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**PRESS SCHEDULE OF FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON'S
TRIP TO THE CARIBBEAN**

(NOVEMBER 21 - 22, 1998)

++++ UPDATED INFORMATION +++++

(Note: Updated information is in UPPERCASE BOLD font.)

Note the addition of the photo-op with Mrs. Clinton and children on Sunday.

The First Lady's trip includes visits to Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti. Below is the schedule for Haiti.

Mrs. Clinton concluded her visits to Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala and the Dominican Republic November 16 - 20. For details on her visits to these countries, please see the previously released schedules. For an overview of the trip, see the announcement released last week. This schedule is subject to change.

Saturday, November 21

Note: The First Lady will travel to Haiti on Saturday. Departure from the Dominican Republic is closed to press coverage.

3:20 p.m. Arrival in Haiti
Haiti International Airport
Port au Prince, Haiti

Press Note

Open press. Press identification required. Press access time is 2:30 p.m. Press should assemble at ADAG. Local contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Dan Lenos.

3:55 p.m. Arrival at Presidential Palace

The First Lady will be met upon arrival by Mrs. Geri Preval in front of the Presidential Palace.

PRESS NOTE
CLOSED PRESS.

4:00 p.m. Courtesy Call with Mrs. Preval
Diplomatic Receiving Room
National Palace

Port au Prince, Haiti

Press Note

Closed press.

4:20 p.m. Meeting with President Preval
President's Conference Room
Presidential Palace

PRESS NOTE

OPEN SPRAY AT THE TOP -- DONE IN WAVES. Local contact is Meg Gilroy, U.S. Embassy, 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Joao Ecsodi. 25' throw.

4:55 p.m. Viewing of "Serment des Ancestres," a painting by Guillaume Guillon-Lethier
Presidential Palace

PRESS NOTE

CLOSED PRESS.

5:30 p.m. Haitian Civil Society Reception
U.S. Ambassador's Residence
Port-au-Prince, Haiti

PRESS NOTE

OPEN PRESS. Press identification required. Consecutive translation. Mult and power provided. Local press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Dan Lenos. 25' throw.

6:10 p.m. Peace Corps Swearing-In
U.S. Ambassador's Residence
Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Press Notes

Pool press. Press identification required. Consecutive translation. Mult and power provided. Local press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Dan Lenos. 20' throw.

Sunday, November 22

9:30 a.m. Visit to the Well-Being Committee of Pignon
The Well-Being Committee Hospital
Pignon, Haiti

The First Lady will tour the hospital and deliver brief remarks.

PRESS NOTE - HOSPITAL TOUR

POOL PRESS -- PRINT ONLY. Local press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726.

Press Note - Remarks

Open press. Consecutive translation. Mult and power will be provided.

12:25 a.m. Disaster Relief Event / USAID Signing Ceremony
Pernier Fatima, Petion-Ville, Haiti

Press Note

Open press. Press identification required. Consecutive translation. Mult and power provided. Local and on-site press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726. .

1:40 p.m. Visit to Basile Moreau School (Ensemble Scolaire Pere Basile Moreau)
Bizoton/Port au Prince, Haiti

Press Notes

The First Lady will tour the school, participate in a brief discussion with parents of students at the school and deliver brief remarks. Valid press identification required. Press should be at the site by 12:45 p.m.

Photo Op in Classroom:

Pool press. Consecutive translation. Mult and power provided. Local press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Dan Lenos.

PHOTO OP WITH CHILDREN:

**MRS. CLINTON WILL STOP TO WATCH CHILDREN PLAYING A GAME.
POOL PRESS. CONSECUTIVE TRANSLATION. LOCAL PRESS CONTACT
IS MEG GILROY, 509-22-5726. ON-SITE CONTACT IS DAN LENOS.**

MEETING WITH PARENTS:

POOL SPRAY AT TOP. Consecutive translation. Local press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Dan Lenos.

Remarks:

Open press. Consecutive translation. Mult and power provided.

2:55 p.m. Visit to FOSREF
(Reproductive Health and Family Education Foundation)
#22 Delmas 19
Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Press Note

The First Lady will participate in a discussion with youth. Open press. Press identification required. Discussion will be in English. Consecutive translation. 20' throw. Mult and power provided. Local press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Dan Lenos.

5:05 p.m. Departure from Haiti
Part-au-Prince International Airport
Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Press Note

Closed press.

Editor's Note: Upon conclusion of her events in Haiti, the First Lady will return to Washington, D.C.

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**PRESS SCHEDULE OF FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON'S
TRIP TO CENTRAL AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN**

(NOVEMBER 19 - 22, 1998)

The First Lady's trip includes visits to Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti. Below is the schedule for Guatemala, the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

Mrs. Clinton concluded her visits to Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador November 16 and 17. For details on her visits to these countries, and on her first day in Guatemala on November 18, please see the previously released schedule. For an overview of the trip, see the announcement released last week. This schedule is subject to change.

