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GENERAL BACKGROUND INFO

Q: Why is this legislation being proposed?

A: This initiative is in response to recent reports of manufacturers failing to warn the government about the safety of their products as required by consumer product safety laws. Defective products – which have included cribs, infant carriers, toys, and household products – have caused hundreds of injuries ranging from burns to fractures and even deaths. Many of these unfortunate injuries could be avoided if potentially hazardous products, especially those used by children, the most vulnerable consumers, were promptly reported to the Consumer Products Safety Commission.

Q: How will this legislation get companies to report defective products?

A: The proposed legislation is designed to act as an incentive for companies to report complaints about their potentially dangerous products. First, the proposed legislation lifts the cap on civil penalties. Under current law, the CPSC cannot assess more than \$1,650,000 in any one case against a company that knowingly violates consumer product safety laws. More substantial civil penalties would provide a needed incentive for companies to notify CPSC of defective products so that the agency can take timely action to protect consumers. Second, the new legislation would increase the penalty for a criminal violation of product safety laws from a misdemeanor to a felony. Finally, the proposal would give the CPSC authority to select the way a defective product will be fixed in a product recall. Through this legislation, our hope is that companies will be more sensitive to consumer complaints and take action to both remedy potentially dangerous products and promptly report consumer complaints to the CPSC.

Q: Why is the First Lady involved in this event?

A: The First Lady has a longstanding interest in children's health and safety and has participated in several initiatives with the Commission to improve the safety of children's products, including kicking off a national campaign to alert parents and caregivers to safety hazards in child care settings, and helping the Commission promote "Baby Safety Showers," which educate expecting and new parents on baby safety.

CAMPAIGN TO INCREASE REPORTING OF DANGEROUS PRODUCTS

Q: How will the campaign protect children from dangerous products?

A: Health care providers from the associations participating in the campaign – such as pediatricians and emergency room nurses -- would report to the CPSC when they see a death or serious injury, that may have been caused by a consumer product. These professionals, who see firsthand the injuries caused by defective products, can play an important role in protecting consumers from injury by reporting dangerous products to the CPSC through its Internet web site or its toll-free Hotline.

RESEARCH

Q: Who conducted the research which revealed the violations against CPSC laws?

A: There have been a number of independent and government organizations that have kept close watch on products that could potentially injure children. Our primary sources were a USA Today investigation (4-3-2000) and The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

MISCELLANEOUS

Q: What is the procedure for consumers to make a formal complaints against companies with regard to violating CPSC laws?

A: Consumers can contact the CPSC through their web site: (www.cpsc.gov) and their toll free number: (800) 638-2772.

Q: Is the CPSC currently investigating any particular companies, and which products are in question?

A: This information may be obtained by contacting the CPSC directly. They can be reached at (301) 504-0580 or through their web site: www.cpsc.gov.

May 11, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

FROM: Brenda Costello
SUBJECT: Briefings for Friday, May 12

Child Safety Event

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- Guest list

Hillary 2000 Dinner

- Briefing
- Guest list

Remarks

- Child Safety Event (to be forwarded)

MAY 11, 2000

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF INITIATIVES TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY
OF CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS**

Date: Friday, May 12, 2000
Time: 11:15 AM
Location: Roosevelt Room
From: Heather Howard, Ann O'Leary and Eric Morse

I. PURPOSE

To demonstrate your commitment to children's health and safety by highlighting proposed legislation to strengthen the penalty authority of the Consumer Products Safety Commission and by announcing a campaign to increase reporting of dangerous products.

II. BACKGROUND

At this event, you will announce legislative and non-legislative proposals to improve the safety of consumer products. Also speaking will be: Ann Brown, Chair of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Brittany Cipriotti, a Manassas, Virginia mother whose two children were injured when the stroller they were riding in collapsed, Dr. Marilyn Bull, an Indianapolis pediatrician who chairs the American Academy of Pediatrics' Injury and Poison Prevention Committee, and Rep. Lois Capps, co-chair of the School Health and Safety Caucus.

