

January 20, 1999

MEETING ON SOCIAL SECURITY WITH WOMEN'S ADVOCATES

DATE: Thursday, January 21, 1999
LOCATION: Map Room
TIME: 1:30 - 2:30 pm
FROM: Nicole Rabner

I. PURPOSE

To meet with the leading women's advocates on Social Security and hear their thoughts and concerns about reform, particularly as it relates to women.

II. BACKGROUND

You will be meeting with the leaders of 17 women's organizations to discuss Social Security reform and its implications for women. The majority of the organizations serve on the National Council of Women's Organizations' Task Force on Women and Social Security. As you know, over the past many months, women's organizations have expressed their strong concerns with proposals to privatize part of Social Security, and have urged maintaining a commitment to preserving the core protections of the program. They were generally pleased with the President's framework for reform that he outlined in his State of the Union Address, but will likely express concern over where the debate may move in the months to come.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The First Lady
Jenny Luray, WH Women's Office
Gene Sperling, NEC
Jeff Liebman, NEC
Jack Lew, OMB
Sylvia Matthews, OMB
Melanne Verveer
Nicole Rabner

Nancy Duff Campbell, National Women's Law Center
Nancy Zirkin, American Association of University Women
Martha Burk, Center for the Advancement of Public Policy
Eleanor Smeal, Feminist Majority Foundation
Heidi Hartmann, Institute for Women's Policy Research
Cindy Hounsell, Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement
Deborah Briceland-Betts, Older Women's League
Karen Nussbaum, AFL-CIO Working Women's Department
Susan Bianchi-Sand, Committee for Pay Equity

Donna Allen, Women's Institute for Freedom of the Press
Patricia Ireland, National Organization for Women
Donna Lenhoff, National Partnership for Women and Families
Elisa Sanchez, MANA
Dr. Jane Smith, National Council of Negro Women
Gloria Johnson, Coalition of Labor Union Women
Gail Shaffer, Business and Professional Women

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

You will open the meeting; informal discussion/listening session to follow.

V. PRESS PLAN

Closed press.

VI. REMARKS

Talking points attached.



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COMMENTS:

FYI - FOLLOWING ARE TWO DRAFT PRESS RELEASES -
ONE NATIONAL - THE SECOND TO BE USED IN EACH
OF THE 10 CITIES. ALSO FOUR PSAs (PUBLIC SERVICE
ANNOUNCEMENTS) FOR POSSIBLE USE BY RADIO/TV STATIONS
IN THE 10 CITIES. LATER THIS MORNING, I WILL
FAX YOU COPY FOR A FLYER TO BE USED TO
RECRUIT PARTICIPANTS IN THE 10 CITIES. PLEASE
LET US KNOW TODAY IF THERE ARE ANY PROBLEMS
WITH THESE ITEMS. THE FIRST PRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS
MAY BE AS EARLY AS TUES, DEC. 22. THANKS.

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SOCIAL SECURITY TELECONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON WOMEN'S ISSUES

FIRST LADY TO CHAIR EVENT LINKING 10 CITIES

WASHINGTON, Dec. XX – A 10-city teleconference, concentrating on Social Security issues that particularly affect women, will be held on Saturday, January 23, 1999, the organizer, Americans Discuss Social Security (ADSS), announced here today.

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will chair the event, which will link Washington with Albuquerque, Atlanta, Cleveland, Portland (ME), Los Angeles, Milwaukee, New Orleans, Oklahoma City, Portland (OR) and San Antonio. Rep. Jennifer Dunn (R-WA) will serve as co-chair and nationally syndicated columnist Jane Bryant Quinn will serve as moderator of "What Every Woman Should Know About Social Security".

Approximately 150 citizens will participate at each site. The four-hour teleconference, scheduled to begin at Noon, Eastern Time (9:00 AM Pacific Time), will be available to cable and broadcast TV stations in all 50 states.

"The financial issues women face today are far different than those that prevailed when Social Security was launched more than 60 years ago," says Carolyn J. Lukensmeyer, Executive Director of ADSS. "As the momentum for Social Security reform continues to build, it's critical to examine how well the current system works for women and how some of the proposed reforms will affect them."

During 1998, ADSS conducted forums and teleconferences in more than 20 states and commissioned eight public opinion surveys about old age and retirement issues. ADSS is a project funded by The Pew Charitable Trusts to engage Americans from all walks of life in a national conversation about Social Security so their views can help policymaker shape its future. ADSS takes no position on the issue.

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TELECONFERENCE '99:
What every woman should know about Social Security

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**(CITY) TO BE PART OF SOCIAL SECURITY TELECONFERENCE
ON WOMEN'S ISSUES**

First Lady to Chair Nationwide Discussion

(CITY), December XX – [CITY] has been chosen as one of 10 sites to participate in a nationwide teleconference, "What Every Woman Should Know About Social Security" on Saturday, January 23, (personality) announced here today. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will chair the event. Rep. Jennifer Dunn (R-WA) will serve as co-chair and nationally syndicated columnist Jane Bryant Quinn will serve as moderator of the teleconference, organized by Americans Discuss Social Security (ADSS).

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This state-of-the-art teleconference will link Washington, DC, with (city) and with [eliminate local city from list] Albuquerque; Atlanta; Cleveland; Los Angeles; Milwaukee; New Orleans; Oklahoma City; Portland, Maine; Portland, Oregon; and San Antonio. In addition, the four-hour teleconference, scheduled to begin at Noon Eastern Time, will be available to cable and broadcast TV stations in all 50 states.

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To register for this free event, please call toll-free 1-888-560-2377 (ADSS). For more information, visit the ADSS web site at www.americansdiscuss.org.

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WHAT SHOULD EVERY WOMAN KNOW ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY? FIND OUT ON JANUARY 23RD, WHEN TEN CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY WILL BE LINKED IN A TELECONFERENCE SPONSORED BY "AMERICANS DISCUSS SOCIAL SECURITY". EXPERTS ON RETIREMENT ISSUES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO LEARN HOW YOU MAY PARTICIPATE IN THIS TELECONFERENCE, CALL TOLL-FREE 1-888-560-ADSS.

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