Thursday, November 19

11:00 a.m. Address to Congress
Congressional Hall
Guatemala City, Guatemala

Press Note

Open press. Mult (Spanish and English). Simultaneous translation. Press identification required. Local press contact is Alberto Fernandez, U.S. Embassy, 502-331-1541 (x4278). On-site contact is Joi Hilton.

Editor's Note: In the afternoon, the First Lady will travel to the Dominican Republic. Her departure from Guatemala will be closed to press coverage.

11:10 p.m. Arrival in the Dominican Republic
Las Americas International Airport
Old Terminal

Press Note

Open Press. Press wishing to cover the arrival should contact Franklin Polanco of USIS, 809-541-3030, for details.

Friday, November 20

9:00 a.m. Visit to Center for Family Integration
Center for Family Integration/Centro de Integracion Familiar
Villa Duarte, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Press Note

Pool press will arrive with motorcade. Press identification required. 10' throw. Local press contact is Mike Stanton, 809-541-3030. On-site contact is Paula Thomasson Scott, 809-383-9825.

- 10:00 a.m. Discussion with Democracy Initiative Project Representatives**
Pontificad Universidad Catolica Madre y Maestra
Bolivar and Abraham Lincoln Streets
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Press Note

Pool press will arrive with motorcade. Press identification required. Simultaneous translation. 25' throw. Local press contact is Mike Stanton, 809-541-3030. On-site contact is Paula Thomasson Scott, 809-383-9825.

- 11:45 a.m. Courtesy Call with President Fernandez**
President's Office
National Palace
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Press Note

Pool spray. Press identification required. Press access time is 11 a.m. 20' throw. Local press contact is Adriano Tujada, Director of Press & Information for the National Palace, 809-695-8135. On-site contact is Paula Thomasson Scott, 809-383-9825.

- 3:00 p.m. Visit to Carl Theodore Georg Regional Hospital**
Calle Presidente Enrique Numero Uno
Barrio Miramar
San Pedro, Dominican Republic

Press Note

Open press. Press identification required. Press access time is 2 p.m. 30' throw. Local press contact is Mike Stanton, 809-541-3030, or Sheila Hoban, 809-543-7028. On-site contact is Natalie Hartman, 809-685-9412 or 809-523-8604.

- 4:20 p.m. Visit to Hogar del Nino Daycare Center**
Carretera Romana Higueral
Calle N
Preconca Nueva
La Romana, Dominican Republic

Press Note

Open press. Press identification required. Press access time is 3:30 p.m. 50' throw. Local press contact is Mike Stanton, 809-541-3030, or Sheila Hoban, 809-543-7028. On-site contact is Natalie Hartman, 809-685-9412 or 809-523-8604.

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3:20 p.m. Arrival in Haiti
Haiti International Airport
Port au Prince, Haiti

Press Note

Open press. Press identification required. Press access time is 2:30 p.m. Press should assemble at ADAC. Local contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Dan Lenos.

4:00 p.m. Arrival at Presidential Palace

The First Lady will be met upon arrival by Mrs. Geri Preval in front of the Presidential Palace.

Press Note

Pool press. For local pool information, contact Meg Gilroy at the U.S. Embassy at 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Joao Ecsodi. 10' - 20' throw.

4:05 p.m. Courtesy Call with Mrs. Preval
Diplomatic Receiving Room
National Palace
Port au Prince, Haiti

Press Note

Closed press.

4:15 p.m. Meeting with President Preval
President's Conference Room
Presidential Palace

Press Note

Pool spray at the top. For local pool information, contact Meg Gilroy at the U.S. Embassy at 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Joao Ecsodi. 25' throw.

4:50 p.m. Viewing of "Serment des Ancestres," a painting by Guillaume Guillon-Lethier
Presidential Palace

Press Note

Open press (photo op with Mrs. Clinton, President and Mrs. Preval only). Press identification required. Consecutive translation. Mult and power provided. Local press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Joao Ecsodi.

5:30 p.m. Haitian Civil Society Reception
U.S. Ambassador's Residence
Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Press Note

Pool press. Press identification required. Consecutive translation. Mult and power provided. Local press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Dan Lenos. 25' throw.

6:10 p.m.

Peace Corps Swearing-In

U.S. Ambassador's Residence
Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Press Notes

Pool press. Press identification required. Consecutive translation. Mult and power provided. Local press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Dan Lenos. 20' throw.

Sunday, November 22

9:25 a.m.

Visit to the Well-Being Committee of Pignon

The Well-Being Committee Hospital
Pignon, Haiti

The First Lady will tour the hospital and deliver brief remarks.

Press Note - Hospital Tour

Pool press. Local press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726.

Press Note - Remarks

Open press. Consecutive translation. Mult and power will be provided.

11:50 a.m.

