

President Clinton proposed a Millennium Fund to "Save America's Treasures" in his Fiscal 1999 budget and Congress appropriated \$30 million for this program. The fund is administered by the National Park Service and will be allocated for the most urgent preservation projects of national significance.

"Save America's Treasures" should stimulate new private efforts to preserve our heritage. Historic preservation in America has always been a public-private partnership. The National Trust for Historic Preservation is offering leadership by inviting individuals, foundations and corporations to participate in this great initiative by serving on a Millennium Committee to Save America's Treasures. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton has agreed to serve as Honorary Chair of this committee.

As we know, the millennium will arrive regardless of what anyone may do. Save America's Treasures will succeed because of what each one of us will do.

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We stand at the convergence of a new century and the next millennium -- a milestone in human history. That is why the President and First Lady created the White House Millennium Council -- to set themes, engage the federal agencies and invite all Americans to participate in meaningful activities through the year 2000.

The overall theme of the White House millennium activities is "Honor the Past - Imagine the Future." The President and First Lady are inviting states, communities, non-profit organizations, federal agencies, and all citizens to participate in activities that strengthen our democracy, improve communities, and give lasting gifts to the future. The President has invited governors, mayors, county commissioners and other elected officials to involve citizens in marking the millennium; many cities and towns are creating "Year 2000" committees to plan events.

One of the best ways to imagine the future is to preserve what we value of our past for the new millennium. The President has proposed a Millennium Fund to "Save America's Treasures" -- a public-private partnership to preserve the nation's documents, artifacts, monuments and historic sites most in danger of deterioration. The President has also proposed funds to re-encase the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights before those precious founding documents are at serious risk. The restoration of the Star-Spangled Banner is the highest priority millennium project at the Smithsonian Institution.

The Millennium Evenings at the White House are a series of lectures and cultural showcases that highlight creativity and inventiveness through our ideas, art and scientific discoveries. The lectures present prominent scholars, creators and visionaries and are accessible to the public via broadcast and cybercast. As the oldest, continuous venue of significance for the arts in America, the White House will continue to showcase the nation's recognized masters and our new talent.

The year 2000 also coincides with some important American anniversaries: the 200th anniversary of the White House; the 200th anniversary of the first meeting of Congress in the new Capitol, and the bicentennial of the Library of Congress.

Although the White House Millennium Council celebrates American achievements, it will also mark the international significance of the millennium. To further international communications and understanding, the President has announced that the United States will participate in Expo 2000, the World's Fair in Hannover, Germany. The White House Millennium Council communicates with other countries about their programs, identifying common ideas and projects, and encouraging the opportunity to explore the state of democracy around the world at the end of the 20th century.

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON'S
"SAVE AMERICA'S TREASURES" REGIONAL VISITS TO
NEW YORK, MASSACHUSETTS AND CALIFORNIA**

Washington, D.C. -- First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will travel to New York, Massachusetts, and California, during the next week, as part of an ongoing effort to bring attention to America's national treasures and ensure their survival into the next century.

The upcoming visits build on the White House Millennium Council's "Save America's Treasures" Tour with the First Lady to the Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern regions in July 1998. The White House Millennium Council's "Save America's Treasures" initiative is dedicated to protecting the nation's historical and cultural heritage into the new millennium. The White House Millennium Council has been joined in this effort by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The Trust has formed a Millennium Committee to Save America's Treasures, made up of individuals, foundations, and corporations. The First Lady serves as honorary chair of the Committee.

During each visit, the First Lady will highlight treasures -- including artifacts, buildings, monuments and sites -- which reflect our nation's heritage, yet are in need of preservation and restoration in order to be part of our nation's future. By recognizing these treasures, the First Lady hopes to encourage the continued partnership between the private sector, government, communities and families to preserve the story of America for future generations.

The First Lady will begin the series of regional visits in Queens, New York, on Thursday, December 3, 1998. She will visit the home and archives of American jazz legend, Louis Armstrong. Mrs. Clinton will also be joined by Wynton Marsalis, Arvelle Shaw and the Queens College Jazz Ensemble in a special event at Queens College to salute Louis Armstrong and celebrate the music that continues to define the American experience. In Massachusetts and in California, the First Lady will continue to honor artists, scientists and religious and political leaders and the homes, buildings, and communities in which they worked to create America's legacy.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The First Lady will be in Queens, NY on Thursday, December 3; Boston, MA on Saturday, December 5; Los Angeles, CA on Thursday, December 10, and San Francisco, CA on Friday, December 11. A logistical schedule including details of press opportunities will be released as soon as it is available.