Overview

A *USA Today* investigation recently found that at least 17 manufacturers of children's toys failed to warn the government or the toy owners of complaints about the safety of their products. According to *USA Today*, "an analysis of government documents shows that problems with 75% of the most dangerous children's products recalled during the past three years were not reported to the government until the Consumer Product Safety Commission, often alerted by consumers, got involved." For example, the Commission recently announced a \$400,000 penalty against Hasbro, which waited until it had 12 reports of handles unlatching on infant carriers (resulting in seven skull fractures) before telling the Commission about the problem.

The Commission needs tougher penalties to deter companies from withholding complaints about their products. Currently, the Commission's penalty authority includes 1) civil penalties, which are capped at \$1.6 million (the total fine is \$7,000 per product, multiplied by the number of products sold, up to \$1.6 million), and 2) criminal misdemeanor penalties, including imprisonment of up to one year and fines capped at \$50,000.

The civil penalties are adjusted for inflation every five years, and were last adjusted in 1999. Even so, the cap is absurdly low. It is triggered when the number of products sold exceeds 228; the majority of cases the Commission handles involve, at a minimum, thousands of products

sold. Under the criminal provisions of the statute, the Commission may charge anyone who "knowingly and willfully" violates the law, including the reporting requirements, "after having received notice of noncompliance." Thus, in effect, the criminal provisions only apply on a second offense. Given the high standard of the statute (knowledge of the law and willful violation), the Commission argues that the second offense requirement is unnecessary and hampers their ability to enforce the statute and protect consumer safety.

An additional problem is that, under current law, a company with a defective product that is being recalled has the right to select the remedy (repair, replacement, or refund), even if that remedy does not provide the most protection to consumers. Recently, General Electric came under fire for offering rebates for new GE dishwashers, rather than offering to fix the defective ones.

Announcements

Legislative proposal

The administration is proposing, through a Presidential transmittal letter, legislation to strengthen the penalty authority of the Commission. Increased penalties would provide obvious incentives for companies to avoid manufacturing defective products, as well as to come forward earlier when problems are detected, thus preventing harm to consumers. The legislation, which Representative Markey and Senator Hollings will be introducing, would: 1) lift the overall cap on civil penalties; 2) make criminal violations a felony and remove the second offense requirement; and 3) provide CPSC the authority to overrule the recall remedy chosen by the product manufacturer if the remedy does not provide the most protection to the consumers.

Non-legislative proposal

You will also launch immediate efforts to protect the health and safety of children and families. You will announce a partnership between the CPSC and health care providers -- who see firsthand the injuries caused by defective products -- to increase reporting of dangerous products that cause injuries and even deaths. A broad range of health care professionals -- the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Medical Women's Association, the American Nurses Association, and the Emergency Nurses Association -- have committed to a campaign to encourage their member health providers to report injury causing products to the CPSC. In addition, the National Safe Kids Campaign, an organization devoted to preventing childhood injuries, will activate its state and local coalition members to visit the places product recalls often don't reach -- thrift shops, day care centers, schools, and hotels -- to help uncover for dangerous products.

These groups will promote the campaign to increase reporting of dangerous products in their newsletters, web sites, and e-mail updates, and have also agreed to work with the CPSC to disseminate information about product recalls. For example, the American Academy of Pediatrics has committed to promoting this campaign to pediatricians in *AAP News*, the Academy's newsmagazine, which is sent to 55,000 members monthly, as well as to posting information on the Academy's official web site, with a direct link to CPSC's product reporting web site, and to notifying pediatricians regularly about product recalls in the magazine's "Health

Alerts." The Academy will also promote this effort to families in *Healthy Kids*, the Academy's parenting magazine.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Meet and greet:

Ann Brown, Chair, CPSC

Rep. Lois Capps

Rep. Eliot Engel

Rep. Lane Evans

Brittany Cipriotti, a mother of two from Manassas, Virginia, and a professional day care provider. Her two children were injured when the stroller they were riding in collapsed.