Disaster Relief Event / USAID Signing Ceremony

Pernier Fatima, Petion-Ville, Haiti

Press Note

Open press. Press identification required. Consecutive translation. Mult and power provided. Local and on-site press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726.

1:20 p.m.

Visit to Basille Moreau School (Ensemble Scolaire Pere Basille Moreau)

Bizoton/Port au Prince, Haiti

Press Notes

The First Lady will tour the school, participate in a brief discussion with parents of students at the school and deliver brief remarks. Valid press identification required. Press should be at the site by 12:45 p.m.

Photo Op in Classroom:

Pool press. Consecutive translation. Mult and power provided. Local press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Dan Lenos.

Discussion with Parents:

Pool spray at top. Print reporters only for discussion. Consecutive translation.

Local press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Dan Lenos.

Remarks:

Open press. Consecutive translation. Mult and power provided.

3:15 p.m.

Visit to FOSREF

(Reproductive Health and Family Education Foundation)

#22 Delmas 19

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Press Note

The First Lady will participate in a discussion with youth. Open press. Press identification required. Discussion will be in English. Consecutive translation. 20' throw. Mult and power provided. Local press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Dan Lenos.

5:05 p.m.

Departure from Haiti

Part-au-Prince International Airport

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Press Note

Closed press.

Editor's Note: Upon conclusion of her events in Haiti, the First Lady will return to Washington, D.C.

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**PRESS SCHEDULE OF FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON'S
TRIP TO CENTRAL AMERICA**

(NOVEMBER 16 -22, 1998)

Draft #4

The First Lady will be traveling to Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti.

This schedule is subject to change. Please see the previously released trip announcement for an overview of this trip.

Monday, November 16, 1998

11:45 a.m. Greet United States Troops Providing Disaster Relief
Tarmac
Soto Cano Military Base, Honduras

Press Note

Open press.

No mult. On-site contact is Ltc. John Snyder, Joint Area Public Affairs Officer (phone: 234-4637, x4676). Press enter via main entrance of military base. Meet military PAO at entrance for escort.

Press pre-set: 10:45 a.m.

Press final access: 11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m. Arrival in Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Tarmac
Toncontin Airport (military side)
Boulevard de Toncontin
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Press Note

Open press.

Mult provided. Local press must be credentialed by Casa Presidencial or have

valid press identification to access the site. On-site contact is Liz Sears.
Press access: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:50 p.m. Press Statement/Remarks to Rescue Workers

Tarmac
Tegucigalpa Airport
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Press Notes

Open press. No mult provided. On-site contact is Liz Sears.

4:30 p.m. Arrival in Nicaragua

Managua International Airport
Managua, Nicaragua

Press Note

Open press. Press interested in covering events at the airport must assemble at Protocol Door at main airport entrance by 4:00 p.m. for escort for arrival site. On-site contact is Kelly Crawford.

5:30 p.m. Photo Opportunity with President Chirac and President Aleman

Blue Room
Managua International Airport
Managua, Nicaragua

Press Note

Open press. Press will be escorted from airport arrival to this site. On-site contact is Kelly Crawford.

6:10 p.m. Disaster Relief Event

Processing Center
Managua International Airport
Managua, Nicaragua

Press Note

Open press. Mult provided. Press must assemble at the Protocol Door at main airport entrance by 3:30 p.m. for escort to arrival site. On-site contact is Kelly Crawford.

8:10 p.m. Arrival in San Salvador

Comolapa International Air Base
San Salvador, El Salvador

Press Note

Open press. Press identification required. Press must assemble at the Cepa

Cafeteria at Comolapa International Air Base between 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. for escort to event site. On-site is Laura DiBiase.

8:30 p.m. Remarks to Joint Task Force Eagle

Hangar 2
Comolapa International Air Base
San Salvador, El Salvador

Press Note

Open press. 30' throw. Mult provided. Press must assemble at the Ceba Cafeteria at Comolapa International Air Base between 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. for escort to event site. Consecutive translation. On-site is Laura DiBiase.

Tuesday, November 17

10:00 a.m. Visit to ISDEMU Headquarters

ISDEMU Headquarters
9 Avenue del Norte 120
San Salvador, El Salvador

Press Note

Pool press. Local press should contact Janet Rivas, Casa Presidencial, 503-270-3841 or 503-886-8422. Or fax 503-271-1334. On-site contact is Laura DiBiase.

11:15 a.m. Education Event at School / Orphanage

Multi-purpose Room
Hogar del Nino San Vicente de Paul
1131 Avenida Cuba
San Salvador, El Salvador

Press Note

Open press. Consecutive translation. Mults (English and Spanish) provided. 45' throw. Press must have valid press identification to enter the site. On-site contact is Laura DiBiase.

Press pre-set: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Press final access: 10:15 a.m.