Central America trip



NICARAGUA

Departing 11/12

LEAD KAREN FINNEY
PR LEAD KELLY CRAWFORD

HONDURAS

Departing 11/12

LEAD IAN ALBERG
PR LEAD MIKE KING (C)

SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR

Departing 11/9

LEAD PAT HALLEY (C)
SITE PAUL RIVERA (C)
SITE DAVE GREELISH (C)
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Departing 11/9

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SITE DENVER PEACOCK (C)
SITE BRIAN MOSTELLER (C)
PR LEAD CRAIG MINASSIAN (C)
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RON ALLISON STEIN (C)

TIKAL, GUATEMALA

Departing 11/15

LEAD ANDREW KLINE (C)
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PR LEAD NATALIE HARTMAN

SANTO DOMINGO, DR

Departing 11/11

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RON KELLY SMITH (C)

LA ROMANA, DR

Departing 11/13

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SITE MARISA LUZZATTO (C)
PR LEAD RICHARD STRAUSS

PUNTA CANA, DR

Departing 11/14

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PR LEAD WENDY ARENDS (C)
RON MELODIE GREENE ?

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Departing 11/12

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PR LEAD JACK MURRAY (C)

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SITE ROB WALKER (C)
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RON LYNN JOHNSON (C)

ADVANCE TEAM
FYTNICARAGUA

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**NOTIONAL SCHEDULE FOR THE FIRST LADY'S
TRIP TO EL SALVADOR & GUATEMALA**

Monday, November 16, 1998

Nicaragua

Honduras

3:30 pm **ARRIVE** San Salvador, El Salvador

3:45 pm **DEPART** Airport en route Salamar School
[drive time: tbd]

4:05 pm **ARRIVE** Salamar School

4:10 pm- **HEALTHY SCHOOLS EVENT**
5:10 pm Salamar

5:30 pm **DISASTER RELIEF EVENT**
6:15 pm Location TBD

RON Hotel Princess
 San Salvador, El Salvador

Tuesday, November 17, 1998

10:30 am- **ISDEMU EVENT**
11:30 am

Options:

--drop by Domestic Violence Hotline

--roundtable discussion with project directors and clients

12:00 pm- **PEACE AND RECONCILIATION DISCUSSION WITH WOMEN**
1:30 pm **POLITICAL LEADERS**
 Location TBD

1:40 pm- **EMBASSY COMMUNITY EVENT**
2:00 pm Soccer Field
 American Embassy

2:15 pm **ARRIVE** Hotel Princess

2:20 pm- **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SPEECH**
4:00 pm

4:05 pm- **PULL ASIDE WITH VITAL VOICES PARTICIPANTS**
4:30 pm Room tbd
Hotel Princess

4:05 pm- **DOWN TIME**
6:50 pm Hotel Princess

6:55 pm **DEPART** Hotel Princess en route Foreign Ministry
[drive time: 5 minutes]

7:00 pm **ARRIVE** Foreign Ministry

7:05 pm- **COURTESY CALL** w/President and Mrs. Calderon
7:30 pm Room TBD
Foreign Ministry

7:30 pm- **DINNER** w/President and Mrs. Calderon
10:00 pm

10:05 pm **DEPART** Foreign Ministry en route Hotel Princess
[drive time: 5 minutes]

10:10 pm **ARRIVE** Hotel Princess

RON Hotel Princess
San Salvador, El Salvador

Wednesday, November 18, 1998

9:00 am **DEPART** Hotel Princess en route San Salvador Airport
[drive time: 40 minutes]

9:40 am **ARRIVE** San Salvador Airport

9:55 am **WHEELS UP** San Salvador en route Guatemala City, Guatemala
[flight time: 35 minutes]
[time change: none]

10:30 am **WHEELS DOWN** Guatemala City, Guatemala

10:45 am **DEPART** Guatemala Airport en route Ambassador's Residence
[drive time: approx. 20 minutes]

11:05 am **ARRIVE** Ambassador's Residence

11:10 am- **WOMEN IN PEACE LUNCH/DISCUSSION**
12:10 pm Dining Room
Ambassador's Residence

12:15 pm **DEPART** Ambassador's Residence en route National Palace
[drive time: 20 minutes]