Mary Foley, RN, President, American Nurses Association

Kathy Robinson, Board of Directors, Emergency Nurses Association

Omega Silva, MD, President Elect, American Medical Women's Association

Marilyn Bull, MD, Chair, Committee on Injury and Poison Prevention American Academy of Pediatrics

Heather Paul, Ph.D., Executive Director, National SAFE KIDS Campaign

Jeff Human, American Academy of Family Physicians

Audience

Health professionals supporting the campaign

Consumer groups

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

11:00-11:10

MIX and MINGLE - Cabinet Room

11:15 am-

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY EVENT

11:55 am

The Roosevelt Room

-Upon arrival to the Roosevelt Room, HRC proceeds directly to podium with program participants.

-HRC makes remarks.

-Upon the conclusion of the remarks, HRC introduces Ann Brown.

-Ann Brown, Chair—Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), makes remarks and introduces Brittany Cipriotti.

-Parent Brittany Cipriotti makes remarks and introduces Dr. Marilyn Bull.

-Dr. Marilyn Bull, Chair—American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Injury and Poison Prevention, makes remarks and introduces Rep. Lois Capps.

-Representative Lois Capps, Chair—School Health and Safety Caucus, makes remarks.

-HRC makes brief concluding remarks and departs.

V. PRESS PLAN

- Pool press for the announcement.
- After the announcement, the Members of Congress, Ann Brown, Brittany Cipriotti, and the health professionals joining the campaign will proceed to the stake-out.

VI. REMARKS

- Provided by Laura Schiller.

ATTACHMENTS

- Press paper
 - Presidential transmittal letter
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TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

I am pleased to transmit today for immediate consideration and prompt enactment the "Consumer Product Safety Commission Enhanced Enforcement Act of 2000." This legislative proposal would increase the penalties that the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) could impose upon manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of consumer products who do not inform the Commission when the company has reason to believe it has sold a product that does not meet federal safety standards or could otherwise create a substantial product hazard. The proposal would also improve product recalls by enabling the Commission to choose an alternative remedy in a recall if the Commission finds that the remedy selected by the manufacturer is not in the public interest.

Under current consumer product safety laws, manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of consumer products are required to inform the CPSC whenever they have information that one of their products: (1) fails to comply with a CPSC product safety standard; (2) contains a defect that could create a substantial product hazard; or (3) creates an unreasonable risk of serious injury or death. After a company reports this information to the CPSC, the Commission staff initiates an investigation in cooperation with the firm. If the agency concludes that the product presents a substantial product hazard and that a recall is in the public interest, the staff works with the company to conduct a product safety recall. Of course, the sooner the Commission hears about a dangerous product, the sooner the agency can act to remove the product from store shelves and inform consumers about how to eliminate the hazard. That is why it is critical that companies inform the Commission as soon as they are aware that one of their products may present a serious hazard to the public.

Unfortunately, in about half the cases involving the most significant hazards – where the product can cause death or serious injury – companies do not report to the Commission. In those cases, the agency must get the information from other sources, including its own investigators, consumers, or tragically, from hospital emergency room reports or death certificates. Sometimes years can pass before the agency learns of the product hazard, even though the company has known all along. During that time, deaths and injuries continue to occur. Once the agency becomes aware of the hazard without the cooperation of the firm, many companies continue to be recalcitrant, and the staff must conduct its own independent investigation. This often includes finding and investigating product incidents and conducting extensive laboratory testing. This process can take a very long time, which means that the most dangerous products continue to stay on store shelves and in consumers' homes longer, placing children and families at continuing risk.

CPSC can assess civil penalties against companies who fail to report a dangerous product. Criminal penalties are also available in particularly serious cases. In fact, in 1999 the agency assessed ten times the amount of civil penalties assessed ten years ago. But, too many companies still do not report, especially in cases involving serious harm.

This legislative proposal would enhance CPSC's civil and criminal enforcement authority. This would provide an added incentive for companies to comply with the law so that we can get dangerous products out of stores and consumers' homes faster.

