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**Secret Diary Obtained by *The Hillary Clinton Quarterly*
Details First Lady's Youthful Drug Use**

Concord, NH (April 14, 1995) -- In an unprecedented publishing coup that is sure to stun the White House and become a presidential campaign issue, *The Hillary Clinton Quarterly* announced today that it is publishing excerpts from a secret "drug diary" that First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton started as a teenager, and continued while a student at Wellesley College and Yale Law School.

"It's incredibly detailed," said *HCQ* editor, Frank Marafioti. "The diary reveals that Mrs. Clinton was as much a pioneer back then when it came to exploring the fringes of consciousness, as she is now as a social activist."

Marafioti said the diary was obtained by *HCQ* after two years of negotiation with a confidential source in Little Rock. "Our investigative reporter, Frederic Schwarz, has dealt with these people before. They closed the deal now, I think, because they know the diary's value will decrease tremendously if the Clintons fail to win reelection."

To ensure the diary's authenticity, Marafioti said that Schwarz -- without disclosing the source document -- asked friends of the First Lady to verify that the handwriting belonged to Mrs. Clinton. "After discussions with several of her friends in Little Rock and in Park Ridge, we're extremely confident of its authenticity," Marafioti said.

The cover story, "Hillary's Shocking Drug Diary," appears under Schwarz' byline in the Spring issue of *The Hillary Clinton Quarterly*, due out the week of April 24.

The diary details the young Hillary Rodham's reaction to several mind-altering substances, beginning

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with her experiences as a pre-teen and ending shortly after her graduation from law school. In describing her first experience, at age 11, a terrified Clinton wrote of how "the walls were starting to collapse" and how she "fell on the floor and rolled into a ball." After recovering from her first "high," she confessed, "I've never been SO SCARED in my life."

Later excerpts describe her gradual misuse and dependence on more potent substances. At one point, while sharing a room with several girlfriends, the future First Lady had her first LSD-like experience. The diary recounts a "trip" that inexplicably led her into an episode of the then-popular television series, "Gunsmoke:"

"Everybody kept waiting for me to say my lines, but it was an episode I hadn't seen before, so I didn't know them. The whole thing seemed really weird, because Gunsmoke is usually on a different night. But then I realized it was a rerun. . . . LaVerne's pet dachshund showed up and told me to get on her back and ride into the sunset. He had a little saddle with stirrups and everything, so I hopped on and off we went. The Cartwrights were gaining on me, so I started digging in with my spurs and shouting for him to hurry up, but his little legs couldn't go very fast, so I started riding him harder and harder. That's all I remember, until I found myself back in LaVerne's living room, wacking her little dog with a copy of "Seventeen" magazine and singing along with "The Lonely Bull" (which is funny when you think about it because "The Lonely Bull" is an instrumental.)"

The copyrighted story also presents excerpts detailing drug-related experiences while Mrs. Clinton was part of the Watergate legal team in 1974.

Marafiotte said that as a courtesy to Mrs. Clinton, the White House was notified of his publication's intention to publish the potentially damaging story. "Mrs. Clinton was in India at the time we decided to go forward, so we don't know what her personal reaction was," he said. "Neel Lattimore, who we usually deal with and who was with Mrs. Clinton, left a message on our answering machine, threatening to have the White House press pass for one of our Washington correspondents revoked. I don't think he really meant it," Marafiotte said.

The Hillary Clinton Quarterly, now in its third year of publication, is the nation's only publication devoted exclusively to the First Lady. It can be found at newsstands around the country. Subscriptions are available at \$15 for four issues by writing to HCQ, PO Box 2642, Concord, NH, 03302.