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Mrs. Clinton, Liz Claiborne, Others Blunt War's Hit on Balkans

Kocani, Macedonia, July 27 (Bloomberg) -- Danica Georgieva's Danitex Factory almost became a war casualty last April when New York-based Liz Claiborne Inc. decided to suspend its contract with the Macedonian textile factory until the fighting stopped in nearby Kosovo.

Georgieva was so worried she'd have to lay off scores of workers who make clothes under contract to Liz Claiborne that she jumped at the chance to talk to Hillary Clinton when she saw the U.S. first lady at a reception in Skopje on May 14.

"I told her that she had the opportunity to save the Macedonian textile industry," said Georgieva, 40, recounting the story from her small factory, nestled amid vineyards and tobacco plantations 120 kilometers southeast of the Macedonian capital.

Mrs. Clinton, fresh from an emotional visit to an overcrowded refugee camp in Macedonia, promised to do what she could to lure enough business to Macedonia to save 2,000 textile jobs. "For me, those were the words of a guardian angel," Georgieva said in an interview.

The first lady's advocacy is in keeping with a broader strategy of encouraging private investment in the Balkan recovery effort. World leaders on tight budgets would rather focus on giving promising projects a hand up instead of a handout. More than 65 leaders will gather in Sarajevo later this week at the region's first donor conference, to raise money and decide how to spend it.

Investors Wary

The leaders at the summit will focus on how to promote democracy and economic growth in the region, and entrepreneurial factories like Danitex may provide part of the answer. There isn't much time to waste; most Balkan economies are teetering on the brink of collapse.

The Kosovo war came after years of ethnic warfare in the former Yugoslav states of Bosnia and Croatia had battered Balkan economies. The NATO air strikes made matters worse: transportation lines are down, communication with Belgrade is patchy, and foreign investors are wary.

For Liz Claiborne, the largest U.S. maker of women's career clothing, the issue was timing. "Getting clothing lines on time is critical in this business," said chief executive Paul Charron. "If the spring tops arrive but the bottoms don't, we've got a huge problem and we just didn't want to risk it."

After a phone call from Hillary Clinton, Liz Claiborne's

Charron took a chance. He put less time-sensitive clothes manufacturing into three Macedonian plants and donated fabric remnants so workers there could make clothing for refugees in Kosovo.

Under the agreement, non-government organizations contracted with three Macedonian factories, including Georgieva's, to make refugee clothing for \$3 a garment. The factories keep the money, and employees can keep their jobs.

Other factories haven't been as lucky. In Stip, Macedonia, a town of 60,000 about 100 kilometers south of Skopje, the metal works factory Metalana sent its 3,000 workers to unemployment lines. Down the street, Makedonka, a state-owned fabric factory, put its 5,000 workers on leave until new contracts come through.

Wal-Mart Next

Mrs. Clinton went a step further last week and called Wal-Mart Stores Inc. chief executive David Glass, encouraging him to beef up his purchases in Macedonia. The idea is to encourage U.S. companies to look at the Balkans rather than Asia when they renew contracts.

``We're open to discussing that as long as the product is something we need,'' said Wal-Mart spokesman Jay Allen, confirming that Mrs. Clinton had placed the call and spoken to Glass. Mrs. Clinton sat on Wal-Mart's board of directors before resigning in 1992 when her husband was elected president.

Mrs. Clinton's projects also are aimed at thanking Balkan leaders for their support during the North Atlantic Treaty Organization campaign against Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic. Many Balkan leaders say it's about time.

Macedonian President Kiro Gligorov, who faced fierce opposition for allowing 300,000 refugees into the country, said as much last month when he met with U.S. President Bill Clinton.

``It is important for stability, development and prosperity. We anticipate American support in order to speed up the democratic process in the region,'' Gligorov said.

Sending a Message

The leaders' summit Friday in Sarajevo is meant to send a message that the world is prepared to do just that. It will likely elicit pledges -- not only for the reconstruction of Kosovo -- but for efforts to integrate the region's economies.

``The donors conference is a show of support to provide a sense of urgency and to keep the Balkans on the radar screen,'' said Charles Kupchan, a European specialist at the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington. ``Leaders there are worried now

that the bombing has stopped, so too will international concern.''