The legislative proposal would also help to make some product recalls more effective by allowing the CPSC to choose an alternative remedy if the Commission finds that the remedy chosen by the manufacturer is not in the public interest. Under current law, a company with a defective product that is being recalled has the right to select the remedy to be offered to the public. The proposal would continue to permit the company to select the remedy in a product recall. However, under the amendment, the Commission may determine (after an opportunity for a hearing) that the remedy selected by the company is not in the public interest. The Commission may then order the company to carry out an alternative program that is in the public interest.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission helps to keep America's children and families safe. This legislative proposal would help the Commission be even more effective in protecting the public from dangerous products. I urge the Congress to give this legislation prompt and favorable consideration.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 12, 2000

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON ANNOUNCES EFFORTS TO
IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS**
May 12, 2000

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton today will announce new Administration efforts to improve the safety of consumer products, particularly those that may be harmful to children. The First Lady, joined by Ann Brown, chairman of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), and a broad range of health professionals and consumer advocates, will unveil legislation to strengthen the penalty authority of the CPSC, and announce a public-private campaign to help the CPSC identify dangerous products.

This proposal is in response to recent reports of manufacturers repeatedly failing to warn the government promptly about defective products that have injured children, as required by consumer product safety laws. In the last five years alone, the CPSC has assessed penalties against 21 companies for failing to report serious defects. The products – including cribs, infant carriers, toys, and household products – caused hundreds of injuries, ranging from burns to fractures, and in some cases death. For example, the CPSC recently assessed a \$400,000 penalty against a major manufacturer for failing to immediately report serious injuries caused by a defective handle lock on an infant carrier. The manufacturer received 9 complaints of injury – seven of which had resulted in skull fractures – before reporting the problem to the CPSC. Many of these injuries could have been avoided if hazards had been promptly reported to the CPSC.

STRENGTHENING CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY LAWS

The First Lady will highlight a legislative proposal, sent to Congress today by the President, that calls for tougher penalties against companies that fail to promptly report dangerous product defects. The bill also would take steps to make product recalls more effective. Specifically, the legislation would: 1) lift the overall cap on civil penalties assessed by the CPSC; 2) make criminal violations of consumer product safety laws a felony instead of a misdemeanor; and 3) give the CPSC the authority to overrule the recall remedy proposed by a company if it is not in the public interest.

Increased civil and criminal penalties will provide a stronger incentive for companies to promptly notify the CPSC of product flaws so the agency can take timely action to protect consumers. Tougher penalties also will be more commensurate with the impact of product safety violations, which can result in death or serious injury to children.

CAMPAIGN TO INCREASE REPORTING OF DANGEROUS PRODUCTS THAT HARM CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The First Lady will also announce immediate efforts to protect the health and safety of children and families by increasing reporting of unsafe products to the CPSC. Unfortunately, in about half the cases involving the most significant hazards -- where the product causes death or serious injury -- companies have not reported the problem to the CPSC. As a result, the agency relies heavily on consumer complaints to uncover information about dangerous defects.

The First Lady will launch a partnership between the CPSC and health care providers around the country to identify products that are harming consumers, especially children. A broad range of health care professionals -- the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Medical Women's Association, the American Nurses Association, and the Emergency Nurses Association -- will conduct a national campaign to encourage their member health providers to report injury-causing products to the CPSC. In addition, the National Safe Kids Campaign, an organization devoted to preventing childhood injuries, will activate its state and local coalition members to visit the places product recalls often don't reach -- thrift shops, day care centers, schools, and hotels -- to identify hazardous products still in use.

THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY

The Clinton Administration has strongly supported the work of the CPSC and its mission to protect the health and safety of our nation's children and families. Since the President first took office in 1993, the CPSC's budget has increased 24 percent. In addition, the First Lady has had a longstanding interest in children's well being and has participated in several CPSC initiatives to improve the safety of children's products. In 1995, she helped launch the CPSC's "Baby Safety Showers" initiative, which educates expecting and new parents on baby safety. Last year, she kicked off a national campaign to alert parents and caregivers to safety hazards in child care settings.

May 11, 2000

KING HUSSEIN FOUNDATION RECEPTION

DATE: Friday, May 12
TIME: 4:30pm – 5:20pm
LOCATION: State Dining Room
The White House
FROM: Brenda Costello

I. PURPOSE

To highlight the work of the King Hussein Foundation by hosting a White House reception for the Foundation's supporters.