12:40 pm- **COURTESY CALL** w/President and Mrs. Arzu & Cabinet
1:10 pm Room tbd
National Palace

1:15 pm **DEPART** National Palace en route Antigua
[drive time: 45 minutes]

2:00 pm **ARRIVE** Colonial Museum

2:10 pm **EDUCATION REFORM EVENT**
3:30 pm Colonial Museum

--girl's education \$800,000 from USAID to support
--\$2 million for University Scholarship Programs for the indigenous
--\$9.125 million literacy program carried out by Save the Children,
Guatemalan National Literacy Commission and local NGO, ADEJUC
(signing ceremony)

3:35 pm **DEPART** en route Location tbd

3:45 pm- **MOTHERCARE R'XIN TINAMIT EVENT**
4:45 pm Location TBD

4:50 pm **DEPART** Location TBD en route Casa Santo Domingo

5:00 pm **ARRIVE** Casa Santo Domingo

5:05 pm- **DOWN TIME/OTR'S**
7:00 pm Casa Santo Domingo

7:00 pm **DEPART** Casa Santo Domingo en route Private Residence
[drive time: 15 minutes]

7:15 pm **ARRIVE** Private Residence

7:20 pm- **DINNER** w/President and Mrs. Arzu
9:30 pm Private Residence
9:35 pm **DEPART** Private Residence en route Caso Santo Domingo
 [drive time: 15 minutes]

9:50 pm **ARRIVE** Caso Santo Domingo

RON **Caso Santo Domingo**
 Antigua, Guatemala

Thursday, November 19, 1998

9:00 am- **PRO-MUJER EVENT**
10:00 am Location TBD

 --visit business or other site
 --roundtable discussion

11:00 am- **ADDRESS TO LEGISLATURE**
12:00 pm Congress

12:05 pm- **PULL ASIDE WITH VITAL VOICES PARTICIPANTS**
12:30 pm Congress

12:45 pm- **EMBASSY COMMUNITY EVENT**
1:15 pm Location TBD

1:20 pm **DEPART** Ambassador's Residence en route Guatemala City Airport

1:30 pm **ARRIVE** Guatemala City Airport

1:45 pm **WHEELS UP** en route Flores, Guatemala
 [flight time: 40 minutes]

2:35 pm **WHEELS DOWN** Flores, Guatemala

2:55 pm **DEPART** en route Tikal Mayan Ruins
 [drive time: 45 minutes]

3:40 pm **ARRIVE** Tikal Mayan Ruins

3:45 pm- **TOUR TIKAL MAYAN RUINS**

5:45 pm

5:50 pm **DEPART** Tikal en route Flores, Guatemala
[drive time: 45 minutes]

6:35 pm **ARRIVE** Flores, Guatemala

6:50 pm **WHEELS UP** Flores, Guatemala en route Dominican Republic
[flight time: 3 hours, 10 minutes]
[time change: + 2 hours]

12:00 am **WHEELS DOWN** Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

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Monday - Nicaragua, Honduras

Tuesday, November 17, 1998

9:00 am **WHEELS UP** Andrews AFB en route San Salvador, El Salvador
[flight time: 4 hours, 15 minutes]
[time change: -1 hour]

12:15 pm **WHEELS DOWN** San Salvador, El Salvador

12:30 pm **DEPART** Airport en route Ambassador's Residence
[drive time: approx. 40 minutes]

1:10 pm- **LUNCH WITH POLITICAL LEADERS**
2:10 pm Ambassador's Residence *114 women*

2:15 pm- **EMBASSY COMMUNITY EVENT**
2:45 pm Soccer Field
American Embassy

2:50 pm **DEPART** en route ISDEMU
[drive time: approx. 20 minutes]

3:10 pm **ARRIVE** ISDEMU

3:15 pm- **ISDEMU EVENT**
4:15 pm

Options:

--drop by Domestic Violence Hotline

--roundtable discussion with project directors and clients

legal services

4:20 pm **DEPART** ISDEMU en route Hotel Princess
[drive time: approx. 10 minutes]

4:30 pm **ARRIVE** Hotel Princess

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Wednesday, November 18, 1998

9:15 am **DEPART** Hotel Princess en route Salamar School
[drive time: 40 minutes]

9:55 am **ARRIVE** Salamar School

10:00 am **HEALTHY SCHOOLS EVENT**
11:00 am Salamar School

 --view health screening of students
 --speaking program (announcements)
 --signing ceremony