People in the Balkans, like Danica Georgieva, say they just want an opportunity to recover from the violence and compete. ``We just want to show them what we're capable of,' ' she said. ``If they give us a chance to get out of this hole, we'll prosper.''

--Dina Temple-Raston in Kocani, Macedonia through the Paris newsroom/rdm/mmw/rdm

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June 22, 1999

**USAID FACILITATES MACEDONIA CLOTHING GRANT
WITH LIZ CLAIBORNE AND MERCY CORPS INTERNATIONAL**

Skopje, Macedonia -- At the urging of First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton to help support the local manufacturing base and create jobs in Macedonia, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has facilitated donations by Liz Claiborne to bolster the Macedonian apparel and textile industry.

Liz Claiborne Inc., an U.S. designer and marketer of fashion apparel and accessories, will donate fabric and components for the manufacture in Macedonia of clothing for Kosovar refugees. Liz Claiborne will also arrange for the donation of transportation of the materials.

The fashion apparel company will donate all components for more than 200,000 men's and women's shirts and trousers, jeans and pants of standard Liz Claiborne design, which will bear the company label. The clothing will be manufactured by three factories in Macedonia, which are regular suppliers of these products to Liz Claiborne.

In addition, to facilitate the generous donation by the U.S. private sector and to support the economic capacity of Macedonia in the face of severe market disruption, USAID will use humanitarian assistance funds to award \$881,000 to Mercy Corps International (MCI), an U.S. non-governmental organization (NGO). The grant will permit the organization to purchase the Liz Claiborne clothing at the costs of its manufacture by Macedonian suppliers. As part of the grant, MCI will then assure the distribution of the clothing to refugees, former refugees, and displaced persons in Kosovo and Albania. MCI has already used USAID funds to purchase \$2 million of Macedonian goods for the Kosovars.

At a ceremony in Skopje announcing the Macedonia Clothing Grant, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was joined by representatives from the Macedonian apparel and textile industry, Liz Claiborne, MCI and USAID. Liz Claiborne Chairman Paul Charron said, "When the First Lady brought this situation to our attention, we saw an opportunity to work with other leading apparel companies to provide aid to the refugees and much needed jobs. We hope to make a small, but real difference in Macedonia."

Ambassador Harriet C. Babbitt, USAID Deputy Administrator signed a grant at the ceremony with MCI country representative, Jason Miko to officially award the funds for the program. "Unemployment, in excess of 30 percent of the workforce, is intolerably high in Macedonia. The Liz Claiborne donation and the USAID grant will not only benefit the Macedonian apparel industry, but also provide tangible, short-term relief for this potentially destabilizing problem," remarked Ambassador Babbitt.

Components will begin arriving in textile plants in Macedonia by mid-July; manufacturing will begin in August and be completed in September. Distribution to refugees is scheduled for October.

For more information please contact Jane Randall, Liz Claiborne Public Affairs at 212-626-3408 or Jessamyn Sarmiento, USAID Public Affairs at 202-712-4320.

Remarks by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

Announcement of Macedonian Clothing Grant Skopje, Macedonia

June 22, 1999

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 21, 1999

CONTACT: MARSHA BERRY
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**PRESS SCHEDULE OF THE FIRST LADY
FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 1999**

Washington, DC -- On Tuesday, June 22, the First Lady will travel with the President to Skopje, Macedonia and to Aviano Air Force Base, Italy. In Skopje, the First Lady will participate in an announcement of new public and private efforts to support the Macedonian apparel and textile industry and provide clothing for the Kosovar refugees. The First Lady will be joined by USAID Deputy Director Hattie Babbitt, Liz Claiborne Company Chairman Paul R. Charron, and representatives from the non-governmental organization Mercy Corps International and the Macedonian apparel industry.

This event builds on the First Lady's meeting with Macedonian small business leaders in Skopje on May 14, 1999, when she learned of the U.S. apparel industry's planned reductions of production at Macedonian factories due to the refugee situation. After the First Lady brought the situation in Macedonia to the attention of the Liz Claiborne Company, Chairman Paul Charron volunteered to help sustain the Macedonian garment industry and provide aid to the Kosovar refugees.