II. BACKGROUND

On Friday afternoon, you will host a reception for The King Hussein Foundation to recognize and highlight the foundation's efforts to promote peace and democracy, as well as various education, health and environmental initiatives.

Approximately 130 guests are expected to attend the reception, which will include remarks from both you and Queen Noor. You will depart following the remarks and guests will proceed with the reception in the State Dining Room. Guests will mix and mingle in the Yellow Oval Room prior to the Reception.

The King Hussein Foundation

As you know, in addition to her work on numerous projects and programs, Queen Noor serves as Chair of the King Hussein Foundation. Established by Royal Decree in 1999, the Foundation is a national and international non-profit, non-governmental organization committed to the late King's humanitarian vision and legacy. The Foundation works to further the King's goals of peace and sustainable development in the fields of education and leadership, environment and health, and democracy.

Through a variety of programs and initiatives and by providing access to resources, the King Hussein Foundation seeks to inspire and support future generations to achieve tangible progress in these fields.

Education

King Hussein believed that education provided the keys to prosperity as well as the tools for sound and creative leadership. To that end, the KHF will continue to support institutions championed by the both King and Queen Noor, including the *KHF Scholarship Endowment* (formerly the Royal Endowment for Culture and Education), and the *Jubilee School*.

The KHF Scholarship Endowment awards scholarships for graduate studies in fields vital to Jordan's future development as determined through ongoing research on the country's workforce

needs. The Fund places particular emphasis on supporting outstanding women, potential civil society leaders, and science and technology students in the pursuit of their studies. The Jubilee School, an independent co-educational secondary school, was established in 1993 to commemorate King Hussein's Silver Jubilee. The school's mission is to develop the academic and leadership potential of promising scholarship students from the country and the region, with special emphasis on students from disadvantaged areas.

Health and the Environment

The King Hussein Foundation sponsors research into issues of environment and public health; supports cancer research, treatment and public awareness programs and encourages national and regional conservation strategies and efforts.

The Foundation's *Environment and Cancer Research Fund* sponsors national research on the role environmental factors play in the etiology of the development of cancer and other serious diseases. The King Hussein Foundation is working to finalize the establishment of the *National Children's Hospital*, a long cherished dream of King Hussein. The Hospital is designed to provide specialized pediatric care to the children of Jordan and other Middle East countries.

In late 1999, the KHF joined forces with the International Youth Foundation's global campaign, "*Children's Hour*" to encourage every working individual to donate the earnings from the last working hour of this millennium to support research and treatment programs for children with cancer worldwide.

Peace and Democracy

The King Hussein Foundation initiates and supports programs that emphasize active participation in the building of civil society and democratic processes and promote dialogue, tolerance and understanding for peace. Focussing on grassroots communities, women and youth, these initiatives foster equity and respect for human rights and contribute to national and international efforts towards sustainable development and social security.

International Leadership Prize

The King Hussein Foundation will award an annual International Humanitarian Leadership Prize on the late King's birthday, November 14. It is made to individuals, groups and institutions who best exemplify H.M. King Hussein's particular leadership qualities with special emphasis on active participation in the democratic process, the promotion of dialogue as a means to achieve tolerance and peace, as well as advocacy for equity, human rights and sustainable development.

The Foundation will also support the establishment of a national museum and library archive on His Majesty's life and work to serve as an international meeting place for students, researchers, scholars and thinkers.

III. PARTICIPANTS

- The First Lady
- Queen Noor

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- The First Lady and Queen Noor are announced into the State Dining Room from the Red Room.
- The First Lady makes remarks and introduces Queen Noor.
- Queen Noor makes remarks.
- The First Lady makes brief concluding remarks and depart.

[NOTE: Guests proceed to reception upon the conclusion of program].

V. PRESS

Closed press/WH Photo.