12:30 p.m. Peace and Reconciliation Discussion

Auditorium
U.S. Embassy
San Salvador, El Salvador

Press Note

Pool spray for opening remarks. Print reporters may remain for entire discussion. Simultaneous translation. Mults provided (Spanish and English). Local press should contact Janet Rivas, Casa Presidencial, 503-270-3841 or 503-886-8422. Or fax 503-271-1334. On-site contact is Laura DiBiase.

4:00 p.m. Domestic Violence Speech

Bristol Room
Hotel Princess
Avenida Las Magnolias y Blvd. del Hipodromo
San Salvador, El Salvador

Press Note

Open press. Mults (Spanish and English) provided. 50' throw. Press entrance via left of main hotel lobby by Salon Bristol I. Press must have valid press identification to enter site.

Press pre-set: 1:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m.
Press final access: 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 18

Note: In the morning, the First Lady will depart El Salvador en route to Guatemala. Departure from El Salvador will be closed to press coverage.

10:15 a.m. Arrival in Guatemala

Guatemala City Airport
Guatemala City, Guatemala

Press Note

Open press. Press identification required to access the site. Local press should contact Alberto Fernandez at 502-331-1541 (x4278) for arrival details. On-site contact is Joi Hilton.

11:00 a.m. Courtesy Call with President and Mrs. Arzu

President's Office
National Palace
Guatemala City, Guatemala

Press Note

Pool spray (stills and video only) at the top. Press identification required. Local press please contact Alberto Fernandez, US Embassy, at 011-502-331-1541 (x4278).

12:30 p.m. Peace and Reconciliation Discussion

Dining Room
Ambassador's Residence
Guatemala City, Guatemala

Press Note

Pool spray at the top. Print reporters may remain for discussion. Press identification required. Simultaneous translation. Mult provided.
For local pool information, please contact Alberto Fernandez at the US Embassy at 502-331-1541 (x4278). Press pre-set before 11:00 a.m. On-site contact is Joi Hilton.

2:30 p.m. Education Reform Event

Salon Principal
Colonial Museum
5 Calle Oriente #5
Antigua, Guatemala

Press Note

Open press. Press identification required. Throw is 55'. Mult provided.
Simultaneous translation.

Press pre-set: 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Press final access: 1:30 p.m. -2:00 p.m.

On-site contact is Joi Hilton.

4:00 p.m. Mothercare R'xin Tinamit Event

Room A11
Brother Pedro de Betancourt Hospital
San Felipe de Jesus
Antigua, Guatemala

Press Note

The First Lady will visit midwife training facilities and deliver remarks. Press identification required to cover this event. On-site contact is Joi Hilton.

Tour of training facilities:

Pool press. For local pool information, please contact Frank Neville at the U.S. Embassy at 502-331-1541 (x4252).

Speaking program:

Open press. Simultaneous translation. Mult is provided. 40' throw.

Editor's Note: The schedule for the remainder for the First Lady's trip will be released as soon as it is available.

Thursday, November 19

11:00 a.m. Address to Congress
Congressional Hall
Guatemala City, Guatemala

Press Note

Open press. Mult (Spanish and English). Simultaneous translation. Press identification required. Local press contact is Alberto Fernandez, U.S. Embassy, 502-331-1541 (x4278). On-site contact is Joi Hilton.

3:45 p.m. Tour Tikal Ruins
Tikal, Guatemala

Press Note

Open press. Local press contact? Press assembly point? On-site contact is Andrew Browning.

Editor's Note: At the end of the day, the First Lady will travel to the Dominican Republic. Her departure from Guatemala and arrival in the Dominican Republic will be closed to press coverage.

Friday, November 20

9:00 a.m. Visit to Center for Family Integration
Center for Family Integration/Centro de Integracion Familiar
Villa Duarte, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Press Note

Pool press will arrive with motorcade. Press identification required. 10' throw. Local press contact is Mike Stanton, 809-541-3030. On-site contact is Paula Thomasson Scott, 809-383-9825.

10:00 a.m. Discussion with Democracy Initiative Project Representatives
Pontificad Universidad Catolica Madre y Maestra
Bolivar and Abraham Lincoln Streets
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Press Note

Pool press will arrive with motorcade. Press identification required. Simultaneous translation. 25' throw. Local press contact is Mike Stanton, 809-541-3030. On-site contact is Paula Thomasson Scott, 809-383-9825.

11:45 a.m. Courtesy Call with President Fernandez
President's Office
National Palace
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Press Note

Pool spray. Press identification required. Press access time is 11 a.m. 20' throw.
Local press contact is Adriano Tujada, Director of Press & Information for the
National Palace, 809-695-8135. On-site contact is Paula Thomasson Scott, 809-
383-9825.

3:00 p.m. Visit to San Pedro de Macoris Hospital
Carl Theodore Georg Regional Hospital
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Press Note

Pool press. Press identification required. Press access time? Mult? Throw?
Local press contact is Mike Stanton, 809-541-3030. On-site contact is Natalie
Hartman, ###.