EVENT: **Announcement of Macedonian Clothing Grant**
TIME: 1:10 p.m.
DATE: Tuesday, June 22, 1999
LOCATION: Parliament Building
 Old Parliament Room
 Skopje, Macedonia

Press Notes:

Expanded pool press. For more information on pool, please contact Valerie Kreites of USIS at 070-600-729. Pool must meet at the Alexander Palace Hotel at 11:30 a.m. and will be transported to Parliament. Simultaneous translation. Mult is provided. The on-site contact is Natalie Hartman.

Editor's Note: The First Lady also will tour the Stenkovich I Refugee Camp, meet with KFOR troops in Macedonia, and greet troops at the Aviano Air Force Base, with the President. For more information on press coverage of these events, please see the President's press schedule. At night, the First Lady will return to Washington, DC, with the President.

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May 19, 1999

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First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Reflecting on Monday's conversation, I would like to commend you for your humanitarian and proactive approach to the Macedonian situation. I appreciate your bringing this to my attention and want to assure you that Liz Claiborne will participate in a solution.

Our Company sources apparel products in over 30 countries, each with its own skill, logistics and cost characteristics. Under normal circumstances, Macedonia plays an important role in that configuration. This is because its proximity to Italy, in conjunction with historic tailoring skills, enables us to turn fine European woven fabrics into well made jackets and pants in considerably less time than would be the case with countries in Asia and South America.

Liz Claiborne enjoys a reputation for offering extensive collections made up of many styles. Even if the individual components of these collections are sourced in several locations, you know that they must reach the United States at the same precise time, lest salability be compromised. For this reason, we try to be sensitive to worldwide events which might interfere with the production and flow of goods, thereby jeopardizing retail appearance and performance.

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Once we determined that circumstances in Macedonia had the potential to cause sudden deterioration of the industrial infrastructure, prudence warranted the relocation of product to other areas. This has not augured well for the workers in Macedonian apparel factories, particularly since it comes on top of two recent fashion trends (more casual, less dressy clothing and more knits, less wovens) which would have resulted in decreased reliance on Macedonia's skills and traditions, even in the absence of other factors.

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

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May 19, 1999

Thus, Stojance Georgiev's fears were well founded: the existing Liz Claiborne work load would have further diminished within a few weeks.

However, having been moved by your description of existing circumstances in-country, I have directed my associates to allocate some of our less time-sensitive product to the factories you visited. We should reach a level of about 4,000 units per week within the next four to six weeks.

With respect to the second issue you raised, the extent to which relief agencies might acquire certain items which could be produced locally, as opposed to importing them, I believe that the possibilities are quite real.

While it is probably not practical for apparel-making factories to be converted into bedsheet or blanket-making facilities, it should be possible to take advantage of Macedonia's well established skills by providing much needed clothing for refugees in this area.

To do so, local industry would need fabric (as Macedonia is not considered an important supplier of textiles), garment designs, specifications and technical expertise. Liz Claiborne would be willing to take a leadership role by providing some of these items and by encouraging other companies within our industry to do likewise. I am confident that a request made by you or our government for the apparel industry to support Macedonia would be well received.

I will call your office shortly to arrange a time for a phone conversation where we can further discuss the issues you raise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Paul R. Charron', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Paul R. Charron

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June 3, 1999

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I see that your initiatives regarding Macedonian sourcing are bearing fruit. It appears that companies like Wal-Mart, The Limited and George Weintraub have reevaluated their Macedonian activities and are now less likely to assign work elsewhere. As we talked, however, a second issue remains: How can the apparel industry make a greater impact on the lives of refugees as well as Macedonian workers?

We continue to feel that the concept we discussed last week is workable and may be started rather quickly. Specifically, U.S. companies would make fabric, findings, designs, specifications and technical expertise available to Macedonian factories, which could then manufacture certain basic apparel items for the refugees. I feel strongly that the apparel industry would respond well to the challenge and reiterate my willingness for Liz Claiborne to take a leadership role in this initiative.

At the same time, successful implementation of this concept will require the full and active support of our government. This support would be particularly critical with respect to coordinating and communication with various relief agencies, encouraging them to purchase certain apparel products directly from Macedonian factories. To be blunt, the prompt and early success of this initiative is dependent upon avoiding delays due to bureaucracy, "red tape" and territoriality. While there might be some challenges we could overcome with the help of our government, these efforts would be well rewarded as refugees, Macedonian workers and even the relief agencies benefit from our collective endeavors.