VI. REMARKS

Talking points provided by Melanne Verveer.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN NOOR OF JORDAN

Her Majesty Queen Noor was born Lisa Najeeb Halaby on 23 August 1951, to a distinguished Arab-American family. After receiving a B.A. in Architecture and Urban Planning from Princeton University in 1974, Queen Noor participated in international urban planning and design projects in Australia, Iran, the United States and Jordan from where she traveled throughout the Arab World to research aviation training facilities. Subsequently, she joined 'Royal Jordanian' airline as Director of Planning and Design Projects.

Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor were married on 15 June 1978. They have two sons: HRH Prince Hamzah (born 29 March 1980) and HRH Prince Hashim (born 10 June 1981), and two daughters: HRH Princess Iman (born 24 April 1983) and HRH Princess Raiyah (born 9 February 1986). Their family also included the children of His Majesty's previous marriage, HRH Princess Haya and HRH Prince Ali, and Ms. Abir Muheisen.

Since 1978, Queen Noor has played a major role in promoting international exchange and understanding of Middle Eastern politics, Arab-Western relations and current global issues throughout the world.

In Jordan, Queen Noor initiates and sponsors projects and activities which respond to specific national needs in the areas of education, health, women and children's welfare, human rights, conflict resolution, community development, environmental and architectural conservation, culture, and public architecture and planning. She is actively involved with international and United Nations organizations that address global challenges in these fields.

In 1979, the Queen established the **Royal Endowment for Culture and Education (RECE)**, which conducted the first development research on the country's specific manpower needs and awards scholarships, with special emphasis on outstanding women, for graduate studies in fields vital to Jordan's future development.

In 1980, the Queen convened the first **Arab Children's Congress**, an annual gathering of young people from throughout the Arab world designed to promote understanding and solidarity.

In 1981, Queen Noor, founded the annual **Jerash Festival for Culture and Arts** to promote Jordanian, Arab and international cultural and artistic interaction at one of Jordan's most important archaeological sites.

In 1984, Queen Noor assumed responsibility for the implementation of an educational project to commemorate His Majesty King Hussein's Silver Jubilee. **The Jubilee School**, an independent co-educational secondary school, was established to develop the academic and leadership potential of outstanding scholarship students from the country and the region, with special emphasis on students from less developed areas of Jordan. The School provides a unique educational environment which promotes creative thinking, leadership and conflict resolution skills, scientific and technological expertise and social responsibility. The School's **Center for Excellence in Education** advances national and regional educational standards through the development of innovative curricula and training programs, and workshops for public and private school teachers.

The **Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF)** was established in 1985 to consolidate and integrate the Queen's expanding development initiatives. The Foundation initiates and supports national, regional and international projects in the fields of integrated community development, micro finance, women and enterprise development, child and family health, education and culture. NHF programs successfully advanced and modernized development thinking in Jordan by promoting individual and community self-reliance, grassroots participation in decision-making and project implementation, equal opportunity with special emphasis on the empowerment of women, and intersectoral cooperation.

The NHF, in co-operation with the Jordanian Government and United Nations and international organizations, has designed and implemented innovative projects and programs, sensitive to local values and traditions which have received international recognition as development models for the Middle East and the developing world -- the **Quality of Life Project**, the **Women-in-Development Project**, the **Institute for Child Health and Development**, the **Jubilee School**, the **National Handicrafts Development Project**, the **National Music Conservatory**, the **Performing Arts Center** and the **Jordan Micro Credit Company**.

In 1995, His Majesty King Hussein directed Queen Noor to establish and chair a **National Task Force for Children** to monitor and evaluate the condition and status of Jordan's children in accordance with Arab and international conventions on the rights of the child and Jordan's National Plan of Action for Children. The NTFC established the **National Coalition for Children** as a forum to coordinate and promote partnerships among specialists and public and private institutions and NGOs involved with children's affairs and a national **Research and Database Unit**.

The **King Hussein Foundation**, chaired by Queen Noor, was established by Royal Decree in 1999. The Foundation is a national and international non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to give meaningful expression to the late King's humanitarian vision and legacy with emphasis on democracy and peace, education and leadership, environment and health. In 1999, the **The Jordan Society**, a non-profit organization initiated by the Queen in 1980 to promote understanding and closer ties between Jordan and the United States was renamed the **King Hussein Foundation - USA**.