4:20 p.m. Visit to Hogar del Nino Daycare Center
Address?
La Romana, Dominican Republic

Press Note

Open press. Press identification required. Press access time? Mult? Throw?
Local press contact? On-site contact is Paula Thomasson Scott.

Saturday, November 21

Schedule TBD.

Note: The First Lady will travel to Haiti on Saturday. Departure from Dominican Republic is
closed to press coverage.

3:20 p.m. Arrival in Haiti
Haiti International Airport
Port au Prince, Haiti

Press Note

Open press. Press identification required. Press access time? On-site contact is
Stephanie Jones.

4:00 p.m. Courtesy Call with President Preval
President's Conference Room
National Palace
Port au Prince, Haiti

Press Note

Pool spray at the top. Press identification required. Local press contact? On-site contact is Stephanie Jones.

5:30 p.m. Haitian Civil Society Reception
U.S. Ambassador's Residence
address?
Port au Prince, Haiti

Press Note

Open press. Press identification required. Press access time? Mult? Lights? On-site contact is Stephanie Jones.

TBD Peace Corps Swearing-In
U.S. Ambassador's Residence
address?
Port au Prince

Press Notes

Pool press. Press identification required. Local press contact? Press access time? Mult? Lights? On-site contact is Stephanie Jones.

Sunday, November 22

9:25 a.m. Visit to the Well-Being Committee of Pignon
The Well-Being Committee Hospital
Pignon, Haiti

Press Note

Pool press. Local press contact? Mult? On-site contact is Stephanie Jones.

11:50 a.m. Disaster Relief Event / USAID Signing Ceremony
Pernier Fatima, Petion-Ville, Haiti

Press Note

Open press. Local press contact? Mult? On-site contact is Stephanie Jones.
20' - 60' throw. Mult provided for remarks. Consecutive translation for remarks.
On-site contact is Stephanie Jones.

1:20 p.m. Visit to Bazile Moreau School (Ecole Moreau School)
Bizoton/Port au Prince, Haiti

Press Note

The First Lady will tour the school, participate in a brief discussion with parents of students at the school and deliver brief remarks. Press must have valid press identification. Press should be at the site by 12:45 p.m.

Photo Op in Classroom:

Pool press. Local press contact: ?? 15' throw.

Discussion with Parents:

Print reporters only. Local press contact: ?? Consecutive translation.

Remarks:

Open press. Consecutive translation. Mult is provided.

3:15 p.m. Visit to FOSREF
(Reproductive Health and Family Education Foundation)
#22 Delmas 19
Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Press Note

The First Lady will visit a family life education class and participate in a discussion with youth.

Visit to Family Life Education Class:

Pool press. 20' throw. Consecutive translation.

Discussion with Youth:

Open press. 20' throw. Discussion will be in English. Mult provided.

Editor's Note: Upon conclusion of her events in Haiti, the First Lady will return to Washington, D.C.

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**TRIP OF FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
TO CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

Washington, D.C. - - On Monday, November 16, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will embark on a six-day trip to Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic and Haiti. Throughout the trip, especially in Honduras and Nicaragua, the First Lady will underscore the commitment of the United States to support these countries as they confront the difficulties caused by recent hurricanes and tropical storms.

The First Lady's visit to El Salvador and Guatemala comes in the wake of long-term internal conflicts. In these emerging democracies, she will focus on the progress they have made, as well as the challenges that remain. She will emphasize the development of legal, economic and political systems in the countries' post-war era and stress the importance of the role of women. In both countries, the First Lady will meet with women leaders from across the political spectrum who have played a critical role in the peace process and are now working to build vibrant democracies.

Her visit to Haiti and the Dominican Republic, originally planned for October and delayed as a result of hurricane damage, will provide an opportunity for the First Lady to demonstrate the friendship and support of the people of the United States for these nations as their democracies develop and mature. Throughout her trip, Mrs. Clinton will visit U.S. Agency for International Development programs that highlight America's role in supporting democracy-building initiatives, health and education programs, and economic reform and private sector development.

Below are some highlights of the First Lady's upcoming trip:

El Salvador (November 16 - 17)

- Visit school to illustrate the importance of education in achieving economic prosperity and social progress, and to announce a USAID initiative.
- Tour a government-sponsored center that works with private organizations to provide women throughout El Salvador with information and counseling on issues ranging from domestic violence, to microcredit, to legal assistance.
- Deliver a opening address at a conference on domestic violence. In her remarks, Mrs. Clinton will address ways that all sectors of society can work together to support victims of domestic violence.

Guatemala (November 18 - 19)

- Speech to the Legislative Assembly where she is expected to celebrate the enormous progress that Guatemala has made in the two years since the peace accords and address

the challenges Guatemalans are meeting in ensuring that all citizens are full participants in building a strong, peaceful and democratic future.