I hope we may explore these issues more fully in the next few days.

Sincerely,


Paul R. Charron

For Julie Mason
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Remarks by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
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The Mother Teresa Award

President Meidani has requested that you accept the "Mother Teresa Award" of Albania: a rarely granted award for outstanding humanitarian contribution that holds high prestige in Albania. Only a handful of non-Albanians have received the award, among them, Secretary of Defense Perry (1996).

Mrs. Lidra Meidani will present the award to you in a box. The accompanying text reads as follows:

"(Recipient) has mobilized with her personal example the solidarity of millions of people throughout the world with the Albanians expelled from Kosovo, in the spirit of the victory of mankind over inhuman action."

FOR JULIE MASON

As prepared remarks

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The Mother Teresa Award

President Meidani has requested that you accept the "Mother Teresa Award" of Albania: a rarely granted award for outstanding humanitarian contribution that holds high prestige in Albania. Only a handful of non-Albanians have received the award, among them, Secretary of Defense Perry (1996).

Mrs. Lidra Meidani will present the award to you in a box. The accompanying text reads as follows:

"(Recipient) has mobilized with her personal example the solidarity of millions of people throughout the world with the Albanians expelled from Kosovo, in the spirit of the victory of mankind over inhuman action."

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PREV RON Grand Union Hotel
Ljubljana, Slovenia

8:35 am- EMBASSY EVENT
9:00 am Blue Room
Union Hotel
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FORMAT:

-The President and the First Lady, accompanied by Secretary Madeleine Albright and Ambassador Ely-Raphael, are announced into the Blue Room.

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-Ambassador Ely-Raphael makes brief welcoming remarks and introduces Secretary Albright.

-Secretary Albright makes remarks and introduces the First Lady.

-The First Lady makes remarks and introduces the President.

-The President makes remarks, works a ropeline and departs.

PARTICIPANTS: 150 guests

9:05 am **DEPART** U.S. Embassy
 VIA Presidential Motorcade
 EN ROUTE Brnik International Airport, Ljubljana
 [drive time: 25 minutes]

9:30 am **ARRIVE** Brnik International Airport

GREETERS:

President Milan Kucan
Mrs. Kucan
Prime Minister Janez Drnovsek
Members of Parliament TBD

-The First Lady and Mrs. Kucan stand aside as the President, accompanied by President Milan Kucan and Prime Minister Janez Drnovsek, proceeds down red carpet past military band, flag bearers and a military unit.

-The President greets members of Parliament and then the President and the First Lady board Air Force One.

9:45 am **WHEELS UP** Brnik International Airport, Slovenia
 VIA Air Force One
 EN ROUTE Skopje, Macedonia
 [flight time: 2 hours, 10 minutes]

11:55 am **WHEELS DOWN** Skopje, Macedonia

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GREETERS:

President Kiro Gligorov
Mrs. Nada Gligorova
Ambassador Christopher Hill, Ambassador to
Macedonia
Mrs. Patricia Whitehall Hill
Ambassador Ljubica Aceska, Macedonian Ambassador
to the United States
2 children with flowers

-The President and the First Lady are presented
with flowers by two children in traditional
costume.

-The President and the First Lady proceed to the
platform.

-National Anthems are played.

-The First Lady and Mrs. Gligorova stand aside as
the President and President Gligorov proceed down
the red carpet for the Honor Guard and delegations
presentations.

-The President and the First Lady depart.

12:15 pm

DEPART Skopje, Macedonia
EN ROUTE Parliament Building
[drive time: 15 minutes]

12:30 pm

ARRIVE Parliament Building

GREETERS:

President Kiro Gligorov
Mrs. Nada Gligorova

12:35 pm-

12:45 pm

PRIVATE MEETING

Salon One
Parliament Building
Translation: consecutive
CLOSED PRESS/WH PHOTO

PARTICIPANTS:

Mrs. Nada Gligorova, First Lady of Macedonia
Mrs. Georgievska, Spouse of Macedonian Prime
Minister