Queen Noor chairs the **Al Amal Cancer Center** -- Jordan's first comprehensive cancer center serving Jordan and the region and an active patron of several Jordanian national institutions working in the areas of women's welfare, child development, humanitarian relief work, environmental and archaeological conservation and protection, the arts, aviation, and athletics.

Internationally, Queen Noor is Patron of **The World Conservation Union (IUCN)**, Honorary President of **BirdLife International** and Board Member of **WWF International**. She received the United Nations Environment Program **Global 500 Award** for her activism in environmental protection, in promoting awareness and in initiating community action for the preservation of Jordan's natural heritage.

The Queen is the President of the **United World Colleges (UWC)**, a network of 10 equal-opportunity international colleges around the world, which foster cross-cultural understanding and global peace. She is Chair of the advisory board of the **Center for the Study of the Global South** at American University, as well as Chair of the international advisory committee for the **United Nations University International Leadership Academy**, which is the first global leadership training facility as well as the first UN institution to be initiated and established in the Middle East. Queen Noor is Honorary Chair of the **McGill Middle East Program in Civil Society and Peace Building** which brings together Jordanians, Israelis and Palestinians to improve the living conditions of the region's poor. Queen Noor is also an advisor to the global initiative **Women Waging Peace** and Patron of **International Alert's Women and Peacebuilding** campaign, which focus on women's role and contribution to peace building and conflict resolution.

She is Ambassador of **Future Harvest** - a network of international research centers located around the world that seek to make agricultural issues and the need for international agricultural research more immediate and relevant to policymakers, the media and the general public. She is also on the board of the **The Hunger Project**, an honorary member of the General Assembly of the **SOS-Kinderdorf International**, and a member of the International Council of the **Near East Foundation**. The Queen is a Trustee of the **Mentor Foundation**, a global youth drug abuse prevention initiative and board member of the **Seeds of Peace**.

Queen Noor has assumed an advocacy role in the **International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL)**. She is on the international advisory board of the Nobel Prize winning **ICBL** and patron of **Landmine Survivors Network**.

Upon her marriage, Queen Noor received Jordan's Grand Cordon of the Jewelled Al Nahda, and shortly after, the Grand Collar of Al Hussein Bin Ali in addition to official decorations from around the world. In recognition of her efforts to advance development, democracy and peace, the Queen has been awarded numerous honorary doctorates in international relations, law, and humane letters, and international awards.

Queen Noor speaks Arabic, English and French. She enjoys skiing, water skiing, tennis, sailing, horseback riding, reading, gardening and photography.