- Tour a health center that works with indigenous Mayans to improve maternal health care and to highlight Guatemala's success in reducing its maternal mortality rate.
- In the city of Antigua, participate in a discussion on education reform and a model partnership that enables indigenous students to pursue their education at universities.
- Visit Tikal National Park, the location of ninth-century Mayan ruins.

Dominican Republic (November 20 - 21)

- Participate in a discussion with non-governmental organization representatives on building a civil society.
- Visit a family planning program where she will announce support for new health care initiatives.
- Tour a unique daycare center that meets the critical needs of the poor families and the children it serves.

Haiti (November 22)

- Visit a highly successful rural hospital that not only provides curative and preventative health care to over 125,000 citizens, but also training in life skills, including maternal care, literacy, and family planning.
- Visit a family planning clinic that is a model for reducing adolescent pregnancy.
- The First Lady will be accompanied in Haiti by representatives of several U.S. foundations, including George Soros and William H. Gates, to announce foundation grants to Haiti for health care and family planning.

Editor's Note: A logistical schedule of the First Lady's trip will be released as soon as it is available.

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TRIP TO CENTRAL AMERICA**

(NOVEMBER 16 - 22, 1998)

The First Lady will be traveling to Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti. Below is the press schedule through Wednesday, November 18. The remainder of her schedule will be released as details become available.

This schedule is subject to change. Please see the previously released trip announcement for an overview of this trip.

Monday, November 16, 1998

11:45 a.m. Greet United States Troops Providing Disaster Relief

Tarmac
Soto Cano Military Base, Honduras

Press Note
Open press.

No mult. On-site contact is Lt. John Snyder, Joint Area Public Affairs Officer (phone: 234-4637, x4676). Press enter via main entrance of military base. Meet military PAO at entrance for escort.

Press pre-set: 10:45 a.m.
Press final access: 11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m. Arrival in Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Tarmac
Toncontin Airport (military side)
Boulevard de Toncontin
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Press Note
Open press.

Mult provided. Local press must be credentialed by Casa Presidencial or have valid

press identification to access the site. On-site contact is Liz Sears.
Press access: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:50 p.m. Press Statement/Remarks to Rescue Workers

Tarmac
Tegucigalpa Airport
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Press Notes

Open press. No mult provided. On-site contact is Liz Sears.

4:10 p.m. Arrival in Nicaragua

Managua International Airport
Managua, Nicaragua

Press Note

Open press. Press interested in covering events at the airport must assemble at Protocol Door at main airport entrance by 3:30 p.m. for escort for arrival site.
On-site contact is Kelly Crawford.

5:30 p.m. Disaster Relief Event

Managua International Airport
Managua, Nicaragua

Press Note

Open press. Mult provided. Press must assemble at the Protocol Door at main airport entrance by 3:30 p.m. for escort to arrival site. On-site contact is Kelly Crawford.

7:00 p.m. Arrival in San Salvador

Comolapa International Air Base
San Salvador, El Salvador

Press Note

Open press. Press identification required. Press must assemble at the Cepa Cafeteria at Comolapa International Air Base between 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. for escort to event site. On-site is Laura DiBiase.

7:30 p.m. Disaster Relief Event

Hangar 2
Comolapa International Air Base

San Salvador, El Salvador

Press Note

Open press. 30' throw. Mult provided. Press must assemble at the Ceba Cafeteria at Comolapa International Air Base between 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. for escort to event site. On-site is Laura DiBiase.

Tuesday, November 17

10:00 a.m. Visit to ISDEMU Headquarters

ISDEMU Headquarters
9 Avenue del Norte 120
San Salvador, El Salvador

Press Note

Pool press. Local press should contact Janet Rivas, Casa Presidencial, 503-270-3841. or 503-886-8422. Or fax 503-271-1334. On-site contact is Laura DiBiase.

11:15 a.m. Visit to School / Orphanage

Multi-purpose Room
Hogar del Nino San Vicente de Paul
1131 Avenida Cuba
San Salvador, El Salvador

Press Note

Open press. Consecutive translation. Mults (English and Spanish) provided. 45' throw. Press must have valid press identification to enter the site. On-site contact is Laura DiBiase.

Press pre-set: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Press final access: 10:15 a.m.

12:30 p.m. Peace and Reconciliation Discussion

Auditorium
U.S. Embassy
San Salvador, El Salvador

Press Note

Pool spray for opening remarks. Print reporters may remain for entire discussion. Simultaneous translation. Mults provided (Spanish and English). Local press should contact Janet Rivas, Casa Presidencial, 503-270-3841.

or 503-886-8422. Or fax 503-271-1334. On-site contact is Laura DiBiase.

4:00 p.m. Domestic Violence Speech

Bristol Room
Hotel Princess
Avenida Las Magnolias y Blvd. del Hipodromo
San Salvador, El Salvador

Press Note

Open press. Mults (Spanish and English) provided. 50' throw. Press entrance via left of main hotel lobby by Salon Bristol I. Press must have valid press identification to enter site.