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12:45 pm-
1:05 pm

PRIVATE MEETING

Salon One
Parliament Building
Translation: consecutive
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PARTICIPANTS:

The First Lady
Mrs. Nada Gligorova, First Lady of Macedonia
Mrs. Meidani, First Lady of Albania
Mrs. Georgievska, Spouse of Macedonian Prime Minister
Mrs. Majko, Spouse of Albanian Prime Minister

1:10 pm-
1:55 pm

ANNOUNCEMENT

Old Parliament Room
Parliament Building
Translation: simultaneous
EXPANDED POOL PRESS/WH PHOTO

FORMAT:

- The First Lady is announced into the room, accompanied by stage participants.
- Macedonian Ambassador to the U.S. Ljuba Aceveska makes remarks and introduces the First Lady.
- The First Lady makes remarks and introduces Paul Charron, CEO, Liz Claiborne.
- Paul Charron, CEO, Liz Claiborne, makes remarks.
- Ambassador Aceveska introduces Minister Radmila Kiprijanova-Radovanovik.
- Minister Kiprijanova-Radovanovik makes remarks and introduces the First Lady.
- The First Lady introduces the signing ceremony.
- Hattie Babbitt, USAID, and a representative from Mercy Corps, sign agreement.
- The First Lady has the option of working a ropeline on departure.
- Mrs. Gligorova escorts the First Lady to the entry hall and bids farewell.

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-Mrs. Medani and Mrs. Majko present the First Lady with the Mother Theresa award.

-The First Lady proceeds to hold.

PARTICIPANTS: 130 guests expected

2:00 pm-
2:20 pm

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2:25 pm

DEPART Parliament Building
VIA Presidential Motorcade
EN ROUTE EURO Trade Blue Tent, Stenkovich I
Refugee Camp
[drive time: 10 minutes]

2:45 pm

ARRIVE EURO Trade Blue Tent, Stenkovich I Refugee
Camp

2:50 pm-
3:10 pm

NGO BRIEFING (UNHCR, CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES,
DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS, DART, ETC)
EURO Trade Blue Tent
Stenkovich I
CLOSED PRESS/WH PHOTO

FORMAT:

Amin Awad, Acting Chief of Mission, UNHCR,
introduces the President and the First Lady to NGO
representatives.

-Each NGO representative makes brief remarks.

-Upon conclusion of the briefing, the President
and the First Lady depart.

PARTICIPANTS:

The President
The First Lady
Amin Awad, Acting Chief of Mission, UNHCR
Ed McLoughney, Head of Office, UNICEF/Macedonia
Kim Maynard, Team Leader, USAID/DART
Marcel Grogan, Country Director/Macedonia,
International Rescue Committee
David Widwic, International Medical Corps
Ed Johnson, Director, Stenkovich I, Catholic
Relief Services

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STAFF NOTE: Staff will proceed on a separate tour led by a relief agency worker and Ambassador Hill.

3:15 pm **DEPART** EURO Trade Blue Tent
 VIA Presidential Motorcade
 EN ROUTE Tent Area
 [drive time: 5 minutes]

3:20 pm **ARRIVE** Tent Area

GREETERS:

Ed Joseph, Senior Camp Manager, Catholic Relief Services
Leke Zherka, Interpreter, Catholic Relief Services

3:30 pm- **WALKING TOUR OF CAMP**
4:10 pm Stenkovich I
 Translation: consecutive
 POOL PRESS/WH PHOTO

4:20 pm- **REMARKS TO REFUGEES**
4:55 pm Stenkovich I
 Translation: consecutive
 POOL PRESS/WH PHOTO

FORMAT:

-The First Lady makes brief remarks and introduces the President.

-The President makes remarks, works a ropeline and departs.

PARTICIPANTS: 500-1000 guests

5:00 pm **DEPART** Stenkovich I Refugee Camp
 VIA Presidential Motorcade
 EN ROUTE Skopje Airport
 [drive time: 30 minutes]

5:30 pm **ARRIVE** Skopje Airport

GREETERS:

General Wesley Clark, Supreme Allied Commander, NATO
Brigadier General John Craddock, Base Commander
Brigadier General Eric Olsen
Major General David Grange

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5:35 pm- **MEETING WITH KFOR TROOPS**
6:05 pm Tarmac
Skopje Airport
OPEN PRESS

FORMAT:

-General Wesley Clark, Brigadier General John Craddock, and Brigadier General Eric Olsen introduce the President to the troops.