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President's List

**KING HUSSEIN FOUNDATION RECEPTION - Friday MAY 12 2000 - 4:30 PM Blue Room - Business - East
Visitors Entrance**

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THE FIRST LADY

REPORT DATE: May 11, 2000
REPORT TIME: 3:09 PM

Accepts and No Responses

- A **HE Amb. and Mrs. Hasan Abu-Ninneh**
Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations, The Permanent Mission of Jordan to the United Nations
New York, NY
- A **Dr. and Mrs. Roger Ajluni**
Bloomfield Hill, MI
- A **Mr. Yousef A. Al Allen**
- A **HRH Princess Iman Al Hussein**
- A **HRH Princess Raiyah Al Hussein**
- A **Mr. and Mrs. Ali Al-Ayed**
Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Jordan
- A **Mr. Khalid Al-Kadi**
Consulate, Embassy of Jordan
Guest: Ms. Khadijeh Bitar
- A **Dr. Damian Paul Alagia and Ms. Alexa Halaby**
- A **Mr. Robert B. Barnett and Ms. Rita L. Braver**
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Washington, DC
- A **Hon. and Mrs. Lucius D. Battle**
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- A **HE Amb. Ahmed A. Kattan (Substitute for: Bandar Bin Sultan)**
- A **Mrs. Omayya Kaki (Substitute's Guest: Bandar Bin Sultan)**
- A **Ms. Nora Boustany**
Diplomatic Correspondent, The Washington Post
Washington, DC
Guest: Dr. Mahinder K. Tak
- A **Ms. Kim R. Brizzolara**
New York, NY
- A **Hon. (Sec.) and Mrs. William S. Cohen**
Secretary of Defense, United States Department of Defense
Washington, DC
- A **Mrs. Esther Lipsen Coopersmith**
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- A **Hon. Lloyd N. Cutler**
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- A **Ms. Mary Elizabeth Daly**
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- A **Mrs. Camille Douglas**
Medua, NY
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- A **Mrs. Elizabeth Dubin (Spouse of: Richard Dubin)**
Bethesda, MD
- A **Ms. Robin Dubin (Guest of: Richard Dubin)**
- A **Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Evans**
Commentator & Columnist, CNN
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- A **Mr. and Mrs. John M. Fahey**
President and Chief Executive Officer, National Geographic Society
Washington, DC
- A **Mrs. Phyllis Rothchild Farely**
United World College
Guest: Mr. Alexander Peters
- A **Mrs. Samia Taji Farouki (Spouse of: A. Farouki)**
President, Venture Capital
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- A **Mrs. Fatima Al-Farouki (Guest of: A. Farouki)**
- A **Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Ford**
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- A **Hon. (Amb.) Mary Mel French**
Chief of Protocol, United States
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- A **Ms. Elise Frick**
New York, NY
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- A **Ms. Jennifer Claire Georgia**
- A **Hon. and Mrs. Joseph B. Gildenhorn**
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- A **Mrs. Doris Halaby**
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- A **Honorable and Mrs. Najeeb E. Halaby**
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Guest: Mr. Benjamin W. Cater
- A **Dr. and Mrs. Yoel Haller**
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- A **Hon. and Mrs. Lee H. Hamilton**
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- A **Mr. Howard B. Teich (Substitute's Guest: Marvin Hier)**
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- A **Mrs. Ann Jordan (Spouse of: Vernon Jordan)**
- A **Mrs. Janice Cook Roberts (Guest of: Vernon Jordan)**
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- A **Mrs. Carol Lascaris (Spouse of: Climis Lascaris)**
McLean, VA
- A **Mrs. Frances Luessenhop (Guest of: Climis Lascaris)**
- A **Hon. and Mrs. Frank E. Loy**
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Vice Dean, Graduate School of Business, Columbia University
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- A **Hon. Charles Mathias**
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- A **Ms. Ann McLaughlin**
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Guest: Mr. Tom C. Korologos
- A **Col. Nawwaf "Nawaf Migdadi" Meqdadi**
ADC to HM Queen Noor
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller**
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- Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Olson**
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- A **Mr. John Safer**
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Guest: Ms. Kathryn Scott
- A **Mr. Stanley Sheinbaum**
New Perspectives Quarterly, Publisher
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- A **Mrs. Eunice Kennedy Shriver and Hon. (Mr.) Robert Sargent Shriver**
Founder, Special Olympics International and President, Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation
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- A **Mr. Donald Wayne Silby**
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- A **Mr. Alan B. Slifka**
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- A **Hon. Samuel B. Sterrett and Ms. Jeane Sterrett**
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- A **Mr. and Mrs. John Young "Jackie" Stewart**
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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
TALKING POINTS FOR KING HUSSEIN FOUNDATION EVENT
May 12, 2000**

- Your majesty Queen Noor, your highnesses, your Excellencies, distinguished guests, welcome to the White House.
- It is a personal pleasure to have Queen Noor back with us today and to hear about the work of the King Hussein Foundation.
- The Foundation is inspired by the vision and leadership that King Hussein brought to Jordan, and to people around the world.
- My husband once described King Hussein as "a humble man and a king; a leader whose nobility came not from his title, but his character; a man who believed that we are all God's children, bound to live together in mutual respect and tolerance."
- It is this vision that shapes the King Hussein Foundation, a living legacy of the life he led and the pioneering leadership he demonstrated. Whether its focus is fostering education, strengthening public health, conserving the environment, or supporting programs that strengthen the democratic process, the King Hussein Foundation – under the strong leadership of my dear friend Queen Noor – will serve as a living legacy of His Majesty's humanitarian commitment.
- *Introduce Queen Noor*

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