Press pre-set: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Press final access: 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 18

Note: In the morning, the First Lady will depart El Salvador en route Guatemala. Departure from El Salvador will be closed to press coverage.

10:15 a.m. Arrival in Guatemala

Guatemala City Airport
Guatemala City, Guatemala

Press Note

Open press. Press identification required to access the site. Local press should contact Alberto Fernandez at 502-331-1541 (x4278) for arrival details. On-site contact is Joi Hilton.

11:00 a.m. Courtesy Call with President and Mrs. Arzu

President's Office
National Palace
Guatemala City, Guatemala

Press Note

Pool spray (stills and video only) at the top. Local press please contact Alberto Fernandez, US Embassy, at 011-502-331-1541 (x4278).

12:30 p.m. Peace and Reconciliation Discussion

Ambassador's Residence
Guatemala City, Guatemala

Press Note

Pool spray at the top. Print reporters may remain for discussion.

Simultaneous translation. Mult provided.

For local pool information, please contact Alberto Fernandez at the US Embassy at 502-331-1541 (x4278). Press pre-set before 11:00 a.m. On-site contact is Joi Hilton.

2:30 p.m. Education Reform Event

Salon Principal
Colonial Museum
5 Calle Oriente #5
Antigua, Guatemala

Press Note

Open press. Throw is 55'. Mult provided. Simultaneous translation.

Press pre-set: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Press final access: 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

On-site contact is Joi Hilton.

4:00 p.m. Mothercare R'xin Tinamit Event

Room A11
Brother Pedro de Betancourt Hospital
San Felipe de Jesus
Antigua, Guatemala

Press Note

The First Lady will visit midwife training facilities and deliver remarks. On-site contact is Joi Hilton.

Tour of training facilities:

Pool press. For local pool information, please contact Frank Neville at the U.S. Embassy at 502-331-1541 (x4252).

Speaking program:

Open press. Simultaneous translation. Mult is provided. 40' throw.

Editor's Note: The First Lady will overnight in Guatemala on Wednesday. The remainder of her schedule will be released as details become available.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

November 16, 1998

STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton announced today in Tegucigalpa, Honduras a major expansion in the United States' contribution to relief and reconstruction efforts in Central American countries struggling to cope with the devastating effects of Hurricane Mitch. Current estimates of U.S. emergency assistance now reach over \$250 million.

In the coming weeks, the Defense Department will more than quadruple its personnel from 1,300 to over 5,600 and further expand its helicopter fleet from 39 to 55 in the region. Starting this week, the Department of Defense will deploy a second package of military support estimated to cost \$55 million for the first 30 days. The package includes 16 additional helicopters, engineering and road-building units, bridges, medical detachments and supplies, a field hospital, and 11 water purification systems to help alleviate the suffering and begin to rebuild countries shattered by catastrophic flooding. In addition to Joint Task Force Bravo in Honduras, a second Joint Task Force was established today in El Salvador to coordinate U.S. military relief efforts in Nicaragua, Guatemala and El Salvador. President Clinton has already approved \$75 million in defense equipment and services to cover current efforts.

The First Lady also announced a significant increase in food aid to help Honduras and Nicaragua, the countries most devastated by the deadly storm, feed its people and free up resources to address other emergency needs. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will provide an additional \$15 million in emergency food aid to help meet immediate food needs. This brings AID's Honduras food aid response to \$25 million, consisting of approximately 50,000 tons of rice, beans, vegetable oil and corn meal.

Also, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has approved a further donation of 100,000 tons of wheat to Honduras and Nicaragua worth approximately \$12 million. USDA will also provide \$20 million in grants to Honduras and Nicaragua for the purchase of beans, dry milk, vegetable oil, rice and other basic commodities. In addition, USDA will provide another \$10 million in concessional loans for food purchases to Guatemala and El Salvador, bringing total U.S. food aid to over \$81 million.

Already, as a result of damage to roads and bridges, an emergency air convoy of 25 USAID financed flights has carried 1,300 tons of rice, beans, corn and vegetable oil to the region. Private U.S. citizens have already contributed \$5 million in relief supplies, being transported into the region in another 50 U.S. Government financed flights. In addition, 10 flights have delivered plastic sheeting, water containers and other relief supplies from stockpiles in the U.S. to the region.

The First Lady also announced that the U.S. is prepared to provide debt relief of up to \$50 million for Nicaragua and Honduras, the two countries most severely affected by Hurricane Mitch. These actions would have the immediate effect of relieving these countries of the obligation to service their bilateral debts to the U.S. through the year 2000. The U.S. believes that these countries should be relieved of all their debt service obligations for the next two years and will be working with our partners to accomplish this objective. The U.S. will take a leading role in organizing a meeting of international donors in early December in Washington to discuss long-term financial assistance.

