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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON'S
TRIP TO RUSSIA, NORTHERN IRELAND, AND IRELAND**

Washington, DC - - First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will travel to Russia, Northern Ireland, and Ireland with President Clinton from August 31 - September 5, 1998.

During this trip she will deliver a major address at the Vital Voices Conference, *Women in Democracy*, in Belfast. On May 7, 1998, President Clinton announced the Belfast Vital Voices Conference as a forum to showcase and support women's role in the economic and political life of their society, and asked the First Lady to participate in the conference. In her address, Mrs. Clinton will celebrate the often unheralded role that the women of Northern Ireland played in achieving the peace. She will call for women's full participation in building a stable, prosperous and democratic Northern Ireland. This conference comes at a critical time when citizens are committing themselves to ensuring that the premises reflected in the Good Friday Agreement are fulfilled for all the people of Northern Ireland. The First Lady spoke at the first Vital Voices Conference, in Vienna, in 1997.

In Moscow, Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Yeltsin will visit to a women-owned clothing factory, where she will participate in a conversation with women business owners. The First Lady will highlight how women are working together t/o improve the quality of their lives and the lives of their families through developing successful businesses.

In addition, Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Yeltsin will participate in a panel discussion with women in Moscow on important issues that face women in Russian society today. The event, sponsored by the Russian women's magazine *Domashniy Ochag*, will include panelists comprised of women from various sectors of society who are active in their communities.

In Belfast, Northern Ireland, Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Cherie Booth Blair will participate in a ground-breaking for the first outdoor ?? playground in Belfast. Announce partnership between American corporations (donation of equipment.)

NOTE: Along with these separate events, the First Lady will accompany the President to events throughout the trip. Please refer to the President's press schedule for details of their activities together.

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF THE FIRST LADY

Tuesday, September 1

**Event: Russian Women Entrepreneurs for the 21st Century: A
Discussion with Women Small Business Owners**

Location: Quoll Fashion Design Factory
Prospekt Mira 131, Stroykiye 1
Time: 11:00 a.m.

Press Notes: Opening remarks are open to press coverage; only print reporters may remain for the entire discussion. Mrs. Yeltsin will accompany Mrs. Clinton to this event. Consecutive translation. A mult will be provided. Throw is approximately 15'. On-site contact is Tom Smith.

Transportation Note for Members of the White House Press Corps ONLY: Please assemble at the Transportation Desk in the filing center (National Hotel) at 8:30 a.m. sharp for transportation to the event. Upon conclusion of the event, White House press have two options: 1) return to filing center (transportation provided), 2) travel to the First Lady's next event (transportation provided).

Event: Photo Opportunity with Mrs. Yeltsin

Location: The State Tretyakov Gallery
Lavrushensky Pereulog 10
Time: 12:30 p.m.

Press Notes: This photo opportunity of Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Yeltsin while they tour the Gallery will include an outdoor and an indoor shot. Throw is approximately 30'. On-site contact is Tom Smith.

Transportation Note for Members of the White House Press Corps ONLY:

Please assemble at the Transportation Desk in the filing center (National Hotel) at 9:00 a.m. sharp for transportation to the Quoll Factory to join the First Lady's motorcade to the event). Upon conclusion of the event, White House press will be transported to the filing center (transportation provided).

Wednesday, September 2

Event: Discussion on Women in Russian Society

Location: Auditorium
House of Scholars
Moscow, Russia

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Press Notes: Simultaneous translation. Throw is approximately 50'. Three mult boxes will be provided (one in Russian, one in English, one with natural sound).

Transportation Note for Members of the White House Press Corps ONLY:

Please assemble at the Transportation Desk in the filing center (National Hotel) at 8:45a.m.sharp for transportation to the event. **Upon conclusion of the event, White House press wil be transported to the filing center.**

Event: Airport Arrival

Location: Belfast International Airport

Time: 2:15 p.m.

Press Notes:

Event: Remarks at Vital Voices Conference

Location: Waterfront Hall

Belfast, Northern Ireland

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Press Notes: Press should enter the site by 4:00m p.m. via the Concourse at the Box Office Entrance (press check-in). The on-site contact is Jack Murray.

Event: Reception for Vital Voices Participants

Location: City Hall

Belfast, Northern Ireland

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Press Notes:

Thursday, September 3

Event: Playground Ground-Breaking

Location:

Belfast. Northern Ireland

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Press Note:

Event: Hospital