11:05 am **DEPART** Salamar School en route Airport
[drive time: tbd]

11:20 am **ARRIVE** San Salvador Airport

11:45 am **WHEELS UP** San Salvador en route Guatemala City, Guatemala
[flight time: 30 minutes]
[time change: none]

12:15 pm **WHEELS DOWN** Guatemala City, Guatemala

12:30 pm **DEPART** Guatemala Airport en route Ambassador's Residence
[drive time: approx. 20 minutes]

12:50 pm **ARRIVE** Ambassador's Residence

1:00 pm- **WOMEN IN PEACE LUNCH/DISCUSSION**

2:00 pm Dining Room
Ambassador's Residence

11 women

NOTE: We could possible include the Vital Voices participants in this lunch.

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2:55 pm **DEPART** National Palace en route Antigua
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4:45 pm Room tbd
Casa Santo Domingo

testimonials

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[drive time: 15 minutes]

9:50 pm **ARRIVE** Casa Santo Domingo

RON **Casa Santo Domingo**
Antigua, Guatemala

Thursday, November 19, 1998

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MOTERCARE RXIN TINAMIT EVENT

Location TBD

--visit training class

--discussion

*reduce
maternal
mortality*

PRO-MUJER EVENT

Location TBD

--visit business or other site

--roundtable discussion

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Congress

Transition to 21st C.

EMBASSY COMMUNITY EVENT

Location TBD

WHEELS UP Guatemala City, Guatemala en route Dominican Republic

[flight time: 3 hours, 10 minutes]

[time change: +2 hours]

WHEELS DOWN Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

EL SALVADOR

war from '80 - '92.

ARENA (conserv) vs FMLN

women's role in peace process

ISDEMU

site: Salvadoran Institute for Women HQ. Outdoor in courtyard (watch fountain) or in long room

ISDEMU is a coordinating body for the gov't of El Salvador's women's policy.

FLOES heads. Also private, USAID, component.

Founded in 80s, under Duarte.

Programs in microcredit, rural violence, legal assistance.

Microcredit - 96% repayment rate. Mostly food prep, cafes.

Violence - hotline (partially funded by IDB. Will be throughout country by '99); 12 other gov't institutions are involved, but ISDEMU coordinates; 1) crisis, 2) prevention, 3) follow-up; NGOs provide shelters; 5 types of assistance: emotional, legal, psych, social, and medical; the criminal code has decided that family violence is a felony - first to family court then criminal if necessary.

HRC could inaugurate Early Childhood Education Program (EDIFAM), a USAID project.

SALAMAR SCHOOL

site: school by airport

Model for "Healthy Schools" program.

Hattie visited in September.

4 y.o. - 9th grade. 400 students.

AID provided textbooks and giving \$ to Health Schools program

Decentralized - parents have a strong role (from preparing food to making school decisions)

HRC can sign early childhood initiative (AID \$1.8 million. Hattie signed too)

SPEECH ON VIOLENCE AND HEALTH

site: Princess Hotel

The following week, Medical School is hosting a 5-day conference on violence and health. This would kick it off.

VITAL VOICES

HRC meet with the 5 El Salvador participants in Vital Voices.

LUNCH WITH WOMEN POLITICAL LEADERS (comb. with VV)

17/84 are women in Congress.

MEETING WITH WOMEN LEADERS IN ECONOMIC MODERNIZATION

Newly privatized telecom and energy industries. USAID has been involved.

HRC could encourage lending, women's role....

GUATEMALA

pop. 11 million

war from '60 - '96. In '60, junior military officers revolted, went into hiding, close ties with Cuba. Extremists on both sides. In '95, Arzu won by 2% of vote. He was mayor of Guat City.

Themes: implementing the peace (incl. role of women), highlighting social advances

Rigoberta Menchu book

FLOG - too social, not enough into actual economic development

SPEECH TO CONGRESS

11/80+ are women in Congress (3/11 are indigenous)

Pope spoke here in '96; Chirac will in November

MOTHERCARE

site: outside Guat City; Iglesia Luterana (outdoors)

Training of midwives. Train Mayans in modern medicine; also learn of Mayan techniques.

Facilitates communications and referrals btwn Mayan trad. midwives in rural areas and public health facilities.

Training from American College of Nurses/Midwives.

3 years old.

Per Embassy, shouldn't address family planning, stick to child spacing. Mercedes, sister of Arzu, is against family planning. So is FLOG.