Beyond the immediate crisis of caring for the hundreds of thousands of displaced people, the First Lady is particularly concerned about the long-term effect of the storm on the burgeoning micro enterprise sectors in these countries. Many small businesses have lost their modest investments in equipment, vehicles and infrastructure. To help put these micro entrepreneurs back on their feet, the First Lady announced that the Inter-American Development Bank and USAID will provide \$17 million in grants and loans to rebuild workplaces, reestablish inventories and generate employment for those hit by the storm.

The First Lady also announced a new infusion of current and former Peace Corps volunteers who will lend their expertise to help meet both emergency relief and long-term reconstruction needs. The Peace Corps Crisis Corps of returned volunteers will be sending several dozen former volunteers to Honduras and Nicaragua to contribute critical skills to the rebuilding effort.

The First Lady's announcement comes on the heels of President Clinton's joint radio address last Saturday with Mrs. Tipper Gore, who led a Presidential Mission to the region last week. The President announced that the Department of Justice will extend the stay of deportation for citizens from Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala through the end of the year and that he will examine on an urgent basis recommendations for further relief.

A Fact Sheet is Attached.

THE CLINTON/GORE ADMINISTRATION RELIEF EFFORTS IN CENTRAL AMERICA IN THE WAKE OF HURRICANE MITCH

President Clinton has been leading an aggressive relief effort in response to the disaster caused by Hurricane Mitch in Central America. Today, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton visited Honduras and Nicaragua and announced the deployment of a second package of military support that will allow the U.S. to substantially increase relief and reconstruction efforts. The First Lady also announced additional food aid, debt relief, and other assistance, bringing total U.S. assistance to more than \$250 million. Many United States government agencies are working tirelessly with us to help bring disaster relief to Central America. Here are some specifics:

Department of Defense

The President has directed the Department of Defense to release \$75 million in emergency assistance for Central America. Over 1,300 soldiers are in the region as part of a special Joint Task Force of the four branches of service of the U.S. Military. This force will increase to more than 5,600 in the coming weeks. This task force is assisting in relief efforts on a number of fronts:

Dozens of U.S. military helicopters and aircraft operate daily and have delivered over 2.5 million pounds of relief supplies (food, water, blankets, sheeting, sanitation services) to date; additional helicopters arrived in the area on November 12, bringing the total to 39.

Military engineering units are clearing and repairing key roads;

DOD has transported \$5 million in relief supplies donated by U.S. citizens under the Denton Program;

DOD's new package of support will deploy to the region this week to supplement current efforts. This support includes: 16 additional helicopters, engineering, bridge companies and road-building units, medical detachments and supplies, a field hospital, and 11 water purification systems;

A second Joint Task force was established today in El Salvador to coordinate military relief efforts in Nicaragua, Guatemala, and El Salvador.

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

A 31-member Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) from USAID is present in Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and El Salvador, coordinating U.S. relief activities with national and private voluntary efforts;

USAID is providing \$30 million to purchase and distribute plastic sheeting, blankets and other relief supplies, procure food locally, provide health, water and sanitation services

(including restoration of Tegucigalpa's water system), and purchase supplies for road repair and reconstruction. Ten flights have delivered relief supplies from stockpiles in the U.S. to Central America;

USAID is providing \$25 million in emergency food aid, including 50,000 tons of rice, beans, oil and corn meal;

USAID is airlifting food to the region and has delivered almost 1,300 metric tons on 18 flights to Honduras, Nicaragua and Guatemala;

An estimated 6,000 metric tons is expected to arrive in the region by ship before the end of the month;

USAID and the Department of Housing and Urban Development will lead a mission, in partnership with the private sector, to address housing reconstruction and infrastructure repair needs;

USAID and the Inter-American Development Bank will provide \$17 million in grants and loans to rebuild workplaces, reestablish inventories, and generate employment.

Department of Agriculture:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is providing 100,000 metric tons of wheat, worth approximately \$12 million to Honduras and Nicaragua;

USDA will provide \$20 million in grants to Honduras and Nicaragua for the purchase of beans, dry milk, vegetable oil, rice, and other basic commodities;

USDA will also provide another \$10 million in concessional loans for food purchases to Guatemala and El Salvador.

Department of Treasury:

The U.S. is prepared to provide debt relief of up to \$50 million for Nicaragua and Honduras, thereby relieving these two countries of their obligation to service their debt with the United States through the year 2000. The United States believes that these two countries should be relieved of all of their debt service obligations for the next two years and will work with our partners to accomplish this objective;

The United States will take a leading role in organizing a meeting of international donors in early December in Washington to discuss long-term financial assistance.

Department of Justice:

The President has asked the Immigration and Naturalization Service to extend a stay of

deportation for nationals from Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala through the end of the year. In addition, the Administration is examining on an urgent basis recommendations for further relief.

Peace Corps:

Additional members of the Peace Corps and former Peace Corps volunteers will travel to Nicaragua and Honduras to offer their expertise to help meet emergency needs and begin the rebuilding effort.

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