-General Wesley Clark makes brief remarks and introduces the First Lady.

-The First Lady makes remarks and introduces the President.

-The President makes remarks and departs.

6:25 pm **WHEELS UP** Skopje Airport TBD
VIA Air Force One (C-17)
EN ROUTE Aviano Air Force Base, Italy
[flight time: 2 hours, 15 minutes]

8:40 pm **WHEELS DOWN** Aviano Air Force Base, Italy

GREETERS:

Carlo Scogmaniglio, Italian Minister of Defense
Cecelia Scogmaniglio
Colonel Orfeo Durigon, Base Commander
Marinella Durigon
Brigadier General Daniel P. Leaf, Wing Commander
Yu-Chu Leaf
Ambassador Thomas Foglietta
Ambassador Lindy Boggs

8:55 pm **DEPART** Tarmac
VIA Presidential Motorcade
EN ROUTE Hangar 1A
[drive time: 5 minutes]

9:00 pm **ARRIVE** Hangar 1A

9:05 pm- **REMARKS TO TROOPS**
9:50 pm Hangar 1A
Aviano Air Force Base
OPEN PRESS

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FORMAT:

-Off-stage announcement of the President and the First Lady, General Wesley Clark, Brigadier General Daniel Leaf, and Colonel Durigon.

-Brigadier General Leaf makes remarks and introduces the First Lady.

-The First Lady makes remarks and introduces Captain Charles "Digger" Davis.

-Captain Charles "Digger" Davis makes remarks and introduces the President.

-The President makes remarks, works a ropeline and proceeds to Hangar 1B.

PARTICIPANTS: 3000 guests

9:55 pm-
10:10 pm

GREET OVERFLOW CROWD
Hangar 1B
Aviano Air Force Base
POOL PRESS/WH PHOTO

FORMAT:

-The President and the First Lady work a ropeline and depart.

PARTICIPANTS: 100 guests

10:15 pm

DEPART Hangar 1B
VIA Presidential Motorcade
EN ROUTE Tarmac
[drive time: 5 minutes]

10:20 pm

ARRIVE Tarmac

10:35 pm

WHEELS UP Aviano Air Force Base
VIA Air Force Base
EN ROUTE Andrews Air Force Base
[flight time: 9 hours, -6 hours]

1:35 am

WHEELS DOWN Andrews Air Force Base

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1:50 am **DEPART** Andrews Air Force Base
 VIA Marine One
 EN ROUTE The White House
 [flight time: 10 minutes]

2:00 am **ARRIVE** The White House

RON The White House

WEATHER FORECAST FOR LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA: Showers. High 65. Low 55.

WEATHER FORECAST FOR SKOPJE, MACEDONIA: Showers. High 68. Low 55.

WEATHER FORECAST FOR AVIANO, ITALY: Showers. High 72. Low 63.

WEATHER FORECAST FOR WASHINGTON, DC: Partly cloudy. High 82.
Low 61.

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
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Thus, Stojance Georgiev's fears were well founded: the existing Liz Claiborne work load would have further diminished within a few weeks.

However, having been moved by your description of existing circumstances in-country, I have directed my associates to allocate some of our less time-sensitive product to the factories you visited. We should reach a level of about 4,000 units per week within the next four to six weeks.

With respect to the second issue you raised, the extent to which relief agencies might acquire certain items which could be produced locally, as opposed to importing them, I believe that the possibilities are quite real.

While it is probably not practical for apparel-making factories to be converted into bedsheet or blanket-making facilities, it should be possible to take advantage of Macedonia's well established skills by providing much needed clothing for refugees in this area.

To do so, local industry would need fabric (as Macedonia is not considered an important supplier of textiles), garment designs, specifications and technical expertise. Liz Claiborne would be willing to take a leadership role by providing some of these items and by encouraging other companies within our industry to do likewise. I am confident that a request made by you or our government for the apparel industry to support Macedonia would be well received.

I will call your office shortly to arrange a time for a phone conversation where we can further discuss the issues you raise.

Sincerely,



Paul R. Charron