The Mayan director was in Beijing.

Guat has high maternal mortality rate.

\$ from US and small amount from Guat govt.

HRC can announce \$16 m in AID to support new program to lower maternal mortality.

EDUMAYA - Antigua

AID and a Guat university launched scholarship program for Mayans to receive univ level training.

AID \$ - now aiming for sustainability.

45% of recipients are women.

BELEN GIRLS SCHOOL - Antigua (comb in Edumaya)

Avg Mayan girl receives 1 year of education. Avg Guat girl receives 3 ½ years of education.

US also funds a program to get girls in school and to fund bilingual education

PROMUJER - TBD

FLOG's program to promote the development and well-being of rural women.
Microenterprise.

COFFEE GROWERS

PEACE CORPS FOOD SITE

Access to credit, training, support of community organizations.

All over the country.

El Salvador

Kathy Nealy
Laura DiBiasi

Guat

Stockham

Craig Minassian, Kelly Amico

DR - Santo D

Pat Hally

Paula Thomasson

Punta Cana

Julie Hopper

Wendy Arends

La Romana

Steve Graham

Doug Smith (Marisa is site)

Haiti

al Rutherford

Lignon - Mwithy

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USAID CONTINUES TO AIRLIFT RELIEF SUPPLIES INTO CENTRAL AMERICA
Commodities Arriving Throughout the Week Reach Affected Communities

Washington, DC -- Yesterday, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) announced \$3.5 million in assistance and activated a Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) to coordinate and manage the U.S. Government relief effort in Central America. To date, USAID has deployed a total of 15 disaster relief specialists to Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua to respond to Hurricane Mitch.

This assistance includes a grant USAID is moving forward this week to provide \$500,000 to the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) to address immediate health and water/sanitation needs in Central American countries affected by Hurricane Mitch.

An additional \$400,000 will be provided by USAID to fund non-government humanitarian activities in Honduras and \$200,000 to the USAID Mission in Honduras for the local purchase of emergency supplies, including food, for the most vulnerable flood victims in the country.

Tomorrow, November 4, three USAID airlifts are scheduled to arrive in Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Guatemala, delivering plastic sheeting, water jugs, collapsible water tanks, and blankets. Two of the flights will transport supplies from Panama to El Salvador and Guatemala aboard a 727 U.S. military aircraft funded by USAID. The third flight will leave Miami with relief supplies trucked in from New Windsor, Maryland and airlifted to Nicaragua.

USAID-funded commodities which arrived in La Ceiba, Honduras on October 31 are scheduled to be distributed this week to Sonaguerra and the Island of Guanaja. A third USAID airlift arrived in Soto Cano, Honduras yesterday, November 2, carrying collapsible water tanks, water jugs, and plastic sheeting.

To expedite food distribution, USAID is funding a charter flight to transport 500,000 plastic bags from Costa Rica to Honduras to arrive today. The Honduran plastics plant was destroyed in the floods. The plastic bags transported from Costa Rica will be used to package family weekly food rations for distribution to affected populations.

In Honduras, it is estimated that as many as 100 bridges have been damaged or destroyed, cutting off access to Tegucigalpa and throughout the country, especially along the northern coast. USAID is currently pursuing an agreement with the Government of Venezuela to provide two bailey bridges, which are pre-constructed temporary bridges, on-loan to Honduras. The bridges will connect the capital of Tegucigalpa with the main Honduran port of Choluteca.

USAID advisors have recieved reports that indicate a fuel shortage may be imminent in Honduras within a few days. SOUTHCOM plans to address the potential fuel shortage by transporting fuel aboard C-130s from El Salvador. After the installation of the bailey bridges, trucks will be able to transport fuel by road from the port to the capital, Tegucigalpa.

Locally, heavy rains associated with the remnants of Tropical Depression Mitch are expected to continue over portions of Guatemala and southeastern Mexico during the next day. The rains may trigger flash floods or mudslides in these areas.

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USAID encourages the public to contact directly those private voluntary organizations (PVOs) who are currently working in, or with local affiliates, in Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Belize, Costa Rica and El Salvador to provide monetary donations. A list of PVOs may be obtained by contacting InterAction directly at 202-667-8227 x 106 or at www.interaction.org. Those interested in providing specific relief services or supplies should contact Volunteers in Technical Assistance (VITA) for information and guidelines. VITA can be reached at 703-276-1914, or via the internet at www.vita.org.