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**THE TRIP OF FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON  
TO PUERTO RICO, CHILE AND URUGUAY  
(SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 2, 1998)**

Washington, D.C. - - The First Lady will travel to Puerto Rico, Chile and Uruguay from September 29 - October 2, 1998.

On Tuesday, the First Lady will travel to Puerto Rico to visit areas that have been afflicted by Hurricane Georges. Mrs. Clinton will tour, with a Congressional delegation, affected areas, visit a disaster shelter that houses victims of the recent hurricane, and announce additional emergency relief measures.

On Wednesday, the First Lady will attend the 8th Annual Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Governments of the Americas in Santiago, Chile. This annual conference brings together First Ladies of the countries of North, South, and Central America, as well as the Caribbean, to focus on critical social issues - - particularly affecting women and children - - and discuss effective programs and strategies. Mrs. Clinton's participation builds on years of active involvement in issues relating to women and children in the Western Hemisphere. The First Lady will address the Conference on "Promoting Women's Rights to Full Participation in Society and Supporting Civil Society." In addition, Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Frei, the First Lady of Chile, will witness the signing of two U.S. Agency for International Development grants which will support a United States/Chile scholarship program and bolster local governments throughout Latin America.

In Montevideo, Uruguay, the First Lady will deliver the keynote address at the *Vital Voices of the Americas: Women in Democracy* conference, which is co-sponsored by the U.S. Government and the Inter-American Development Bank. The conference will highlight the role of women as integral to strengthening democracy throughout the Western Hemisphere, and provide an opportunity for women from across the Americas to share their knowledge and expertise. Nearly 400 women leaders from governmental, nongovernmental, civil society, legal, educational, journalistic, and private sector spheres will attend the conference. In early September 1998, the First Lady participated in the Vital Voices Conference in Belfast, Northern Ireland, where she called for women's full participation in building a stable, prosperous and democratic nation.

In addition, Mrs. Clinton will make a courtesy call on President Sanguinetti in Montevideo. She will visit an innovative elementary school to focus on the importance of investing in early childhood education and she will meet with members of the Women's Political Network, a non-partisan organization dedicated to uniting members from all political parties in Uruguay. She will also visit a center addressing the needs of victims of domestic violence.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The First Lady will be in Puerto Rico on Tuesday, Chile on Wednesday, and Uruguay from Wednesday evening through Friday. A logistical schedule including details of press opportunities will be released as soon as it is available.

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**PRESS SCHEDULE OF THE FIRST LADY'S TRIP  
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(SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 2, 1998)**

NOTE: This schedule outlines the First Lady's press events during her trip to Puerto Rico, Chile, and Uruguay. This schedule is subject to change. For an overview of the trip and details on the events listed below, please refer to the separately-released press paper.

**Tuesday, September 29**

Editor's Note: The First Lady will travel to Puerto Rico in the morning on Tuesday. Departure from Andrews AFB is closed to the press.

12:55 p.m. Airport Arrival  
Luis Muniz Marin Int'l Airport  
Lector Central, Carolina  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Press note: Open press. On-site contact is Brenda Quijano-Arroyo.

2:50 p.m. Visit to School/Disaster Shelter  
Escuela Camillo Vallez Matienzo  
Calle 3 Brisas del Mar  
Luquillo, Puerto Rico

Press Notes: Open press. Pre-set between 1:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Final access is 2:15 p.m. Consecutive translation. On-site contact is Kristina Dell.

Editor's Note: The First Lady will depart Puerto Rico enroute Santiago, Chile in the evening. Departure will be closed to the press. Arrival in Santiago will be closed to the press.

**Wednesday, September 30**

9:30 a.m. Remarks at the 8th Annual Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas  
Salon San Cristobal



Sheraton Hotel  
Avenida Santa Maria 1742  
Santiago, Chile

Press Notes: For credentialing information for the conference, please contact Isabel Chaparro or Loreto Gonzalez at 56-2-206-6028 or 56-2-362-1485.  
Simultaneous translation .

11:10 a.m.     US/Chile Signing Ceremony  
Salon Pedro de Valdivia A  
Sheraton Hotel  
Avenida Santa Maria 1742  
Santiago, Chile

Press Notes: For credentialing information for the conference, please contact Isabel Chaparro or Loreto Gonzalez at 56-2-206-6028 or 56-2-362-1485.  
Simultaneous translation. Throw is approximately 40'.

12:30 p.m.     Declaration Signing for the 8th Annual Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas and Artwork Unveiling  
Museo de Lo Matta  
Avenida President Kennedy 9350  
Santiago, Chile

Press Notes: For credentialing information, please contact Isabel Chaparro or Loreto Gonzalez at 56-2-206-6028 or 56-2-362-1485.

Editor's Note: Arrival in Santiago is closed to the press.

5:20 p.m.     Carrasco Airport  
Avenida las Americas  
Montevideo, Uruguay

Press Note: Open press. Press should assemble at Official V.I.P. Lounge by 4:20 p.m. for escort to arrival site. The on-site contact is Ian Alberg.

## **Thursday, October 1**

11:00 a.m.     Visit to the Codicen Pilot School  
Escuela 264  
Calle Braniff, Ruta 101, Km. 25  
Barrio Aeroparque  
Canelones, Uruguay

Press Notes: Open press. Press interested in covering this event should arrive at the school by 10:00 a.m. The on-site contact is Ian Alberg. Consecutive translation.

2:15 p.m.     Dialogue with the Women's Political Network  
Sala de Fiestas  
Palacio Legislativo  
Montevideo, Uruguay

Press Note: Open press. Press interested in covering this event should assemble at the Senator's Entrance by 1:15 p.m. For credentials, contact the Vital Voices press center at Nahir Lois or Kathy Davis at 598-2-408-4179 or - 7777. Consecutive translation.

4:00 pm     Roundtable Discussion on Domestic Violence  
Gallery  
Binational Center / Alianza Cultural Uruguay Estados Unidos  
Paraguay 1217  
Montevideo, Uruguay

Press Note: Open press. Press interested in covering this event should arrive by 3:00 p.m. Consecutive translation. The on-site contact is Ian Alberg.

## **Friday, October 2**

10:30 a.m.     Vital Voices Speech  
The Grand Ballroom  
Victoria Plaza Hotel  
Plaza Independencia 759  
Montevideo, Uruguay

Press Note: Open press. Press interested in covering this event should contact Nahir Lois or Kathy Davis at 598-2-408-4179 or - 7777 at the Vital Voices press center for credentials.

12:30 p.m.     Museo de Artes Visuales  
Julio Herrera y Reissig S/N  
Montevideo, Uruguay

Press Note: Open press for spray. The First Lady will tour the museum with President Sanguinetti. Press should arrive at the site by 12:00 p.m.

Editor's Note: The First Lady will depart Uruguay in the afternoon enroute Washington, D.C.